

# Woman Empowerment and Reservation

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**Abstract-** India is the second largest country in the world in term of population followed by china. We are more than one hundred and twenty-five crore of which the woman population is more than 45 % of its total population i.e. in 2001 there was 49.70 crore woman in India. India is a country of Indira Ghandhi, Mother Terresa, Kasturba, Sunita Williams, Kalpana Chawala, and many more woman personality. Even though in India and in the world women are known as weaker sex while men are known as stronger sex, and stronger sex always have tried to put a weaker sex under their shadow. India is social democratic country where social bandage is stronger than it is in any other country in the world. Woman is generally treated as means of entertainment for a men since long and due to this she legs behind socially, economically , politically and socially in India. She was not allowed to own property, did not have share in property of their parents, and no freedom to choose their job and so on. In early vedic era woman enjoyed equal status with men. Rigveda and Upnishad mentioned several names of women sages and seers notably Gargi, Maitri etc. However, during the period of Moguls and British rule situation of women worsened. After independence the constitution of India gave equality and certain rights to women e.g No discrimination of gender, equality of opportunity and gave big chances to women to progress in free India. Now we have come across from such darkness we need strong movement to fight for the right of woman and to ensure that they get all right which men have or in other award for woman empowerment.

**Key Word :** 1. Economic Status of Woman - financially Sound,  
2. Social Status of Woman - Place of woman in Society,  
3. Empowerment - independent in her on decision self-strong.

## INTRODUCTION

The word woman empowerment is originated in 1960 during civil right movement in USA. It was interpreted differently that time but today it is used in different sector as business social work and development. Generally women empowerment is confined within gender equality and increasingly

being taken in agenda of international development organization. Women in India enjoy a unique status of equality with the men as per constitutional and legal provision. But the Indian women have come a long way to achieve the present positions. The concept of empowerment flows from the power. It is vesting where it does not exist or exist inadequately. Empowerment of women would mean equipping women to be economically independent, self-reliant, have positive esteem to enable them to face any difficult situation and they should be able to participate in development activities.

To understand problem of women and put them in equal position we need to put them on higher and equal position in service and politics with the help of woman reservation in all fields. Women can be successful in every field if they understand their right if chance is given to them by reservation. Women are super to men by birth, so reservation means to reserve seat for them, and they have special quota at every field. It is not charity to them in fact first step the government can logically take to make them come forward and unleash their creativity power. Now a days woman has reservation in all fields like education, politics, and job. This will develop India. Those who are in favor of this field make point that bill will become an act to lead gender equality in parliament, resulting in empowerment of women as whole. In short women reservation will empower women in India.

## WHY NEED RESERVATION ?

More important question is why we need women reservation. There are two reason.

- 1 Ideally the level of principal would be fair and would come out naturally to empower women and change their attitudes in society. But our male ego have hurt many often and put women in lower degree.
- 2 Such a policy is overlooked since long, is that such policy is likely to increase the pool of talent

needed at the top of our political class. Few would argue that India's politics suffers from a lack of credible leaders. To the extent that it is a result of limiting our talent pool to men only, this policy is likely to increase the number-if not the probability -of better leader.

Respect to women and keeping higher esthetic value for her has gone down from the society. She is believed to be a means of entertainment for men. These social imbalances is a result of our social system that we follow in our routine life. If women are empowered by making them partner in power from center to local body we could give them equal rights to live and these power would come from women reservation. These will help them come out from kitchen. If she would start rubbing shoulder with men in politics and bureaucrats it would make them more confident in life.

#### IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN RESERVATION

A women reservation bill was put up in Lok Sabha for discussion and was passed but government could not enforce as was not passed in Rajy Sabha. This bill would give 33% reservation seat to women from centre to local body election and in a job. These would give real partnership to women in society to share a power and would participate in decision making, and policy making too. That would give them a real awareness for their rights. It would be real step toward gender equality. But unfortunately, a goal was not achieved. Certain figure indicates that injustice were made to women in past.

Starting from 1952 up to present, total no. of 425 women represented as M.P. in parliament. There are 44 M.P.s at present, out of which 20 are there in Rajy Sabha. This figure shows us a great negligence towards women. In terms of percentage the figure was only 9.3% share in political arena. A meager involvement of women in higher post in government indicates that equal opportunity had not been provided them to show their caliber in government job. Less than 2.3% women are in I.A.S. and IPS cadre where as their population was 49.70 crore in 2001 in India. In a professional field only 12 % women are found working in various sectors. Some encouraging steps were taken by government during last some decades , among them were scholarship, free education to girls have encourage them to study further, especially

remote and back area women took advantage of these facilities and came forward. Such step increased education level of women in last some decades.. Now girls are ranking top in every educational fields compare to boys. If some encouraging step is provided to push them up,would increase their self confidence and security in society. Some body said that ' women are called weaker sex but she is really weakness of stronger sex, then presidents of India Mr. Venkatraman once said that reservation had made possible to reach the highest post to a person like me.' Such sentence indicates lot more.

Honorable Pratibha Patil was sitting in a chair of presidents, Meera kumar was speaker of Lok Sabha, one of the political party was led by Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, Sushma Swaraj was leading one of the party in Lok Sabha, Mayavati was chief minister of largest state of India, Mamta Beneraji was giving tough time to left party in west Bengal, also Rabaridevi , Vasundhara Raje Sindhiya, and Jaylalita have tasted the power of politics in a past and many are active in present have proved their ability in politics. Reservation would be recognized as mere domestic work and it is not to make them superior to men but making them equal.

#### FACTOR AFFECTING TO WOMEN RESERVATION

Now a day women need reservation, but some factors are affecting to pass out the bill. Now a day political factor is the most affecting to reservation. Political parties ,dominated usually by male, have lack of willingness in implementing in society. Common people too have allergy of such bills. It is possible that capable politician would forward uneducated women of their own family to get the power on name of reservation, and proxy rule will take place. Also a real legible and efficient women would not get enough opportunity due to ignorance and lack of knowledge.

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