

Is Reservation for women justified?

# **Description**

# In Favor:-

- There exists a gender gap in literacy levels even now, especially in rural areas. Reservation for women will encourage girl education.
- Reservation in public transport and public places prevents physical abuse & eve teasing.
- As still <u>boy child is being preferred</u> to be educated by poor families, reservation in jobs for women bridges this gap.
- Reservation in jobs helps in empowerment of women and make them <u>economically</u> independent which indirectly helps in improving the economic condition of family.
- Political reservation for women is a justification of democracy itself and helps in improving the condition of women in society as women can address well the problems faced by them in society.
- Reservations provide <u>opportunities for women</u> to participate in nation building and development of society.

## Against:-

- Reservation for one gender is against gender equality.
- Itâ??s a wrong generalization. In a case where a boy from poor background and a girl from a wealthy family are competing, reservation for women have no relevance.
- Giving reservation to women means again pointing out that they are <u>less capable</u> and cannot compete with the other gender.
- There are many women in politics as well as in other fields where they achieved success without any reservation.
- There are chances of <u>misuse</u> of the reservation by women candidates in education and job sector.
- There are chances that reservation for women in politics leads to the entry of women from political background but not the common women and thus inturn encouraged <u>family politics</u>.

#### Facts:-

- In ancient days, there were few kings who accompanied by their life partners in war and also used to take their help in ruling the kingdom.
- Now, there is a reservation for women for <u>many government jobs and educational</u> institutions.
- â?? Womenâ??s reservation billâ?? seeking reservation of women in parliament was passed in Rajya Sabha on 9 March 2010, but never get voted in Lok Sabha and it was lapsed after dissolution of 15th Lok Sabha in 2014.
- In 1993 an amendment was passed which reserved one third positions of village council leader, or Pradhan, positions in gram panchayat for women.

### Situation in Other parts of the World:-

- India is not the only country encouraging women through reservations, around 40 other countries in the world have different reservation quota for women.
- The percentage of reservation for women in few countries is as follows.

Nepal = 33%

Pakistan = 17.5%

Bangladesh = 3%

Peru, Ecuador, Paraguay, France, Portugal, Spain, Sweden = 50%.

#### Conclusion:-

Reservation for women has not lost its relevance because there exists a gender gap even now. But steps must be taken to avoid its misuse, by linking it to the social status of the family.

**Afterwords :-** What is your opinion on this topic? Express your thoughts in the comment section below.

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