

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5663
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2019

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE

5663. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement any schemes to ensure increased participation of women in the political sphere for inclusive policy making;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes any policy implementation to ensure adequate representation of women in mainstream politics;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has initiated any awareness programme at the grassroot level to encourage women to be politically responsive; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) to (d): It has been endeavor of the Government to provide for adequate representation in the House of the People and the State Legislative Assemblies. However, the issue of adequate representation and increased participation of women in the political sphere needs careful consideration on the basis of the consensus among all political parties.
- (e) to (f): The Government of India has been undertaking capacity building programmes for Elected Women representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions with an objective of empowering them to serve as catalyst for social change with awareness on women rights within the country.
