

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.921
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2019

LOW REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN

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

- (a) whether India ranked low globally in terms of representation of women in Executive Government and Parliament and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the number of women in Executive Government and in Parliament worldwide has stagnated, with only a marginal improvement and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering Taiwan model in terms of empowering women as leaders in politics and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c) : In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, 724 women contested election, out of which 78 were elected. The present ratio of women representation in Lok Sabha stands at 14.42%. This is higher than 2014 elections in which only 68 women were elected to the Lok Sabha. Similarly, in the Rajya Sabha, women representation stands at 25 as on 20th November, 2019. In addition, in the present Council of Ministers, there are 6 women Ministers.

It has been the endeavor of the Government to provide for adequate representation in the Lok Sabha as well as in the State Legislative Assemblies. With the objective of empowering women as leaders in politics, Government of India has been undertaking capacity building programmes for Elected Women representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions so that they serve as catalysts of social change.
