

Gender Equality AND POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN INDIA



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About the Book

Despite the fact that India has had seven decades of independence and democracy, the position of women in Indian Parliament remains extremely low. This book has attempted to develop a normative understanding of the political institutions and how they function with regard to representation of women and women related policy formulations. It explains how Indian Political institutions are gendered, which in turn has led to substantially biased outcomes in favor of men. To understand the status of women in Indian Parliament, an analysis is done from 1991 to 2014, emphasizing on the presence and participation of women in the political processes. Through this book I have tried to address the big question of under-representation of women in Parliament and analyzed the combined effects of political institutions and processes on gender equality.

This book also examines the representation of women in India historically. It traces the history of women's participation and explores their role in political and public activity through various stages pre as well as post-independence.

It studies the legal interventions made regarding women rights and how they have made difference to the status of women. It also further discusses specific legislative acts and amendments which came in to force for expanding women rights. It includes quantitative and qualitative research on the questions asked in the Parliamentary proceeding called Question Hour. An analysis and examination is done on how Parliamentary questions are used to identify and explore political issues related to women.

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