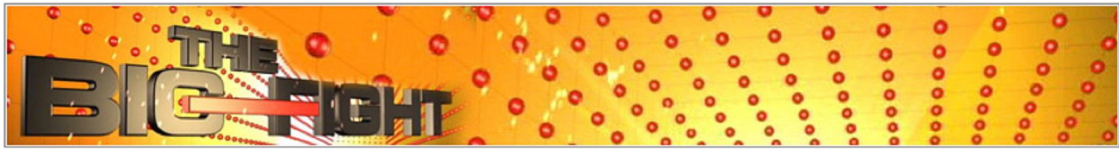


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The Women's Reservation Bill has been a political sore point for over a decade now, often sparking heated debates in Parliament and beyond. While the proponents of the Bill have been trying to use it as a political stunt to woo women voters, its opponents have kept up their efforts to stunt its progress by describing it as elitist.

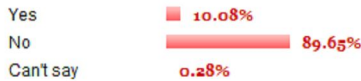
After ensuring the first woman President and the first woman Lok Sabha Speaker, the UPA is determined to enact the Women's Reservation Bill. Will it find political support this time around? Is reservation of seats the only way to ensure that women get to play a bigger role in decision-making? Will the advent of more women in legislatures alter the quality of governance?

Are those opposing the Bill, fighting for equality or being worried about losing out on the political fortunes that the move may ensure? Join us for a debate on *The Big Fight*.

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Q. Is the Women's Reservation Bill a necessity?



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Surfers Say

Posted by **Utpal Kumar** on Sunday, June 21, 2009, Bangalore

There has been hue and cry about women reservation bill and some modifications in it for a long time now but i think that such a law itself should not exist. A person (in this case a Man) who has worked for his constituency throughout life will suddenly find that he is not allowed to contest election from that constituency because it is reserved for women. This is really ridiculous in democracy and is definitely biased against men. Shortcuts are not always good. If women want to come to parliament then they should fight in a democratic way with men. This will give them more respect. NCW and other women organizations are misusing the enormous power being bestowed to them and even the media now are acting irresponsibly. When the OBC quota was introduced the media was responsible enough to show both sides of it. But now even they are biased and are blaming politicians in delaying the passage of the bill. This is a sad situation wherein talent and people's will are given a second seat. The advocacy of such a law shows immaturity and lack of responsibility on the part of its supporters. I hope such a law should not be passed so that any

capable PERSON can contest election from the constituency of his/her choice.

Posted by **P G GOPINATH** on Sunday, June 21, 2009 , Mumbai

None of parties including congress is mentally prepared for a 33%reservation.First parties have to give more tickets to women.Leave Loksabha.Let us start with Rajyasabha.Give 33% to women in Rajyasabha.Then increase it to 50% there.

Posted by **Ankur Bhatnagar** on Saturday, June 20, 2009 , Delhi

We have to get rid of idea of reservation for any segment, whether it is women, OBC, or anyone.

Reservations once introduced will never go away, thereby corrupting the constitution forever.

Have we forgotten that India stands for equality?

Posted by **Dr Sandhya Ahuja** on Saturday, June 20, 2009 , New Delhi

Women don't need any bill to excel in any field, politics or professional. Our society needs training to respect women.

Posted by **kesu** on Saturday, June 20, 2009 , cochin

There are so many reservations in India.A common mans living is difficult here.When this reservation come what shoud males do.

Posted by **JAGDISH RAI CHAWLA** on Saturday, June 20, 2009 , PATIALA

TO MAKE COUNTRY PROGRESSIVE .
THIS BILL IS ESSENTIAL. IT CAN MAKE COUNTRY STRONG.

Posted by **wilfred e pinto** on Friday, June 19, 2009 , magalore/usa

with many female member as M.P's there will be total support to bring strict law in regard to female security and enforce without mercy.

Posted by **Rajesh Kelkar** on Friday, June 19, 2009 , Nagpur

Excepting the gender, the contemporary woman-politicians are akin to their male counterpart, and equally competent in not only deliverin goods but the 'bads' as well! Thus, the Women's Reservation Bill is seriously not needed for now!

Posted by **Janaki** on Friday, June 19, 2009 , Brisbane

The Women's Reservation Bill is more a political stunt than a necessity,to woo women voters and behind all those who are going to conte these seats,God fathers,husbands and brothers are going to act.These reserved seats may well be used as tools by experienced politicia achieve their ends.

Posted by **Madhu Bhaumik** on Friday, June 12, 2009 , Kolkata

In a country like India where the society is totally male dominated, a step to ensure women's equality is always welcome. The politicians ar scared to let go of their power to women!

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