

Assignment - 2



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Q 1) Discuss the need of greater representation to women in the politics to ensure diversity, inclusiveness and equity.

→ • Status of representation of women in politics -

- ① The role of managing household activities has been traditionally assigned to women.
- ② women should be encouraged to move outside their stereotypical roles and participate in the decision-making process of the country.
- ③ Politics, like any other field, is a field of competition. At the end of the day, women politicians are their competition as well.
- ④ Many of the politician's fear that, in the case of women reservation, their seats can rotationally be reserved for women candidates, thus, making them lose any chance of even fighting from their seats.

- ⑤ Education influences the social mobility of women. Formal education such as provided at educational institutions create opportunities for leadership and impart leadership essential skills.
 - ⑥ Because of a lack of understanding of politics, they do not know about their basic and political rights.
 - ⑦ They have to accept adequate financial support from the political parties to contest the elections.
 - ⑧ Overall political parties' environment too is not women-friendly, they have to struggle hard and face multi-dimensional issues to create space for them in the party.
- Women participation ensures diversity, equity and inclusiveness:
- ① Improvements in women's representation in the legislature remain intrinsic to constitutional ideals of gender equality and social
 - ② Women's greater participation in the legislature will provide impetus to fighting gender stereotypes and can

pave the way for women's greater representation, in others decisions, making positions, such as in judiciary and executive branches of the government

- ③ women participation in legislature would achieve gender equality and inclusiveness as per the sustainable Development Goals.
- ④ Institutional accessibility and removal of structural impediments, can increase political mobilization of women.
- ⑤ A more gender-inclusive discourse of political participation would ensure descriptive as well as substantive representation of women in institutions of politics and governance.

- Steps to resolve low representation of women in parliament-

- ① The women's Reservation Bill 2008 proposes to amend the Constitution of India to reserve $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of all seats in the lower house of Parliament of India, the Lok Sabha and in all state legislative assemblies for women.

- ② Article 243D of the Constitution ensures participation of women in Panchayati Raj institutions by mandating not less than one-third reservation for women out of total number of seats to be filled by direct election and number of offices of chairpersons of Panchayats.
- ③ The Committee of Empowerment of Women was constituted for the first time in 1997 during the 11th Lok Sabha of the Parliament for improving the status of women.
- ④ The members of the committee are expected to work together for the empowerment of women cutting across party affiliations.