

Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

Information regarding Global Gender Gap Index (GGGI) and Gender Inequality Index (GII)

1. Women in Parliament:

(a) Total number of women in present Lok Sabha

79 (source: <http://loksabhaph.nic.in/Members/women.aspx>)

(b) Total number of women in present Rajya Sabha

27 (source: https://rajyasabha.nic.in/rsnew/member_site/women.aspx)

Total: - 79+27 = 106

2. Women in ministerial position:

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| 1 | SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs |
| 2 | SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI | Minister of Women and Child Development |
| 3 | SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI | Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development |
| 4 | SMT. ANUPRIYA SINGH PATEL | Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry |
| 5 | SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE | Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare |
| 6 | SMT. DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH | Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways |
| 7 | SMT. MEENAKASHI LEKHI | Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture |
| 8 | SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA | Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs |
| 9 | SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI | Minister of State in the Ministry of Education |
| 10 | SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK | Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment |

Total: 10 (source: https://cabsec.gov.in/writereaddata/councilofministers/english/1_Upload_3006.pdf)

3. Female and male shares of parliamentary seats:

Seats are not reserved for females and males, in Parliament. Present Seventeenth Lok Sabha has a total of 540 Members (source: <http://loksabhaph.nic.in/Members/AlphabeticalList.aspx>), out of which 79 are Female Members. Present Rajya Sabha has a total of 231 Member (source: https://rajyasabha.nic.in/rsnew/member_site/women.aspx), out of which 27 are Female Members.

Note: - This Ministry is not entrusted with the function of increasing the representation of Female Members in Parliament or increasing their share in ministerial position. The Women Reservation Bill which sought to reserve one third of Parliamentary Seats for Women could not be passed as consensus could not be formed between various political parties. This bill was tabled by the Ministry of Law & Justice. It is the prerogative of Hon'ble Prime Minister to recommend names to the President for appointment as Ministers as per article 75(1) of the Constitution.