

WOMEN IN LOK SABHA **PALTRY STRENGTH**

Year	Candidates	Men	Women	% women candidates	Seats	Men	Women	% women who won
1952	1,874	NA	NA	NA	489	NA	NA	NA
1957	1,518	1,473	45	3	494	467	27	5.5
1962	1,985	1,915	70	3.5	494	459	35	7.1
1967	2,369	2,302	67	2.8	520	490	30	5.8
1971	2,784	2,698	86	3.1	520	499	21	4
1977	2,439	2,369	70	2.9	542	523	19	3.5
1980	4,620	4,478	142	3.1	542	514	28	5.2
1984	5,574	5,406	164	3	542	500	42	7.7
1989	6,160	5,962	198	3.2	529	502	27	5.1
1991	8,699	8,374	325	3.7	521	492	39	7.5
1996	13,952	13,353	599	4.3	543	504	39	7.2
1998	4,750	4,476	274	5.8	543	500	43	7.9
2002	NA	NA	446	NA	543	NA	49	9
2004	NA	NA	432	NA	543	NA	43	7.9
2009	NA	NA	556	NA	543	NA	61	11.2

Source: 'Getting a foothold in politics... Women in the Political Decision-Making Process', by Dr Vibhuti Patel