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**Q2**

**"Women as a class neither belong to a minority group nor are they regarded as forming a backward class." In the light of this statement, discuss the evolution of women's reservation from local bodies to Parliament.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · GS II · 10 marks · Parliament and State Legislatures

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Parliament and State legislatures - structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers and privileges and issues arising out of these.

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Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

**Constitution (One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Act, 2023**

Provides one-third reservation for women in the Lok Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies, and the Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

**Seventy-Third and Seventy-Fourth Constitutional Amendment Acts, 1992**

Mandated a minimum of one-third reservation of total seats and chairperson posts for women in Panchayats and Municipalities.

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