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## The 17th Lok Sabha has the Highest Number of Women MPs

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The 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha will see the highest number of women parliamentarians, 78 in all.

- Women's representation has steadily increased in the Lok Sabha. In the first-ever election, only 5% of the House consisted of women. Now, that has increased to 14%.
- This is still a low number given that it is not near proportional representation. The U.S. has 32% lawmakers, while neighbouring Bangladesh has 21%.

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