Minutes of Special meeting to discuss women's representation and mode of elections.

Date : 24. 1. 94
Venue : Farzana Bari's house
Convenor : Farzana Bari

Voting lists

Less women are registered as voters than men. This should be rectified.

Women's Representation

1. Seats reserved for women should be increased to 20% in National and Provincial Assemblies and Senate.
2. Seats should be given to women representing different walks of life, for example, peasant women, working class women, technocrats, minorities etc.
3. Seats should also be contested by independent women candidates, other than those nominated by political parties.
4. Political Parties Act and election rules must be amended for future elections to increase participation of women. This is: parties must have 33% women

members and 33% tickets must be given to women candidates.

5. 33% seats in local bodies must be given to women.

6. The 20% reserved seats should stay until 33% women can come in through direct elections.

7. Adult franchise must be ~~given~~ introduced in tribal areas so that people can elect their own representatives.

8. Separate electorates for minorities must be discontinued and reserved seats be provided in proportion to their population. In addition minorities must also be permitted to contest from general seats.