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## ABSTRACT

*Women participation in all fields of life increased substantially in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Although, gender participation in professional fields is a recent phenomenon, yet there are some areas where their contribution has evolved through ages. The participation in political process has been recognized a fundamental right of each citizen regardless of their gender, cast, and creed .In Pakistan all three constitutions reserved seats for women, but this provision lapsed in 1988. In 2002 it was restored with 17 percent representation in the parliament. This study sheds light on how women parliamentarians advocated women rights in National Assembly. Based on the study of parliamentary debates and the legislative business of the house, this study argues that women issues are presented and advocated by women parliamentarians and they have adequately contributed on raising the gender-sensitive issues in the lower house of the parliament. This study also reveals that an increase in the number of women sitting in parliament also resulted in increased participation in the law making process. Therefore, this enhanced number and participation of women in parliament has started making a positive impact on legislation. It is concluded that women parliamentarians advocated women issues in National Assembly and enhanced representation of women in political and legislative forums has the potential to positively affect legislation to protect women in the country.*









## ACRONYMS

AF	Aurat Foundation
BDs	Basic Democracies
CAN	Calling Attention Notice
CAP	Constitution Assembly of Pakistan
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discriminations against Women
JI	Jamiat Islami
KPK	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
LFO	legal frame Order
MMA	Mujtahid Majlis-e- Amal
MFLO	Muslim Family Laws Ordinance
MNA	Member of National Assembly
NSC	National Security Council.
NA	National Assembly
NAD	National Assembly Debates



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