

## Chapter :5

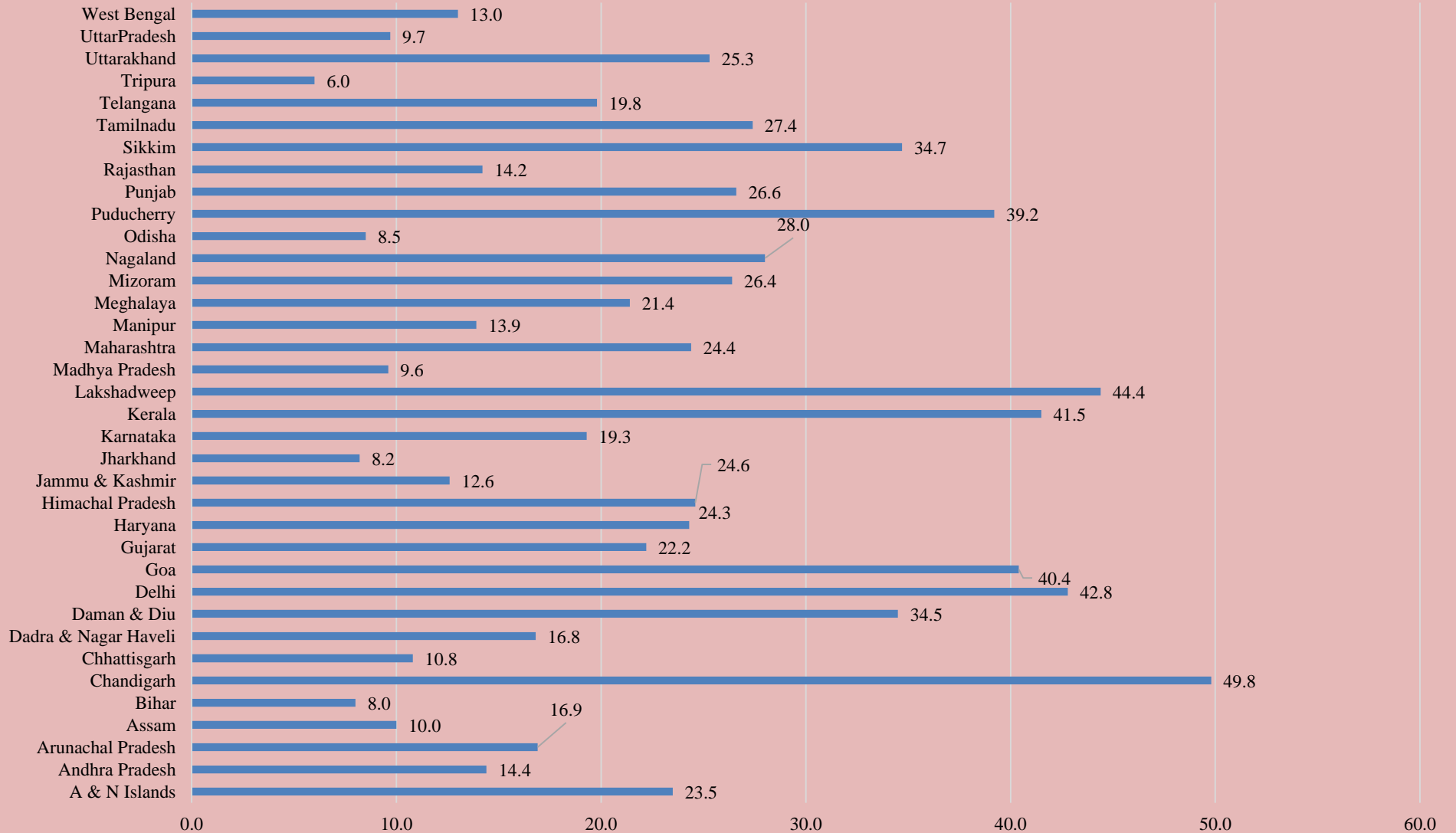
# Participation in Decision Making



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- The representation of women in Central Council of Ministers has declined over the years. The proportion of women Ministers is 9.26% in 2020. **(Table5.1)**
- There were 437.8 million women electors in Seventeenth Lok Sabha Election (2019) vis-à-vis 397.0 million in Sixteenth Lok Sabha Elections (2014). Also, the percentage of female electors participating in General Elections went up from 65.6% in Sixteenth to 67.2% in Seventeenth Lok Sabha Elections. **(Table5.2)**
- There is an upward trend in the number of female candidates contested as well as elected from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha General Election. **(Table5.3)**
- Percentage turnout for female voters in 2019 general elections was more than 60% in all the States/UTs except in the States/UTs of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Jammu & Kashmir. **(Table5.4)**
- A total of 78 women members, constituting 14% of the house of parliament (MPs) have been elected for Seventeenth Lok Sabha the highest since independence. The highest number (11) of women members of parliament in 17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha is came from both Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. **(Table5.5)**
- At all India level, the women representation in the State Assemblies was 11%. Maximum participation of women in State Assemblies was observed in the States/UTs of Puducherry (32%) followed by Mizoram (26%), Bihar and Chhattisgarh (14% each) and West Bengal (13%). **(Table 5.6)**
- In judiciary, the highest number of women judges is 10 in Punjab & Haryana High Court followed by 9 in Madras High Court. There are no female judges in the High Courts of Patna, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura and Uttarakhand. **(Table5.7)**
- The highest women participation in Panchayati Raj Institutions was observed in the States of Rajasthan (56.49%) followed by Uttarakhand (55.66%) and Chhattisgarh (54.78%). **(Table5.8)**
- As per NSS 75<sup>th</sup> Round (2017-18)- Household Social Consumption on Education in India”, at All India level, the percentage of females (5 years and above) who used internet during the last 30 days at all India level was 12.5 % against 22.3% of males of the same age group. The highest percentage of females who used internet during the last 30 days was observed in the States of Sikkim (46%), Delhi (42.9%), Goa (42.3%), Chandigarh (41.7%) and Lakshadweep (39.8%) whereas in males it was observed in the States of Goa and Daman & Diu (54.3% each), Delhi (54%), Sikkim (48.5%), Puducherry (46.8%) and Kerala (44.9%). **(Table 5.11)**

**Figure 5.1. Percentage of persons of age 5 years and above who able to operate a computer**



## Percentage of persons of age 5 years and above who used internet during the last 30 days for each State/UT (Jul.2017-Jun 2018)

