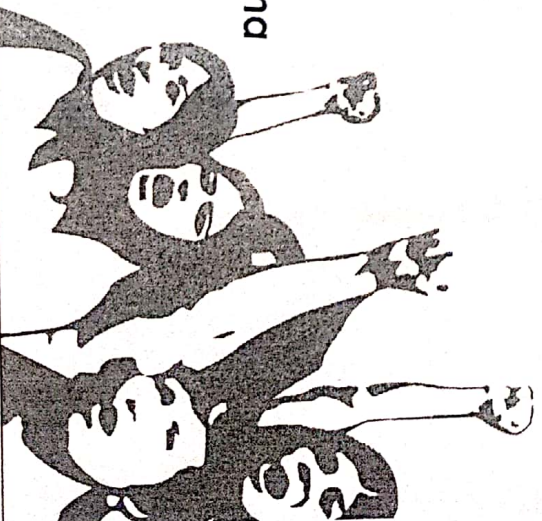




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## CHAPTER 33

### REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

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#### **ABSTRACT**

*India is largest democratic country in the world. India can proudly boast of democratic institutions existing in the country. Men and women both actively take part in electoral process initiated during Lok Sabha, State Elections and Panchayat Elections. Women are half of the population of the country but to utter dismay, women themselves are far less inadequately represented in Democratic Institutions. This is quite an ironical situation existing in the country. Women lag behind in many fields such as political empowerment, financial position, better quality life than men. To develop women and create new leaders, and to make active citizens, their political empowerment is a must. Minute progress has been made with Panchayat System Representation of women. But in other systems like Parliament, State Legislatures, situation is not flattering. Women are miserably under represented. A change in societal attitude, help from men folks and Government measures will lead to women empowerment. Still there is a long way to traverse.*

*Keywords – Democracy, Women, Empowerment, Political*

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