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Central Maafannu constituency member Asma Rasheed speaking:

To what Anara, MP Anara has said, I think we are ready to fight for slots for women. But the thing is we have to change the legislation. But it is in at present in our party. Parliament also, there is 90 men and 3 women. We should have some method to get them to agree for them to give slots. Then only we can, because if we have to change our law also? Because according to that we in parliaments we can in like local councils and all we can like keep aside some for women, but not in the parliament. We have to change our legislation. So that's why all 93, 90 members if they agree that's so easy. And one more thing is when women stands for election, it's not only the men. It's if all the women votes women, we have to teach people. Women will understand the family, the people more than the men. I'm not saying anything less about the men. But, if all the women stay in a constituency works for the woman, then we are there in seat because we have in the population also, we have more women than the men, isn't it? So, I think we have to change the mindset of the women. That is what I feel.

Kudahuvadhoo constituency member Hussain Hameed speaking:

Thank you, chair. Actually, yes, our, women, politicians are saying, I don't find any limitation for women be in politics. Because we don't find any limitations. They are, we all have same opportunity. We all have the same opportunity. As you know, in our constitution we don't have any limitation for any gender. We are having same opportunity in the politics and other areas as well. But in our this discussion always our women's are fighting for some special quota. I don't think it is possible. Because, as we are having the same right, women and men we are having the same right it is up to them to fight, up to them to contest in more sheets. It is their responsibility to get the public support. There are women's in our constituency there are also so many women are there, who can win the seat. But they don't feel like this participating in the elections. So, yeah, I don't understand why we are talking on this topic to having a special, special slots for women. We don't believe that.

Central Maafannu constituency member Asma Rasheed speaking:

The thing is we don't want to go back. As a woman if we can come in the same level as men why should we go back and have quota like some developing countries they have





















