

Women betrayed: PM hits out at Oppn

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Led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders sharpened their campaign against the Opposition for voting against the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, which sought to fast-track the implementation of a 33 per cent reservation for women in legislatures by 2029 and increasing Lok Sabha seats to 816.

Addressing a rally in West Bengal's Bankura, Modi accused the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) of "betraying" women for preventing the passage of the Bill in Parliament, and said women would punish it in the upcoming Assembly polls.

Earlier, he had addressed the nation on Saturday evening and said Indian women would not forgive the Congress, TMC, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (in power in poll-bound Tamil Nadu) and Samajwadi Party. He added that they would pay for the "sin" of opposing the bill.

The Centre on Sunday came out with a set of frequently asked questions (FAQs), where it argued that the current Census and subsequent delimitation period will take time, and the 131st constitutional amendment was brought to delink implementation of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Constitution 106th Amendment Act, 2023) from the condition that the 33 per cent reservation will be based on the Census conducted after 2026 so that the quota could be implemented by the 2029 general elections. It added that no changes were proposed to the Delimitation Commission Act.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the FAQs are "silent on the real questions about delimitation that were asked by the Opposition during the debate."

At a public meeting in Tamil Nadu's Tenkasi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh slammed allies Congress and DMK for voting against the Bill. He said that "no power in the world" can stop the government from implementing one-third reservation for women in legislatures.

The Opposition responded by pointing out that it defeated the government's intent to implement delimitation, and not the women's quota Bill.



“THE TMC CONSPIRED WITH THE CONGRESS TO PREVENT THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL AS IT IS AGAINST WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT... THIS IS THE SAME TMC WHICH BREAKS EVERY LAW AND EVERY RULE TO BENEFIT INFILTRATORS”

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a public meeting in West Bengal’s Bankura district on Sunday, ahead of the Assembly elections

PHOTO: PTI



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Jairam Ramesh
Congress Rajya Sabha MP



“IF THIS GOVT WAS GENUINELY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS NOBLE CAUSE, WHY DID IT WAIT NEARLY THREE YEARS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE WOMEN’S RESERVATION BILL? WHY COUPLE IT WITH DELIMITATION?”

Mamata Banerjee
West Bengal CM

Key Constitution Amendment Bills since 2014: How they fared

Given the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) majority in the 16th (2014-19) and 17th (2019-2024) Lok Sabha, it could ensure the passage of Constitution amendment Bills with the requisite two-thirds majority in the Lower House.

The passage of such Bills in the Rajya Sabha, since the BJP and its allies lacked

the numbers in the Upper House then, was difficult during the first term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government (2014-19), which meant it referred the Bills to Rajya Sabha select committees to bring the Opposition on board, as happened with the 122nd and 123rd constitution amendment bills.

The BJP-led NDA's numbers are now

comfortable in the Rajya Sabha, but it has dropped in the current Lok Sabha, as the BJP fell short of the majority mark in the 2024 general elections. The government referred the contentious 129th and 130th Constitution amendment Bills to joint parliamentary committees, while the 131st Constitution Bill failed to meet the two-thirds majority mark of 352.

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Constitution Amendment Bill	Reason	Date of introduction	Current status
121st	Set up a National Judicial Appointment Commission (NJAC) to replace the collegium system	11 August, 2014	Enacted as 99th Constitution Amendment Act
122nd	Introduce goods and services tax (GST) regime	19 December, 2014	Enacted as 101st Constitution Amendment Act
123rd	Grant constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes	5 April, 2017	Enacted as 102nd Constitution Amendment Act
124th	Provide upto 10% reservation for EWS in education and public employment (addition to existing reservation)	8 January, 2021	Enacted as 103rd Constitution Amendment Act
127th	Allow states and UTs to prepare their own list of socially and educationally backward classes	9 August, 2021	Enacted as 105th Constitution Amendment Act
128th	Reserve 33% seats in legislatures for women	19 September, 2021	Enacted as 106th Constitution Amendment Act
129th	Hold simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly polls	17 December, 2024	“With a joint parliamentary committee”
130th	Remove Central and state ministers arrested for 30 consecutive days on serious criminal charges	20 August, 2025	“With a joint parliamentary committee”
131st (along with Delimitation Bill)	Implement 33% reservation for women in legislatures by 2029; increasing the size of legislatures by 50%	16 April, 2026	Bill negatived (54 votes short of the two-thirds majority of 352)

EWS: Economically weaker section

source: PRS Legislative Research/Parliament archives

Why India at work is disengaged and on edge

Gallup poll flags a steep fall in workplace engagement, rising emotional distress



Alarming numbers

Criterion	India's ranking amongst top 10 global regions	% of respondents in favour
Feel daily anger	1	31
Feel daily sadness	1	36
Daily loneliness	1	28
Good time for job change	8	48
Thriving life	10	16
Employee engagement in work	6	21

Source: Gallup

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New Delhi, 19 April

For corporate India, emerging workplace trends could be a serious cause for concern.

A global poll by Gallup in its State of the Global Workplace 2026, titled "The Human Side of the AI Revolution", released late last week, shows that South Asia — primarily led by India — saw a steep 5 percentage point (pp) year-on-year decline in "employee engagement", the largest fall across any region in the world.

The steady decline in engagement is reflected in the data: in 2025, only 21 per cent of employees said they were engaged at work, compared to 26 per cent in 2024 and a peak of 29 per cent in 2023. A large majority — 59 per cent of respondents in 2025 — said they were not engaged, while 20 per cent said they were "not actively engaged".

In 2025, South Asia, led by India, also saw a sharper 8 pp decline in "manager engagement" — again, the largest drop across regions. Gallup suggests this may be due to companies cutting management roles, especially as information technology recruitment slowed and senior and middle management positions were reduced, partly driven by artificial intelligence adoption.

The survey, conducted in 2025, covers 160 countries and includes 263,810 respondents, of whom 141,000 are employed. They were surveyed through phone and in-person interviews. It spans 10 regions, including the US, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, post-Soviet Eur-

asia, the Middle East and North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia, South and Southeast Asia, and Australia and New Zealand.

South Asia, led by India, also ranked highest globally for negative workplace experiences. About 31 per cent of respondents reported daily anger, compared to a global average of 22 per cent in 2025. Daily sadness was reported by 36 per cent (versus a global average of 22 per cent), while 28 per cent reported loneliness (against a global average of 22 per cent).

However, confidence in finding new jobs is relatively muted. South Asia ranks eighth among the 10 regions. Southeast Asia tops the list, with 64 per cent of respondents saying they are likely to look for a new job, followed by Australia and New Zealand and Latin America and the Caribbean (60 per cent). In South Asia, the figure is 48 per cent.

India again ranks lowest among the 10 regions on "life evaluation". Respondents were asked to rate their lives on a scale of zero (worst possible) to 10 (best possible). Gallup's findings show that only 16 per cent of respondents said they were "thriving" — the lowest among all regions and far below the global average of 34 per cent.

In contrast, Southeast Asia presents a more stable workplace picture. Manager engagement remains above the global average, holding steady at 25 per cent rather than declining sharply as seen in India. Daily stress is also the lowest globally at 25 per cent. The region reports lower levels of daily anger, sadness, and loneliness than both the global average and South Asia.

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL), under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand by registered post ("Notice") calling upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned here under to repay the amount mentioned in the notice U/s. 13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors named below having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealing with this property will be subject to the charge of the Bajaj Finance Limited, for the amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

No.	Loan Account No./Name of the Borrower(s) Mortgagor(s) Guarantor(s)	Description of Property Schedule of Property	Date of Notice U/s.13(2) and U/s.13(2) Notice Amount and Date of Possession
1	LAN: PAU7PFB9524203 1. Amrit Gents & Ladies Thr its Prop. Dhanesh Mishra, R/o. Jahanpur Road, Gola Gokaranath Lakhimpur Uttar Pradesh Kheri Uttar Pradesh 262802 Contact- 9305065315 Email id-dhaneshm@gmail.com Also at, R/o. House No. 219 situated at Gola Bahar Pargana Hyderabad Teh. Gola Dist. Lakhimpur Kheri Uttar Pradesh 262802 2. Parul Mishra R/o. Ward 17 Kumbhar Tola Chaturthi Gola Kheri Uttar Pradesh 262802 Contact- 9305065315 Email id-dhaneshm@gmail.com 3. Dhanesh Mishra S/o Suman Kumar Mishra R/o. C/o Suman Kumar Mishra Jahanpur Gola Kheri Uttar Pradesh 262802 Contact- 9305065315 Email id-dhaneshm@gmail.com	All the piece and parcel of House No. 219 situated at Gola Bahar Pargana Hyderabad Teh. Gola and Dist. Lakhimpur Kheri Uttar Pradesh 262802 along with proportionate share in common areas (Area adm. 94.06 Sq.Mtr) Boundaries: On East-16 Ft. Road; On West- Partl Jagah Jagdeesh; On North- House of Ganga Ram; On South- 10 Ft. Road	12.04.2025 Rs. 2302904/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Two Thousand Ninety-Four Only) 17.04.2026 at 02:19 PM to 03:25 PM

Date: 17.04.2026, Place: Uttar Pradesh For Bajaj Finance Limited, Authorised Officer

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Punjab & Sind Bank, Secured Creditor, shall be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 31.03.2026, for recovery of Rs. 62,10,759.28/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lac Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Nine Rupees and Twenty Eight Paise Only) as on 31.03.2026 + Future interest w.e.f. 01.04.2026 with monthly rests +Legal Charges due to the Punjab & Sind Bank, Secured Creditor from Borrower: 1- M/S Shree Balaji Industries (Borrower) , 2- Miss Garima Patel D/o Sh. Vindheshwar (Co-Borrower and Mortgager), 3- Sh. Vindheshwar S/o Sh. Pyare Lal Verma (Guarantor). The Reserve Price will be Rs. 88.50 Lac & the earnest money will be Rs. 8.85 Lac.
Short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances: (Non Agricultural) Ware House, Part of Gate no. 948, Village- Udhauli, Faizabad, Ahamedpur Pargana, Pratapganj, Tehsil- Nawabganj. Distt- Barabanki, Area: 1000 Sqmtr, Owner: Miss Garima Patel D/o Sh. Vindheshwar, Book No. 1, Zild No. 15655, Page No. 139 to 159, Serial No. 24157 registered on 09.11.2022 in the Registrar/ Sub Registrar office Sadar, Barabanki.
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Sr. No.	Name of Borrower	Name of Guarantors	Bank's Dues	Details of Property (As per Deed)/ID No.	Reserve Price
	Branch Name	Name of Property Owner/Mortgagor	Encumbrances On Property		Earnest Money
					Incremental Bid Amount
1.	M/s Asha Cold Storage Partner: 1. Shri Shiv Ram Singh S/o Shri Jileadar Singh 2. Smt. Asha Devi W/o Shri Shiv Ram Singh 3. Shri Alok Kumar S/o Shri Shiv Ram Singh 4. Smt. Radha W/o Shri Alok Kumar 5. Shri Vinay Yadav S/o Shri Shiv Ram Singh 6. Smt. Rachna Yadav W/o Shri Vinay Yadav	1. Shri Shiv Ram Singh S/o Shri Jileadar Singh 2. Smt. Asha Devi W/o Shri Shiv Ram Singh 3. Shri Alok Kumar S/o Shri Shiv Ram Singh 4. Smt. Radha W/o Shri Alok Kumar 5. Shri Vinay Yadav S/o Shri Shiv Ram Singh 6. Smt. Rachna Yadav W/o Shri Vinay Yadav 1. Shri Shiv Ram Singh S/o Shri Jileadar Singh 2. Smt. Asha Devi W/o Shri Shiv Ram Singh	Rs. 6,69,35,331.00 as on 12.04.2026 with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 13.04.2026 Not Known to Bank	All that part and parcel of Residential Property built over House No. 1212/123, New No. 1212/161 situated at Ward No. 24, Pargana: Mainpuri, Mohallah: Awadh Nagar, Mainpuri, Distt. Mainpuri, Area of Property: 2940 Sq. Feet Or 273.42 Sq. Mtr. i.e. ¼ of 546.84 Sq. Mtr. Owner of the Property: Smt. Asha Devi W/o Shri Shiv Ram Singh, Boundaries: East: House of Alok & Others, West: 18 Ft. wide Pacca Raasta, North: Plot of Surmila Devi, South: Open Land of Simesh Chauhan Property ID No.IDIB214004 (I). All that part and parcel of land and building built over Gata No. 1827 situated at Village: Saunasi, Pargana: Kishni, Distt. Mainpuri Area of Property: 1.659 Hectare i.e. 16590 Sq. Mtr. Owner of the Property: Shri Shiv Ram Singh S/o Shri Jileadar Singh, Boundaries: East: Field of Radha Krishna, West: Field of Rajendra, North: Field of Gram Samaj, South: Field of Rati Ram (II). Plant & Machinerries of "Asha Cold Storage" Property ID No.IDIB214003 Total Reserve Price of Property No. (I) & (II) Total EMD Amount of Property No. (I) & (II) Total Bid incremental amt of Property No. (I) & (II) Note: Both the Property i.e. Property No. (I) & (II) will be sold jointly	Rs. 1,49,40,000/- Rs. 14,94,000/- Rs. 25,000/- Rs. 7,56,65,000/- Rs. 75,66,500/- Rs. 87,00,000/- Rs. 8,70,000/- Rs. 8,43,65,000/- Rs. 84,36,500/- Rs. 50,000/-

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