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CM for 50% women quota in local polls

Hyderabad, Aug. 18: The Chief Minister, Mr K. Rosaiah, on Wednesday, said his government would take a decision soon on reserving 50 per cent quota for women in all local bodies.

Mr Rosaiah said he had no objection to increase the 33 per cent quota for women to 50 per cent.

“But there is a procedure for taking such a decision. We will discuss this issue in the next Cabinet meeting, including an amendment to the existing laws,” he said.

Mr Rosaiah said he was aware that the Congress president, Mrs Sonia Gandhi, was in favour of the 50 per cent reservation for women and assured that the state would not go against the wishes of the party president.