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Municipal quota issue reaches HC

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JAIPUR: A division bench of Rajasthan High Court has taken cognizance of a writ petition challenging the state's decision to increase reservation for women in municipality elections to 50% from 33%. This was done with the recent introduction of the Municipality Act, 2009.

It was alleged in the petition that women in the country have already reached an equal status and so there is no need for further reservation.

The division bench comprising Chief Justice Jagdish Bhalla and Justice M N Bhandari on Thursday directed the government authorities that "the process of reservation may be continued but shall not be finalised without the leave of the court."