

3. NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTING PERCENTAGE IN VARIOUS ELECTIONS

Sl.No.	Year	Total number of electors			Polled Percentage		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Parliament Elections							
1	1999	356313	345677	701990	63.41	63.13	63.27
2	2004	310658	326009	636667	77.29	74.90	76.07
3	2009	364167	391722	755889	79.92	79.79	79.85
Legislative Assembly Elections							
1	1996	320502	313133	633635	74.65	76.03	75.33
2	2001	329739	328908	658647	71.89	73.06	72.48
3	2006	319842	339578	659420	84.54	86.32	85.46

Source:- Elections Department, Puducherry

In the 2004 Legislative Assembly Election, about 86.32% of female electors and 84.54% of male electors participated in the election. The percentage of women in the total number of contestants has been very low. No women were elected. The share of women in the Council of Ministers was also zero from the year 1985 onwards.