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TITLE: WOMEN OF INDIAN DESCENT MIGRATED TO SOUTH AFRICA AND ZAMBIA: A SURVEY OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEW HOMES

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ABSTRACT:

The migration of Indians in South Africa and in Zambia had taken place in different time, reasons and route. Gradually, both countries experienced the settlement of Indians, who contributed extensively, in different sectors in their new adopted home. Even the Indian women, along with their men folk actively participated in various local sectors that helped them to make their footing firm in a new country. It is interesting to note that, even during the early period in South Africa; Indian women were seen taking active part in politics apart from their involvement in economic sectors but the scenario was very different in Zambia where, no doubt, women were quite vibrant in economic area but remained silent in political arena. The article investigates the different roles played by the Indian women in South Africa and in Zambia. It further, examines the reasons which compelled the Indian women to take interest in political activities in South Africa but what made the Indian women not to fascinate and to ignore the politics, in Zambia.

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