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**Mumbai:** On Monday, President Pranab Mukherjee gave his assent to the landmark Factories (Maharashtra amendment) Bill, 2015, paving the way for women to work in factories in night shift.

A senior bureaucrat told **TOI** after both the Houses passed the Factories (Maharashtra amendment) bill, 2015; it was submitted to Rashtrapati Bhavan for Presidential assent. "We have received the presidential assent, so we can implement the provisions of the new law with immediate effect," he said.

The bureaucrat said over 40,000 small factories will benefit following the amendment, allowing women to work from 7pm to 6am. Factories employing less than 20 workers (without power) and less than 40 workers (with power) will be out of the purview of the Factories Act. Earlier, the limit was 10 and 20 workers respectively.