

- I. A widow and a Xhosa Chief's daughter who was until last year Minister of the Interior of the Transkei. Her achievement at the age of 38 is probably one of the greatest political successes of any South African Woman.
2. She entered the political scene in 1968 . Since then she has served her country as Minister of Roads and Works and Minister of Education as well as Minister of the Interior.
3. A teacher by profession Miss Sigcau was educated at Lovedale College and obtained a BA at Fort Hare. She taught for 2 years at a high school near Durban then married and had 2 children and was widowed in 1964.
4. Her father Paramount Chief Botha Sigcau first chairman of the Transkeian Territorial Authority persuaded her in 1968 to enter politics. She won her first election when she stood for the Lusikisiki constituency and Chief Minister Matanzima included her in his Cabinet that year. She is the first and only woman to be included in the Cabinet of any South African Bantu Homeland government.
5. She was forced to resign in 1977 because she gave birth to an illegitimate child.

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