

Rajasthan 2008 Assembly Elections

Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2008 were held during the month of December, 2008. A total of 2194 candidates contested in the Rajasthan Assembly Elections, out of which Rajasthan Election Watch (REW) & Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) have analyzed the self-disclosed data of 2094 candidates. This report includes the analysis of criminal, financial, and other details of 2094 candidates and 199 MLAs (out of 200 MLAs).

This report is based on the analysis of information provided by the contesting candidates in their self-declared affidavits that they submit to the Election Commission of India (ECI). This affidavit constitutes the mandatory component of a candidate's nomination-papers so as to present his/her candidature for an election.

Representation of political parties

In 2003 Rajasthan Assembly Elections, 34 political parties contested which rose to 42 in 2008 Rajasthan Assembly Elections. This reflects a rise of 24% in the number of political parties contested from Rajasthan 2003 Assembly Elections to Rajasthan 2008 Assembly Elections.

Executive summary of Candidates and MLAs

Summary of Candidates

Rajasthan Election Watch (REW) has analyzed affidavits of 2094 out of 2194 candidates who contested in the Rajasthan 2008 Assembly Elections.

Criminal

- **Candidates with Criminal Cases:** Out of these 2094 candidates analyzed for Rajasthan Assembly Elections, 242 candidates or 12 % declared criminal cases against them.
- **Party wise Candidates with Criminal Cases:** Amongst major parties, every party has given tickets to candidates who have declared criminal cases. INC has 28 out of 200 (14 %), BJP has 18 out of 188 (10 %) , BSP had 31 out of 196 (16 %), LSWP has 5 out of 20 (25 %), SP had 7 out of 60 (12 %), and CPM had 17 out of 32 (53 %) candidates with declared criminal cases.
- **Candidates with Serious Criminal Cases:** Out of these 242 candidates with declared criminal cases, 69 (3%) have declared serious criminal cases like murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping, robbery, extortion, rape etc. BJP has 4, INC has 7, BSP has 13, LSWP has 1, CPM has 5, and SP has 1 such candidates.
- **Candidates with Heinous & Violent Crime Cases:** The top three candidates from major parties who have declared serious criminal cases of murder, Attempt to murder, kidnapping and theft against them are: (1) Laxman (of BSP from chomu constituency) has declared 1 charge related to murder and 2 charges related to attempt to murder. (2) Pawan Kumar Duggal of CPM from Anupgarh constituency has declared six charges related to attempt to murder (3) Dr Chandrabhan (of INC contesting from Malpura constituency) has declared 1 charge related to murder.

- **Candidate with rape charge:** 1 candidates has declared charges related to rape against himself, namely Bhanwar lal of BSP from Makrana constituency.
- **Red Alert Constituencies:** There are a total of 29 Red Alert Constituencies (i.e. where 3 or more contesting candidates have declared criminal cases)

Financial

- **Average Assets:** Average Asset per candidate (of 2094 candidates) in 2008 Rajasthan Assembly Elections is **Rs. 72.67 lakhs**. Among major parties, the average asset per candidate for INC is **Rs 2.14 Crores** (200 candidates), for **BJP is 1.77 Crores** (188 candidates), for **JD(U) is 1.38 crores** (4 candidates), for **BSP is 87.24 Lakhs** (196 candidates), and for **NCP is Rs 38.57 lakhs** (35 candidates).
- **Corepati Candidates:** A total of **309 candidates** out of 2094 analyzed i.e. 15% are corepatis.
- **Highest Asset Candidates:** The top three candidates who have declared the highest assets are Pushpa Kanwar of BJP from Danta Ramgarh constituency who has declared the highest assets worth Rs. 53.16 crores, followed by Rajiv Arora, of INC from Malviya Nagar constituency with Rs. 47.71 crores worth of assets and Rao Om Prakash Engineer an independent candidate from Behror constituency with assets worth Rs. 42.58 crores.
- **Low Assets:** A total of 24 candidates (out of 2094 analyzed) have declared that they have zero assets. Also, 18 candidates (out of 2094 analyzed) have declared assets less than Rs. 10 thousand (and more than Rs. 0)
- **INC and BJP candidates with lowest assets:** Babu Singh Rathore from Shergarh constituency is the BJP candidate who has declared the lowest assets worth Rs 1.60 Lakhs. Shakuntla from Bansur constituency is the INC candidate with lowest declared assets worth Rs 32.85 thousand.
- **High Liabilities:** A total of 15 candidates out of 2094 analyzed have declared liabilities of Rs. 1 crore or above.
- **High Liability Candidates:** The top three candidates with highest liabilities are Vishvendra Singh, an INC candidate from Deeg Kumher who has declared the highest liabilities worth Rs. 10.25 Crores followed by Malkhan Singh of INC from Luni constituency with liabilities of Rs. 5.41 Crores and Kalu ram Meena an independent from Amber constituency with liabilities worth Rs 4.25 crores.
- **Candidates with no PAN:** 1268 (61%) out of 2094 candidates analyzed in the Rajasthan 2008 Assembly Elections, have not declared their PAN details. 46 Corepati Candidates have not declared their PAN details.
- **Undeclared PAN Party Wise:** 95 out of 196 candidates of BSP have not declared their PAN, 50 out of 188 of BJP have not declared their PAN, 42 out of 200 of INC have not declared their PAN, 43 out of 60 of SP, and 25 out of 35 of NCP have not declared PAN details.

Other Background Details(Education, Age, Gender)

- **Candidate' Education:** A total of 740 (35%) candidates (out of 2094 analyzed) are graduate or have higher educational qualification in the Rajasthan 2008 Assembly Election.

- **Candidates' Age:** A total of 52 candidates out of the total analyzed are more than 71 years of age. A total of 193 candidates are aged 30 or less.
- **One Candidate declared his age to be 24 years.**
- **Candidates' Gender:** Women Candidates, Total number of women candidates who contested in the Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2008 was a 154 compared to 2040 men candidates, i.e. only 7% of the candidates were women.

Summary of MLAs

Rajasthan Election Watch (REW) has analyzed affidavits of the 199 MLAs (out of the maximum 200) of Rajasthan 2008 Assembly Elections. *(The information regarding Shivjiram Meena of BJP from Jahazpur constituency has not been considered for analysis because his affidavit is not legible)*

Criminal

- **MLAs with Criminal Cases:** Out of these 199 MLAs analyzed for Rajasthan Assembly Elections, 30 MLAs or 15% have declared criminal cases against them.
- **Party wise MLAs with Criminal Cases:** Out of 96 MLAs of **INC- 15 (16%)** have declared criminal cases, out of 77 MLAs of **BJP- 5 (6%)** have declared criminal cases, out of 6 MLAs of **BSP- 3 (50%)** have declared criminal cases, out of 3 MLA of **CPM- 1 (33%)** has declared criminal case, out of 1 MLA of **LSWP- 1 (100%)** has declared criminal cases against him.
- **MLAs with serious criminal cases:** Out of the 30 MLAs who have declared criminal cases against themselves, 8 (4%) MLAs declared serious criminal cases against themselves.
- **MLAs with Heinous and Violent crimes cases:** The top three MLAs from major parties who have declared serious criminal cases of attempt to murder, kidnapping and theft against them are: (1) Pawan Kumar Duggal of CPM from Anupgarh constituency who has declared 6 charges related to attempt to murder. (2) Rajendra Singh of BSP from Udaipurwati constituency has declared 2 charges related to attempt to murder and 2 charges related to kidnapping. (3) Dr Rajkumar Sharma of BSP from Nawalgarh constituency has declared 1 charge related to attempt to murder. from INC the MLA with declared criminal cases is Zahida from Kaman constituency with 2 charges related to Illegal payments in connection with an election.

Financial

- **Average Assets:** Average Asset per MLA (of 199 analyzed MLAs) in 2008 Rajasthan Assembly Elections is **Rs. 2.06 crores**. Among major parties, the average asset per MLA for **INC is 2.02 Crore** (96 MLAs), for **BJP is 1.76 Crore** (77 MLAs), for **BSP is 3.44 crore** (6 MLAs), for **JD (U) is 25.39 lakhs** (1 MLA) and for **CPM is 8.49 lakhs** (3 MLAs).
- **CrOREpati MLAs:** A total of 89 out of 199 MLAs that have been analyzed i.e. 45% are crorepatis.
- **Highest Asset MLAs:** in 2008 Rajasthan Assembly are Ranveer Pahalwan an independent from Malpura constituency who has declared the highest assets worth **Rs 36.77 Crore**, followed by Anjana Udailal of INC from Nimbahera who has declared assets worth **Rs 36.19 Crore** and Param Navdeep of INC from Sangaria constituency with assets worth **Rs 32.21 Crore**.
- **Low Assets:** 10 MLAs have declared assets of less than Rs 10 lakh.

- **MLAs with low assets:** Pawan Kumar Duggal of CPM from Anupghar constituency has declared the lowest assets among MLAs of **Rs. 6 thousands**. Babhu Singh Rathore of BJP from Shergarh constituency has declared assets of **Rs. 1.60 lakhs**. Kamsa of BJP from Bhopalgarh constituency has declared assets of **Rs. 1.71 lakhs**.
- **Liabilities:** A total of 6 (3%) MLAs out of 199 analyzed have declared liabilities of Rs. 50 lakhs or above.
- **MLAs with no PAN:** 47 (24%) out of 199 MLAs have not declared their PAN details in the 2008 Rajasthan Assembly Elections.

Other Background Details (Education, Gender, Age)

- **MLAs Education:** 56% MLAs (112 of 199 analyzed) are graduates or have a higher qualification in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly of 2008.
- **MLAs Gender:** Out of 200 MLAs in Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2008, only 28 (14%) MLAs are women.
- **MLAs Age:** A total of 7 MLAs out of the 199 analyzed, are more than 71 years of age. A total of 3 MLAs are aged 30 or less.

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