

Himachal Pradesh

Lok Sabha 2009 Elections

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Himachal Pradesh Election Watch*

Lok Sabha elections 2009

Lok Sabha 2009 elections for four constituencies in Himachal Pradesh were held on 13 May 2009. This chapter includes the analysis of voting trend, criminalization, money power, gender etc in these elections. Information provided by ECI and details from the affidavits filed by contesting candidates have been used for above analysis.

Growth of political parties

In Lok Sabha 2004, 5 parties contested elections which rose to 9 in Lok Sabha elections 2009. This reflects a rise of 80% in the number of parties from 2004 Lok Sabha elections to 2009 Lok Sabha elections.

Growth in number of candidates

A total of 31 candidates contested Lok Sabha 2009 elections from Himachal Pradesh as compared to 23 candidates in Lok Sabha 2004. This shows a growth of 35% in number of candidates contesting in 2009.

Executive summary for candidates and MPs

Summary for candidates

- Affidavits of 30 out of 31 candidates who contested elections were analyzed by Himachal Pradesh election Watch (HPEW) for Lok Sabha 2009 elections.
- Out of these 30 candidates, 1 candidate or 3.33% declared pending criminal cases against him. The candidate contested election for CPM from Mandi constituency and had 1 pending criminal case against him.
- A total of 9 out of 30 candidates' i.e. 30% were crorepatis.
- Among major parties, average assets for candidates of BJP and INC were approximately about Rs.1.65 crores and Rs.6.50 crores respectively.
- A total of 10 candidates i.e. 33.33% had not furnished PAN card details.
- Number of women candidates was only 1 (3%) as compared to 30 male candidates (97%).
- About 57% candidates (17 out of 30) were graduates & above.
- Total voting in the state was 58%. BJP managed to get approx 50% of the votes polled and 29 % of the registered voters. INC managed to get 46 % votes and 27% registered voters.

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This volume is dedicated to all who were part of the Election Watch.

Summary for MPs

- The number of Crorepati MPs has increased from 1 in Lok Sabha 2004 to 3 in Lok Sabha 2009. (Increase by 200%).
- All 4 winning candidates were either from BJP or INC. 3 candidates of BJP and 1 of INC won the elections.
- The assets for MPs of BJP were Rs. 2.41 crores, Rs. 1.10 crores and Rs. 34 lacs. MP from INC had assets worth Rs. 22.5 crores
- Average asset for a MP from HP is Rs. 6.59 crores.
- Himachal Pradesh does not have any women MP.

Voting and winning trend

Voting analysis

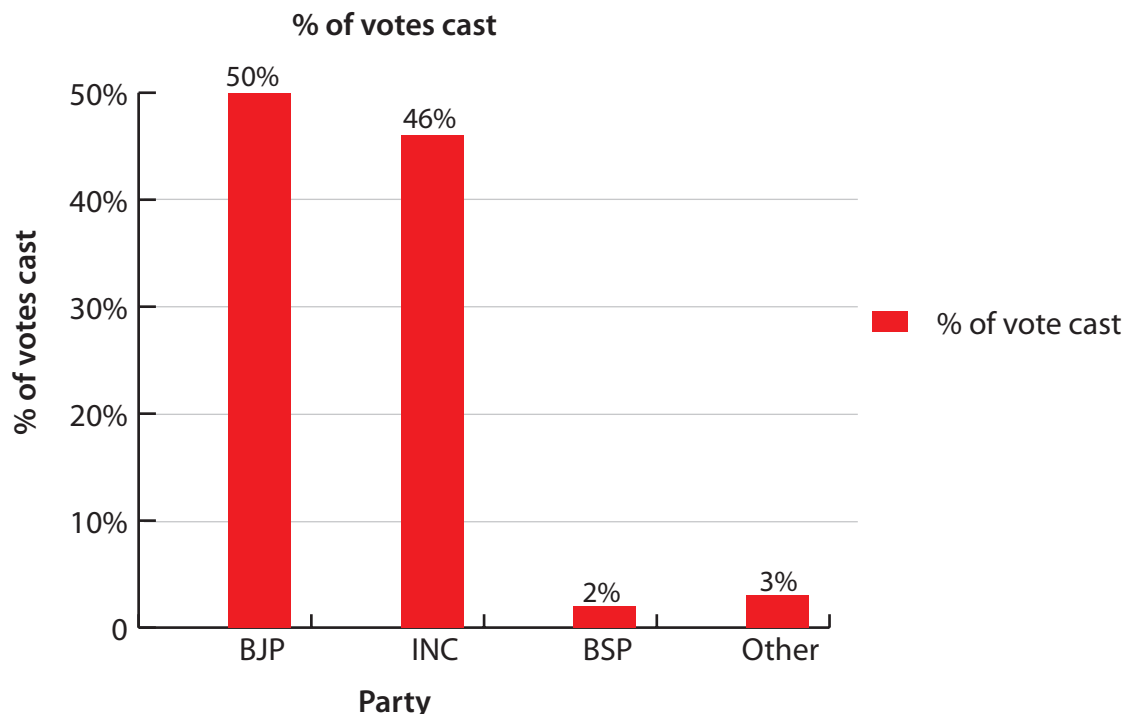
Total voting in the state was only 58%. BJP managed approx 50% of the votes cast and 29 % of the registered voters. INC managed to get 46 % votes cast and 27% registered voters. About 95% of the votes cast went in favor of either BJP or INC. Other political parties and independent candidates did not receive a sizable amount of votes cast. The total electorate in HP was 46, 06,674 and the total votes cast were 26, 90,290.

Table: Per cent of votes cast

Party	Total votes cast for the party	% of votes cast	% of total registered voters
Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP)	1,333,774	50%	29%
Indian National Congress (INC)	1,226,933	46%	27%
Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)	42,810	2%	1%
Others	86,773	3%	2%

Further break-up is given in the table-

Figure: Per cent of votes cast - Party wise



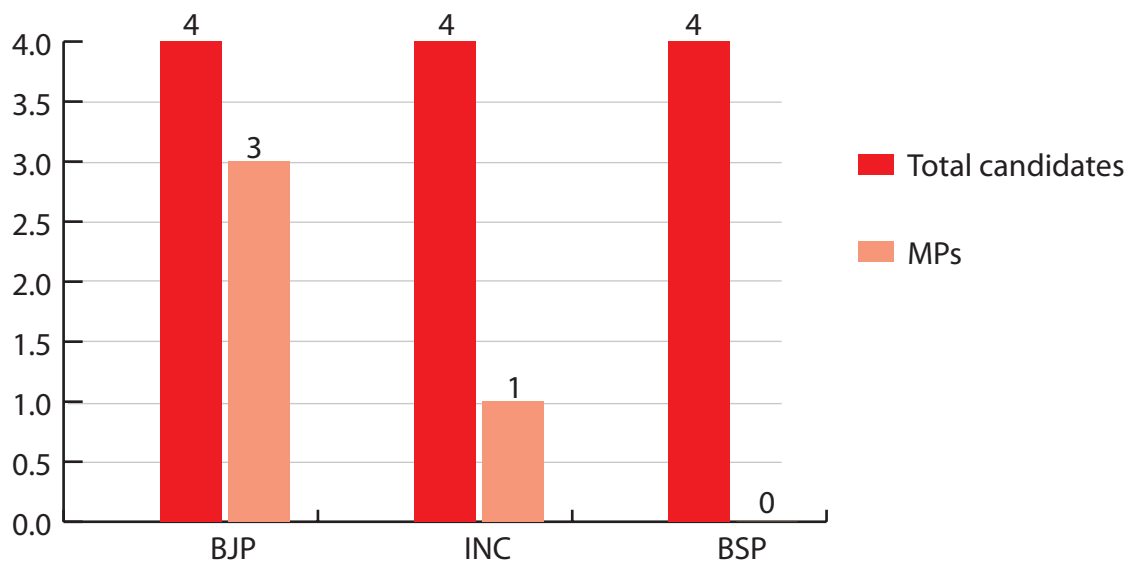
Candidates vs MPs

Himachal Pradesh has 4 parliamentary constituencies. Maximum numbers of MPs (3) are from BJP and 1 MP is of INC. The breakup of MPs as compared to total candidates from the party is given below:

Table: Candidates & MP

Party	Total Candidates	MPs
BJP	4	3
INC	4	1
BSP	4	0
IND	9	0
Others	10	0
Total	31	4

Figure: Candidates vs. MPs : Party wise



Analysis based on pending criminal cases

Pending criminal cases- analysis for candidates and MPs

A total of 30 affidavits were analyzed by Himachal Pradesh Election Watch for Lok Sabha 2009 elections. Out of these 30 candidates, 1 candidate or 3.33% declared pending criminal cases against him. This CPM candidate contested election from Mandi constituency and lost. Currently there are no pending criminal cases against any MP from Himachal Pradesh.

Analysis based on assets

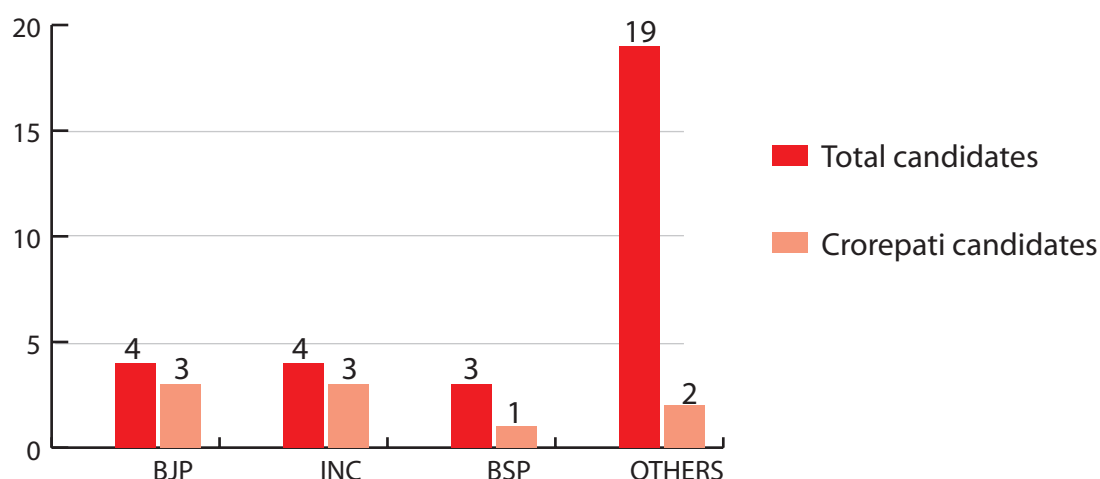
Analysis based on assets – for candidates

Out of the information available for 30 candidates, it was observed that 9 candidates were crorepatis.

Table: Crorepati candidates: Party-wise break up

Party	Total candidates analyzed	Crorepati candidates	Percent
BJP	4	3	75%
INC	4	3	75%
BSP	3	1	33%
OTHERS	19	2	11%
Total	30	9	30%

Figure: Crorepati candidates from major parties



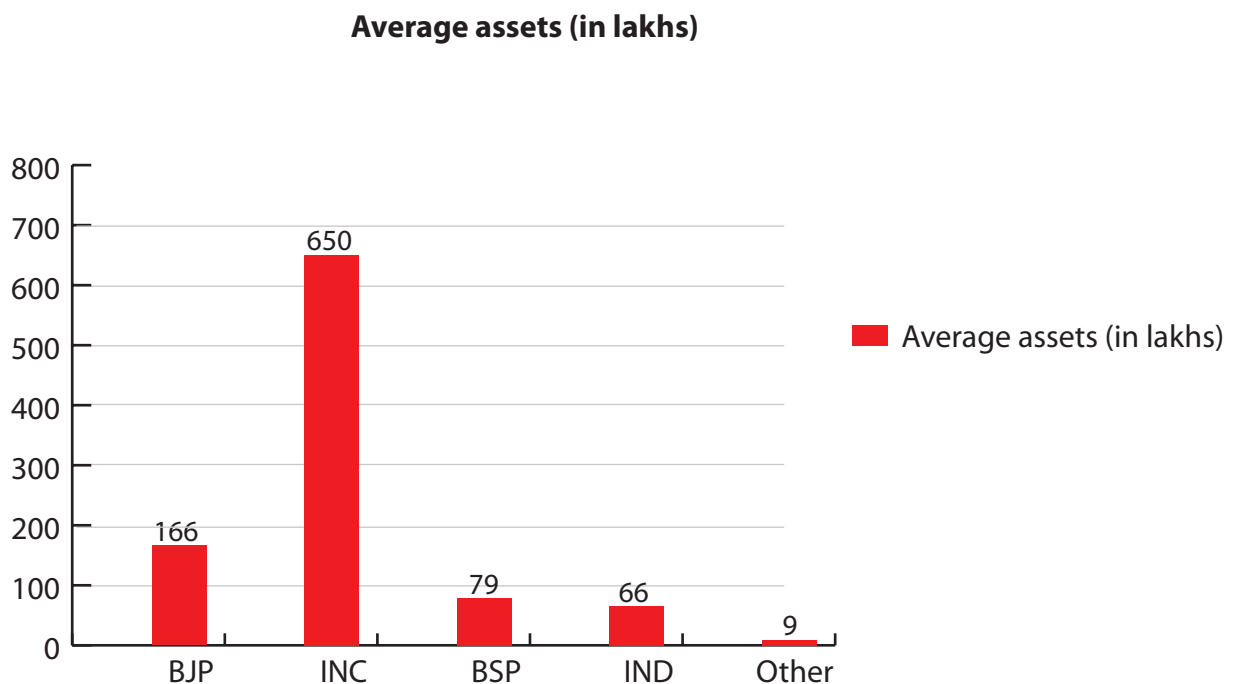
Average assets for Candidates

Average assets for candidates of BJP and INC were approximately about Rs. 1.65 crores and Rs. 6.50 crores respectively. Detailed list is given below:

Table: Average assets for candidates Party wise

Party	Average Assets	Candidate Count
BJP	Rs 1,65,97,741 ~ 1 Cror+	4
INC	Rs 6,50,75,248 ~ 6 Cror+	4
BSP	Rs 79,04,833 ~ 79 Lacs+	3
IND	Rs 66,88,518 ~ 66 Lacs+	9
Others	Rs 56,35,977 ~ 56 Lacs+	9

Figure: Average assets (in lakhs) for candidates of major parties.



Crorepati candidates

Given below is the list of crorepati candidates who contested Lok Sabha 2009 elections from Himachal Pradesh:

Table: Crorepati Candidates in Himachal Pradesh

S No	Name	Constitu- ency	Party	Movable As- sets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given	Won/ Lost
1	VIRBHADRA SINGH	Mandi	INC	3,77,78,748	18,74,50,000	22,52,28,748 22 Cror+	Y	Won
2	DR. RAJENDER SHARMA	Hamirpur	IND	11,24,374	4,69,00,000	4,80,24,374 4 Cror+	Y	Lost
3	KESHAB	Kangra	LJP	2,84,41,500	1,39,50,000	4,23,91,500 4 Cror+	Y	Lost
4	MAHESHWAR SINGH	Mandi	BJP	85,81,060	1,92,00,000	2,77,81,060 2 Cror+	Y	Lost
5	ANURAG SINGH THAKUR	Hamirpur	BJP	91,14,356	1,50,35,747	2,41,50,103 2 Cror+	Y	Won
6	SOM NATH	Shimla	BSP	4,70,000	1,86,00,000	1,90,70,000 1 Cror+	Y	Lost
7	DHANI RAM SHANDIL	Shimla	INC	65,55,300	1,03,30,000	1,68,85,300 1 Cror+	Y	Lost
8	CHANDER KUMAR	Kangra	INC	13,56,433	97,15,509	1,10,71,942 1 Cror+	Y	Lost
9	DR. RAJAN SUSHANT	Kangra	BJP	13,90,873	96,34,000	1,10,24,873 1 Cror+	Y	Won

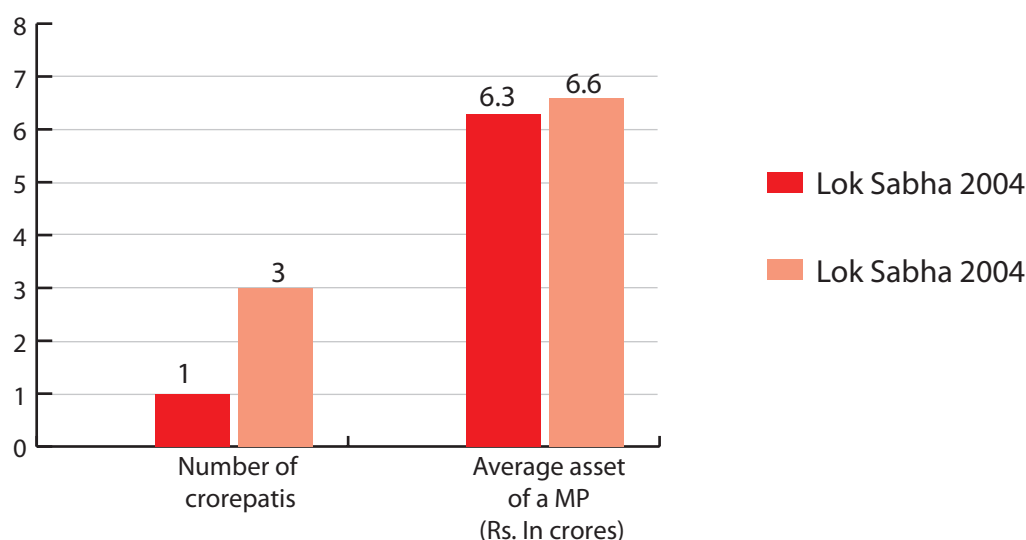
Analysis based on assets- for MPs

Out of the 4 MPs in Lok Sabha 2009, 3 are crorepatis as compared to 1 crorepati MP from Lok Sabha 2004, i.e. an increase of 200%. The average asset of a MP in Lok Sabha 2004 was Rs 6.3 crores which rose to Rs 6.6 crores in Lok Sabha 2009. Between Lok Sabha 2004 & Lok Sabha 2009 there has been an average asset increase of 5 % for MPs.

Table: Comparison 2004 & 2009 based on assets

	In Lok Sabha 2004	In Lok Sabha 2009	Increase	% Increase
Number of crorepatis	1	3	2	200%
Average asset of a MP (Rs. In crores)	6.3	6.6	0.3	5%

Figure: Comparison 2004 & 2009 based on assets



Chances of winning based on assets

The table below reflects that 3 winning candidates (75 % of total MPs) have been those having total assets worth 50 lakhs or more. This clearly shows that chances of winning and total assets of a candidate are directly proportional to each other.

Table: Chances of winning based on assets

Value of assets	No of candidates	No of MPs	% of MPs
Very high (5 cr and above)	1	1	100%
High (50 lakhs to 5 cr)	9	2	22%
Medium (50 lakhs to 10 lakhs)	12	1	8%
Low (less than 10 lakhs)	8	0	0%

Crorepati MPs- Party wise break up

67% MPs from BJP and 100% MPs from INC are crorepatis.

Table: Crorepati MPs- Party wise break up

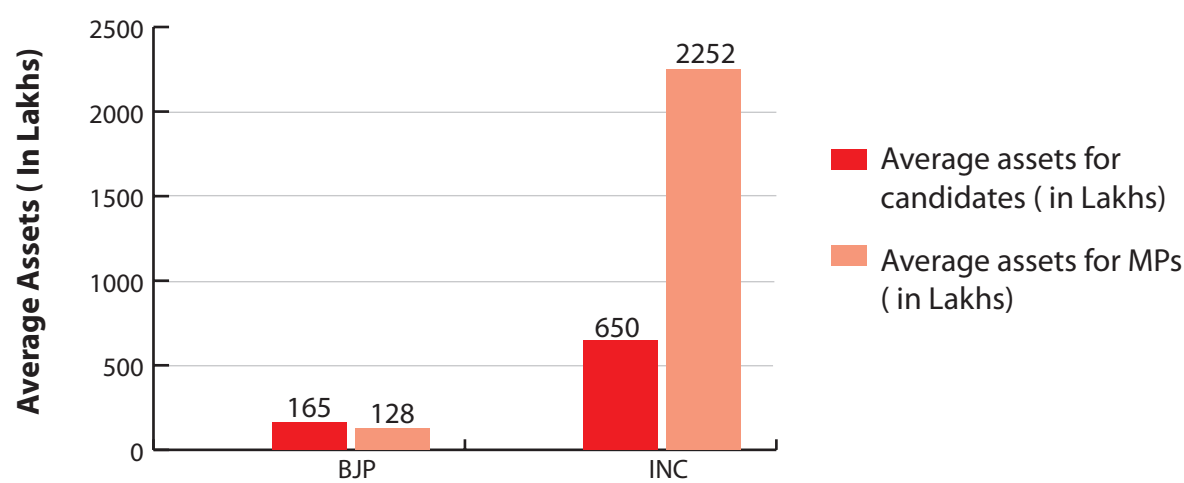
Party	Total Candidates	Total crorepati candidates	Total MPs	Total crorepati MPs	% of crorepati MPs
BJP	4	3	3	2	67%
INC	4	3	1	1	100%
Grand Total	8	6	4	3	75%

Average assets per MP for major parties

The average asset for MP of BJP was Rs. 1.28 crore and for MP of INC was Rs. 22.5 crores.

Table: Average assets for MPs

Party	No of candidates	Average assets for candi- dates	No of MPs	Average assets for MPs
BJP	4	Rs 1,65,97,741 ~ 1 Cror+	3	Rs 1,28,69,968 ~ 1 Cror+
INC	4	Rs 6,50,75,248 ~ 6 Cror+	1	Rs 22,52,28,748 ~ 22 Cror+



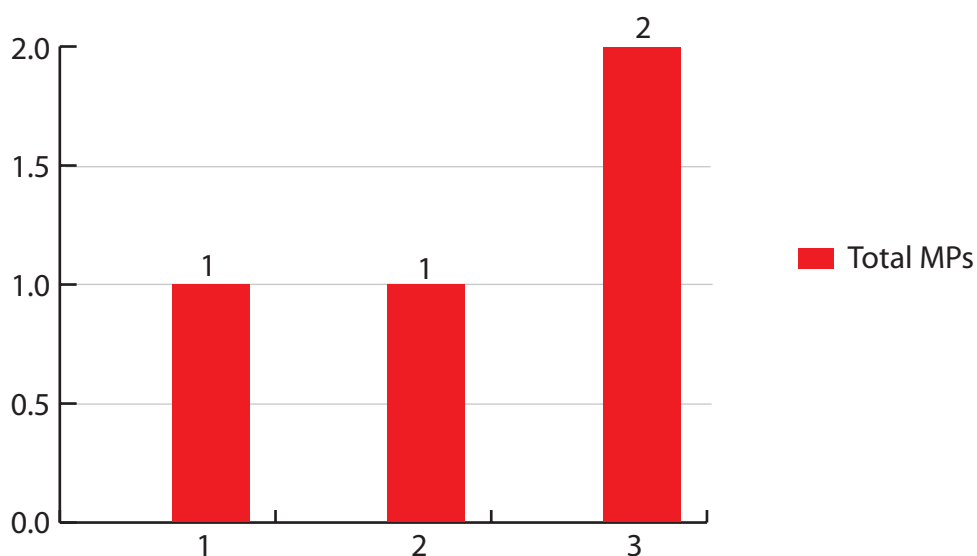
Asset position in constituency among candidates and chances of winning

The following table gives an analysis of asset position in constituency among candidates (highest asset to lowest asset) and their chances of winning. From all the 4 constituencies, candidates holding top 3 positions with highest declared assets according to their own self sworn affidavits emerged as MPs. This reflects that money power influences the chances of winning to a great extent.

Table: Position in constituency based on assets and MPs

Position in constituency based on assets	Total MPs	% of MPs
1	1	25%
2	1	25%
3	2	50%
Grand Total	4	100%

Figure: Asset position in constituency among candidates and MPs



Asset details of Crorepati MPs

The table below provides details of Crorepati MPs from Himachal Pradesh:

Table: Asset details of MPs in Himachal Pradesh

S. No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
1	VIRBHADRA SINGH	Mandi	INC	3,77,78,748	18,74,50,000	22,52,28,748 22 Cror+	Y
2	ANURAG SINGH THAKUR	Hamirpur	BJP	91,14,356	1,50,35,747	2,41,50,103 2 Cror+	Y
3	DR. RAJAN SUSHANT	Kangra	BJP	13,90,873	96,34,000	1,10,24,873 1 Cror+	Y

Female representation in Lok Sabha 2009 elections

Out of 31 candidates, only 1 (3%) woman contested the elections and lost. None of the major parties had female representation for any of the 4 constituencies in Himachal Pradesh.

Asset details of all MPs

Asset details for all the MPs from Himachal Pradesh in Lok Sabha 2009

S. No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Total Assets (Rs)	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Liabilities (Rs.)	PAN Given
1	VIRBHADRA SINGH	Mandi	INC	22,52,28,748 22 Cror+	3,77,78,748 3 Cror+	18,74,50,000 18 Cror+	7,76,754 7 Lacs+	Y
2	ANURAG SINGH THAKUR	Hamirpur	BJP	2,41,50,103 2 Cror+	91,14,356 91 Lacs+	1,50,35,747 1 Cror+	25,04,550 25 Lacs+	Y
3	DR. RAJAN SUSHANT	Kangra	BJP	1,10,24,873 1 Cror+	13,90,873 13 Lacs+	96,34,000 96 Lacs+	24,88,285 24 Lacs+	Y
4	VIRENDER KASHYAP	Shimla	BJP	34,34,928 34 Lacs+	5,55,552 5 Lacs+	28,79,376 28 Lacs+	0.00	Y