

Press Release

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## **Analysis of Criminal and Financial Background of Candidates from Tripura for Lok Sabha 2014 – Phase 1**

### **Executive Summary**

Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Tripura Election Watch (TEW) have analyzed the self-sworn affidavits of all 13 candidates from Tripura West Constituency (as given by the ECI) who are contesting in the First Phase of Lok Sabha 2014 elections from Tripura.

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## Criminal Background

- **Candidates with Criminal Cases:** Out of the 13 candidates analysed, **3 candidates (or 23%)** have declared criminal cases against them. They are independent candidate Mr. Subal Bhowmik, Mr. Binay Debbarma from Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura and Mr. Sankar Prasad Datta from CPI(M).
- **Candidates with Serious Criminal Cases:** Out of the 3 candidates who have declared criminal cases, **Mr. Subal Bhowmik has declared serious criminal case** with charges of **attempt to murder**.

### Criteria for serious criminal cases

1. Offence for which maximum punishment is of 5 years or more.
2. If an offence is non-bailable
3. If it is an electoral offence (IPC 171E or bribery)
4. Offence related to loss to exchequer
5. Offences that are assault, murder, kidnap, rape related
6. Offences that are mentioned in Representation of the People Act (Section 8)
7. Offences under Prevention of Corruption Act
8. Crimes against women.

## Financial Background

- **Crorepati Candidates:** Out of the **13** candidates analysed, **3 (23%)** are crorepaties. They are **Salil Saha of AAP** (total assets of Rs. 4.11 crores), **Arunoday Saha of INC (Rs. 3.38 crores)** and **Pjech Debbarma (Rs. 1.50 crores)**, who is an independent candidate.
- **Average Assets:** The average asset per candidate contesting in the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of 2014 Tripura Lok Sabha Elections is **Rs. 91.97 Lakhs**.
- **Party-wise Assets:** Among major parties, the asset per candidate for **CPI(M)** is **Rs. 13.20 Lakhs**, for **CPI(ML)** is **Rs. 55.40 Lakhs**, for **AITC** is **Rs. 33.14 Lakhs**, for **AAP** is **Rs. 4.11 crores**, **BJP** is **Rs. 23.85 Lakhs** and for **INC**, it is **Rs. 3.38 crores**.
- **Candidates who have declared liabilities:** A total of **4** candidates out of 13 analyzed have declared liabilities in their affidavits.
- **Candidates who have not declared ITR:** **9 (69%)** out of 13 candidates have not declared their Income Tax Returns  
*\*Some candidates may be exempted from filing Income Tax Returns*
- **High Income Candidates:** **4** Candidates out of 13 analyzed have declared their Income in their Income Tax returns. The highest income\* is that of **Arunoday Saha of INC** who declared an income of **Rs. 23.38 Lakhs** followed by **Salil Saha of AAP** who declared an income of **Rs. 14.84 Lakhs**.  
*\*Some candidates may be exempted from filing Income Tax Returns. Total income including that of spouse and dependents*
- **Undeclared PAN:** **2 (15%)** out of 13 candidates analysed have not declared their PAN details. They are **Partha Karmakar of CPI(ML)** and **Joganati Datta** who is an independent candidate.

## Other Background details (Education, Gender, Age)

- Candidates Education**

Education Group	Number of Candidates
8th Pass	1
10th Pass	2
Graduate	4
Graduate Professional	2
Post Graduate	3
Doctorate	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

- Candidates' Age**

Age Group	Number of Candidates
31-40	1
41-50	2
51-60	5
61-70	4
71-80	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

- Women Candidates**

Men	12
Women	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

## Analysis based on declared criminal cases

### Party-wise break up of candidates with declared criminal cases

Party Name	Total number of candidates analyzed	candidates with declared Criminal Cases	% of candidates with declared criminal cases	candidates with serious declared criminal cases	% of candidates with serious declared criminal cases
Indigenous Peoples Front Of Tripura	1	1	100%	0	0%
CPI(M)	1	1	100%	0	0%
IND	4	1	25%	1	25%
Others	7	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8%</b>

Table: Party-wise break up of candidates with declared criminal cases

### Full Details of Candidates with Criminal Cases

S.No.	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
1	<p><b>Name:</b>Subal Bhowmik  <b>State:</b>TRIPURA  <b>Constituency:</b>TRIPURA WEST  <b>Party:</b>IND  <b>Total Cases:</b>1  <b>Serious IPC:</b>4  <b>Other IPC:</b>3  <b>Cases (Accused)</b></p> <p>1. IPC Sections - 148, 149, 333, 325, 326, 307, 427 , Other Details - U/S. 25/27 of Arms Act, J.M. 1st Class Court No.7, Agartala, Cognizence Taken On 16-02-2012 at Present Pending Before the Addl. Distt. Judge Court No.2, Agratala, West Tripura</p> <p><b>Cases (Charges framed)</b> -----No Cases----<b>Cases (Convicted)</b>-----No Cases----</p>	<p>1 charge related to Voluntarily causing grievous hurt to deter public servant from his duty (IPC Section-333)  1 charge related to voluntarily causing grievous hurt (IPC Section-325)  1 charge related to Voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means (IPC Section-326)  1 charge related to Attempt to murder (IPC Section-307)  1 charge related to Rioting, armed with deadly weapon (IPC Section-148)  1 charge related to Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object (IPC Section-149)  1 charge related to Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees (IPC Section-427)</p>
2	<p><b>Name:</b>Binay Debbarma <b>State:</b>TRIPURA<b>Constituency:</b>TRIPURA WEST  <b>Party:</b>Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura <b>Total Cases:</b>1  <b>Serious IPC:</b>0 <b>Other IPC:</b>3  <b>Cases (Accused)</b> -----No Cases----  <b>Cases (Charges framed)</b></p> <p>1. IPC Sections - 218, 471, 465 , Other Details - U/S 120-B/121/124-A &amp; U/S 10/13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act., Birganj P.S Case No.-23/01, SDJM Amarpur, Date-07/04/2002, Vide Birganj, P.S.G.D Entry No.-668, Date-24/09/2001, Amarpur, South Tripura, Acquitted By The Additional Session Judge, South Tripura but Appeal Preferred By The State Government and Now Pending in The High Court of Tripura</p>	<p>1 charge related to Public servant framing incorrect record or writing with intent to save person from punishment or property from forfeiture (IPC Section-218)  1 charge related to Using as genuine a forged document or electronic record (IPC Section-471)  1 charge related to forgery (IPC Section-465)</p>

S.No.	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
	<b>Cases (Convicted)</b> -----No Cases----	
3	<b>Name:</b> Sankar Prasad Datta <b>State:</b> TRIPURA <b>Constituency:</b> TRIPURA WEST <b>Party:</b> CPI(M) <b>Total Cases:</b> 1 <b>Serious IPC:</b> 0 <b>Other IPC:</b> 2 <b>Cases (Accused)</b> -----No Cases---- <b>Cases (Charges framed)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IPC Sections - 448,353 , Other Details - FIR No.206/2012, Case No.PRC 1074/2012, 251 Cr.P.C. Act, P.S.East Agartala, Dist.West Tripura, State Tripura, Cognizance was taken on 23/2/2013 in the Court of Ld.Chief Judicial Magistrate, West Tripura, Agartala, No formal charge has been framed against me instead I have been examined u/s 251 of Criminal Procedure Code in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Court No.6, Agartala, West Tripura, Code on 5/10/2013</li> </ol>	1 charge related to house-trespass (IPC Section-448) 1 charge related to Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty (IPC Section-353)
	<b>Cases (Convicted)</b> -----No Cases----	

**Table: Full Details of Candidates with Criminal Cases**

## Analysis Based on Financial Background of Candidates

### Candidates with Liabilities

S.No.	Name	Constituency	Party Name	Total Assets(Rs)	Liabilities (Rs)	PAN Given
1	Salil Saha	Tripura West	AAP	4,11,53,192 4 Crore+	19,73,987 19 Lacs+	Y
2	Kamal Kanti Debnath	Tripura West	IND	25,69,416 25 Lacs+	4,14,150 4 Lacs+	Y
3	Arun Kumar Bhowmik	Tripura West	SUCI(C)	24,43,828 24 Lacs+	1,45,939* 1 Lacs+	Y
4	Pjech Debbarma	Tripura West	IND	1,50,85,500 1 Crore+	10,373 10 Thou+	Y

Table: Candidates with Liabilities

### Candidates who have declared Income in their ITR

S.No.	Name	Party Name	Constituency	Total Assets	The financial year for which the last income tax return has been filed by candidate	Total income shown by candidate in ITR (Self+Spouse+Dependent)	Self income shown by candidate in ITR
1	Arunoday Saha	INC	Tripura West	3,38,92,463 3 Crore+	2013-2014	23,38,861 23 Lacs+	23,38,861 23 Lacs+
2	Salil Saha	AAP	Tripura West	4,11,53,192 4 Crore+	2012-2013	14,84,754 14 Lacs+	8,16,578 8 Lacs+
3	Subal Bhowmik	IND	Tripura West	46,20,411 46 Lacs+	2012-2013	5,17,250 5 Lacs+	3,19,700 3 Lacs+
4	Kamal Kanti Debnath	IND	Tripura West	25,69,416 25 Lacs+	2009-2010	1,69,740 1 Lacs+	1,69,740 1 Lacs+

Table: Candidates who have declared Income in their ITR

### Candidates who have not declared their ITR

S.No.	Name	Constituency	Party Name	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
1	Pjech Debbarma	Tripura West	IND	10,85,500	1,40,00,000	1,50,85,500 1 Crore+	Y
2	Rakhal Raj Datta	Tripura West	Amra Bangalee	2,49,960	63,00,000	65,49,960 65 Lacs+	Y
3	Partha Karmakar	Tripura West	CPI(ML)L	3,95,194	51,45,000	55,40,194 55 Lacs+	N
4	Ratan Chakraborti	Tripura West	AITC	15,14,729	18,00,000	33,14,729 33 Lacs+	Y
5	Arun Kumar Bhowmik	Tripura West	SUCI(C)	14,43,828	10,00,000	24,43,828 24 Lacs+	Y
6	Sudhindra Chandra Dasgupta	Tripura West	BJP	4,85,517	19,00,000*	23,85,517 23 Lacs+	Y
7	Sankar Prasad Datta	Tripura West	CPI(M)	9,95,900	3,25,000	13,20,900 13 Lacs+	Y
8	Binay Debbarma	Tripura West	Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura	20,000	5,00,000	5,20,000 5 Lacs+	Y
9	Joganati Datta	Tripura West	IND	1,35,000	30,000	1,65,000 1 Lacs+	N

Table: Candidates who have not declared their ITR

Data in this Kit is presented in good faith, with an intention to inform voters. Candidates' affidavits obtained from the ECI website ([www.eci.nic.in](http://www.eci.nic.in)) with nomination papers is the source of this analysis. Website:- [www.adrindia.org](http://www.adrindia.org), [www.myneta.info](http://www.myneta.info)

### Full Asset Details of Candidates

S.No.	Name	Constituency	Party Name	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
1	Salil Saha	Tripura West	AAP	1,25,03,192	2,86,50,000	4,11,53,192 4 Crore+	Y
2	Arunoday Saha	Tripura West	INC	93,92,463	2,45,00,000	3,38,92,463 3 Crore+	Y
3	Pjech Debbarma	Tripura West	IND	10,85,500	1,40,00,000	1,50,85,500 1 Crore+	Y
4	Rakhal Raj Datta	Tripura West	Amra Bangalee	2,49,960	63,00,000	65,49,960 65 Lacs+	Y
5	Partha Karmakar	Tripura West	CPI(ML)L	3,95,194	51,45,000	55,40,194 55 Lacs+	N
6	Subal Bhowmik	Tripura West	IND	8,20,411	38,00,000	46,20,411 46 Lacs+	Y
7	Ratan Chakraborti	Tripura West	AITC	15,14,729	18,00,000	33,14,729 33 Lacs+	Y
8	Kamal Kanti Debnath	Tripura West	IND	6,69,416	19,00,000	25,69,416 25 Lacs+	Y
9	Arun Kumar Bhowmik	Tripura West	SUCI(C)	14,43,828	10,00,000	24,43,828 24 Lacs+	Y
10	Sudhindra Chandra Dasgupta	Tripura West	BJP	4,85,517	19,00,000*	23,85,517 23 Lacs+	Y
11	Sankar Prasad Datta	Tripura West	CPI(M)	9,95,900	3,25,000	13,20,900 13 Lacs+	Y
12	Binay Debbarma	Tripura West	Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura	20,000	5,00,000	5,20,000 5 Lacs+	Y
13	Joganati Datta	Tripura West	IND	1,35,000	30,000	1,65,000 1 Lacs+	N

Table: Full asset details of candidates

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(Example: MYNETA PINCODE)

or

**MYNETA <Constituency name>**

(Example: MYNETA TRIPURA WEST)

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**Sample response: Sample response:** Candidates for TRIPURA WEST, (1) Sankar Prasad

Datta, CPM: Criminal Cases-1, Asset Rs 13.20 Lakhs, Liability: Rs 0, Edu: Post Graduate.

(2) Arunoday Saha, INC: Criminal Cases-0, Asset Rs 3.38 Crores, Liability: Rs 0, Edu: Doctorate

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**Step 2→**

Reply with **option 4 (“Know Your Neta”)**

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Reply with **PINCODE (or Constituency name)**

**Step 4→**

Reply with **option 1 (for Candidate 1)**

**Or**

Reply with **option 2 (for Candidate 2)**

**Or**

Reply with **option 3 (for Candidate 3)**

**Sample response:**

SANKAR PRASAD DATTA (CPM)

Criminal Cases: Yes

Assets: 13.20 Lakhs

Education: Post Graduate

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Dial Toll-free no: **1-800-110-440**

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