

Press Release

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Analysis of Criminal, Financial and Other Background Details of Candidates Contesting from Tripura for Lok Sabha 2014

Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Tripura Election Watch (TREW) have analyzed the self-sworn affidavits of all 25 candidates (as given by the ECI) who are contesting the Lok Sabha 2014 elections from Tripura.

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Executive Summary

Criminal Background

- **Candidates with Criminal Cases:** Out of all 25 candidates analysed, **3 candidates (12%)** have declared criminal cases against themselves.
- **Candidates with Serious Criminal Cases:** Out of 25 candidates, **1 candidate** namely **Subal Bhowmik** an Independent candidate from **Tripura West** constituency has declared 4 serious IPC Counts including charges related to **attempt to murder, voluntarily causing grievous hurt** etc
- **Party wise Candidates with Criminal Cases:** **1 (50%)** out of **2** candidates fielded by **CPI(M)**, **1 (50%)** out of **2** candidates from **Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura**, and **1 (14%)** of **7 Independent** candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves in their affidavits.

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 all 25 candidates, **6 (24%)** are crorepatis.
- **Party-wise Crorepati Candidates:** Both the candidates from **INC**, **1(50%)** out of 2 candidates each from **CPI(M)**, **AAP** and **Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura**, and **1(14%)** of **7 Independent** candidates have declared assets worth more than Rs. 1 crore.
- **Average Assets:** The average assets per candidate contesting in the 2014 Lok Sabha Elections from Tripura is **Rs.73.77 Lacs**.
- **Party-wise Average Assets:** Among major parties, the average assets for 2 **INC** candidates is **Rs 3.12 crores**, 2 **AAP** candidates have an average assets of **Rs.2.47 crores**, 2 **CPI(M)** candidates have average assets of **Rs. 63.21 Lacs** , 2 **Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura** candidates have average assets of **Rs. 59.42 Lacs** while 2 **Amra Bangalee** candidates have average assets of **Rs. 32.78 Lacs**.
- **High Asset Candidates:** **9** candidates have declared more than **Rs. 50 Lacs worth of assets** out of which **6 are crorepatis**. Total Assets includes Self Assets and Others Assets. The top three candidates with highest assets are given below:

S.No.	Name	Constituency	Party Name	Total Assets (Rs)
1	Salil Saha	Tripura West	AAP	4,11,53,192 4 Crore+
2	Arunoday Saha	Tripura West	INC	3,38,92,463 3 Crore+
3	Sachintra Debbarma	Tripura East	INC	2,85,60,336 2 Crore+

- **Low Asset Candidates:** Out of the 25 contesting candidates, a total of **6** candidates have declared assets **less than Rs.5 Lakh**. The three candidates with lowest assets are as follows:

S.No.	Name	Constituency	Party Name	Total Assets (Rs)
1	Falguni Tripura	Tripura East	CPI(ML)L	3,500 3 Thou+
2	Subarnamala Deb Barma	Tripura East	Amra Bangalee	7,485 7 Thou+
3	Miss Patal Kanya Jamatia	Tripura East	IND	30,000 30 Thou+

- **Candidates who have not given value for Immovable Assets:** **6** candidates have not given value for atleast one immovable asset declared in their affidavits.
- **Candidates who have dues to Government Departments:** **1** candidate has declared that he has dues to Government Departments.
- **Candidates with Liabilities:** A total of **8** candidates out of the 25 contesting candidates analyzed have declared liabilities. **Jitendra Choudhury** of CPI(M) from Tripura East constituency has declared liabilities worth **Rs. 20.30 Lacs** followed by **Salil Saha** of AAP from Tripura West constituency with liabilities worth **Rs. 19.73 Lacs** and **Bikash Debbarma** of **Jai Maha Bharath Party** from Tripura East constituency with liabilities worth **Rs. 19 Lacs**.
- **Candidates with High Income:** **4** out of the 25 candidates have declared total annual Income. **Arunoday Saha** of INC from Tripura West constituency has declared the highest total income of Rs. 23.38 Lakhs followed by **Salil Saha** of AAP from Tripura West constituency with Rs. 14.84 Lakhs, followed by **Subal Bhowmik** an Independent candidate from Tripura West constituency with Rs. 5.17 Lakhs of total income and **Kamal Kanti Debnath** an Independent candidate from Tripura West constituency with Rs. 1.69 Lacs. *Total income includes income of self, spouse and dependants
- **Candidates who have not declared Income Tax Details*:** **21 (84%)** candidates out of the 25 contesting candidates analyzed have not declared income tax edtails. * Some candidates may be exempted from filing Income Tax Returns
- **Candidates with High Assets who have not declared Income Tax Details:** **4** candidates with assets worth more than Rs. 1 crore, have not declared Income Tax Details.
- **Undeclared PAN:** **9(36%)** out of the 25 contesting candidates analyzed have not declared their PAN details.

Other Background details (Education, Gender, Age)

- **Candidates Education**

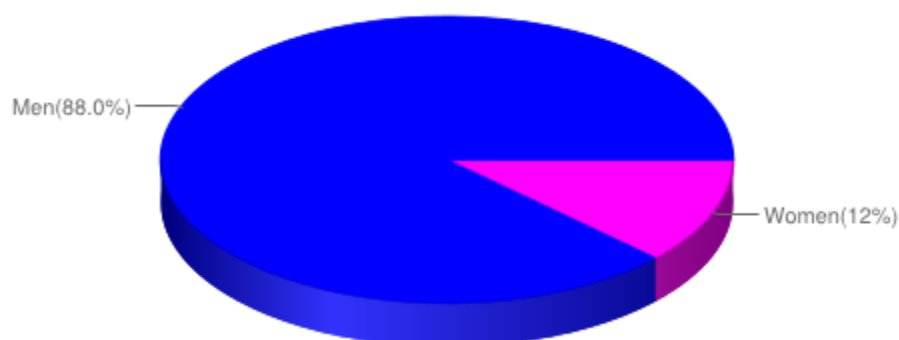
Education Group	Number of Candidates analyzed
8th Pass	2
10th Pass	7
12th Pass	3
Graduate	5
Graduate Professional	3
Post Graduate	4
Doctorate	1
Total	25

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- **Candidates' Age**

Age Group	Number of Candidates Analyzed
31-40	3
41-50	5
51-60	9
61-70	6
71-80	2
Total	25

- **Women Candidates**



Men	22
Women	3
Total	25

Detailed Analysis based on declared criminal cases

Out of the 25 contesting candidates analysed, **3 candidates (or 12%)** has declared criminal cases against themselves.

Party-wise Candidates with 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
CPI(M)	2	1	50%	0	0%
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FRONT OF TRIPURA	2	1	50 %	0	0 %
IND	7	1	14.3 %	1	14 %
Others	14	0	0%	0	0%
Total	25	3	12%	1	4%

Table: Criminal cases declared by candidates-Party wise

Detailed Analysis Based on Financial Background of Candidates

Party – wise Crorepati Candidates

Party Name	Number of Candidates Analyzed	No of Crorepatis	Percentage of Crorepati Candidates
INC	2	2	100%
CPI(M)	2	1	50%
AAP	2	1	50%
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FRONT OF TRIPURA	2	1	50%
IND	7	1	14%
OTHER	10	0	0%
Total	25	6	24%

Table: Party – wise Crorepati Candidates

Party-wise Average Assets

Party Name	Number of Candidates Analyzed	Average Assets
INC	2	Rs 3,12,26,400 ~ 3 Crore+
AAP	2	Rs 2,47,81,596 ~ 2 Crore+
CPI(M)	2	Rs 63,21,940 ~ 63 Lacs+
Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura	2	Rs 59,42,750 ~ 59 Lacs+
Amra Bangalee	2	Rs 32,78,723 ~ 32 Lacs+
CPI(ML)L	2	Rs 27,71,847 ~ 27 Lacs+
AITC	2	Rs 22,23,807 ~ 22 Lacs+

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BJP	2	Rs 18,83,759 ~ 18 Lacs+
SUCI(C)	1	Rs 24,43,828 ~ 24 Lacs+
Jai Maha Bharath Party	1	Rs 3,50,000 ~ 3 Lacs+
IND	7	Rs 35,40,562 ~ 35 Lacs+
All Parties	25	Rs 73,77,576 73 Lacs+

Table: Party-wise Average Assets

Candidates with Liabilities

S.No.	Name	Constituency	Party Name	Total Assets(Rs)	Liabilities (Rs)
1	Jitendra Choudhury	Tripura East	CPI(M)	1,13,22,979 1 Crore+	20,30,773 20 Lacs+
2	Salil Saha	Tripura West	AAP	4,11,53,192 4 Crore+	19,73,987 19 Lacs+
3	Sri Bikash Debbarma	Tripura East	Jai Maha Bharath Party	3,50,000 3 Lacs+	19,00,000* 19 Lacs+
4	Kamal Kanti Debnath	Tripura West	IND	25,69,416 25 Lacs+	4,14,150 4 Lacs+
5	Arun Kumar Bhowmik	Tripura West	SUCI(C)	24,43,828 24 Lacs+	1,45,939* 1 Lacs+
6	Bhriquram Reang	Tripura East	AITC	11,32,884 11 Lacs+	31,473 31 Thou+
7	Shri Parikshit Debbarma	Tripura East	BJP	13,82,000 13 Lacs+	30,900 30 Thou+
8	Pjech Debbarma	Tripura West	IND	1,50,85,500 1 Crore+	10,373 10 Thou+

Table: Candidates with Liabilities

Candidates who have declared an Income

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 an Income

Candidate with Dues to Government Departments

S.No.	Candidate Name	Party Name	Constituency	Dues to departments dealing with supply of electricity	Total Governmental Dues
1	Shri Parikshit Debbarma	BJP	Tripura East	900 9 Hund+	900 9 Hund+

Table: Candidate with Dues to Government Departments

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	Sachintra Debbarma	Tripura East	INC	60,336	2,85,00,000	2,85,60,336 2 Crore+	Y
4	Pjech Debbarma	Tripura West	IND	10,85,500	1,40,00,000	1,50,85,500 1 Crore+	Y
5	Narendra Chandra Deb Barma	Tripura East	Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura	65,500	1,13,00,000	1,13,65,500 1 Crore+	Y
6	Jitendra Choudhury	Tripura East	CPI(M)	41,76,879	71,46,100	1,13,22,979 1 Crore+	Y
7	Sri Karna Bijoy Jamatia	Tripura East	AAP	4,10,000	80,00,000	84,10,000 84 Lacs+	Y
8	Rakhal Raj Datta	Tripura West	Amra Bangalee	2,49,960	63,00,000	65,49,960 65 Lacs+	Y
9	Partha Karmakar	Tripura West	CPI(ML)L	3,95,194	51,45,000	55,40,194 55 Lacs+	N
10	Subal Bhowmik	Tripura West	IND	8,20,411	38,00,000	46,20,411 46 Lacs+	Y
11	Ratan Chakraborti	Tripura West	AITC	15,14,729	18,00,000	33,14,729 33 Lacs+	Y
12	Kamal Kanti Debnath	Tripura West	IND	6,69,416	19,00,000	25,69,416 25 Lacs+	Y
13	Arun Kumar Bhowmik	Tripura West	SUCI(C)	14,43,828	10,00,000	24,43,828 24 Lacs+	Y
14	Sudhindra Chandra Dasgupta	Tripura West	BJP	4,85,517	19,00,000*	23,85,517 23 Lacs+	Y
15	Basu Mog	Tripura East	IND	1,11,085	18,00,000	19,11,085 19 Lacs+	N
16	Shri Parikshit Debbarma	Tripura East	BJP	9,82,000	4,00,000*	13,82,000 13 Lacs+	N
17	Sankar Prasad Datta	Tripura West	CPI(M)	9,95,900	3,25,000	13,20,900 13 Lacs+	Y
18	Bhriguram Reang	Tripura East	AITC	5,32,884	6,00,000	11,32,884 11 Lacs+	N
19	Binay Debbarma	Tripura West	Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura	20,000	5,00,000	5,20,000 5 Lacs+	Y
20	Prabiddha Reang	Tripura East	IND	2,519	4,00,000	4,02,519	N

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						4 Lacs+	
21	Sri Bikash Debbarma	Tripura East	Jai Maha Bharath Party	3,00,000	50,000	3,50,000 3 Lacs+	Y
22	Joganati Datta	Tripura West	IND	1,35,000	30,000	1,65,000 1 Lacs+	N
23	Miss Patal Kanya Jamatia	Tripura East	IND	30,000	0	30,000 30 Thou+	N
24	Subarnamala Deb Barma	Tripura East	Amra Bangalee	7,485	0	7,485 7 Thou+	N
25	Falguni Tripura	Tripura East	CPI(ML)L	3,500	0	3,500 3 Thou+	N

Table: Full Asset Details of Candidates

* on assets value indicates that the candidate has not provided the total in their affidavits, it has been calculated on the basis of details provided by them in the same

Full Details of Criminal Cases Declared by Candidates

S.No.	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
1	Name: Subal Bhowmik State: TRIPURA Constituency: TRIPURA WEST Party: IND Total Cases: 1 Serious IPC: 4 Other IPC: 3 Cases (Accused) 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, Cognizance Taken On 16-02-2012 at Present Pending Before the Addl. Distt. Judge Court No.2, Agratala, West Tripura Cases (Charges framed) -----No Cases---- Cases (Convicted)-----No Cases----	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)
2	Name: Sankar Prasad Datta State: TRIPURA Constituency: TRIPURA WEST Party: CPI(M) Total Cases: 1 Serious IPC: 0 Other IPC: 2 Cases (Accused) -----No Cases---- Cases (Charges framed) 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 Cases (Convicted)-----No Cases----	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)
3	Name: Binay Debbarma State: TRIPURA Constituency: TRIPURA WEST Party: Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura Total Cases: 1 Serious IPC: 0 Other IPC: 3 Cases (Accused) -----No Cases---- Cases (Charges framed) 1. IPC Sections - 218, 471, 465 , Other Details - U/S 120-B/121/124-A & U/S 10/13 of the Unlawful	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)

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S.No.	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
	<p>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>Cases (Convicted)-----No Cases-----</p>	

Table: Full Details of Criminal Cases declared by candidates

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(Example: MYNETA PINCODE)

or

MYNETA <Constituency name>

(Example: MYNETA Tripura West)

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Sample response: Candidates for TRIPURA WEST, (1) Salil Saha AAP: Criminal Cases-0, Asset Rs 4.11 Crore, Liability: Rs 19.73 Lacs, Edu: Post Graduate. (2) Kamal Kanti Debnath IND: Criminal Cases-0, Asset Rs 25.69 Lacs, Liability:4.14 Lacs, Edu: 10th Pass.

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

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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:

Salil Saha (AAP)

Criminal Cases: 0

Assets: 4.11 Crore,

Education: Post Graduate

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Information given: Criminal records, Assets, Liabilities and Education Qualifications.

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