

**Analysis of Criminal and Financial details
of MLAs from Pondicherry**

Based on 2006 Assembly Elections

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Pondicherry 2006 Assembly Elections

Pondicherry 2006 Assembly Election was held on May 8, 2006. This report includes the analysis of voting trends, criminalization of politics, use of money power, gender disparities etc. in these elections. Information provided by the Election Commission of India and details from the affidavits filed by the candidates have been used for the analysis.

A total of 218 candidates contested the Pondicherry 2006 Assembly Elections. Out of these 218 candidates, men and women candidates were 206 (94%) and 12 (6%) respectively.

Summary of MLAs

- Affidavits of all the 30 MLAs were analyzed by Pondicherry NEW.
- Out of 30 MLAs analysed, 6 (20%) have pending criminal cases against them.
- Out of these 6 MLAs with pending criminal cases, there are pending serious criminal cases against 5 MLAs. 2 of these MLAs are from INC, 1 each from AIADMK and MDMK while 2 are Independents.
- There are a total of 8 criminal cases pending against these 6 MLAs. There are 6 IPC charges of heinous nature on these MLAs which include murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping, extortion, etc.
- Out of 9 candidates analyzed with the most serious criminal cases pending against them, 5 won while the remaining 4 lost the elections.
- Out of the 9 crorepati MLAs analyzed in Pondicherry 2006 Assembly Elections, 4 are from DMK, 3 from INC and 1 each from AIADMK and PMC
- Among major parties, the average asset per MLA for DMK is Rs. 1.53 crore, 1.21crore for INC, 1.10 crore for AIADMK and 86.6 lakhs for PMC.
- Average asset for a MLA from Pondicherry was Rs.1.02 crore.
- Out of 30 MLAs, 12 had not declared their PAN details.
- There is no women's representation in the current Pondicherry Assembly

Voting and winning trend

The percentage of votes polled for major parties clearly show that none of them got anywhere close to the 50% mark. INC managed approx 29.91% of the votes cast, AIADMK managed approx 16.04% of the votes cast and DMK managed to get only 12.59% of the votes cast.

Party	Total votes cast	Percentage of votes cast
INC	169071	30%
AIADMK	90699	16%
DMK	71173	13%
PMC	53139	9%
PMK	21507	4%
MDMK	13977	2%
CPI	17314	3%
Independents	78666	14%
Others	49743	9%

Table: Party-wise break up of total votes cast

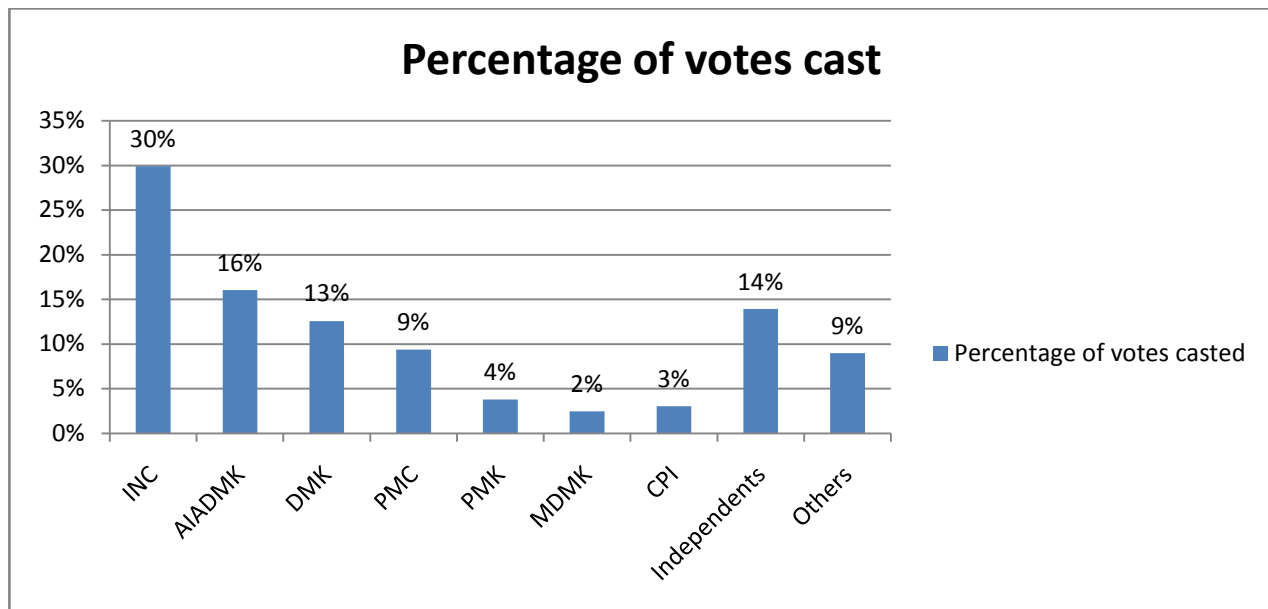


Figure: Percentage of total votes cast

Party-wise break-up of Candidates and MLAs

There are 30 assembly constituencies in Pondicherry. Maximum numbers of MLAs (10) are from INC followed by 7 from DMK and 3 from AIADMK. The party wise break-up of MLAs as compared to the total number of candidates from the party is given below:

Party	No. of Candidates	MLAs
INC	16	10
DMK	11	7
AIADMK	18	3
PMK	2	2
PMC	9	3
MDMK	3	1
CPI	1	1
IND	76	3

Table: Party-wise break-up of total candidates and total MLAs

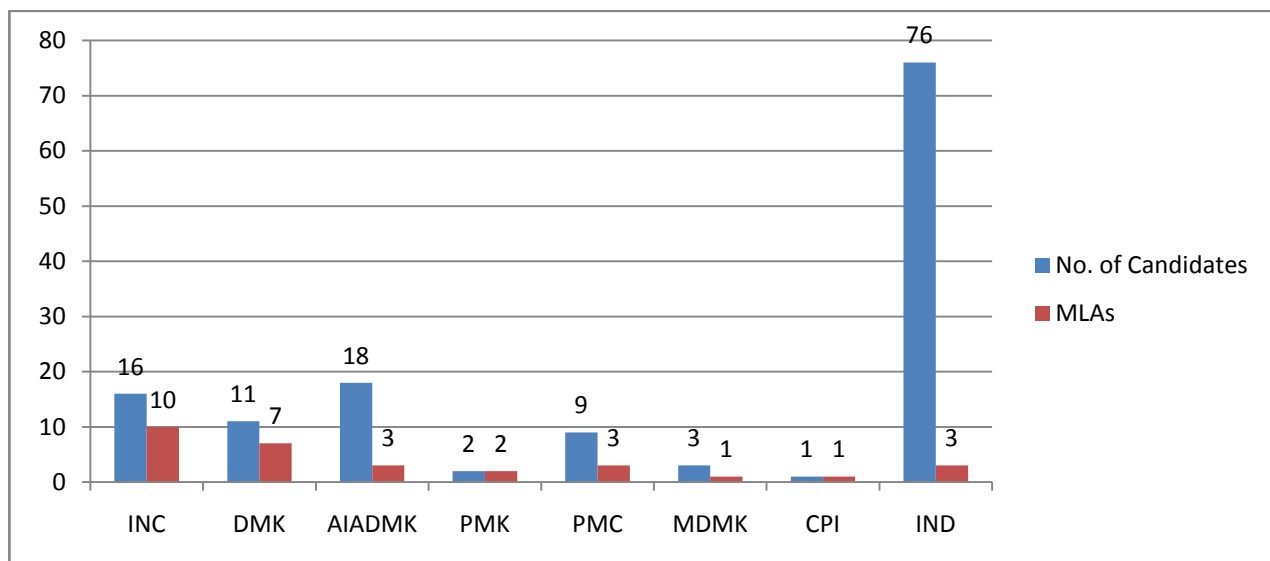


Figure: Candidates vs. MLAs- party- wise

Analysis based on pending criminal cases –MLAs

Party-wise break up of MLAs with pending criminal cases

The table below gives the information about the MLAs with respect to the pending criminal cases against them. A total of 6 MLAs (20%) in 2006 Pondicherry Assembly have pending criminal cases against them, out of which 2 MLAs were from INC, 1 MLA each from MDMK and AIADMK and the rest 2 MLAs are independents. The comparison between total candidates and MLAs analyzed with pending criminal cases, party wise is given below:

Party	Total No. of Candidates analyzed	Total Number of MLAs Analyzed	Winners with Pending Criminal cases	% of Winners with Pending Criminal cases	Winners with Pending Serious Criminal Cases	% of Winners with Pending Serious Criminal Cases
INC	16	10	2	20%	1	10%
AIADMK	18	3	1	33%	1	33%
IND	9	3	2	67%	2	67%
MDMK	3	1	1	100%	1	100%
Others	102	3	0	0%	0	0%
Total	148	30	6	20%	5	17%

Table: MLAs with pending criminal cases- party-wise

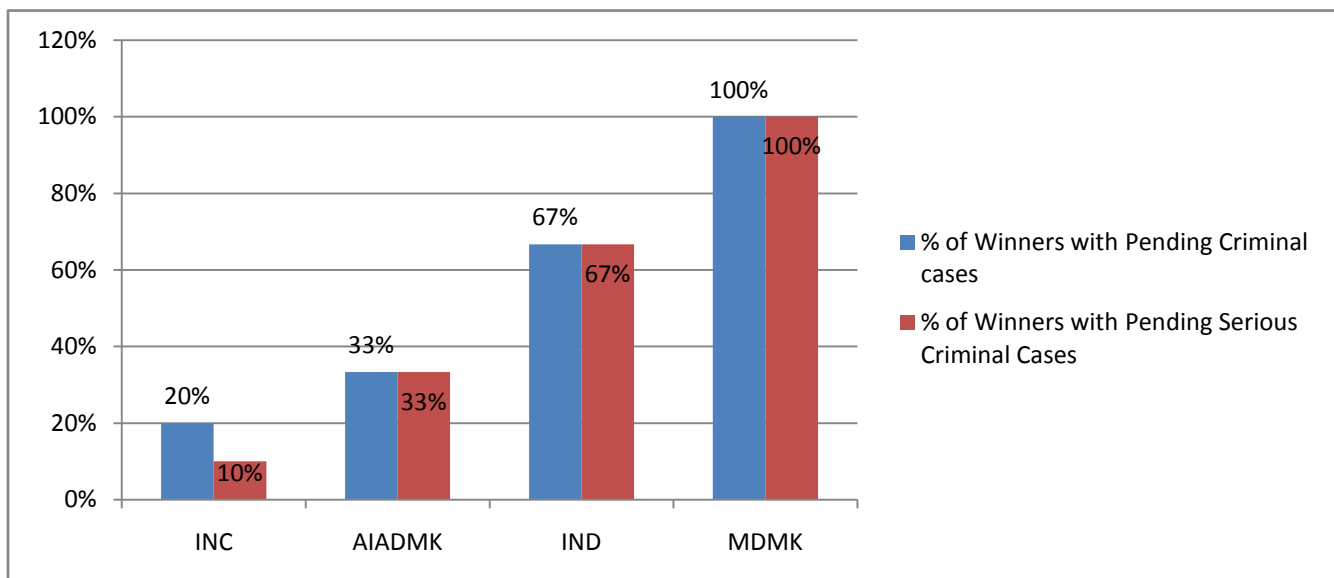


Figure: % MLAs with pending criminal cases- party-wise

Serious crimes distribution –MLAs of major parties

There are several cases of violent crimes like attempt to murder, extortion, voluntarily causing hurt using dangerous weapons or other means etc. pending against MLAs from Pondicherry. The table below gives a summary of all the serious offences.

IPC Sections	IPC Description	Party				
		IND	MDMK	AIADMK	INC	Total
171B	Bribery	0	0	1	0	1
171F	Undue influence or personation at an election	0	0	0	1	1
307	Attempt to murder	0	1	0	0	1
324	Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means	1	1	0	0	2
384	Extortion	1	0	0	0	1
Total		2	2	1	1	6

Table: Serious IPC section break up for MLAs of major parties

Details of MLAs with serious pending criminal cases

Given below are the details of the 5 MLAs with serious pending criminal cases in Pondicherry 2006 Assembly Elections.

Serial No.	Name	District	Constituency	Party	Serious IPC Counts	Total No of Cases	Brief Details of serious IPC Counts
1	P.R.SIVA	Karaikal	Tirunallar	MDMK	2	1	1 charges related to Attempt to murder 1 charges related to Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means
2	J. NARAYANASAMY	Pondicherry	Villenour	IND	1	2	1 charges related to extortion
3	OM SAKTHI SEKAR @ S. SEKAR	Pondicherry	Nellithope	AIADMK	1	1	1 charges related to Bribery
4	A.MARIMUTHU	Karaikal	Neduncadu	IND	1	1	1 charges related to Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means
5	MALLADI KRISHNA RAO	Pondicherry	Yanam	INC	1	1	1 charges related to undue influence or personation at an election

Table: List of top 5 MLAs with most serious pending criminal cases

Analysis based on assets

Party Wise Crorepati MLAs

Out of 30 MLAs in Pondicherry 2006 Assembly Elections, 9(30%) are crorepatis. 57% MLAs from DMK are crorepatis followed by 33% MLAs from PMC and AIADMK. 30% of INC MLAs are crorepatis.

Party	Total MLAs analyzed	Crorepati MLAs Analysed	% of crorepati MLAs
DMK	7	4	57%
PMC	3	1	33%
AIADMK	3	1	33%
INC	10	3	30%

Table: Crorepati MLAs-party-wise break up

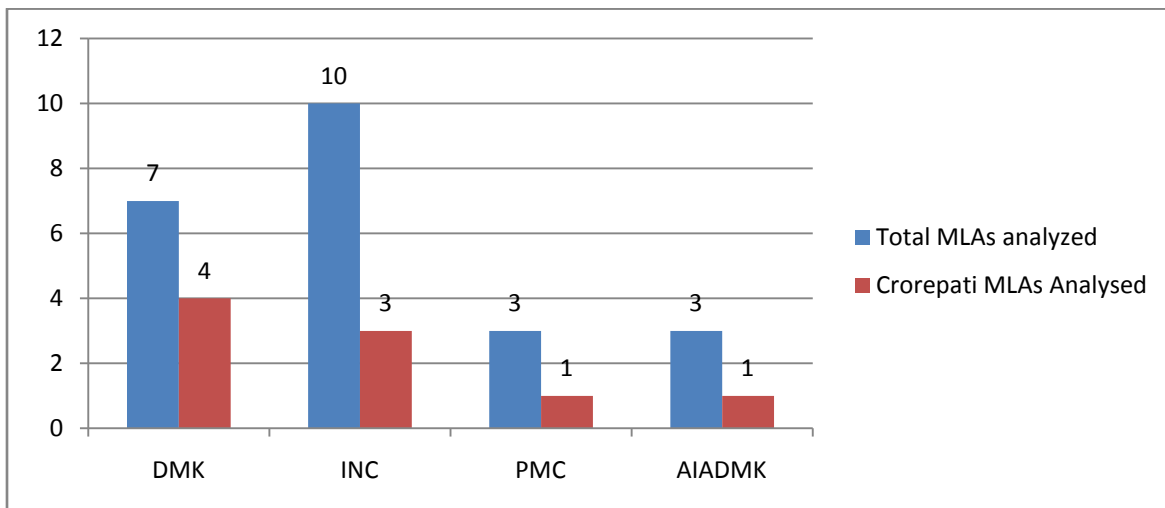


Figure: Crorepati MLAs from major parties

Average assets per MLA of major parties

Average asset of a MLA from DMK is 1.53 crores, from INC it is 1.21 crores while from AIADMK it is 1.10 crores. The following table gives details of average assets party wise for both candidates and MLAs.

Party	Total Candidates analyzed	Average assets per candidates	MLAs analyzed	Average Assets per MLAs
DMK	11	Rs.1,18,31,652	7	Rs 1,53,87,262
INC	16	Rs 1,33,82,292	10	Rs 1,21,31,416
AIADMK	18	Rs 41,20,684	3	Rs 1,10,69,100
PMC	9	Rs 1,14,82,271	3	Rs 86,60,312
PMK	2	Rs 42,26,500	2	Rs 42,26,500
CPI	1	Rs 27,46,140	1	Rs 27,46,140
IND	9	Rs 11,20,832	3	Rs 26,05,666
MDMK	3	Rs 8,71,006	1	Rs 2,42,000

Table: Average assets of MLAs of various parties

Crorepati MLAs- PAN not given

Given below is the only MLA who has not declared his PAN although his total assets run into crores.

S.No	Name	District	Constituency	Party	Age	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
1	DR. M.A.S. SUBRAMANIAN	Pondicherry	Modeliarpeth	DMK	59	3,55,63,000	88,90,000	4,44,53,000 4 Cror+	N

Table: Crorepati MLA – PAN not given

Full asset details of all MLAs from Pondicherry Assembly

The table given below gives the assets details of 30 MLAs from Pondicherry. Mr. M.O.H.F Shahjahan tops the list with highest asset of 5 crores.

S. No	Name	District	Constituency	Party	Total Assets (Rs)	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Liabilities (Rs.)	PAN Given
1	M.O.H.F. SHAHJAHAN	Pondicherry	Lawspet	INC	5,83,88,178 5 Cror+	2,97,44,178 2 Cror+	2,86,44,000 2 Cror+	2000000.00 2 Cror+	Y
2	DR. M.A.S. SUBRAMANIAN	Pondicherry	Modelarpeth	DMK	4,44,53,000 4 Cror+	3,55,63,000 3 Cror+	88,90,000 88 Lacs+	2113500.00 21 Lacs+	N
3	OM SAKTHI SEKAR @ S. SEKAR	Pondicherry	Nellithope	AIADMK	2,66,00,706 2 Cror+	22,11,760 22 Lacs+	2,43,88,946 2 Cror+	0	Y
4	NANDHA T. SARAVANAN	Pondicherry	Muthialpet	DMK	2,44,56,753 2 Cror+	38,96,753 38 Lacs+	2,05,60,000 2 Cror+	8054048.00 80 Lacs+	Y
5	V.M.C. SIVAKKUMAR	Karaikal	Neravy-Grand Aldee	DMK	1,95,08,000 1 Cror+	22,48,000 22 Lacs+	1,72,60,000 1 Cror+	1980000.00 19 Lacs+	Y
6	V. VAITHILINGAM	Pondicherry	Nettapakkam	INC	1,92,03,251 1 Cror+	63,16,771 63 Lacs+	1,28,86,480 1 Cror+	63318.00 63 Thou+	Y
7	R. RADHAKRISHNAN	Pondicherry	Kuruvinatham	INC	1,78,86,150 1 Cror+	93,36,150 93 Lacs+	85,50,000 85 Lacs+	4296744.00 42 Lacs+	Y
8	V.K.GANAPATHY	Karaikal	Karaikal South	PMC	1,78,69,937 1 Cror+	10,69,937 10 Lacs+	1,68,00,000 1 Cror+	7704008.00 77 Lacs+	Y
9	R. SIVA	Pondicherry	Orleampeth	DMK	1,11,46,608 1 Cror+	25,76,608 25 Lacs+	85,70,000 85 Lacs+	2789061.00 27 Lacs+	Y
10	E. VALSARAJ	Pondicherry	Mahe	INC	85,93,133 85 Lacs+	21,11,033 21 Lacs+	64,82,100 64 Lacs+	734909.00 7 Lacs+	Y

S. No	Name	District	Constituency	Party	Total Assets (Rs)	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Liabilities (Rs.)	PAN Given
11	K. LAKSHMI NARAYANAN	Pondicherry	Cassida de	PMC	61,11,000 61 Lacs+	12,11,000 12 Lacs+	49,00,000 49 Lacs+	1470000.00 14 Lacs+	N
12	MALLADI KRISHNA RAO	Pondicherry	Yanam	INC	56,40,701 56 Lacs+	19,90,701 19 Lacs+	36,50,000 36 Lacs+	851262.00 8 Lacs+	Y
13	J. NARAYAN ASAMY	Pondicherry	Villenour	IND	56,12,300 56 Lacs+	3,75,600 3 Lacs+	52,36,700 52 Lacs+	3037172.00 30 Lacs+	Y
14	M. KANDASAMY	Pondicherry	Bahour	INC	49,93,000 49 Lacs+	8,75,000 8 Lacs+	41,18,000 41 Lacs+	285000.00 2 Lacs+	N
15	S.P. SIVAKUMAR	Pondicherry	Raj Bhavan	DMK	48,54,718 48 Lacs+	28,54,718 28 Lacs+	20,00,000 20 Lacs+	1935408.00 19 Lacs+	Y
16	R.K.R. ANANTHA RAMAN	Pondicherry	Ariankuppam	PMK	46,78,000 46 Lacs+	18,78,000 18 Lacs+	28,00,000 28 Lacs+	575000.00 5 Lacs+	Y
17	ANBALAGAN, A.	Pondicherry	Oupalam	AIADMK	46,40,593 46 Lacs+	6,90,593 6 Lacs+	39,50,000 39 Lacs+	7285125.00 72 Lacs+	Y
18	P. ARULMURUGAN	Pondicherry	Mannadipeth	PMK	37,75,000 37 Lacs+	15,25,000 15 Lacs+	22,50,000 22 Lacs+	750000.00 7 Lacs+	N
19	R.VISWANATHAN	Pondicherry	Reddiarpalaya m	CPI	27,46,140 27 Lacs+	3,71,170 3 Lacs+	23,74,970 23 Lacs+	656060.00 6 Lacs+	Y
20	A.M.H. NAZEEM	Karaikal	Karaikal	DMK	26,00,232 26 Lacs+	90,232 90 Thou+	25,10,000 25 Lacs+	640891.00 6 Lacs+	N
21	N. RANGASAMY	Pondicherry	Thattanchavady	INC	22,05,000 22 Lacs+	5,000 5 Thou+	22,00,000 22 Lacs+	0	N
22	ANAND	Pondicherry	Bussy	PMC	20,00,000 20 Lacs+	5,40,000 5 Lacs+	14,60,000 14 Lacs+	0	Y
23	OMALINGAM.V	Karaikal	Cotcher y	AIADMK	19,66,000 19 Lacs+	4,50,000 4 Lacs+	15,16,000 15 Lacs+	0	N
24	A. NAMASSIVAYAM	Pondicherry	Ozhukarai	INC	18,29,121 18 Lacs+	1,79,121 1 Lacs+	16,50,000 16 Lacs+	0	Y
25	A.MARIMUTHU	Karaikal	Neduncadu	IND	16,97,000 16 Lacs+	4,97,000 4 Lacs+	12,00,000 12 Lacs+	19000.00 19 Thou+	N
26	ANGALAN E	Pondicherry	Thirubuvana i	INC	15,34,495 15 Lacs+	6,89,495 6 Lacs+	8,45,000 8 Lacs+	492602.00 4 Lacs+	Y

Analysis of the MLAs of Pondicherry (based on 2006 assembly elections). Data in this Kit is presented in good faith, with an intention to inform voters. Candidates' affidavit with nomination papers is the source of this analysis. www.adrindia.org, www.myneta.info.

S. No	Name	District	Constituency	Party	Total Assets (Rs)	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Liabilities (Rs.)	PAN Given
27	A.V.SREEDHARAN	Pondicherry	Palloor	INC	10,41,132 10 Lacs+	1,01,132 1 Lacs+	9,40,000 9 Lacs+	0	N
28	R. RAJARAMAN	Pondicherry	Embalom	DMK	6,91,525 6 Lacs+	1,91,525 1 Lacs+	5,00,000 5 Lacs+	23000.00 23 Thou+	N
29	A. ELUMALAI	Pondicherry	Ossudu	IND	5,07,697 5 Lacs+	4,37,697 4 Lacs+	70,000 70 Thou+	0	N
30	P.R.SIVA	Karaikal	Tirunallar	MDMK	2,42,000 2 Lacs+	2,42,000 2 Lacs+	0	0	N

Table: List of Assets details of all MLAs

Full details of pending criminal cases on MLAs from Pondicherry Assembly

S. No	Name	District	Constituency	Party	Total No of Cases	Serious IPCs	Other IPCs	Brief Details of IPCs
1	P.R.SIVA	Karaikal	Tirunallar	MDMK	1	2	4	1 charges related to Attempt to murder (IPC Section-307) 1 charges related to Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means (IPC Section-324) 1 charges related to rioting (IPC Section-147) 1 charges related to Rioting, armed with deadly weapon (IPC Section-148) 1 charges related to Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees (IPC Section-427) 1 charges related to Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object (IPC Section-149)
2	J. NARAYAN ASAMY	Pondicherry	Villennour	IND	2	1	9	1 charges related to extortion (IPC Section-384) 2 charges related to wrongful restraint (IPC Section-341) 1 charges related to Punishment (IPC Section-143) 1 charges related to house-trespass (IPC Section-448)

S. No	Name	District	Constituency	Party	Total No of Cases	Serious IPCs	Other IPCs	Brief Details of IPCs
								1 charges related to criminal intimidation (IPC Section-506) 1 charges related to Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object (IPC Section-149) 1 charges related to voluntarily causing hurt (IPC Section-323) 1 charges related to Mischief by killing or maiming cattle, etc., of any value or any animal of the value of fifty rupees (IPC Section-429) 1 charges related to Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention (IPC Section-34)
3	OM SAKTHI SEKAR @ S. SEKAR	Pondicherry	Nellithope	AIADMK	1	1	2	1 charges related to Bribery (IPC Section-171B) 1 charges related to Rash driving or riding on a public way (IPC Section-279) 1 charges related to Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention (IPC Section-34)
4	A.MARIMUTHU	Karaikal	Neduncadu	IND	1	1	3	1 charges related to Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means (IPC Section-324) 1 charges related to Rioting, armed with deadly weapon (IPC Section-148) 1 charges related to voluntarily causing hurt (IPC Section-323) 1 charges related to Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object (IPC Section-149)
5	MALLADI KRISHNA RAO	Pondicherry	Yanam	INC	1	1	1	1 charges related to undue influence or personation at an election (IPC Section-171F) 1 charges related to criminal intimidation (IPC Section-506)

S. No	Name	District	Constituency	Party	Total No of Cases	Serious IPCs	Other IPCs	Brief Details of IPCs
6	M.O.H.F.S HAHJAHAN	Pondicherry	Lawspet	INC	2	0	3	1 charges related to criminal breach of trust (IPC Section-406) 1 charges related to Punishment of criminal conspiracy (IPC Section-120B) 1 charges related to Criminal breach of trust by public servant, or by banker, merchant or agent (IPC Section-409)

Table: List of all MLAs with all pending criminal cases

List of Serious IPC Sections Considered For The Report

Serious IPC Section	Description
121	Waging, or attempting to wage war, or abetting waging of war, against the Government of India
121A	Conspiracy to commit offences punishable by section 121
122	Collecting arms, etc., with intention of waging war against the Government of India
123	Concealing with intent to facilitate design to wage war
124	Assaulting President, Governor, etc., with intent to compel or restrain the exercise of any lawful power
124A	Sedition
153A	Promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony
171B	Bribery
171C	Undue influence at elections
171D	Personation at elections
171E	Bribery
171F	undue influence or personation at an election
171G	False statement in connection with an election
171H	Illegal payments in connection with an election
171I	Failure to keep election accounts
172	Absconding to avoid service of summons or other proceeding
177	Furnishing false information
181	False statement on oath or affirmation to public servant or person authorized to administer an oath or affirmation
191	Giving false evidence
192	Fabricating false evidence
193	false evidence
194	Giving or fabricating false evidence with intent to procure conviction of capital offence
195	Giving or fabricating false evidence with intent to procure conviction of offence punishable with imprisonment for life or imprisonment
196	Using evidence known to be false
197	Issuing or signing false certificate
198	Using as true a certificate known to be false
230	Coin defined
231	Counterfeiting coin
232	Counterfeiting Indian coin
233	Making or selling instrument for counterfeiting coin
234	Making or selling instrument for counterfeiting Indian coin
235	Possession of instrument, or material for the purpose of using the same for counterfeiting coin
236	Abetting in India the counterfeiting out of India of coin
237	Import or export of counterfeit coin
238	Import or export of counterfeits of the India coin
239	Delivery of coin, possessed with knowledge that it is counterfeit

Serious IPC Section	Description
240	Delivery of Indian coin, possessed with knowledge that it is counterfeit
241	Delivery of coin as genuine, which, when first possessed, the deliverer did not know to be counterfeit
242	Possession of counterfeit coin by person who knew it to be counterfeit when he became possess thereof
243	Possession of Indian coin by person who knew it to be counterfeit when he became possessed thereof
244	Person employed in mint causing coin to be of different weight or composition from that fixed by law
245	Unlawfully taking coining instrument from mint
246	Fraudulently or dishonestly diminishing weight or altering composition of coin
247	Fraudulently or dishonestly diminishing weight or altering composition of Indian coin
248	Altering appearance of coin with intent that it shall pass as coin of different description
249	Altering appearance of India coin with intent that it shall pass as coin of different description
250	Delivery of coin, possessed with knowledge that it is altered
251	Delivery of Indian coin, possessed with knowledge that it is altered
252	Possession of coin by person who knew it to be altered when he became possessed thereof
253	Possession of Indian coin by person who knew it to be altered when he became possessed thereof
254	Delivery of coin as genuine, which, when first possess, the deliverer did not know to be altered
255	Counterfeiting Government stamp
256	Having possession of instrument or material for counterfeiting Government stamp
257	Making or selling instrument for counterfeiting Government stamp
258	Sale of counterfeit Government stamp
259	Having possession of counterfeit Government stamp
260	Using as genuine a Government stamp known to be a counterfeit
274	Adulteration of drugs
275	Sale of adulterated drugs
292	Sale, etc., or obscene books, etc.
292A	Printing etc. of grossly indecent or scurrilous matter or matter intended for blackmail
293	Sale, etc., of obscene objects to young person
294	Obscene acts and songs
295	Injuring or defiling place of worship with intent to insult the religion of any class
295A	Deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings or any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs
299	Culpable homicide
300	Murder
301	Culpable homicide by causing death of person other than person whose death was intended
302	Murder
303	murder by life-convict
304	culpable homicide not amounting to murder
304A	Causing death by negligence
304B	Dowry death
305	Abetment of suicide of child or insane person
306	Abetment of suicide

Serious IPC Section	Description
307	Attempt to murder
308	Attempt to commit culpable homicide
324	Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means
325	voluntarily causing grievous hurt
326	Voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means
343	Wrongful confinement for three or more days
344	Wrongful confinement for ten or more days
359	Kidnapping
360	Kidnapping from India
361	Kidnapping from lawful guardianship
362	Abduction
363	Kidnapping
363A	Kidnapping or maiming a minor for purposes of begging
364	Kidnapping or abducting in order to murder
364A	Kidnapping for ransom, etc.
365	Kidnapping or abducting with intent secretly and wrongfully to confine person
366	Kidnapping, abducting or inducing woman to compel her marriage, etc.
366A	Procreation of minor girl
366B	Importation of girl from foreign country
367	Kidnapping or abducting in order to subject person to grievous hurt, slavery, etc.
368	Wrongfully concealing or keeping in confinement, kidnapped or abducted person
369	Kidnapping or abducting child under ten years with intent to steal from its person
370	Buying or disposing of any person as slave
371	Habitual dealing in slave
372	Selling minor for purposes of prostitution, etc.
373	Buying minor for purposes of prostitution, etc.
374	Unlawful compulsory labour
375	Rape
376	Rape
378	Theft
379	Theft
380	Theft in dwelling house, etc.
381	Theft by clerk or servant of property in possession of master
382	Theft after preparation made for causing death, hurt or restraint in order to the committing of the theft
383	Extortion
384	Extortion
395	Dacoity
396	Dacoity with murder
411	Dishonestly receiving stolen property
412	Dishonestly receiving property stolen in the commission of a dacoity
413	Habitually dealing in stolen property
414	Assisting in concealment of stolen property
415	Cheating
416	Cheating by personation
417	Cheating

Serious IPC Section	Description
418	Cheating with knowledge that wrongful loss may ensue to person whose interest offender is bound to protect
419	cheating by personation
420	Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property
463	Forgery
465	Forgery
466	Forgery of record of court or of public register, etc.
467	Forgery of valuable security, will, etc.
468	Forgery for purpose of cheating
469	Forgery for purpose of harming reputation
470	Forged document or electronic record
471	Using as genuine a forged document or electronic record

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