

Ten Years of Election Watch in Bihar: Comprehensive Reports on Elections, Crime and Money

Summary and Highlights:

Following are the highlights that emerge from the analysis carried out by Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Bihar Election Watch (BEW):-

- **Total number of candidates analysed:** A total of 8163 candidates who have contested either Parliamentary, State assembly elections and /or Legislative Council elections since 2006 from Bihar have been analyzed by ADR and BEW.
- **Total number of MPs/MLAs analysed:** A total of 596 MPs/MLAs who have held seats either in the Parliamentary or State assembly elections since 2006 have been analyzed by ADR and BEW.

Criminal:

- **Candidates with criminal cases:** A total of 2541 out of these 8163 (31%) candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves.
- **Candidates with serious criminal cases:** 1699(21%) out of the 8163 candidates analyzed have declared serious criminal cases against themselves.
- **MPs/MLAs with criminal cases:** Out of 596 MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2006, 335 or 56% have declared criminal cases against themselves and 208 or 35% have serious criminal charges. LJP has 55%, RJD has 43%, INC has 42%, JD(U) has 32%, and BJP has 30% MPs/MLAs with serious criminal charges.

Financial:

- **Average assets of candidates who have contested elections:** The average assets of all candidates (8163) analyzed since 2006 is Rs.1.57 crores.
- **Average assets of MPs/MLAs:** The average assets of all MPs/MLAs (596) analyzed since 2006 is Rs.5.45 crores.

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Correlation between criminal cases and financial status:

Analysis of the data has revealed that money power and muscle power have a large bearing on the outcome of the election results.

- **Average assets of MP/MLAs with criminal cases:** The average assets of 335 MPs/MLAs (analyzed since 2006) with criminal cases is Rs.3.17 crores and for 208 MPs/MLAs with serious criminal charges has been Rs.3.12 crores.

| | No. of Candidates Analyzed | No. of MPs/MLAs Analyzed | No. of MPs/MLAs with criminal cases | No. of MPs/MLAs with Serious Charges |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total | 8163 | 596 | 335 | 208 |
| Average Assets | Rs.1.57 Crores | Rs.5.45 Crores | Rs.3.17 Crores | Rs.3.12 Crores. |

Table: Candidates and Average assets

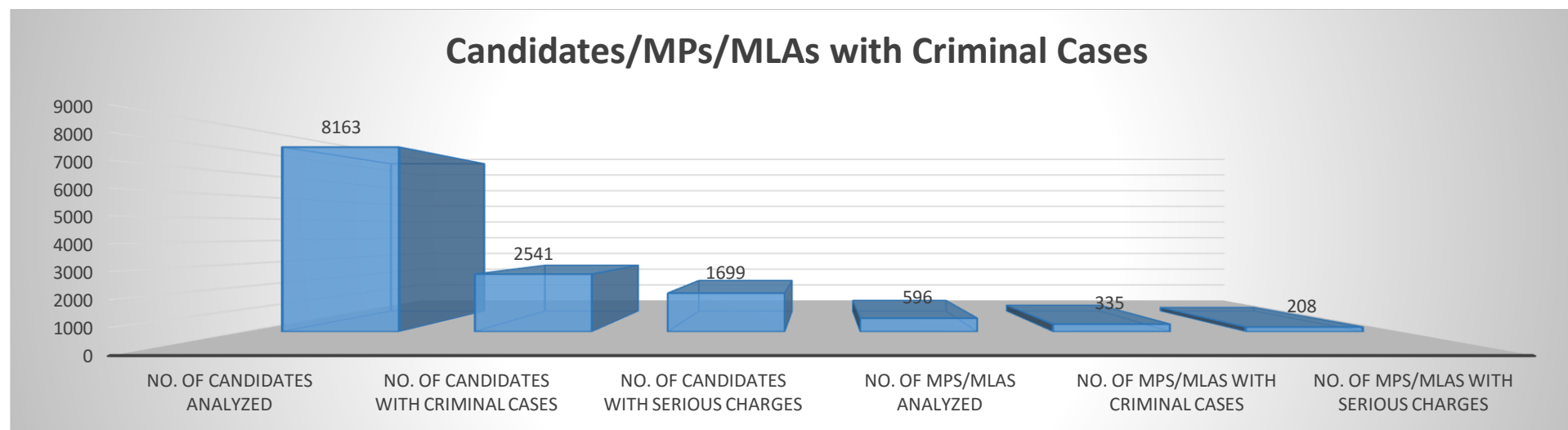


Figure: Candidates/MPs/MLAs with declared Criminal Cases

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Party wise analysis of all candidates analyzed since 2006:

Criminal:

- **Party wise candidates who have declared criminal cases:** 201(58%) out of 349 candidates who have contested on BJP tickets since 2006 have declared criminal cases against themselves. 146 (43%) out of 339 candidates who have contested on INC tickets since 2006, 183 (50%) out of 364 JD(U) candidates, 197 (59%) out of 344 RJD candidates, 73 (53%) out of 139 LJP candidates and 654 (23%) out of 2823 Independent candidates have declared criminal cases.
- **Party wise candidates who have declared serious criminal cases:** 108 (31%) out of 349 candidates who have contested on BJP tickets since 2006 have declared serious criminal cases against themselves. 76 (22%) out of 339 candidates on INC tickets since 2006, 128 (35%) out of 364 JD(U) candidates, 123 (37%) out of 334 RJD candidates, 47 (34%) out of 139 LJP candidates and 446 (16%) out of 2823 Independent candidates have declared serious criminal cases.
- **Party wise MPs/MLAs who have declared criminal cases:** 22 (61%) out of 36 MPs/MLAs elected on INC tickets since 2006 have declared criminal cases against themselves. 112 (61%) out of 185 MPs/MLAs elected on BJP tickets since 2006, 105 (47%) out of 222 JD(U) MPs/MLAs, 71 (60%) out of 118 RJD MPs/MLAs, 9 (82%) out of 11 LJP MPs/MLAs and 8 (73%) out of 11 Independent MPs/MLAs have declared criminal cases.
- **Party wise MPs/MLAs who have declared serious criminal cases:** 15 (42%) out of 36 MPs/MLAs elected on INC tickets since 2006 have declared serious criminal cases against themselves. 56 (30%) out of 185 MPs/MLAs elected on BJP tickets since 2006, 71 (32%) out of 222 JD(U) MPs/MLAs, 51 (43%) out of 118 RJD MPs/MLAs, 6 (55%) out of 11 LJP MPs/MLAs and 3 (27%) out of 11 Independent MPs/MLAs have declared serious criminal cases.

Financial:

- **Party wise average assets of candidates:** Among the national parties, since 2006, average assets of 339 candidates from INC is Rs. 1.86 crores while 349 BJP candidates have declared average assets of Rs.7.11 crores. Among the regional parties of Bihar average assets of 364 JD(U) candidates is Rs.7.01 crores, of 344 RJD candidates is Rs.2.29 crores and average assets of 139 LJP candidates is Rs.1.76 crores.

- **Party wise average assets of MPs/MLAs:** Among the national parties, since 2006 average assets of 36 MPs/MLAs from INC is Rs.4.83 crores while 185 BJP MPs/MLAs have average assets of Rs.7.89 crores. Among the regional parties of Bihar average assets of 222 JD(U) MPs/MLAs is Rs. 5.06 crores, of 118 RJD MPs/MLAs is Rs. 3.32 crores and average assets of 11 LJP MPs/MLAs is Rs. 1.78 crores.

The table below provides a party wise analysis of candidates with declared criminal cases:

| Party | No. of Candidates Analyzed | No. of Candidates with Criminal Cases | % of Candidates with Criminal Cases | No. of Candidates with Serious Criminal Charges | % of Candidates with Serious Criminal Charges | No. of MPs/MLAs Analyzed | MPs/MLAs with criminal cases | % MPs/MLAs with Criminal Case | MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges | % MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges | Average Assets of Candidates (Rs.) | Average Assets of MPs/MLAs (Rs.) | Average Assets of MPs/MLAs with Criminal Cases (Rs.) | Average Assets of MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges (Rs.) |
|-------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| BJP | 349 | 201 | 58% | 108 | 31% | 185 | 112 | 61% | 56 | 30% | 7.11 crores | 7.89 crores | 4.15 crores | 3.24 crores |
| INC | 339 | 146 | 43% | 76 | 22% | 36 | 22 | 61% | 15 | 42% | 1.86 crore | 4.83 crores | 6.34 crores | 7.07 crores |
| RJD | 344 | 197 | 57% | 123 | 36% | 118 | 71 | 60% | 51 | 43% | 2.29 crores | 3.32 crores | 2.39 crores | 2.70 crores |
| JD(U) | 364 | 183 | 50% | 128 | 35% | 222 | 105 | 47% | 71 | 32% | 7.01 crores | 5.06 crores | 1.89 crore | 2.12 crores |
| LJP | 139 | 73 | 53% | 47 | 34% | 11 | 9 | 82% | 6 | 55% | 1.76 crore | 1.78 crore | 1.72 crore | 1.04 crore |
| BSP | 538 | 191 | 36% | 133 | 25% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 92.07 lakhs | - | - | - |
| SP | 274 | 88 | 32% | 64 | 23% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 1.55 crore | - | - | - |
| NCP | 201 | 64 | 32% | 36 | 18% | 1 | 1 | 100% | 1 | 100% | 54.90 lakhs | 10.46 crores | 10.46 crores | 10.46 crores |
| CPI | 169 | 78 | 46% | 51 | 30% | 1 | 1 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 47.23 lakhs | 30.12 lakhs | 30.12 lakhs | - |

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|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| CPI(M) | 89 | 46 | 52% | 33 | 37% | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 32.63 lakhs | - | - | - |
| RLSP | 30 | 15 | 50% | 9 | 30% | 6 | 3 | 50% | 3 | 50% | 1.62 crore | 1.63 crore | 2.68 crores | 2.68 crores |
| IND | 2823 | 654 | 23% | 446 | 16% | 11 | 8 | 73% | 3 | 27% | 1.32 crore | 5.34 crores | 6.76 crores | 16.14 crores |
| Others | 2504 | 605 | 24% | 445 | 18% | 5 | 3 | 60% | 2 | 40% | 50.74 lakhs | 24.93 lakhs | 17.02 lakhs | 17.01 lakhs |
| Grand total | 8163 | 2541 | 31% | 1699 | 21% | 596 | 335 | 56% | 208 | 35% | 1.57 crore | 5.45 crores | 3.17 crores | 3.12 crores |

Table: Party wise analysis of candidates with declared criminal cases

Correlation between criminal cases declared by candidates and their chances of winning:

Note:

$$\text{Chances of Winning for Candidates with Criminal Records} = \frac{\text{Winners with Criminal Record}}{\text{Total Number of Winners}}$$

$$\text{Chances of Winning for Candidates with Clean Records} = \frac{\text{Winners with Clean Record}}{\text{Total Number of Winners}}$$

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- **Total candidates with clean records:** Out of 8163 candidates analyzed since 2006, 5622 candidates have not declared any criminal cases, whereas 2541 candidates declared criminal cases against themselves.
- **Total MPs/MLAs with clean records:** Out of the 596 MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2006, there have been 261 MPs/MLAs who have not declared any criminal cases, whereas 335 MPs/MLAs have declared criminal cases against themselves.
- **Chances of winning election with clean record:** There are only 44% chances of winning an election for those with a clean record. (Chances of winning with clean record = No. of winners with clean record/Total No. of winners)
- **Chances of winning election with criminal records:** There is a 56% chances of winning an election for those with criminal records. We see that the chances of winning for a candidate with criminal records is much higher than that for a candidate with a clean record. (Chances of winning with criminal record = Total No. of winners with criminal record/Total no. of winners)

The table below provides party wise analysis of clean candidates with candidates who have declared criminal cases:

| Party | No. of Candidates Analyzed | No. of Candidates with Criminal Cases | No. of Candidates with Serious Criminal Charges | No. of MPs/MLAs Analyzed | MPs/MLAs with Criminal Cases | MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges | Candidates with Clean Records | MPs/MLAs with Clean Records | % Chances of winning with clean record (No. of winners with clean record/Total number of winners) | % Chances of winning with criminal record (No. of winners with criminal record/Total number of Winners) |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| BJP | 349 | 201 | 108 | 185 | 112 | 56 | 148 | 73 | 39% | 61% |
| INC | 339 | 146 | 76 | 36 | 22 | 15 | 193 | 14 | 39% | 61% |
| RJD | 344 | 197 | 123 | 118 | 71 | 51 | 147 | 47 | 40% | 60% |
| JD(U) | 364 | 183 | 128 | 222 | 105 | 71 | 181 | 117 | 53% | 47% |
| LJP | 139 | 73 | 47 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 66 | 2 | 18% | 82% |
| BSP | 538 | 191 | 133 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 347 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| SP | 274 | 88 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 186 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| NCP | 201 | 64 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 137 | 0 | 0% | 100% |
| CPI | 169 | 78 | 51 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 91 | 0 | 0% | 100% |
| CPI(M) | 89 | 46 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| RLSP | 30 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 50% | 50% |

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|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| IND | 2823 | 654 | 446 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 2169 | 3 | 27% | 73% |
| Others | 2504 | 605 | 445 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1899 | 2 | 40% | 60% |
| Grand total | 8163 | 2541 | 1699 | 596 | 335 | 208 | 5622 | 261 | 44% | 56% |

Table: Party wise analysis of clean candidates with candidates who have declared criminal cases

Correlation between education and criminal cases:

- **Candidates who are graduates (or above) and have declared criminal cases:** 3558 out of 8163 candidates who have contested elections since 2006 (or 44% of the candidates analyzed) have a graduate degree or above. 1204 or 34% of the candidates with graduate or above degrees have declared criminal cases. 753 or 21% of the candidates with graduate or above degrees have declared serious criminal charges.
- **Candidates who are 12th pass (or below) and have criminal cases:** 4605 out of 8163 candidates who have contested elections since 2006 (or 56% of the candidates analyzed) are 12th Pass and below. 1337 or 29% of the candidates who are 12th Pass and below have declared criminal cases. 946 or 21% have declared serious charges.
- **MPs/MLAs who are graduates (or above) and have declared criminal cases:** 200 or 55% out of the 362 criminal MPs/MLAs have a graduate degree or above and 120 or 33% have declared serious criminal charges.
- **MPs/MLAs who are 12th pass (or below) and have criminal cases:** 234 out of the total 596 MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2006 are 12th Pass and below. 135 or 58% of the 231 MPs/MLAs who are 12th Pass and below have declared criminal cases and 88 or 38% have declared serious criminal charges.

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Correlation between education and financial status:

- **Average assets of candidates who are graduates and above:** The average assets of candidates analyzed who have contested elections since 2006 with graduate or above degree is Rs.2.66 crores.
- **Average assets of candidates who are 12th Pass and below:** The average assets of candidates analyzed who have contested elections since 2006, and are 12th Pass and below, is Rs.74.45 Lakhs.
- **Average assets of MPs/MLAs who are graduates and above:** The average assets of MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2006 with graduate or above degree is Rs.7.75 crores.
- **Average assets of MPs/MLAs who are 12th Pass and below:** The average assets of MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2006, and are 12th Pass and below, is Rs.1.89 crores.

| Education Qualification | No. of Candidates | No. of MPs/MLAs | No. of Candidates with criminal Charges | % Candidates with Criminal Charges | No. of Candidates with Serious Criminal Charges | % Candidates with Serious Criminal Charges | No. of MPs/MLAs with Criminal Charges | % MPs/MLAs with Criminal Charges | No. of MPs/MLAs with serious criminal Charges | % MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges | Average Assets of Candidates (Rs.) | Average Assets of MPs/MLAs (Rs.) |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---|------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Graduates and above | 3558 | 362 | 1204 | 34% | 753 | 21% | 200 | 55% | 120 | 33% | 2.66 crores | 7.75 crores |
| 12th Pass and below | 4605 | 234 | 1337 | 29% | 946 | 21% | 135 | 58% | 88 | 38% | 1.89 lakhs | 1.89 crore |
| Grand total | 8163 | 596 | 2541 | 31% | 1699 | 21% | 335 | 56% | 208 | 35% | 1.57 crore | 5.45 crores |

Analysis of graduate and Non-Graduate candidates with declared criminal cases

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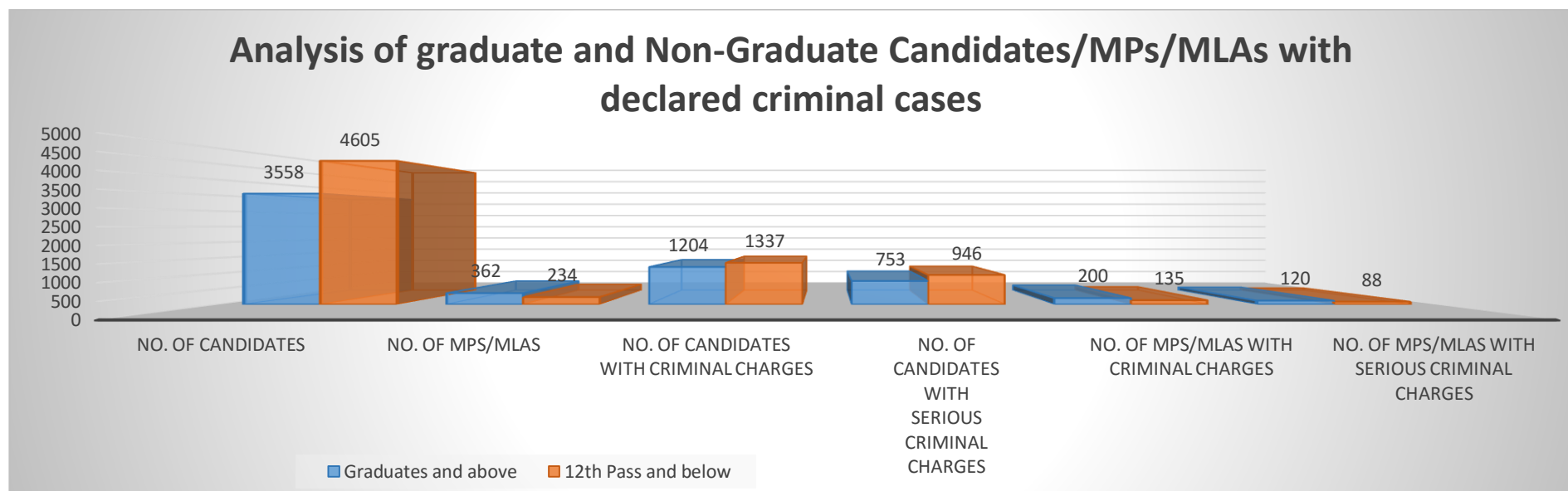


Figure: Analysis of graduate and Non-Graduate Candidates/MPs/MLAs with declared criminal cases

Gender Analysis:

- **Women candidates:** Out of the 8163 candidates analyzed (who have contested elections since 2006), only 610 or 7% are women.
- **Men/Women candidates with criminal cases:** 123 or 20% of the 610 women candidates who have contested in elections since 2006 have declared criminal cases and 74 or 12% declared serious charges. 2418 or 32% of the 7553 men candidates declared criminal cases and 1625 or 22% declared serious criminal charges.
- **Women MLAs with criminal cases:** 25 (36%) out of 73 women MPs/MLAs (who have been elected in elections since 2006), have declared criminal case and 13 (18%) have declared serious criminal charges
- **Average assets of Men/Women candidates:** The average assets of male candidates who have contested elections since 2006 is Rs. 1.60 crores and the average asset of women candidates is Rs. 1.23 crores.

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- **Average assets of Men/Women MPs/MLAs:** The average assets of men MPs/MLAs since 2006 is Rs. 5.82 crores and the average asset of women MPs/MLAs is Rs. 2.79 crores.

| Gender | No. of Candidates | No. of MPs/MLAs | No. of Candidates with criminal Charges | % Candidates with Criminal Charges | No. of Candidates with serious criminal Charges | % Candidates with Serious Criminal Charges | No. of MPs/MLAs with Criminal Charges | % MPs/MLAs with Criminal Charges | No. of MPs/MLAs with serious criminal Charges | % MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges | Average Assets of Candidates (Rs.) | Average Assests of MPs/MLAs (Rs.) |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---|------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Male | 7553 | 523 | 2418 | 32% | 1625 | 22% | 310 | 59% | 195 | 37% | 1.60 crore | 5.82 crores |
| Female | 610 | 73 | 123 | 20% | 74 | 12% | 25 | 34% | 13 | 18% | 1.23 crore | 2.79 crores |
| Grand Total | 8163 | 596 | 2541 | 31% | 1699 | 21% | 335 | 56% | 208 | 35% | 1.57 crore | 5.45 crores |

Table: Gender wise analysis of criminal records and assets

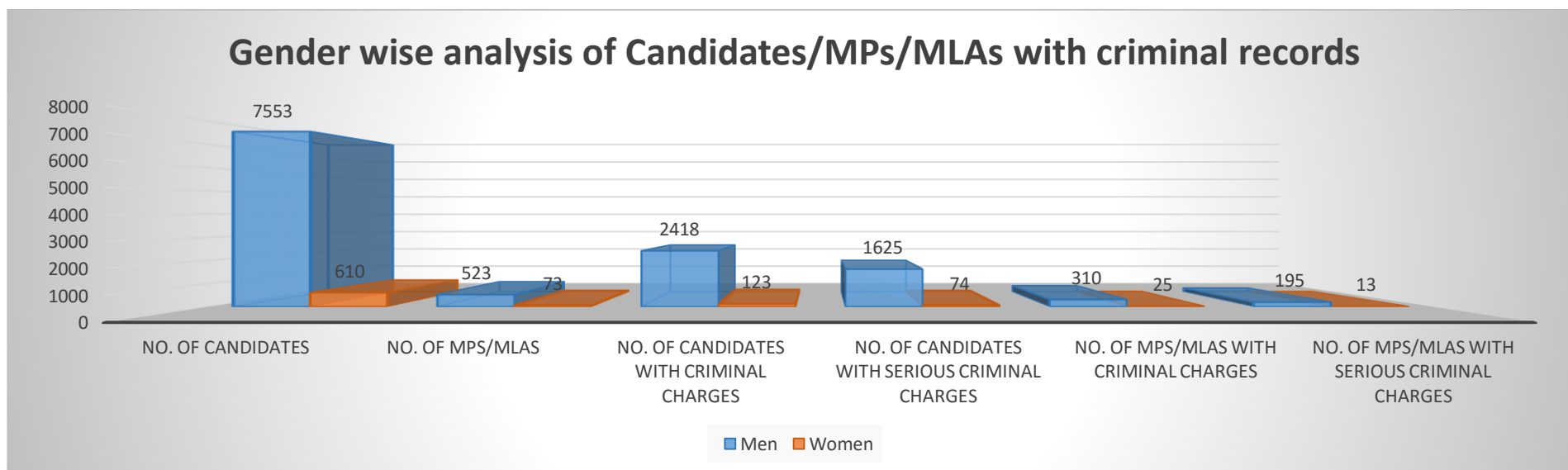


Figure: Gender wise analysis of Candidates/MPs/MLAs with criminal records

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