

Bihar Ten Years of Election Watch: 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 analyzed:** A total of 5314 candidates who have contested either Parliamentary, State assembly elections and/or Legislative Council elections since 2004 have been analyzed by ADR and BEW.
- **Total number of MPs/MLAs analyzed:** A total of 620 MPs/MLAs who have either held seats since 2004 either in Parliamentary or State assembly elections since 2004 have been analyzed by ADR and BEW.

Criminal:

- **Candidates with criminal cases:** A total of 1717 out of these 5314 (32%) candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves.
- **Candidates with serious criminal cases:** 1041 (20%) out of the 5314 candidates analyzed have declared serious criminal cases against themselves.
- **MPs/MLAs with criminal cases:** Out of 620 MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2004, 321 or 52% have declared criminal cases against themselves and 187 or 30% have serious criminal charges.

Financial:

- **Average assets of candidates who have contested elections:** The average assets of all 5314 candidates analyzed since 2004 is Rs. 1.13 crore
- **Average assets of MPs/MLAs:** The average assets of all MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2004 is Rs. 2.46 crores.

Average assets of MP/MLAs with criminal cases: The average assets of 321 MPs/MLAs (analyzed since 2004) with criminal cases is Rs. 1.82 crores and for 187 MPs/MLAs with serious criminal charges has been Rs. 1.39 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	5314	620	321	187
Average Assets	Rs. 1.13 crores	Rs. 2.46 crores	Rs. 1.82 crores	Rs. 1.39 crores

Table: Candidates and Average assets

Party wise analysis of all candidates analyzed since 2004:

Criminal:

Party wise candidates who have declared criminal cases: 133 (41%) out of 327 candidates who contested on INC tickets since 2004 have declared criminal cases against themselves. 148 (54%) out of 275 candidates on BJP tickets since 2004, 173 (46%) out of 379 JD(U) candidates, 206 (51%) out of 404 RJD candidates, 132 (46%) out of 285 LJP candidates and 329 (22%) out of 1512 IND candidates have declared criminal cases.

Party wise candidates who have declared serious criminal cases: 70 (21%) out of 327 candidates who contested on INC tickets since 2004 have declared serious criminal cases against themselves. 72 (26%) out of 275 candidates on BJP tickets since 2004, 108 (28%) out of 379 JD(U) candidates, 119 (29%) out of 404 RJD candidates, 81 (28%) out of 285 LJP candidates and 202 (13%) out of 1512 IND candidates have declared serious criminal cases.

Party wise MPs/MLAs who have declared criminal cases: 10 (45%) out of 22 MPs/MLAs elected on INC tickets since 2004 have declared criminal cases against themselves. 110 (58%) out of 190 MPs/MLAs elected on BJP tickets since 2004, 103 (43%) out of 238 JD(U) MPs/MLAs, 54 (51%) out of 105 RJD MPs/MLAs, 15 (79%) out of 19 LJP MPs/MLAs and 14 (74%) out of 19 IND MPs/MLAs have declared criminal cases.

Party wise MPs/MLAs who have declared serious criminal cases: 6 (27%) out of 22 MPs/MLAs elected on INC tickets since 2004 have declared serious criminal cases against themselves. 52 (27%) out of 190 MPs/MLAs elected on BJP tickets since 2004, 64 (27%) out of 238 JD(U) MPs/MLAs, 34 (32%) out of 105 RJD MPs/MLAs, 12 (63%) out of 19 LJP MPs/MLAs and 8 (42%) out of 19 IND MPs/MLAs have declared serious criminal cases.

Financial:

Party wise average assets of candidates: The average assets of 327 candidates who have contested on INC tickets since 2004 is Rs. 1.51 crores. 275 BJP candidates have an average asset of 5.51 crores, 379 JD(U) candidates with average assets of Rs. 5.50 crores, 404 RJD candidates with average assets of Rs. 94.66 lakhs, 285 LJP candidates with average assets of Rs. 50.99 lakhs while 1512 IND candidates had average assets of 35.75 lakhs.

Party wise average assets of MPs/MLAs: The average assets of 22 MPs/MLAs who have contested on INC tickets since 2004 is Rs. 3.10 crores. 190 BJP MPs/MLAs have an average asset of 2.36 crores, 238 JD(U) MPs/MLAs with average assets of Rs. 3.62 crores, 105 RJD MPs/MLAs with average assets of Rs. 90.02 lakhs, 285 LJP MPs/MLAs with average assets of Rs. 1.07 crores while 19 IND MPs/MLAs had average assets of 60 lakhs.

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 Cases	MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges	% MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges	Average Assets of Candidates (Rs.)	Average Assets of MPs/MLAs (Rs.)	Avg. Assets of MPs/MLAs with Criminal Cases (Rs.)	Avg. Assets of MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges (Rs.)
BSP	533	159	30%	101	19%	4	2	50%	1	25%	34.07 lakhs	9.26 lakhs	14.72 lakhs	18.76 lakhs
RJD	404	206	51%	119	29%	105	54	51%	34	32%	94.66 lakhs	90.02 lakhs	1.11 crores	1.43 crores
JD(U)	379	173	46%	108	28%	238	102	43%	64	27%	5.50 crores	3.62 crores	90.30 lakhs	92.48 lakhs
INC	327	133	41%	70	21%	22	10	45%	6	27%	1.51 crores	3.10 crores	4.36 crores	5.61 crores
LJP	285	132	46%	81	28%	19	14	74%	11	58%	50.99 lakhs	1.07 crores	1.09 crores	65.65 lakhs
BJP	275	148	54%	72	26%	190	110	58%	52	27%	5.51 crores	2.36 crores	3.14 crores	1.67 crores
SP	148	34	23%	22	15%	2	2	100%	1	50%	1.13 crores	26.10 lakhs	26.10 lakhs	14.36 lakhs
NCP	138	43	31%	19	14%	2	2	100%	1	50%	38.12 lakhs	5.26 crores	5.26 crores	10.46 crores
CPI	93	35	38%	19	20%	4	3	75%	1	25%	14.77 lakhs	17.74 lakhs	22.46 lakhs	25.53 lakhs

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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 Cases	MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges	% MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges	Average Assets of Candidates (Rs.)	Average Assets of MPs/MLAs (Rs.)	Avg. Assets of MPs/MLAs with Criminal Cases (Rs.)	Avg. Assets of MPs/MLAs with Serious Criminal Charges (Rs.)
JMM	42	5	12%	2	5%	1	0	0%	0	0%	1.13 crores	11.91 lakhs	NA	NA
RLSP	4	2	50%	2	50%	3	2	67%	2	67%	2.22 crores	2.43 crores	3.18 crores	3.18 crores
IND	1512	329	22%	202	13%	19	13	68%	8	42%	35.75 lakhs	64 lakhs	61.87 lakhs	66.78 lakhs
Others	1174	318	27%	224	19%	11	7	64%	6	55%	33.22 lakhs	25.27 lakhs	18.09 lakhs	21.02 lakhs
Total	5314	1717	32%	1041	20%	620	321	52%	187	30%	1.13 crores	2.46 crores	1.82 crores	1.39 crores

Table: Party wise analysis of candidates with declared criminal cases

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

Note:

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

$$\text{Chances of Winning for a Candidate with Clean Record} = \frac{\text{Winners with a Clean Record}}{\text{Candidates with Clean Record}}$$

- **Total candidates with clean records:** Out of 5314 contesting candidates analyzed since 2004, 3597 (68%) candidates have not declared any criminal cases, whereas 1717 candidates declared criminal cases against themselves.

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- **Total MPs/MLAs with clean records**: Out of the 620 MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2004, there have been 299 (48%) MPs/MLAs who have not declared any criminal cases, whereas 321 MPs/MLAs have declared criminal cases against themselves.
- **Chances of winning election with clean record**: There is only 8% chance of winning election with a clean record.
- **Chances of winning election with criminal records**: There is a 19% chance of winning an election for a candidate with criminal records.

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	% Chances of winning with criminal cases	% Chances of winning with serious criminal cases
BSP	533	159	101	4	2	1	374	2	1%	1%	1%
RJD	404	206	119	105	54	34	198	51	26%	26%	29%
JD(U)	379	173	108	238	102	64	206	136	66%	59%	59%
INC	327	133	70	22	10	6	194	12	6%	8%	9%
LJP	285	132	81	19	14	11	153	5	3%	11%	14%
BJP	275	148	72	190	110	52	127	80	63%	74%	72%
SP	148	34	22	2	2	1	114	0	0%	6%	5%
NCP	138	43	19	2	2	1	95	0	0%	5%	5%
CPI	93	35	19	4	3	1	58	1	2%	9%	5%
JMM	42	5	2	1	0	0	37	1	3%	0%	0%
RLSP	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	50%	100%	100%
IND	1512	329	202	19	13	8	1183	6	1%	4%	4%
Others	1174	318	224	11	7	6	855	4	0%	2%	3%
Grand total	5314	1717	1041	620	321	187	3596	299	8%	19%	18%

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

Correlation between education and criminal cases:

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- **Candidates who are graduates (or above) and have declared criminal cases:** 2446 out of 5314 candidates who have contested elections since 2004 (or 46% of the candidates analyzed) have a graduate degree or above. 816 (33%) out of 2446 candidates with graduate or above degrees have declared criminal cases. 454 (19%) out of 2446 candidates with graduate or above degrees have declared serious criminal cases
- **Candidates who are 12th pass (or below) and have criminal cases:** 2868 out of 5314 candidates who have contested elections since 2004 (or 53% of the candidates analyzed) are 12th Pass and below. 901 (31%) out of 2868 candidates who are 12th Pass and below have declared criminal cases. 587 (20%) out of 2868 candidates who are 12th Pass and below have declared criminal cases.
- **MPs/MLAs who are graduates (or above) and have declared criminal cases:** 368 out of 620 MPs/MLAs who have contested elections since 2004 (or 59% of the MPs/MLAs analyzed) have a graduate degree or above. 180 (49%) out of 368 MPs/MLAs with graduate or above degrees have declared criminal cases. 100 (27%) out of 368 MPs/MLAs with graduate or above degrees have declared criminal cases
- **MPs/MLAs who are 12th pass (or below) and have criminal cases:** 252 out of 620 MPs/MLAs who have contested elections since 2004 (or 41% of the MPs/MLAs analyzed) are 12th Pass and below. 141 (56%) out of 252 MPs/MLAs who are 12th Pass and below have declared criminal cases. 87 (35%) out of 252 MPs/MLAs who are 12th Pass and below have declared criminal cases.

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 2004 with graduate or above degree is Rs. 1.88 crores.

Average assets of candidates who are 12th Pass and below: The average assets of candidates analyzed who have contested elections since 2004, and are 12th Pass and below, are Rs. 49.74 lakhs.

Average assets of MPs/MLAs who are graduates and above: The average assets of MPs/MLAs analyzed who have contested elections since 2004 with graduate or above degree is Rs. 3.60 crores.

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Average assets of MPs/MLAs who are 12th Pass and below: The average assets of MPs/MLAs analyzed who have contested elections since 2004, and are 12th Pass and below, are Rs. 80.28 lakhs.

Educational 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)
Graduate	2446	368	816	33%	454	19%	180	55%	100	30%	1,88,38,200	3,60,86,137
Non Graduate	2868	252	901	31%	587	20%	141	56%	87	35%	49,74,974	80,28,901
Grand Total	5314	620	1717	32%	1041	20%	321	52%	187	30%	1,13,56,128	2,46,82,228

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

Gender Analysis:

- **Women candidates:** Out of the 5314 candidates analyzed (who have contested elections since 2004), only 390 or 7% are women. Only 70 or 18% of the women candidates analysed have won.
- **Women candidates with criminal cases:** 89 (23%) out of 390 women candidates who have contested in elections since 2004 have declared criminal cases and 44 (11%) declared serious charges.
- **Women MPs/MLAs with criminal cases:** 21 (30%) out of 70 women MPs/MLAs (who have been elected in elections since 2004), have declared criminal case and 8 (11%) have declared serious criminal charges.
- **Average assets of Men/Women candidates:** The average assets of men candidates who have contested elections since 2004 is Rs. 1.15 crores and the average asset of women candidates is Rs. 93.28 lakhs.
- **Average assets of Men/Women MPs/MLAs:** The average assets of male MPs/MLAs since 2004 is Rs. 2.57 crores and the average asset of women MPs/MLAs is Rs. 1.61 crores.

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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(Rs) of Candidates	Average Assets(Rs) of MPs/MLAs
Male	4924	550	1628	33%	997	20%	300	55%	179	33%	1,15,16,749	2,57,68,115
Female	390	70	89	23%	44	11%	21	30%	8	11%	93,28,187	1,61,50,258
Grand Total	5314	620	1717	32%	1041	20%	321	52%	187	30%	1,13,56,128	2,46,82,228

Table: Gender wise analysis of criminal records and assets

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