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## **Candidates with pending attempt to murder charges given tickets by INC & SAD in Punjab Bye-Elections for 3 constituencies**

**New Delhi, Apr 27, 2009:** Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and National Election Watch (NEW), a nationwide campaign comprising of more than 1200 NGOs and other citizen led organizations, has been working on electoral reforms, improving democracy and governance in India. It has analysed affidavits of 21 candidates contesting for bye-elections being held for Punjab Legislative Assembly in three constituencies- Banur, Jalalabad and Kahnuwan.

The following pages give the financial and criminal details about all candidates which has been collated and analyzed from their self sworn affidavits.

### **Highlights –**

1. Total no. of Candidates = 21
2. Total no. of Candidates with Criminal Records= 3. There is one candidate from each constituency with pending criminal records.
3. Major political parties have fielded candidates with criminal records, with INC having 2 candidates with pending criminal records and SAD having 1 candidate with pending criminal record. BJP has not fielded any candidates.
4. One candidate each of INC & SAD has pending attempt to murder charge against him.
5. There are 6 crorepati candidates- 3 each from SAD and INC.
6. Among major parties, the average asset per candidate for SAD is 26 crores and INC is 8 crores. .
7. 66% candidates have not furnished their PAN card details.
8. Out of 21 contestants no candidate is a woman.
9. About 52% of candidates are graduates, graduate professional or post graduates.

Mr. Jaskirat Singh, North Zone Coordinator of NEW said that, “the recently constituted Lok Sabha has 158 MPs with pending criminal charges according to self sworn affidavits. All parties had shown concern about this situation after elections. But looking at the current trend of giving tickets to people with pending criminal charges, one can’t help but think that parties are not serious about their claims and for them winnability is the only concern”

Mr Trilochan Sastry, Dean IIM Bangalore and founder member of ADR and NEW, said that, “it’s a known fact that people want clean and honest candidates but the contesting candidates are selected by the political parties. The whole process of giving tickets to them is highly undemocratic. There is a great need to regulate inner functioning of political parties.”

**Contact details at the end.**

## Total no of candidates party wise

Party	Total no of candidates
IND	10
INC	3
SAD	3
BSP (KR)	1
JD (S)	1
AD	1
ABSSR	1
RKSP	1
Grand Total	21

## Candidates with highest assets

Serial	Name	State/District	Constituency	Party	Age	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
1	<a href="#">Sukhbir Singh Badal</a>	Punjab	Jalalabad	SAD	45	29,97,03,179	38,01,64,384	67,98,67,563 67 Cror +	Y
2	<a href="#">Fatehjang Singh Bajwa</a>	Punjab	Kahnuwan	INC	51	7,00,66,000	11,83,28,000	18,83,94,000 18 Cror +	Y
3	<a href="#">Jasjit Singh Bunny</a>	Punjab	Banur	SAD	39	35,02,143	10,24,52,250	10,59,54,393 10 Cror +	Y
4	<a href="#">Deepinder Singh Dhillon</a>	Punjab	Banur	INC	47	55,19,305	4,04,40,305	4,59,59,610 4 Cror+	Y
5	<a href="#">Sewa Singh Sekhwan</a>	Punjab	Kahnuwan	SAD	58	36,20,688	1,53,10,000	1,89,30,688 1 Cror+	Y
6	<a href="#">Hans Raj Josan</a>	Punjab	Jalalabad	INC	45	80,000	1,70,00,000	1,70,80,000 1 Cror+	Y

## Full details- candidates with pending criminal records

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**About NEW**

The *National Election Watch (NEW)* is a nationwide campaign comprising of more than 1200 NGO and other citizen led organizations working on electoral reforms, improving democracy and governance in India. The National Election Watch is active in almost all states of India and has done election watch for all states and Lok Sabha elections since ADR, along with couple other organizations, won the PIL in Supreme Court in 2002 to making disclosure of educational, financial and criminal background of electoral candidates mandatory.

**About ADR**

Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) is a Non-Political, Non-Partisan and a Non-Governmental Organization whose PIL filed in Dec 1999 culminated in a Supreme Court order on Mar 13, 2003 requiring disclosure of criminal, financial and educational background of all contesting candidates. Since then ADR has done Election Watches in almost all State Assembly and Lok Sabha elections. It continues to works towards strengthening democracy and governance in India by focusing on fair and transparent electoral and political processes. It is currently conducting election watch in all states going for assembly polls.

You can learn more about ADR at: <http://www.adrindia.org>

### Comparison chart for Banur Constituency

Candidate	Part y	A ge	Sex	Crimin al cases	No of Cas es	Seriou s IPC count s	IPC details	Total Assets	Movabl e Assets	Immovable Assets	Liabilities	Education	PAN Give n
Deepinder Singh Dhillon	INC	47	M	Yes	1	0	IPC Section s - 465-467-468	45959610	5519305	40440305; Page missing in affidavit	414290	graduate_professional	Y
Gurcharan Singh	IND	49	M	No	0	0		4170000	20000	4150000	0	not_given	N
Harpreet Singh Sonu	IND	31	M	No	0	0		15000	15000	0	0	not_given	N
Jasjit Singh Bunny	SAD	39	M	No	0	0		105954393	3502143	102452250	1885265	graduate	Y
Madan Gopal Sharma	RKS P	34	M	No	0	0		168000	168000	0	300000	10th	N
Ram Isher Singh Billa	BSP (KR)	38	M	No	0	0		958500	158500	800000	0	10th	N

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### Comparison chart for Jalalabad Constituency

Candidate	Party	Age	Sex	Criminal cases	No of Cases	Serious IPC counts	IPC details	Total Assets	Movable Assets	Immovable Assets	Liabilities	Education	PAN Given
Amrinder Singh	IND	26	M	No	0	0		0; affidavit bad scan	0; affidavit bad scan	0; affidavit bad scan	0; page missing from affidavit	post_graduate	N
Baldev Singh	IND	46	M	No	0	0		250000	250000; bad scan	0; page missing	0; page missing from affidavit	graduate	N
Darshan Singh	JD (S)	53	M	No	0	0		185000	85000	100000	0	post_graduate	N
Hans Raj	IND	54	M	No	0	0		6334700	184700	6150000	0	5th	Y
Hans Raj Josan	INC	45	M	No	0	0		17080000	80000; bad scan	17000000; bad scan	0; bad scan	graduate_professional	Y
Jagdish Kumar	IND	28	M	No	0	0		125000	125000; bad scan	0; bad scan	0	8th	N
Kulwinder Singh	IND	33	M	No	0	0		92000	92000	0	0	12th	N

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Kulwinder Singh	AD	29	M	No	0	0		4950000	550000	4400000	150000	post_graduate	N
Manoj Kumar	ABSSR	36	M	No	0	0		200000	200000	0	0	10th	N
Sukhbir Singh Badal	SAD	45	M	Yes	2	2	CASE 1- IPC Sections - 420- 467- 468- 471- 120B : Other Details - 7- 8- 9- 10- 13(1) And 13(2)P.C. Act 1988; CASE 2-IPC Sections - 307- 392- 327- 323- 201- 120B	679867563	299703179	380164384	209936227	post_graduate	Y

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Avtar Singh	IND	46	M	No	0	0		3160000	160000	3000000	0	8th	N
Fatehjang Singh Bajwa	INC	51	M	Yes	2	5	CASE 1- IPC Sections - 307- 324- 325- 186- 353- 506- 148- 149 : Other Details - 25/27 Arms Act; CASE 2- IPC Sections - 325- 323- 324- 148- 149	188394000	70066000	1.18E+08	29340000	graduate	Y
Khushpal Singh	IND	39	M	No	0	0		1105000	105000	1000000	86000	10th	N
Sewa Singh Sekhwan	SAD	58	M	No	0	0		18930688	3620688	15310000	927892	graduate	Y
Surinder Singh	IND	54	M	No	0	0		15000	15000	0	0	post_graduate	N

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