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Maharashtra Election Watch

Mumbai, India –

The following pages give the number and percentage of candidates, Constituency wise as well as Party wise, with Criminal Records, Total Assets More Than Rs.1 Crore, PAN Card Declaration and Educational Level.

For detailed information, visit <http://myneta.info>

Highlights –

- **This report includes affidavit data of 470 candidates (out of total 705) from 60 constituencies from Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburb and Thane districts.**
- Total no. of Candidates with Criminal Records = 126 (i.e. 27% of 470 candidates)
 - Most of the major political parties have fielded candidates with criminal records
 - **SS** topping the list with 69% candidates with criminal records (22 of 32)
- 122 “Karodpatis” in 470 candidates (26%)
 - **BJP** topping the list with 80% karodpatis (12 of 15)
- 29% of candidates (137 of 470) have not furnished PAN card details.
- 122 candidates are graduates and above (26%)
- Total assets value for 470 candidates = Rs. 849 crores
- Average assets value for 470 candidates = Rs. 1.8 crores
 - Average assets value for 93 candidates from **Thane** = Rs.3 crores
 - Average assets value for 15 candidates from **BJP** = Rs.4.9 crores

SMS and Helpline Campaign

We have started a helpline and SMS campaign to enable voters to get information on candidate's background to help them make an informed choice while voting.

The details about the helpline:

Toll-free no: 1-800-110-440 Day/Hours of operation: Mon-Sat (10am – 6pm)

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

Source of Information: Candidate information given in affidavits

Initially the information based on earlier affidavits only will be provided. New information based on current affidavits will also be provided as and when it becomes available (usually about 7-8 days before the election dates)

The details about SMS campaign:

NEW will send 3 messages a week starting immediately till elections. The messages will contain fact based information. To register, please send SMS MYNETA <PINCODE> to 56070.

This message will provide information about the candidate (criminal and other background information) for the constituency containing that pin code and will also register you to receive 3 messages a week till the elections are over.

Also, the details of affidavit of the candidates are available on our website –

<http://www.nationalelectionwatch.org> or <http://myneta.info>

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Party-wise Analysis of Candidate Profile based on Criminal Records

Party	No. of Candidates		Candidates with Criminal Records	
	Total	In Report	Count	Percentage
INC	39	33	8	24%
NCP	17	11	5	45%
SS	38	32	22	69%
BJP	21	15	9	60%
MNS	49	42	24	57%
BSP	59	45	12	27%
BBM	21	16	2	13%
Other Parties	134	115	19	17%
Independents	327	161	25	16%
Grand Total	705	470	126	27%

Party-wise Analysis of Candidate Profile based on Total Assets

(More than Rs.1 Crore)

Party	No. of Candidates		with Tot. Assets > Rs.1 Crore	
	Total	In Report	Count	Percentage
INC	39	33	22	67%
NCP	17	11	8	73%
SS	38	32	19	59%
BJP	21	15	12	80%
MNS	49	42	19	45%
BSP	59	45	5	11%
BBM	21	16	0	0%
Other Parties	134	115	20	17%
Independents	327	161	17	11%
Grand Total	705	470	122	26%

Party-wise Analysis of Candidate Profile based on PAN Card Declaration

Party	No. of Candidates		Candidates without PAN Card	
	Total	In Report	Count	Percentage
INC	39	33	1	3%
NCP	17	11	0	0%
SS	38	32	3	9%
BJP	21	15	1	7%
MNS	49	42	6	14%
BSP	59	45	17	38%
BBM	21	16	7	44%
Other Parties	134	115	36	31%
Independents	327	161	66	41%
Grand Total	705	470	137	29%

Party-wise Analysis of Candidate Profile based on Education Level

Party	1.Post Grad	2.Grad	3.HSC/12th	4.SSC/10th	5.School	6.Others	Grand Total
INC	4	11	3	9	5	1	33
NCP		5	3	1	2		11
SS	2	6	4	10	5	5	32
BJP	1	6		4	3	1	15
MNS	2	16	8	11	2	3	42
BSP	3	8	7	10	16	1	45
BBM		6	2	3	3	2	16
Other Parties	4	22	10	35	22	22	115
Independents	7	19	21	44	45	25	161
Grand Total	23	99	58	127	103	60	470

District-wise Analysis of Candidate Profile based on Criminal Records

Constituency	No. of Candidates		Candidates with Criminal Records	
	Total	In Report	Count	Percentage
MUMBAI CITY	113	68	21	31%
MUMBAI SUBURBAN	311	309	75	24%
THANE	281	93	30	32%
Grand Total	705	470	126	27%

District-wise Analysis of Candidate Profile based on Total Assets
(More than Rs.1 Crore)

Constituency	No. of Candidates		with Tot. Assets > Rs.1 Crore	
	Total	In Report	Count	Percentage
MUMBAI CITY	113	68	23	34%
MUMBAI SUBURBAN	311	309	68	22%
THANE	281	93	31	33%
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District-wise Analysis of Candidate Profile based on PAN Card Declaration

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THANE	281	93	21	23%
Grand Total	705	470	137	29%

District-wise Analysis of Candidate Profile based on Education Level

District	1.Post Grad	2.Grad	3.HSC/12th	4.SSC/10th	5.School	6.Others	Grand Total
MUMBAI CITY	4	15	12	18	12	7	68
MUMBAI SUBURBAN	17	62	33	86	71	40	309
THANE	2	22	13	23	20	13	93
Grand Total	23	99	58	127	103	60	470

Analysis of Average Assets declared

Party	Total
INC	41,101,862
NCP	41,770,233
SS	23,422,936
BJP	48,912,481
MNS	20,567,243
BSP	4,685,098
BBM	1,680,179
Other Parties	28,130,695
Independents	5,317,629
Grand Total	18,067,574

District	Total
MUMBAI CITY	15,190,741
MUMBAI SUBURBAN	15,217,585
THANE	29,640,383
Grand Total	18,067,574



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About National Election Watch

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.

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.

Lot of people around the country are questioning what our elected representatives do. Do you know what the responsibilities of our elected representatives are?

Although a few responsibilities of the elected representatives are defined, the fact is that their responsibilities are very fluid. In fact, citizens and voters of their constituency can and should approach them for any problem that affects general public – be it related to education, health, transport, or any issue affecting general public.

The purpose of this site is several fold:

- Give information on the elected representatives – everything that they give in their affidavits.
- Give information about a constituency – various human development index parameters.
- Give a chance to the general public to give comments on work done by their elected representatives.
- Rate various representatives based on peoples' comments and improvement shown in their constituency during their tenure, etc.
- Feed this feedback back to your elected representative, so that he has a chance to work on the feedback received from his constituency.

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.

ADR 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: www.adrindia.org

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