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20 Red Alert Constituencies with MPs with most serious criminal records in current Lok Sabha
National Election Watch(NEW) demands new set of candidates with clean background and plans special campaign in these constituencies

New Delhi, March 09, 2009: National Election Watch (NEW), a nationwide campaign comprising of more than 1200 NGO and other citizen led organizations working on electoral reforms, improving democracy and governance in India has come out with the list of 20 constituencies worst affected by criminalization in India as represented in the outgoing parliament. The list contains only those constituencies where the elected MPs have criminal charges of serious nature like murder, attempt to murder, extortion, rape, kidnapping, robbery, dacoity, etc. The entire list of these constituencies and the MPs that represent them is attached to the note.

The list contains MPs from states across India and from most major parties. The maximum no of constituencies in the list are from the state of Bihar (5) followed by UP (4). There are 3 MPs from WB, 2 from MP and 1 each from Punjab, TN, Jharkhand, Karnataka, AP and Kerala. Amongst the parties the INC, BJP and the RJD each has 3 such MPs. SP, CPM, BSP and LJNSP each has 2 and JD(S), CPI, and DMK has 1 such candidate.

State	Total
BIHAR	5
UTTAR PRADESH	4
WEST BENGAL	3
MADHYA PRADESH	2
PUNJAB	1
TAMIL NADU	1
JHARKHAND	1
KARNATAKA	1
ANDHRA PRADESH	1
KERALA	1
Grand Total	20

State wise distribution of top constituencies with MPs with criminal records

Party	Total
BJP	3
RJD	3
INC	3
BSP	2
SP	2
CPM	2
LJNSP	2
CPI	1
DMK	1
JD(S)	1
Grand Total	20

Party wise distribution of top 20 MPs with criminal records

Commenting on this list of MPs elected in 2004, Mr LC Jain, ex-member Planning Commission and member National Election Watch Committee said, “Participation of criminal elements is poison for democracy. Just like one percent poison is enough to kill a human being, even one percent involvement of candidates with criminal antecedents in democracy is very dangerous. We must root out the criminal elements lock, stock and barrel. It has to be a subject of zero tolerance.”

Mr Prakash Singh, former DGP, UP and member National Election Watch Committee said “Presence of MPs or MLAs with criminal background in parliament and legislative assemblies is directly affecting the democratic structure of our country. Several of the MPs in this list either have been in jail or are in jail, some are worried that they may be put in jail in future. By putting these type of people in parliament, what type of future are our political parties planning for our country?”

Anil Bairwal, National Coordinator of ADR and NEW said, “We are planning special efforts in these red alert constituencies, if parties either put the same candidates or other candidates with similar backgrounds. We are hoping that parties will listen to people’s demand and put clean and capable candidates for election. In this week and next, all the state Election Watch teams are meeting in their states to finalize the plans for the forthcoming elections.”

Disclaimer: The data here is based on affidavits given by the candidates in 2004 elections. A copy of these affidavits is available on ECI’s website: www.eci.gov.in

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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>

Lok Sabha 2004: Top 20 MPs with Criminal Records (based on 2004 affidavits)

State	Constituency	Name	Party	IPC Sections	Description
MADHYA PRADESH	Bhind	DR. RAMLAKHAN SINGH	BJP	302, 34	Murder, Rioting armed with deadly weapon.
MADHYA PRADESH	Dhar	CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR	BJP	302, 307	Murder, Attempt to murder
PUNJAB	Amritsar	NAVJOT SINGH SIDHU	BJP	FIR No 244 U/S 304/34/PC & chargrs framed u/s 304/302/34 &323/34 IPC.case no 79/18-8-94/20	Culpable homicide not amounting to murder, criminal acts jointly committed, Murder, Causing hurt

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UTTAR PRADESH	Faizabad	MITRASEN BHAGOTI	BSP	147, 148, 323, 324 IPC, 147, 148, 149, 302, 307, 324 IPC, 147, 148, 149, 353, 323, 436, 211, 504, 109 IPC, 147, 148, 149, 302, 120B, 109 IPC, 395, 397, 440 IPC, 395 IPC, 147, 148, 149, 307, 435, 336, 337, 323 IPC, 147, 148, 149, 307, 435, 336, 337, 323 IPC, 147, 336, 332, 307, 109, 120B, 395, 396, 397 IPC, 395, 427 IPC, 148, 149, 307, 120B IPC, 136(2) People Representation Act, 147, 148, 149, 307, 302, 120B IPC, 143, 188 IPC, 126(1) People's Representative Act, 147, 148, 149, 307, 120B IPC, 147, 148, 149, 323, 504, 506, 395 IPC, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471, 409, IPC, 147, 323, 324, 504, 506, 436, 307, IPC, 409, 420, IPC, 409, 420, IPC, 386, 506, IPC, 419, 420, 467, 468, 409, IPC, 467, 468, 471, 406, 420, 419, 409 IPC, 386, 504, 506, IPC, 386, 504, 506, IPC, 307, 506, 427, 208, IPC, 143, 504, 506, IPC, 147, 148, 323, 324, IPC, 3 UP Goonda Act,	(total 28 cases) Cases ranging from murder (3 cases), attempt to murder (10 cases), dacoity (6 cases), robbery (3 cases), to several cases of extortion, criminal intimidation, death threats, cheating, forgery, rioting armed with deadly weapon, destruction of property
UTTAR PRADESH	Machhlishahr	UMAKANT YADAV	BSP	147, 148, 149, 303 IPC, 419, 420, IPC, 147, 323, 504, 307, IPC, 147, 302, IPC, 337	(total 8 cases) Murder, Rioting armed with deadly weapon, Unlawful assembly, cheating
WEST BENGAL	Jhargram	RUPCHAND MURMU	CPM	302/34	Murder, criminals act jointly committed

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WEST BENGAL	Berhampore	ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY	INC	147, 148, 149, 323, 326, 307 IPC, 25/27 ARMS ACT, 9B(ii) I.E. ACT, 302, 120B, 109, 115/120B, 506	Rioting with deadly weapons, unlawful assembly, Causing hurt, causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapon, Attempt to murder, murder, criminal conspiracy, abetting a crime, liability of person for whose benefit a riot is committed, Criminal intimidation and death threat
BIHAR	Balia	SURAJ SINGH	LJNSP	306, 353, 34, 25(1BA), 26, ARMS Act, 420, 294(A), 306, 26 ARMS Act, 302, 307, 404, 34, 120B, 384, 147, 148, 149, 302, 446, 306, 429, 26, ARMS ACT, 144, 447, 353, 306, 379, 26 ARMS ACT, 135 (1), 137(2) R.P.ACT, 341, 306, 302, 379, 34, 26 ARMS ACT, 302, 34, 386, 34, 147, 148, 149, 306, 302, 26 ARMS ACT, 302, 307, 34, 120B, 379, 27 ARMS ACT, 302, 392, 120B, 34, 27 ARMS ACT, 302, 34, 27 ARMS ACT, 302, 353, 120B, 34	Abetment of suicide, Assault of criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty, Criminal Act jointly committed, Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property, Keeping lottery office, Murder, Attempt to murder, Dishonest misappropriation of property, criminal conspiracy, Punishment for extortion, Rioting, Rioting with deadly weapons, Offences committed by unlawful assembly, House breaking by night, mischief by killing or maiming animal, Lurking-house trespass by night, criminal trespass, Assaulting public servant to prevent him from doing his duty, theft, extortion by putting a person in fear of death, robbery, Arms Act

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UTTAR PRADESH	Pratapgarh	AKSHAY PRATAP SINGH "GOPAL JI"	SP	364, 302, 201, 120B, IPC, 3, 4 POTA Act, 25 A Act, 147, 148, 149, 307, 342, 506, IPC, 506 IPC, 323, 364, IPC, 147, 148, 149, 307, 504, 506, IPC, 147, 148, 149, 308, 323, 342, IPC, 147, 323, 504, 506, IPC, 147, 148, 323, 506, IPC, 147, 148, 149, 323, 504, 506, 379, IPC, 328, 306, IPC, 147, 148, 149, 504, 508, IPC, 25/30 A Act, 364, 302, 210, 120B, IPC, 147, 342, 506, IPC, 147, 148, 149, 307, 324, IPC, 3(2) Gangster Act, 352, 504, 506, IPC, 25/27 A Act, 395, 397, 447, 448, 286, 504, 506, 120B IPC, 3(2) Gangster Act, 386, 420, 466, 468, 120B, IPC, 409, 384, IPC, 302, 120B, IPC, 3/4 POTA, 302/34, 506, 120B IPC	(total 26 cases) kidnapping with intent to murder, murder, destroying evidence, criminal conspiracy, rioting, rioting with deadly weapon, unlawful assembly, attempt to murder, wrongful confinement, criminal intimidation and death threat, causing hurt, breach of peace, attempt to commit culpable homicide, theft, causing hurt by means of poison, fraudulently obtaining decree for sum not due, assault or criminal force unprovoked, dacoity, robbery or dacoity with intent to cause death, criminal trespass, house trespass, negligent conduct with respect to explosive substance, extortion by putting person on fear of death or grievous hurt, cheating, forgery, breach of trust, extortion, Arms Act, POTA, Gangster Act

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KERALA	Palghat	N N KRISHNADAS	CPM	143, 147, 148, 407, 427, 324, 326, 307, 149, 143, 144, 145, 147, 148, 447, 120-B, 149, 143, 147, 283, 188, 341, 149, 143, 147, 283, 188, 341, 149 ,sec 3(2) (e) of PDPP ACT.	Unlawful assembly, Rioting with deadly weapon, Criminal breach of trust, Causing damage, Causing hurt by dangerous weapon, Attempt to murder, Offence committed by unlawful assembly, Hurting public servant to prevent him from doing his duty,Criminal conspiracy, obstruction in public way, disobeying public servant, wrongful restraint, sec 3(2) (e) of PDPP ACT.
TAMIL NADU	Madras North	KUPPUSAMI. C	DMK	147, 148, 332, 427, 324, 307	Rioting, rioting with deadly weapons, Hurting public servant to prevent him from doing his duty, Causing damage, Causing hurt by dangerous weapon, Attempt to murder
JHARKHAND	Godda	FURKAN ANSARI	INC	174, 143 R.P.Act, 133, 179, 192, 182 M.P Act, 147, 149, 448, 341, 323, 454, 427, 307	R.P. Act, M.P. Act, Rioting, Offences committed by unlawful assembly, House trespass, Wrongful restraint, Causing hurt, House breaking in order to commit offence, Causing damage, Attempt to murder
WEST BENGAL	Murshidabad	ABDUL MANNAN HOSSAIN	INC	147, 148, 149, 332, 333, 353, 427, 337, 338, 364, 307, 506	Rioting with deadly weapons, unlawful assembly,Causing grievous hurt and assault to public servant to prevent him from doing his duty, causing damage, causing grievous hurt by endangering life and safety of others, Kidnapping with Attempt to murder, Attempt to murder, Criminal intimidation and death threat

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KARNATAKA	Chamarajana gar	M SHIVANNA	JD(S)	143, 144, 147, 148, 149, 324, 326, 307, 435, 447, 332, 427	Unlawful Assembly, Unlawful assembly with deadly weapon, Rioting, Rioting with deadly weapon, Offence committed by unlawful assembly, Causing hurt by dangerous weapons, Causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapons, Attempt to murder, Damage to property by fire or explosives, Criminal trespass, Hurting public servant to prevent him from doing his duty, Causing damage
BIHAR	Gopalganj	ANIRUDH PRASAD ALIAS SADHU YADAV	RJD	RC 4/5/97 (Delhi) u/s 147,148,149,323,307 IPC Case No GardaniBagh (Patna) PS 42/2001 u/s 448,353,506,347 IPC Case No (Gopalganj) 466/2002 u/s 323,341, 354, 385, IPC	Rioting, Rioting with deadly weapons, Offences committed by unlawful assembly, Two counts of Causing hurt, Attempt to murder, House trespass, Assaulting public servant to prevent him from doing his duty, Criminal intimidation and death threat, Wrongful confinement, Wrongful restraint, Indescent Assault on women, Extortion
BIHAR	Kishanganj	TASLIMUDDIN	RJD	Case No. (Araria PS) 19/82 u/s 144, 188 IPC Case No. (Araria PS) 133/82 u/s 309/34 IPC Case No. (Araria PS) 53/82 u/s 147, 448, 323, 337, 426 IPC Case No. (Araria PS) 40/86 u/s 341, 342, 323, 307, 504, 506, 379/34 IPC Case No. (Araria PS) 42/86 u/s 147	(total 9 cases)Unlawful assembly with deadly weapon , Disobeying Public Servant, Attempt to commit suicide, Criminal act jointly committed, Rioting with deadly weapon, House trespass,Three counts of causing hurt, Attempt to murder, breach of trust, Criminal intimidation and death threat, Theft

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BIHAR	Siwan	Mohammad Shahbuddin	RJD	307, 27 Arms Act, 364, 265, 379, 147, 148, 341, 353, 307, 307, 364, 366, 302, 201, 120B, 147, 149, 307, 353, 337, 364, 147, 148, 353, 147, 148, 149, 307, 323, 379, 504, 365, 387/34, 147, 148, 149, 323, 353, 307, 302, 307, 171F, 324, 120B/34	(total 19 cases) 2 murder cases and 8 attempt to murder cases, extortion, Kidnapping,
BIHAR	Purnea	Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav	LJNSP	364, 120B, 188, 324, 307, 384, 363, 379 IPC, 27, 34 Arms Act, 143, 148, 149, 323, 552, 504, 386, 365, 27 Arms Act, 307, 325, 332, 333, 120, 302, 307	(total 10 cases) Kidnapping with intent to murder, murder, attempt to murder, criminal intimidation and death threat, causing hurt, attack with a weapon, attacking govt servant on duty