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Report based on analysis of 880 affidavits out of 3559

Maharashtra, India –

Highlights for Maharashtra Assembly elections 2009.

1. Total contesting candidates in 2009= 3559. Total contesting candidates in 2004= 2678 (Increase in no of candidates= 33%)
2. Total contesting parties in 2009 = 92 (Total contesting parties in 2004 = 57, i.e. an increase in political parties =60%)
3. No of candidates considered by NEW= 880
4. Candidates with pending criminal records
 - a. Pending criminal cases on 276 candidates out of 880 candidates (31%)
 - b. Candidates with pending criminal charges- party wise

Party	Candidates with pending Criminal Charges	Total	Percent
MNS	42	67	62.69
SS	42	62	67.74
BJP	31	48	64.58
BSP	23	108	21.30
INC	23	73	31.51
NCP	16	39	41.03

5. Crorepati candidates
 - a. Total 212 crorepatis (24%)
 - b. Crorepatis partywise-

Party	Crorepatis	Total	Percent
INC	42	73	57.53
BJP	29	48	60.42
SS	29	62	46.77
NCP	29	39	74.36
MNS	21	67	31.34
BSP	11	108	10.19

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6. Average assets per candidate of parties

Party	Avg Assets	Candidate Count
SS	Rs 4,97,51,058 ~ 4 Cror+	62
INC	Rs 3,60,52,088 ~ 3 Cror+	73
NCP	Rs 3,31,92,229 ~ 3 Cror+	39
BJP	Rs 2,64,98,473 ~ 2 Cror+	48
MNS	Rs 1,48,25,806 ~ 1 Cror+	67

About National Election Watch and 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 work 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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