DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI SURVEY REPORT - 2018

(A Brief Analysis of Voters' Priorities and Performance of the Administration/Government on Governance Issues in Dadra & Nagar Haveli)

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INTRODUCTION & METHODOLOGY

The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and RA Asterisc Computing & Data Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (RAAC) conducted perhaps the largest ever voter survey in any one country. The All India Survey was conducted across 534 Lok Sabha constituencies with 2,73,487 voters participating in this exercise spread among various demographics. The three main objectives of this survey were to identify the following: (i) voters' priorities on specific governance issues, (ii) voters' ratings of the administration's/government's performance on those issues, and (iii) factors influencing voting behaviour. This survey was conducted between October 2018 and December 2018, prior to the General Elections to the Lok Sabha 2019.

Focusing on Dadra & Nagar Haveli, this report provides an analysis of 10 most important governance issues as rated by the voters of Dadra & Nagar Haveli (out of the 31 listed in the questionnaire). These voters' priorities are further examined in relation to the performance of the administration/government on those issues as perceived by the respondents. The survey covered approximately 500 respondents of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

The key objective of this perception assessment is to provide an improved understanding of the important expectations of voters from the administration/government and how they assess its performance. In addition, it seeks to fill a vital gap in contemporary times, namely, evidence-based research and action on governance. For far too long we have depended entirely on ideology or the opinions of various experts. Though that is important, we also need to reflect on the priorities of the voters. These priorities and assessments will change over time, and hence there is a need to repeat this survey periodically.

Research Design: A cross-sectional, representative sample of the population over 18 was selected using a partially purposive sample selection procedure to ensure representation from various segments of the population like rural-urban, gender, caste, religion, and income groups. Every care was taken to make the samples unbiased and fully representative of the population. The accuracy of the survey is 95%, i.e., the true values are within 5% of the survey predictions.

KEY FINDINGS

- The Dadra & Nagar Haveli Survey 2018 shows that Better Employment Opportunities (64.67%), Better Hospitals/Primary Healthcare Centres (56.53%) and Better Roads (41.78%) are the top three voters' priorities in overall Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

- The performance of the administration/government on all top three voters' priorities of Better Employment Opportunities (3.10 on a scale of 5), Better Hospitals/Primary Healthcare Centres (3.07) and Better Roads (3.08) was rated as Above Average.

- In rural Dadra & Nagar Haveli, top most voters' priorities were Better Employment Opportunities (60%), Agriculture Subsidy for Seeds/Fertilisers (58%) and Better Hospitals/Primary Healthcare Centres (57%).

- The performance of the administration/government on rural voters' priorities of Better Employment Opportunities (3.09 on a scale of 5), Agriculture Subsidy for Seeds/Fertilisers (3.11) and Better Hospitals/Primary Healthcare Centres (3.11) was rated as Above Average.

- The administration/government has performed worst on issues like Higher Price Realization for farm products (3), Better Public Transport (3) and Water, river, lake pollution (3) in rural Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

- For the urban voters in Dadra & Nagar Haveli, the top most priorities were Better Employment Opportunities (70%), Better Hospitals/Primary Healthcare Centres (56%), and Better Public Transport (51%).

- The performance of the administration/government on urban voters' priorities of Better Employment Opportunities (3.11), Better Hospitals/Primary Healthcare Centres (3.00) was rate as Above Average and Average, respectively. However, its performance on Better Public Transport (2.92) was rated as Below Average.

I. Top 3 Voters' Priorities and the Performance of Administration/Government in Dadra & Nagar Haveli – Overall and Rural & Urban
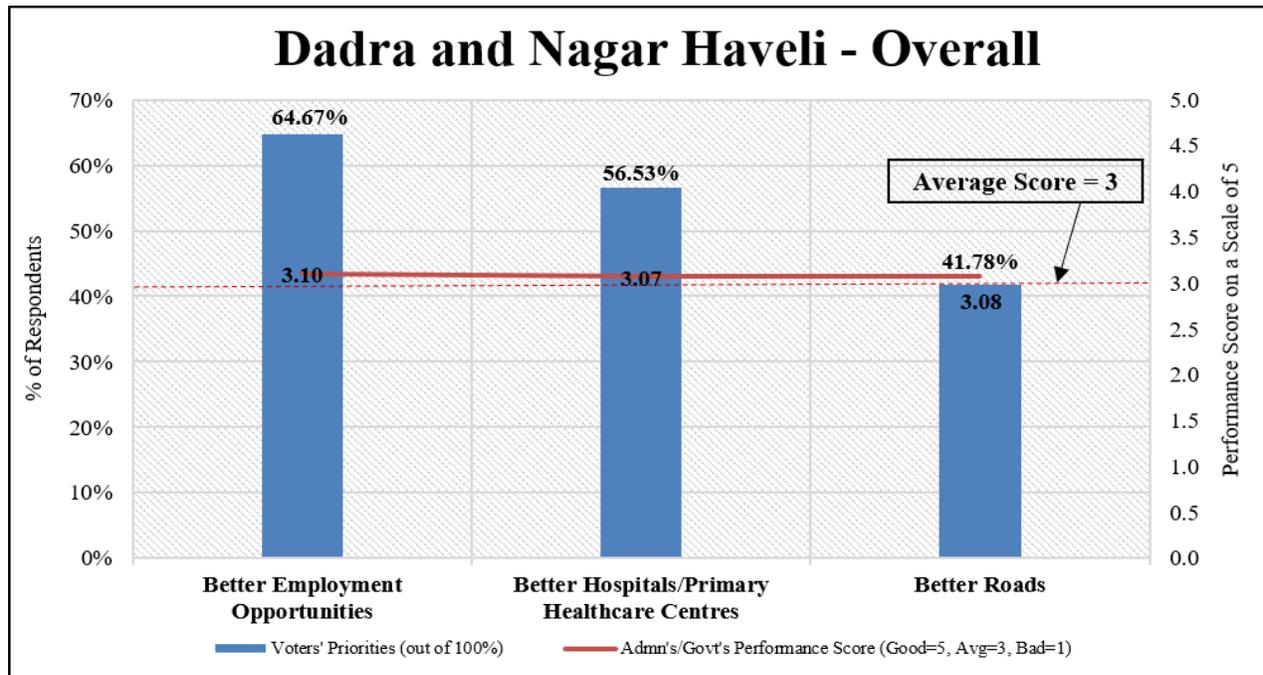
Graph 1: Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Top 3 overall Voters' Priorities and Administration's/Government's Performance Ranking
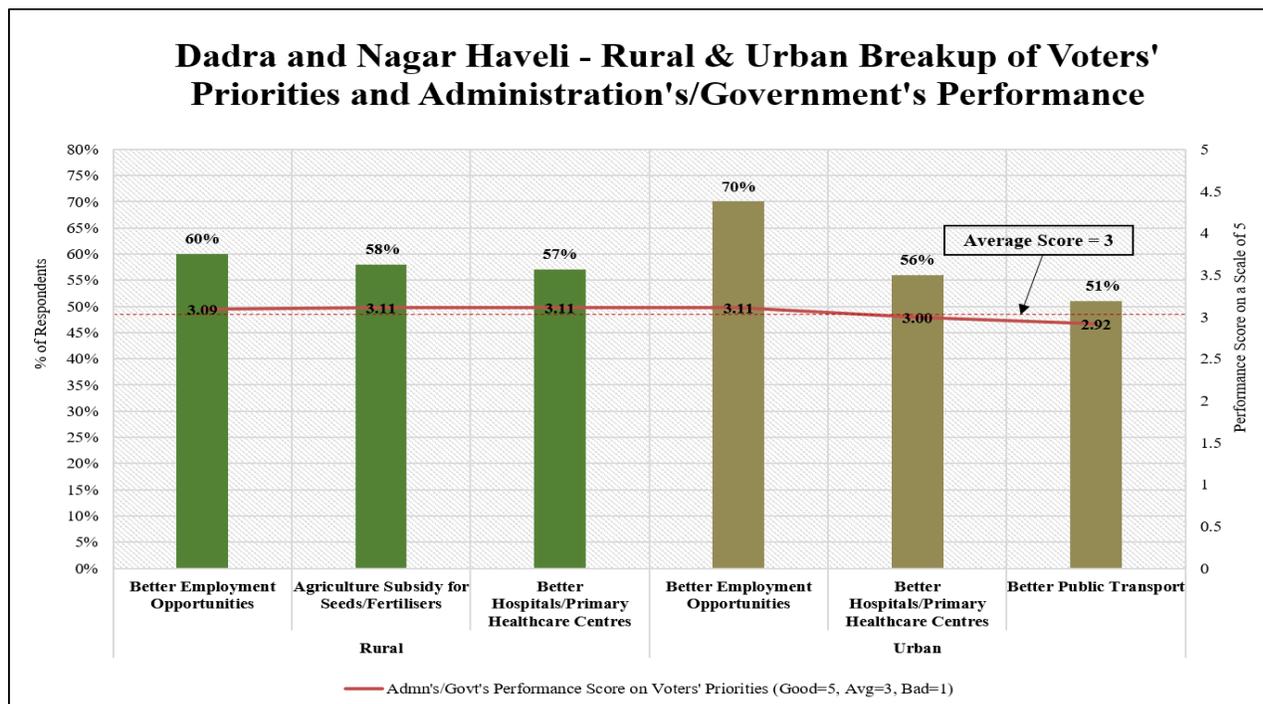

Graph 2: Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Rural & Urban Breakup of Voters' Priorities and Administration's/Government's Performance

II. Rural Voters' Priorities and the Performance of Administration/Government in Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Dadra and Nagar Haveli Rural Voters' Priorities

Priority	% of Rural Respondents
Better employment opportunties	60%
Agriculture subsidy for seeds/fertilisers	58%
Better hospitals/Primary Health care centers	57%
Higher Price Realization for farm Products	47%
Better roads	46%
Electricity for domestic use	27%
Better Public Transport	25%
Availability of Water for agriculture	24%
Water, river, lake pollution	22%
School education	20%
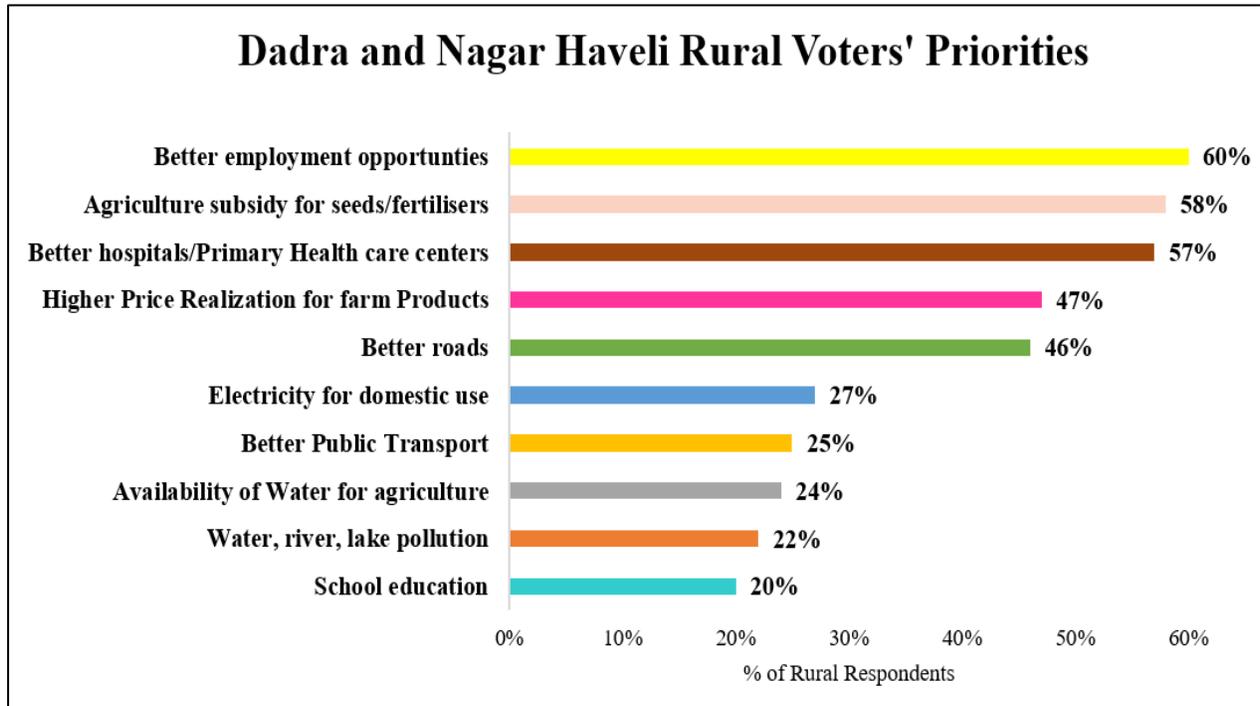
Graph 3: Rural Voters' Priorities in Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Dadra and Nagar Haveli Administration's/Government's Performance on Rural Voters' Priorities

| Priority	Admn's/Govt's Performance Score (Good=5, Avg=3, Bad=1)
Better employment opportunties	3.09
Agriculture subsidy for seeds/fertilisers	3.11
Better hospitals/Primary Health care centers	3.11
Higher Price Realization for farm Products	3
Better roads	3.09
Electricity for domestic use	3.21
Better Public Transport	3
Availability of Water for agriculture	3.12
Water, river, lake pollution	3
School education	3.21

Graph 4: Performance of Administration/Government on Rural Voters' Priorities in Dadra & Nagar Haveli

III. Urban Voters' Priorities and the Performance of Administration/Government in Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Dadra and Nagar Haveli Urban Voters' Priorities

Priority	%
Better employment opportunties	70%
Better hospitals/Primary Health care centers	56%
Better Public Transport	51%
Better roads	37%
Better garbage clearance	36%
Electricity for domestic use	35%
Water and air pollution	31%
Traffic congestion	29%
Noise Pollution	18%
School education	17%

% of Urban Respondents
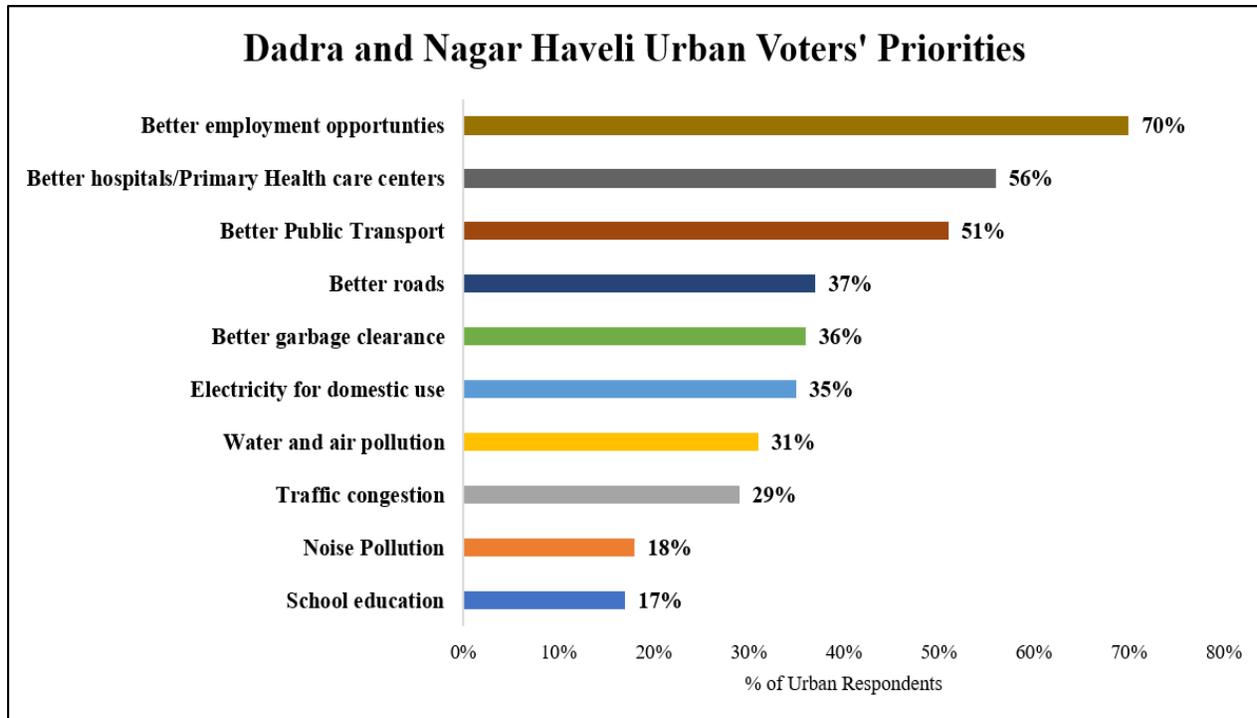
Graph 5: Urban Voters' Priorities in Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Dadra and Nagar Haveli Administration's/Government's Performance on Urban Voters' Priorities

Priority	Score
Better employment opportunties	3.11
Better hospitals/Primary Health care centers	3
Better Public Transport	2.92
Better roads	3.1
Better garbage clearance	3
Electricity for domestic use	3.36
Water and air pollution	3.09
Traffic congestion	3.09
Noise Pollution	3
School education	3.15

Admn's/Govt's Performance Score (Good=5, Avg=3, Bad=1)

Graph 6: Performance of the Administration/government on Urban Voters' Priorities in Dadra & Nagar Haveli

VOTING BEHAVIOUR

The survey tried to analyse the following aspects with respect to voting behaviour – (i) factors influencing voting behaviour, (ii) opinion regarding criminal candidates contesting in elections, and (iii) voter awareness regarding the role of crime and money.

To identify the factors that influence voting behaviour following queries were posed – "What are the reasons you vote for a candidate?" and "In an election, whose opinion mattered the most while deciding which candidate to vote for?".

In order to comprehend voters' opinion regarding criminal candidates contesting in elections, the two questions that were posed were – "Should someone with a criminal case be in Parliament or State Assembly?" and "Why do people vote for those with criminal records?".

To assess voter awareness regarding the role of crime and money, the following questions were asked – "Do you know that distribution of cash/money/gifts etc. are illegal?", "Are you aware of instances of distribution of cash/money/gifts/liquor in your constituency during the last election?", and "Do you know that you can get information on criminal records of the candidates?".

Salient Observations on Voting Behaviour in Dadra & Nagar Haveli

- According to Dadra & Nagar Haveli Survey 2018, highest percentage of voters said that the Candidate himself/herself (Important: 57% and Very Important: 21%) was the most significant factor in voting for a particular candidate in an election. This was followed by Candidate's Party (Important: 41% and Very Important: 28%).

- For 10% voters, distribution of cash, liquor, gifts etc. was an important (6%) and very important (4%) factor in voting a particular candidate in an election.

- While deciding which candidate to vote for in an election, 80% of Dadra & Nagar Haveli voters stated that their own opinion mattered the most, followed by voters for whom opinion

of their Family Members (9%) and Spouse (7%) mattered the most.

- A large number of voters (80%) knew that distribution of cash, gifts etc. are illegal.

- 10% voters said that they were aware of instances where such inducements were offered to the voters in return for their votes.

- 98% voters felt that candidates with criminal background should not be in Parliament or State Assembly.

- Only 27% of voters knew that they could get information on criminal records of the candidates.

- In relation to voting candidates with criminal antecedents, 39% of voters felt that people vote for such candidates because he/she belongs to similar caste or religion.

- For 38% voters, people vote for criminal candidates because they are unaware about the criminal record of these candidates.

- Other important factors in voting for criminal candidates was that candidate is powerful (34%), candidate otherwise does good work (34%), cases against such candidates are not of serious nature (32%) and that candidate has spent generously in elections (31%).

Voter Behaviour I

What are the reasons you vote for a candidate?-The Candidate
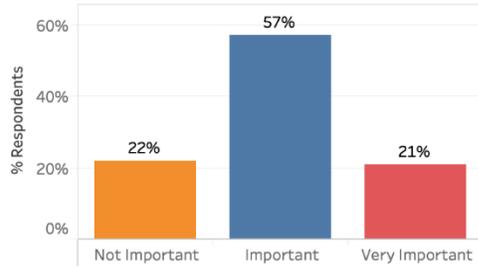
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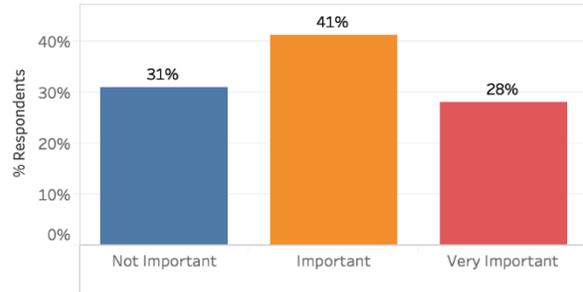
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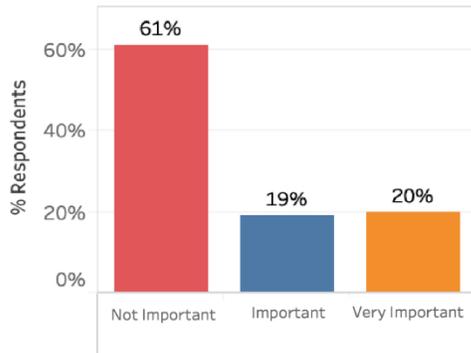
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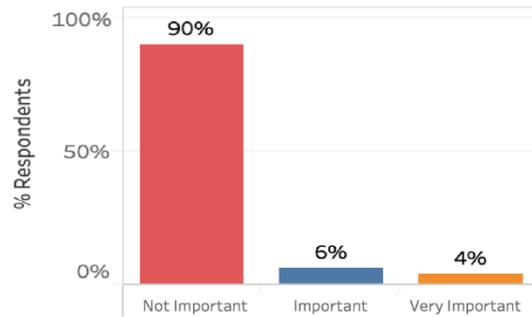
Graph 7: Factors Influencing Voting Behaviour

In deciding who to vote for in an election, whose opinion mattered the most?
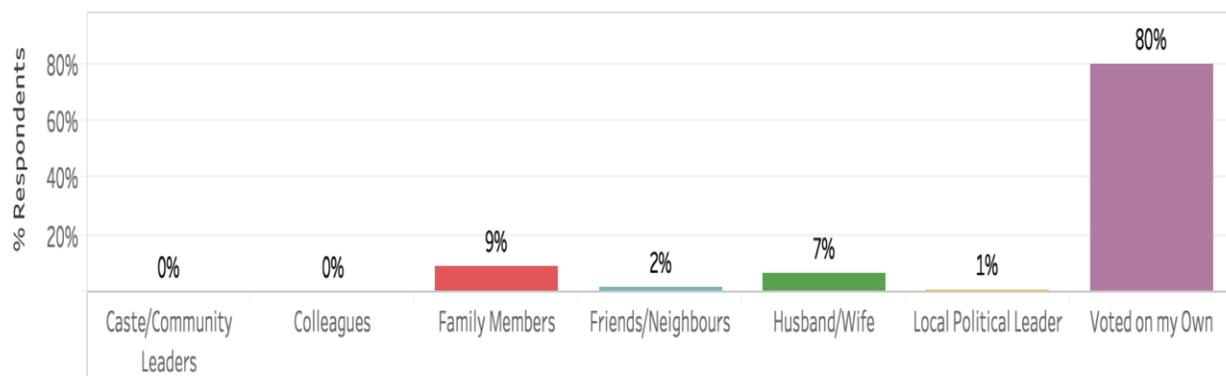
Graph 8: In an election, whose opinion mattered the most while deciding which candidate to vote

Voter Behaviour II

Do you know that distribution of Cash/money/gifts are illegal?
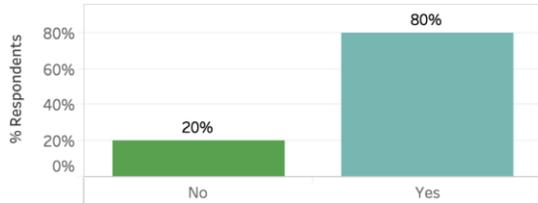
Are you aware of instances of distribution of money/cash/gifts/liquor in your constituency during the last election?
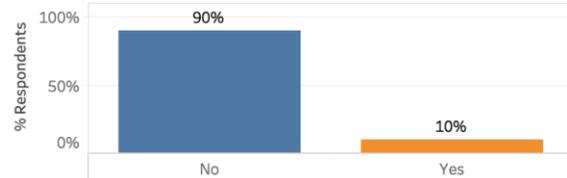
Do you know that you can get information on criminal records of the candidates?
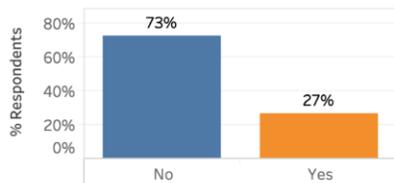
Do you think people should vote for candidates with a criminal record/arrested in jail?
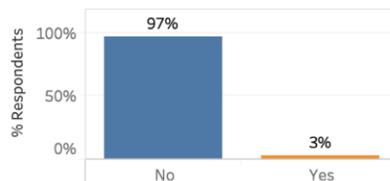
Should someone with a criminal case be in Parliament or a State Assembly?
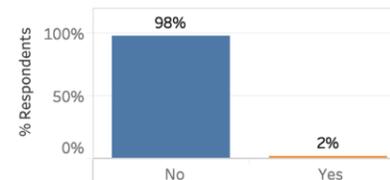
Graph 9: Voter Awareness regarding the Role of Crime and Money in Elections

Voter Behaviour III

Why do you think people vote for candidate with a criminal record?-Candidate is of similar caste/religion
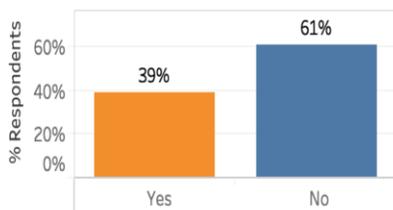
Why do you think people vote for candidate with a criminal record?-Candidate is powerful
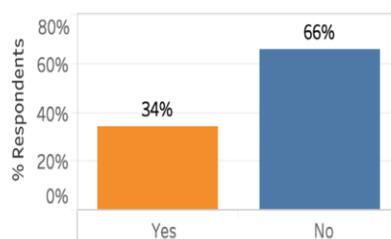
Why do you think people vote for candidate with a criminal record?-Candidate otherwise does good work
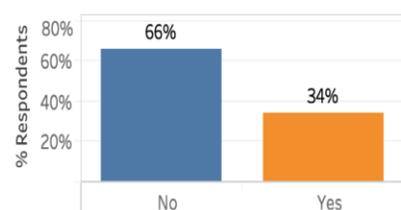
Why do you think people vote for candidate with a criminal record?-Cases against him are not serious
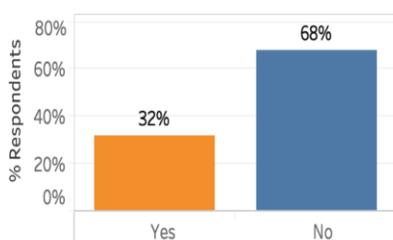
Why do you think people vote for candidate with a criminal record?-Candidate has spent generously in elections
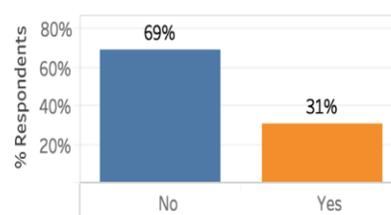
Why do you think people vote for candidate with a criminal record?-Voters don't know about the criminal record
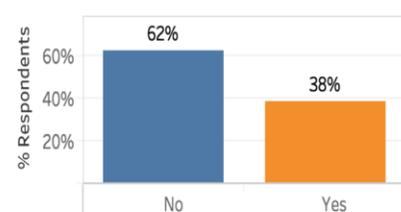
Graph 10: Voters' Opinion regarding Criminal Candidates Contesting in Elections

VOTERS' DEMOGRAPHIC DETAILS

- 53% of the voters surveyed were from rural areas and 47% were from urban areas.

- 68% were Males and 32% were Females.

- 48% were from General Category, 48% were ST, 3% OBC, and 1% SC.

The other respondent details can be observed from the graphs below -
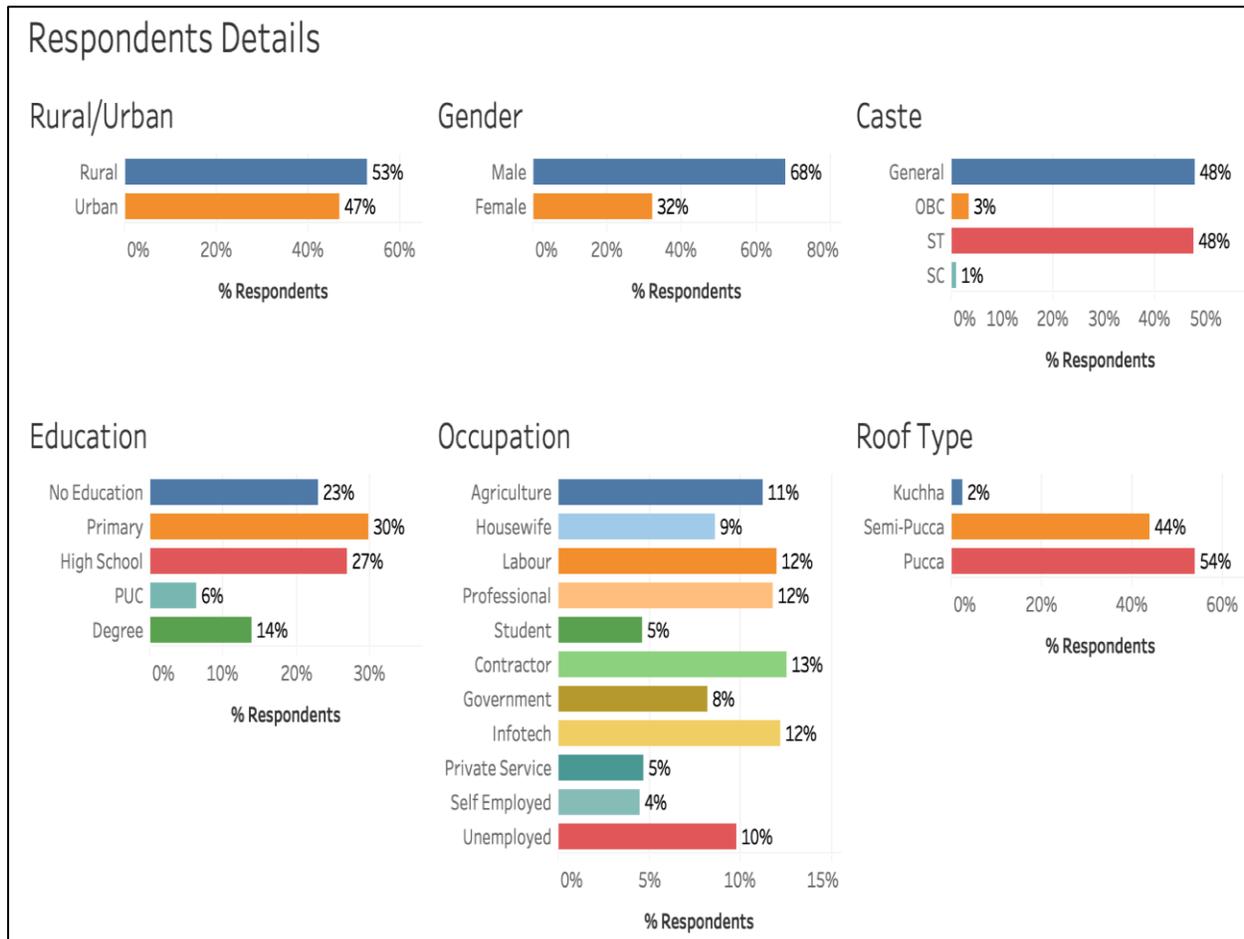
Graph 11: Voters' Demographic Details

CONCLUSION

The Dadra & Nagar Haveli Survey Report 2018 points to the fact that even though the administration's/government's performance has generally been rated as average or above average on most voters' priorities, there is still a lot of scope for improvement particularly on issues like Better Public Transport, Water, River, Lake Pollution etc.

Political representation is about making constituents' preferences present in politics and governance. Behind these ratings is the daily reality that people living in our country face. The ratings try to capture this and help inform our Government what that number means and how the Government is perceived by the voters of this country.

ADR believes that the assessment report can be an important tool in engendering improvements within all institutions in refining their own institutional practices and developing better oversight of other bodies. We hope the report will be instrumental in starting a coordinated effort to work together to ensure the most efficient use of resources to serve the nation as a whole.

DISCLAIMER

This survey was conducted to ascertain the most pressing governance issues that voters of India perceive to be affecting their daily lives and also to investigate whether the voters are happy with their respective administration/governments with regard to the addressing of those issues.

The survey was conducted using sound scientific techniques and the consequent findings and reports were prepared using recognized data analysis techniques. The inferences drawn in this report are based on the responses provided by the Indian voters.

This survey is a systematic and scientific attempt to study the gap between governance-demands of the voters of India and the delivery of the respective administration/governments as perceived by the Indian voters. This survey is in no way an attempt to appreciate or denigrate any administration/government(s) or political party or individual or any other organization or institution.

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