

Press Release

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Analysis of Criminal, Financial and Other Background details of Candidates from Chhattisgarh (Phase–1)for Lok Sabha 2014

Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Chhattisgarh Election Watch have analyzed the self-sworn affidavits of all 8 candidates from Chhattisgarh (Phase 1) for Lok Sabha elections 2014 as given by ECI from Bastar constituency.

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Executive Summary – Phase 1

Criminal Background

- **Candidates with Criminal Cases:** Out of the 8 candidates analysed, **2 candidates (25%)** have declared criminal cases against himself.
- **Candidates with Serious Criminal Cases:** Out of 8 candidates, 1 candidate, **Soni Soree of Aam Aadmi Party from Bastar constituency** has declared a serious criminal case relating to causing mischief by fire or explosive substance

Criteria for serious criminal cases

1. Offence for which maximum punishment is of 5 years or more.
2. If an offence is non-bailable
3. If it is an electoral offence (IPC 171E or bribery)
4. Offence related to loss to exchequer
5. Offences that are assault, murder, kidnap, rape related
6. Offences that are mentioned in Representation of the People Act (Section 8)
7. Offences under Prevention of Corruption Act
8. Crimes against women.

Financial Background

- **Corepati Candidates:** Out of the 8 candidates analysed, **3 (38%)** are corepatis.
- **Average Assets:** The average assets per candidate contesting in the 3rd phase of 2014 Lok Sabha Elections from Chhattisgarh is **Rs.1.03 crores**.
- **High Asset Candidates:** **3** candidates have more than **Rs. 1 crore worth of assets**. Total Assets includes assets of self, spouse and dependents. The top three candidates with highest assets are given below:

S.No.	Name	Constituency	Party Name	Total Assets (Rs)
1	Arjun Singh Thakur	Bastar	Ambedkarite Party of India	4,68,85,000 4 Crore+
2	Dinesh Kashyap	Bastar	BJP	1,61,08,199 1 Crore+
3	Shankar Ram Thakur	Bastar	SP	1,24,30,000 1 Crore+

- **Low Asset Candidates:** Out of 8 candidates analysed, a total of **3** candidates have declared assets **less than Rs 15 lakhs**. The top three candidates with lowest assets are as follows:

S.No.	Name	Constituency	Party Name	Total Assets (Rs)
1	Soni Soree	Bastar	AAP	1,95,000 1 Lacs+
2	Devchand Dhruw	Bastar	CPI(ML) Red star	3,71,000 3 Lacs+
3	Manbodh Baghel	Bastar	BSP	14,05,000 14 Lacs+

- **Candidates who have not give value for Immovable Assets:** 1 candidate, Vimla Shoree of CPI from Bastar constituency has not given value for residential buildings that she has declared in her affidavit

- **Candidates with Liabilities:** A total of 6 candidates out of 8 analyzed have declared liabilities. **Dinesh Kashyap** of BJP has declared liabilities of **Rs. 21.91 lakhs** followed by **Arjun Singh Thakur** of Ambedkarite Party of India and **Soni Soree** of AAP with liabilities of **Rs. 2.50 lakhs**.
- **Candidates with High Income:** **Dinesh Kashyap** of BJP has declared the highest total income of **Rs 12.66 lakhs** in his Income Tax Returns followed by **Deepak Karma** of INC with a total income of **Rs 8.78 lakhs** and **Arjun Singh Thakur** of Ambedkarite Party of India with a total income of **Rs. 5.68 crores**. **Total income includes income of elf, spouse and dependents*
- **Candidates who have not declared Income Tax Details*:** 3 Candidates out of 8 analyzed have not declared income tax details. **Some candidates may be exempted from filing Income Tax Returns*
- **Undeclared PAN:** 2 (25%) out of 8 candidates analysed have not declared their PAN details.

Other Background details (Education, Gender, Age)

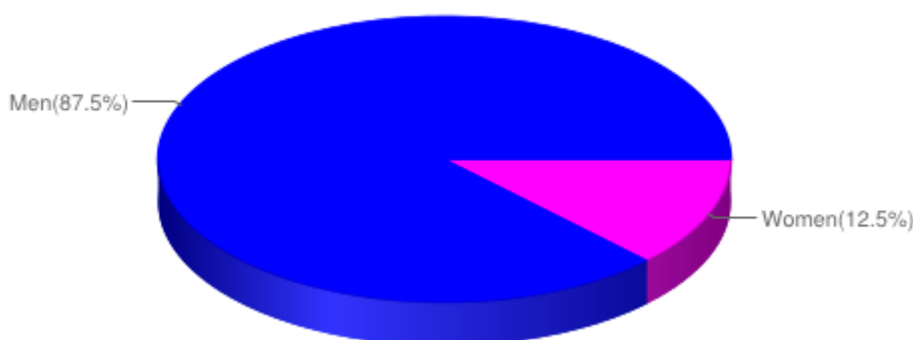
- **Candidates' Education**

Education Group	Number of Candidates analyzed
8 th Pass	1
10 th Pass	1
Graduate	2
Graduate Professional	2
Post Graduate	2
Total	8

- **Candidates' Age**

Age Group	Number of Candidates Analyzed
25-30	1
31-40	3
41-50	2
51-60	2
Total	8

- **Women Candidates**



Men	7
Women	1
Total	8

Detailed Analysis based on declared criminal cases

Out of the 8 candidates analysed, **2 candidates (or 25%)** have declared a criminal case against themselves.

Party Name	Total number of candidates analyzed	candidates with declared Criminal Cases	% of candidates with declared criminal cases	candidates with serious declared criminal cases	% of candidates with serious declared criminal cases
BJP	1	1	100%	0	0%
AAP	1	1	100%	1	100%
Others	6	0	0	0	0
Total	8	2	25%	1	13%

Table: Party wise candidates with criminal cases

Full Details of Candidates with Criminal Cases

S.No.	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
1	Name: Soni Soree State: CHHATTISGARH Constituency: BASTAR Party: AAP Total Cases: 2 Serious IPC: 1 Other IPC: 3 Cases (Accused) -----No Cases----- Cases (Charges framed) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> IPC Sections - 148, 341, 435, 149 , Other Details - 25(1)(1-B)(b)Arms Act. Case No. 5/11 JMFC Bacheli Attact on Trucks at Nerli Valley on 14.08.2010, Crime No. 76/10, Police Station Bacheli Soni Sori Granted Bail by JMFC on 29.05.2013 IPC Sections - , Other Details - Crime No. 26/11, Sessions Trial 37/12 Dantewada Dist Court Acting as a Conduit for Maoists on 09.09.2011 Police Station Kuakonda soni Sori Granted Bail by Supreme Court on 07.02.14 	1 charge related to Mischief by destroying or moving, etc., a land- mark fixed by public authority Mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to cause damage to amount of one hundred or (in case of agricultural produce) ten rupees (IPC Section-435) 1 charge related to Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object (IPC Section-149) 1 charge related to Rioting, armed with deadly weapon (IPC Section-148) 1 charge related to wrongful restraint (IPC Section-341)
2	Name: Dinesh Kashyap State: CHHATTISGARH Constituency: BASTAR Party: BJP Total Cases: 1 Serious IPC: 0 Other IPC: 1 Cases (Accused) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> IPC Sections - 188 , Other Details - Criminal Case No.190/13, Judicial Magistrate Class First, Jagdalpur, next hearing date- 15/4/2014 	1 charge related to Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant (IPC Section-188)
	Cases (Convicted) -----No Cases----- Cases (Charges framed) -----No Cases----- Cases (Convicted) -----No Cases--- -	

Table: Full details of Candidates with criminal cases

Detailed Analysis Based on Financial Background of Candidates

Candidates with Liabilities

S.No.	Name	Constituency	Party Name	Total Assets(Rs)	Liabilities (Rs)	PAN Given
1	Dinesh Kashyap	Bastar	BJP	1,61,08,199 1 Crore+	21,91,216 21 Lacs+	Y
2	Arjun Singh Thakur	Bastar	Ambedkarite Party of India	4,68,85,000 4 Crore+	2,50,000* 2 Lacs+	Y
3	Soni Soree	Bastar	AAP	1,95,000 1 Lacs+	2,50,000 2 Lacs+	N
4	Vimla Shoree	Bastar	CPI	15,20,000 15 Lacs+	2,00,000* 2 Lacs+	Y
5	Devchand Dhruw	Bastar	CPI(ML) Red star	3,71,000 3 Lacs+	52,235* 52 Thou+	N
6	Shankar Ram Thakur	Bastar	SP	1,24,30,000 1 Crore+	8,000 8 Thou+	Y

Table: Candidates with Liabilities

Candidates who have declared Income Tax Details

S.No.	Name	Party Name	Constituency	Total Asset	The financial year for which the last income tax return has been filed by candidate	Total income shown by candidate in ITR (Self+Spouse+Dependent)	Self income shown by candidate in ITR
1	Dinesh Kashyap	BJP	Bastar	1,61,08,199 1 Crore+	2012-2013	12,66,044 12 Lacs+	6,73,314 6 Lacs+
2	Deepak Karma	INC	Bastar	36,01,587 36 Lacs+	2012-2013	8,78,791 8 Lacs+	8,78,791 8 Lacs+
3	Arjun Singh Thakur	Ambedkarite Party of India	Bastar	4,68,85,000 4 Crore+	2012-2013	5,68,276 5 Lacs+	1,50,000 1 Lacs+
4	Shankar Ram Thakur	SP	Bastar	1,24,30,000 1 Crore+	2012-2013	4,65,640 4 Lacs+	4,65,640 4 Lacs+
5	Manbodh Baghel	BSP	Bastar	14,05,000 14 Lacs+	2012-2013	1,75,345 1 Lacs+	1,75,345 1 Lacs+

Table: Candidates who have declared Income Tax Details

Full Asset Details of Candidates

S.No.	Name	Constituency	Party Name	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
1	Arjun Singh Thakur	Bastar	Ambedkarite Party of India	2,85,000	4,66,00,000	4,68,85,000 4 Crore+	Y
2	Dinesh Kashyap	Bastar	BJP	88,37,996	72,70,203	1,61,08,199 1 Crore+	Y
3	Shankar Ram Thakur	Bastar	SP	42,80,000	81,50,000	1,24,30,000 1 Crore+	Y
4	Deepak Karma	Bastar	INC	20,01,587	16,00,000	36,01,587 36 Lacs+	Y
5	Vimla Shoree	Bastar	CPI	15,20,000	0	15,20,000 15 Lacs+	Y
6	Manbodh Baghel	Bastar	BSP	7,45,000	6,60,000	14,05,000 14 Lacs+	Y
7	Devchand Dhruw	Bastar	CPI(ML) Red star	21,000	3,50,000	3,71,000 3 Lacs+	N
8	Soni Soree	Bastar	AAP	1,95,000	0	1,95,000 1 Lacs+	N

TaSble: Full Asset Details of Candidates

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SMS

To get information on candidates/MP/MLA from your constituency, send SMS

MYNETA <PINCODE>

(Example: MYNETA PINCODE)

or

MYNETA <Constituency name>

(Example: MYNETA New Delhi)

On 9246556070 (normal SMS charges applicable) or 56070 (charges Rs. 2-3)

Sample response: Sample response: Candidates for BASTAR, (1) DINESH KASHYAP BJP: Criminal Cases-1, Asset Rs 1.61 Crore, Liability: Rs 21.91 Lakhs, Edu: Post Graduate. (2) SONI SOREE AAP: Criminal Cases-2, Asset Rs 1.95 Lakhs, Liability: 2.50 Lakhs, Edu: 12th Pass.

Dial *325*35# (free service)

Facebook users can get information on their candidates/MP/MLA on GSM mobiles

Step 1→

Dial ***325*35#**

Step 2→

Reply with **option 4 (“Know Your Neta”)**

Step 3→

Reply with **PINCODE (or Constituency name)**

Step 4→

Reply with **option 1 (for Candidate 1)**

Or

Reply with **option 2 (for Candidate 2)**

Or

Reply with **option 3 (for Candidate 3)**

Sample response:

Dinesh Kashyap (BJP)

Criminal Cases:1

Assets: 1.61 Crores,

Education: Post Graduate

2. Know your Neta on Toll-free Helpline

Dial Toll-free no: **1-800-110-440**

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

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