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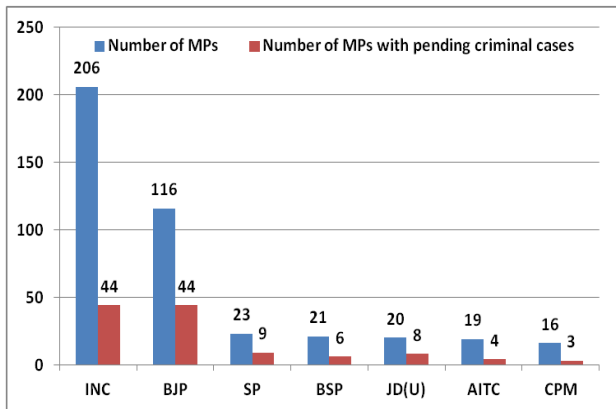
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What is National Election Watch (NEW)

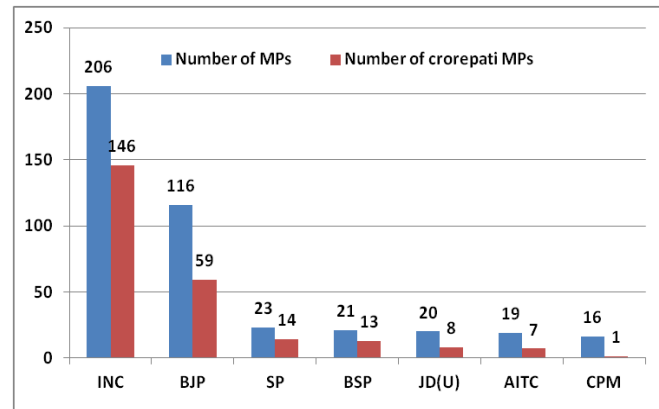
- Nationwide campaign of more than 1200 NGOs working for electoral reforms in the country.
- Empowerment and awareness of the electorate about candidate's background information in order to enable them to make an informed choice
- Works towards transparency and accountability in the functioning and finances of political parties

Lok Sabha 2009

Number of MPs with criminal cases



Number of crorepati MPs

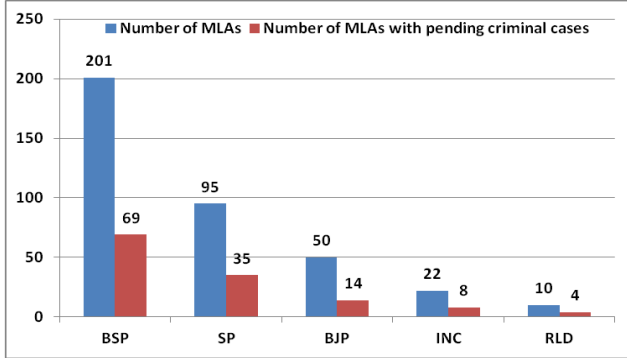


- INC and BJP have the highest number of MPs (44) with pending criminal cases against them
- SP has 39% (9 out of 23) and BSP has 29% (6 out of 21) of their MPs in the Parliament who have pending criminal cases against them
- INC has the maximum number of crorepati MPs (146) followed by BJP with 116 crorepati MPs
- SP has 61% (14 out of 23) and BSP has 62% (13 out of 21) of their MPs who are crorepati

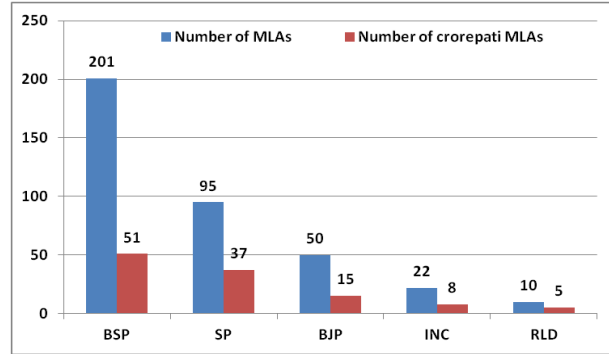


Uttar Pradesh Assembly, 2007

Pending criminal cases against MLAs- party-wise



Crorepati MLAs – party -wise



- BSP has the highest number of MLAs (69 out of 201) with pending criminal cases followed by SP (35 out of 95)
- BSP also has the highest number of crorepati MLAs (51) followed by SP with 37 crorepati MLAs

Top 5 MLAs*/MLCs with pending criminal cases against them

S. No.	Name	Constituency	District	Party	Total No of Cases	Serious IPC Counts	Brief Details of serious IPC Counts
1	DHIRENDRA PRATAP SINGH	BALRAMPUR	BALRAMPUR	BSP	29	13	6 charges related to Attempt to murder
							2 charges related to voluntarily causing grievous hurt
							2 charges related to theft
							1 charges related to Kidnapping or abducting in order to murder
							1 charges related to Attempt to commit robbery
							1 charges related to undue influence or personation at an election
2	SUSHIL KUMAR	DHANAPUR	CHANDAULI	BSP	14	13	5 charges related to Attempt to murder
							5 charges related to Murder
							1 charges related to Kidnapping or abducting in order to murder
							1 charges related to theft
							1 charges related to extortion
3	RAM PRAKASH YADAV	JASRANA	FIROZABAD	IND	11	12	5 charges related to Kidnapping or abducting in order to murder
							2 charges related to Murder
							1 charges related to Kidnapping or abducting with intent secretly and wrongfully to confine person
							1 charges related to Wrongfully concealing or keeping in confinement, kidnapped or abducted person
							1 charges related to Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means
							1 charges related to Theft in dwelling house, etc.
							1 charges related to Kidnapping for ransom, etc.
4	JITENDRA KUMAR BABLU BHAIIYA	BIKAPUR	FAIZABAD	BSP	12	10	6 charges related to Attempt to murder
							2 charges related to Kidnapping for ransom, etc.
							1 charges related to Wrongfully concealing or keeping

S. No.	Name	Constituency	District	Party	Total No of Cases	Serious IPC Counts	Brief Details of serious IPC Counts
							in confinement, kidnapped or abducted person 1 charges related to Theft after preparation made for causing death, hurt or restraint in order to the committing of the theft
5	MUKHTAR ANSARI	MAU	MAU	IND	13	9	5 charges related to Attempt to murder 4 charges related to Murder

*- Amongst MLAs and MLCs, top 5 with pending criminal cases against them are MLAs only.

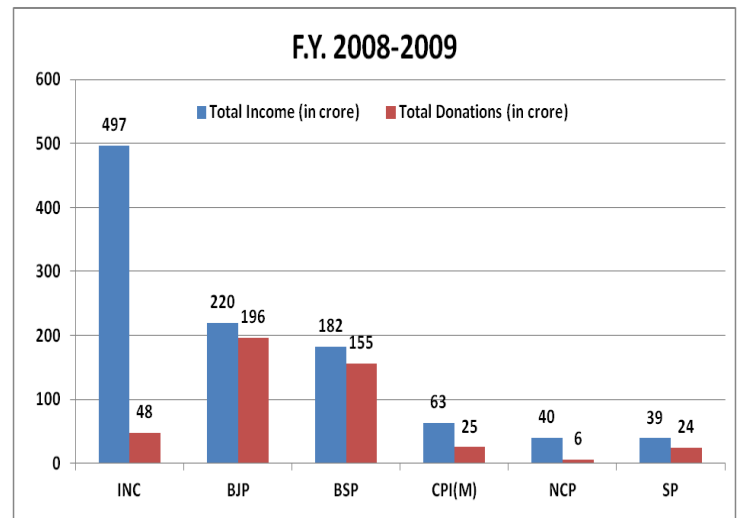
Top 5 crorepati MLAs/MLCs

S.No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Total Assets (Rs)	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)
1	Mayawati	MLC	BSP	87,27,42,000 87 Cror+	12,57,50,000	74,69,92,000
2	Manish Jaiswal	MLC	BSP	36,02,59,216 36 Cror+	34,08,59,216	1,94,00,000
3	AJAY PRATAP SINGH ALIS LALLA BAIYA	MLA (Colonelganj)	INC	31,86,19,703 31 Cror +	1,11,89,703	30,74,30,000
4	Arvind Kumar Tripathi "Guddu Tripathi"	MLC	BSP	20,20,24,790 20 Cror+	1,24,07,312	18,96,17,478
5	Prashant Chaudhary	MLC	BSP	18,80,87,074 18 Cror+	1,16,65,074	17,64,22,000

Financial status of political parties

Income and Donation analysis of Parties

- The total income of INC for FY 2008-2009 was 497 crores while the total donations received by it, as per the Income Tax report, is 48 crores.
- BJP on the other hand declared its total income to be 220 crores out of which 196 crores was through the donations/contributions they received.
- BSP and SP have declared its total income as 182 and 39 crores respectively. Donations received by each of them is 155 and 24 crores respectively.



Top 3 Sources of Income for political parties

Party	Total Income in FY 2008-09 (crore)	Top 3 sources of income FY 2008-09	Amount (crore)
INC	497	Sale of coupons	422
		Donations	48
		Interest	20
BJP	220	Voluntary contributions	196
		Interest	10
		Aajiwani Sahayog Nidhi	12

Party	Total Income in FY 2008-09 (crore)	Top 3 sources of income FY 2008-09	Amount (crore)
BSP	182	Contributions	155
		Membership	22
		Interest	3
CPM	63	Voluntary contributions	25
		Levy	25
		Election Fund	4
SP	39	Donation	24
		Interest	11
		Membership fees	3

Analysis of Contributions received by parties

Party	Total income FY 2008-09 (crore)	Total Donations FY 2008-09(crore)	% of donations over total income	Amount received as donations greater than 20,000 (crore)	% of donations greater than 20,000 over total donations	Total no of contributors who made donations greater than 20,000
INC	497	48	10%	28	58%	143
BJP	220	196	89%	31	16%	173
BSP	182	155	85%	0	0%	0
CPM	63	25	40%	0.42	2%	14
SP	39	24	62%	0.40	2%	157

Reforms required in the current electoral system

- Inner-party democracy should be introduced within political parties.
- There should be financial transparency in the accounts of political parties.
- Any person involved in any criminal case must not be allowed to contest elections.
- Any political party that gives a ticket to such an individual should be deregistered.
- The electronic voting machines should have an option “None-of-the-above” and such votes should also be counted.
- Ceiling must be imposed on expenses of political parties during elections.
- A candidate should be declared elected only when he acquires “50% + 1 of the registered votes cast”.
- The number of days provided to file election petitions should be increased.
- There should be a legal sanction to file election petitions against candidates who have lost elections.
- Information provided by candidates in the affidavits should be verified by an independent central authority in a time bound manner.
- Providing wrong information on affidavit or leaving out any information blank should be made punishable.
- Political parties should be declared as public authorities.
- Election Commission should have the power to deregister a political party.



Your Democracy...Your Role...

Citizens are the most significant part of any democracy as they are the ones who chose the leaders to represent them in the Parliament and State Assembly. An aware electorate which is proactive and constantly demands answers will force the political parties not to field candidates who merely use their muscle and money power to influence voters and are non – deserving.

- Be aware about background information of candidates contesting from your constituency
- Make an informed decision about your vote at the time of elections
- Support and encourage candidates with a clean track record
- Denounce candidates who use their money and clout to influence the decisions of the voters
- Use tools such as the Right to Information (RTI) to demand answers from your elected representatives
- Actively participate and engage with the civil society and also spread awareness amongst other people who are not aware of the same
- Be proactive in order to force the political parties to field candidates with non criminal background

