Ten Years of Election Watch in Punjab (2007-2017)

Analysis of Criminal, Financial Background and Other Details of Candidates/ MPs/ MLAs

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Summary and Highlights

Following are the highlights that emerge from the analysis carried out by Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Punjab Election Watch (PEW):

- **Total number of candidates analysed:** A total of 3235 candidates who have contested either in the Parliamentary or State assembly elections since 2007 from Punjab have been analyzed by ADR and PEW.
- **Total number of MPs/MLAs analysed:** A total of 398 MPs/MLAs who have held seats either in the Parliamentary or State assembly elections since 2007 from Punjab have been analyzed by ADR and PEW.

**Criminal Background:**

- **Candidates with criminal cases:** A total of 327(10%) out of these 3235 candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves.
- **Candidates with serious criminal cases:** 177 (5%) out of the 3235 candidates analyzed have declared serious criminal cases against themselves.
- **MPs/MLAs with criminal cases:** Out of 398 MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2007, 61(15%) have declared criminal cases against themselves. 26 (7%) have declared serious criminal cases against themselves.

**Financial Background:**

- **Average assets of candidates who have contested elections:** The average assets of all candidates (3235) analyzed since 2007 is Rs.3.16 crores.
- **Average assets of MPs/MLAs:** The average assets of all MPs/MLAs (398) analyzed since 2007 is Rs.10.21 crores.
Correlation between Criminal Cases and Financial Status:

Analysis of the data has revealed that money power and muscle power have a large bearing on the outcome of the election results.

- **Average assets of MP/MLAs with criminal cases:** The average assets of 61 MPs/MLAs (analyzed since 2007) with criminal cases is **Rs.15.90 crores** and for 26 MPs/MLAs with serious criminal charges is **Rs.22.53 crores**.

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**Table: Candidates/MPs/MLAs and Average assets**

![Bar chart showing candidates/MPs/MLAs with declared criminal cases](chart.png)

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Criminal Background:

- **Party wise candidates who have declared criminal cases:** 53 (14%) out of 387 candidates who have contested from INC since 2007 have declared criminal cases against themselves. 12 (9%) out of 126 candidates who have contested from AAP*, 7 (9%) out of 77 BJP candidates, 59 (19%) out of 314 SAD candidates, 3 (50%) out of 6 Lok Insaaf Party candidates and 88 (8%) out of 1051 Independent candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves.

  *Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was founded in 2012.

- **Party wise candidates who have declared serious criminal cases:** 22 (6%) out of 387 candidates who have contested from INC since 2007 have declared serious criminal cases against themselves. 9 (7%) out of 126 candidates who have contested from AAP, 2 (3%) out of 77 BJP candidates, 24 (8%) out of 314 SAD candidates, 3 (50%) out of 6 Lok Insaaf Party candidates and 58 (6%) out of 1051 Independent candidates have declared serious criminal cases against themselves.

- **Party wise MPs/MLAs with criminal cases:** Out of 184 MPs/MLAs from INC, 27 (15%) have declared criminal cases against themselves. 3 (8%) out of 40 MPs/MLAs from BJP, 4 (17%) out of 24 MPs/MLAs from AAP, 23 (16%) out of 140 MPs/MLAs from SAD, 2 (100%) out of 2 MPs/MLAs from Lok Insaaf Party and 2 (25%) out of 8 Independent MPs/MLAs have declared criminal cases against themselves.

- **Party wise MPs/MLAs with serious criminal cases:** Out of 184 MPs/MLAs from INC, 13 (7%) have declared serious criminal cases against themselves. 1 (2.5%) out of 40 MPs/MLAs from BJP, 1 (4%) out of 24 MPs/MLAs from AAP, 9 (6%) out of 140 MPs/MLAs from SAD and 2 (100%) out of 2 MPs/MLAs from Lok Insaaf Party have declared serious criminal cases against themselves.

Financial Background:

- **Party wise average assets of candidates:** The average assets of 387 candidates from INC is Rs. 9.91 crores while 77 BJP candidates have declared average assets of Rs. 7.66 crores. The average assets of 314 SAD candidates is Rs.8.67 crores, average assets of 126 AAP candidates is Rs.5.97 crores, the average assets of 6 Lok Insaaf Party candidates is Rs. 11.53 crores and the average assets of 1051 Independent candidates is Rs.1.13 crores.

- **Party wise average assets of MPs/MLAs:** Since 2007 average assets of 184 MPs/MLAs from INC is Rs.12.23 crores while 40 BJP MPs/MLAs have average assets of Rs.5.06 crores. The average assets of 140 SAD MPs/MLAs is Rs. 9.87 crores, average assets of 24 AAP MPs/MLAs is Rs. 7.48 crores, average assets of 2 Lok Insaaf Party MPs/MLAs is Rs. 10.14 crores and for 8 Independent MPs/MLAs, the average assets is Rs. 3.75 crores.
The table below provides a party wise analysis of candidates/MPs/MLAs with declared criminal cases:

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Table: Party wise analysis of candidates/MPs/MLAs with declared criminal cases

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Correlation between Criminal Cases Declared By Candidates and Their Chances of Winning:

Note:

\[
\text{Chances of Winning for Candidates with Criminal Records} = \frac{\text{Winners with Criminal Record}}{\text{Total number of candidates with criminal record}}
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\[
\text{Chances of Winning for Candidates with Clean Records} = \frac{\text{Winners with Clean Record}}{\text{Total number of candidates with clean record}}
\]

- **Total candidates with clean records:** Out of 3235 candidates analyzed since 2007, 2908 candidates have not declared any criminal cases, whereas 327 candidates declared criminal cases against themselves.

- **Total MPs/MLAs with clean records:** Out of the 398 MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2007, there have been 337 MPs/MLAs who have not declared any criminal cases, whereas 61 MPs/MLAs have declared criminal cases against themselves.

- **Chances of winning election with clean record:** There is only 12% chances of winning an election for those with a clean record.

- **Chances of winning election with criminal records:** There is a 19% chances of winning an election for those with criminal records.
The table below provides party wise analysis of candidates/ MPs / MLAs with clean record and with declared criminal cases:

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<td>BJP</td>
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<td>2908</td>
<td>337</td>
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Table: Party wise analysis of candidates/MLAs/MPs with clean record and criminal record

Correlation between Education and Criminal Cases:

- **Candidates who are graduates (or above) and have declared criminal cases:** 1031 (32%) out of 3235 candidates who have contested elections since 2007 have a graduate degree or above. 118 or 11% of the candidates with graduate or above degrees have declared criminal cases against themselves. 54 or 5% of the candidates with graduate or above degrees have declared serious criminal charges against themselves.

- **Candidates who are 12th pass (or below) and have criminal cases:** 2001 (62%) out of 3235 candidates who have contested elections since 2007 are 12th Pass and below. 197 or 10% of the candidates who are 12th Pass and below have declared criminal cases against themselves. 120 or 6% have declared serious charges against themselves.

- **MPs/MLAs who are graduates (or above) and have declared criminal cases:** 37 or 16% out of the 225 MPs/MLAs who have graduate degree or above have declared criminal cases and 20 or 9% have declared serious criminal charges against themselves.

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- **MPs/MLAs who are 12th pass (or below) and have criminal cases:** 170 (43%) out of the total 398 MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2007 are 12th Pass and below. 24 or 14% of the 170 MPs/MLAs who are 12th Pass and below have declared criminal cases and 6 or 4% have declared serious criminal charges against themselves.

**Correlation between Education and Financial Status:**

- **Average assets of candidates who are graduates and above:** The average assets of candidates analyzed who have contested elections since 2007 with graduate or above degree is Rs.6.20 crores.
- **Average assets of candidates who are 12th Pass and below:** The average assets of candidates analyzed who have contested elections since 2007, and are 12th Pass and below, is Rs.1.89 crores.
- **Average assets of MPs/MLAs who are graduates and above:** The average assets of MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2007 with graduate or above degree is Rs.11.75 crores.
- **Average assets of MPs/MLAs who are 12th Pass and below:** The average assets of MPs/MLAs analyzed since 2007, and are 12th Pass and below, is Rs.8.32 crores.

**Figure:** Education and criminal background of candidates and MPs/MLAs

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Gender Analysis:

- **Women candidates**: Out of the 3235 candidates analyzed, only 227 (7%) are women.
- **Women candidates with criminal cases**: 6 (3%) out of 227 women candidates who have contested in elections since 2007 have declared criminal cases and 3 (1%) declared serious charges against themselves.
- **Women MLAs with criminal cases**: 3 (8%) out of 36 women MPs/MLAs (who have been elected in elections since 2007), have declared criminal cases and 1 (3%) has declared serious criminal charges against themselves.
- **Average assets of Men/Women candidates**: The average assets of male candidates who have contested elections since 2007 is Rs. 2.37 crores and the average asset of women candidates is Rs. 4.56 crores.
- **Average assets of Men/Women MPs/MLAs**: The average assets of 362 men MPs/MLAs since 2007 is Rs. 7.62 crores and the average asset of women MPs/MLAs is Rs. 15.48 crores.

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<th>Number of MPs/MLAs Analyzed</th>
<th>Number of Candidates with criminal Charges</th>
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Table: Gender wise analysis of criminal records and assets

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Gender wise Analysis of Candidates/MPs/MLAs with Declared Criminal Cases

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Figure: Gender wise analysis of candidates/MPs/MLAs with criminal records
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