

# ANALYSIS OF CONTRIBUTION REPORT OF ELECTORAL TRUSTS – FY 2016-17

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## Analysis of Contribution Report of Electoral Trusts for FY 2016-17

### Introduction

The Election Commission of India (ECI) had circulated [Guidelines for submission of contribution reports of Electoral Trusts](#) on the 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 wherein instructions were issued to all the Electoral Trusts formed after January, '13 (and approved by the CBDT), to submit an Annual Report containing details of contributions received by the Electoral Trusts and disbursed by them to political parties in the interest of transparency.

These guidelines were issued to 7 Electoral Trusts formed after January, 2013, which included Satya Electoral Trust, Pratinidhi Electoral Trust, People's Electoral Trust, Progressive Electoral Trust, Janhit Electoral Trust, Bajaj Electoral Trust and Janpragati Electoral Trust. These guidelines are being sent by the ECI to all Electoral Trusts formed since then.

**14 out of the 21 Electoral Trusts**, registered with the CBDT, submitted their contribution details for FY 2016-17 to the ECI of which **only 6** declared to have received any donations during that year. One, Janshakti Electoral Trust, was registered only in September 2017. The following report of ADR analyses the **details of donors of 6 Electoral Trusts formed after January, 2013 and the contributions made by the Trusts to political parties during FY 2016-17**. For a detailed report on the Electoral Trusts Scheme launched by the Central Government, the subsequent circular of the ECI in this regard and **ADR's analysis of the donations report of the Electoral Trusts**, please refer here; [FY 2013-14](#), [2014-15](#) and [2015-16](#).

**Satya Electoral Trust** changed its name to **Prudent Electoral Trust** in FY 2016-17. It also **changed its address** from earlier (Bharti Crescent, 1-Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, Phase-II, New Delhi – 110070) to current (**G-15 Hans Bhawan, 1 Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110002**). However, there is no official letter uploaded on ECI's website, regarding the change of name.

Between FY 2013-14 and 2016-17, **9 registered Electoral Trusts** donated a total of **Rs 637.54 cr** to political parties of which **only 2** Electoral Trusts (**Satya/Prudent and Samaj Electoral Trusts**) have donated **more than twice**. Total donations to political parties during **FY 2013-14** was **Rs 85.37 cr**, during **FY 2014-15: Rs 177.40 cr**, during **FY 2015-16: Rs 49.50 cr** and during **FY 2016-17: Rs 325.27 cr**.

### Executive Summary

#### 1. Renewal of approval of Electoral Trusts

According to Clause 5 (o) of the Electoral Trusts Scheme, 2013, the approval given to a registered Electoral Trust "*shall be valid for the assessment year relevant to the financial year in which such application has been made and for a further period, not exceeding three assessment years, as may be specified in such approval*" (emphasis added).

As Satya Electoral Trust was registered on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2013, a new application for renewal was submitted by the Trust to the CBDT and approved on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. It is to be noted that Satya Electoral Trust was the only Electoral Trust to be registered by the CBDT in 2013.

#### 2. Overview of contributions report received by ECI from registered Electoral Trusts, FY 2013-14 and 2016-17

- a. Out of the 21 registered Electoral Trusts, **14 Trusts** have been submitting copies of their Contributions report to the Election Commission, **consistently**, since their registration.
- b. **Satya/Prudent Electoral Trust** and **Janhit Electoral Trust** are the only two who have submitted their Contributions report **for all 4 years**, FY 2013-14 to 2016-17.

- c. There are **11** such registered Electoral Trusts who either have declared **not receiving any contributions** or **have not submitted their reports, at all**, since their registration.
- d. **Kalyan Electoral Trust** has not even once submitted its Contributions report to the ECI since its registration.

S. No.	Status of contributions report received by ECI from Registered Electoral Trusts between FY 2013-14 and 2016-17							
	Name	Electoral Trust Registered in state	Date of Approval by CBDT	Date of Renewal (if applicable)	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
1	Satya/Prudent Electoral Trust	New Delhi	19.12.2013	24.08.2016	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
2	Samaj Electoral Trust	Kolkata, West Bengal	31.10.2014	15.09.2017	-	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
3	Triumph Electoral Trust	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	31.10.2014	NA	-	Submitted	Submitted – Nil*	Submitted
4	Janta Nirvachak Electoral Trust	Mumbai, Maharashtra	30-01-2015	17.07.2017	-	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil	Submitted
5	Paribartan Electoral Trust	Kolkata, West Bengal	28.05.2014	NA	-	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil	Submitted
6	New Democratic Electoral Trust	Mumbai, Maharashtra	29.12.2016	NA	-	-	-	Submitted
7	Progressive Electoral Trust	Mumbai, Maharashtra	04.04.2014	NA	-	Submitted	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil
8	Janpragati Electoral Trust	New Delhi	21.04.2014	20.06.2016	-	Submitted	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil
9	Bajaj Electoral Trust	Pune, Maharashtra	21.04.2014	NA	-	Submitted	Submitted - Nil	<i>Not Submitted</i>
10	Janhit Electoral Trust	Tuticorin, Tamilnadu	04.04.2014	16.12.2016	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil
11	Swadeshi Electoral Trust	New Delhi	31.10.2014	NA	-	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil
12	Jankalyan Electoral Trust	Mumbai, Maharashtra	18.09.2015	NA	-	-	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil
13	Jaihind Electoral Trust	Mumbai, Maharashtra	25.11.2016	NA	-	-	-	Submitted - Nil
14	Gauri Welfare Association Electoral Trust	Jalgaon, Maharashtra	25-11-2014	NA	-	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil
15	Harmony Electoral Trust	Pune, Maharashtra	31.12.2014	NA	-	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil
16	People's Electoral Trust	Mumbai, Maharashtra	06.03.2014	NA	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil	<i>Not Submitted</i>
17	Pratinidhi Electoral Trust	New Delhi	27.03.2014	NA	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil	Submitted - Nil	<i>Not Submitted</i>
18	JAYBHARATH Electoral Trust	Coimbatore, Tamilnadu	25.04.2016	NA	-	-	Submitted - Nil	<i>Not Submitted</i>
19	Bhartiya Socialist Republican Electoral Trust Association	New Delhi	31.10.2014	NA	-	Submitted - Nil	<i>Not Submitted</i>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
20	Kalyan Electoral Trust	New Delhi	16.09.2016	NA	-	-	<i>Not Submitted</i>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
21	Janshakti Electoral Trust	Jammu, J&K	29.09.2017	NA	Registered in Sept, 2017			

**Table: Status of contributions report received by ECI from Registered Electoral Trusts between FY 2013-14 and 2016-17**

\*Submitted – Nil means that the Electoral Trust has declared receiving nil amount in the respective year

### 3. Details of the donations received by Electoral Trusts, FY 2016-17

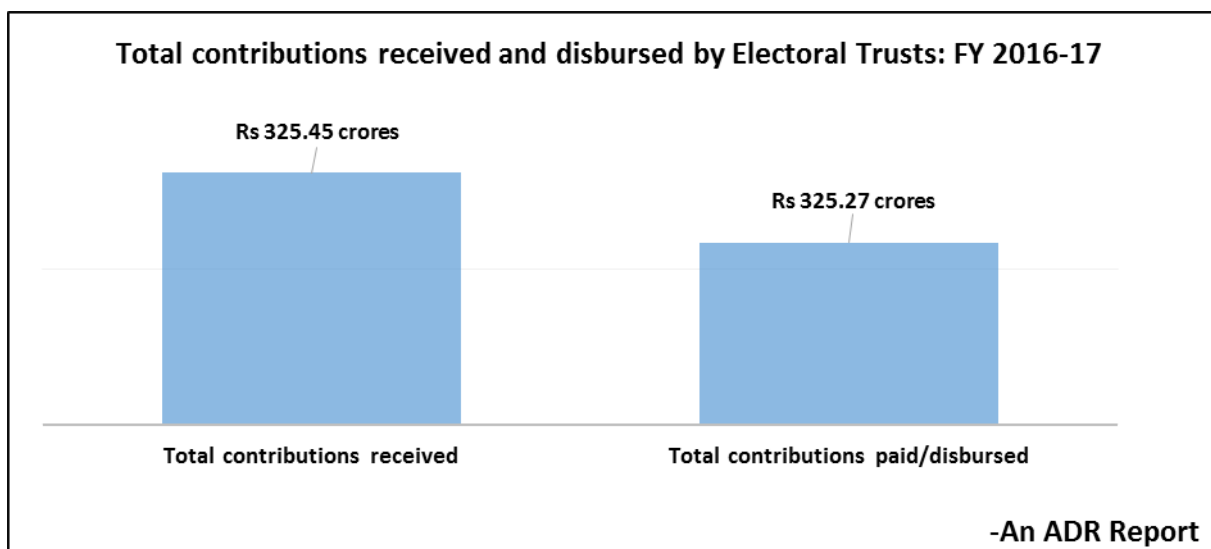
As per the **letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017**, sent by the CBDT to ECI on the updated list of Electoral Trusts, there are a total of 21 Electoral Trusts registered with the CBDT, **14** of whom had **submitted their contributions report**.

S. No	Electoral Trust	Total contributions received
1	Prudent Electoral Trust	<b>Rs 283.73 crores</b>
2	Janta Nirvachak Electoral Trust	<b>Rs 25 crores</b>
3	New Democratic Electoral Trust	<b>Rs 12.03 crores</b>
4	Samaj Electoral Trust	<b>Rs 4.08 crores</b>
5	Paribartan Electoral Trust	<b>Rs 0.51 crores</b>
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**Table: Donations received by Electoral Trusts, FY 2016-17**

### 4. Contributions received and disbursed by Electoral Trusts during FY 2016-17

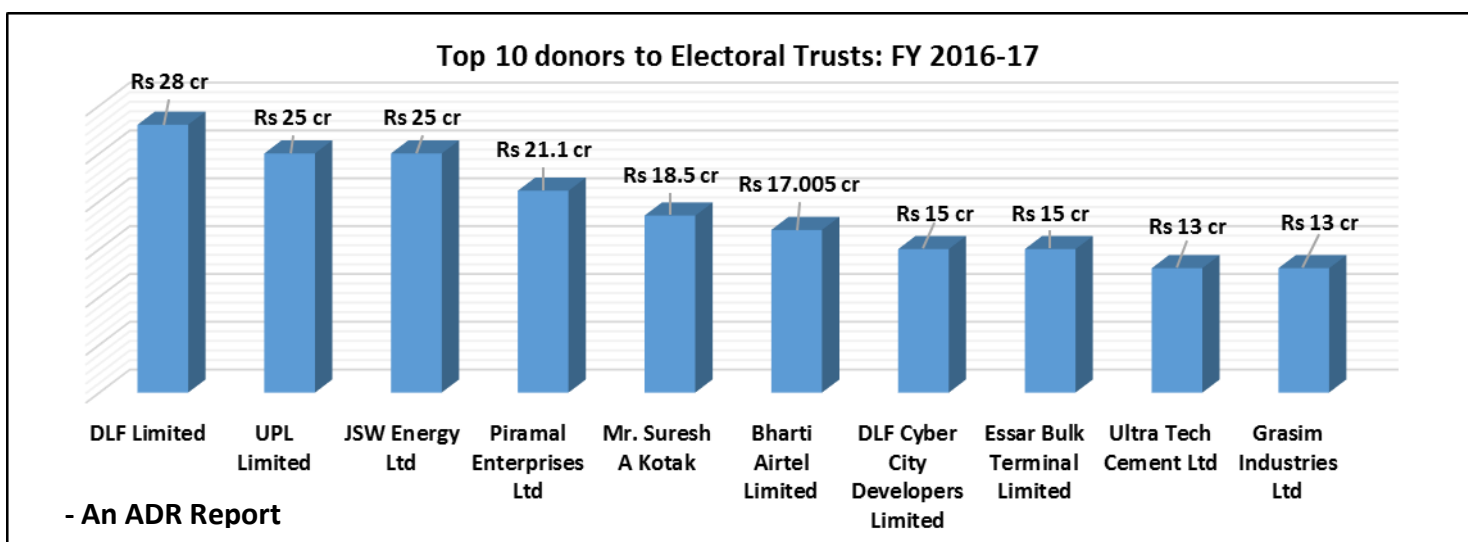
- According to the rules formulated by the Central Government, Electoral Trusts are required to donate **95% of their total income to registered political parties in a financial year**.
- 6** Electoral Trusts which have declared receiving contributions during FY 2016-17, have received a **total amount of Rs 325.45 cr** from corporates and individuals and distributed **Rs 325.27 cr (99.92%) to various political parties**.
- Amongst all, **Prudent Electoral Trust** has received the highest, **Rs 283.73 cr** and distributed **Rs 283.72 cr** to **6** political parties.
- Contributions received by **Prudent Electoral Trust** form **87.18%** of the total amount donated to all Electoral Trusts during FY 2016-17.



Graph: Total contributions received and disbursed by Electoral Trusts during FY 2016-17

5. **Contributions made by Corporates and Individuals to Electoral Trusts, FY 2016-17**

- DLF Limited** contributed the highest amount worth **Rs 28 cr** amongst all donors of the Electoral Trusts, followed by **UPL Limited** and **JSW Energy Ltd** who contributed **Rs 25 cr**, individually.
- Only two individuals (**Mr. Suresh Kotak** and **Mr. Analjit Singh**) have contributed to Electoral Trusts in FY 2016-17.
- Mr. Suresh A Kotak** is the fifth largest donor amongst all, donating **Rs 18.5 cr** to **Janta Nirvachak Electoral Trust** while **Mr Analjit Singh** donated **Rs 1 cr** to **Prudent Electoral Trust**.
- Top 10 donors** have donated **Rs 190.60 cr** to Electoral Trusts, which forms **58.57%** of the total donations received by the Trusts during FY 2016-17.

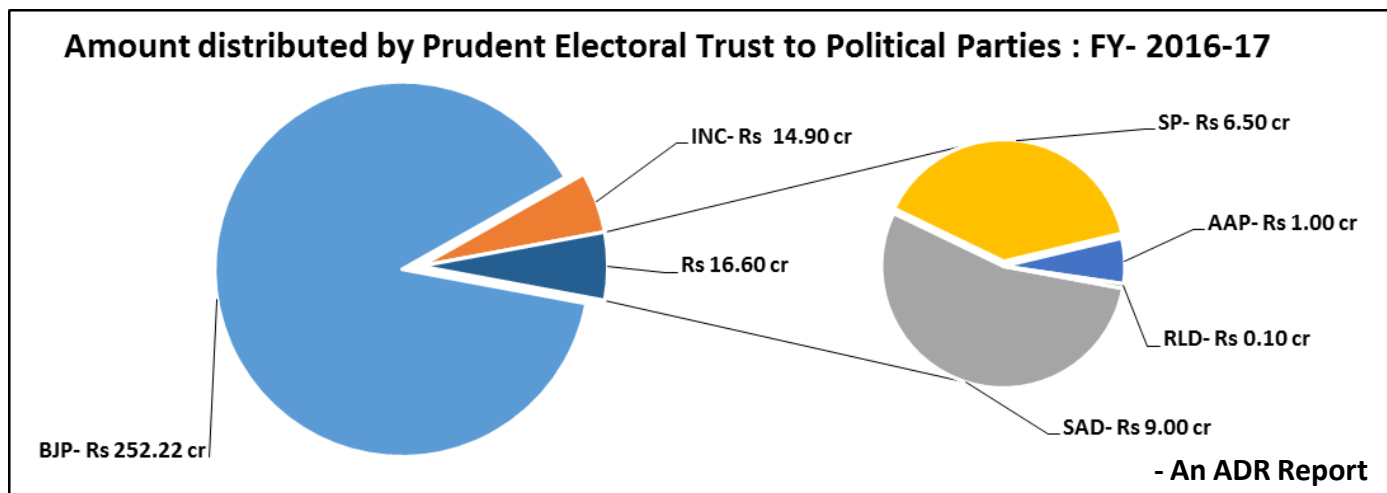


Graph: Top 10 donors to Electoral Trusts in FY 2016-17

6. **Donations made by Electoral Trusts to Political Parties: FY 2016-17**

- Prudent Electoral Trust** donated **88.90%** or **Rs 252.22 cr** to **BJP** while **Janta Nirvachak Electoral Trust** donated **100%** or **Rs 25 cr** of its total income to **BJP**.
- 3** Electoral Trusts made contributions to **only 1 political party** each which includes **BJP, AITC and INC**.
- Prudent Electoral Trust** and **Samaj Electoral Trust** are the only two, who have **donated to 5 or more political parties**, the common ones being **BJP, INC and RLD**.

- d. **BJP alone received Rs 290.22 cr or 89.22%** of the total donations received by all political parties from Electoral Trusts. **Other 9 political parties (including INC, SAD, SP etc.)** received only **Rs 35.05 cr** collectively.
- e. 3 Electoral Trusts (Janta Nirvachak Electoral Trust, Paribartan Electoral Trust and Triumph Electoral Trust) **have not declared details of cheques given to political parties.**



Graph: Donations disbursed by Prudent Electoral Trust to political parties in FY 2016-17

## Recommendations of ADR

1. **Before the transparency rules governing contributions to Electoral Trusts were formulated** by the Central Government, **6 Electoral Trusts** had donated a total amount of **Rs 105 crores** to the National Parties between FY 2004-05 and 2011-12. **General Electoral Trust donated Rs 131.65 crores to 7 political parties during FY 2014-15**. It is to be noted that the rules are **not retrospective** and hence these 6 Electoral Trusts *i.e.* **General Electoral Trust, Electoral Trust, Harmony Electoral Trust, Corporate Electoral Trust, Bharti Electoral Trust and Satya Electoral Trust** are **not required to follow the transparency rules** and declare their donor details. Thus, details of donors to these 6 Electoral Trusts remain unknown thereby leading to speculation on whether donations to these Trusts was only a means of getting tax exemption or a way to convert black money stashed in tax havens to white money in India. Therefore, **details of donors** to these Electoral Trusts, which were, formed before the CBDT rules came into existence, should also be disclosed. Also, the same rules which apply to those Trusts formed after 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013, should also apply to the above mentioned Trusts so as to improve transparency.
2. **Clause 8(1)** of the Electoral Trust Scheme, while explaining the process for **withdrawal of approval** states that *"The CBDT may withdraw the approval granted under this Scheme if it is satisfied that the electoral trust has **ceased its activities** or its activities are not genuine or are not carried out in accordance with all or any of the conditions laid down under the Scheme"* (emphasis added). Thus the approval of those Electoral Trusts, who have never received any contributions since their registration, should be withdrawn.
3. The **names of Electoral Trusts**, currently, **do not indicate the name of the Company/ group of companies which set up the Trusts**. In order to have greater transparency regarding details of corporates which fund political parties, it would be ideal to include the name of the parent company in the name of the Electoral Trust.
4. Those Electoral Trusts, which have not responded to and complied with the guidelines circulated by the ECI should be heavily penalized as indicated in the notification issued by the ECI to the Trusts.
5. **All Corporates** should make details of their **political contributions** available in **public domain** through their websites (in annual reports or in a dedicated page) for **increasing transparency** in political financing.

## Detailed Analysis

### 1. Rules governing registration and functioning of Electoral Trusts

The **Central Government** amended the Income Tax Rules, 1962 on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013 to **insert Rule 17CA** which **lists the functions of Electoral Trusts** approved by the Central Bureau of Direct Taxes (**CBDT**). The Central Government, also launched '**The Electoral Trusts Scheme, 2013**' which specified the **eligibility and procedure for registration** as an Electoral Trust apart from laying down the format for their registration. The **amendment and the scheme were introduced for the registration of Electoral Trusts whose sole purpose was to fund registered political parties in a transparent manner**. The notification can be accessed [here](#).

For a detailed report on the Electoral Trusts Scheme launched by the Central Government, the subsequent circular of the ECI in this regard and **ADR's analysis of the donations report of the Electoral Trusts**, please refer [here](#); [FY 2013-14](#), [2014-15](#) and [2015-16](#).

### 2. Renewal of approval of Electoral Trusts

The Electoral Trust Scheme, 2013 specifies the procedure for **approval** of Electoral Trusts for registration and its **withdrawal** apart from providing details of **renewal of approval of registered Electoral Trusts**. According to Clause 5 (o) of the said Scheme, the approval given to a registered Electoral Trust "*shall be valid for the assessment year relevant to the financial year in which such application has been made and for a further period, **not exceeding three assessment years**, as may be specified in such approval*" (emphasis added).

Thus, for renewal, all registered Electoral Trusts are **mandated** to provide the **same documentation** as submitted at the time of initial approval of the Trust. The Scheme specifies that "*...such renewal of approval may be granted after examining the application in the **same manner** as laid out for approval in this Scheme*" (emphasis added).

As **Satya Electoral Trust** was registered on **19<sup>th</sup> December, 2013**, a new application for renewal was submitted by the Trust to the CBDT and **approved on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**. It is to be noted that Satya Electoral Trust was the **only** Electoral Trust to be registered by the CBDT in **2013**.

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### 3. Donations received by registered Electoral Trusts between FY 2013-14 and 2016-17

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- **Satya/Prudent Electoral Trust** and **Janhit Electoral Trust** are the only two who have submitted their Contributions report **for all 4 years**, FY 2013-14 to 2016-17.
- There are **11** such registered Electoral Trusts who either have declared **not receiving any contributions** or **have not submitted their reports, at all**, since their registration.
- **Jaybharath Electoral Trust** has not even once submitted its Contributions report to the ECI since its registration.



#### 4. Details of donations received by Electoral Trusts, FY 2016-17

- The due date for submission of audit reports to the ECI by the Electoral Trusts for the FY 2016-17 was 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.
- Of the 21 Trusts registered with the CBDT, **6** have not submitted their reports to the ECI for FY 2016-17, **8** others have declared receiving no donations in FY 2016-17.
- The **6 Electoral Trusts**, which have declared receiving contributions during FY 2016-17, have received a total amount of **Rs 325.45 cr** from corporates and individuals and distributed **Rs 325.27 cr (99.92%)** to various political parties.
- 1 Electoral Trust (Janshakti Electoral Trust) was registered in Sept, 2017.

S. No	Electoral Trust	Date of submission	Total contributions received	Total contributions paid/disbursed
1	Satya/Prudent Electoral Trust	29-10-2017	Rs 283.73 crores	Rs 283.72 crores
2	Janta Nirvachak Electoral Trust	20-10-2017	Rs 25 crores	Rs 25 crores
3	New Democratic Electoral Trust	19-09-2017	Rs 12.03 crores	Rs 12 crores
4	Samaj Electoral Trust	31-10-2017	Rs 4.08 crores	Rs 3.95 crores
5	Paribartan Electoral Trust	14-10-2017	Rs 0.51 crores	Rs 0.50 crores
6	Triumph Electoral Trust	23-06-2017	Rs 0.10 crores	Rs 0.10 crores
7	Progressive Electoral Trust	Letter Dated 30-06-2017	Rs 0	Rs 0
8	Janpragati Electoral Trust	26-10-2017	Rs 0	Rs 0
9	Janhit Electoral Trust	30-10-2017	Rs 0	Rs 0
10	Swadeshi Electoral Trust	Letter Dated 28-06-2017	Rs 0	Rs 0
11	Jankalyan Electoral Trust	25-09-2017	Rs 0	Rs 0
12	Jaihind Electoral Trust	17-10-2017	Rs 0	Rs 0
13	Gauri Welfare Association Electoral Trust	03-01-2018	Rs 0	Rs 0
14	Harmony Electoral Trust	06-01-2018	Rs 0	Rs 0
15	Bajaj Electoral Trust	<i>Not Submitted</i>	-	-
16	People's Electoral Trust	<i>Not Submitted</i>	-	-
17	Pratinidhi Electoral Trust	<i>Not Submitted</i>	-	-
18	Bhartiya Socialist Republican Electoral Trust Association	<i>Not Submitted</i>	-	-
19	JAYBHARATH Electoral Trust	<i>Not Submitted</i>	-	-
20	Kalyan Electoral Trust	<i>Not Submitted</i>	-	-
21	Janshakti Electoral Trust	<i>Registered in September 2017</i>	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>Rs 325.45 crores</b>	<b>Rs 325.27 crores</b>

Table: Donations received and disbursed by Electoral Trusts, FY 2016-17

#### 5. Contributions disbursed by Electoral Trusts during FY 2016-17

- According to the rules formulated by the Central Government, Electoral Trusts are required to donate **95% of their total income to registered political parties in a financial year.**
- Prudent Electoral Trust received the highest amount of **Rs 283.73 cr** from corporate, individual, and distributed **Rs 283.72 cr (99.99%) to political parties: BJP** Rs 252.22 cr & **INC** Rs 14.9 cr. The other parties that it donated to were **SAD, SP, AAP** and **RLD**.

- Janta Nirvachak Trust received a total of **Rs 25 cr** from corporates, individual, and distributed **100%** of the funds to **BJP**.
- **3 Electoral Trusts** made contributions to **only 1 political party each**; Janta Nirvachak Trust to BJP (Rs 25 cr), Paribartan Electoral Trust to AITC (Rs 0.50 cr) and Triumph Electoral Trust to INC (Rs 0.1 cr).
- **BJP alone received Rs 290.22 cr** or **89.22%** of the total donations received by all political parties from Electoral Trusts. **Other 9 political parties (including INC, SAD, SP etc.)** received only **Rs 35.05 cr** collectively.

Party	Total amount of donations disbursed by Electoral Trusts to political parties FY 2016-17 (Rs. in crores)						Grand Total
	Prudent ET/Satya ET	Janta Nirvachak ET	New Democratic ET	Samaj ET	Paribartan ET	Triumph ET	
<b>Donations received by Political Parties from Trusts</b>							
BJP	252.22	25	11	2	0	0	<b>Rs 290.22 crores</b>
INC	14.9	0	0	1.5	0	0.1	<b>Rs 16.5 crores</b>
SAD	9	0	0	0	0	0	<b>Rs 9 crores</b>
SP	6.5	0	0	0	0	0	<b>Rs 6.5 crores</b>
AAP	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>Rs 1 crores</b>
SHS	0	0	1	0	0	0	<b>Rs 1 crores</b>
AITC	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	<b>Rs 0.50 crores</b>
RLD	0.1	0	0	0.20	0	0	<b>Rs 0.3 crores</b>
JKPDP	0	0	0	0.15	0	0	<b>Rs 0.15 crores</b>
JKNC	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	<b>Rs 0.1 crores</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs 283.72 crores</b>	<b>Rs 25 crores</b>	<b>Rs 12 crores</b>	<b>Rs 3.95 crores</b>	<b>Rs 0.50 crores</b>	<b>Rs 0.10 crores</b>	<b>Rs 325.27 crores</b>

Table: Total amount of donations disbursed by Electoral Trusts to political parties, FY 2016-17

## 6. Contributions made by Corporates and Individuals

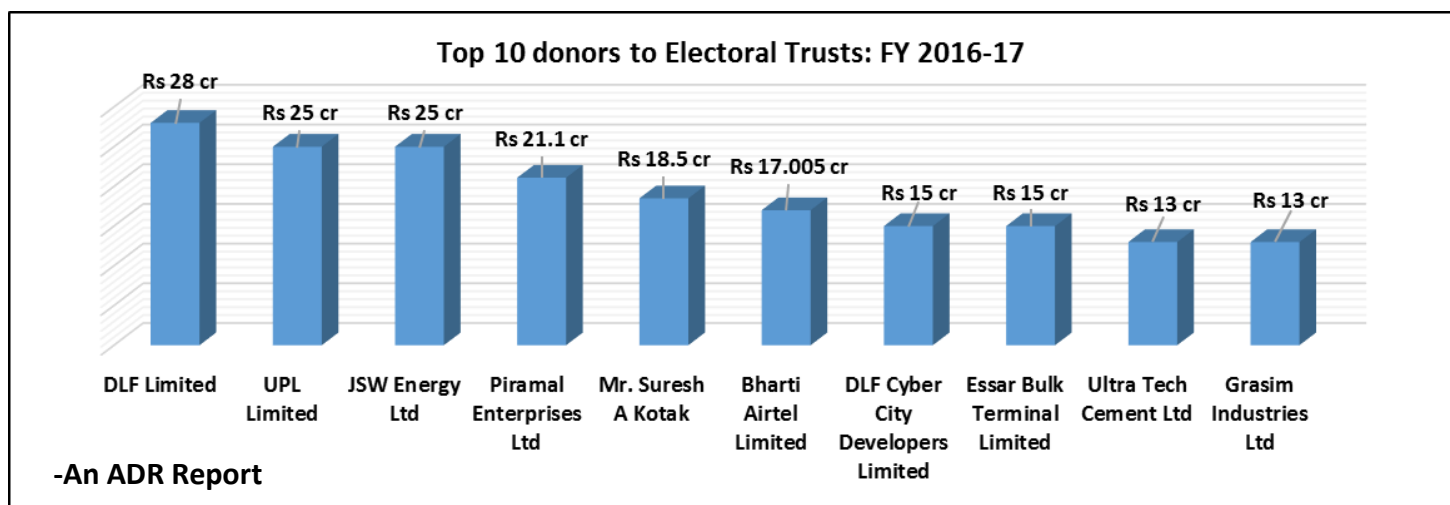
- **DLF Limited** contributed the highest overall amount worth **Rs 28 cr** amongst all donors of the Electoral Trusts, followed by **UPL Limited** and **JSW Energy Ltd** who contributed **Rs 25 cr**, individually.
- **DLF Group** has donated other **Rs 24 cr** to Electoral Trusts via **DLF Cyber City Developers Limited** (Rs 15 cr) and **DLF Commercial Developers Limited** (Rs 9 cr).
- It is to be noted that **two individuals** donated to the Electoral Trusts during **FY 2016-17**; **Mr. Suresh Kotak** donated **Rs 18.5 cr** and **Mr. Analjit Singh** donated **Rs 1 cr**. Since the launch of the Electoral Trust Scheme, only one other individual has donated to the Trusts: **Mr Akhil Gupta** donated **Rs 2 cr** to **Prudent Electoral Trust** (then **Satya**) during FY 2013-14.
- **Top 10 donors** have donated **Rs 190.60 cr** to Electoral Trusts, which forms **58.57%** of the total donations received by the Trusts during FY 2016-17.
- **90.29% or Rs 172.1 cr** of the total amount of donations made by **Top 10 donors** was to **Prudent Electoral Trust**.

Top 10 donors to Electoral Trusts: FY- 2015-16		
S.No.	Name of the Donor	Total Contributions (Rs in crores)
1	DLF Limited	<b>28</b>
2	UPL Limited	<b>25</b>
3	JSW Energy Ltd	<b>25</b>
4	Piramal Enterprises Ltd	<b>21.1</b>

The data in this report is sourced from the contribution report submitted by **Electoral Trusts** to the ECI which can be accessed from <https://goo.gl/prhusv>

Top 10 donors to Electoral Trusts: FY- 2015-16		
S.No.	Name of the Donor	Total Contributions (Rs in crores)
5	Mr. Suresh A Kotak	18.5
6	Bharti Airtel Limited	17.005
7	DLF Cyber City Developers Limited	15
8	Essar Bulk Terminal Limited	15
9	Ultra Tech Cement Ltd	13
10	Grasim Industries Ltd	13

Table: Detail of Top 10 donors to Electoral Trusts: FY 2016-17



Graph: Top 10 donors to Electoral Trusts for FY 2016-17

Details of donations made by Top 10 donors to Electoral Trusts, FY 2016-17							
S.No.	Name of the donor	Address	PAN (Yes/No)	Total Contribution (Rs.)	Amount of Contribution (Rs.)	Name of the Bank and Branch	Electoral Trust to which the donations were made
1	DLF Limited	DLF Centre Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001	Yes	28,00,00,000	18,00,00,000	Cheque No.020612, HDFC Bank K.G. Marg, 02.07.2017	Prudent Electoral Trust
		DLF Centre Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001	Yes		10,00,00,000	Cheque No.021761, ICICI Bank Connaught Place New Delhi, 27.01.2017	
2	UPL Limited	UPL House, 610 B/2 Bandra Village, Off Western Express Highway Bandra-East Mumbai-400051	Yes	25,00,00,000	15,00,00,000	Cheque No.324432, Axis Bank Mumbai Fort Branch, 30.01.2017	
		UPL House, 610 B/2 Bandra Village, Off Western Express Highway Bandra-East Mumbai-400051	Yes		10,00,00,000	Cheque No.324401, Axis Bank Mumbai Fort Branch, 27.01.2017	
3	JSW Energy Ltd	JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (east) Mumbai-400051	Yes	25,00,00,000	25,00,00,000	Cheque No.214549, IDBI Bank Nariman Point Mumbai, 24.11.2016	
4	Piramal Enterprises Ltd	A Wing, 6th Floor 247 Park LBS Marg Vikhroli West Mumbai-400083	Yes	21,10,00,000	21,10,00,000	Cheque No.029035, HDFC Bank Fort Mumbai, 28.10.2016	

Details of donations made by Top 10 donors to Electoral Trusts, FY 2016-17

S.No.	Name of the donor	Address	PAN (Yes/No)	Total Contribution (Rs.)	Amount of Contribution (Rs.)	Name of the Bank and Branch	Electoral Trust to which the donations were made
5	Mr. Suresh A Kotak	14, Shakti Villa, Laburnum Road Gamdevi Mumbai-400 007	Yes	<b>18,50,00,000</b>	18,50,00,000	Cheque No.002125, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, Nariman Point Branch, 20.02.2017	Janta Nirvachak Electoral Trust
6	Bharti Airtel Limited	Bharti Crescent, 1 Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, Phase-11 New Delhi-110070	Yes	<b>17,00,50,000</b>	10,00,00,000	Cheque No.133409, Deutsche Bank K.G. Marg, New Delhi, 16.01.2017	Prudent Electoral Trust
		Bharti Crescent, 1 Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, Phase-11 New Delhi-110070	Yes		7,00,00,000	Cheque No.133415, Deutsche Bank K.G. Marg, New Delhi, 09.03.2017	
		Bharti Crescent, 1 Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, Phase-11 New Delhi-110070	Yes		50,000	Cheque No.133410, Deutsche Bank K.G. Marg, New Delhi, 16.01.2017	
7	DLF Cyber City Developers Limited	10th Floor, Gateway Towers DLF City Phase III Gurgaon Haryana	Yes	<b>15,00,00,000</b>	15,00,00,000	Cheque No.373505, ICICI Bank Connaught Place New Delhi, 18.11.2016	
8	Essar Bulk Terminal Limited	Essar House 11 KK Marg, Mahalaxmi Mumbai-400034	Yes	<b>15,00,00,000</b>	8,80,00,000	Cheque No.706853, State Bank of Mysore New Delhi, 14.02.2017	
		Essar House 11 KK Marg, Mahalaxmi Mumbai-400034	Yes		3,39,00,000	Cheque No.706854, State Bank of Mysore New Delhi, 14.02.2017	
		Essar House 11 KK Marg, Mahalaxmi Mumbai-400034	Yes		2,81,00,000	Cheque No.706852, State Bank of Mysore New Delhi, 14.02.2017	
9	Ultra Tech Cement Ltd	B Wing Ahura Centre Mahakali Caves Road Andheri Mumbai-400093	Yes	<b>13,00,00,000</b>	13,00,00,000	Cheque No.026191, HDFC Bank Mumbai, 14.02.2017	
10	Grasim Industries Ltd	Aditya Birla Centre 2nd Floor, SK Ahire Marg Worli Mumbai-400030	Yes	<b>13,00,00,000</b>	13,00,00,000	Cheque No.949236, HDFC Bank Mumbai, 15.02.2017	

Table: Details of donations made by Top 10 donors to Electoral Trusts, FY 2016-17

## 7. Donations made by the Electoral Trusts to Political Parties – FY 2016-17

- Prudent Electoral Trust donated a total of **Rs 252.22 cr** to **BJP** in **16 installments** during FY 2016-17 and **Rs 14.9 cr** to **INC** in **10 installments**. The other parties that it donated to were **SAD, SP, AAP** and **RLD**.
- New Democratic Electoral Trust made two donations to **BJP** (total of Rs 11 cr) and one to **SHS** (Rs 1 cr) during FY 2016-17.
- Samaj Electoral Trust donated to **BJP** (Rs 2 cr), **INC** (Rs 1.50 cr), **RLD** (Rs 20 lakhs), **JKPDP** (Rs 15 lakhs) and **JKNC** (Rs 10 lakhs) during FY 2016-17.
- 3 Electoral Trusts (Janta Nirvachak Electoral Trust, Paribartan Electoral Trust and Triumph Electoral Trust) **have not declared details of cheques given to political parties**.

**Detail of Donations made by the Electoral Trust to Political Parties in Financial Year 2016-17**

S.No.	Name of the Electoral Trust	Abbreviation	Political Party	PAN (Yes/No)	Total Donations (Rs)	Amount of contribution (Rs)	Details of donations
1	Prudent Electoral Trust	BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes	2,52,22,00,000	49,00,00,000	Cheque No.181, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 02.12.2016
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		20,00,00,000	Cheque No.178, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 29.12.2016
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		13,90,00,000	Cheque No.188, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 23.01.2017
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		19,00,00,000	Cheque No.192, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 02.02.2017
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		18,00,00,000	Cheque No.194, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 04.02.2017
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		10,00,00,000	Cheque No.198, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 08.02.2017
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		8,50,00,000	Cheque No.203, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 17.02.2017
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		21,00,00,000	Cheque No.208, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 17.02.2017
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		23,50,00,000	Cheque No.207, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 17.02.2017
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		9,00,00,000	Cheque No.211, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 22.02.2017
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		10,42,00,000	Cheque No.217, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 03.03.2017
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		17,00,00,000	Cheque No.218, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 03.03.2017
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		7,00,00,000	Cheque No.220, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 15.03.2017
Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes	17,40,00,000	Cheque No.222, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 23.03.2017				

**Detail of Donations made by the Electoral Trust to Political Parties in Financial Year 2016-17**

S.No.	Name of the Electoral Trust	Abbreviation	Political Party	PAN (Yes/No)	Total Donations (Rs)	Amount of contribution (Rs)	Details of donations
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		1,00,00,000	Cheque No.223, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 23.03.2017
			Bharatiya Janata Party	Yes		7,50,00,000	Cheque No.224, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 30.03.2017
		<b>INC</b>	All India Congress Committee	Yes	<b>14,90,00,000</b>	1,00,00,000	Cheque No.182, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 02.12.2016
			All India Congress Committee	Yes		1,00,00,000	Cheque No.209, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 17.02.2017
			All India Congress Committee	Yes		5,00,00,000	Cheque No.202, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 17.02.2017
			All India Congress Committee	Yes		1,00,00,000	Cheque No.210, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 20.02.2017
			All India Congress Committee	Yes		1,00,00,000	Cheque No.214, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 28.02.2017
			All India Congress Committee	Yes		40,00,000	Cheque No.225, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 30.03.2017
			Punjab Congress Committee	Yes		1,00,00,000	Cheque No.184, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 21.01.2017
			Punjab Congress Committee	Yes		3,00,00,000	Cheque No.185, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 21.01.2017
			Uttarakhand Pradesh Congress Committee	Yes		1,00,00,000	Cheque No.186, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 23.01.2017
			Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee	Yes		50,00,000	Cheque No.221, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 21.03.2017
		<b>SAD</b>	Shiromani Akali Dal	Yes	<b>9,00,00,000</b>	2,00,00,000	Cheque No.176, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 15.12.2016
			Shiromani Akali Dal	Yes		2,00,00,000	Cheque No.183, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 16.01.2017

**Detail of Donations made by the Electoral Trust to Political Parties in Financial Year 2016-17**

S.No.	Name of the Electoral Trust	Abbreviation	Political Party	PAN (Yes/No)	Total Donations (Rs)	Amount of contribution (Rs)	Details of donations
			Shiromani Akali Dal	Yes		3,00,00,000	Cheque No.190, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 27.01.2017
			Shiromani Akali Dal	Yes		2,00,00,000	Cheque No.191, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 31.01.2017
		SP	Samajwadi Party	Yes	6,50,00,000	50,00,000	Cheque No.204, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 22.02.2017
			Samajwadi Party	Yes		1,00,00,000	Cheque No.215, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 03.03.2017
			Samajwadi Party	Yes		5,00,00,000	Cheque No.216, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 03.03.2017
		AAP	Aam Aadmi Party	Yes	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000	Cheque No.219, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 10.03.2017
		RLD	Rashtriya Lok Dal	Yes	10,00,000	10,00,000	Cheque No.212, HDFC Bank, Kailash Building, 26, KG Marg New Delhi-110001, 22.02.2017
2	Janta Nirvachak Electoral Trust	BJP	Bhartiya Janata Party	Yes	25,00,00,000	25,00,00,000	<b>Cheque, 20.02.2017</b>
3	New Democratic Electoral Trust	BJP	Bhartiya Janata Party	Yes	11,00,00,000	10,00,00,000	Cheque No- 000115, HDFC Bank, Kamala Mills, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013, 28.03.2017
			Bhartiya Janata Party	Yes		1,00,00,000	Cheque No- 000108, HDFC Bank, Kamala Mills, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013, 20.02.2017
		SHS	Shiv Sena	Yes	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000	Cheque No- 000107, HDFC Bank, Kamala Mills, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013, 10.02.2017
4	Samaj Electoral Trust	BJP	Bhartiya Janta Party	Yes	2,00,00,000	2,00,00,000	Cheque No.000028, Drawn on Development Credit Bank Limited, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata, 10.02.2017
		INC	President AICC	Yes	1,50,00,000	1,50,00,000	Cheque No.000023, Drawn on Development Credit Bank Limited, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata, 27.01.2017
		RLD	Rashtriya Lok Dal	Yes	20,00,000	10,00,000	Cheque No.000030, Drawn on Development Credit Bank Limited,

Detail of Donations made by the Electoral Trust to Political Parties in Financial Year 2016-17							
S.No.	Name of the Electoral Trust	Abbreviation	Political Party	PAN (Yes/No)	Total Donations (Rs)	Amount of contribution (Rs)	Details of donations
							Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata, 10.02.2017
			Rashtriya Lok Dal	Yes		10,00,000	DD No.871002, of Development Credit Bank Limited Connaught Place New Delhi, 14.02.2017
		JKPDP	Jammu & Kashmir People Democratic Party	Yes	15,00,000	15,00,000	Cheque No.000034, Drawn on Development Credit Bank Limited, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata, 22.03.2017
		JKNC	Jammu & Kashmir National Conference	Yes	10,00,000	10,00,000	Cheque No.000035, Drawn on Development Credit Bank Limited, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata, 22.03.2017
5	Paribartan Electoral Trust	AITC	All India Trinamol Congress	Yes	50,00,000	50,00,000	<b>Cheque, 09.05.2016</b>
6	Triumph Electoral Trust	INC	All India National Congress	Yes	10,00,000	10,00,000	<b>Cheque, 14.02.2017</b>
<b>Total Donations</b>					<b>Rs 3,25,27,00,000 (Rs 325.27 crores)</b>		

Table: Detail of Donations made by the Electoral Trust to Political Parties in Financial Year 2016-17

## 8. Donations made by the Electoral Trusts to Political Parties – FY 2013-14 to 2016-17

- Between FY 2013-14 and 2016-17, **9 registered Electoral Trusts** donated a total of **Rs 637.535 cr** of which **only 2 Electoral Trusts (Prudent and Samaj Electoral Trusts)** have donated **more than twice**.
- Total donations to political parties during **FY 2013-14** was **Rs 85.37 cr**, during **FY 2014-15: Rs 177.40 cr**, during **FY 2015-16: Rs 49.50 cr** and during **FY 2016-17: Rs 325.27 cr**.
- 5 National Parties received **92.30%** (Rs 588.442 cr) of the total donations from Electoral trusts while 16 regional Parties received only **7.70%** (Rs 49.093 cr) out of Rs 637.535 cr of donations from Electoral Trusts.
- BJP and INC** are the only two political parties to receive donations from Electoral Trusts every financial year.

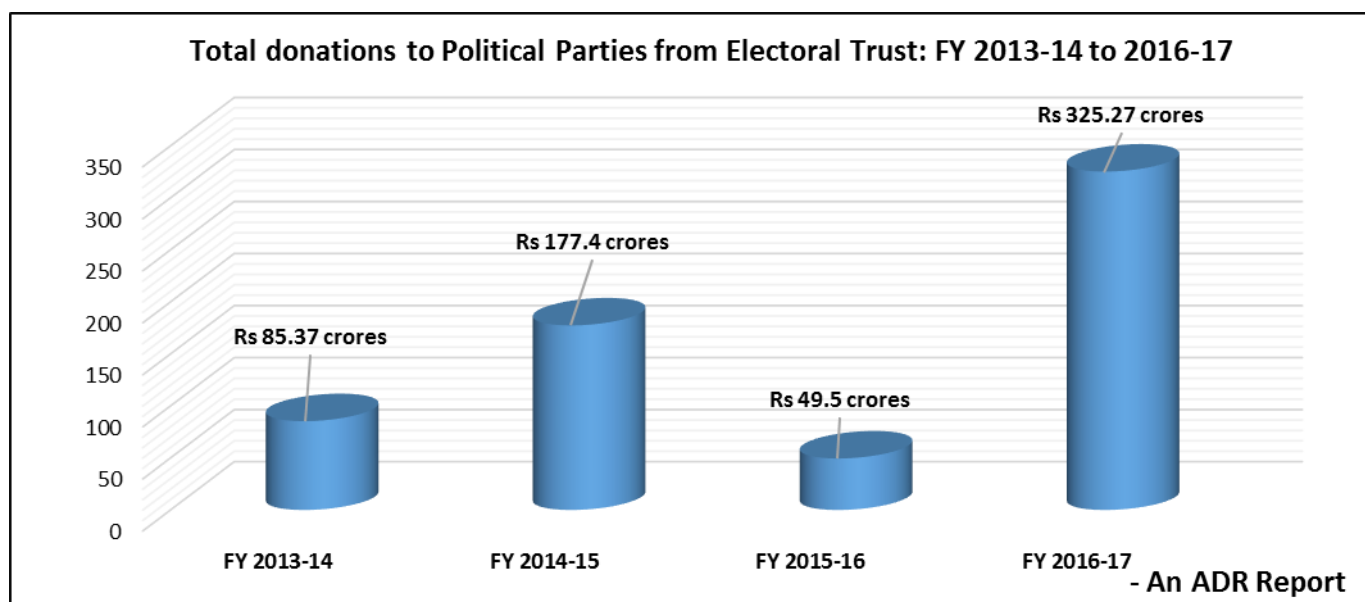
Amount distributed by Electoral Trust to Political parties between Financial Years 2013-14 and 2016-17 (Rs in cr)					Total
Party	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	
BJP	41.37	111.35	46	290.22	<b>Rs 488.94 crores</b>
INC	36.5	31.658	2	16.5	<b>Rs 86.658 crores</b>
NCP	4	6.783	0	0	<b>Rs 10.783 crores</b>
AITC	0	1.538	0	0.5	<b>Rs 2.038 crores</b>
CPM	0	0.023	0	0	<b>Rs 0.023 crores</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs 81.87 crores</b>	<b>Rs 151.352 crores</b>	<b>Rs 48 crores</b>	<b>Rs 307.22 crores</b>	<b>Rs 588.442 crores</b>
SAD	2	0	0	9	<b>Rs 11 crores</b>
SP	0	1.679	0	6.5	<b>Rs 8.179 crores</b>
BJD	0	5.506	0	0	<b>Rs 5.506 crores</b>
INLD	0	5.005	0	0	<b>Rs 5.005 crores</b>
AAP	0	3	0	1	<b>Rs 4 crores</b>
SHS	0	2.31	0	1	<b>Rs 3.31 crores</b>
JDU	0	1.59	1.5	0	<b>Rs 3.09 crores</b>

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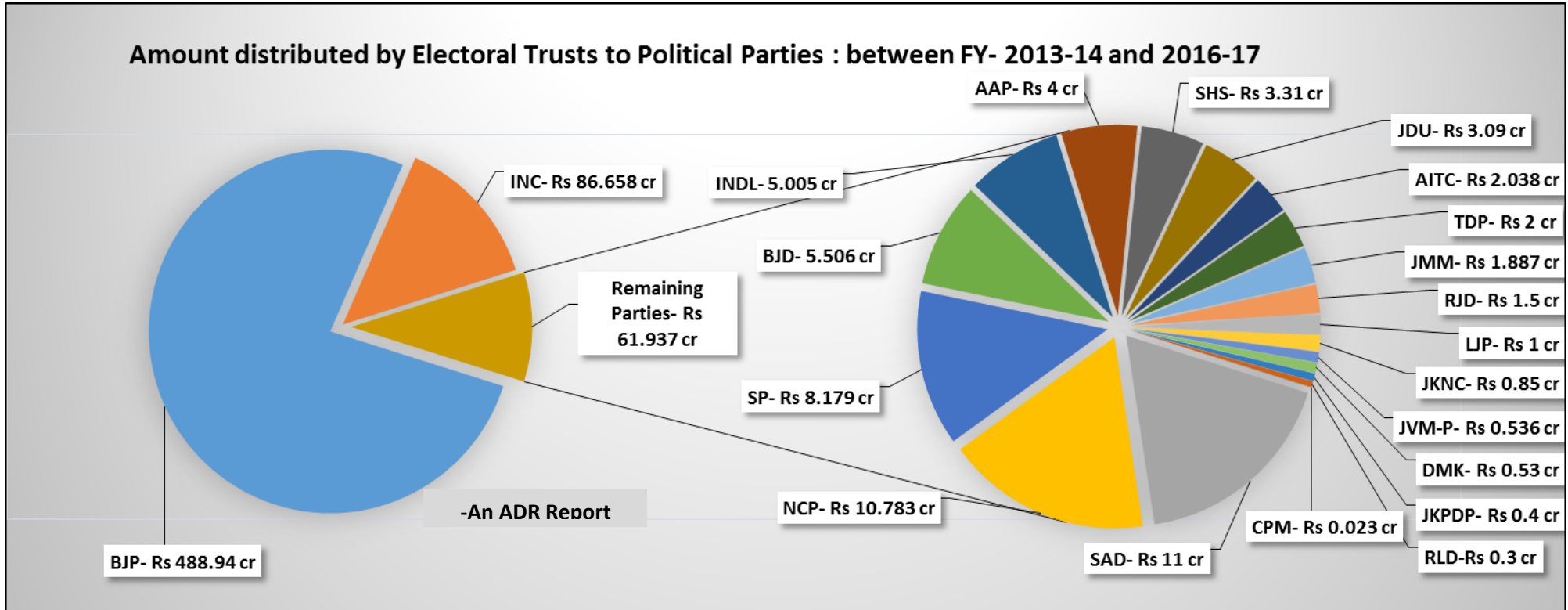


Amount distributed by Electoral Trust to Political parties between Financial Years 2013-14 and 2016-17 (Rs in cr)					Total
Party	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	
TDP	0	2	0	0	Rs 2 crores
JMM	0	1.887	0	0	Rs 1.887 crores
RJD	1	0.5	0	0	Rs 1.5 crores
LJP	0	1	0	0	Rs 1 crores
JKNC	0.5	0.25	0	0.1	Rs 0.85 crores
JVM-P	0	0.536	0	0	Rs 0.536 crores
DMK	0	0.53	0	0	Rs 0.53 crores
JKPDP	0	0.25	0	0.15	Rs 0.4 crores
RLD	0	0	0	0.3	Rs 0.3 crores
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs 3.50 crores</b>	<b>Rs 26.043 crores</b>	<b>Rs 1.50 crores</b>	<b>Rs 18.05 crores</b>	<b>Rs 49.093 crores</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Rs 85.37 crores</b>	<b>Rs 177.40 crores</b>	<b>Rs 49.50 crores</b>	<b>Rs 325.27 crores</b>	<b>Rs 637.535 crores</b>

Table: Donations made to Political parties by Electoral Trusts between Financial Years 2013-14 and 2016-17



Graph: Total donations to Political Parties from Electoral Trust, FY 2013-14 to 2016-17



Graph- Donations made by the Electoral Trusts to Political Parties – FY 2013-14 to 2016-17

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