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## Analysis of Election Expenses of MLAs from the Puducherry 2011 Assembly Elections

### Why election Expenses are important?

1. An analysis of expense statements of all newly elected MLAs is being done for the first time ever **within the deadline of 45 days (from the date of declaration of results)** during which the election of a candidate can be **challenged on grounds of under-declaration of election expenses**.
2. Since these results were declared on 13 May, **the last date of such a challenge through an election petition will be 28 July**
3. **As per section 81 of the Representation of People's Act, any candidate or voter can file an election petition**

### Highlights of this Report:

1. **Based on the election expense declarations of 30 newly elected MLAs of Puducherry to the ECI, the average amount of money spent by them in the elections is only about 3.12 lakhs, which is about 39% of the expense limit (8 lakhs).**
2. **The average election expense party wise (for MLAs) show that the average spending for All India N.R.Congress's 15 MLAs was Rs 3,54,115 (3 Lacs+), for INC's 7 MLAs was Rs 2,77,283 (2 Lacs+), for AIADMK's 5 MLAs was Rs 2,25,435 (5 Lacs+) and for DMK's 2 MLAs was Rs 2,97,319 (2 Lacs+). There was only one Independent MLA's who showed his expenses was Rs 4,05,043 (4 Lacs+).**
3. **Only 2 MLAs have declared that they have spent more than 5 lakhs as their election expense.**
4. **A total of 21 MLAs have declared election expenses of less than Rs 4 Lacs (that is less than 50% of Expense Limit set by ECI). (Detailed tables are given below)**
5. **The maximum expense of 5,30,473 (5.30 Lacs+), has been declared by Abu E.Valasraj of INC from Mahe constituency, followed by G.Nehru @ Kuppusamy of the All India N.R.Congress from Orleampeth constituency (expense of about 5.12 lakhs)**
6. **The minimum expense of 1,55,144 (1 Lacs+) has been declared by Nanda T.Saravanan of DMK from Muthialpet constituency. He is followed by Malladi Krishna Rao of INC from Yanam constituency with election expenses of about 1.58 lakhs**
7. **Expense on Public Meetings and Processions:** Out of all the 30 MLAs analyzed, 6 declared that they have not spent ANY amount on public meetings, processions etc. as per their election expenses.
8. **Expense on Campaigning through electronic/print media:** 7 MLAs have declared that they have not spent ANY amount on campaigning through electronic/print media. 11 MLAs have spent less than 10 thousand on the same.
9. **Expense on Campaign Workers:** 3 MLAs have declared that they have not spent ANY amount on Campaign workers. 8 MLAs have spent less than 10 thousand on the same.

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10. **Expense on Vehicles Used:** 6 MLAs have declared that they have used less than 50 thousand on vehicle use
11. **Expense on Campaign Materials and Erection of gates, arches, banners etc.:** A total of 4 MLAs have declared that they have used less than Rs 10 thousand on erections of gates, arches, cutouts, banners and Campaign materials, like handbills, posters, video, audio cassettes, loudspeakers.
12. **The National Election Watch demands that the ECI should specifically investigate the election expenses of candidates who have declared very little or no expenses on use of vehicles, campaign material, public meetings, campaign workers and print/electronic media to check the verity of these disclosures.**

**Puducherry/Delhi, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and National Election Watch (NEW), a nationwide campaign comprising of more than 1200 NGOs and other citizen led organizations, have been working on electoral reforms, improving democracy and governance in India.

This report is based on the analysis of the information provided by the MLAs and submitted to ECI. The Election Commission released expense abstract statements of the winners, first and second runners up of each state on the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO)'s website. Puducherry Election Watch (PEW) has analyzed the abstract statement of expenses of the 29<sup>1</sup> MLAs from all of the 30 constituencies who have won the Puducherry 2011 Assembly Elections. This report is based on the analysis of the same.

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<sup>1</sup> **N. Rangasamy contested and won from two constituencies – Indira Nagar and Kadirgamam**

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## Analysis of the election expenses – MLAs

### Top 5 MLAs with highest declared election expenses in 2011 Assembly Elections

Sl. No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Total expenses incurred (Rs.)	% of limit (Rs 8 lacs) reached
1	E. Valsaraj	MAHE	INC	5,30,473 5 Lacs+	66%
2	G. Nehru @ Kuppusamy	ORLEAMPETH	All India N.R. Congress	5,12,882 5 Lacs+	64%
3	M. Chandhrakasu	NEDUNGADU	All India N.R. Congress	4,49,436 4 Lacs+	56%
4	P.R. Siva	THIRUNALLAR	All India N.R. Congress	4,44,920 4 Lacs+	56%
5	V. SABAPATHY @ KOTHANDARAMAN	ARIANKUPPAM	All India N.R. Congress	4,41,647 4 Lacs+	55%

**Table: Top 5 highest expenses declared by MLAs**

### 5 lowest election expenses declared by MLAs

Sl. No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Total expenses incurred (Rs.)	% of limit (Rs 8 lacs) reached
1	Nanda T. Saravanan	MUTHIALPET	DMK	1,55,144 1 Lacs+	19%
2	Malladi Krishna Rao	YANAM	INC	1,58,407 1 Lacs+	20%
3	A. Baskar	MUDALIARPET	AIADMK	1,80,299 1 Lacs+	23%
4	K. Lakshminarayanan	RAJ BHAVAN	INC	2,02,254 2 Lacs+	25%
5	V.Vaithilingam	KAMARAJ NAGAR	INC	2,07,042 2 Lacs+	26%

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### Average expenses declared by MLAs - party-wise

Sl. No.	Party	No. of Winners Analyzed	Average Election Expense	% of expense limit (8 lakhs) reached
1	All India N.R. Congress	15	3,54,115	44.30%
2	INC	7	2,77,283	34.70%
3	AIADMK	5	2,25,435	28.20%
4	DMK	2	2,97,319	37.20%
5	INDEPENDENT	1	4,05,043	50.60%
Total / Average of all		30	3,12,652	39%

**Table: Average party-wise election expenses declared by MLAs**

### MLAs who declared no expenses on Public Meetings, processions etc.

The following table lists MLAs who have spent absolutely no money on public meetings, processions etc. as declared in their expense statement filed with the Election Commission.

Sl. No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Declared Expense on public meetings, procession etc
1	M. Chandhrakasu	NEDUNGADU	All India N.R. Congress	0
2	V.Vaithilingam	KAMARAJ NAGAR	INC	0
3	G. Nehru @ Kuppusamy	ORLEAMPETH	All India N.R. Congress	0
4	M. Vaithianathan	LAWSPET	All India N.R. Congress	0
5	N.G.Panneerselvam	OZHUKARAI	All India N.R. Congress	0
6	P.R.N. Thirumurugan	KARAIKAL NORTH	INC	0

**Table: MLAs who have declared no expenses on Public meetings, processions etc.**

### MLAs who declared NO expenses on Campaigning through electronic and print media

The following table lists those MLAs who have spent absolutely no money on electronic/print media (including cable network) etc as declared in their expense statement filed with the State Election Commission.

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Sl. No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Declared Expense on Electronic/ Print Media etc. in Rs.
1	V.M.C Sivakkumar	NERAVY T.R. PATTINAM	IND	0
2	Omsakthi Sekar	NELLITHOPE	AIADMK	0
3	Nanda T. Saravanan	MUTHIALPET	DMK	0
4	K. Lakshminarayanan	RAJ BHAVAN	INC	0
5	P.M.L. Kalyanasundaram	KALAPET	All India N.R. Congress	0
6	P.R. Siva	THIRUNALLAR	All India N.R. Congress	0
7	M. Chandhrakasu	NEDUNGADU	All India N.R. Congress	0

**Table: 8 lowest election expenses campaign though electronic/print media declared by MLAs**

### MLAs who declared no or very low expenses on Campaign workers

11 MLAs declared less than Rs. 10,000 as their expenses on campaign workers. The lowest 5 expenses as declared by the MLAs is given in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Declared Expense on Campaign Workers etc
1	P.M.L. Kalyanasundaram	KALAPET	All India N.R. Congress	0
2	V. SABAPATHY @ KOTHANDARAMAN	ARIANKUPPAM	All India N.R. Congress	0
3	Malladi Krishna Rao	YANAM	INC	0
4	A.Namassivayam	VILLIANUR	INC	280
5	G. Nehru @ Kuppusamy	ORLEAMPETH	All India N.R. Congress	600

**Table: 5 lowest election expenses on campaign workers as declared by MLAs**

### MLAs who declared lowest expenses on vehicles used

6 MLAs have declared less than Rs 50,000 as expense on vehicles used during campaigning. They are listed below:

Sl. No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Declared Expense on vehicles used
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Sl. No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Declared Expense on vehicles used
1	Malladi Krishna Rao	YANAM	INC	19615
2	Nanda T. Saravanan	MUTHIALPET	DMK	22686
3	V.Vaithilingam	KAMARAJ NAGAR	INC	27550
4	Omsakthi Sekar	NELLITHOPE	AIADMK	34401
5	K. Lakshminarayanan	RAJ BHAVAN	INC	46800
6	T.P.R. Selvam	MANNADIPET	All India N.R. Congress	47522

**Table: MLAs who declared expenses of less than 50 thousand in use of vehicles**

### MLAs who declared less than 50 thousand on Campaign material

The 4 MLAs who have declared less than 50 thousand on the campaign material which includes cut-outs, banners, posters, handbills, loudspeakers, gates, arches etc have been listed below.

Sl. No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Declared Expense on campaign material used
1	P.R. Siva	THIRUNALLAR	All India N.R. Congress	8500
2	T.P.R. Selvam	MANNADIPET	All India N.R. Congress	8590
3	P. Purushothaman	MANAVELY	AIADMK	9738
4	P.R.N. Thirumurugan	KARAIKAL NORTH	INC	9850

**Table: 5 lowest election expenses on campaign materials as declared by MLAs**

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## DETAILED INFORMATION

### MLAs in descending order of their declared election expenses

Sl. No.	Name	Constituency	Party	Total expenses incurred/ authorized (Rs.)
1	E. Valsaraj	MAHE	INC	5,30,473 5 Lacs+
2	G. Nehru @ Kuppusamy	ORLEAMPETH	All India N.R. Congress	5,12,883 5 Lacs+
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6	A.M.H. Nazeem	KARAIKAL SOUTH	DMK	4,39,493 4 Lacs+
7	P. Karthikeyan	OUSSUDU	All India N.R. Congress	4,07,645 4 Lacs+
8	P.M.L. Kalyanasundaram	KALAPET	All India N.R. Congress	4,06,355 4 Lacs+
9	V.M.C Sivakkumar	NERAVY T.R. PATTINAM	IND	4,05,043 4 Lacs+
10	Ashok Anand	THATTANCHAVADY	All India N.R. Congress	3,99,738 3 Lacs+
11	P.R.N. Thirumurugan	KARAIKAL NORTH	INC	3,75,602 3 Lacs+
12	N. Rangasamy	KADIRGAMAM	All India N.R. Congress	3,30,110 3 Lacs+
13	M. Vaithianathan	LAWSPET	All India N.R. Congress	3,12,130 3 Lacs+
14	N.G.Panneerselvam	OZHUKARAI	All India N.R. Congress	3,04,579 3 Lacs+
15	P. Angalane	THIRUBHUVANAI	All India N.R. Congress	3,03,951 3 Lacs+
16	P. Rajavelu	EMBALAM	All India N.R. Congress	2,90,867 2 Lacs+
17	N. Rangasamy	INDIRA NAGAR	All India N.R. Congress	2,77,868 2 Lacs+
18	Omsakthi Sekar	NELLITHOPE	AIADMK	2,52,382 2 Lacs+
19	C.Djeacoumar	MANGALAM	INC	2,50,101 2 Lacs+
20	L. Periyasamy	NETTAPAKKAM	AIADMK	2,39,708 2 Lacs+
21	A.Anbalagan	OUPALAM	AIADMK	2,28,258 2 Lacs+
22	P. Purushothaman	MANAVELY	AIADMK	2,26,530 2 Lacs+

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24	T.P.R. Selvam	MANNADIPET	All India N.R. Congress	2,15,121 2 Lacs+
25	T. Thiagarajan	BAHOUR	All India N.R. Congress	2,14,478 2 Lacs+
26	V.Vaithilingam	KAMARAJ NAGAR	INC	2,07,042 2 Lacs+
27	K. Lakshminarayanan	RAJ BHAVAN	INC	2,02,254 2 Lacs+
28	A. Baskar	MUDALIARPET	AIADMK	1,80,299 1 Lacs+
29	Malladi Krishna Rao	YANAM	INC	1,58,407 1 Lacs+
30	Nanda T. Saravanan	MUTHIALPET	DMK	1,55,144 1 Lacs+

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