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**Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of
Ministers in the Sikkim Assembly 2019**

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Summary and Highlights

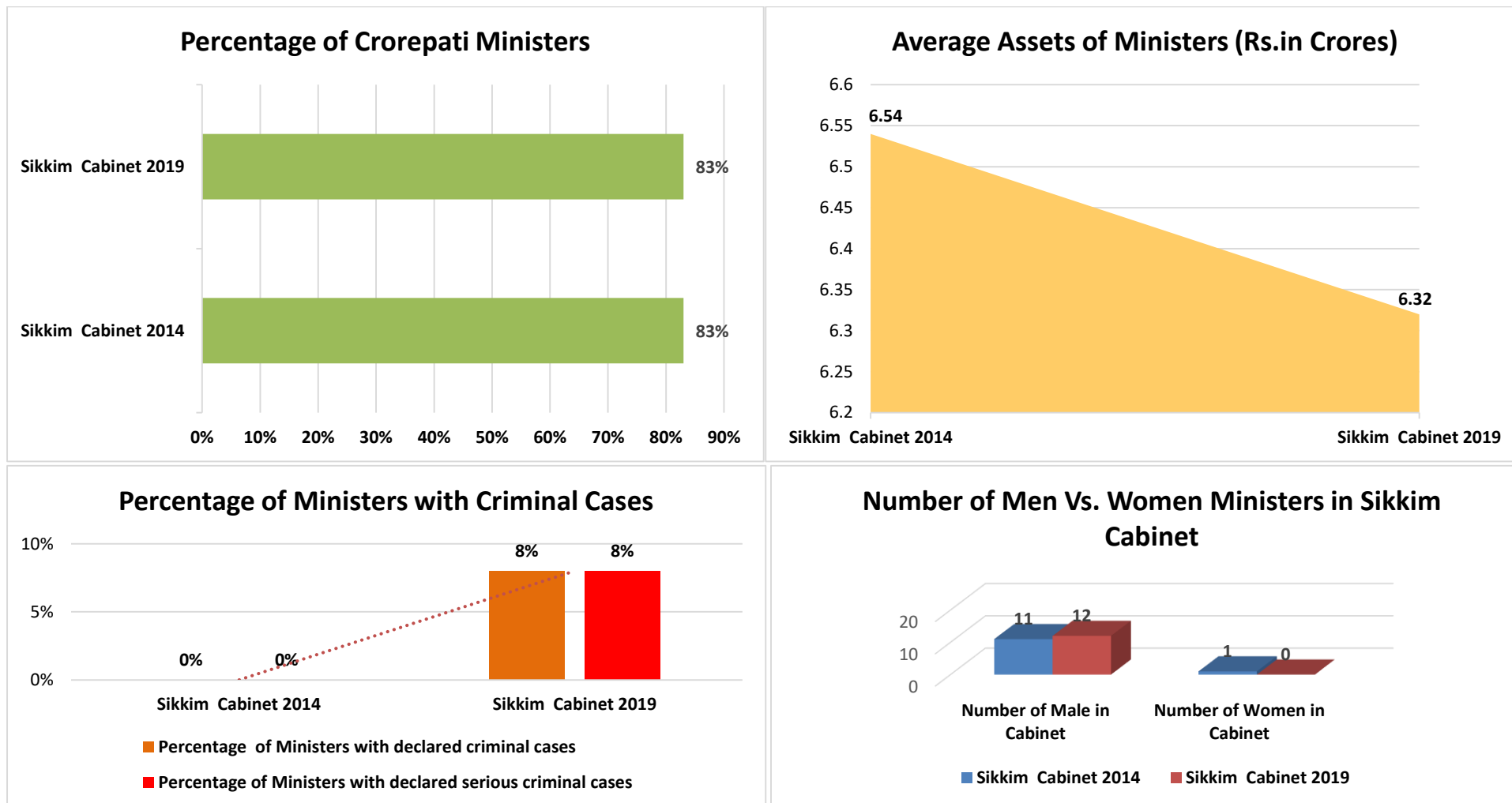
Sikkim Election Watch and Association for Democratic Reforms have analysed the self-sworn affidavits of all **12 Ministers including Chief Minister** from Sikkim State Assembly 2019.

Year	Number of Ministers Analysed	Number of crorepati Ministers	Percentage of crorepati ministers	Average Assets (Rs. in Crores)	Number of Ministers with declared criminal cases	Percentage of Ministers with declared criminal cases	Number of Ministers with declared serious criminal cases	Percentage of Ministers with declared serious criminal cases	Number of Women in Cabinet	Percentage of Women in Cabinet
Sikkim Cabinet 2014	12	10	83%	6.54	0	0%	0	0%	1	8%
Sikkim Cabinet 2019	12	10	83%	6.32	1	8%	1	8%	0	0%

Table: Analysis of Sikkim's Cabinet (2014 vs. 2019)

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Sikkim's Cabinets 2014 vs. 2019



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Background Details of Sikkim's Ministers, 2019

Criminal Background

- **Ministers with Criminal Cases:** Only (Chief Minister) **Prem Singh Tamang** has declared criminal case against himself.

S.No.	Minister Information	Brief Details of IPCs
1	<p>Name: Prem Singh Tamang District: SOUTH Constituency: POKLOK-KAMRANG : BYE ELECTION ON 21-10-2019 Party: Sikkim Krantikari Morcha Total Cases:1 Serious IPC:1 Other IPC:2 Cases (Pending) -----No Cases----- Cases (Convicted)</p> <p>1. IPC Sections - 403, 120B(2), 403,406 , Other Details - Section 13(2)13(1)(d)(ii)of The PC Act 1988., Case No. - S.T.(VIG)Case.no.02 of 2009 (05 of 2013) , Court - The Special Judge (PC ACT) Sikkim Gangtok , Punishment: - I was convicted under Section 13(2)Read With Section 13(1)(d)(ii)of The PC Act,1988 & Sentenced to undergo simple Imprisonment For A Period Of One Year & To pay A Fine Of RS 10000, For The Offence Under Sec-403 IPC ,I Was Sentenced to Undergo Simple Imprisonment For A period Of one Year & For The Offence Under Sec- 120B(2)Read With Sec-403/406 IPC ,I was sentenced To undergo Simple Imprisonment For A Period Of Six Months .The Aforestated Sentences Were Directed To run ConCurrently., Date of Order of Conviction - 28 Dec 2016 , Appeal Filed - Yes , Details of Appeal - An Appeal Was Preferred In The High Court Of Sikkim .Gangtok & Same Was Registered As CRL.A.NO.01 Of 2017.However The Conviction & sentence Was Affirmed & Upheld Vide Judgment Dated 28.06.2017 ,Against The Impugned Final Judgment & Order Dated 28.06.2017 In CRL.A.NO.01 Of 2017 Passed by The High court Of Sikkim At Gnagtok A Special Leave Petition Was Filed Before The Supreme Court Of INDIA Same Being Special Leave Petition (Criminal)Diary No(s)32346/2017 However The Special Leave Petition Too was vide order dated 10.11.2017</p>	<p>1 charge related to criminal breach of trust (IPC Section-406) 2 charges related to Dishonest misappropriation of property (IPC Section-403)</p>

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Financial Background

- **Crorepati Ministers:** Out of the **12** ministers analysed, **10 (83%)** are crorepatis.
- **Average Assets:** The average assets of **12** ministers analysed is **Rs 6.32 crores**.
- **Ministers with Highest Assets:** The minister with the highest declared total assets is **Samdup Lepcha** from **Lachen Mangan** constituency with assets worth **Rs.23.71 crores**. The top 3 ministers with highest declared assets are:

S.No.	Name	District	Constituency	Party Name	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
1	Samdup Lepcha	NORTH	LACHEN MANGAN	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	6,79,40,600	16,91,75,663	23,71,16,263 23 Crore+	Y
2	Arun Kumar Upreti	EAST	ARITHANG	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	90,05,818	10,52,28,632	11,42,34,450 11 Crore+	Y
3	Mani Kumar Sharma	EAST	KHAMDONG-SINGTAM	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	1,95,69,827	7,28,88,242	9,24,58,069 9 Crore+	Y

Table: Top 3 Ministers with Highest Assets

- **Liabilities:** 10 out of 12 ministers analysed have declared liabilities. The details of the top 3 ministers are given below:

S.No.	Name	District	Constituency	Party Name	Total Assets(Rs)	Liabilities (Rs)	PAN Given
1	Samdup Lepcha	NORTH	LACHEN MANGAN	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	23,71,16,263 23 Crore+	3,35,25,370 3 Crore+	Y
2	Mani Kumar Sharma	EAST	KHAMDONG-SINGTAM	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	9,24,58,069 9 Crore+	1,83,16,467 1 Crore+	Y
3	Prem Singh Tamang	SOUTH	POKLOK-KAMRANG : BYE ELECTION ON 21-10-2019	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	3,89,28,315 3 Crore+	63,06,653 63 Lacs+	Y

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- **Minister's income Details:** Only two minister have declared ITR details in the affidavit.

S.No.	Name	Party Name	Constituency	District Name	Total Asset (Rs)	Self Source of Income	Spouse's Source of Income	The financial year for which the last income tax return has been filed by minister	Total income shown by minister in ITR (Self+Spouse+Dependent) (Rs)	Self income shown by minister in ITR (Rs)
1	Mani Kumar Sharma	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	KHAMDONG-SINGTAM	EAST	9,24,58,069 9 Crore+	Profession, Business & Pension	NA	2017-2018	24,03,306 24 Lacs+	24,03,306 24 Lacs+
2	Karma Loday Bhutia	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	KABI LUNGCHUK	NORTH	8,67,30,407 8 Crore+	Pension,Rent	Rent	2017-2018	17,06,239 17 Lacs+	0

* Some MLAs may be exempted from filing Income Tax Returns

Other Background details (Education, Gender, Age)

- **Ministers' Education:** 5 (42%) ministers have declared their educational qualification to be between 5th pass and 12th pass while 7 (58%) ministers have declared having an educational qualification of **graduate or above**.
- **Ministers' Age:** 6 (50%) ministers have declared their age to be between 25 and 50 years while 6 (50%) ministers have declared their age to be between 51 and 75 years.
- **Woman Minister:** Out of 12 ministers, there is not even a single woman minister in the Sikkim 2019 Assembly Elections.

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Full Assets Details of Ministers

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1	Samdup Lepcha	NORTH	LACHEN MANGAN	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	6,79,40,600	16,91,75,663	23,71,16,263 23 Crore+	Y
2	Arun Kumar Upreti	EAST	ARITHANG	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	90,05,818	10,52,28,632	11,42,34,450 11 Crore+	Y
3	Mani Kumar Sharma	EAST	KHAMDONG-SINGTAM	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	1,95,69,827	7,28,88,242	9,24,58,069 9 Crore+	Y
4	Bedu Singh Panth	SOUTH	TIMI-NAMPHING	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	48,94,785	8,32,46,680	8,81,41,465 8 Crore+	Y
5	Karma Loday Bhutia	NORTH	KABI LUNGCHUK	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	91,98,254	7,75,32,153	8,67,30,407 8 Crore+	Y
6	Sanjeet Kharel	SOUTH	NAMTHANG-RATEYPANI	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	1,37,73,663	2,69,90,220	4,07,63,883 4 Crore+	Y
7	Prem Singh Tamang	SOUTH	POKLOK-KAMRANG : BYE ELECTION ON 21-10-2019	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	60,72,765	3,28,55,550	3,89,28,315 3 Crore+	Y
8	Lok Nath Sharma	WEST	GYALSING-BERNYAK	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	18,01,035	1,91,79,378	2,09,80,413 2 Crore+	Y
9	Mingma Norbu Sherpa	WEST	DARAMDIN	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	14,70,645	1,52,65,316	1,67,35,961 1 Crore+	Y
10	Sonam Lama	SANGHA	SANGHA	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	49,22,974	77,79,627	1,27,02,601 1 Crore+	Y
11	Kunga Nima Lepcha	EAST	SHYARI	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	9,58,810	53,38,987	62,97,797 62 Lacs+	Y
12	Bhim Hang Limboo	WEST	YANGTHANG	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	8,92,263	30,73,612	39,65,875 39 Lacs+	Y

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Age and Educational Qualification Details of Ministers

S.No.	Name	Age	Party Name	Constituency	Education	Education Details
1	Sonam Lama	43	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	SANGHA	8th Pass	Purvamadhyaama 1st year from Sikkim Institute of Higher Nyingma Studies (Sheda) in the Year 1992
2	Samdup Lepcha	55	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	LACHEN MANGAN	10th Pass	Studied up to class X from Government Senior Secondary School, Mangan, North Sikkim in The Year 1982
3	Arun Kumar Upreti	51	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	ARITHANG	12th Pass	12th Passed from Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School in 1987
4	Bedu Singh Panth	66	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	TIMI-NAMPHING	12th Pass	Completed High Secondary from West Bengal Board of Secondary Education in the year 1972
5	Lok Nath Sharma	46	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	GYALSING-BERNYAK	12th Pass	Studied up Class XII from Government Senior Secondary School Soreng West Sikkim in the Year 1991
6	Bhim Hang Limboo	30	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	YANGTHANG	Graduate	Bachelor of Arts in Education (Honors) from University of North Bengal (Namchi Government College) in the year 2008
7	Karma Loday Bhutia	54	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	KABI LUNGCHUK	Graduate	B.A in the Year 1987 under North Bengal University from Sikkim Government college
8	Kunga Nima Lepcha	71	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	SHYARI	Graduate	B.A Pass Kamlimpong Degree College North Bengal University Passed in Year 1971
9	Mingma Norbu Sherpa	49	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	DARAMDIN	Graduate	Completed Bachelor of Arts in the year 1995 Under North Bengal University from Sikkim Government College
10	Prem Singh Tamang	51	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	POKLOK-KAMRANG : BYE ELECTION ON 21-10-2019	Graduate	B.A. Passed Darjeeling Govt College 1988 , North Bengal university
11	Sanjeet Kharel	42	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	NAMTHANG-RATEYPANI	Graduate	Completed Bachelor of Arts in the year 1999 under North Bengal University from St. Joseph College Darjeeling
12	Mani Kumar Sharma	48	Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	KHAMDONG-SINGTAM	Post Graduate	Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Skin and Venereal Diseases from Utkal University in 1999

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