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Lok Sabha Elections, 2024

Assam Phase I Elections 2024

Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates

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Summary and Highlights

Assam Election Watch and Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) have analysed the self-sworn affidavits of all **35** candidates, who are contesting in the **5 constituencies in Assam Phase-I Lok Sabha elections 2024**.

Assam Phase-I Lok Sabha Elections 2024				
S. No	Constituency	Number of contesting candidates	Number of Candidates analyzed	Date of Poll
1	Dibrugarh	3	3	19 th April 2024
2	Jorhat	4	4	
3	Kaziranga	11	11	
4	Lakhimpur	9	9	
5	Sonitpur	8	8	
Total		35	35	

5 (14%)
Candidates
with Criminal
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Cases

15 (43%)
Crorepatis
Candidates

Rs. 2.17 Crores
Average Assets
of Candidates

Criminal Background

- Candidates with Criminal Cases:** Out of 35 candidates analyzed, **5 (14%)** candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves.
- Candidates with Serious Criminal Cases:** **3(9%)** candidates have declared serious criminal cases against themselves.

Party Name	Total number of candidates analyzed	candidates with declared Criminal Cases	% of candidates with declared criminal cases	candidates with declared serious criminal cases	% of candidates with declared serious criminal cases
INC	4	2	50%	1	25%
AAP	2	1	50%	1	50%
BAHUMAN MAHA PARTY	1	1	100%	1	100%
BHARATIYA GANA PARISHAD	1	1	100%	0	0%
BJP	5	0	0%	0	0%
Other Parties	22	0	0%	0	0%
Total	35	5	14%	3	9%

Table: Party Wise Candidates with declared Criminal Cases

Criteria for serious criminal cases

- Offence for which maximum punishment is of 5 years or more.
- If an offence is non-bailable
- If it is an electoral offence (for eg. IPC 171E or bribery)
- Offence related to loss to exchequer
- Offences that are assault, murder, kidnap, rape related
- Offences that are mentioned in Representation of the People Act (Section 8)
- Offences under Prevention of Corruption Act
- Crimes against women.

Financial Background

- **Crorepati Candidates:** Out of the **35** candidates, **15 (43%)** candidates have assets worth more than Rs. 1 crore.

Party Name	Number of Candidates Analyzed	No of Crorepatis	Percentage of Crorepati Candidates
BJP	5	5	100%
INC	4	3	75%
Independent	10	3	30%
AAP	2	2	100%
BHARATIYA GANA PARISHAD	1	1	100%
AITC	1	1	100%
Other Parties	12	0	0%
Total	35	15	43%

Table: Party Wise Crorepati Candidates

- **Average assets:** The average of assets per candidate contesting in the Assam Phase I Lok Sabha Elections is **Rs. 2.17 Crores**.

Party Name	Number of Candidates Analyzed	Average Assets (Rs)
BJP	5	Rs 4,27,79,685 ~ 4 Crore+
INC	4	Rs 3,31,94,336 ~ 3 Crore+
Voters Party International	3	Rs 19,40,914 ~ 19 Lacs+
AAP	2	Rs 6,11,86,097 ~ 6 Crore+
AITC	1	Rs 1,91,72,000 ~ 1 Crore+
Bharatiya Gana Parishad	1	Rs 1,67,30,000 ~ 1 Crore+
Bodoland Peoples Front	1	Rs 55,00,500 ~ 55 Lacs+
Assam Jatiya Parishad	1	Rs 34,31,472 ~ 34 Lacs+
Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal	1	Rs 14,70,000 ~ 14 Lacs+

Party Name	Number of Candidates Analyzed	Average Assets (Rs)
CPI	1	Rs 10,60,775 ~ 10 Lacs+
Bahujan Maha Party	1	Rs 2,25,064 ~ 2 Lacs+
Gana Suraksha Party	1	Rs 1,00,000 ~ 1 Lacs+
Asom Jana Morcha	1	Rs 85,000 ~ 85 Thou+
Republican Party of India (Athawale)	1	Rs 50,000 ~ 50 Thou+
SUCI(C)	1	Rs 38,169 ~ 38 Thou+
Average Assets of All Parties Candidates	25	Rs 2,09,09,347 2 Crore+
Average Assets of Independent Candidates	10	Rs 2,39,06,180 ~ 2 Crore+
Average Assets of All Parties Candidates and Independent Candidates	35	Rs 2,17,65,585 2 Crore+

Table: Party wise average assets of candidates

- **Candidates with high Assets:** The details of top 3 candidates with high assets are given below:

S.No.	Name	State	Constituency	Party Name	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
1	Diluwara Begum Chowdhury	Assam	Kaziranga	IND	4,65,61,077	12,92,82,000	17,58,43,077 17 Crore+	Y
2	Manoj Dhanowar	Assam	Dibrugarh	AAP	2,85,80,440	6,46,50,000	9,32,30,440 9 Crore+	Y
3	Ranjit Dutta	Assam	Sonitpur	BJP	5,52,92,194	3,45,00,000	8,97,92,194 8 Crore+	Y

Table: Top 3 Candidates with high assets

- Candidates with low Assets:** The details of top 3 candidates with low assets are given below:

S.No.	Name	State	Constituency	Party Name	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
1	Pallab Pegu	Assam	Lakhimpur	SUCI(C)	38,169	0	38,169 38 Thou+	Y
2	Saleh Ahmed Mazumdar	Assam	Kaziranga	Republican Party of India (Athawale)	50,000	0	50,000 50 Thou+	Y
3	Salim Ahmed	Assam	Kaziranga	Asom Jana Morcha	85,000	0	85,000 85 Thou+	Y

Table: 3 Candidates with low assets

- Candidates with high liabilities: 19(54%)** candidates have declared liabilities in their affidavits. The details of top three candidates with highest liabilities are given below:

S.No.	Name	State	Constituency	Party Name	Total Assets (Rs)	Liabilities (Rs)	PAN Given
1	Uday Shankar Hazarika	Assam	Lakhimpur	INC	6,82,43,287 6 Crore+	3,53,47,475 3 Crore+	Y
2	Ranjit Dutta	Assam	Sonitpur	BJP	8,97,92,194 8 Crore+	2,42,61,374 2 Crore+	Y
3	Diluwara Begum Chowdhury	Assam	Kaziranga	IND	17,58,43,077 17 Crore+	1,07,73,579 1 Crore+	Y

Table: Top three Candidates with high liabilities

- Candidates with high income as declared in ITR*:** The table below shows 3 Candidates who have declared highest income in their Income Tax Returns.

S.No.	Name	Party Name	Constituency	State	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 candidate	Total income shown by candidate in ITR (Self+Spouse+Dependent) (Rs)	Self income shown by candidate in ITR (Rs)
1	Gaurav Gogoi	INC	Jorhat	Assam	4,90,61,120 4 Crore+	Income from salary Lok Sabha and Income from FD and Saving Bank Interest	Income from salary OPM India Pvt Ltd and Income and saving bank interest	2022-2023	69,51,900 69 Lacs+	13,20,250 13 Lacs+
2	Uday Shankar Hazarika	INC	Lakhimpur	Assam	6,82,43,287 6 Crore+	Business and Rental	Business and Salary	2022-2023	68,12,540 68 Lacs+	68,12,540 68 Lacs+
3	Ranjit Dutta	BJP	Sonitpur	Assam	8,97,92,194 8 Crore+	Salary	Business	2022-2023	39,80,627 39 Lacs+	12,44,087 12 Lacs+

Table: Top 3 Candidates with high income as declared in income tax returns

*Total income includes income of self, spouse and dependents

Other Background Details

- **Education details of candidates:** 13(37%) candidates have declared their educational qualifications to be between 5th and 12th standard while 20(57%) candidates have declared having an educational qualification of **graduate or above**. 2 candidates are **Diploma holders**.

• Education Group	Number of Candidates analyzed
5th Pass	1
8th Pass	2
10th Pass	4
12th Pass	6
Graduate	8
Graduate Professional	5
Post Graduate	7
Diploma	2
Total	35

Table: Analysis of candidates on the basis of education

- **Age details of candidates:** 5(14%) candidates have declared their age to be between 25 to 40 years while 23 (66%) candidates have declared their age to be between 41 to 60 years. There are 7(20%) candidates who have declared their age to be between 61 to 70 years.

• Age Group (In Years)	Number of Candidates Analyzed
25-30	2
31-40	3
41-50	13
51-60	10
61-70	7
Total	35

Table: Analysis of candidates on the basis of age groups

- **Gender details of candidates:** 4(11%) female candidates are contesting in the Assam for Lok Sabha Phase I election 2024.

Asset Details of candidates

S.No.	Name	State	Constituency	Party Name	Age	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
1	Diluvara Begum Chowdhury	Assam	Kaziranga	IND	43	4,65,61,077	12,92,82,000	17,58,43,077 17 Crore+	Y
2	Manoj Dhanowar	Assam	Dibrugarh	AAP	47	2,85,80,440	6,46,50,000	9,32,30,440 9 Crore+	Y
3	Ranjit Dutta	Assam	Sonitpur	BJP	67	5,52,92,194	3,45,00,000	8,97,92,194 8 Crore+	Y
4	Uday Shankar Hazarika	Assam	Lakhimpur	INC	65	3,39,61,402	3,42,81,885	6,82,43,287 6 Crore+	Y
5	Gaurav Gogoi	Assam	Jorhat	INC	41	2,65,61,120	2,25,00,000	4,90,61,120 4 Crore+	Y
6	Sarbananda Sonowal	Assam	Dibrugarh	BJP	62	1,64,65,258	3,11,20,000	4,75,85,258 4 Crore+	Y
7	Topon Kumar Gogoi	Assam	Jorhat	BJP	55	3,00,48,139	22,50,000	3,22,98,139 3 Crore+	Y
8	Rishiraj Kaundinya	Assam	Sonitpur	AAP	45	1,34,91,753	1,56,50,000	2,91,41,753 2 Crore+	Y
9	Pradan Baruah	Assam	Lakhimpur	BJP	58	1,05,85,536	1,36,20,000	2,42,05,536 2 Crore+	Y
10	Pradip Bhandari	Assam	Sonitpur	IND	58	89,63,131	1,18,75,000	2,08,38,131 2 Crore+	Y
11	Abdul Hoque	Assam	Kaziranga	IND	55	2,01,30,389	0	2,01,30,389 2 Crore+	Y
12	Kamakhya Prasad Tasa	Assam	Kaziranga	BJP	49	1,45,17,297	55,00,000	2,00,17,297 2 Crore+	Y
13	Ghana Kanta Chutia	Assam	Lakhimpur	AITC	46	51,72,000	1,40,00,000	1,91,72,000 1 Crore+	Y
14	Sailen Chandra Malakar	Assam	Kaziranga	Bharatiya Gana Parishad	66	27,30,000	1,40,00,000	1,67,30,000 1 Crore+	Y
15	Premlal Ganju	Assam	Sonitpur	INC	53	26,62,763	83,50,000	1,10,12,763 1 Crore+	Y
16	Tridiv Jyoti Bhuyan	Assam	Kaziranga	IND	62	48,40,000	38,00,000	86,40,000 86 Lacs+	Y

Data in this Kit is presented in good faith, with an intention to inform voters. Candidates' affidavits obtained from the ECI website (www.eci.nic.in) with nomination papers is the source of this analysis. Website: -www.adrindia.org, www.myneta.info,

S.No.	Name	State	Constituency	Party Name	Age	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
17	Raju Deuri	Assam	Sonitpur	Bodoland Peoples Front	47	40,00,500	15,00,000	55,00,500 55 Lacs+	Y
18	Bikram Ramchiary	Assam	Lakhimpur	IND	32	15,75,000	30,00,000	45,75,000 45 Lacs+	Y
19	Roselina Tirkey	Assam	Kaziranga	INC	42	36,60,172	8,00,000	44,60,172 44 Lacs+	Y
20	Anima Deka Gupta	Assam	Kaziranga	Voters Party International	53	4,07,000	40,00,000*	44,07,000 44 Lacs+	Y
21	Lurinjoyoti Gogoi	Assam	Dibrugarh	Assam Jatiya Parishad	45	25,11,472	9,20,000	34,31,472 34 Lacs+	N
22	Jyotiska Ranjan Goswami	Assam	Kaziranga	IND	44	15,89,000	16,30,000*	32,19,000 32 Lacs+	Y
23	Gobin Biswakarma	Assam	Lakhimpur	IND	27	5,85,000	25,00,000	30,85,000 30 Lacs+	Y
24	Arun Chandra Handique	Assam	Jorhat	Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal	62	4,70,000	10,00,000	14,70,000 14 Lacs+	Y
25	Biren Bailung	Assam	Lakhimpur	Voters Party International	54	1,11,000	12,00,000	13,11,000 13 Lacs+	Y
26	Deba Nath Pait	Assam	Lakhimpur	IND	33	4,01,200	9,00,000	13,01,200 13 Lacs+	Y
27	Raj Kumar Duwara	Assam	Jorhat	IND	58	50,000	10,50,000	11,00,000 11 Lacs+	Y
28	Dhiren Kachari	Assam	Lakhimpur	CPI	62	10,60,775	0	10,60,775 10 Lacs+	Y
29	Binod Gogoi	Assam	Kaziranga	IND	53	3,30,000	0	3,30,000 3 Lacs+	Y
30	Alam Ali	Assam	Sonitpur	Bahujan Maha Party	44	2,25,064*	0	2,25,064 2 Lacs+	Y
31	Kameswar Swargiary	Assam	Sonitpur	Voters Party International	41	1,04,743	0	1,04,743 1 Lacs+	Y
32	Rinku Roy	Assam	Sonitpur	Gana Suraksha Party	55	1,00,000	0	1,00,000 1 Lacs+	Y
33	Salim Ahmed	Assam	Kaziranga	Asom Jana Morcha	45	85,000	0	85,000 85 Thou+	Y

S.No.	Name	State	Constituency	Party Name	Age	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)	PAN Given
34	Saleh Ahmed Mazumdar	Assam	Kaziranga	Republican Party of India (Athawale)	29	50,000	0	50,000 50 Thou+	Y
35	Pallab Pegu	Assam	Lakhimpur	SUCI(C)	40	38,169	0	38,169 38 Thou+	Y

Table: Assets Details of the candidates

* on assets value indicates that the candidate has not provided the total in their affidavits, it has been calculated on the basis of details provided by them in the same

Candidates with Declared Criminal Cases

S.No.	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
1	<p>Name:Rishiraj Kaundinya State:Assam Constituency:Sonitpur Party: AAP Total Cases:7 Serious IPC:18 Other IPC:9 Cases (Pending)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> IPC Sections - 406, 420, 34, Other Details - , Case No. - PRC No. 1928/22, Court - Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Kamrup M Guwahati , FIR No. - Dispur PS Case No. 904/2019, Dispur Guwahati, Charges Framed - No , Appeal Filed - No IPC Sections - 120B, 420, 468, Other Details - , Case No. - PRC No. 2887/22, Court - Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate (S) No. 1 Kamrup (M) Guwahati , FIR No. - Dispur PS Case No. 1187/2018, Dispur Guwahati, Charges Framed - No , Appeal Filed - No IPC Sections - 420, 406, 468, 34, Other Details - , Case No. - PRC No. 1321/22, Court - Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate (S) No. 1 Kamrup (M) Guwahati , FIR No. - Dispur PS Case No. 3244/2017, Dispur Guwahati, Charges Framed - No , Appeal Filed - No IPC Sections - 120B, 406, 420, 468, Other Details - , Case No. - PRC No. 2871/2021, Court - Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Kamrup (M) Guwahati , FIR 	<p>7 charges related to Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property (IPC Section-420) 6 charges related to Forgery for purpose of cheating (IPC Section-468) 5 charges related to Punishment for criminal breach of trust (IPC Section-406) 3 charges related to Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention (IPC Section-34) 3 charges related to Punishment of criminal conspiracy (IPC Section-120B) 2 charges related to Using as genuine a forged document or electronic record (IPC Section-471) 1 charge related to Punishment for cheating (IPC Section-417)</p>

S.No.	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
	<p>No. - Dispur PS Case No. 261/2018, Dispur Guwahati, Charges Framed - No , Appeal Filed - No</p> <p>5. IPC Sections - 417, 420, 468, 34, Other Details - , Case No. - , Court - , FIR No. - Chandmari PS Case No. 214/2018, Chandmari Guwahati, Charges Framed - No , Appeal Filed - No</p> <p>6. IPC Sections - 420, 406, 468, 471, Other Details - , Case No. - , Court - , FIR No. - Dispur PS Case NO. 635/2018, Dispur Guwahati , Charges Framed - No , Appeal Filed - No</p> <p>7. IPC Sections - 120B, 406, 420, 468, 471, Other Details - , Case No. - , Court - , FIR No. - Tezpur PS Case No. 2033/2021, Tezpur Sonitpur, Charges Framed - No , Appeal Filed - No</p> <p>Cases (Convicted)-----No Cases----</p>	
2	<p>Name:Gaurav Gogoi State:Assam Constituency:Jorhat Party: INC Total Cases:1 Serious IPC:2 Other IPC:7 Cases (Pending) 1. IPC Sections - 120(B), 143, 147, 283, 353, 332, 333, 188, 427 , Other Details - Section 3 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act-1984, Case No. - , Court - , FIR No. - 55/24 PS Basistha Kamrup(M), Date-23/01/2024, Charges Framed - No , Appeal Filed - No</p> <p>Cases (Convicted)-----No Cases----</p>	<p>1 charge related to Voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty (IPC Section-332) 1 charge related to Voluntarily causing grievous hurt to deter public servant from his duty (IPC Section-333) 1 charge related to Punishment for Rioting (IPC Section-147) 1 charge related to Danger or obstruction in public way or line of navigation (IPC Section-283) 1 charge related to Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty (IPC Section-353) 1 charge related to Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant (IPC Section-188) 1 charge related to Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees (IPC Section-427) 1 charge related to Punishment of criminal conspiracy (IPC Section-120B) 1 charge related to Punishment for Being member of an unlawful assembly (IPC Section-143)</p>
3	<p>Name:Alam Ali State: Assam Constituency: Sonitpur Party: Bahujan Maha Party Total Cases:1 Serious IPC:2 Other IPC:0 Cases (Pending)</p>	<p>1 charge related to Punishment for criminal breach of trust (IPC Section-406) 1 charge related to Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property (IPC Section-420)</p>

S.No.	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
	<p>1. IPC Sections - 406, 420, Other Details - , Case No. - PR Case no.1617/22, Court - JMFC M.Neog Court Tezpur , FIR No. - , Charges Framed - Yes, Date Charges Framed - 05 Aug 2023 , Appeal Filed - No</p> <p>Cases (Convicted)-----No Cases----</p>	
4	<p>Name:Premlal Ganju State: Assam Constituency: Sonitpur Party: INC Total Cases:2 Serious IPC:0 Other IPC:0 Cases (Pending)</p> <p>1. IPC Sections - , Other Details - Section- 138 of the N.I. Act 1881, Case No. - C.R. Case No. 83/2017 , Court - C.J.M Biswanth Chariali , FIR No. - , Charges Framed - Yes, Date Charges Framed - 24 May 2018 , Appeal Filed - No</p> <p>2. IPC Sections - , Other Details - Section- 138 of the N.I. Act 1881, Case No. - C.R. Case No. 113/2017, Court - C.J.M. Biswanath Chariali , FIR No. - , Charges Framed - Yes, Date Charges Framed - 24 May 2018 , Appeal Filed - No</p> <p>Cases (Convicted)-----No Cases----</p>	
5	<p>Name:Sailen Chandra Malakar State: Assam Constituency: Kaziranga Party: Bharatiya Gana Parishad Total Cases:1 Serious IPC:0 Other IPC:2 Cases (Pending)</p> <p>1. IPC Sections - 447, 427, Other Details - , Case No. - PRC 1002/21, Court - Tim Baruah JMEC , FIR No. - 119/2021, Hojai PS, Hojai Assam, Charges Framed - Yes, Date Charges Framed - 02 Aug 2023 , Appeal Filed - No</p> <p>Cases (Convicted)-----No Cases----</p>	<p>1 charge related to Punishment for criminal trespass (IPC Section-447) 1 charge related to Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees (IPC Section-427)</p>

Table: Candidates with declared criminal cases

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