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Analysis of Funds Collected and Expenditure Incurred by National and Regional Political Parties of Bihar - Lok Sabha 2004, 2009 & 2014

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Executive Summary

- Political parties are required to submit a statement of election expenditure to the Election Commission within 90 days of completion of General Elections.
- The expenditure statement contains details of the total amount received as funds in the form of cash, cheques and demand drafts and the total amount spent under various heads.
- The expenditure statement **contains information on the amount spent on the following heads** at the state, district and constituency levels by the party:
 - Publicity
 - Travel expenses
 - Expenditure towards candidates
 - Other expenses
- Political parties submit these statements providing information of funds collected and spent between announcement and completion of elections. This period could be between 3 weeks to 3 months based on the notification issued by the Election Commission.
- The focus of this report is the expenditure of National and Regional Parties of Bihar during Lok Sabha 2014
 and analyses the funds received and expenditure incurred by the Political Parties from all over India, during
 the election period of 73 days (05-03-2014 to 16-05-2014).

Recognised parties which contested Lok Sabha elections from Bihar

- **26**th August, **2014** was the last date of filing of election expenditure statements of National Parties which was 90 days from 28th May on which the election results were declared.
- The six National Parties which contested from Bihar in Lok Sabha elections were BJP, BSP, CPI, CPM, INC and NCP while a total of eleven state recognised parties contested in the Lok Sabha elections from Bihar. They were AAP, AIFB, AITC, IUML, JDU, JKNPP, JMM, LJP, RJD, SHS and SP.
- The **ECI** sent **two reminder letters** to **AAP** asking for statements of elections expenditure of the party to the Lok Sabha elections and sent a notice on 17th March, 2015 after which the party submitted the details.
- Similarly, the **ECI** sent **two reminder letters** to **JMM** asking for election expenditure statements of the party and sent a final notice to the party on 17th March,'15 after which the party submitted the required details.

Political parties which contested from Bihar during Lok Sabha elections, 2014					
National Parties					
Party Name (code)	Availability of election expenditure statements				
Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	Yes				
Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)	Yes				
Communist Party of India (CPI)	Yes				
Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM)	Yes				
Indian National Congress (INC)	Yes				
Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)	Yes				
Regional	Parties				
Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)	Yes				
All India Forward Block (AIFB)	Yes				
All India Trinamool Congress (AITC)	Yes				
Indian Union Muslim League (IUML)	Yes				
Janata Dal (United (JDU)	Yes				



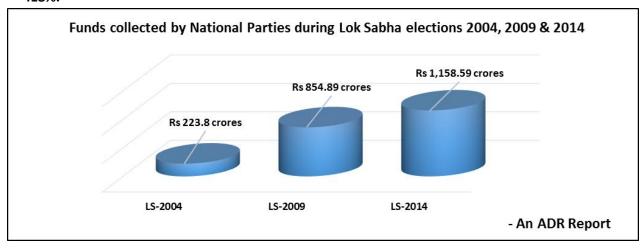


Political parties which contested from Bihar during Lok Sabha elections, 2014					
Regional Parties					
Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers' Party (JKNPP)	Yes				
Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)	Yes				
Lok Jan Shakti Party (LJP)	Yes				
Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)	Yes				
Shiv Sena (SHS)	Yes				
Samajwadi Party (SP)	Yes				

Table: Availability of statements of election expenditure of National and Regional Parties which contested from Bihar during Lok Sabha elections, 2014

Funds collected by National Parties during the Lok Sabha elections:

- Total funds collected by the National Parties, in cash, cheque/DD or in kind, during Lok Sabha elections held in 2004 was Rs 223.80 crores while during Lok Sabha 2009 elections, it increased by 282%, to Rs 854.89 crores.
- The total funds collected by the National Parties during Lok Sabha 2014 elections increased by 35.53%, to Rs 1158.59 crores from Rs 854.89 crores during Lok Sabha 2009.
- Over a period of 10 years, the funds collected by National Parties during Lok Sabha elections increased by 418%.



Funds collected by Regional Parties of Bihar during the Lok Sabha elections:

- A total of 8 Regional Parties out of 11 considered in this report contested as recognised parties in all the three Lok Sabha elections. They are AIFB, AITC, JKNPP, JDU, JMM, RJD, Shiv Sena and SP.
- Total funds collected by these 8 Regional Parties, in cash, cheque/DD or in kind, during Lok Sabha elections held in 2004 was Rs 14.72 crores while during Lok Sabha 2009 elections increased by 173%, to Rs 40.19 crores and to Rs 121.08 crores during Lok Sabha elections, 2014.
- Over a period of 10 years, the funds collected by the 8 Regional Parties during Lok Sabha elections increased by 723%.

Expenditure incurred by National Parties during the Lok Sabha elections:

- Total expenditure incurred by the National Parties, in cash or cheque/DD, during **Lok Sabha** elections held in **2004** was Rs 269.42 crores while during Lok Sabha 2009 elections, it **increased by 225%**, to **Rs 875.81 crores**.
- The total expenditure of the National Parties during Lok Sabha 2014 elections increased by 49.43%, to Rs 1308.75 crores from Rs 875.81 crores during Lok Sabha 2009.

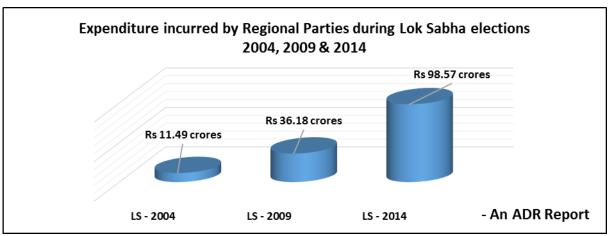




• Over a period of 10 years, the expenditure incurred by National Parties during Lok Sabha elections increased by 386%.

Expenditure incurred by Regional Parties during the Lok Sabha elections:

- 8 Regional Parties contested in all three Lok Sabha elections, as mentioned earlier. Total expenditure incurred by them during Lok Sabha elections held in 2004 was Rs 11.49 crores while during Lok Sabha 2009 elections, it increased by 215%, to Rs 36.18 crores and in 2014, it rose to Rs 98.57 crores.
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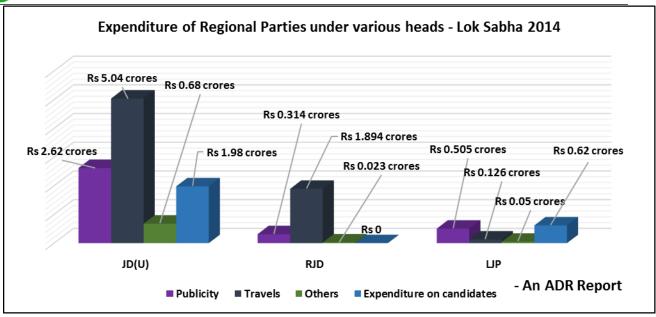
Graph: Expenditure incurred by Regional Political Parties during Lok Sabha elections held in 2004, 2009 and 2014

Expenditure of Political Parties under various heads during Lok Sabha elections, 2014:

- The main heads under which political parties declare their expenses are **publicity**, **travel**, **other/ miscellaneous expenses and expenditure on candidates**.
- **BJP** declared spending **Rs 463.17 crores on publicity** while **INC** spent **Rs 346.41 crores**, NCP Rs 30.98 crores, BSP Rs 12.75 crores, CPM Rs 4.94 crores and CPI Rs 0.72 crores.
- BJP declared an equal amount of expenditure on candidates as that incurred on travel during Lok Sabha 2014 elections. The party spent Rs 159.81 crores on its candidates while INC spent Rs 96.70 crores on its candidates.
- Among the Regional Parties of Bihar, JD(U) declared spending Rs 2.62 crores on publicity while RJD spent Rs
 31 lakhs, and LJP Rs 50.5 lakhs.
- **JD(U)**'s maximum election expenditure was on **travel** of the party's star campaigners, leaders and workers. The party declared **Rs 5.04 crores** spent on travel while **RJD** declared **Rs 1.89 crores** of expenditure on travel.
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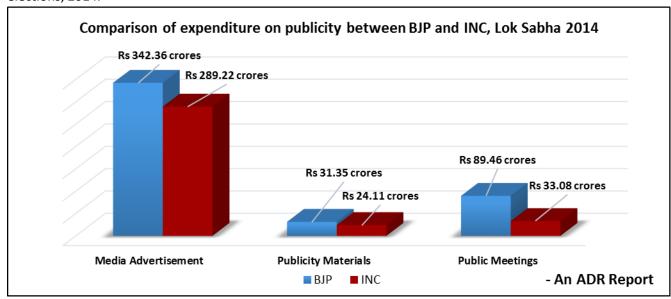




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Expenditure of Political Parties on Publicity during Lok Sabha elections, 2014:

- National Parties collectively spent Rs 661.26 crores (or 76.98%) on media advertisement, Rs 126.94 crores (or 14.78%) on public meetings and Rs 70.77 crores (or 8.24%) on publicity materials during Lok Sabha Elections, 2014.
- BJP spent the maximum amount of Rs 342.36 crores on media advertisement followed by Rs 89.56 crores on public meetings and Rs 31.35 crores on publicity materials.
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- Among the Regional Parties, JD(U) spent Rs 2.20 crores on media advertisement and Rs 42 lakhs on publicity materials. The party has declared that no expenditure was incurred on public meetings during Lok Sabha elections, 2014.



Graph: Comparison of expenditure on publicity between BJP and INC, Lok Sabha Elections 2014





Detailed Report

Recognised parties which contested Lok Sabha elections from Bihar

- 13th August, 2014 was the last date of filing of election expenditure statements of National Parties which was 90 days from 16th May on which the election results were declared.
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- Based on the information available on the website of the Election Commission of India, the ECI received the expenditure statements of INC on 22nd Dec,'14, BJP on 12th Jan,'15, BSP on 8th Aug,'14, NCP on 22nd Aug,'14, CPI on 27th Oct,'14and CPM's expenditure statements on 25th Aug,'14.
- It is to be noted that while BJP, BSP, NCP, CPI and CPM submitted their expenditure statements with details of only Lok Sabha elections, 2014, the expenditure statement of INC included details of elections to Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Odisha Assemblies. As the details were not segregated by INC, the information is taken as is submitted by the party.
- Similarly, for Lok Sabha elections, 2004, the expenditure statements of BSP, CPI and CPM contained details
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 complete information as submitted by the National Parties have been taken into consideration during the
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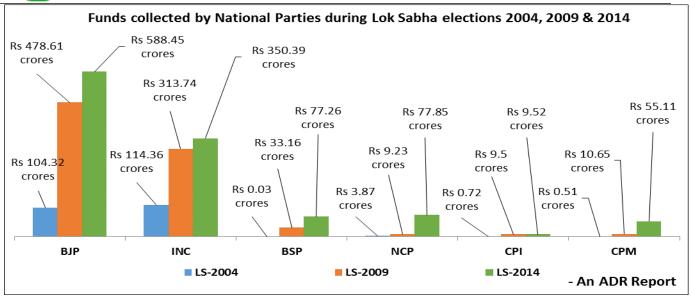
Funds collected by National Parties during Lok Sabha elections

- The funds declared as collected by political parties were **collected between the date of announcement of** elections and the date of completion of elections: 73 days (05-03-2014 to 16-05-2014).
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National Party	Lok Sabha elections - 2004 Lok Sabha elections - 2009 2014		Total funds collected	
ВЈР	104.32	478.61	588.45	Rs 1,171.38 crores
INC	114.36	313.74	350.39	Rs 778.49 crores
BSP	0.03	33.16	77.26	Rs 110.45 crores
NCP	3.87	9.23	77.85	Rs 90.95 crores
СРІ	0.72	9.5	9.52	Rs 19.74 crores
СРМ	0.5	10.65	55.12	Rs 66.27 crores
Grand Total	Rs 223.8 crores	Rs 854.89 crores	Rs 1158.59 crores	Rs 2237.28 crores







Graph: Funds collected by National Parties during Lok Sabha Elections, 2004, 2009 and 2014

Funds collected by Regional Parties during Lok Sabha elections

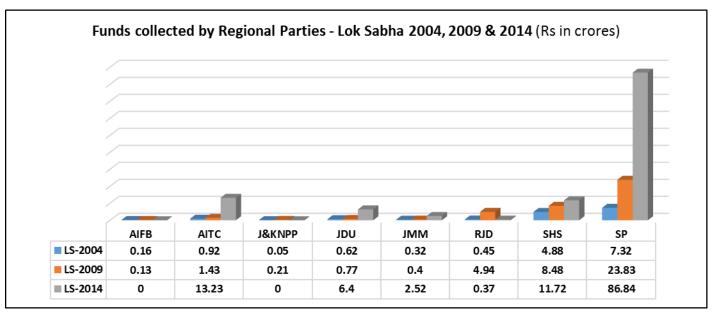
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- Over a period of 10 years, the funds collected by the 8 Regional Parties during Lok Sabha elections increased by 723%.
- It is to be noted that AIFB and J&KNPP have declared that the parties did not collect any funds during the election period of Lok Sabha 2014.
- RJD declared the least amount of funds collected during Lok Sabha elections, 2014 among all the parties
 considered for this report.

Regional Party	Lok Sabha elections - 2004	Lok Sabha elections -2009 Lok Sabha elections -2014		Total funds collected
AAP	Party for	med on 26th November, 2012	51.68	Rs 51.68 crores
AIFB	0.16	0.13	0	Rs 0.29 crores
AITC	0.92	1.43	13.23	Rs 15.58 crores
IUML	Did not contest	Not recognised	1.53	Rs 1.53 crores
J&KNPP	0.05	0.21	0	Rs 0.26 crores
JDU	0.62	0.77	6.40	Rs 7.79 crores
JMM	0.32	0.40	2.52	Rs 3.24 crores
LJP	Not recognised	0.86	1.44	Rs 2.30 crores
RJD	0.45	4.94	0.37	Rs 5.76 crores
SHS	4.88	8.48	11.72	Rs 25.08 crores
SP	7.32	23.83	86.84	Rs 117.99 crores
Grand Total	Rs 14.72 crores	Rs 41.05 crores	Rs 175.73 crores	Rs 231.50 crores

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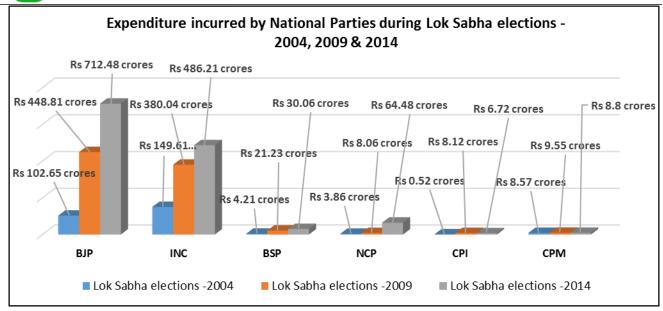
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National Party	Lok Sabha elections - 2004	Lok Sabha elections - 2009	Lok Sabha elections - 2014	Total expenditure
ВЈР	102.65	448.81	712.48	Rs 1263.94 crores
INC	149.61	380.04	486.21	Rs 1015.86 crores
BSP	4.21	21.23	30.06	Rs 55.5 crores
NCP	3.86	8.06	64.48	Rs 76.4 crores
СРІ	0.52	8.12	6.72	Rs 15.36 crores
СРМ	8.57	9.55	8.8	Rs 26.92 crores
Grand Total	Rs 269.42 crores	Rs 875.81 crores	Rs 1308.75 crores	Rs 2453.98 crores







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- Over a period of 10 years, the expenditure incurred by the 8 Regional Parties during Lok Sabha elections increased by 758%.
- It is to be noted that J&KNPP has declared that the party incurred no expenditure during Lok Sabha elections, 2014 while IUML declared the least expenditure of **Rs 20 lakhs** during Lok Sabha elections, 2014 among the parties considered for this report.

Regional Party	Lok Sabha elections -2004	Lok Sabha elections - 2009	Lok Sabha elections - 2014	Total Expenditure Incurred	
AAP	Party formed	on 26th November, 2012	17.79	Rs 17.79 crores	
AIFB	0.17	0.13	0.72	Rs 1.02 crores	
AITC	0.61	0.90	15.23	Rs 16.74 crores	
IUML	Did not contest	Not recognised	0.20	Rs 0.20 crores	
J&KNPP	0	0.20	0	Rs 0.20 crores	
JDU	0.62	1.34	8.35	Rs 10.31 crores	
JMM	0.32	0.78	1.95	Rs 3.05 crores	
LJP	Not recognised	1.09	1.30	Rs 2.39 crores	
RJD	0.68	3.18	0.34	Rs 4.20 crores	
SHS	3.49	8.16	7.87	Rs 19.52 crores	
SP	5.60	21.49	64.11	Rs 91.20 crores	
Grand Total	Rs 11.49 crores	Rs 37.27 crores	Rs 117.86 crores	Rs 166.62 crores	

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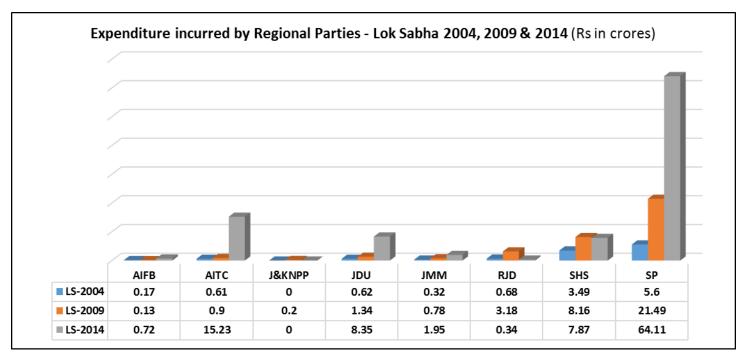


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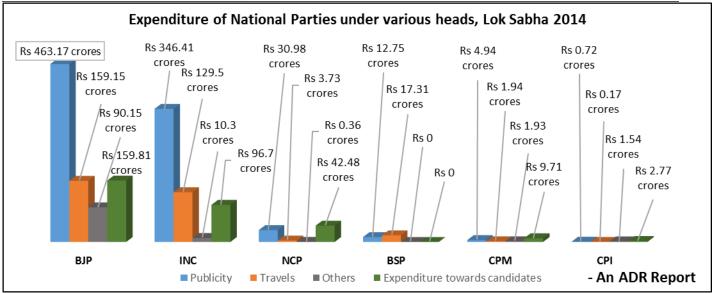
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- **BJP** declared spending **Rs 463.17 crores on publicity** while **INC** spent **Rs 346.41 crores**, NCP Rs 30.98 crores, BSP Rs 12.75 crores, CPM Rs 4.94 crores and CPI Rs 0.72 crores.
- BJP's declared expenditure on travel (for leaders, workers and star campaigners) was Rs 159.15 crores while
 INC spent Rs 129.50 crores on travel. NCP Rs 3.73 crores, BSP Rs 17.31 crores, CPM Rs 1.94 crores and
 CPI Rs 0.17 crores.
- BJP declared an equal amount of expenditure on candidates as that incurred on travel during Lok Sabha 2014 elections. The party spent Rs 159.81 crores on its candidates while INC spent Rs 96.70 crores on its candidates.

National Party	Publicity	Travels	Others	Expenditure towards candidates	Total expenditure
ВЈР	463.17	159.15	90.15	159.81	Rs 872.28 crores
INC	346.41	129.5	10.3	96.7	Rs 582.91 crores
NCP	30.98	3.73	0.36	42.48	Rs 77.55 crores
BSP	12.75	17.31	0	0	Rs 30.06 crores
СРМ	4.94	1.94	1.93	9.71	Rs 18.52 crores
СРІ	0.72	0.17	1.54	2.77	Rs 5.2 crores
Total	Rs 858.97crores	Rs 311.8 crores	Rs 104.28 crores	Rs 311.47 crores	1586.52 crores

Table: Expenditure incurred by political parties under various heads during Lok Sabha elections, 2014







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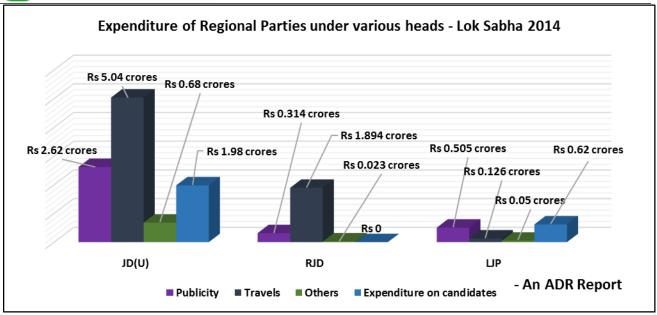
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- RJD declared that the party incurred no expenditure on candidates while JD(U) spent Rs 1.98 crores on candidates and LJP spent Rs 62 lakhs on candidates.

Party	Publicity	Travels	Miscellaneous Expense	Expenditure Towards Candidates	Total expenditure
AAP	10.152	0.166	2.393	30.405	43.12
AIFB	0.05	0.0045	0.0004	0.66	0.72
AITC	3.98	2.00	0	9.25	15.23
IUML	0.02	0.16	0.056	0.685	0.92
J&KNPP	0	0	0	0	0
JDU	2.62	5.04	0.68	1.98	10.32
JMM	0.11	1.84	0	0.72	2.67
LJP	0.505	0.126	0.05	0.62	1.30
RJD	0.314	1.894	0.023	0	2.23
SHS	7.075	0.490	0.300	0.445	8.31
SP	26.51	27.11	5.29	5.20	64.11
Grand Total	Rs 51.34 crores	Rs 38.83 crores	Rs 8.79 crores	Rs 49.97 crores	Rs 148.93 crores

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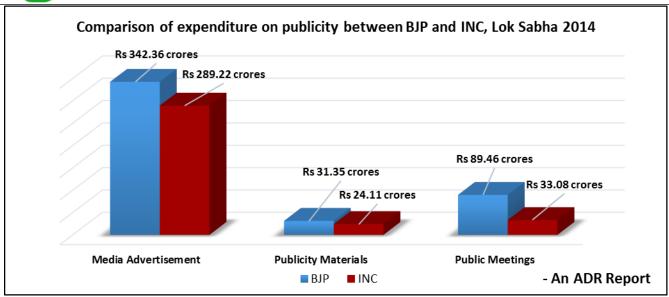
Expenditure of Political Parties of Bihar on Publicity during Lok Sabha elections, 2014

- There are three main items listed under publicity expenditure: **expense on media advertisement** (print & electronic, bulk sms, cable, website, TV channels) **publicity material** (hoardings, posters, banners etc.), **expenses on public meetings** (processions, rallies etc.).
- National Parties collectively spent Rs 661.26 crores (or 76.98%) on media advertisement, Rs 126.94 crores (or 14.78%) on public meetings and Rs 70.77 crores (or 8.24%) on publicity materials during Lok Sabha Elections, 2014.
- BJP spent the maximum amount of Rs 342.36 crores on media advertisement followed by Rs 89.56 crores on public meetings and Rs 31.35 crores on publicity materials.
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 on public meetings and Rs 24.11 crores on publicity materials, while BSP spent Rs 6.59 crores on publicity
 materials and Rs 3.90 crores on media advertisement.

National Party	Media Advertisement	Publicity Materials	Public Meetings	Total
ВЈР	342.36	31.35	89.46	Rs 463.17 crores
INC	289.22	24.11	33.08	Rs 346.41 crores
NCP	24.85	5.47	0.66	Rs 30.98 crores
BSP	3.91	6.59	2.25	Rs 12.75 crores
СРІ	0.001	0.57	0.15	Rs 0.721 crores
СРМ	0.92	2.68	1.34	Rs 4.94 crores
Total	Rs 661.261 crores	Rs 70.77 crores	Rs 126.94 crores	Rs 858.971 crores







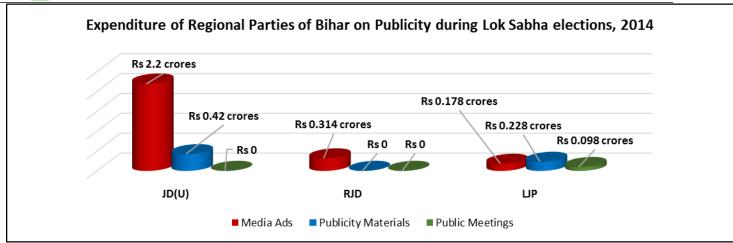
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	Publicity				
Party Code	Media Advertisement	Publicity Materials	Public Meetings	Total	
AAP	5.055	4.69	0.406	10.15	
AIFB	0	0.05	0	0.05	
AITC	3.98	0	0	3.98	
IUML	0	0	0.02	0.02	
J&KNPP	0	0	0	0	
JDU	2.20	0.42	0	2.62	
JMM	0.10	0.0089	0	0.11	
LJP	0.178	0.228	0.098	0.50	
RJD	0.314	0	0	0.31	
SHS	5.496	1.392	0.187	7.075	
SP	25.62	0.89	0	26.51	
Grand Total	Rs 42.94 crores	Rs 7.68 crores	Rs 0.71 crores	Rs 51.34 crores	



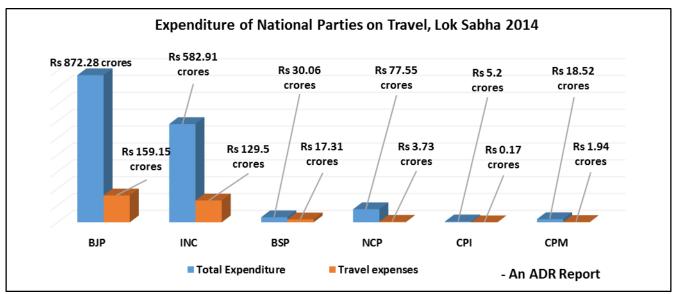




Graph: Comparison of expenditure on publicity between JD(U), RJD and LJP, Lok Sabha Elections 2014

Expenditure of Political Parties on Travel during Lok Sabha elections, 2014

- BJP declared a travel expenditure of Rs 159.15 crores which is 51% of the total travel expenditure of six National Parties.
- **INC** declared a total **travel expenditure** of **Rs 129.50 crores (41%** of total travel expenses of all National Parties).
- **CPI** declared **the least amount among National Parties under travel expenses.** The National Party declared a total of Rs 0.17 crores as expenditure on travel of leaders, workers and Star campaigners.



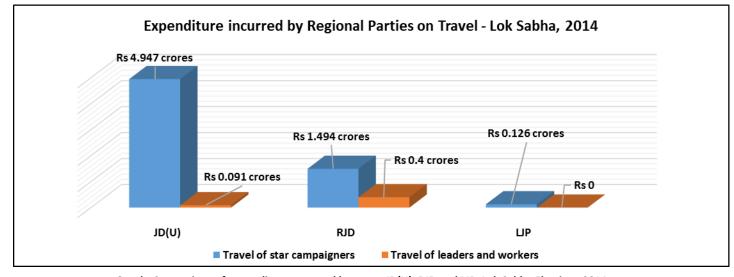
Graph: Total expenditure incurred by National Parties on travel during Lok Sabha Elections, 2014

- Among the Regional Parties of Bihar, JD(U) declared a total of Rs 4.95 crores spent on the travel of star campaigners during Lok Sabha elections, 2014 while the party spent Rs 9.1 lakhs on travel of leaders and workers.
- **RJD** incurred a total of **Rs 1.49 crores** on the travel of star campaigners while **Rs 40 lakhs** was spent on travel of leaders and workers.
- LIP declared that the party incurred **no expenditure** on travel of leaders and workers while **Rs 12.6 lakhs** was spent on travel of star campaigners during Lok Sabha elections, 2014.





Travel expenditures of Regional Parties during Lok Sabha Elections, 2014 (Rs in crores)					
Party	Travel of Star Campaigners	Travel of leaders and workers	Total		
AAP	0.0718	0.0945	0.166		
AIFB	0.0026	0.0019	0.0045		
AITC	rc 2 0		2		
IUML	0.1368	0.024	0.16		
J&KNPP	0	0	0		
JDU	4.947	0.091	5.04		
JMM	1.84	0	1.84		
LJP	0.126	0	0.126		
RJD	1.494	0.4	1.894		
SHS	0.49	0	0.49		
SP	27.113	0	27.11		
Total	Rs 38.22 crores	Rs 0.61 crores	Rs 38.83 crores		



Graph: Comparison of expenditure on travel between JD(U), RJD and LIP, Lok Sabha Elections 2014

Expenditure of Political Parties on Candidates during Lok Sabha elections

- In 10 years, during Lok Sabha 2004, 2009 and 2014 elections, INC declared spending **Rs 193.74 crores on candidates** (46% of total expenditure on candidates by National Parties).
- BJP declared that the party incurred no expenditure on candidates during Lok Sabha 2004 and 2009 elections and spent Rs 159.81 crores during Lok Sabha elections 2014.
- BSP declared that the party incurred no expenditure on candidates during Lok Sabha elections, 2009 and 2014 but declared a total of Rs 12.6 lakhs as expenditure towards candidates during Lok Sabha elections, 2004.

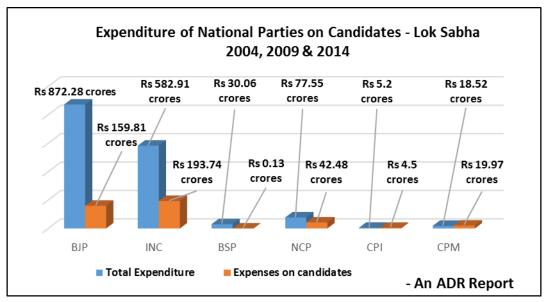
	Expenditure of National Parties towards candidates (LS 2004, 2009 & 2014)						
Lok Sabha Elections	ВЈР	INC	BSP	NCP	СРІ	СРМ	
LS-2004	0	60.13	0.126	0	0.108	0	
LS-2009	0	36.91	0	0	1.62	10.26	
LS-2014	159.81	96.7	0	42.48	2.77	9.71	
Total Expenditure	Rs 159.81 crores	Rs 193.74 crores	Rs 0.13 crores	Rs 42.48 crores	Rs 4.50 crores	Rs 19.97 crores	

Source of the data in this report is the Election Expenditure statements submitted by the Political Parties to the Election

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Graph: Total expenditure incurred by National Parties on candidates during Lok Sabha Elections, 2004, 2009 and 2014

- Among the **Regional Parties of Bihar, JD(U), RJD and LJP** had not incurred any expenditure towards candidates during Lok Sabha elections 2004 and 2009 while **during Lok Sabha elections, 2014, JD(U)** spent **Rs 1.975 crores** and **LJP,** Rs 62 lakhs on candidates.
- Of all the regional parties considered in the report, AAP incurred the maximum expenditure of **Rs 30.405 crores** on candidates.

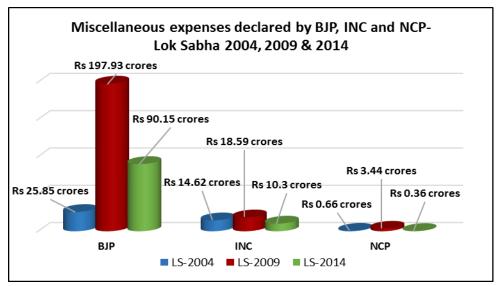
	Expenditure of Bihar Parties towards candidates (LS 2004, 2009 & 2014)						
Lok Sabha Elections	LS-2004	LS-2009	LS-2014	Total Expenditure			
AAP	Party formation on 26 November 2012		30.405	30.4			
AIFB	0	0	0.66	0.66			
AITC	0	0	9.25	9.25			
IUML	Not Contested	Not Recognized	0.685	0.68			
J&KNPP	0	0	0	0			
JDU	0	0	1.975	1.98			
JMM	0	0	0.726	0.72			
LJP	Not Recognized	0	0.62	0.62			
RJD	0	0	0	0			
SHS	0.06	0	0.445	0.51			
SP	0	0	5.2	5.2			
Total	Rs 0.06 crores	Rs 0	Rs 49.97 crores	Rs 50.03 crores			





Expenditure of National Parties on other/ miscellaneous expenses during Lok Sabha elections

- In the format of expenditure statement circulated by the ECI, political parties are required to declare any
 other miscellaneous expenditure incurred by them during the election period which is not covered under
 other heads.
- BJP declared the highest amount under miscellaneous expenses among all the National Parties. The party declared Rs 25.85 crores during Lok Sabha 2004, Rs 197.93 crores during Lok Sabha 2009 and Rs 90.15 crores during Lok Sabha 2014. Thus a total of Rs 313.93 crores declared as miscellaneous expenses.
- INC declared Rs 14.62 crores during Lok Sabha 2004, Rs 18.59 crores during Lok Sabha 2009 and Rs 10.30 crores during Lok Sabha 2014.



Graph: Total expenditure incurred by National Parties on miscellaneous expenses during Lok Sabha Elections, 2004, 2009 & 2014

Expenditure of Regional Parties of Bihar on other/ miscellaneous expenses during Lok Sabha elections

Expenditure of Bihar Parties on Miscellaneous Expenditure (LS 2004, 2009 & 2014)							
Lok Sabha Elections	LS-2004	LS-2009	LS-2014	Total Expenditure			
AAP	Not Found	Not Found	2.393	2.39			
AIFB	0.017	0.03	0.0004	0.047			
AITC	0.0015	0.0007	0	0.002			
IUML	0.0256	Not Recognized	0.0568	0.082			
J&KNPP	0	0	0	0			
JDU	0.09 0.275	1.018	0.683	1.79 0.28			
JMM							
LJP	Not Recognized	0.0071	0.051	0.058			
RJD	0.06	0	0.023	0.08			
SHS	1.026	4.885	0.298	6.21			
SP	0.39	0.55	5.2902	6.23			
Total	Rs 1.88 crores	Rs 6.49 crores	Rs 8.80 crores	Rs 17.17 crores			





Recommendations of ADR

- It must be made mandatory for all political parties to submit their statements of expenditure in the format given by the ECI, within the prescribed time limit. Political parties not submitting on time or in the prescribed format should be heavily penalized.
- The **details of all donors** who contribute to national and regional parties exclusively for their election campaigns must be declared in the public domain irrespective of the amount donated.
- A format similar to the donations report along with the date of donations, submitted to the ECI on an annual basis, has to be prescribed for the expenditure statement so as to bring in more transparency in the finances of the political parties especially during elections when it is said that black money plays a major role.
- Similar to the shadow observers of the ECI for monitoring expenditure of candidates, there must also be observers for monitoring the expenditure of political parties.

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