

# Tripura

## Lok Sabha 2009 Elections

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# Tripura Election Watch\*

## Lok Sabha elections 2009

Lok Sabha 2009 elections in Tripura were held on April 23rd 2009 for two constituencies, Tripura East and Tripura West. This chapter includes analysis of voting trend, criminalization and money power in these elections.

### **Political Parties and Candidates**

In Lok Sabha 2004, 6 parties contested. This went up to 8 parties in the Lok Sabha 2009 elections. In Lok Sabha 2004 elections 12 candidates contested. This went up to 19 candidates in Lok Sabha 2009 elections.

## Executive summary

- Affidavits of all 19 candidates contesting the Lok Sabha 2009 elections were analyzed by the Tripura Election Watch.
- 2 of these 19 candidates had pending criminal cases.
- Average asset for a candidate from Tripura was Rs. 15 lacs.
- Both constituencies were won by CPM.
- None of the MPs had pending criminal cases.
- Average asset for an MP from Tripura was Rs. 36 lacs. .
- Both MPs declared PAN details.
- There was only 1 female candidate from Tripura. This candidate was unable to win.

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# Voting and winning trend

## The % of votes polled by major parties

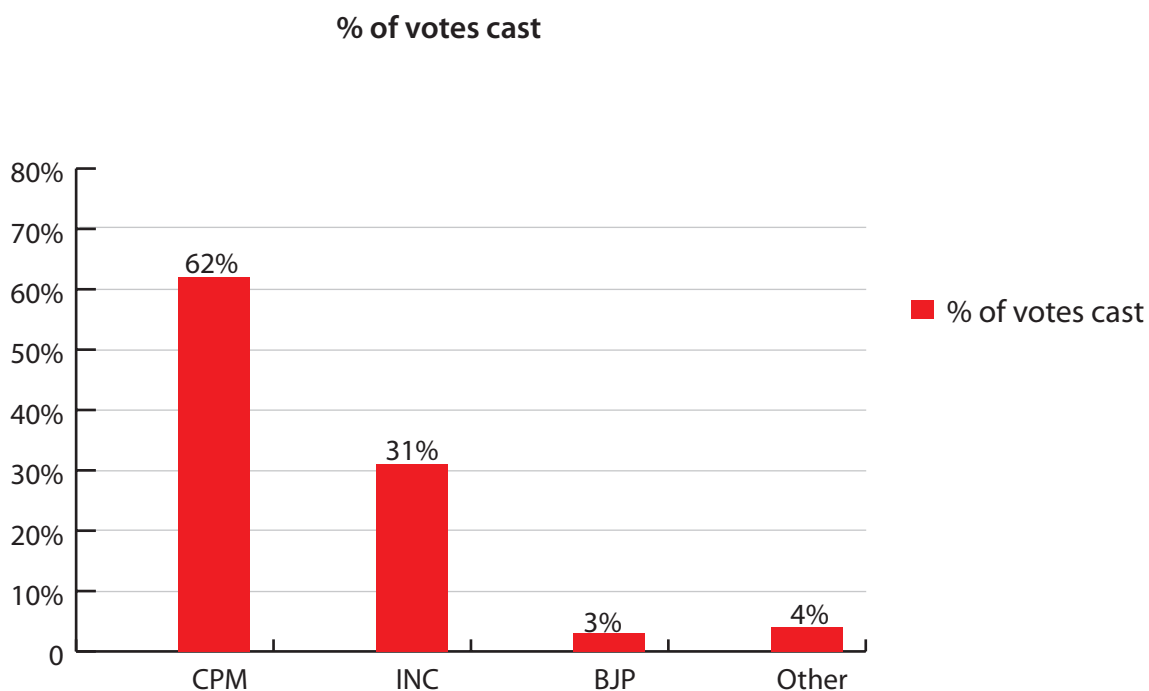
CPM managed to get 62% of the votes cast. This was 52% of the electorate. The total electorate in Tripura was 2,082,265 and the total votes cast were 1,758,501.

Further break-up is given in table

**Table: Per cent of votes cast**

Party	Total votes cast for the party	% of votes cast	% of total registered voters
Communist Party of India Marxist (CPM)	1,084,883	62%	52%
Indian National Congress (INC)	540,753	31%	26%
Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP)	59,457	3%	3%
Others	73,408	4%	4%

**Figure: Per cent of votes cast in Tripura- Party wise**



# Comparison of Candidates

## Tripura East constituency

S No.	Name	Age	Gender	Party Code	Criminal Cases	Education Level	Total Assets	Total Liabilities	PAN Given
1	BAJU BAN RIYAN (WINNER)	67	M	CPM	No	Graduate	36,95,981 36 Lacs +	0	Yes
2	BINOY REANG	35	M	IND	No	Graduate Professional	34 926 34 Thou +	0	No
3	DIBA CHANDRA HRANGKH-WAL	52	M	INC	No	8th Pass	25,750 25 Thou +	25,200 25 Thou +	No
4	FALGUNI TRIPURA	42	M	CPI (ML) (L)	No	8th Pass	10,000 10 Thou +	0	No
5	KARNA DHAN CHAKMA	37	M	AMB	No	8th Pass	2,000 2 Thou +	0	No
6	MEVAR KUMAR JAMATIA	40	M	IND	No	Post Graduate	1,26,926 1 Lacs +	0	No
7	PULIN BEHARI DEWAN	69	M	BJP	No	Others	21,11,000 21 Lacs +	1,15,000 1 Lacs +	No
8	RAJESH DEB BARMA	34	M	IND	No	12th Pass	10,405 10 Thou +	0	Yes
9	RITA RANI DEBBARMA	51	F	AITC	No	8th Pass	90,200 90 Thou +	0	No

## Tripura West constituency

SI No.	Name	Age	Gender	Party	Criminal Cases	No. of Cases	Serious IPC Counts	IPC Details	Education Level	Total Assets	Total Liabilities	PAN Given
1	KHAGEN DAS (WINNER)	71	M	CPM	No	0	0	-	Post Graduate	34,92,580 34 Lacs +	0	Yes
2	ARUN CHANDRA BHOWMIK	63	M	AITC	Yes	1	0		Post Graduate	41,10,573 41 Lacs +	4,842 4Thou +	Yes
3	BINOY DEB BARMA	50	M	IND	Yes	1	4	-	Graduate Professional	5,25,000 5 Lacs +	0	No
4	NILMANI DEB	55	M	BJP	No	0	0		Graduate	26,16,787 26 Lacs +	0	No
5	PARTHA KARMAR	40	M	CPI (ML) (L)	No	0	0	1 charge related to waging war against Government. 1 charge of sedition. 2 charges of forgery.	12th Pass	0	0	No
6	RAKHAL RAJ DATTA	61	M	AMB	No	0	0		Post Graduate	11,40,000 11 Lacs +	0	No
7	SANJIB DEY	32	M	NCP	No	0	0	-	10th Pass	1,45,500 1 Lacs +	0	No
8	SUBRATA BHOWMIK	58	M	IND	No	0	0		Post Graduate	18,88,000 18 Lacs +	0	Yes
9	SUDIP ROY BARMAN	45	M	INC	No	0	0	-	Graduate Professional	83,27,309 83 Lacs +	59,319 59Thou +	Yes
10	TITU SAHA	32	M	RD MP	No	0	0		Not Given	27,070 27Thou +	0	Yes