

**MAHARASHTRA**

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**Report based on analysis of 880 affidavits out of 3559**

Maharashtra, India –

Highlights for Maharashtra Assembly elections 2009.

1. Total contesting candidates in 2009= 3559. Total contesting candidates in 2004= 2678 (Increase in no of candidates= 33%)
2. Total contesting parties in 2009 = 92 (Total contesting parties in 2004 = 57, i.e. an increase in political parties =60% )
3. No of candidates considered by NEW= 880
4. Candidates with pending criminal records
  - a. Pending criminal cases on 276 candidates out of 880 candidates (31%)
  - b. Candidates with pending criminal charges- party wise

| Party | Candidates with pending Criminal Charges | Total | Percent |
|-------|--|-------|---------|
| MNS   | 42                                       | 67    | 62.69   |
| SS    | 42                                       | 62    | 67.74   |
| BJP   | 31                                       | 48    | 64.58   |
| BSP   | 23                                       | 108   | 21.30   |
| INC   | 23                                       | 73    | 31.51   |
| NCP   | 16                                       | 39    | 41.03   |

5. Crorepatis candidates
  - a. Total 212 crorepatis (24%)
  - b. Crorepatis partywise-

| Party | Crorepatis | Total | Percent |
|-------|------------|-------|---------|
| INC   | 42         | 73    | 57.53   |
| BJP   | 29         | 48    | 60.42   |
| SS    | 29         | 62    | 46.77   |
| NCP   | 29         | 39    | 74.36   |
| MNS   | 21         | 67    | 31.34   |
| BSP   | 11         | 108   | 10.19   |

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## 6. Average assets per candidate of parties

| Party | Avg Assets               | Candidate Count |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| SS    | Rs 4,97,51,058 ~ 4 Cror+ | 62              |
| INC   | Rs 3,60,52,088 ~ 3 Cror+ | 73              |
| NCP   | Rs 3,31,92,229 ~ 3 Cror+ | 39              |
| BJP   | Rs 2,64,98,473 ~ 2 Cror+ | 48              |
| MNS   | Rs 1,48,25,806 ~ 1 Cror+ | 67              |

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