

121 Congress crorepatis won; for BJP, 110 bagged seats

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New Delhi: From the recent assembly elections results, one can deduce that the more money you have, greater the chances of your winning a seat. A party-wise analysis shows the Congress fielded 121 crorepati winners and the BJP 110 in these polls. The candidates' declarations can be taken with a pinch of salt. In Rajasthan, for instance, an MLA with less than Rs 1 lakh assets owns a high-end car. "The study is based on their declarations and they may be lower than the actual assets," says Bairwal, whose study also concludes that the number of MLAs with criminal records has gone up since the 2003 polls. In Delhi, for instance, compared to 2003, the number of MLAs with criminal records has gone up from 24 to 27. That means now, 40% of newly elected MLAs in the 69-seat Delhi assembly have criminal records.

As per the affidavits, a total 549 candidates with criminal records contested in these elections. Of them, 124 won. That's about 23%. While MP has a maximum of 54 such MLAs, Rajasthan is second with 30, Chhattisgarh 11 and Mizoram 3. That deep pockets and crime go hand-in-hand is shown by Rajasthan, where the nine MLAs with serious criminal charges against them are all crorepatis.

HOUSE OF RICH

Money Matters For Netas

Number of Crorepatis

	BJP	Cong	Others	Total
Chhattisgarh	7	16	0	23
MP	46	35	1	82
Delhi	19	24	3	46
Rajasthan	38	38	9	85
Mizoram	-	8	4	12

Chances of winning based on money (%)

	Low	Med	High	Very High
Chhattisgarh*	2	10	27	50
MP	2	17	30	48
Delhi	0	6	36	51
Rajasthan**	1	7	24	34
Mizoram	0	33	22	32

ASSET RANGES

Delhi: Low: 0-5 lakh, Med: 5 lakh-10 lakh, High: 10 lakh-20 lakh, Very High: 20 lakh and above
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