

IN BATTLE FOR STATES

BJP, Congress reach out to seers; field fewer Muslims

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress have fielded more candidates from the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and fewer from the minority Muslim community in the three poll-bound Hindi heartland states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. The principal rivals are also courting several Hindu religious leaders as the electoral battle kicks off.

In Madhya Pradesh, the ruling BJP has not fielded a single Muslim among its 230 candidates. The Congress has fielded two, both from Bhopal – its sitting legislator Arif Masood from Bhopal Central seat and Atif Aqueel, son of its ailing sitting legislator Arif Aqueel from Bhopal North. In 2018, Aqueel Senior defeated BJP's Fatima Rasool Siddique, the party's lone Muslim candidate in the state.

According to Congress sources, at seven per cent of the population, with a presence in urban areas, the Muslim electorate could influence about two dozen seats. The BJP, which has had three OBC chief ministers in MP – Uma Bharti, Babu Lal Gaur and Shivraj Singh Chouhan – has given party tickets to 71 OBCs, 31 per cent of its total candidates, while the Congress has fielded 62 OBC candidates or 27 per cent of its contestants. Both parties have also assiduously courted religious leaders of smaller sects.

The Congress, for example, has fielded Sadhvi Ram Siya Bharti, from Bundelkhand's Malhara seat. Ram Siya Bharti, is from the Lodh OBC community, considered a good orator with influence among backward castes in the region. The party also has the services of Indore-based Namdev Tyagi, better known as 'Computer Baba' as its campaigner in the election. The seer was once close to the BJP, with the Chouhan government giving him a ministerial rank. He, however, shifted loyalties to the Congress when it formed the government in the state in December 2018.

Not just the Congress, the Samajwadi Party has fielded Rakesh Dubey, known as 'Mirchi Baba' against the chief minister from the Budhni seat.

The BJP and Congress leaders in MP have queued up in recent weeks to seek the blessings of Pandit Pradeep Mishra of Kubereshwar Dham in Sehore and Dharendra Krishna Shastri of Bageshwar Dham Peeth in Chhatrapur. The two seers, on the invitation of leaders from the Congress and the BJP, have visited towns



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan (pictured) at a public meeting in Bhopal on Wednesday. The BJP, which has had three OBC chief ministers in MP – Uma Bharti, Babu Lal Gaur and Chouhan – has given tickets to 71 OBCs, which is 31 per cent of its total candidates

RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN THE FRAY

Madhya Pradesh

Mirchi Baba: Real name Rakesh Dubey; spent a year in Bhopal Central Jail on charges of rape, later acquitted for lack of evidence; contesting against CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan from Budhni on Samajwadi Party ticket

Sadhvi Ramsiya Bharti: Congress candidate from Malhara assembly seat of Bundelkhand, influential among backward castes, known as a good orator

Rajasthan

Baba Balaknath: BJP's Alwar Lok Sabha MP, party candidate from Tijara assembly seat; affiliated to the Nath sect; fashions himself as "Rajasthan's Yogi". Yogi Adityanath was present during Balaknath's nomination filing

Bal Mukundacharya: BJP's Hawa Mahal candidate, MLA in 2013, lost in 2018

Mahant Pratap Puri: Mahant of Barmer's Taratara Math, BJP's Pokhran candidate; MLA in 2013, lost in 2018 to Congress' Saleh Mohammed

and cities across the state to deliver sermons. Shastri has supported the call for Hindu Rashtra and 'bulldozer justice'.

In the neighbouring Rajasthan, which goes to polls on November 25, the BJP replaced its candidate Abhishek Singh from the Masuda seat in Ajmer after party workers alleged that he was not a Hindu.

The BJP has not fielded a single Muslim candidate, a change from 2018 when the then chief minister Vasundhara Raje persuaded Yunus Khan to leave his Deedwana seat to contest against Congress' Sachin Pilot from Tonk. Khan, who won from Deedwana in 2003 and 2013 on a BJP ticket, is this time contesting as an Independent.

In 2008, Habibur Rahman won on a BJP ticket from Nagaur, while the party would field Ramzan Khan from Pushkar until 2003. Ramzan won in 1990 from

Pushkar, a pilgrimage site for Hindus and Sikhs, on the BJP ticket. In 2018, the Congress fielded 15 Muslim candidates, seven of whom won. It has again fielded 15 Muslims and 72 OBCs, while the BJP's list has 70 OBCs.

The BJP has fielded its Alwar Lok Sabha MP Baba Balaknath for the Tijara Assembly seat, its former MLA Bal Mukundacharya for Hawa Mahal seat and Mahant Pratap Puri, the mahant of Barmer's Taratara Math for Pokhran.

Pratap Puri, an MLA in 2013, lost in 2018 to Congress' Saleh Mohammed, son of religious leader Gazi Fakir of Jaisalmer and the two will again face each other. The Congress has given the party ticket to Archana Sharma on Jalpur's Malviya Nagar seat. Sharma is the daughter-in-law of late VHP leader Acharya Dharmendra. She lost the seat in 2013 and 2018.

86% CONG, 79% BJP CANDIDATES CROREPATIS; 30% FROM AAP HAVE CRIMINAL CASES: ADR

ARCHIS MOHAN
15 November

Around 11 per cent or 126 candidates contesting this year's Chhattisgarh Assembly elections have declared criminal cases against themselves, according to a study by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), which analysed 1,178 candidates. In the 2018 polls, out of the 1,256 candidates analysed, 145 or around 12 per cent, had declared criminal cases against themselves.

Around 19 per cent of BJP, 17 per cent of Congress and 30 per cent of AAP's candidates have criminal cases. On the other hand, 299 or 25 per cent of total candidates are crorepatis. In 2018, out of 1,256 candidates, 285 or 23 per cent were crorepatis, according to ADR analysis. Data shows 86

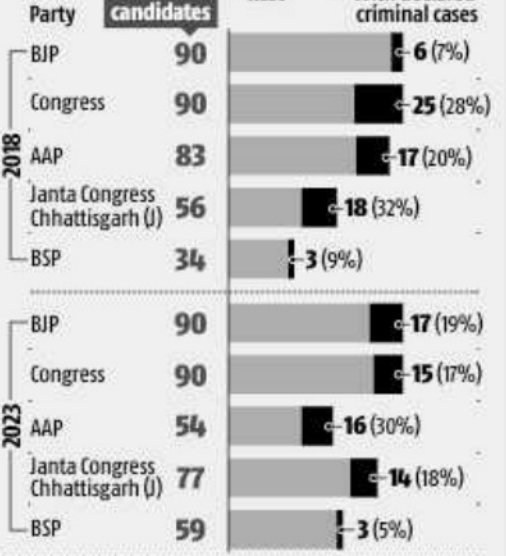


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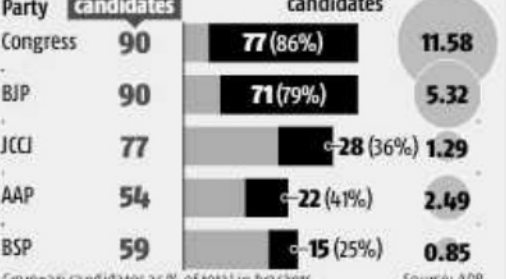
per cent Congress, 79 per cent BJP and 41 per cent AAP candidates are crorepatis. The state will see 155, or 13 per cent, female candidates this year, compared to 125 in 2018, which was 10 per cent of the total. The average assets per candidate, meanwhile, stands at ₹1.87 crore against ₹1.68 crore in 2018.

POLL WATCH: CHHATTISGARH

Declared criminal cases



Crorepati candidates in 2023



SEIZED MORE CASH THAN AHEAD OF PAST STATE POLLS: CBDT

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, 15 November

In the run-up to the assembly elections in five states, the income tax department has seized more unexplained cash as compared to elections held in those states earlier, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Chairman Nitin Gupta said on Wednesday.

Gupta said that prior to both state assembly and Lok Sabha elections, the enforcement agencies, including the I-T department, increased surveillance and also got information about unexplained cash

and jewellery on toll-free numbers created for the purpose. "The states where we are right now in elections we have seized more cash than what was seized in the corresponding time in the state assembly elections or Lok Sabha 2019," Gupta told reporters in New Delhi. He said pre-election monitoring of unexplained cash and surveillance is very intense and the entire activity is coordinated at the level of the Election Commission and state election authority.

According to sources, in poll-bound Rajasthan this year there has been a three-fold increase in the total seizure of illegal cash, liquor, drugs, gold, silver etc. Such seizures, which were ₹322 crore in 2021 and ₹347 crore in 2022, have risen to ₹1,021 crore till October 2023. Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram are going to poll in November.

In July, the apex authority in indirect tax, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for tax officers to implement the directions of the Election Commission with regard to the use of freebies, illicit cash, liquor and drugs to lure voters, and asked them to share information with other enforcement agencies.

As per the SoP, tax officers were asked to monitor the distribution of coupon-based or free fuel or cash for alluring prospective voters. The GST and Customs officials were also asked to set up "flying squads and static surveillance teams" for the effective conduct of road and transit checks of vehicles, and verification of warehouses to curb illegal and prohibited activities.

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

(Rs. in Crore except per share data)

Particulars	3 MONTHS ENDED 30/09/2023	3 MONTHS ENDED 30/06/2023	3 MONTHS ENDED 30/09/2022	6 MONTHS ENDED 30/09/2023	6 MONTHS ENDED 30/09/2022	YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income	777	658	736	1,433	1,388	2,773
Loss before exceptional items and tax	(35)	(104)	(35)	(139)	(131)	(330)
Loss after tax	(73)	(136)	(207)	(209)	(282)	(621)
Total Comprehensive Income	(93)	(137)	(272)	(230)	(367)	(543)
<small>(Comprising of Profit / (Loss) after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)</small>						
Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face value of Rs. 5/- each)	72	72	72	72	72	72
Other Equity excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the audited Balance Sheet						3,282
Earnings per share (Face value of Rs 5/- each)						
* Not annualised						
Basic Rs.	(5.37)*	(9.28)*	(13.15)*	(14.65)*	(17.80)*	(38.79)
Diluted Rs.	(5.37)*	(9.28)*	(13.15)*	(14.65)*	(17.80)*	(38.79)

Notes:

- The results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meetings held on November 14, 2023. The results have been subjected to limited review by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
- Information on Standalone Financial Results are as follows:

Particulars	3 MONTHS ENDED 30/09/2023	3 MONTHS ENDED 30/06/2023	3 MONTHS ENDED 30/09/2022	6 MONTHS ENDED 30/09/2023	6 MONTHS ENDED 30/09/2022	YEAR ENDED 31/03/2023
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income	266	257	287	523	577	1,139
Loss before tax	(107)	(115)	(115)	(222)	(169)	(513)
Loss after tax	(107)	(115)	(75)	(222)	(112)	(466)

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on the Company's website (www.wockhardt.com).

For WOCKHARDT LIMITED
Sd/-
Dr. H. F. Khorakiwala
Chairman
DIN: 00045608

Place: Mumbai
Date: November 14, 2023

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

(Rs. in Crores except per share data)

Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended	Preceding 3 months ended	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year	Year to date figures for the current period ended	Year to date figures for the previous period ended	Previous Financial Year ended
		30.09.2023	30.06.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	31.03.2023
		UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	AUDITED
Continuing operations:							
1	Total income	426.42	354.35	342.09	780.77	679.14	1466.36
2	Net Profit for the period before tax	(17.06)	(29.36)	(19.30)	(46.42)	(50.40)	(44.82)
3	Net Profit for the period after tax	(17.06)	(19.11)	(9.98)	(36.17)	(26.43)	(22.25)
4	Other Comprehensive Income for the period	0.23	-	(1.17)	0.23	(1.33)	(2.06)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (3 + 4)	(16.83)	(19.11)	(11.15)	(35.94)	(27.76)	(24.31)
6	Equity Share Capital	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00
7	Other Equity						1,464.21
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing operations) -						
	Basic (Rs.)	(4.77)	(5.43)	(2.77)	(10.20)	(7.33)	(6.16)
	Diluted (Rs.)	(4.77)	(5.43)	(2.77)	(10.20)	(7.33)	(6.16)

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the websites of the NSE Limited (www.nseindia.com), BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) and at the Company's website (www.solara.co.in).
- The above consolidated financial results of Solara Active Pharma Sciences Limited ("the Company") as reviewed by the Audit Committee has been approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on November 14, 2023. The results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2023 has been reviewed by Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP, the statutory auditors of the Company. The statutory auditors of the Company have issued an unmodified conclusion in respect of the limited review for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2023.

For and on behalf of board
Sd/-
Poorvank Purohit
MD & CEO

Place : Bengaluru
Date : November 14, 2023

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Extract of Unaudited Standalone/Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30 September 2023

(Rs. in Million, except EPS)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Consolidated					
		Standalone		Standalone		Consolidated	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
		Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended
		30 September 2023	30 September 2023	30 September 2023	30 September 2023	30 September 2023	30 September 2023
1	Total Income from Operations (net)	1,892.31	1,694.07	4,241.90	3,126.31	1,892.31	4,241.90
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(246.53)	(146.84)	(386.50)	(262.27)	(246.51)	(386.51)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(246.53)	(146.84)	(386.50)	(262.27)	(246.51)	(386.51)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(246.53)	(146.84)	(386.50)	(262.27)	(246.51)	(386.51)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the Period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(246.27)	(146.92)	(383.98)	(262.43)	(245.25)	(383.99)
6	Equity Share Capital (face value of Rs. 10/- each)	1,157.90	1,157.90	1,157.90	1,157.90	1,157.90	1,157.90
7	Other Equity*						
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (Basic and Diluted)	(2.13)	(1.27)	(3.34)	(2.27)	(2.13)	(3.34)

* Other Equity as on 31 March 2023 stands at Rs.(8,878.92) Millions and Rs.(8,878.89) Millions respectively for the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results.

Notes : 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2023, filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2023 are available on the Company's website: www.visasteel.com and also available on the Stock Exchange websites, NSE: www.nseindia.com & BSE: www.bseindia.com.

By Order of the Board
For VISA Steel Limited

Sd/-
Vishal Agarwal
Vice Chairman & Managing Director
DIN 00121539

Place : Kolkata
Date : 14 November 2023

