

Uttar Pradesh Members of Parliament Performance Report

16th Lok Sabha: Session 1 to 11

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[Photo: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with other ministers after the swearing-in ceremony, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on May 26, 2014.]

Introduction:

Our Government is trying everything possible for progress of Uttar Pradesh - Prime Minister Narendra Modi, February 4, 2017 in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to power in Delhi in May 2014 on the promise of *Sabka saath, sabka vikaas* i.e. “all together and development for all.” In the public meeting in Meerut, Mr. Modi also said, “We are willing to do everything for the growth of UP. To change the fortunes of UP change the government in the state.”

This claim suggests that since winning the 16th Lok Sabha, BJP has been working for the progress of the state of Uttar Pradesh (UP) and that if they also win the UP Assembly election in 2017 they will do everything possible for the growth of the state. But how does one measure the party’s performance in meeting its stated goals? One indicator is the performance of the elected officials i.e. individual MPs from the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Recall that Uttar Pradesh returned 72 BJP MPs from a total of 80 Lok Sabha seats. Two seats were claimed by BJP ally Apna Dal; Samajwadi Party won from five seats and Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi represents the two seats won by Congress party. This is the biggest contingent of MPs from any state in India and if these MPs are active in the highest legislative body of the country, a lot of resources, government attention, and legislative agenda can be directed towards the development of the state and make a huge impact in people’s lives.

Following are some indicators of an MP's performance:

- a. How much of the funds available to the MP through the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Division (MPLAD) were actually utilized?
- b. How many questions did the MP raise in Parliament?
- c. How many debates in Parliament has the MP participated in?
- d. Attendance record

The larger question is: Are these MPs able to represent the interests of their constituents once they get to the apex law-making body in India? TwoCircles.net (TCN) has gathered the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Division (MPLAD) scheme data for all 80 MPs from UP.

Further, to test the claim of “Sabka saath, sabkaa vikaas,’ we paid a closer look at two types of seats:

1. 16 seats where population of Muslims is greater than 20%. These seats will be referred as “Muslim Seats” in this document
2. 17 reserved seats where only Dalits who come under Scheduled Caste category can contest. These seats are referred as “Dalit Seats” in this document.

Main indicators

Attendance:

While national average of attendance by Lok Sabha MPs is 81%, UP MPs attendance record is at 89%, the best among the big states.

Best records: Bhairon Prasad Mishra of Banda, Niranjan Jyoti of Fatehpur, and Rajendra Agarwal of Meerut have 100% attendance.

Worst records: Hema Malini (35%), Dimple Yadav (38%), Rahul Gandhi (55%) is worse than his mother Sonia Gandhi (68%).

Debates:

Best records: Bhairon Prasad Mishra of Banda tops the record with whopping 913 debate participation in just about 2.5 years of the 16th Lok Sabha. Kanwar Pushpendra Singh Chanel of Hamirpur comes second at 768.

Worst records: Hari Om Pandey of Ambedkar Nagar and Kunwer Servesh Kumar of Moradabad have participated only once in the 16th Lok Sabha. Krishna Pratap of Jaunpur and Dimple Yadav of Kannauj are just slightly less worse by participating in two debates.

Questions:

Best records: Dharmendra Yadav of Samajwadi Party representing Badaun tops the list of 646 questions so far. BJP MP from Pratapgarh Kunwar Harivansh Singh comes second with 599 questions.

Worst records: There are whopping 19 MPs who never asked a question in the current Lok Sabha. If you exclude nine MPs who are also ministers (hence their attendance is not recorded and they don't ask questions as part of the government) you are still left with the following 10 MPs who never asked any question:

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| 1. Mahesh Sharma | Bharatiya Janata Party |
| 2. Yashwant Singh | Bharatiya Janata Party |
| 3. Priyanka Singh Rawat | Bharatiya Janata Party |
| 4. Dharmendra Kumar | Bharatiya Janata Party |
| 5. Ashok Kumar Doharey | Bharatiya Janata Party |
| 6. Rahul Gandhi | Indian National Congress |
| 7. Sonia Gandhi | Indian National Congress |
| 8. Mulayam Singh Yadav | Samajwadi Party |
| 9. Tej Pratap Singh Yadav | Samajwadi Party |
| 10. Dimple Yadav | Samajwadi Party |

In other words, Uttar Pradesh sent only seven MPs who were not part of BJP and allies. And out of seven MPs, five have given the government free pass by not asking any question in the Lok Sabha.

MPLAD funds:

Best records: Satish Kumar of Aligarh has utilized 86% of his 15 crores. Maneka Gandhi comes close second with 85 utilization.

Worst records: Kanwar Pushpendra Singh Chanel of Hamirpur has utilized only 17% of his funds and Kannauj's Dimple Yadav with 24% of funds utilization is second from the bottom.

Data

- **16 seats where population of Muslims is greater than 20%:**

Seat	MP's Name	Attendance%	% utilized	unspent balance	Debate	Questions	Private Members' Bills
AMROHA	Kanwar Singh Tanwar	93	69.85	4.27	13	246	0
BAHRAICH(SC)	Sadhvi Savitri Bai Foole	80	70.2	3.1	32	15	1
BARABANKI(SC)	Priyanka Singh Rawat	89	55.32	3.43	19	0	0
BAREILLY	Santosh Kumar Gangwar	NA	77.96	4.53	56	0	0
BIJNOR	Kunwar Bhartendra	89	63.36	4.64	12	167	2
DOMARIYAGANJ	Jagdambika Pal	98	73.44	2.82	152	255	18
KAIRANA	Hukum Singh	97	68.19	4.98	58	170	2
KAISERGANJ	Brij Bhusan Sharan Singh	85	55.99	5.81	7	22	0
LUCKNOW	Raj Nath Singh	NA	53.32	4.67	74	0	0
MEERUT	Rajendra Agarwal	100	56.76	4.38	112	177	4
MUZAFFARNAGAR	Sanjeev Kumar Balyan	NA	68.1	4.23	31	0	0
RAMPUR	Nepal Singh	95	84.44	2.57	15	37	1
SAHARANPUR	Raghav Lakhanpal	90	77.78	3.85	33	242	1
SAMBHAL	Satyapal Singh	98	76.39	3.13	41	81	3
SHAHJAHANPUR(SC)	Krishna Raj	96	67.39	3.33	49	67	0
MORADABAD	Kunwer Servesh Kumar	83	65.71	4.4	1	89	0
AVG		91.76923077	67.7625	64.14	44.0625	98	2
TOTAL					705	1568	32

- **17 reserved seats where only Dalits who come under Scheduled Caste category can contest:**

Seat	MP's Name/Party	Attendance%	% utilized	Unspent balance in crores	Debate	Questions	Private Members' Bills
AGRA(SC)	Ram Shankar Katheria	76	69.71	4.88	31	13	0
BAHRAICH(SC)	Sadhvi Savitri Bai Foole	80	70.2	3.1	32	15	1
BANSGAON(SC)	Kamlesh Paswan	68	61.58	3.94	10	26	0
BARABANKI(SC)	Priyanka Singh Rawat	89	55.32	3.43	19	0	0
BULANDSHAHR(SC)	Bhola Singh	99	58.11	4.85	8	234	1
ETAWAH(SC)	Ashok Kumar Doharey	76	35.27	3.8	3	0	0
NAGINA(SC)	Yashwant Singh	97	61.32	4.87	22	0	0
HARDOI(SC)	Anshul Verma	92	67.51	4.35	15	38	0
HATHRAS(SC)	Rajesh Kumar Diwaker	99	30.83	5.32	6	129	0
JALAUN(SC)	Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma	95	32.71	5.51	70	73	1
KAUSHAMBI(SC)	Vinod Kumar Sonkar	92	70.35	3.32	50	110	1
MACHHLISHAHR(SC)	Ram Charitra Nishad	98	52.56	4.89	22	372	0
MISRIKH(SC)	Anju Bala	97	56.98	5.08	80	1	0
MOHANLALGANJ(SC)	Kaushal Kishore	95	70.3	3.11	35	116	0
ROBERTSGANJ(SC)	Chhotelal	90	74.6	4	18	26	0
SHAHJAHANPUR(SC)	Krishna Raj	96	67.39	3.33	49	67	0
LALGANJ(SC)	Neelam Sonkar	94	66.89	3.48	26	226	0
AVG		90.17647059	58.919412	71.26	29.17647	85.05882	0.235294
Total					496	1446	4

Observations

- There are a whopping 333.6 crores of MPLAD funds that remain unspent. 71 crores of these funds are allocated for 17 reserved seats.
- All “Muslim and Dalit seats” are represented by BJP. Three “Muslim seats” are reserved i.e. only SC candidates can contest from there.
- Three ministers come from the "Muslim seats" but only minister of state from “Dalit seats”. Krishna Raj, from Shahjahanpur(SC) was inducted into the Union Cabinet in June, 2016 as Minister of State for Women and Children Development.
- BJP has 10 female MPs from UP and five of those are from reserved seats and three of those five seats are also "Muslim seats”.
- Average of the percent utilized for MPLAD funds drops for “Dalit seats” to 58.9% while it goes up significantly for “Muslim seats” to 67.8% while the average of all seats is 60.8%.
- Average of debate participation by MPs drops from 54 for all to 44 for “Muslim seats” and to only 29 for “Dalit Seats”.
- Average number of questions by all MPs is 99, for “Muslim seats” 98, and drops significantly for Dalit MPs with just 85 questions. Three Dalit MPs have zero questions asked; another Dalit MP has so far asked just one question in the last 2.5 years.
- Out of total of 93 private member bills presented in the parliament by UP MPs only four are from Dalit MPs.

- Marginalization of Dalit MPs is very clear when analysis is made in contrast to the performance of MPs representing “Muslim seats”.