Maharashtra: Why the margin between votes secured, seats won is not really a discrepancy

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AS THE Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) tries to come to terms with its rout in the recent Maharashtra Assembly elections, it has questioned the EVMs - and it has questioned the "discrepancy" between votes received by different par-ties and the number of seats

which is a member of seats won by them. While the BJP-NCP-Shiv Sena Mahayuti alliance won 230 of the 288 seats in the state, the MVA – that was hopeful of a win after its good performance in the Lok Sabha polls months earlier – finished with just 48 (including 2 seats of the Samajwadi Parry, which has since distanced itself from the MVA in Maharashtra). What have the two sides said on the issue? NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar, a veteran who is not given to careless talk, said Sunday that while his party secured 72 lakh-odd votes in the elections, it won only 10 seats.

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seats."
Similarly, Fadnavis said, "In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Congress received 87,92,237 congress and won only one seat, while the united NCP got 83,87,363 votes and still won



The Dharmarajya Party, attempting to create awareness, held a symbolic voting in parts of the city with ballot boxes in protest against EVMs. Deepak Joshi

For example, the average winning margin in the state's 48 Lok Sabha seats this time stood at 1.09 lakh votes, com-pared to 1.82 lakh in 2019 and 1.87 lakh in 2014. Before the Modi era, the average winning margin was 77,898 votes in

2024 LOK SABHA AVERAGE WINNING MARGINS

Mahayuti			Maha Vikas Aghadi				
Seats Votes				Seats	Votes		
BJP	9	1.60 lakh	INC	13	90,432		
SS	7	1 lakh	SS (UBT)	9	1.12 lakh		
NCP	1	82,784	NCP (SP)	8	89.571		
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2024 ASSEMBLY POLLS WINNING MARGINS

Mahayuti			Maha Vikas Aghadi				
	Seats	Votes	Seats Votes				
BJP	132	42,082	INC	16	12,674		
SS	57	32,412	SS (UBT)	20	13,872		
NCP	41	39,025	NCP (SP)	10	23,823		
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2019 led to a substantial increase in the average winning margins of candidates in Maharashtra, not just of the BJF and its allies but also those against it, as anti-BJP votes ral-lied together. This was not the case in the

Even this time, the BJP had the more resounding victories, with its average victory margin in the nine seats it won standing at 1.60 lakh votes. The biggest margin, of 3.57 lakh votes, was Union minister Pjyush Goyal's, from Mumbai North. The lowest for the BJP was in Satara, where Udayanraje Bhosale won by 32,771 votes. The BJP contested 28 seats. Even this time, the BIP had

BIP ally Shiy Sena also had BJP ally Shiv Sena also had an impressive average winning margin, of 1 lakh votes. Its top performer was Sena leader Eknath Shinde's son Shrikant from Kalyan, who won by 2.09 lakh votes, while the lowest was Rawindra Waikar, who won by 4.8 votes from Mumbai North West. The Sena contested 15 seats, and won seven.

The BJP's other ally, Ajit Pawar-led NCP, won only one of

rawar-lea NCP, won only one of the four seast it contested, with a margin of 82,784 votes. The Congress, which at 13 won the highest number of seats in Maharashtra in this year's Lok Sabha elections, had

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a lower average winning margin than the BJP and Sena, at 90,432 votes. Its highest winning margin was in Chandrapur, at 2.60 lakh votes, and the lowest was in Dhule, at 3,831 votes. It contested 17 seats.

seats. The average winning margin for the Sena (UBT) was higher than the Congress, at 1.12 lakh votes, with its highest margin being 3.29 lakh votes in Mumbai North East, being 29.861 votes. It contested 21 seats and won nine. The NCP (SP) had an average winning margin almost the same as the Congress's, at 89.571 votes, with the best strike rate of all parties, winning eight of the 10 seats it constead. Its top performer was

ning eight of the 10 seats it con-tested. Its top performer was Supriya Sule from Baramati, who won by 1.58 lakh votes, while the lowest was in Beed, of 6,553 votes.

This gap in the average win-ning margins of parties in the two coalitions resulted in what Fadnavis pointed out: higher votes even if fewer seats for the Mahavuti narties.

votes even if fewer seats for the Mahayuti parties. What does the data tell us about the Assembly elections? In the Assembly elections, such was the Mahayut's dominance that 15 of its 230 MIAs won by over one lakh votes, while not one of the MVA's 48 winning MIAs could claim the same.

In the last Assembly elecfour such seats that saw this margin mark. Of the 15 candidates with 1-

lakh winning margin this time, eight belong to the BJP, four to the NCP and three to the Shinde

PNB FRAUD CASE

ED begins process for restitution of properties worth Rs 125 cr to banks

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There were very few close contests. Only four seats were decided by a margin of less than 1,000 wotes, with Mahayuti allies securing two of those, and the Congress winning one.
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THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has begun the process for restitution of properties worth more than Rs 125 crore to their

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The BJP, which contested 49 seats and won 132, had the highest average margin of 42,082 votes. The other two Mahayuti parties ranked next with the NCP which contested 59 seats and won 41, having an average winning margin of 39,025 votes, and the Shiv Sena, which contested 85 seats and won 57, winning by 32,412 more than Rs 125 crore to their rightful owners and victims of money laundering matter linked to billionaire Mehl Choksi's Ennjab National Bank (PNB) fraud case.

The central agency began the process after securing an order from the Special (PMLA) Court. Mumbai that in September 2024 allowed "monetisation of properties" amounting to Rs 2565.90 crore attached or seized by the ED in the case.

which contested 85 seats and won 57, winning by 32,412 votes on average. In the MVA, the NCP (SP) fared the best in terms of winning margins, contesting 86 seats and winning 10 by an average margin of 23,823 votes. The Sena (UBT)'s average winning margin, from 94 seats it contested with 20 victories, was 13,872 votes, while the Congress, which contested 101 seats and won 16, had the lowest average margin of 12,674 votes. The agency on Tuesday said The agency on Tuesday said that in order to put the productive assets to use and to enable financial institutes to monetise the assets attached or seized (by ED), a concerted effort was put by ED) in collaboration with PNB and ICICI Bank (victims of the bank fraud) and an application for restitution of assets was filed in the Mehul Choksi case. Choksi case. Based on the application filed

Based on the application nies by the banks (supported by ED), the Special PMIA Court, Mumbai allowed "monetisation of proper-ties" amounting to Rs 25652. Crore attached or seized by the ED. The court ordered that ED would facilitate the banks and liq-uidates in different companies votes. While the fact that the NCP (SP) had smaller winning mar-gins but still ended up with 14 lakh more votes than the NCP

may seem surprising, it is less so when considered that the Sharad Pawar-led faction con-tested 27 constituencies more than the group led by Ajit uidators in different companies under Gitanjali Group to carry out valuation and auction of the attached or seized properties and after auction of the said properthan the group had by 1914. Pawar.
Pawar seher contention of few votes separating the two Senas, but Eknath Shinde-led faction ending up with 37 seats more than the Uddhav Thackeray-led one seems a combination of two factors. While the Uddhav Sena consted him more seats, hence

after auction of the said proper-ties, the sale proceeds would be deposited in the PNB/ICICI Bank as Fixed Deposits. In pursuance to the order, the process of handing over of assets has been initiated and properties worth more than Rs 125 crore have been handed over to the Liquidator of M/s Gitanjali Gems Ltd. The seized properties include flats situated in Mumbai and two factories/ godowns situated in SEEPZ Mumbai, ED has stated in a

statement. Restitution of the remaining

properties is also in progress. Investigation under PMLA in the case of Mehul Choksi revealed that he connived with his associ-ates and bank officials of Punjab National Bank (PNB) during a pe-riod from 2014 to 2017 and fraudriod from 2014 to 2017 and fraudulently was issued Letters of Undertaking and Foreign Letters of Credit from PNB, resulting in wrongful loss of Rs 6097.63 Crore to PNB. He had also taken a loan from ICIG Bankand had defaulted on that loan as well.

During the investigation, ED conducted searches at more than 136 locations all over India and seized valuables/jewelleries worth Rs 597.75 crore pertaining to the Gitaniali Group.

worth Rs 597.75 crore pertaining to the Gitanjali Group. Immovable/movable assets worth Rs 1968.15 Crore of Mehul Choksi/Citanjali Group were attached which included immovable properties in India and overseas, vehicles, bank accounts, factory, shares offised companies, jewellery, among others, the ED said. In aggregate, assets worth Rs 2565.90 Crore were attached or seized in this case and three prosecution complaints have been ecution complaints have been

ecution complaints have been filed, the agency stated.
Mehul Choksi, along with his nephew Nirav Modi, was implicated in a massive Rs 14,000 crore fraud at Punjab National Bank (PNB), facing charges of cheating, corruption, and money laundering. The ED has accused Choksio running an organized racket to feraud customers and lenders in India, Dubai, and the US. Nirav Modi, a co-accused, was arrested Modi, a co-accused, was arrested in London in 2019 and is undergo-

iniDikionii 2019 and in sunergi-ing extradition proceedings. Choksi, who is the main ac-cused in the PNB case, is currently facing proceedings under the Fugitive Economic Offenders (FEO) Act, which gives the central government powers to confiscate properties even before the trial be-porties even before the trial be-porties even before the trial be-ports. The multi-crop frank was alproperties extractions from fraud was allegedly perpetrated by billionaire jeweller Nirav Modi and his uncle Mehul Choksi, the promoter of Gitanjali Gems, As of the latest reports, Choksi's status is still that of a fugitive, living in Antigua.

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Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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APPENDIX-IV-A SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8(6)

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6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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Branch	Name of Borrower & Guarantor	Amount of Demand & Date	Description of Immovable Properties	Date & Type of Possession	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increment Amt	Contact Number of Branch Manager
Dighori Branch	Ms. Rajani Rajendra Gupta (Borrower) and Ms. Antara Rajendra Gupta(Co-Borrower), Sarang Rajendra Gupta (Guarantor)	25.09.2019 Rs. 37,82,983.00 (TL)Plus further	Apartment No/Flat No. 303 (Having Independent Mpl. Corporation house No.345/92/31) Third Floor, "UMIN SADAN" Plot No. 92, Survey No. 264, Mouza: Nagpur, Sheet No. 185, City Survey No.107, Circle No.11/16, Division No. 3, Ward No. 23, Division- East, Tehsil & Dist. Nagpur. BOUNDED BY: NORTH:-Road, SEDUTH-Road, SEAT-Plot No. 93, WEST:-Plot No. 93, WEST:-Plot No. 93, West:-Plot No. 91, West:-P	Physical	Rs.14,88,000/ Rs.1,48,800/- Rs.10,000/-	(Branch Manager Mobile No. 8668415890
Lalganj Branch	Mrs. Geetadevi Tarachand Aswani (Borrower) and Ms. Kanchan Tarachand Aswani (Co-Borrower)	Amt due as on 06/07/2021 Rs. 23,98,637/- Plus further interest thereon	All that part and parcel of the property consisting Flat No. 302 on the Third Floor, Covering a super Built Up Area of 800 Sp. Ht [7.8.3 25.6, Mtr.) of Building Known as 'Gajaran Exotica', Togetherwith the 13.33% Undivided Share & Interest in Land bearing Polt No.68, total admeasuring 18.77 Sp. Mtm. (as per RL Letter Issued by NIT) 8.2.175. Sp. Ht., as per Sale Deedly being a portion of the entire Land bearing Survey/Khasra No.75.75/1_76/1_79. Houza — Dhaba, PH. No. 7, Mpl. Corporation House No.804/N68, Sh. et Mouza — Dhaba, PH. No. 7, Mpl. Corporation House No.804/N68, Sh. et Mouza — Dhaba, PH. No. 7, Mpl. House Sh. Sh. Sh. Sh. Polt No. 18. Sc. 19. Sh. No. 80, City Sh. No. 19. Sh. Sh. Sh. Row, MST-Polt No. 51. 82. Sh. Sh. Sh. Row, MST-Polt No. 51. 82. Sh.		Rs. 15,00,000/- Rs. 1,50,000/- Rs.10,000/-	(Branch Manager Mobile No. 7507774114

- ate & time of E-Auction: 27.12.2024 between 12.00 pm to 4.00 p.m. (with auto extension of 10 minutes)

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICES UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

tested nine more seats, hence accounting for more votes, the Shinde Sena won its con-

Shinde Sena won its constituencies on average with two-and-a-half times more votes.

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Yours faithfully, For Punjab National Bank AUTHORISED OFFICER

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Sr. No.	Loan No. / Name Of The Borrower / Address	Co-Borrower And Guarantor Name Director Name	NPA DATE	Date Of Demand Notice	Outstanding Amount	Loan Amount
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