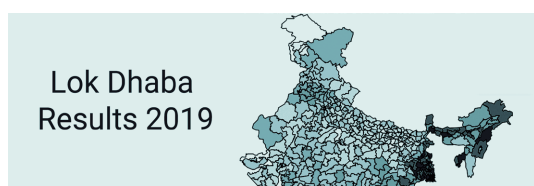


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TCPD covered its first General Election this past month, collecting data on thousands of candidates across the country. The dataset includes various socio-demographic variables such as caste, religion, education, occupation, assets, crime, political family affiliation, from multiple public sources (such as ADR) and fieldwork. These variables are available on request. This data is merged with data on candidates' career trajectory to elections (incumbency data) and with the results, which we integrated into [Lok Dhaba](#) on the day of counting. This has led to the publication of several newspaper articles by members of the **TCPD** team and affiliated researchers. Different media houses have also used our data.

Project Updates



NEW! Additions to Lok Dhaba:

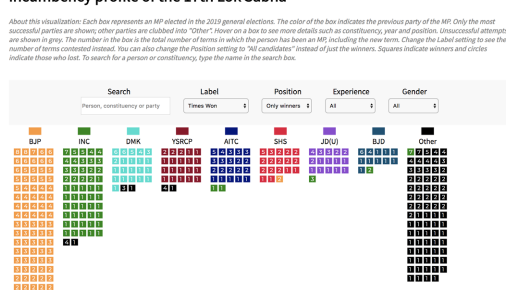
- 1. New variables:** The dataset has been updated with incumbency related variables such as whether the individual is a turncoat, incumbent, and the number of times they have contested elections.
- 2. Codebook:** The codebook provides the terms and conditions of using the dataset, details on the all variables in the dataset and a few summary statistics.

NEW! Introducing

Incumbency Visualisation:

The *Incumbency Visualisation* is an interactive tool built by Shivangi Tikekar (ex-Ashoka Computer Science student and former **TCPD** intern) and Sudheendra Hangal (Co-Director, **TCPD**). Each box represents an MP elected in a Lok Sabha election. The number in the box is the total number of terms in which the person has been an MP, including the new term. Users can change the "Label" setting to see the number of terms contested instead. Users can also change the "Position" setting to "All candidates" instead of just the winners. Squares indicate winners and circles indicate those who lost. To search for a person or constituency, type in the name in the search box. This is available for the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th Lok Sabhas.

Incumbency profile of the 17th Lok Sabha



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Gilles Verniers was featured in several news segments on NDTV. Gilles Verniers also participated in a podcast, *Grand Tamasha*, which is a co-production of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Hindustan Times.

Other News

Shubham and Saai (YIF 2019), completed their ELM work with us in May. Both helped us collect data in Bihar, Jharkhand, Delhi and Haryana. Thank you and good luck!

