

# NEWSLETTER

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Haryana Sarpanch Survey  
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## WE'RE HIRING!

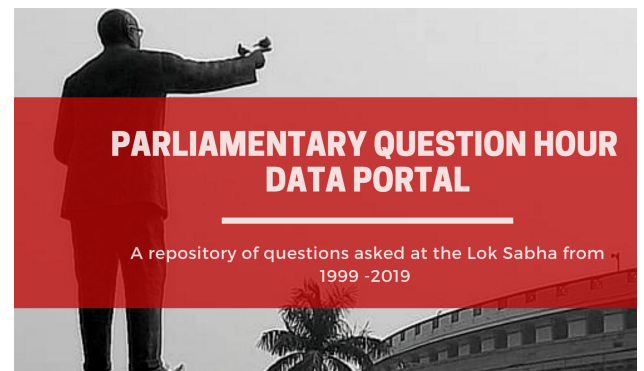
### JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

*To help build new infrastructure, data and technology for research on Indian political data*

We are looking to hire an individual for this position either from a social science discipline like Political Science, Empirical Sociology, or Economics or quantitative disciplines like Engineering, Statistics, Information Sciences. More details at [tcpd.ashoka.edu.in/jobs](https://tcpd.ashoka.edu.in/jobs)

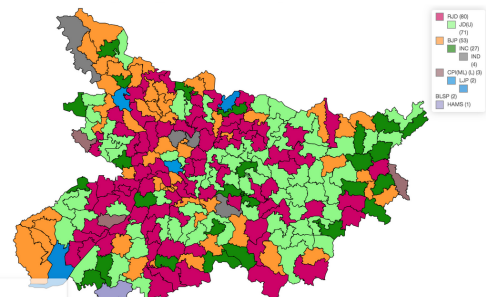
## PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION HOUR DATA PORTAL RELEASED

A repository of questions asked at the Lok Sabha from 1999 -2019



## UPCOMING 2020 BIHAR ELECTIONS

We encourage you to explore TCPD's database on election results at [lokdhaba.ashoka.edu.in](http://lokdhaba.ashoka.edu.in)



Winners by party in the 2015 Bihar Vidhan Sabha Elections

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

We wish to congratulate our staff who have gone on to embrace big opportunities this year:

**Saloni Bhogale** started her PhD in Political Science at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Huzaifa** has started her PhD in Anthropology at Stanford University.

**Arushi Sharan** is working with the CMGGA programme team.

**Ishika Sharan** started her Masters in Liberal Studies at Ashoka University.

**Sampurna Khasnabis** is currently with the CMGGA programme team. She will start her Masters in Public Policy at the University of Chicago in 2021.

**Akashmegh Sharma** has joined IDinsight as an Associate.

## TCPD CITED

Article-14.com  
Aniket Aga & Chitrangada Chowdhury

**Parliament's Question Hour Was Subverted Before Suspension**

## IN THE MEDIA

The Tribune  
15 September, 2020  
SY Quraishi  
Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

### Time to give democracy a new lease of life

"As we observe International Day of Democracy today, it's worrying that India, once renowned for its democratic model, is on its way to being called an authoritarian and majoritarian country globally. The fig leaf of the pandemic has accelerated the process. As feared, the paradox of the largest democracy slipping from a flawed one to a hybrid regime may slowly be turning into a sad reality."

The Indian Express  
25 September, 2020  
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**There are several models that can both preserve media independence as well as regulate it**

"Whichever model it chooses, the Supreme Court must not fall prey to the diversionary tactics of vested interests. It should also see this case as an opportunity to change the image of inaction and insensitivity it has unfortunately acquired during the last couple of years."

## TCPD VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

### A WEEKLY CONVERSATION

11 September, 2020

**Does religious bias shape access to public services? A large-scale audit experiment among street-level bureaucrats**

Charles Crabtree (Dartmouth College)

18 September, 2020

### Role of Civil Society in India

Luis Miranda (Chairman, Centre for Civil Society)

25 September, 2020

**The Political Economy of Bureaucratic Overload: Evidence from Rural Development Officials in India**

Aditya Dasgupta (University of California, Merced)