

# Politics of Scheduled Castes in the Election of Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha

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## ABSTRACT

*The process of scheduled caste and the politics of election was initiated by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. He put the thought of being a ruling caste. After it, during the post independence period Dadasaheb Gaikwad, Prakash Ambedkar, Ramdas Athawale, Namdev Dhasal, P.N. Rajbhoj, Kashiram and Mayavati stood as leaders in this elections. This paper has taken the review of their leadership.*

*Maharashtra state was formed on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1960. Eleven Vidhansabha elections were conducted during the period of 1962-2009. During this elections 188 MLAs were elected from reserved constituencies. From 12 general constituencies, Scheduled Caste candidates were elected. Total 200 candidates from Scheduled Caste have been elected from Maharashtra. Their electoral participation and party level competition is discussed in this research paper.*

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## Vidhan Sabha of 1962 :

The first Vidhan Sabha election was held in 1962 in Maharashtra. In this election 32 MLAs out of 264 were from SC reserved constituencies. The number of MLAs elected from western Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha were greater ( see table no -1)

### Table No1

#### Regionwise MLAs from SC (1962)

No	Region	MLAs
01	Mumbai	01
02	Konkan	01
03	Western Maharashtra	01
04	Northern Marathwada	03
05	Marathwada	07
06	Vidarbha	10
	Total	32

Out of 32 elected candidates were from Congress Party. Only two among them belonged to the Republican Party. Majority of SC MLAs, means 10, were from Vidarbha and Western Maharashtra. After that 7 MLAs were elected from Marathwada. 03 were elected from north Maharashtra.

## Vidhan Sabha of 1967:

Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha second election took place in 1967. In this election, 15 out of 270 candidates were elected from SC reserved constituencies Majority of MLAs i.e. 06 MLAs were from Western Maharashtra (see table No. 2)

### Table NO 2

#### Regionwise MLAs of Scheduled Caste

No	Region	MLAs
01	Mumbai	01
02	Konkan	-
03	Western Maharashtra	06
04	North Maharashtra	01
05	Marathwada	04
06	Vidarbha	03
	Total	15

Out of 15 elected candidates to the Congress Party where as only 01 candidate was independent. Greater number of MLAs were elected from Western Maharashtra. 06 MLAs were elected from Western

Maharashtra. Besides rest were elected from Marathwada and Vidarbha. The MLAs which were elected 1962 were not elected in 1967. Therefore development of leadership didn't occur.

**Vidhan Sabha of 1972:**In 1972, third election of the Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha took place. In these elections 15 MLAs were elected from SC reserved seats. 01 S.C. candidate got elected from general seat. (Vora, Rajendra, 2004:62)

**Table No. 3****Regionwise MLAs from Scheduled Caste**

No.	Region	MLAs
01	Mumbai	01
02	Konkan	-
03	Western Maharashtra	06
04	North Maharashtra	01
05	Marathwada	04
06	Vidarbha	03
	Total	15

12 out of 15 candidates belonged to the Congress Party. While one from RPM, one from FBL and one independent candidates belonged to the opposition. Along with this, the candidate of Republican Party was elected from general seat. ( Vora, 2004:62 ) SC MLAs were elected from western Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha, Mumbai and North Maharashtra regions.

**1978 Vidhan Sabha Election :**

In 1978, the fourth Vidhan Sabha elections took place. 18 MLAs were elected from SC reserved constituencies. One SC MLA was elected from unreserved constituency. (Vora, Rajendra, 2004:64)

**Table No. 4****Regionwise MLAs from Scheduled Castes.**

No	Region	MLAs
01	Mumbai	01
02	Konkan	-
03	Western Maharashtra	07
04	North Maharashtra	02
05	Marathwada	05
06	Vidarbha	03
	Total	18

In 1978 election of Vidhan Sabha majority, means 07, MLAs were elected from Western Maharashtra, 05 MLAs were elected from Marathwada region, 03 from Vidarbha and 02 were elected from North Maharashtra region. Majority of MLAs belonged to the Congress Party. 06 MLAs belonged to the Congress Party. The number of independent candidates followed it and then JNP, RPI, SKP elected candidates followed. In the elections of 1978, 04 MLAs belonged to the Congress and 02 MLAs belonged to the Congress(I) out of 18 while remaining MLAs were in against Congress. Following are the number of party wise MLAs from reserved constituencies:

**Table No. 5****Party wise MLAs of Reserved Constituencies (1978)**

No	Political Party	MLAs
01	Congress	04
02	Congress ( I )	02
03	JNP	02
04	RPI	02
05	PWP	02
06	CPM	01
07	RPK	01
08	Independent	04
	Total	18

**1980 Vidhan Sabha Elections :-**

The fifth election of Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha were held in 1980. In the election of 1978, many Scheduled Caste MLAs were elected against Congress. This was a serious challenge in front of Congress. In 1980, 18 MLAs among 288 were from SC reserved constituencies. Following is the region wise list of these MLAs :

**Table No. 6****Regionwise MLAs from SC (1980)**

No	Region	MLAs
01	Mumbai	01
02	Konkan	-
03	Western Maharashtra	07
04	North Maharashtra	02
05	Marathwada	05
06	Vidarbha	03
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

Scheduled Caste MLAs got elected from regions like Mumbai, Western Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha 07 MLAs of SC were elected from Western Maharashtra, 05 MLAs were elected from Marathwada, 03 from Vidarbha. 02 from North Maharashtra and 01 MLA was elected from Mumbai region. Party wise information of SC MLAs is as follows.

**Table No. 7****Partywise MLAs of Scheduled Castes Reserved Constituencies (1980).**

No	Political Party	MLAs
01	Congress	10
02	Congress ( I )	05
03	PWP	01
04	RPK	01
05	Independent	01
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

In the election of 1980, two Scheduled Caste candidates were elected from unreserved constituencies from the Congress Party. ( Vora, 2004:62), In the elections of 1978, independent and non-Congress candidates were elected along with the Congress candidates. 10 MLAs belonged to the Congress ( I ) among the 18 MLAs while only 03 MLAs were from opposition.

**1985 Vidhan Sabha Election :**

The sixth Vidhan Sabha elections of Maharashtra took place in 1985. In the election of 1985, 18 candidates were elected from SC reserved constituencies where as two Scheduled Caste MLAs were elected from unreserved constituencies. The number of MLAs of Scheduled Castes from different regions is as follows:

**Table No. 8****Regionwise MLAs from Scheduled Caste Reserved Constituencies (1985)**

No	Region	MLAs
01	Mumbai	01
02	Konkan	-
03	Western Maharashtra	07
04	North Maharashtra	02
05	Marathwada	05
06	Vidarbha	03
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

Scheduled Caste's MLAs were elected from Western Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha, North Maharashtra and Mumbai regions. Majority of them i.e. 07 MLAs belonged to Western Maharashtra while 01 was elected from Mumbai region. No candidate was elected from Konkan region. Partywise MLAs are as follows:

**Table No.9****Partywise MLAs of SC Reserved Constituencies**

No	Political Party	MLAs
01	Congress	10

02	Congress ( U )	05
03	PWP	02
04	BJP	01
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

In 1985 elections, 01 MLA of SC was elected from BJP. 02 SC MLAs were elected from unreserved constituencies from Congress. There was rivalry between Congress and Congress ( I ) in the election of 1985. It resulted in decrease in the numbers of Congress MLAs. PWP gave 02 SC MLAs were elected from the Congress Party i.e. 15 MLAs. 10 among them belonged to Congress and 05 belonged to U Congress. 15 SC MLAs ( 83.33% ) were from Congress while 02 ( 11.11% ) were from PWP and 01 ( 5.55% ) was from BJP.

### 1990 Vidhan Sabha Election :

Maharashtra Assembly's seventh election took place in the year 1990. In this election 18 SC MLAs were elected. Western Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha , North Maharashtra, Mumbai were the regions where SC MLAs were elected.

Regionwise SC MLA are as follows :

**Table No. 10**

### Regionwise MLAs of Reserved Constituencies ( 1990 )

No	Region	MLAs
01	Mumbai	01
02	Western Maharashtra	07
03	North Maharashtra	02
04	Marathwada	05
05	Vidarbha	03
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

Highest SC MLAs, i.e. 08 were elected from the Congress Party. 03 MLAs belonged to the BJP. It is observable that the number of SC MLAs from BJP is increased. 02 MLAs of SC were elected from PWP and 02 from Independent. Shivsena, RPI and Janata Dal gave 01 MLA of SC each. Party wise SC MLAs of 1990 elections are as follows :

**Table No. 11**

### Partywise SC MLAs from Reserved Constituencies

No	Party	MLAs
01	Congress	08
02	BJP	03
03	Shivsena	01
04	PWP	02
05	RPI	01
06	Independent	02
07	Janata Dal	01
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

Shivsena's candidate was elected from unreserved constituency ( Vora 2004:62 ) SC MLAs could be elected from Shivsena And BJP in 1990.

### Vidhan Sabha Election of 1995:

18 constituencies were reserved SC in the election of 1995

**Table No.12**

### Regionwise SC MLAs from Reserved Constituencies (1995).

No	Region	MLAs
01	Mumbai	01
02	Western Maharashtra	07
03	North Maharashtra	02
04	Marathwada	05
05	Vidarbha	03

	Total	18
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18 constituencies were reserved for SC in the election of 1995. In these elections, Majority of MLAs, i.e. 07 were elected from Western Maharashtra. 05 among them were elected from North Maharashtra. Most of them i.e. 8 belonged to BJP. It was followed by Shivsena by having elected 04 MLAs. Congress and Independent parties could give 03 MLAs each.

**Table No 13****Partywise MLAs from Scheduled Caste Reserved Constituencies (1995)**

No	Party	MLAs
01	Congress	03
02	BJP	08
03	Shivsena	04
04	Independent	03
	Total	18

**Vidhan Sabha Election of 1999 :**

The 9<sup>th</sup> assembly election of Maharashtra took place in 1999. 18 out of 288 MLAs were from SC in the elections. Region wise MLAs of SC from reserved constituencies are as follows :

**Table No 14****Regionwise MLAs of SC from Reserved Constituencies(1999)**

No	Region	MLAs
01	Mumbai	01
02	Western Maharashtra	07
03	North Maharashtra	02
04	Marathwada	05
05	Vidarbha	03
	Total	18

Most of the elected candidates, i.e. 07 among the 18 elected candidates , belonged to the western Maharashtra region. North Maharashtra could give 02 MLAs. 05 MLAs belonged to the Marathwada region. 03 MLAs of SC were elected from Vidarbha. Only 01 SC MLA was elected from Mumbai region.

**Table No 15****Partywise MLAs from SC Reserved Constituencies (1999)**

No	Party	MLAs
01	Congress	04
02	BJP	06
03	Shivsena	04
04	NCP	02
05	Independent	01
06	Others	01
	Total	18

Most of the MLAs were elected from BJP i.e. 06 in the 1999 assembly elections. Congress and Shivsena each could give 04 MLAs. 02 from them belonged to Nationalist Congress Party. One MLA belonged to other party and one was independent.

**Vidhan Sabha Election of 2004:**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Vidhansabha (Assembly) elections were held in 2004 in Maharashtra. 18 seats were reserved for SC in the elections of 2004. Regionwise SC MLAs from reserved constituencies are as follows:

**Table No. 16****Regionwise MLAs of SC from Reserved Constituencies(2004)**

No	Region	MLAs
01	Mumbai	01
02	Western Maharashtra	07
03	North Maharashtra	02
04	Marathwada	05
05	Vidarbha	03

	Total	18
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Most of the MLAs belonged to western Maharashtra i.e. 07 in the elections of 2004. 05 MLAs belonged to the Marathwada region. 03 MLAs belonged to Vidarbha, 02 elected candidates belonged to north Maharashtra while 02 MLA belonged to the Mumbai region.

**Table No. 17****Partywise MLAs from SC Reserved Constituencies (1999)**

No	Party	MLAs
01	Congress	04
02	BJP	05
03	Shivsena	04
04	NCP	02
05	Independent	01
06	Others	02
	Total	18

Majority of the elected candidates belonged to the BJP i.e. 05 (27.77 %) Congress and Shivsena could give 04 (22.22%) MLAs from SC each. NCP and Others could win 02 (11.11 %) seats each and one (5.55 %) MLA was independent.

**Table No. 18****Election Yearwise Scheduled Caste MLAs during 1962 to 2004**

No	Year	No. of SC MLAs	Percentage	Total MLAs
01	1962	32	12.12	264
02	1967	15	05.55	270
03	1972	15	05.55	270
04	1978	18	06.25	288
05	1980	18	06.25	288
06	1985	18	06.25	288
07	1990	18	06.25	288
08	1995	18	06.25	288
09	1999	18	06.25	288
10	2004	18	06.25	288
	Total	188	06.66	2820

**Regionwise SC MLAs between 1962 and 2009 :**

MLAs of SC were elected from Mumbai, Konkan, Western Maharashtra, North Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha regions of Maharashtra. Highest number of SC MLAs were elected from Western Maharashtra. 71 (37.76 %) out of 188 MLAs were elected from Western Maharashtra. From Marathwada 50 (26.59 %) and from North Maharashtra 19 (10.10 %) SC MLAs were elected. 10 (05.31 %) MLAs were elected from Mumbai while only 01 out of 188 (0.53 %) SC MLA was elected from Konkan region.

There were 32 reserved constituencies for SC out of 264 in 1962. In 1967, the total constituencies increased from 264 to 270 but reserved constituencies for SC became less up to 15. It means 17 constituencies were less. Only 15 constituencies were reserved for SC in the elections of 1967 and 1972. Hence in this period the dalit politics became limited.

**Table No. 19****Regionwise SC MLAs from 1962 -2004**

Year	Mumbai	Konkan	Western Maharashtra	North Maharashtra	Marathwada	Vidarbha	Total
1962	01	01	10	03	07	10	32
1967	01	-	06	01	04	03	15
1972	01	-	06	01	04	03	15
1978	01	-	07	02	05	03	18
1980	01	-	07	02	05	03	18
1985	01	-	07	02	05	03	18
1990	01	-	07	02	05	03	18
1995	01	-	07	02	05	03	18

1999	01	-	07	02	05	03	18
2004	01	-	07	02	05	03	18
Total	10	01	71	19	50	37	188
Percentage	05.31%	0.53%	37.76%	10.10%	26.59%	19.68%	-

### Classification of SC members of Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha according to Political Parties (1962 - 2009) :

The Scheduled Caste candidates were elected from Parties like Congress, Nationalist Congress Party, BJP, Shivsena, Others as well as Independents. Majority of them i.e. 111 out of 188 means 59.04 % MLAs belonged to the Congress Party. 23 means 12.23 % SC MLAs belonged to the BJP. 21 (11.17 % ) MLAs were elected from other Parties Like RPI, FBL, JNP, PWP, CPM, RPK. 04 (03.72 %) MLAs belonged to NCP while Shivsena and independent fetched 13 (06.91 % ) seats each.

**Table No 20**

### Classification of SC MLAs of Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha according to Parties (1962 - 2004) :

Year	Congress	BJP	Shivsena	NCP	Other Parties	Indepen-dents	Total
1962	30	-	-	-	RPI 02	-	32
1967	14	-	-	-	-	01	15
1972	12	-	-	-	RPI 01 FBL 01	01	15
1978	10 (I)Cong. 02	-	-	-	JNP 02 RPI 02 PWP 02 CPM 01 RPK 01	04	18
1980	10 U.Cong. 05	-	-	-	PWP 01 RPK 01	01	18
1985	10 Cong.(s) 05	01	-	-	PWP 02	-	18
1990	08	03	01	-	PWP 02 Janata Dal 01 RPK 01	02	18
1995	03	08	04	-	-	03	18
1999	04	06	04	02	-	01	18
2004	04	05	04	02	JSS 01	-	18
Total	111	23	13	04	21	13	188
Perce-n-tage	59.04 %	12.23 %	06.91 %	03.72 %	11.17 %	06.91 %	100%

### Classification of SC MLAs from Mumbai Region according to party (1962 - 2004):

11 SC MLAs were elected from Mumbai region who contested from Congress, Shivsena and CPM. Most of them i.e. 09 (81.91 %) belonged to the Congress . one (09.09 % ) MLA was elected from Shivsena and CPM each. ( See Table no.5:21)

**Table No. 21**

### Classification of SC MLAs from Mumbai Region according to their Parties (1962 - 2004) :

Year	Congress	Shivsena	Other Parties	Total
1962	02	-	-	02
1967	01	-	01	02
1972	01	-	-	01
1978	-	-	-	01
1980	( I ) Cong. 01	-	-	01
1985	01	-	-	01
1990	01	-	-	01
1995	-	01	-	01
1999	01	-	-	01
2004	01	-	-	01
Total	29	01	01	12
Percentage	81.81 %	09.09 %	09.09 %	100 %

**Classification of SC MLAs from Western Maharashtra according to their Political Parties (1962-2004);**

71 SC MLAs were elected from Western Maharashtra from parties like Congress, BJP, Shivsena, NCP, Other Parties and Independent. 48 (67.60 %) of them belonged to the Congress Party. 06 (08.45 %) SC MLAs belonged to the BJP. 02 (4.22 %) MLAs of SC were elected from Shivsena. On the Other hand 05 (07.04 %) SC MLAs were elected from Other Parties and 05 (07.04 %) were elected Independently. (See Table No. 5:22)

**Table No. 22****Classification of SC MLAs from Western Maharashtra according to their Parties (1962-2004) :**

Year	Congress	BJP	Shivsena	NCP	Other Parties	Indepen-dent	Total
1962	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
1967	06	-	-	-	-	-	06
1972	05	-	-	-	-	01	06
1978	03	-	-	-	JNP 02 RPI 02	-	07
1980	(I) Cong.05 (U) Cong.02	-	-	-	-	-	07
1985	Cong. 05 Cong. (s)02	-	-	-	-	-	07
1990	05	-	-	-	-	02	07
1995	02	02	01	-	-	02	07
1999	02	02	01	02	-	-	07
2004	01	02	01	02	JSS 01	-	07
Total	48	06	03	04	05	05	71
Perce- ntage	67.60 %	08.45 %	04.22 %	05.63%	07.04 %	07.04 %	100 %

**Classification of SC MLAs from North Maharashtra according to their Parties (1962-2004) :**

19 SC MLAs were elected from North Maharashtra region from the Parties like Congress, BJP, Shivsena, and Independent. 08 (42.10 %) among them belonged to the Congress party. 05 (26.31 %) belonged to the BJP, 04 means 21.05 % belonged to the Shivsena while 02 (10.52 %) SC MLAs were elected Independent. (see Table No 5:23)

**Table No. 23****Classification of SC MLAs from North Maharashtra according to their Parties (1962-2004) :**

Year	Congress	BJP	Shivsena	Independent	Total
1962	03	-	-	-	03
1967	01	-	-	-	01
1972	01	-	-	-	01
1978	01	-	-	01	02
1980	(U)Cong. 01	-	-	01	02
1985	Cong. (s) 01	01	-	-	02
1990	-	01	01	-	02
1995	-	01	01	-	02
1999	-	01	01	-	02
2004	-	01	01	-	02
Total	08	05	04	02	19
Percentage	42.10 %	26.31 %	21.05 %	10.52 %	100 %

**Classification of SC MLAs In Marathwada region according to their Political Parties (1962-2004) :**

50 SC MLAs were elected from Marathwada region. Most of them i.e. 23 (46 %) belonged to the Congress Party. 09 (18 %) MLAs belonged to RPI, PWP and Janata Party. 05 means 10 % SC MLAs belonged to the Shivsena along with this 02 (04 %) SC MLAs belonged to NCP.

**Table No. 24****Classification of SC MLAs from Marathwada region according to their Parties (1962-2004) :**

Year	Congress	BJP	Shivsena	NCP	Other Parties	Indepe-ndent	Total
1962	07	-	-	-	-	-	07
1967	04	-	-	-	-	-	04



1972	03	-	-	-	RPI 01	-	04
1978	-	-	-	-	PWP 02	03	05
1980	( I) Cong.02 (U) Cong.02	-	-	-	PWP 01	-	05
1985	Cong. 02 Cong. (s) 01	-	-	-	PWP 02	-	05
1990	01	01	-	-	Janata Dal 01 PWP 02	-	05
1995	01	02	01	-	-	01	05
1999	-	01	02	01	-	01	05
2004	-	02	02	01	-	-	05
Total	23	06	05	02	09	05	50
Percentage	46 %	12 %	10 %	04 %	18 %	10 %	100 %

#### Classification of SC MLAs from Vidarbha according to their Parties (1962-2004) :

37 SC MLAs were elected from Vidarbha which belonged to political parties like Congress, BJP, Shivsena, NCP, Other Parties and Independently too. 23 (62.16 % ) among them belonged to the Congress party. 06 (16.21 %) belonged to the BJP. 06 (16.21 %) belonged to the Parties like RPI, FBI, RPK etc. 01 (02.70% ) MLA was elected from NCP and 01 (02.70 %) was elected Independently.

**Table No. 25**

#### Classification of SC MLAs from Vidarbha according to their Political Parties (1962-2004) :

Year	Congress	BJP	NCP	Other Parties	Independent	Total
1962	08	-	-	REP 02	-	10
1967	02	-	-	-	01	03
1972	02	-	-	FBI 01	-	03
1978	( I) Cong. 02	-	-	RPK 01	-	03
1980	( I) Cong. 02	-	-	RPK 01	-	03
1985	Cong. 02 Cong. (s)02	-	-	-	-	03
1990	01	01	-	RPK 01	-	03
1995	-	03	-	-	-	03
1999	01	02	-	-	-	03
2004	02	-	01	-	-	03
Total	23	06	01	06	01	37
Percentage	62.16 %	16.21 %	02.70 %	16.21 %	02.70 %	100 %

#### SC MLAs elected from unreserved constituencies and their parties :

From 1972 to 2004 only four SC candidates have been elected from non reserved constituencies in Maharashtra. Most of them belonged to the Shivsena. Some also got elected from Congress, RPI as well as Independently .

**Table No. 26**

#### SC MLAs elected from unreserved constituencies according to their Political Parties (1972 - 1999) :

Year	Congress	Republican Party	Shivsena	Independent	Total
1972	-	01	-	-	01
1978	-	-	-	01	01
1980	02	-	-	-	02
1985	02	-	-	-	02
1990	-	-	01	-	01
1995	-	-	01	-	01
1999	01	01	02	01	04
2004	-	-	-	-	-

#### SC MLAs from 1962 - 2004 :

15 constituencies were reserved for SC in 1967. The same were in 1972. In the Vidhan Sabha election of 1978, Maharashtra assemblies constituencies increased up to 288 from 270. At that time 18 seats were

reserved for SC. Even in 1980s elections 18 seats were reserved for SC. 07 Vidhan Sabha Elections were held in Maharashtra between 1978 – 2004. In this elections, there were total 288 constituencies in Maharashtra while 18 seats were reserved for SC in each election. Initially, in 1962 election 12.12 % SC MLAs were elected. In the Vidhan Sabha elections of 1967 and 1972 05.55 % SC MLAs were elected. The proportion is very low. In the period of 1978 – 2004, 6.25 % SC MLAs were elected every time .

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