

Bihar

Note:

1. All figures are in per cent and rounded off; hence they may not add up to 100 where they should.
2. Weighted Data.
3. Figures for January 2014 and February 2014 based on Lokniti, CSDS-IBN National Tracker Polls conducted in Bihar (same sample set).
4. Figures for March 2014 based on Lokniti, CSDS-IBN NES Pre Poll survey conducted in Bihar (fresh sample).
5. March 2014 survey fieldwork conducted between 19th and 23rd March in 23 Parliamentary seats.
6. Sample size in March 2014 is 1557; Sample size in February 2014 was 1316; Sample size in January 2014 was 1317.

Table 1: Lok Sabha elections - Pre poll estimated vote share for Bihar
BJP+ maintains very comfortable lead over opponents

Party/Alliance	Actual vote in 2009 Lok Sabha elections (%)	Survey-based vote estimate (%) January 2014	Survey-based vote estimate (%) March 2014
BJP-LJP	20.5	41	43
Cong-RJD- NCP	29.6	26	28
JDU	24.0	20	16
AAP	-	3	2
Others	25.9	10	11

Question asked: If Lok Sabha elections are held tomorrow which party will you vote for? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box.

Table 2: In a turnaround, BJP is now the most preferred party even for the Assembly

Party	Jan 2014 Vidhan Sabha vote (%)	Mar 2014 Vidhan Sabha vote (%)
BJP	23	35
JDU	39	26
RJD	23	19
LJP	3	3
Cong	4	8
Others	8	9

Question asked: Suppose Assembly elections are held in your state tomorrow, which party will you vote for? (Supply ballot paper and explain procedure. Record the answer later and consult party codes for coding)

Table 3: Upper castes, lower OBCs and Dalits form backbone of BJP's support base in Bihar; Muslims and Yadavs mostly with Cong-RJD alliance

Voting preferences of castes & communities for Lok Sabha polls	BJP+	Cong+	JDU
Upper castes	71	15	7
Yadavs	28	54	6
Other OBCs	45	17	30
Dalits	33	22	17
Muslims	22	53	10

The rest of the respondents indicated a vote preference for other parties.

Question asked: If Lok Sabha elections are held tomorrow which party will you vote for? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box.

Table 4: Support for BJP-LJP alliance is greater among Upper Castes than among Dalits

	Support BJP-LJP alliance	Oppose BJP-LJP alliance
Upper castes	55	27
Dalits	38	30

The rest of the respondents did not express their opinion on the question.

Question asked: Do you support or oppose the recent pre election alliance between the BJP and the LJP for the Lok Sabha election?

Table 5: PM choice in Bihar – No change in Modi’s popularity which remains high

Prime Minister choice in Bihar (<i>open ended question</i>)	Feb 2014	Mar 2014
Narendra Modi	41	42
Rahul Gandhi	10	10
Sonia Gandhi	4	4
Manmohan Singh	3	2
Nitish Kumar	14	9
Lalu Prasad Yadav	8	6
Arvind Kejriwal	3	2
Others	4	5
Can't say	13	20

Question asked: Who would you prefer as the Prime Minister of the country after the next/2014 Lok Sabha election? (open ended question)

Table 6: Net satisfaction with the JDU govt's performance still quite high but declines
(Net satisfaction is Satisfaction percentage minus dissatisfaction percentage)

Net satisfaction with...	Feb 2014	Mar 2014
Performance of JDU led State govt.	+52	+32
Performance of Cong led Central govt.	+4	+4

Questions asked: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of the Nitish Kumar led JDU government in Bihar over the last three years? Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre over the last five years?

Table 7: Most say Bihar has seen development in last 8-9 years but not as much as govt claims

Opinion on Bihar's development in last 8-9 years	%
There has been a lot of development in last 8-9 years.	11
While there has been development, it not as much as the govt. is claiming.	41
Development in last 8-9 years has benefitted only a few people, not people like me.	27
Claims of good governance and development are all false.	14
No opinion	7

Question asked: Now I will read out a four different statements regarding good governance in Bihar. Please tell me with which statement do you agree the most?

Table 8: Most people blame Lalu Yadav for not being able to tie up with Ram Vilas Paswan and for sidelining his party colleagues

Statements on Lalu Yadav read out to the respondents	Agree		Disagree	
	Fully	Somewhat	Somewhat	Fully
Lalu Yadav is responsible for not being able to ally with Ram Vilas Paswan.	20	29	14	16
Lalu Yadav is sidelining his old political colleagues in order to promote his family members.	25	24	17	13

The rest of the respondents did not express any opinion.

Question asked: Now I will read out a few statements about Lalu Yadav. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with them? (Probe further whether fully or somewhat?)

Table 9: Top five voting issues in Bihar

Key voting issues in Bihar	%
Price rise	29
Development & economy	20
Unemployment	15
Corruption	7
Electricity supply	6

The rest of the respondents gave other answers.

Question asked: What will be the single most important issue for you when you vote in the 2014 Lok Sabha election? (*Record first answer and consult code book for coding*)