

Only 4 of 28 outgoing MPs get BJP's RS re-nomination

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday announced former Maharashtra chief minister (CM) Ashok Chavan as its Rajya Sabha (RS) candidate and denied Upper House re-nominations to four more Union ministers, including Dharmendra Pradhan and Mansukh Mandaviya, indicating that they could contest the forthcoming Lok Sabha (LS) elections.

The BJP's lists of RS candidates indicated its attempt to give representation to its women, farmers, Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Class (OBC) leaders, and Sangh Parishad workers.

Of the 56 RS Members of Parliament (MPs) set to retire in April, the BJP holds 28. It re-nominated only four outgoing MPs, including the party's National President J P Nadda, Union ministers Ashwini Vaishnav and L Murugan, and spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi. It denied re-nominations to seven Union ministers. They are Pradhan, Mandaviya, Parshottam Rupala, Bhupender Yadav, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, V Muraleedharan, and Narayan Rane. Besides Nadda, the BJP did not re-nominate any MP who has served two RS terms.

Biju Janata Dal (BJD) announced it will support Vaishnav's candidature. A former civil servant, Vaishnav debuted in the RS with the BJD's support in a by-poll in June 2019. Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena said it will send Milind Deora to the RS from Maharashtra. Deora, a two-term Congress LS member, joined the Shinde-led Sena last month.

The Nationalist Congress Party, led by Ajit Pawar, has nominated party leader Praful Patel for one of the six vacant seats in Maharashtra. Patel, who secured his fifth term in the RS in 2022, will hold his membership until 2028. Following his election, Patel is set to resign from his current position in the House and take a fresh oath, citing "technical issues", said party leader Sunil Tatkare. Patel's resignation from his current seat will trigger a by-poll to fill the vacancy.

In the morning, Congress parliamentary party leader Sonia Gandhi, with her children Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra accompanying her, filed her RS nomination from Jaipur. This will be Sonia's maiden entry into the RS. She debuted in the LS in 1999, winning from Amethi and Bellary, and retained the former seat. She has been an MP from Raebareilly since 2004. There is speculation that daughter Priyanka could step into her



Congress leader Sonia Gandhi (centre) files her nomination papers for the upcoming Rajya Sabha polls at Rajasthan Assembly in Jaipur on Wednesday. PHOTO: PTI

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- NCP nominates Praful Patel for one seat in Maharashtra
- Seven Union ministers denied re-nominations
- Two ministers re-nominated, of which Ashwini Vaishnav gets Biju Janata Dal support
- BJP sends party chief J P Nadda from Gujarat
- Congress sends Ajay Maken, Renuka Chowdhury, and Abhishek Manu Singhvi to RS

shoes to contest from Raebareilly, a seat Feroze Gandhi and Indira Gandhi previously represented.

Party sources said Sonia's entry into the RS from Rajasthan, rather than a Southern state, would help the party's LS preparations in that state and deflect criticism that the Congress was increasingly restricted to the Southern states.

The Congress decided to send former Union minister Renuka Chowdhury from Telangana, party treasurer Ajay Maken from Karnataka, and Abhishek Manu Singhvi from Himachal Pradesh. Singhvi will fill the vacancy arising with Nadda's retirement from the hill state.

The BJP announced that Nadda will be one of its four candidates from Gujarat. It dropped Union ministers Mandaviya and Rupala from Gujarat. The BJP is set to win all four vacancies from Gujarat, gaining two seats from the Congress.

Apart from Nadda, the party fielded former legislator Jasvantsinh Parmar, who won as an Independent from Godhra in 2017 and later joined the BJP. Its other two candidates from Gujarat are OBC leader Mayank Nayak and entrepreneur Govind Dholakia, the founder and chairman of Shree Ramkrishna Exports, a Surat-based diamond exporter.

From Madhya Pradesh, where the BJP is set to win four of the five vacancies, the BJP re-nominated Union Minister of State Murugan, a Dalit leader from Tamil Nadu, who was one of the eight MPs that Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted for lunch at the Parliament canteen last week. It dropped Union minister Pradhan, who could contest the LS polls from Odisha.

Its other three candidates from Madhya Pradesh are BJP state women's cell chief and OBC leader Maya Naroliya, party's farmer cell national vice-president, who hails from Mandsaur, Banshilal Gurjar, and Umesh Nath Maharaj, an influential religious leader of the Valmiki community.

Mandsaur was the epicentre of the farmer protests in Madhya Pradesh in June 2017.

From Maharashtra, the BJP announced the candidature of former Congressman Chavan, who joined the party on Tuesday. It nominated former legislator Medha Kulkarni, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh worker Ajit Gopchade, who hails from Nanded, denying re-nominations to former Union minister Prakash Javadekar and Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan.

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3rd round of govt-farmer talks set to be held today

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The Centre on Wednesday said it was willing to set up a committee to discuss the demands of farm unions, offering to include as many as six of their representatives in it, a change in stance from the three members it had suggested earlier.

It urged farm unions to approach the discussion constructively and not inconvenience common people.

The Centre's earlier proposal to set up a committee with three representatives was rejected by the unions.

The third round of negotiations between Union ministers and farm leaders is scheduled for Thursday evening.

On the second day of their 'Delhi chalo' protest march, the farmers remained at the Punjab-Haryana border. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) issued an advisory to request students to start early for their examination centres.

Government sources said Union ministers Rajnath Singh and Arjun Munda invited farm leaders for a video-conference on Wednesday evening, which the latter turned down.

Later, Samyukta Kisan Morcha (non-political) leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal and Sarwan Singh Pandher said in Chandigarh that the third round of negotiations will take place on Thursday evening with Union ministers Arjun Munda, Piyush Goyal and Nityanand Rai. The first two rounds of discussions were inconclusive.

According to sources, Union Agriculture Minister Munda conveyed to farm leaders that the government was committed to resolving their demands, especially those of "administrative nature" at the earliest. However, a legal guarantee to minimum support price (MSP) needed through consultations to consider the



Police use tear gas to disperse farmers on the second day of their march at the Shambhu border. PHOTO: PTI

CBSE issues advisory for students

The CBSE issued an advisory on Wednesday for the board exams in view of the traffic restrictions imposed in Delhi, advising them to leave their homes early to arrive at the centres. Traffic restrictions are currently in place in view of the farmers' "Delhi Chalo" march. PTI

Delhi Metro sees highest ever daily ridership

The Delhi Metro on February 13 registered the highest-ever count of daily passenger journeys at 7.1 million, a record achieved on a day when huge traffic jams were reported in the NCR amid heavy security arrangements in view of a farmers' march to the national capital. PTI

interests of all stakeholders. Munda, sources said, also revived an earlier offer to constitute a committee to discuss their demands, comprising six representatives of farm unions.

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha are spearheading the 'Delhi Chalo' agitation to put pressure on the Centre to fulfil their demands. These include a law on MSP for crops, loan waivers and withdrawal of cases filed against protesting farmers during the 2020-21 agitation. Farm unions are also preparing to ensure the success of their call for a "Grameen Bandh" on February 16.

The farmers remained at the Shambhu border between Punjab and Haryana, 200 km from Delhi. The Haryana Police lobbed tear gas shells at the protesters in an effort to dissuade them from crossing

the border. There was a similar stand-off at Data Singhwala-Khanauri border in Haryana's Jind district, with police barricades stopping farmers from travelling to Delhi on their tractor-trolleys.

The Bharti Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) announced that farmers would squat on rail tracks at seven places in Punjab on Thursday in protest against the Haryana Police action on protesting farmers at the borders.

BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) president Joginder Singh Ugrahan said their agitation will be held from 12 noon to 4 pm. The BKU (Ekta Ugrahan), which is a member of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha, is not part of the 'Delhi Chalo' call. Ugrahan said they were also against preventing farmers from heading towards Delhi as part of their 'Delhi Chalo' call by sealing the borders. PTI

Liquor scam: ED issues 6th summons to Kejriwal

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) issued the sixth summons to Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal for questioning him in the excise policy-linked money laundering case, official sources said on Wednesday. The 55-year-old politician, who is also the national convener of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), has been asked to appear before the federal agency on February 19. PTI

Pawar-led NCP will not merge with any party: Sule

The Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party will not merge with any political party, its Lok Sabha member Supriya Sule asserted on Wednesday. She was speaking to reporters after a meeting of the NCP at party chief Sharad Pawar's residence in Pune. "Our faction will not merge with any political party. We will contest the upcoming polls as part of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)," Sule said. PTI

Bengal BJP chief injured after fall; hospitalised

West Bengal BJP president Sukanta Majumdar was injured on Wednesday after he fell on a car's bonnet after being "pushed" by an unidentified woman while addressing a protest programme in North 24 Parganas district. Party leaders said the incident occurred during a situation involving police personnel who were attempting to bring Majumdar down from the vehicle and halt his speech. PTI

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EXTRACT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR QUARTER AND NINE MONTH ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2023

Particulars	3 Months Ended	Preceding 3 Months Ended	Corresponding 3 Months Ended in the Previous Year	Year to date Figures for Current Period Ended	Year to date Figures for Previous Period Ended	Previous Accounting Year Ended
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	31.12.2023	30.09.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2023
Total Income from Operations	2119	2075	480	4535	2371	4380
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1724	1947	186	3882	2046	3754
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1724	1947	186	3882	2046	3754
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	1113	1327	67	2604	1426	2861
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	33778	16346	880	61375	(39566)	(67105)
Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹ 10/- per share)	1061	1061	1061	1061	1061	1061
Earnings Per Share before / after extraordinary items (of ₹ 10/- each) (not annualised) (Rs.)						
a) Basic :	10.50	12.52	0.59	24.03	13.05	26.50
b) Diluted :	10.50	12.52	0.59	24.03	13.05	26.50

Key information on Standalone Financial Results

Particulars	3 Months Ended	Preceding 3 Months Ended	Corresponding 3 Months Ended in the Previous Year	Year to date Figures for Current Period Ended	Year to date Figures for Previous Period Ended	Previous Accounting Year Ended
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	31.12.2023	30.09.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.03.2023
Total Income from Operations	1878	1538	396	3671	1723	3552
Profit before Tax	1498	1425	118	3072	1475	3029
Profit After Tax	936	965	23	2019	1013	2328
Total Comprehensive income	31133	9489	(1308)	47667	(33557)	(49008)

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the details format of Quarterly financial results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation-33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the standalone and consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and nine month ended 31st December 2023 are available on website of the Stock Exchanges (www.bseindia.com; www.nseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.silinvestments.in).
- The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meetings held on 14th February, 2024.

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For SIL investments Limited

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Chairman

Place : Kolkata
Date : 14th February 2024

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2023

₹ in Lakh

Sr. No.	Particulars	Consolidated					
		Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended		Year Ended	
		31.12.2023	30.09.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2022	31.03.2023	
1	Total Income From Operation	10,466.15	8,518.93	5,310.87	28,401.89	17,426.94	33,708.38
2	Net Profit / (Loss) For The Period (Before Tax, Exceptional Items)	1,697.31	771.63	522.60	3,869.40	2,098.42	5,024.59
3	Net Profit / (Loss) For The Period Before Tax (After Exceptional Items)	1,697.31	771.63	522.60	3,869.40	2,098.42	5,024.59
4	Net Profit / (Loss) For The Period After Tax (After Exceptional Items)	946.32	644.69	399.81	2,630.12	1,418.57	3,525.22
5	Total Comprehensive Income For The Period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) For The Period (After Tax) And Other Comprehensive Income (After Tax)]	946.45	646.15	400.55	2,631.70	1,420.80	3,526.33
6	Equity Share Capital	1,069.00	1,069.00	1,620.83	1,069.00	1,620.83	1,069.00
7	Other Equity (Excluding Revaluation Reserve)						13,695.45
8	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 2 each) (not annualised for quarters) Basic & Diluted (₹)	1.77	1.21	0.49	4.92	1.75	6.60

₹ in Lakh

Sr. No.	Particulars	Standalone					
		Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended		Year Ended	
		31.12.2023	30.09.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2022	31.03.2023	
1	Total Income From Operation	10,466.15	8,518.93	5,309.87	28,401.89	16,971.80	33,244.69
2	Net Profit / (Loss) For The Period (Before Tax, Exceptional Items)	1,696.30	758.67	518.78	3,852.74	2,054.95	5,043.33
3	Net Profit / (Loss) For The Period Before Tax (After Exceptional Items)	1,696.30	758.67	518.78	3,852.74	2,054.95	5,043.33
4	Net Profit / (Loss) For The Period After Tax (After Exceptional Items)	945.29	631.74	396.00	2,619.20	1,375.10	3,548.41
5	Total Comprehensive Income For The Period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) For The Period (After Tax) And Other Comprehensive Income (After Tax)]	945.42	633.21	396.74	2,620.78	1,377.33	3,545.31
6	Equity Share Capital	1,069.00	1,069.00	1,620.83	1,069.00	1,620.83	1,069.00
7	Other Equity (Excluding Revaluation Reserve)						13,657.94
8	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 2 each) (not annualised for quarters) Basic & Diluted (₹)	1.77	1.18	0.49	4.90	1.70	6.64

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Nine month financial results submitted to the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listed Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the website of the Company viz., www.signpostindia.com
- Results for quarter and half year ended December 31, 2022 (previous period) represent for Signpost India limited i.e before merger.
- Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped/rearranged/reclassified wherever necessary to conform to the classification of the current period.

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