



# Bengaluru MLAs get thumbs down

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Bengaluru has given a big thumbs down to its MLAs. A survey of citizens' views on the performance of the elected representatives in 27 constituencies in Bengaluru has revealed a huge gap between Bengalureans' expectations from their MLAs and their perception of the legislators' performances. The average performance index of all legislators across the city is a mere 5.4 out of 10 — just over 50%! The highest score was 6.6 and the lowest 4.8.

On the basis of overall performance, MLA Muniraju S. of Dasarahalli constituency tops the list with a score of 6.6. The top three assembly constituencies in the city are: Dasarahalli (MLA

## THE TOP 3

CONSTITUENCY	SCORE	MLA
Dasarahalli	6.5	Muniraju
Shantinagar	6.5	N.A. Haris
Malleswaram	5.9	Ashwath Narayan

Muniraju S.), Shantinagar (MLA N.A. Haris) and Malleswaram (MLA Ashwath Narayan C.N.) with respective scores of 6.6, 6.5 and 5.9. The bottom three constituencies are Bengaluru South (M. Krishnappa - 4.9), Chickpet (Hemachandra Sagar with 4.8) and Hebbal (Katta Subramanya Naidu with 4.8). The survey was conducted by Daksh and Namma Bengaluru Foundation in December 2012 and opinions of more than 1,500 respondents were obtained.

According to the survey,

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B'luru South	4.9	Krishnappa
Chickpet	4.8	H. Sagar
Hebbal	4.8	K.S. Naidu

Bengalureans believe that caste and the party are more important than the candidate in an election. Around 41% of the respondents believe that caste is most important; 18.7% believe that the party is most important and only 14.5% believe that the candidate is most important.

The results indicate that the six most important issues for people across the city are: encroachment of public land, lakes and roads, zoning regulations, better employment opportunities, reservation for jobs and education, public

facilities and basic amenities — parks, public toilets, quality footpaths, etc. and more hospitals/primary health care centers. On these vital issues, the average performance of the elected representatives is 5.6.

In terms of accessibility among their constituents, on an average, the MLAs earned a score of 6.3 out of a total of 10.

Similarly, on trustworthiness, MLAs scored 6.7. Of the 27 MLAs in the city, four have never asked a question in the Assembly during the entire term; seven have asked 10 or less questions; eight MLAs have asked more than 10, but less than 100 questions while only three MLAs have asked more than 100 questions. Records are not maintained for the MLAs who are ministers.