

Some Important Points

Total Voters: 6,040

- To win a seat the minimum votes needed: Total vote/Number of seats + 1
 - $6,040/2+1=3 + 1$ vote
 - $2,014 + 1 = \mathbf{2,015}$ votes

BJP Voters = 3,755

- For BJP to win their first candidate, the **required vote is 2,015** ($3,755 - 2,015$)
- After winning their first candidate, they have **1,740 excess votes**
- BJP to win their second candidate requires $2,015 - 1,740 = \mathbf{275}$ votes
- But BJP is having 2,015 second preferential votes for their second candidate

Congress Voters = 1,882

- The vote Shortage, for Congress to win is $2,015 - 1,882 = \mathbf{133}$ Votes

Difference between Congress and BJP Voters:

- $275 - 133 = 142$

Other Points to consider:

- BJP is having **12 - MLAs**, (Bunt-5, Gowda-1, Billava-2, Brahmin-2, Fisher Man-1, SC-1) **2 - MPs**, (Bunt-1, Gowda-1) **2 - MLC**, (Billava-1, Brahmin-1) **3 - State Ministers** and **1 - Central Government Minister** and State BJP President.
- Congress is having **1 - MLA** 1(Muslim-1) and **1 - MLC**(Billava-1)

Cast wise Votes:

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| • In BJP: | Billava --- 795 | Bunt --- 561 |
| • In Congress: | Billava --- 359 | Bunt --- 229 |
| • Independent: | Billava --- 47 | Bunt --- 35 |
| Total | Billava --- 1,201 | Bunt --- 825 |

During 2003 election Congress contestants Mr. Blasius D'Souza and Mr. Pratapchandra Shetty won both the seats. However, due to the demise of Mr. Blasius D'Souza, a bye-election was conducted which in spite of having the majority, congress party lost the election, because of cast equation and Mr Srinivas Poojary, BJP won the election.

The current candidate **Mr. Srinivas Poojary** (the sitting minister), belongs to Billava community and has a good influence in the community and connectivity with the voters.

