

General Elections Trends (1952-2004)

	1952	1957	1962	1967	1971	1977	1980	1984	1989	1991	1996	1998	1999	2004
Electorate (lakhs)	1732.1	1936.5	2163.6	2505.9	2740.9	3211.7	3562	3795.4	4989.1	4983.6	5925.7	6058.9	6195.6	6715.2
Turnout (%)	45.7	47.7	55.8	61.3	55.3	60.5	57	63.6	62	56.7	57.9	62	60	58.1
Total Seats	489	494	494	520	518	542	542	542	543	543	543	543	543	543
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Contested	479	482	491	515	517	540	528	514	528	521	543	543	543	543
Uncontested	10	12	3	5	1	2	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	---
Number of candidates	1874	1519	1985	2369	2784	2439	4629	5313	6158	8699	13952	4750	4648	5435
Indian National Congress (INC),	364(479)	371(490)	361(488)	283(516)	352(441)	154(492)	353(492)	405(492)	197(510)	232(492)	140(529)	141(477)	114(453)	145(417)
(INCI) in 1980														
Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP),	3(94)	4(130)	14(196)	35(251)	22(157)	295(405)	-----	2(223)	86(226)	120(468)	161(471)	182(388)	182(339)	138(364)
(BLD) in 1977, (BJS) till 1971														
Janata Dal Secular (JDSC),	---	---	18(173)	44(178)	8(59)	---	---	---	142(243)	59(307)	46(196)	6(191)	1(96)	3(43)
(JD) 89-98, (SWA) till 1971														
Communist Party of India (CPI)	16(49)	27(110)	29(137)	23(107)	23(87)	7(91)	11(48)	6(60)	12(50)	14(42)	12(43)	9(58)	4(54)	10(34)
Communist Party of India Marxist (CPM)	---	---	---	19(61)	25(85)	22(53)	36(63)	22(59)	33(64)	35(60)	32(75)	32(71)	33(72)	43(69)
Janata Dal United (JDU),	---	---	---	---	---	---	13(212)	4(31)	1(14)	1(28)	---	---	21(60)	8(73)
(ICSS) 84-91, (INCU) in 1980														
Shiv Sena (SS), (LKD) 1984,	---	---	---	---	16(238)	3(19)	41(294)	3(171)	1(3)	4(22)	15(132)	6(79)	15(63)	12(56)
(JPS) 1980, (INCO) till 1977														
Samajwadi Party (SP),	---	---	---	---	---	---	31(432)	10(208)	0(156)	5(345)	17(111)	20(166)	26(151)	36(237)
(JP) till 1991														
Telugu Desam (TDP)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	30(34)	2(33)	13(35)	16(36)	12(35)	29(34)	5(33)
Nationalist Congress Party (NCP),	9(145)	19(188)	12(168)	13(109)	2(63)	---	---	---	---	---	20(20)	3(20)	0(28)	9(32)
(TMC) 96-99, (PSP) 57-71, (KMPP) 1952														
Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP),	12(254)	---	6(107)	23(122)	3(93)	---	---	---	3(245)	2(231)	11(210)	5(251)	14(225)	19(435)
(SSP) 67-71, (SOC) 52-62														
Others	47(320)	31(120)	34(236)	45(161)	53(427)	52(155)	35(262)	28(243)	40(910)	35(1133)	64(1467)	121(1092)	98(1128)	110(1257)
Independents (IND)	38(533)	42(481)	20(480)	35(864)	14(1134)	9(1224)	9(2826)	5(3792)	12(3704)	1(5536)	9(10662)	6(1922)	6(1945)	5(2385)

- a.** Elections were not held in 13 constituencies: 12 in Assam and 1 in Meghalaya.
- b.** Elections were not held in Assam (14 seats) and Punjab (13 seats). These were held later in 1985.
- c.** Elections were not held in Assam (14 seats). Includes results for 4 seats which were countermanded.
- d.** Elections were not held in Jammu & Kashmir (6 seats) and Punjab (13 seats). Includes results for 10 seats which were countermanded out of total of 13 countermanded seats. Elections were held later in Punjab in 1992.
(ICSS) Indian Congress Socialist (Sarat Chandra Sinha) also refers to (ICS), (JD) Janata Dal,
(BLD) Bharatiya Lok Dal, (BJS) Bharatiya Jan Sangh, (SWA) Swatantra Party, (INCUI) Indian National Congress Urs,
(LKD) Lok Dal, (JPS) Janata Party Secular, (INCO) Indian National Congress Organisation, (JP) Janata Party,
(TMC) Tamil Maanila Congress, (PSP) Praja Socialist Party, (KMPP) Kisan Mazdoor Praja Party, (SSP) Samyukta Socialist Party,
(SOC) Socialist Party.