

REPORT ON RECENTLY CONCLUDED LOK SABHA ELECTIONS

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- 1) The top 5 parties by seats are as follows:
1. **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP):** 240 seats
 2. **Indian National Congress (INC):** 99 seats
 3. **Samajwadi Party (SP):** 37 seats
 4. **All India Trinamool Congress (AITC):** 29 seats
 5. **Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK):** 22 seats

CONCLUSION: The single largest party was BJP with 240 seats in the Lok Sabha elections.

NOTE: 1) GOING FORWARD THE POINTS WOULD BE WITH RESPECT TO PARTY WITH MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SEATS IN REGION BEING DISCUSSED.

- 2) In North India the BJP secured 129 seats out of 245 seats. The major outliers in North India were the states of Uttar Pradesh (SP had maximum seats 37, BJP-33), Punjab (none to BJP INC had maximum of 7 seats) and UTs of Ladakh (1 seat to independent candidate) and Chandigarh (INC won the sole seat).

CONCLUSION: BJP won maximum seats in North India with more than half the seats but fell short of maximum seats in Uttar Pradesh and no seats in Punjab while having lost the sole seats of Ladakh and Chandigarh.

- 3) In West India the BJP had maximum seats (36) but faced stiff competition from INC (15 seats) out of a total of 78 seats. The BJP lost out in Maharashtra (maximum seats INC- 13, SHSUBT-9, BJP-9), Goa was a tie (with 1 seat each to BJP, INC). BJP got maximum seats in Gujarat.

CONCLUSION: BJP won maximum seats in West India but faced stiff competition. It was 3 short of half the total seats in West India.

- 4) In East India the BJP secured 32 of the 63 seats. It performed poorly in West Bengal (AITC-29, BJP-12) and well in Odisha (BJP-20, INC-1).

CONCLUSION: BJP won maximum seats in East India with more than half of total seats (32) but AITC came a close second at 29 seats.

- 5) In South India the INC secured maximum seats i.e. 32 of the 69 seats It performed poorly in Tamil Nadu (INC-9, DMK-22), Andhra Pradesh (INC-0, TDP-16), Karnataka (BJP-17, INC-9).

CONCLUSION: INC won maximum seats in South India but BJP came a close second with 30 seats. State specific parties also performed well in all states except Telangana.

- 6) In North East India BJP secured maximum seats i.e. 13 out of 25. It performed poorly in Manipur (INC-2,BJP-0), Meghalaya (INC-1,VOTPP-1), Mizoram (sole seat went to ZPM), Nagaland (sole seat went to INC), Sikkim (sole seat to SKM).

CONCLUSION- BJP won maximum seats in North East India with more than half of the seats (13).

- 7) In Uttar Pradesh(total seats-80) the SP won 37 seats whereas BJP won 33 seats. In Western UP the BJP secured maximum seats as a party but fell short of the halfway mark with SP a close second. In Eastern UP SP won maximum seats and had a sizeable lead over the second i.e. BJP. In Central UP the SP won maximum seats whereas the BJP and INC came close second and third.

CONCLUSION: The SP won with a big lead in Central and Eastern UP with BJP second in both. BJP won in Western UP followed by SP as a close second.

- 8) In Maharashtra (total seats- 48) the INC won the maximum seats (12) followed by BJP (9), SHSUBT (9), NCPSP (8), SHS (7). There was stiff competition since all parties were hovering around the high single, low double digit numbers.

CONCLUSION: The INC won the maximum seats followed by SHSUBT, BJP as close seconds and NCPSP, SHS as third and fourth. There was stiff competition in Maharashtra for all national and state level parties.

- 9) In Bihar (total seats-40) the JDU and BJP won the maximum seats (12 each). The LJPRV (5) was a distant second and RJD (4) was third.

CONCLUSION: The BJP and JDU had maximum seats of 12 each.

- 10) In States and UTs with 1 MP each the voters are more likely to vote for the Independents and small state level parties than any national party. We can see this trend with the following Parliamentary chairs- Sikkim (SKM), Daman and Diu (Independent), Ladakh (Independent), Mizoram (ZPM).

CONCLUSION: Single Party UTs and states tend to vote for the independent candidate or state specific party over national parties.