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# Janata Sweep in North Continues

- ## Victory
- A. C. George (Cong.)
  - V. A. Seyid Mohamed (Cong.)
  - N. Sanjiva Reddi (Janata)
  - C. M. Stephen (Cong.)
  - K. Raghuramiah (Cong.)
  - P. C. Sen (Janata)
  - P. C. Chunder (Janata)
  - D. K. Barooah (Cong.)
  - F. H. Mohsin (Cong.)
  - B. Sankaranand (Cong.)
  - George Fernandes (Janata)
  - Jyotirmol Basu (CPM)
  - Mohan Doris (Janata)
- ## Defeat
- Swaran Singh (Cong.)
  - V. C. Shukla (Cong.)
  - K. R. Ganesh (Janata)
  - K. Manoharan (AIADMK)
  - Ere Chethiyen (DMK)
  - H. N. Mookherjee (CPI)
  - B. R. Bhagat (Cong.)
  - J. B. Patnaik (Cong.)
  - C. P. Mahji (Cong.)

## Jagjivan Returned with Huge Majority

**NEW DELHI, March 21.**

The Janata Party and its allies are heading for victory in the sixth Lok Sabha elections needing only a third of the 153 results outstanding.

Following the defeat of Mrs. Indira Gandhi and her son, Mr. Sanjay Gandhi, the Janata avalanche in northern States crippled the ruling party further. The Janata combination seemed assured of a clear majority in the 542-member Lok Sabha.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram, CFD President, won from his home constituency, Sasaram (Bihar) defeating his Congress rival Mr. Mungeri Lal by a big margin.

In all the populous northern States the Janata Party and its allies have either made a clean sweep or are racing far ahead of the Congress.

Having sustained a total rout in Delhi, the Congress has so far failed to secure a single seat in the States stretching in a great arc from Bihar to West Bengal.

The BLD-Akali-CPM alliance in Punjab claimed all the 12 seats declared till to-night. The Janata party-led alliance has so far picked all the ten seats in Haryana, all 32 declared in Uttar Pradesh, all 23 declared in Bihar, all 14 declared in West Bengal, all but two of 17 declared in Orissa and all but one of 34 declared in Madhya Pradesh.

The dismal performance of the Congress in these regions so far was relieved only by the victory in Madhya Pradesh of Mr. Madhav Rao Scindia of Gwalior, an independent supported by it, in Guna and the successes in Orissa of Mr. R. Jagannath Rao, former Union Minister of State in charge of Housing, and Mr. P. K. Deo (Congress-supported Independent) respectively in Berhampur and Kalahandi.

In U.P. as many as 21 sitting Congress members of the dissolved Lok Sabha have been defeated by the Janata Party.

## "Victory of the People"

**PUNE, March 21.**

The Chairman of the Janata Party Maharashtra Parliamentary Board, Mr. S. M. Joshi, said today that his party's successes in the poll was the "victory of the people over the dictatorial misrule."

When newsmen approached him for comment, Joshi said the people of India have blazed a new path for those (who had been) under the jackboot of dictatorship.—Samachar.

## Kerala

## Clean Sweep by Ruling Alliance

**FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT**

**TRIVANDRUM, March 21.**

In a clean sweep, the ruling alliance in Kerala has bagged all the 20 Lok Sabha seats. The Congress, the major partner, has won 12 seats, with the other eight seats being claimed by the CPI (three), Muslim League and Kerala Congress (two each) and RSP one.

Prominent among the Congress candidates, who have been returned, are two Union Ministers—State—Mr. A. C. George and Dr. A. Seyid Mohamed, and the Deputy Leader of the Central Congress Parliamentary Party, Mr. C. M. Stephen.

Mr. N. Srikanth Nair, RSP leader, and Mr. Ebrahim Sulaiman Saik, president of the Indian Union Muslim League, have been re-elected. Mr. Srikanth Nair has been a member of Parliament from 1962.

In the 1971 election, three of the 19 Lok Sabha seats had been won by the Opposition—two of them (Palghat and Ponnani—Sche-

duled Castes) by the CPM and Trivandrum by the late Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, with Opposition support.

Members of the dissolved Lok Sabha, who have been re-elected are Dr. Henry Austin and Mr. A. C. George, Mr. C. M. Stephen, Mr. Ramachandran Kadannappalli, Mr. K. P. Unnikrishnan and Mr. Vayalar Ravi (Congress), Mr. N. Srikanth Nair (RSP), Mr. C. K. Chandrappan (CPI) and Mr. Ebrahim Sulaiman Saik.

Mr. M. N. Govindan Nair, CPI Electority Minister, who has won from Trivandrum, is the only one of its Ministers that the party had put up in the present elections.

Mr. Varkey George, a member of the dissolved Lok Sabha, who contested on the Kerala Congress (Opposition) ticket at Kottayam, was defeated by the official Kerala Congress candidate, Mr. Skaria Thomas.

Mr. G. Varghese, former Editor of the Hindustan Times, who contested from Mavelikkara with Opposition support, was defeated by Mr. B. K. V. Nair.

(Congress) in a triangular contest by a margin of over 56,000 votes.

The Chief Minister, Mr. C. Achutha Menon, said the ruling front's landslide victory was an acknowledgment by the people of the Government's incessant efforts during the last more than six years to tackle the problems of the State and provide relief for the weaker sections.

It was particularly significant that the united front in Kerala was able to hold its own strongly despite the Janata typhoon claiming a signal victory. This showed that people knew fully well who were their genuine well-wishers and could distinguish them from those, who only made revolutionary speeches, he said.

Mr. Menon, who has not contested the election this time, wanted his successors to take full note of this lesson and also the meaning of the water of resentment leaching the entire country. Instead of revelling in their victory, he said, they should behave cautiously and work hand in hand, with service to public in mind.

## Vengal Rao Calls for Party Unity

**HYDERABAD, March 21.**

About 200 political detainees of banned political parties held in jails in Andhra Pradesh have been released today. The Chief Minister, Mr. Vengal Rao, held discussions with his Cabinet colleagues after the Assembly session this morning and reviewed the political situation in the country with them.

Mr. Vengal Rao sought their co-operation in maintaining unity and loyalty to the Congress Party.

All the Congress candidates elected to Parliament from Andhra Pradesh met the Chief Minister today, who advised them to remain united and loyal to the party.

Mr. Vengal Rao is leaving for Delhi to-morrow morning.

There were indications of a move by some Congress legislators to favour of joining the Congress for Democracy in the State but a spokesman for the Legislature Congress Party said the move is not likely to have any impact and the Congress itself was in a comfortable position in the State Assembly, having a strength of 252 in a House of 288.

## State Govts. Order Release of Detenus

**NEW DELHI, March 21.**

Consequent on the revocation of the Emergency, all the State Governments have ordered the immediate release of all detenus held under the MISA.

What the Revocation Means—P. 12

## Karnataka Cong. Maintains Winning Lead

**BANGALORE, March 21.**

In Karnataka the Congress has bagged 23 seats of 25 for which results have been announced so far. In the remaining three seats also the Congress is leading. According to reports reaching here, among the Congress candidates, who retained their seats are Mr. F. H. Mohsin, Union Deputy Home Minister, who scored a big victory over his Janata rival, Mr. C. M. Ibrahim, in Dharwad South constituency. Mr. A. R. Badrinayana, former Education Minister in Karnataka, and Mr. B. Rachiah, a member of the Rajya Sabha and former Agriculture Minister, scored notable victories in Shimoga and Chamaraianagar (SC) constituencies respectively.

In Mysore, Mr. Tulsi Dasappa, son of the former Railway Minister, the late Mr. H. C. Dasappa, retained his seat with a margin of over 41,000 votes over Mr. M. S. Gurupadaswamy (Janata) former Union Minister of State. In the Mangalore constituency, which also covers the neighbouring Coorg district, the Congress nominee, Mr. Janardhana Poojar, an young lawyer and engineer driver's son, who had made his debut into politics, defeated his Janata rival, Mr. A. K.

Subbiah sitting MLC, by a margin of over 78,000 votes.

The first result announced today went to the Union Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. B. Shankaranand in the Chikodi reserve constituency. He defeated his nearest Janata Party rival Mr. Karale to retain that seat.

The Congress has already built up comfortable lead in the election from the three other constituencies in the State counting for which is in progress.

Mr. G. Y. Krishnan (Cong) was re-elected from the Kolar (SC) Constituency. He defeated his nearest Janata rival, Mr. Y. Ramakrishna, former State Health Minister, by over 50,000 votes in a six-cornered contest.

The Karnataka Chief Minister, Mr. D. Devaraj Urs, today mentioned his colleagues in the Ministry and took stock of the political situation in the wake of the reverses for the party in the North and its excellent performance in the South.

Mr. Urs also had telephonic talk with Mr. Umashankar Dikshit, Governor of Karnataka, who is now in Delhi and appraised him of the political situation in the State.

## Janata Wrests Many Seats in Bengal

**CALCUTTA, March 21.**

The Janata Party and its allies continued to have a tight grip over Lok Sabha seats in West Bengal by winning all the 14 constituencies the results of which were announced so far.

They wrested three of the seats Midnapore, Coochbehar and Joy-nagar (SC) from the Congress and another one, Barasat, from the CPI while retaining the rest.

Notable Opposition candidates to win so far were: Mr. P. C. Sen, Chairman of the State Janata Party, who defeated Mr. Santi Mohan Roy (Cong.) by over two lakh votes from Arambagh and Mr. Jyotirmol Basu (CPM) who was re-elected by over 1.5 lakh votes against Youth Congress leader Mr. Biren Mohanty from Diamond Harbour.

Mr. Chitose of Forward Bloc unseated the CPI leader Dr. Ranen Sen by over 1.16 lakh votes in Barasat.

The other seats to have gone to the Opposition were: Midnapore (CFD), Howrah, Bongaib, Serampore and Asansol (all CPM), Cooch Behar (FB) and Joy-nagar (Independent backed by Janata-CPM).

Mr. Samar Mukherjee (CPM) was re-elected from Howrah constituency. He defeated his nearest rival Mr. Nityananda Dey (Cong.).

In Malda, the Union Minister for Banking, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee (Cong.) was officially reported to be trailing Mr. Dinesh Joardar (CPM) by 32,365 votes.

## First Win in Himachal

**SIMLA, March 21.**

The Janata Party made its debut in Himachal Pradesh today when its candidate, Mr. Balak Ram, was declared elected to the Lok Sabha from Simla (SC) constituency defeating his nearest rival, Mr. Zalam Singh, by 87,291 votes in a triangular contest.

This was a gain for Janata and loss to Congress.—Samachar.

## Conduct Code for Janata Members

**NEW DELHI, March 21.**

All Ministers and members of Parliament belonging to the Janata Party will declare their assets, according to a decision taken by the party's National Committee today.

The committee also decided to direct all its members to ensure austerity in their day to day life.

The party General-Secretary, Mr. Surendra Mohan, told a press conference today that the party would constitute a small committee which would prepare a code of conduct for all members of Parliament and Ministers.—Samachar.

He expressed his heartfelt thanks to the people of the State, and particularly the electorate, who had led the United Front to victory.

**CABINET TO RESIGN TODAY**

Following the completion of the Assembly poll, Mr. Achutha Menon, will be tendering the resignation of his Cabinet to-morrow. At the Cabinet meeting here today, it was also decided to recommend to the Governor dissolution of the present Assembly.

Mr. Menon said the State Government had received a message from the Chief Election Commissioner suggesting dissolution of the Assembly to facilitate constitution of the new Assembly. A notification dissolving the Assembly is expected to be issued by the Governor to-morrow and simultaneously the Election Commission will come out with a notification constituting the new Assembly.

About his future plans, Mr. Menon said he would be going to his home town, Trichur.

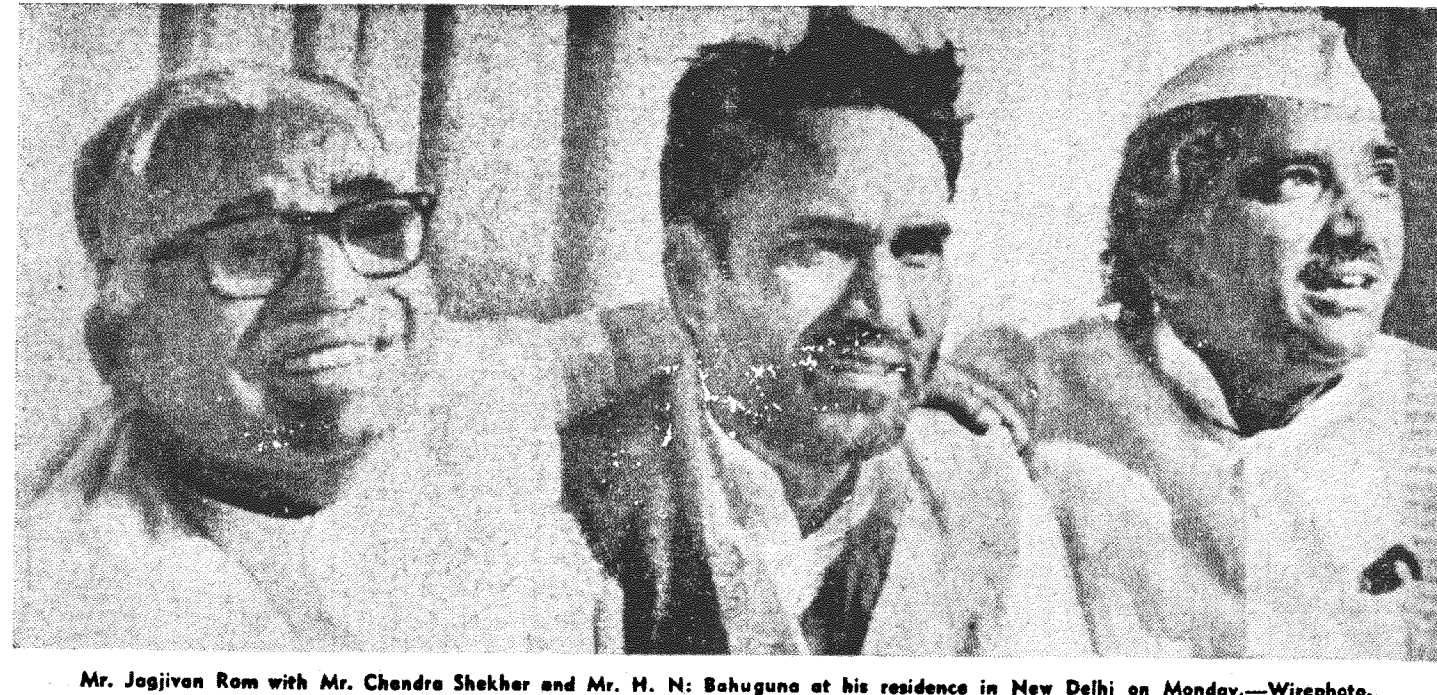
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## Party Position at Midnight

Total declared	402
Congress	135
Janata	188
CFD	10
CPI	7
CPM	14
DMK	1
AIADMK	19
Akali Dal	7
Ind.	5
Others	16
Total	402

## Kerala Assembly

FINAL PARTY POSITION	
Congress	38
CPI	23
Muslim League	29
RSP	9
FSP	3
CPM	17
NDF	3
MLL (O)	2
Kerala Congress (Filiast Group)	2
Janata	6
Independent	1
Total	140



Mr. Jagjivan Ram with Mr. Chandrasekhar and Mr. H. N. Bahuguna at his residence in New Delhi on Monday.—Wirephoto.

## CFD & Janata to Have one Leader

**FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**

**NEW DELHI, March 21.**

Just as the Janata-CFD combine forged ahead today, with its lead in the new Lok Sabha, its representatives began a search for modalities to choose a leader of its parliamentary party — to take over the country's Prime Ministership. The talks, which made some advance, are to be continued.

A joint meeting of the newly-elected members of the two parties to name their leader, has been fixed for Thursday morning. By then, they hope to complete their talks.

According to Mr. Surendra Mohan, General Secretary of the Janata Party, the two parties agreed to have one Parliamentary group, one leader and one government. He made this point at the end of the day-long discussions. This was a definite advance in the talks.

But, obviously, the talks had yet to reach a stage when the party's preference for a particular name or the mode of choosing the leader was known. The two obvious names, mentioned by the rank and file of the combine were Mr. Morarji Desai and Mr. Jagjivan Ram. One of the several arrangements mooted in these discussions envisaged revival of the post of Deputy Prime Minister and allocation of an additional portfolio to the member of the party of the combine other than the one which gets the post of Prime Minister.

**CONG PARTY LEADER ELECTION**

The Congress leaders, obviously dejected at the poll outcome, were reconciled to the role of the "President's most loyal opposition" (these were the words, used by Mr. D. K. Barooah, at a press conference last month, while replying to questions on poll contingencies).

Mr. Barooah had called a meeting of the Parliamentary party on Wednesday, to elect its leader. The possibility of Mr. Chavan being chosen as the party's floor leader in the new Lok Sabha was being mentioned. The earlier situation which led party members to reiterate that Mrs. Gandhi would continue to lead them had changed because of her defeat. The Congress Working Committee will review the post-election situation to-morrow.

The day began with a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Janata Party, to which Mr. H. N. Bahuguna, General Secretary of the CFD, was invited. The meeting held at Mr. Morarji Desai's house was attended, apart from him, by Mr. Asoka Mehta, Mr. L. K. Advani, Mr. A. B. Vajpayee, Mr. Madhu Limaye and Mr. Surendra Mohan.

During the day, Mr. Mehta, Mr. Limaye and Mr. Surendra Mohan separately called on Mr. Jagjivan Ram. Mr. Surendra Mohan made his remark about "one party, one leader" after these meetings.

One reason why the discussions remained inconclusive was that all sections of the newly-elected party had not arrived here. For instance, senior members from West Bengal, Maharashtra and some other States were busy with the counting of votes in their areas. Even otherwise, the exact strength of the party would be clear only to-morrow.

The two possible courses of action are (1) participation by CFD leaders in the government, and (2) full support as part of a parliamentary group, but without participation in the Government. The Janata Party leaders would prefer the first course.

The advice of Mr. J. P. Narayan, in such matters, it is pointed out, would be an important factor in the conduct of post-election affairs.

**Samachar reports:**

The Janata Party General Secretary, Mr. Surendra Mohan, to pressmen this evening that the Janata Party and the CFD would participate in the Government.

As far as the allies like the CPI and Akali Dal were concerned, "we will discuss with them as to the kind of relationship we will have with them," he said.

Mr. Morarji Desai told pressmen "This is the finest hour of the people (obviously referring to the election results). All that matters is that Gandhi stood for has been vindicated."

## Clean Govt.: JP's Call to Janata

**PATNA, March 21.**

Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan said here today that the foremost expectation of the people from the Janata Party would be a clean and good Government.

Hailing the victory of the Janata Party, Mr. Narayan told newsmen that the trust the people had reposed in the party placed on its shoulders a heavy responsibility. The central issue in all the political turmoil of the past couple of years had been that of corruption in politics and Government.

The people, Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan said, were also expecting a change in the "political style".

"While some pressures and pulls are an usual part of democratic policy, manipulative politics is both self-defeating and inappropriate in the context of mass awakening and upsurge. I am sure all the newly elected representatives will bear this in mind," he added.

## New PM's Election through Consensus: Jagjivan

**FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**

**NEW DELHI, March 21.**

Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Chairman of the Congress for Democracy, said today that efforts would be made to choose the country's Prime Minister through consensus and to avoid a contest.

But the former Union Minister of Agriculture did not see anything untoward in a democracy where there was a contest for the office of leader of the ruling party.

"I have not consulted my astrologer," he said when asked how many contenders there were in the Janata-CFD alliance for the Prime Ministership. "If I have anything in view I can't discuss it in public," he added.

Answering questions at a crowded press conference on the lawns of his residence here, Mr. Jagjivan Ram said the new government would have to give first priority to the problem of economic development.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Janata Party and the Congress for Democracy met here today to work out the time-table and other details for the formation of a Ministry.

The Congress for Democracy was represented at the discussion by its General Secretary, Mr. H. N. Bahuguna. Mr. Jagjivan Ram said he was not able to attend the morning meeting as he had kept awake till the small hours of this morning. He was not aware of the afternoon meeting.

On the question of a possible merger of the Congress for Democracy and the Janata Party, Mr. Jagjivan Ram said this might be considered when the Standing Committee of the CFD meets here later this week.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram was asked to comment on the reasons for the two very different patterns that had emerged from the results: victory of the Congress in the south and of the Janata-CFD alliance in the north.

He said he could not go into all the causes. It was, however, possible that the various rigours of the Emergency were not felt as acutely in the South as in the North.

He said it was up to the Congress members of Parliament to decide if they would join the Congress for Democracy. So far as the possibility of changes in State Governments in the wake of the Parliamentary elections was concerned, he said: "I wish the State Governments well, but nobody can prevent them from joining a new party."

Mr. Jagjivan Ram said no doubt there were vested interests in the Congress and internal democracy in the party had been abridged. "I hope they will resurrect the Congress and restore internal democracy in it," he added.

The leadership of the Congress Party in the new Parliament would be a big question mark. He would not hazard a guess as to who the new leader would be. Some people, of course, would try to advise them about what they should do in the matter.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram described the defeat of Mrs. Indira Gandhi as a victory of the people over the Emergency process under which there was nothing unusual about a member to-day not being elected to-morrow.

He hoped that Mrs. Gandhi would live up to her professions of faith in democracy. He did not know if she had tendered her resignation. It was possible that she was waiting for all the results to come in.

It was good that the Emergency had been lifted. It would have been more graceful if it had been revoked earlier. He, however, declined to attribute any motive to the lifting of the Emergency.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram said he did not relish the idea of saying anything against a defeated person. He was commenting on a suggestion that Mrs. Gandhi could be nominated to the Rajya Sabha.

"Mrs. Gandhi," the CFD leader said, "deserves every care and consideration. We should not do or say anything which will hurt her."

He pointed out that the various assurances held out to the people during the election campaign would have to be considered in the cooler post-election atmosphere. He was commenting on the possibility of instituting enquiries into the conduct of Ministers.

**LARGE CROWDS GREET JAGJIVAN RAM**

There were large crowds at the residence of Mr. Jagjivan Ram throughout the day today. He was virtually mobbed by his admirers as he came out to address newsmen and then at the end of the press conference. Many brought garlands and bouquets and shouted "Jagjivan Ram Zindabad" rent the air.

**Samachar reports:**

Asked if the two parties would meet to elect a leader or leave the issue to Mr. Jaya Prakash Narayan, Mr. Jagjivan Ram remarked "I will not say anything on this matter at this stage."

Asked whether he would serve as a member of the government, if formed by the Opposition, he said there were various issues to be discussed.

## Congress Front Gets 35 Seats in Tamil Nadu

**MADRAS, March 21.**

With the announcement of results for all the 38 Lok Sabha seats in Tamil Nadu, the Congress front has secured 35 Congress getting 14, AIADMK 18 and the CPI 3. The remaining seats have been shared by Congress-O (3) and DMK one.

The AIADMK had fielded the highest number of candidates (20) followed by the DMK (19), Congress-O (18), Congress (15), CPI (3) and CPM (2). Both the CPM nominees were defeated.

Among the results announced early this morning was that of Madras South constituency where Mr. R. Venkataraman (Cong.) former Member of the Central Planning Commission, defeated Mr. Murali Maran (DMK) by 15,000 votes. Mr. O. V. Alagesan, former Union Minister, won the Arkonam seat, defeating Mr. N. Veeraswami (DMK) in a nine-cornered contest.

In Madras North, the AIADMK Deputy General Secretary, Mr. Manoharan, was unseated by Mr. Asalthambi (DMK), who, incidentally, will be the lone representative of the DMK in the new Lok Sabha.

Questioned who will be the Prime Minister if the Janata Party was asked to form the government at the Centre, Mr. Narayan said according to the democratic propriety for all the constitutional requirements the leader had to be elected by the party. Therefore it was for the Janata Party to meet and elect the leader.

Mr. Narayan said he would be leaving for Delhi on March 23 and return to Patna on March 25.—Samachar.