

# HOUSE OF PEOPLE

## FOUR MORE SEATS FOR CONGRESS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 12.

With nearly 80 per cent of the Parliamentary election results out, the Congress Party, which has been voted to power at the Centre, claimed to-day 71 per cent of the 391 seats declared out of the 489 for which elections were held in the country. At midnight to-day, the number of Congress candidates returned to the 496-member House, seven seats of which are to be filled by nomination by the President, was 278.

Election results of only six seats were available till late to-night and of these, the Congress had won four, losing one to the Jan Sangh in West Bengal and one to a Socialist in Manipur.

One of the Congress contestants returned to-day was Pandit Balakrishna Sharma, a sitting M.P. who was declared elected from the Kanpur district (south)-cum-Etawah district (east) constituency in Uttar Pradesh, defeating a Socialist and an Independent. The other successes for the Congress were two from Madhya Pradesh and one from the West Bengal Midnapore-Jhargram constituency. The general seat in this Bengal constituency was won by the Jan Singh.

With the announcement of the Outer Manipur constituency result, both the Parliamentary seats from this State have been declared, the first going to the Congress and the other to a Socialist.

Mr. M. V. Gangadhara Siva, who has been elected to the House of the People from the reserved seat of the two-member Chittoor constituency, in Madras belongs to the Congress Party and is not an Independent as was published yesterday.