




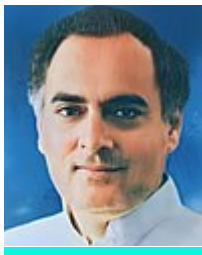


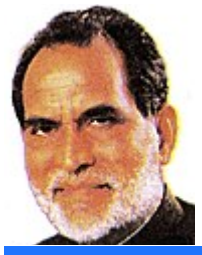

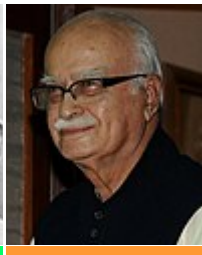
1984 Indian general election

General elections were held in India on 24, 27 and 28 December 1984 soon after the assassination of previous Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, though the vote in Assam and Punjab was delayed until 1985 due to ongoing insurgency.

The elections were a landslide victory for the Indian National Congress (Indira) of Rajiv Gandhi (son of Indira Gandhi), which won 404 of the 514 seats elected in 1984 and a further 10 in the delayed elections. The Telugu Desam Party of N. T. Rama Rao, a regional political party from the state of Andhra Pradesh, was the second largest party, winning 30 seats, thus achieving the distinction of becoming the first regional party to become a national opposition party. AIADMK of Tamil Nadu contested the election in alliance with the INC (I), and won 12 seats.^[1]

Voting was held immediately after the assassination of Indira Gandhi and the 1984 anti-Sikh riots in November and most of the Indian voters supported Congress (Indira) due to a heavy outpouring of public grief at Gandhi's death.

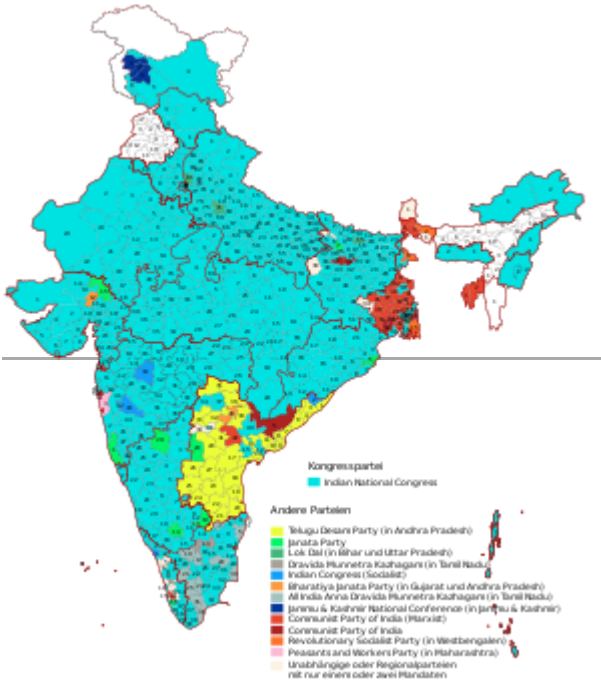
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24, 27 and 28 December 1984			
541 of the 543 seats in the <u>Lok Sabha</u> 271 seats needed for a majority			
Registered	400,375,333		
Turnout	64.01% (▲ 7.09pp)		
			
Leader	<u>Rajiv Gandhi</u>	<u>N. T. Rama Rao</u>	<u>E. M. S. Namboodiripad</u>
Party	<u>INC(I)</u>	<u>TDP</u>	<u>CPI(M)</u>
Alliance			<u>LF</u>
Last election	42.69%, 353 seats	–	6.24%, 37 seats
Seats won	414	30	22
Seat change	▲ 61	<i>New</i>	▼ 15
Popular vote	120,107,044	10,132,859	13,809,950
Percentage	46.86%	4.31%	5.87%
Swing	▲ 4.17pp	<i>New</i>	▼ 0.37pp
			
Leader	<u>Chandra Shekhar</u>	<u>Charan Singh</u>	<u>L. K. Advani</u>
Party	<u>JP</u>	<u>LKD</u>	<u>BJP</u>

The 1984 elections were the last in which a single party won a majority of seats until 2014, and the only time to date in which a party won more than 400 seats.

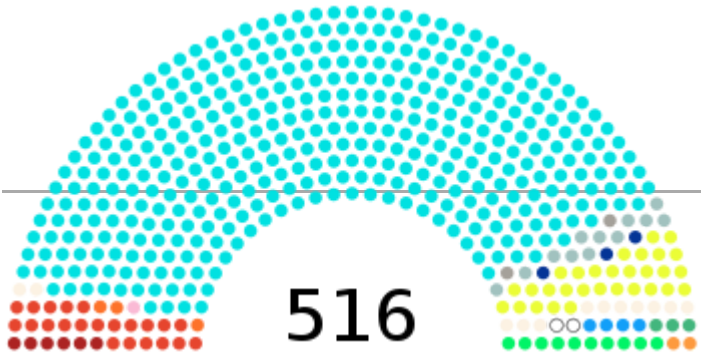
Results

Last election	18.97%, 31 seats	New	New
Seats won	10	3	2
Seat change	▼ 21	New	New
Popular vote	16,210,514	14,040,064	18,202,853
Percentage	6.89%	5.97%	7.74%
Swing	▼ 12.08pp	New	New



Results by constituency

Prime Minister before election	Prime Minister after election
Rajiv Gandhi	Rajiv Gandhi
INC(I)	INC(I)



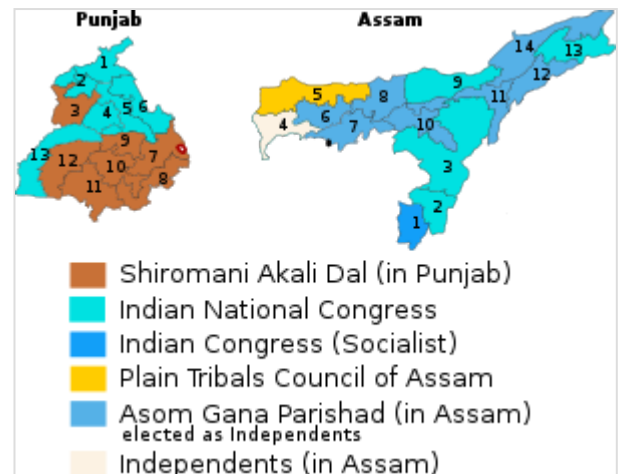
Party	Votes	%	Seats
Indian National Congress (Indira)	115,478,267	49.10	404
Bharatiya Janata Party	18,202,853	7.74	2

<u>Janata Party</u>	16,210,514	6.89	10
<u>Lokdal</u>	14,040,064	5.97	3
<u>Communist Party of India (Marxist)</u>	13,809,950	5.87	22
<u>Telugu Desam Party</u>	10,132,859	4.31	30
<u>Communist Party of India</u>	6,363,430	2.71	6
<u>Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam</u>	5,695,179	2.42	2
<u>All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam</u>	3,968,967	1.69	12
<u>Indian Congress (Socialist)</u>	3,577,377	1.52	4
<u>Indian National Congress (Jagjivan)</u>	1,511,515	0.64	1
<u>Revolutionary Socialist Party</u>	1,173,869	0.50	3
<u>All India Forward Bloc</u>	1,055,556	0.45	2
<u>Jammu & Kashmir National Conference</u>	1,010,243	0.43	3
<u>Indian Union Muslim League</u>	658,821	0.28	2
<u>Kerala Congress (Joseph)</u>	598,113	0.25	2
<u>Doordarshi Party</u>	508,426	0.22	0
<u>Peasants and Workers Party of India</u>	463,963	0.20	1
<u>Jharkhand Mukti Morcha</u>	332,403	0.14	0
<u>Kerala Congress</u>	258,591	0.11	0
<u>All India Muslim League</u>	224,155	0.10	0
Gandhi Kamraj National Congress	217,104	0.09	0
<u>Socialist Unity Centre of India</u>	196,767	0.08	0
<u>Republican Party of India (Khobragade)</u>	165,320	0.07	0
<u>Manipur Peoples Party</u>	149,019	0.06	0
Tamil Nadu Congress (K)	144,076	0.06	0
<u>Naga National Democratic Party</u>	113,919	0.05	0
Jammu & Kashmir Panthers Party	95,149	0.04	0
<u>Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party</u>	83,122	0.04	0
<u>People's Party of Arunachal</u>	78,455	0.03	0
<u>Republican Party of India</u>	22,877	0.01	0
<u>Jharkhand Party</u>	18,837	0.01	0
Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Conference	646	0.00	0
Independents	18,623,803	7.92	5
Appointed <u>Anglo-Indians</u>			2
Total	235,184,209	100.00	516
Valid votes	235,184,209	97.49	
Invalid/blank votes	6,062,678	2.51	
Total votes	241,246,887	100.00	

Registered voters/turnout	379,540,608	63.56	
Source: ECI (https://www.eci.gov.in/eci-backend/public/api/download?url=LMAhAK6sOPBp%2FNFF0iRfXbEB1EVSlt41NNLRjYNJJP1KivvUxbfqkDatmHy12e%2FzVx8fLfn2ReU7TfrqYobglioTRtrX9vvkQ8lDf9Brh2QljusDaFYGfpJM9zoHo8J9PwGp0XefbaBYdvPF8WFYJhpK%2BW%2Bp89Gy9OKaFe1hIV80Naz6W6EWVdsoeDF0ia)			

Delayed elections in Assam and Punjab

The elections in Punjab were held in September 1985 after the signing of the Rajiv–Longowal Accord between Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Akali leader Harchand Singh Longowal on 24 July 1985. The elections were held alongside elections to the Punjab Legislative Assembly.^[2] In Assam elections were held in December 1985 after the signing of the Assam Accord in August 1985.^[2]



Results from 1985

Party		Votes	%	Seats
	<u>Indian National Congress (Indira)</u>	4,628,777	32.14	10
	<u>Shiromani Akali Dal</u>	2,577,279	17.90	7
	<u>Communist Party of India (Marxist)</u>	462,576	3.21	0
	<u>Indian Congress (Socialist)</u>	457,705	3.18	1
	<u>Communist Party of India</u>	369,687	2.57	0
	<u>Plain Tribals Council of Assam</u>	310,150	2.15	1
	<u>Bharatiya Janata Party</u>	263,284	1.83	0
	<u>Janata Party</u>	420,082	2.92	0
	<u>Lokdal</u>	46,627	0.32	0
	<u>Independents</u>	4,864,958	33.78	8
Total		14,401,125	100.00	27
Valid votes		14,401,125	95.70	
Invalid/blank votes		646,951	4.30	
Total votes		15,048,076	100.00	
Registered voters/turnout		20,834,725	72.23	
Source: ECI (https://www.eci.gov.in/eci-backend/public/api/download?url=LMAhAK6sOPBp%2FNFF0iRfXbEB1EVSLT41NNLRjYNJJP1KivrrUxbfqkDatmHy12e%2FzVx8fLfn2ReU7TfrqYobglu%2BY1riOdtLqDPjuHK%2BWBTIs%2Fs7eWaiORvgh9NZUu3Dhn2%2B0peSE%2F6jkqAXewxbNCqdDnW5UMpJMTM2Ys0Nt%2BP%2FJ2%2BdBIBswoUnKE3KB7EMq)				

See also

- List of members of the 8th Lok Sabha
- Election Commission of India
- 1982 Indian presidential election

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