
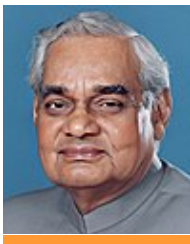






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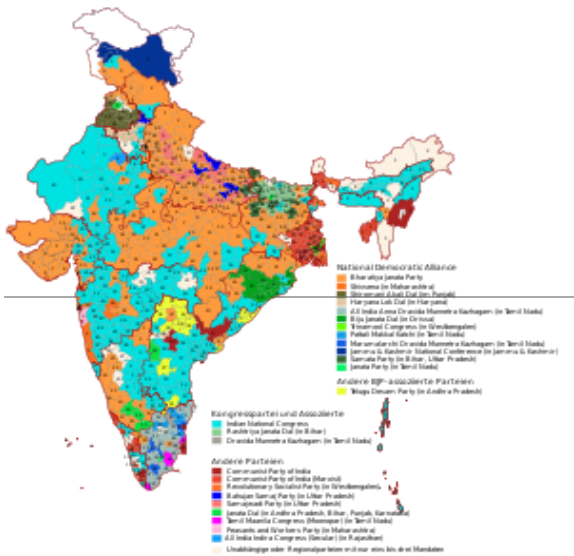
General elections were held in India on 16, 22 and 28 February 1998 to elect the members of the twelfth Lok Sabha. The elections were held three years ahead of schedule after the government led by Inder Kumar Gujral collapsed when the Indian National Congress (INC) withdrew its support in November 1997.^[1]

The result was another hung parliament, with no party or alliance able to muster a majority. However, Atal Bihari Vajpayee of the Bharatiya Janata Party was able to form a coalition government led by the National Democratic Alliance with the outside support of the Telugu Desam Party. He was sworn in as Prime Minister with support from 272 of 543 MPs. However, his government collapsed on 17 April 1999 when the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam withdrew its support, after Vajpayee refused to meet the demands of its leader J. Jayalalithaa, namely halting the corruption cases against her and the

1998 Indian general election			
			
16, 22 and 28 February 1998			
543 of the 545 seats in the <u>Lok Sabha</u> 272 seats needed for a majority			
Registered	605,880,192		
Turnout	61.97% (▲ 4.03pp)		
			
Leader	<u>Atal Bihari Vajpayee</u>	<u>Sitaram Kesri</u>	<u>Harkishan Singh Surjeet</u>
Party	<u>BJP</u>	<u>INC</u>	<u>CPI(M)</u>
Alliance	<u>NDA</u>	<u>INC+</u>	<u>LF</u>
Last election	20.29%, 161 seats	28.80%, 140 seats	6.12%, 32 seats
Seats won	182	141	32
Seat change	▲ 21	▲ 1	—
Popular vote	94,266,188	95,111,131	18,991,867
Percentage	25.59%	25.82%	5.16%
Swing	▲ 5.30pp	▼ 2.98pp	▼ 0.96pp

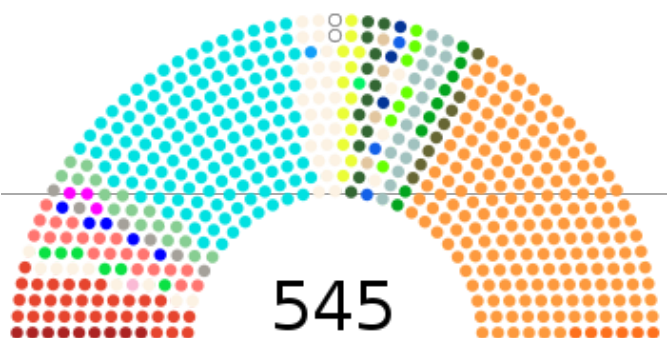
sacking of the Tamil Nadu government led by her bete-noire M. Karunanidhi.^[2] This led to fresh elections in 1999.^[3]

Results



Results by constituency

Prime Minister before election	Prime Minister after election
Inder Kumar Gujral	Atal Bihari Vajpayee
JD	BJP

 545			
Party	Votes	%	Seats
<u>Indian National Congress</u>	95,111,131	25.82	141
<u>Bharatiya Janata Party</u>	94,266,188	25.59	182
<u>Communist Party of India (Marxist)</u>	18,991,867	5.16	32
<u>Samajwadi Party</u>	18,167,640	4.93	20
<u>Bahujan Samaj Party</u>	17,186,779	4.67	5
<u>Janata Dal</u>	11,930,209	3.24	6
<u>Rashtriya Janata Dal</u>	10,229,971	2.78	17
<u>Telugu Desam Party</u>	10,199,463	2.77	12
<u>West Bengal Trinamool Congress</u>	8,920,583	2.42	7
<u>All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam</u>	6,731,550	1.83	18
<u>Shiv Sena</u>	6,528,566	1.77	6
<u>Samata Party</u>	6,491,639	1.76	12
<u>Communist Party of India</u>	6,429,569	1.75	9

<u>Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam</u>	5,308,388	1.44	6
<u>Tamil Maanila Congress</u>	5,169,183	1.40	3
<u>Biju Janata Dal</u>	3,669,825	1.00	9
<u>Shiromani Akali Dal</u>	3,001,769	0.81	8
<u>Lok Shakti</u>	2,548,725	0.69	3
<u>All India Rashtriya Janata Party</u>	2,071,643	0.56	1
<u>Revolutionary Socialist Party</u>	2,032,585	0.55	5
<u>Haryana Lok Dal (Rashtriya)</u>	1,956,087	0.53	4
<u>Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam</u>	1,602,504	0.44	3
<u>Pattali Makkal Katchi</u>	1,548,976	0.42	4
<u>Republican Party of India</u>	1,351,019	0.37	4
<u>Jharkhand Mukti Morcha</u>	1,324,548	0.36	0
<u>All India Forward Bloc</u>	1,213,965	0.33	2
<u>Samajwadi Janata Party (Rashtriya)</u>	1,181,083	0.32	1
<u>Asom Gana Parishad</u>	1,064,977	0.29	0
<u>Communist Party of India (Marxist–Leninist) Liberation</u>	912,698	0.25	0
<u>Haryana Vikas Party</u>	875,803	0.24	1
<u>Muslim League Kerala State Committee</u>	800,765	0.22	2
<u>Jammu & Kashmir National Conference</u>	784,669	0.21	3
<u>Bharatiya Kisan Kamgar Party</u>	711,080	0.19	0
<u>Apna Dal</u>	562,946	0.15	0
<u>All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen</u>	485,785	0.13	1
<u>All India Indira Congress (Secular)</u>	457,510	0.12	1
<u>Puthiya Tamilagam</u>	446,583	0.12	0
<u>Janata Party</u>	444,305	0.12	1
<u>NTR Telugu Desam Party (Lakshmi Parvathi)</u>	384,211	0.10	0
<u>Karnataka Vikas Party</u>	371,346	0.10	0
<u>United Minorities Front, Assam</u>	357,759	0.10	1
<u>Kerala Congress (M)</u>	356,168	0.10	1
<u>Kerala Congress</u>	327,649	0.09	0
<u>MGR Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam</u>	278,324	0.08	0
<u>Forward Bloc (Socialist)</u>	272,974	0.07	0
<u>Peasants and Workers Party of India</u>	269,609	0.07	1
<u>Marxist Co-ordination Committee</u>	263,901	0.07	0
<u>Shiromani Akali Dal (Simranjit Singh Mann)</u>	248,529	0.07	0
<u>Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (Mardi)</u>	240,897	0.07	0
<u>Bihar Jana Congress</u>	222,371	0.06	0
<u>United Democratic Party</u>	213,924	0.06	0
<u>Gondwana Ganatantra Party</u>	196,662	0.05	0

<u>Manipur State Congress Party</u>	190,358	0.05	1
<u>Autonomous State Demand Committee</u>	184,241	0.05	1
Jharkhand Party (Naren)	181,018	0.05	0
<u>Arunachal Congress</u>	172,496	0.05	2
<u>Ajeya Bharat Party</u>	157,854	0.04	0
United Reservation Movement Council of Assam	151,543	0.04	0
<u>National Loktantrik Party</u>	147,706	0.04	0
<u>United Goans Democratic Party</u>	132,558	0.04	0
Mahabharat People's Party	115,785	0.03	0
<u>Sikkim Democratic Front</u>	102,440	0.03	1
<u>Peoples Democratic Party</u>	92,083	0.02	0
<u>Akhil Bharatiya Sena</u>	90,035	0.02	0
<u>Indian National League</u>	86,697	0.02	0
<u>Himachal Vikas Congress</u>	85,046	0.02	0
<u>Mizo National Front</u>	82,047	0.02	0
Savarn Samaj Party	76,980	0.02	0
<u>Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party</u>	70,191	0.02	0
<u>Jharkhand Party</u>	63,836	0.02	0
<u>Hill State People's Democratic Party</u>	62,144	0.02	0
<u>Loktantrik Samajwadi Party</u>	43,770	0.01	0
<u>Bahujan Samaj Party (Ambedkar)</u>	43,402	0.01	0
Indian Congress (Socialist)	36,677	0.01	0
<u>Uttarakhand Kranti Dal</u>	30,654	0.01	0
Akhil Bartiya Manav Seva Dal	26,027	0.01	0
National Panthers Party	24,638	0.01	0
<u>Marxist Communist Party of India (S.S. Srivastava)</u>	24,417	0.01	0
Shoshit Samaj Dal	24,303	0.01	0
Proutist Sarva Samaj Samiti	23,029	0.01	0
Chhattisgarh Mukti Morcha	20,928	0.01	0
<u>Jammu and Kashmir Awami League</u>	20,843	0.01	0
<u>Amra Bangali</u>	20,372	0.01	0
<u>Kannada Chalavali Vatal Paksha</u>	19,202	0.01	0
<u>Garo National Council</u>	16,280	0.00	0
<u>Akhil Bharatiya Jan Sangh</u>	14,284	0.00	0
<u>Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha</u>	14,160	0.00	0
<u>Plain Tribals Council of Assam</u>	12,952	0.00	0
Bharatiya Vikash Party	11,881	0.00	0
<u>United Tribal Nationalist Liberation Front</u>	11,287	0.00	0
<u>Rajasthan Vikas Party</u>	11,267	0.00	0

Karnataka Rajya Ryota Sangha	10,064	0.00	0
<u>United Communist Party of India</u>	10,018	0.00	0
<u>Bharti Lok Lehar Party</u>	9,959	0.00	0
<u>Samajwadi Jan Parishad</u>	9,848	0.00	0
<u>Hindustan Janata Party</u>	9,476	0.00	0
Bharatiya Jantantrik Parishad	9,367	0.00	0
<u>Maharashtra Rashtravadi Congress</u>	8,623	0.00	0
<u>Jharkhand People's Party</u>	7,111	0.00	0
Sarvadharam Party (Madhya Pradesh)	6,671	0.00	0
Akhil Bharatiya Rajivwadi Congress (Dubey)	6,455	0.00	0
Bharatiya Rajiv Congress	6,122	0.00	0
<u>Kisan Vikas Party</u>	5,905	0.00	0
Jai Telengana Party	5,847	0.00	0
Akhil Bharatiya Bhastachar Normoolan Sena	5,718	0.00	0
All India Rajiv Krantikari Congress	5,588	0.00	0
Pragtisheel Manav Samaj Party	5,495	0.00	0
Bharatiya Krantikari Kammand Party	4,852	0.00	0
Shoshit Samaj Party	4,722	0.00	0
Rashtriya Aikta Manch	4,596	0.00	0
Bahujan Kranti Dal (JAI)	4,525	0.00	0
The Humanist Party of India	4,439	0.00	0
<u>Revolutionary Communist Party of India (Rasik Bhatt)</u>	4,420	0.00	0
Rashtriya Ali Sena	4,371	0.00	0
Sanatan Samaj Party	4,238	0.00	0
Orissa Congress	4,048	0.00	0
Indian Union Muslim League (IUML)	3,763	0.00	0
Rastreeya Praja Parishat	3,688	0.00	0
<u>Bharatiya Minorities Suraksha Mahasangh</u>	3,030	0.00	0
Golden India Party	3,002	0.00	0
Adarsh Lok Dal	2,909	0.00	0
Manava Party	2,903	0.00	0
<u>Krantikari Manuwadi Morcha</u>	2,723	0.00	0
Religion of Man Revolving Political Party of India	2,503	0.00	0
<u>All India Minorities Front</u>	2,480	0.00	0
Bahujan Kranti Dal	2,466	0.00	0
Akhil Bharatiya Ashok Sena	2,392	0.00	0
<u>Republican Party of India (Khobragade)</u>	2,167	0.00	0
Gareebjan Samaj Party	2,009	0.00	0
Andhra Nadu Party	1,915	0.00	0

All India Muslim Forum	1,866	0.00	0
Bahujan Vikas Party	1,833	0.00	0
Pragati Sheel Party	1,828	0.00	0
Rashtriya Janandholan Paksha	1,708	0.00	0
Tamilaga Janata	1,697	0.00	0
Akhil Bharatiya Berozgaar Party	1,609	0.00	0
Prism	1,595	0.00	0
United Citizens Party	1,591	0.00	0
Bharatiya Jan Sabha	1,425	0.00	0
Rashtriya Unnatsheel Das	1,394	0.00	0
Socialist Party (Lohia)	1,321	0.00	0
Akhil Bharatiya Revolutionary Shoshit Samaj Dal	1,277	0.00	0
Agrajan Party	1,269	0.00	0
Ekta Kranti Dal U.P.	1,246	0.00	0
All India Gareeb Congress	1,222	0.00	0
Republican Presidium Party of India	1,215	0.00	0
Akhil Bharatiya Garib Mazdoor Kisan Party	1,199	0.00	0
Indian Bahujan Samajwadi Party	1,162	0.00	0
Bharatiya Parivartan Morcha	1,111	0.00	0
Nagaland Peoples Party	1,066	0.00	0
Bharatiya Momin Front	1,045	0.00	0
Manav Samaj Party	1,036	0.00	0
Rashtriya Mazdoor Ekta Party	946	0.00	0
Hindustan Inqulab Party	883	0.00	0
Jan Samanta Party	828	0.00	0
Bhrishtachar Virodhi Dal	754	0.00	0
Akhil Bharatiya Janata Congress	751	0.00	0
Ambedkarbadi Party	736	0.00	0
Rashtriya Muslim Mujahid Party	710	0.00	0
Akhil Bharatiya Shivsena Rashtrawadi	703	0.00	0
National Republican Party	694	0.00	0
Hind Kisan Mazdoor Party	614	0.00	0
Akhil Bhartiya Loktantra Party	609	0.00	0
Hind Morcha	590	0.00	0
Punjab Pradesh Vikash Party	576	0.00	0
Uttar Pradesh Republican Party	552	0.00	0
Kranti Dal	501	0.00	0
Bharatiya Jan Jagruti Party	494	0.00	0
Akhil Bharatiya General Labour Party	412	0.00	0

Bharatiya Asht Jan Party	363	0.00	0
Telangana Praja Party	344	0.00	0
Rashtriya Rajdhani Congress Delhi	343	0.00	0
Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Azad Hind Party	306	0.00	0
Rashtriya Janta Congress	297	0.00	0
Akhil Bharatiya Ram Rajya Parishad (Prem Vallabh Vyas)	150	0.00	0
Indian Republican Front	118	0.00	0
Independents	8,719,952	2.37	6
Nominated Anglo-Indians			2
Total	368,376,700	100.00	545
Valid votes	368,376,700	98.12	
Invalid/blank votes	7,065,039	1.88	
Total votes	375,441,739	100.00	
Registered voters/turnout	605,880,192	61.97	
Source: ECI (https://eci.gov.in/files/file/4124-general-election-1998-vol-i-ii/)			

State and Alliance wise

State (# of seats)	Alliance/Party			Seats Contested	Seats won	% of votes				
Andhra Pradesh(42)					Congress+		Indian National Congress	42	22	42.79
	Third Front	Telugu Desam Party		35	12	32				
		Communist Party Of India (CPI)		3	2	2.6				
		Janata Dal		1	1	0.9				
		Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM)		3	0	2.9				
	NDA	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)		38	4	18.3				
		NTR Telugu Desam Party (Lakshmi Parvathi)		3	0	1.2				
	-	-	All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen	1	1	1.5				
Arunachal Pradesh(2)	-	-	Arunachal Congress	2	2	52.5				
		Congress+	Indian National	2	0	23.9				

			Congress			
		<u>NDA</u>	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	2	0	21.7
<u>Assam(14)</u>		<u>Congress+</u>	Indian National Congress	13	10	39.0
		<u>NDA</u>	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	14	1	24.5
	-	-	Asom Gana Parishad	10	0	12.7
	-	-	Autonomous State Demand Committee	1	1	2.2
	-	-	United Minorities Front, Assam	3	1	10.46
	-	-	Independent	45	1	9.5
<u>Bihar(54)</u>		<u>NDA</u>	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	32	20	24
			Samata Party	21	10	15.77
		<u>Congress+</u>	Rashtriya Janata Dal	38	17	26.6
			Indian National Congress	11	5	6.3
		<u>Third Front</u>	Janata Dal	28	1	7.3
			Communist Party of India (CPI)	15	0	3.4
			Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM)	4	0	0.4
			All India Forward Bloc (AIFB)	1	0	0
	-	-	All India Rashtriya Janata Party	3	1	0.9
<u>Goa(2)</u>		<u>Congress+</u>	Indian National Congress	2	2	31.6
		<u>NDA</u>	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	2	0	30
<u>Gujarat(26)</u>		<u>NDA</u>	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	26	19	48.3

		Congress+	Indian National Congress	26	7	38
Haryana(10)	-	-	Haryana Lok Dal (Rashtriya)	7	4	25.9
		Congress+	Indian National Congress	10	3	26.0
		NDA	Haryana Vikas Party	4	1	11.6
			Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	6	1	18.9
	-	-	Bahujan Samaj Party	3	1	7.7
Himachal Pradesh(4)		NDA	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	4	3	51.4
		Congress+	Indian National Congress	4	1	41.9
	-	-	Himachal Vikas Congress	4	0	3.6
Jammu & Kashmir(6)	-	-	Jammu & Kashmir National Conference	6	3	36.4
		NDA	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	6	2	28.6
		Congress+	Indian National Congress	6	1	19.2
Karnataka(28)		NDA	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	18	13	26.9
			Lok Shakti	10	3	11.5
		Congress+	Indian National Congress	28	9	36.2
	-	-	Janata Dal	28	3	21.7
Kerala(20)		Congress+	Indian National Congress	17	8	38.7
			Kerala Congress	1	1	2.4
			Muslim League Kerala State Committee	2	2	5
		Third Front	Communist Party of India	9	6	21

			(Marxist) (CPM)			
			Communist Party of India (CPI)	4	2	8.3
			Revolutionary Socialist Party	1	1	2.7
			Kerala Congress	1	1	2.2
			Janata Dal	2	0	3.9
		<u>NDA</u>	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	20	0	8
<u>Madhya Pradesh</u> (40)		<u>NDA</u>	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	40	30	45.7
		<u>Congress+</u>	Indian National Congress	40	10	39.4
	-	-	Bahujan Samaj Party	35	0	8.7
<u>Maharashtra</u> (48)		<u>Congress+</u>	Indian National Congress	41	33	43.6
			Republican Party of India	4	4	4.1
			Samajwadi Party	2	0	1.5
		<u>NDA</u>	Shiv Sena	22	6	19.7
			Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	25	4	22.5
			Independent	1	0	1.1
	-	-	Peasants And Workers Party of India	2	1	0.9
<u>Manipur</u> (2)	-	-	Communist Party Of India (CPI)	2	1	20.5
	-	-	Manipur State Congress Party	2	1	25.4
		<u>NDA</u>	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	1	0	12.6
			Lok Shakti	1	0	0.2
<u>Orissa</u> (21)		<u>NDA</u>	Biju Janata Dal	12	9	27.5
			Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	9	7	21.2

		<u>Congress+</u>	<u>Indian National Congress</u>	21	5	41
<u>Punjab(13)</u>		<u>NDA</u>	<u>Shiromani Akali Dal</u>	8	8	32.9
			<u>Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)</u>	3	3	11.7
			<u>Janata Dal</u>	1	1	4.2
			<u>Independent</u>	1	1	3.8
		<u>Congress+</u>	<u>Indian National Congress</u>	8	0	25.8
			<u>Communist Party of India (CPI)</u>	1	0	3.4
			<u>Bahujan Samaj Party</u>	4	0	12.6
<u>Rajasthan(25)</u>		<u>Congress+</u>	<u>Indian National Congress</u>	25	18	44.5
		<u>NDA</u>	<u>Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)</u>	25	5	41.7
	-	-	<u>All India Indira Congress (Secular)</u>	9	1	1.9
	-	-	<u>Independent</u>	50	1	3.8
<u>Tamil Nadu(39)</u>		<u>NDA</u>	<u>All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam</u>	22	18	25.9
			<u>Pattali Makkal Katchi</u>	5	4	6
			<u>Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)</u>	5	3	6.9
			<u>Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam</u>	5	3	6.3
			<u>Janata Party</u>	1	1	1.5
			<u>Independent</u>	1	1	3.62
		<u>Congress+</u>	<u>Indian National Congress</u>	35	0	4.8
			<u>MGR Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam</u>	3	0	1.1
			<u>United Communist</u>	1	0	0

			Party Of India			
		Third Front	Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	16	4	18.5
			Tamil Maanila Congress (Moopanar)	19	3	19.2
			Communist Party Of India (CPI)	2	1	2.5
			Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM)	2	0	0.6
Uttar Pradesh(85)		NDA	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	82	57	36.5
			Samata Party	2	2	0.8
			Shiv Sena	1	0	0.1
		Congress+	Indian National Congress	76	0	6
	-	-	Bahujan Samaj Party	85	4	20.9
	-	-	Samajwadi Party	81	20	28.7
	-	-	Samajwadi Janata Party (Rashtriya)	1	1	0.5
	-	-	Independent	491	1	2.8
West Bengal(42)		Third Front	Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM)	32	24	35.4
			Communist Party Of India (CPI)	3	3	3.6
			Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP)	4	4	4.5
			All India Forward Bloc (AIFB)	3	2	3.3
		NDA	All India Trinamool Congress (AITC)	28	7	24.1
			Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	14	2	10.2
		UPA	Indian National	39	1	15.2

Notes

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