

The Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) appears set to win a comfortable majority on its own in these elections.

After the successive victories of the Congress in 1980 and 1984,, this will be the first time any party has absolute majorities on its own in successive Lok Sabha elections

The BJP victory in 2019 has been driven by a sharp spike in its vote share..

With roughly 38% of the total votes polled, the BJP's vote share is only marginally lower than that of the Congress in 1989 (39.5%), the last time any party reached close to 40% vote share nationally.

In Jammu and Kashmir, sitting parliamentarian Jugal Kishore Sharma is a prominent candidate in the first phase of Lok Sabha elections.

From the Congress, important candidates include Baramulla Party President Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir and former minister and senior party leader Raman Bhalla.

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In Lakshadweep, BJP state party president Abdul Khader Haji, Congress' Hamdullah Sayeed and Nationalist Congress Party's Mohammed Faizal PP are top

Even in Parliament,, the MPs have the option to abstain during a vote

Higher turnouts have sometimes- though not always-meant trouble for the incumbents in the past.

But this time, at least in some parts, this may have worked for the ruling party.