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## JANATA CAPTURES 100 PER CENT OF SEATS IN 3 STATES

### Akalis On Verge Of Day Of Doom For Congress Absolute Majority In Haryana

**From Our Special Correspondent**

CHANDIGARH, June 15 — In a landslide win, the Akali Dal early this morning secured 58 out of the 115 Punjab Vidhan Sabha seats. The total number of seats in the House is 117. (Election to one seat was not held). Its nominee, Mr. Gurmeet Singh, was leading in the Muktsar constituency over the Congress candidate, Mr. Kanwarjit Singh Brar, son of the Governor of Orissa. There were indications that the Dal would get this seat, and thus secure an absolute majority in the Vidhan Sabha.

Its two other partners in the combine had secured 32 seats each by the Akali Dal and eight by the CPI (M). The Congress and the CPI were trailing with only 23 seats between them.

Mr. Parkash Singh Badal, Union Minister for Agriculture and Agriculture, who is staging a comeback to the Punjab politics and is likely to be elected the leader of the Akali Assembly Party at the party's meeting in Amritsar tomorrow, has already announced

### Police Seek Remand Of Anand's Driver

NEW DELHI, June 14 (Samachar) — The Additional Sessions Judge, Mr. G. R. Luthra, today rejected the bail petition of Gurdev Singh, driver of Lieut.-Col. T. S. Anand, father-in-law of Sanjay Gandhi.

The Judge ruled that the case of Lieut.-Col. Anand's death was at the investigation stage as has been submitted by the Additional Public Prosecutor, Mr. O. P. Sharma, who had pleaded that the police should be given a free hand for investigation purposes. Gurdev Singh has been charged by the police with removing the weapon with which a shot that killed the Colonel had been fired.

He has also been charged with the offence punishable under the Arms Act for being in unauthorised possession of the weapon.

Mr. Sharma had during his argument submitted that the case was still open and investigations were being made and it was to be seen at a later stage whether it was a case of suicide or otherwise. A real picture would emerge only when investigations were complete, he said.

Meanwhile, the crime branch has made an application to the District Magistrate seeking police remand of Gurdev Singh who is at present in judicial custody.

### Congress, Akali Workers Clash At Muktsar

**From Our Correspondent**

FEROZEPUR, June 14 — The counting of votes for the Muktsar Assembly constituency was delayed by nearly two hours as Mr. Kanwarjit Singh Brar, Congress candidate, and son of Mr. Har Charan Singh Brar, Governor of Orissa, and some of his election agents were not allowed to enter the counting place at Muktsar on the plea of being late.

Consequently, a large number of Congress and Akali workers, who had gathered outside the counting place, clashed.

The Deputy Commissioner and the Ferozkot district police chief rushed to the place with a police force. They controlled the situation and counting was started.

The situation is stated to be tense.

## Mrs. Gandhi May Be Prosecuted: Desai

LONDON, June 14 (AFP) — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi may yet face criminal prosecution for excesses during the emergency in India, the Prime Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, said here yesterday.

Mr. Desai said in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) that such prosecution cannot be ruled out.

"If serious criminal offences are shown to have been committed then it becomes the duty of the Government to bring in prosecutions so that such things are not repeated in the future," Mr. Desai said.

Nobody, not even Mrs. Gandhi, would benefit from any immunity from such prosecutions, he said but he rejected the idea of any spirit of revenge against the former Prime Minister. "We do not want to work as they worked by any flight of the imagination," Mr. Desai said.

Mr. Desai said that definite principles should be laid down for the Commonwealth to ban dictatorship countries from membership.

"I should think that we should have definite principles laid down for membership of the Commonwealth. If we do that then only can we say there should be no dictatorship in the Commonwealth," he said.

Asked about the possible exclusion of countries like Nigeria and Ghana, Mr. Desai said: "No one

that even if the Dal secures an absolute majority it would form a coalition Government with the Janata Party. Mr. Badal won the Gilderbaha seat today with a straight fight.

The Congress has 16 seats and its electoral ally, CPI, seven. There are in addition two independent. Mr. Chitwant Singh, one of them, today defeated the Janata Party nominee Mr. Brish Bhan, in the Lehra constituency of Sangrur, by 2,930 votes. Another independent, Mr. Manjinder Singh Behla, defeated the formidable Akali nominee, Mr. Prem Singh Lalpura, and Mr. Dilbagh Singh Daleke, former Minister of State for Transport, in Tarn Taran.

The CPI-M had put up candidates on eight seats and it has won all of them. Dr. Kewal Krishan, Speaker of the Punjab Assembly, Mr. Umrao Singh, former Revenue Minister, Mr. Hans Raj Sharma, former Finance Minister, Mr. Gurdarshan Singh, former P.W.D. Minister, Mr. Bal Ram, former Minister for Co-operation, Mr. Sunder Singh Chaudhry, former General Secretary of the Congress Assembly Party, and Mr. Ujjagar Singh, former General Secretary of the State Congress, are among the winners for the Congress Party.

Mr. Iqbal Singh, former Union Deputy Minister, Mr. Gurnail Singh, former Education Minister, Mr. Nasib Singh Gill, former Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, and Mr. Joginder Pal Pandey, Miss Sarla Prasher, Mr. Gurbax Singh Sibia, Mr. Santokh Singh Randhawa, Mr. Babir Singh and Mr. Sohan Singh Jalalman, all former Ministers of State, were today humbled.

Also defeated were Mr. Brij Lal Goel Vice-President of the State Congress, Mrs. Sajida Begum and Mr. Kirpal Singh Dhillion, the two General Secretaries of the State Congress, Mr. Ajit Singh Jhikka, President of the Jullundur Municipal Committee, and Mr. Jagjit Singh son of Master Gurbanta Singh. The latter lost to Dr. Bhagat Singh, former Akali Minister.

Mr. Narinder Singh Raja lost in Nabha to Mr. Gurdarshan Singh, Mr. Surinder Singh Kairon, son of late Mr. Partap Singh, Kairon, secured 21,584 votes, as an Independent, in the Naushehra Panian constituency of Amritsar, and lost to the Akali nominee by less than a thousand votes. Mrs. Jaswant Kaur, the Congress Party, secured only 3,484 votes there.

Mr. Tarlochan Singh Riasti, former Akali Minister, who fought as an Independent in Bhatinda, lost his security deposit. Mr. Satnam Singh Balwa, former Akali Minister, and Mr. Karnail Singh Murhari, both of whom had defected from the Akali Dal to the Congress during the regime of Mr. Desai, were returned.

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## LATEST PARTY POSITION

Seats decl.	Janata	Cong.	CPI(M)	CPI	other parties	Ind.
W. Bengal (294)	76	12	43	1	16	4
Delhi (56)	49	40	8	—	1	—
Pondy (30)	23	—	—	—	—	—
Bihar (324)	23	12	5	5	1	—
Haryana (90)	66	57	2	—	2	5
Himachal (68)	43	31	8	—	—	4
M.P. (320)	176	131	40	—	—	5
Orissa (147)	54	45	7	—	—	2
Punjab (117)	115	24	16	8	7	58
Rajasthan (200)	187	123	35	—	1	3
Tamil Nadu (234)	7	6	—	—	7	—
U.P. (425)	60	56	2	—	1	1
Total	836	536	123	51	15	85

The other parties include: Akali Dal 58 ADMK 6, Forward Bloc 12, Vishal Haryana Party 2, DMK 1 and Socialist Unity Centre 2.

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country can say anything about it, there must be a common decision". Mr. Desai agreed that the Commonwealth ought to do more to ensure human rights in other member-countries apart from the countries in southern Africa, but added: "The question of South Africa is peculiar to itself, and the Commonwealth has much to do with this because South Africa was with Britain in the Commonwealth, was with Britain, was with Zimbabwe and so was Namibia".

Samachar adds: Speaking in the resumed debate on world economic prospects Mr. Desai reminded that empty stomachs were "no respecter of persons or institutions" and made an impassioned appeal for dealing with the economic problems of developing countries with sense of urgency and determination before it was too late.

Mr. Desai warned that otherwise the situation could get worse beyond remedy and cause serious threat to the security and stability of the world.

Mr. Desai said the new international economic order, about which many pious sentiments had been expressed since the sixth session of the UN General Assembly must not be allowed to remain an utopian dream.

The Prime Minister called for a concrete action programme, both in long-term and short-term, for helping the poorer nations.

From Our Special Correspondent

CHANDIGARH, June 14 — It was a day of debacle for the Congress in Haryana. Constituency after constituency reported its rout. For quite some time the wondering thought was in vogue that the 95-year-old national party would not be able to maintain even its symbolic presence in the 80-member Fourth Vidhan Sabha of the State.

Only the news of Mr. K. L. Poswal's victory at Chhachhrauli in Ambala district, broke the spell of defeat for the Congress. The most outstanding Congress defeat was that of former Chief Minister Banarsi Dass Gupta. He finished third at Bhiwani where against his 11,116 votes Mr. Bir Singh of the Janata Party secured 17,923 and Mr. Sagar Ram Gupta 15,092. The State INTUC chief, Mr. G. C. Joshi, was humbled by Dr. (Mrs.) Kamla Verma at Yamunanagar.

In the first two Vidhan Sabha the Congress had won 48 seats each time and in the third 52 out of the 80 seats. The party score according to the latest report was two out of the 69 seats.

Haryana's largely rural electorate made it plain today that it nursed a sense of grievance against the party that was responsible for the family planning excesses and for suppression of civil liberties during the emergency.

It also underlined the political maturity of the illiterate masses and their deep commitment to democracy. They also vindicated the politics and leadership of Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan.

The dismantling of the Congress regime is a major development of vast dimensions. It can well throw the Haryana politics into a vortex.

For a newly assembled party, the Janata's record is most impressive. The deluge of votes for it, however, is still in the making.

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## Himachal To Have Janata Govt.

From Our Staff Correspondent

SIMLA, June 14 — The Janata Party today secured absolute majority in Himachal Pradesh Assembly.

Of the 48 results announced, the Janata Party bagged 36. The Congress won seven seats and five independent were returned.

In the Shillal constituency in Simmur district, the Janata Party candidate, Mr. Jagat Singh Negi, has requested for a recount. So the result of this constituency has not been declared so far. In the first count the Congress candidate, former Minister of State Guman Singh was leading.

There are 88 seats in the Assembly while the Janata Party had contested all the 88 seats. The Congress had fielded 57 candidates. There were eight CPI nominees, three of CPM, two of RPI and 192

## S. C. Shukla Defeated

NEW DELHI, June 14 (Samachar) — In what seemed a repeat of its Lok Sabha poll, performance the Janata Party tonight captured power in Haryana Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan on its own and in Punjab with its allies, besides taking a comfortable lead in Madhya Pradesh and Orissa.

The Party also won a two-thirds majority in the 56-member Metropolitan Council of Delhi and was in sight of a three-fourths majority in Rajasthan, which, like Himachal Pradesh, will have its first non-Congress Government since Independence.

The Party was in sight of an absolute majority in Orissa and seemed headed for the same in Madhya Pradesh.

With results still to come from 61 constituencies, the Party had already bagged 65 seats out of

## Congress Losing In M.P. And Orissa

86 filled in the 147-member Assembly in Orissa. The Congress compared with the Janata Party in Madhya Pradesh, it had captured 130 seats and needed 31 more to win an absolute majority with 146 results outstanding.

The Party has so far made a poor showing in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, but had won 36 of the 39 results announced in Uttar Pradesh.

No clear trend has emerged in Bihar, where the Party had captured only three of the eight seats declared. The Congress securing three, its ally CPI one, and the Socialist Unity Centre one.

The CPI(M)-led Front had forged a lead over the Janata Party in West Bengal taking 29 seats compared with the Janata Party tally of 12. The Congress is yet to get a seat.

The Janata Party had failed to come to a poll understanding with its Lok Sabha ally the CPI(M).

In Tamil Nadu the Anna DMK of cine actor M. G. Ramachandran led the field with 14 seats, with the Congress and its poll ally CPI trailing with two seats each. The DMK, which had ruled the State for nine years, had also got two seats.

The first victory the Janata Party scored was in the Delhi Metropolitan Council which the Jan Sangh had long controlled before being dethroned in 1972. The Party scored a double in the Capital, winning the Municipal Corporation elections.

The Congress suffered a major set-back in Madhya Pradesh the defeat of the former Chief Minister, Mr. S. C. Shukla, and three of his colleagues, Mr. Rajendra Singh, Mr. C. P. Shekhar and Mr. N. P. Shukla. A former General Secretary of the Youth Congress, Mr. Mahesh Joshi, also lost to the Janata Party candidate in Indore. The Janata Party suffered a blow in the defeat of Mr. Moolchand Deshpande, veteran State politician from Paraswada at the hands of Mr. Tej Lal Tembhe, a Minister in the Shukla Ministry.

Mr. Deshpande who contested an election for the first time lost his deposit.

Mr. Kallash Joshi of the Janata Party who was Leader of the Opposition in the dissolved Assembly won by an impressive margin of over 16,000 votes in Barchi in Dewas district against his Congress rival. His deputy, Mr. Shihabuddin, also lost.

Former Minister of State Surjit Singh Mann (Cong) lost by a bigger margin — 16,893 votes — at Indri (Karnal district) to Mr. Des Raj of the Janata Party.

The former Education Minister, Mr. Chiranjit Lal, lost at Sonapat to Mr. Devi Das of the Janata.

Speaker Sarup Singh was defeated in the Narnaul constituency by Janata Party's Vinendra Singh.

Former Deputy Speaker Lekhraj Jain got trounced in Ambala City by Master Shiv Prasad of the Janata.

In the adjoining constituency of Nagal Mr. Sumer Chand Bhatt, a Sarvodaya worker who contested against the Janata ticket, defeated former Minister of State, Mr. Harmohinder Singh Chhattha.

The legislators will elect their leader and other office-bearers.

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## PROMINENT LOSERS

Many prominent personalities were declared defeated as the results started coming in. The prominent Congressmen included in this are Speaker Kuldev Chand Rana, former Revenue Minister Des Raj Mahajan, former Finance Minister Karam Singh, former Minister of State Vidya Dhar, former Minister of State Lek Ram Thakur, former Deputy Minister Neki Ram Negi, former General Secretary of the Congress Legislature Party Ramesh Chand Verma and Mr. Jaibihari Lal Khachi.

Former Minister of State Mansi Ram and former Chief Parliamentary Secretary Babu Ram Bhandal, both of whom had defected to the Janata Party and were not given its ticket, had fought as independents. They were defeated.

Mr. Mansi Ram, Mr. Mandial and Mr. Neki Ram Negi forfeited their security deposits.

Former Forest Minister Thakur Sen Negi, who was not permitted by the Congress to stand as an Independent and had resigned from the party, won his seat of Kinnaur again when he defeated the Janata nominee, Mr. Balwant Singh (Ind.).

The former Raja of Bilaspur, Mr. Anand Chand, who was an Independent, defeated his only opponent of the Janata Party, Mr. Sant Ram Sant, by a margin of 1423 votes.

Two Independents, Mr. Baskara Nand and Mr. Ram Partap, who had opposed the official Janata Party nominees, were declared elected. Mr. Baskara Nand defeated the prominent legislator, Mr. Jai Bihari Lal Khachi (Cong.) and the Janata Party candidate, Mr. Sunder Lal Verma.

Mr. Ram Partap defeated the Janata Party nominee, Miss Krishna Mohini, and the Congress candidate, former Minister of State Lekh Ram, in the Nalagarh constituency.

All the three members belonging to the royal families were returned. They are former Raja of Bilaspur Anand Chand, the son of the former Raja of Nalagarh, Mr. Viendra Singh and the son of the former Raja of Kulu, Mr. Maheshwar Singh, while Mr. Anand Chand is an Independent, the remaining two are Janata Party candidates.

Mr. Viendra Singh has another rival to his account. He defeated his rival with the barest margin in any seat so far in the State. The margin was 10,928.

Chandigarh Weather

The maximum temperature on Tuesday was 35.5° C (95.5° F) and the minimum 22.8° C (73° F).

The sun will set on Wednesday at 7-25 and rise on Thursday at 5-22.

Maximum relative humidity 72 per cent. Minimum 30 per cent.

OUTLOOK FOR WEDNESDAY: Partly cloudy sky. One short spell of rain or thunder-shower likely.

## Nandini Satpathy Wins

NEW DELHI, June 14 (Samachar) — The Janata Party has won an absolute majority in the 56-member Delhi Metropolitan Council, bagging 30 of the 36 seats reserved for which have been declared so far.

The Janata Party has also secured a majority in the 100-member Delhi Municipal Corporation. Of the 71 results declared so far Janata has bagged 60 seats. The other 11 seats have been won by the Congress.

The ruling Congress Party in the dissolved House has managed to win only six seats. None of the Janata rebels has been elected so far.

## Two-thirds majority for Janata in Haryana

CHANDIGARH, June 15 — With 21 results still to be declared, the Janata Party has already won a two-thirds majority in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha.

By 2 a.m. it had secured 60 of the 88 declared results. Congress got two, Vishal Haryana Party two, and Independents five.

Though scoring a resounding victory, the Janata Party lost some prestigious contests — at Tosham, Ateli, Badli and Chhachhrauli.

While Mr. Surendra Singh, son of the former Defence Minister, Mr. Bansi Lal, won at Tosham (Hissar district) by a margin of 2,174 votes, at Badli (Rohtak district) Mr. Harwardi Lal managed to scrape through by a thin margin of 387 votes. The Vishal Haryana Party's founder and former Chief Minister, Mr. Birendra Singh, wrested the Ateli (Mahendragarh district) seat by a big lead of over 12,600 votes.

On the Janata Party side veteran Jat leader Devi Lal has won by a comfortable margin of 13,000 votes at Bhattu Kalan (Hissar district) against his nearest CPM rival, Mr. Prithvi Singh, a student leader.

The victories of Dr. Mangal Sein and Mr. Fateh Chand Vii former Jan Sangh leaders, at Rohak City and Panipat City respectively, were highly impressive.

Mr. Daulti Ram Saikavian, who was Deputy Minister in the Parmar Ministry in 1967 and was expelled from the party when he fought the 1972 poll as an Independent, also secured his seat with a margin of 17,000 and 18,000 votes respectively. Congress candidates, especially

margin of 1512 votes.

The Convener of the Janata Party Election Committee, Mr. Kishori Lal, kept his seat of Chamba when he defeated his old rival, Mr. Sagar Chand (Cong.), by a difference of 3844 votes.

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## NEW PUNJAB LEADER ON JUNE 16

CHANDIGARH, June 14 — The President of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee, Mr. Mohinder Singh Gill, has summoned a meeting of the newly-elected Congress MLAs at the Punjab Congress Bhavan here on June 16 next.

The legislators will elect their leader and other office-bearers.

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