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CONGRESS RETURNED TO POWER IN PUNJAB

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY GAINED

BRISH BHAN & RAM KISHEN DEFEATED **REHABILITATION MINISTER RETURNED** **81 OF 100 SEATS CAPTURED SO FAR**

AZAD & MAJITHIA ELECTED TO LOK SABHA

CHANDIGARH, March 10.

THE north-western border State of Punjab was the fourth State in the country to vote the Congress to power to-day for another term of five years. The Party has already secured majority in the Legislative Assemblies of Andhra, Assam and Madhya Pradesh.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Union Education Minister, and Sardar Surjit Singh Majithia (Congress), Union Deputy Minister for Defence, were returned to Lok Sabha from Gurgaon and Tarn Taran constituencies respectively. So far four results have been announced and all have been annexed by the Congress.

It was, however, a day of some shocks for the ruling party. The State's Planning Minister and a former Chief Minister of Pepsu, Mr. Brish Bhan, went down in a fight against Mr. Mahesh Inder Singh from the Sunam General constituency. Mr. Singh supported by Master Tara Singh, secured a lead of more than 10,000 votes.

In a straight contest from the Jullundur north-east constituency, the State's Deputy Minister, Mr. Ram Kishan, lost to his Jan Sangh rival, Mr. Lal Chand Sabharwal by about 5,000 votes.

As against this Shri Prabodh Chandra, State Rehabilitation Minister, was returned to the Vidhan Sabha from the Gurdaspur double-member constituency with a majority of over 4,000 votes over his immediate Communist rival, Shri Ram Singh. His running mate, Shri Sunder Singh, ex-Minister of Punjab, was also elected for the Hissar constituency from the same constituency defeating narrowly his Communist opponent, Shri Thora and a Jan Sangh nominee.

Of the seven Vidhan Sabha results announced today, the Congress won five seats, and rest two were equally shared by a Jan Sangh nominee and an independent.

Shrimati Snehlata (Congress) was the seventh woman to be elected to the Vidhan Sabha from the Hissar constituency, defeating one Communist and five independent candidates.

Shri Pritam Singh Sahoke (Congress) was elected to the Reserved seat from the Sunam constituency. He defeated his nearest Communist opponent by over 10,000 votes and two other independents.

The sitting member, Mr. Siri Chand, was returned to the Vidhan Sabha on the Congress ticket from the Bahadurgarh constituency defeating two independents.

RESULTS:
JULLUNDUR
Mr. Lal Chand Sabharwal (Jan Sangh) was declared elected today to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha from the Jullundur City North-East Constituency, defeating Comrade Ram Kishan (Congress), Deputy Minister, Punjab, by a majority of 4,929 votes in a straight fight.

Constituency: Jullundur City North-East.
Total electorate: 32,942.
Votes polled: 23,145.
Mr. Lal Chand Sabharwal (Jan Sangh) declared elected.

Details:
Mr. Lal Chand Sabharwal (Jan Sangh): 23,145.
Comrade Ram Kishan (Congress): 16,603.
Invalid votes: 10.
GURDASPUR (Double-Member)
Electorate: 1,15,598.
Total votes polled: 1,52,913.
Votes invalid: 3,394.

General Result:
Mr. Prabodh Chandra (Cong.) 30,617 (elected).
Ch. Ram Singh (Communist)

PUNJAB PARTY POSITION	VIDHAN SABHA	LOK SABHA
Congress	81	4
Communists	5	4
Jan Sangh	5	1
P.S.P.	1	1
I.C.F.	1	1
Independents	7	1
Total	100	12

(54 Results Awaited)



PRABODH CHANDRA

26,240.
Mr. Kewal Krishan (Jan Sangh) 13,937.
Mr. Sewa Singh (Ind.) 4,394.
Shri Sewa Singh lost his security.
Reserved Seat
Ch. Sunder Singh (Cong.) 29,678 (elected).
Shri Thora (Communist) 29,091.
Shri Sat Pal Bhushan (Jan Sangh) 14,570.

HISSAR SADAR
Shrimati Snehlata (Congress) was declared elected today to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha from the Hissar constituency by a majority of 5,805 votes over her nearest rival.

Constituency: Hissar Sadar.
Electorate: 60,232.
Total votes polled: 30,258.
Shrimati Snehlata (Congress) declared elected.

Details:
Shrimati Snehlata (Congress) 22,234.
Mr. Mani Ram (Ind.—Socialist) 6,429.
Mr. Bhag Singh (Ind.) 4,200.
Mr. Bir Singh (Ind.) 2,653.
Mr. Indral Singh (Comm.) 2,168.
Mr. Faqir Chand (Ind.) 1,358.
Mr. Harphool Singh (Ind.) 1,024.
Invalid: 192.

Mr. Siri Chand (sitting Cong.) was declared elected to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha from Bahadurgarh constituency.

Constituency: Bahadurgarh.
Electorate: 63,297.
Votes polled: 42,159.
Invalid: 4.
Details: Mr. Siri Chand (Cong.) 23,929.
Mr. Kanwal Singh (Ind.) 17,289.
Mr. Har Narain (Ind.) 957.
The last candidate lost his security deposit.

SUNAM:
Constituency: Sunam (double-member).
Electorate: 1,19,029.
Votes polled: 1,64,387.
Invalid: 11,290.
Raja Mahesh Inder Singh (Ind. Cong.) and Sardar Pritam Singh (Cong., sitting) declared elected for general and reserved seats, respectively.

General:
Raja Mahesh Inder Singh (Ind.) 41,248.
Mr. Brish Bhan (Cong.) 31,141.
Sardar Ghuman Singh (Comm.) 13,539.
Mr. Narain Dutt (Ind.) 2,152.
Reserved:
Sardar Pritam Singh Sahoke (Cong.) 28,248.
Sardar Prem Singh (Comm.) 18,478.
Sardar Santa Singh (Ind.) 12,630.
Mr. Tahel (Ind.) 5,661.
Three of the independent candidates lost their security deposits.

New Punjab M.L.A.s

94. Mr. Lal Chand Sabharwal (Jan Sangh—Jullundur City North-East General).
95. Mrs. Snehlata (Congress—Hissar Sadar General).
96. Mr. Prabodh Chander (Congress—Gurdaspur General).
97. Mr. Sunder Singh (Congress—Gurdaspur Reserved).
98. Mr. Siri Chand (Congress—Bahadurgarh).
99. Raja Mahesh Inder Singh (Ind.) sitting—Sunam. (General).
100. Sardar Pritam Singh Sahoke (Cong.)—sitting—Sunam. (Res.)

LOK SABHA

3. Sardar Surjit Singh Majithia (Congress-Tarn Taran).
4. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (Congress-Gurgaon).

Princess Takes Off Veil

(From Our Own Correspondent)
GURGAON, March 10.—Begam Sultana Razia, 61, Pataudi, was the first princess to take off her veil—which she has always worn in the town of Pataudi—to canvass support for the Congress candidates for the Lok Sabha and the Punjab Vidhan Sabha seats from this district.

"T. T." ELECTED TO LOK SABHA



MADRAS, March 10.—The Union Finance Minister, Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, won the election to Lok Sabha from south Madras Parliamentary constituency today, by a majority of about 10,000 votes against his immediate rival, Mr. P. Balasubramaniam, D.M.K. candidate.—P.T.I.

"Dead" Voter Allowed To Vote

ALLAHABAD, March 10.—At a polling station at Kotari, in the Manjhanpur Assembly constituency of Allahabad district, a 'ghost' voter turned up to cast his votes yesterday.

His presence caused surprise to the election staff as his name had been struck off the electoral roll mentioning that the voter was dead.

Quite a flutter was caused for sometime among the voters present, but it was after obtaining sufficient proof that ballot papers were ultimately issued to the voter.—U.P.I.



SURJIT SINGH MAJITHIA

LOK SABHA ELECTIONS

AMBALA, March 10.—Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Union Education Minister, was to-day declared elected to the Lok Sabha from the Gurgaon constituency, in Punjab.

Maulana Azad defeated Mr. Mool Chand Maheshwari (Jan Sangh) by 95,668 votes, in a straight contest.

Constituency: Gurgaon.
Electorate: 4,34,914.
Votes Polled: 2,86,834.
The list of voters, in a straight contest, included two sitting members, Mr. Mool Chand Maheshwari (Jan Sangh) and a P. S. P. nominee, In the Nawanshahr double-member constituency of Jullundur district, the contest for the general seat is between Congress, Jan Sangh, Communist and two independents. For the reserve seat the issue will be decided between a Congress and a S. C. F. nominee.—P.T.I.

Sardar Surjit Singh Majithia Congress elected.
Constituency: Tarn Taran.
Electorate: 4,07,570.
Votes Polled: 2,64,084.
Invalid: 231.
Sardar Surjit Singh Majithia (Congress) 1,29,435.

S. Dalip Singh Tapiala (Communist): 85,217.
Mr. Jamna Dass (Jan Sangh): 17,665.
S. Dalip Singh Ghariala (Ind.): 14,905.
S. Didar Singh (Ind.): 14,275.
S. Dayal Singh (Fatehabad) (Ind.): 6,586.
Total four lost their security deposits.

BOMBAY: The first Lok Sabha seat from Vidarbha region has gone to the Congress whose candidate Mr. D. Y. Gohokar has been declared elected from Yeotmal Parliamentary constituency.

Constituency: Yeotmal.
Electorate: 3,52,475.
Total votes polled: 2,34,993.
Mr. D. Y. Gohokar (Congress) 1,48,694.
Mr. N. S. Dravid (Jan Sangh Samiti) 86,166.
Invalid votes: 133.

GAUHATI: Mr. Hem Barua (P.S.P.) elected to the Lok Sabha from the Gauhati constituency. Constituency: Gauhati.
Electorate: 4,20,761.
Total votes polled: 2,40,174.
Mr. Hem Barua (P.S.P.) 1,43,497.
Devendra Nath Sharma: 96,624.
Rejected votes: 53.

LUCKNOW: Raja Syed Ahmed Mehdi (Congress) was declared elected.
Constituency: Rampur (Lok Sabha).
Electorate: 4,03,446.
Votes polled: 1,87,923.
Raja Syed Ahmed (Congress): 1,27,864.
Sita Ram (Jan Sangh) 59,107.
Invalid votes: 132.

MADRAS: Mr. U. Muthuramalinga Thevar (Forward Bloc) and Mr. S. Arumugam (Congress) have been declared elected to the Lok Sabha from the Srivilliputhur double-member Parliamentary constituency.

Constituency: Srivilliputhur (double-member).
Electorate: 8,76,964.
Total votes polled: 9,27,775.
General:
U. Muthuramalinga Thevar (Forward Bloc): 2,06,999.
S. S. Natarajan (Congress): 1,67,676.
V. V. Ramaswamy (Ind.): 80,227.
S. Srinivasan Naidu (Communist): 28,283.

Reserved:
R. S. Arumugam (Congress): 1,50,087.
A. Velu (Forward Bloc): 1,33,996.
M. Ramadoss (Comm.): 51,155.
K. S. Krishnan (Ind.): 37,886.
Invalid votes: 71,456.

YUGOSLAV COMPANY WITHDRAWN

BELGRADE, March 10.—Belgrade radio announced to-day that the Yugoslav company in Gaza had withdrawn this morning at the orders of the United Nations Headquarters and had gone to El Arish.

There was no comment on the move.—Reuter.

4 Constituencies Go To The Polls To-day

AMBALA, March 10.—Twenty-six candidates are contesting six seats to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha from four constituencies that go to the polls tomorrow. The constituencies, with a total electorate of 3,60,424, are Hamirpur, Kalanaur, Jatunana and Nawanshahr. While the last three constituencies cover parts of the Parliamentary constituencies of Rohtak, Jullundur and Jhajjar, the double-member Hamirpur constituency forms part of the Kangra Parliamentary constituency which is scheduled to go to the polls in June next.

There is a triangular contest for the general seat between the Congress candidates and two independents. The sitting Congress member, Mr. Mehhar Singh, is opposed for the Reserved seat by an Independent, Mr. Rup Singh. Ten candidates including two sitting members are in the field for the Kalanaur seat. The Congress sitting member is opposed by another sitting member, Mr. Badloo Ram, a Congress rebel who is contesting as an independent.

From the Jatunana constituency the Congress sitting member, Mr. Abbey Singh, is opposed by two independents and a P. S. P. nominee. In the Nawanshahr double-member constituency of Jullundur district, the contest for the general seat is between Congress, Jan Sangh, Communist and two independents. For the reserve seat the issue will be decided between a Congress and a S. C. F. nominee.—P.T.I.

RECORD INVALID VOTES

MADRAS, March 10.—The Theni double-member constituency of the Madras State Assembly has broken all previous records in the matter of polling invalid votes.

It has achieved the record of 12,961 invalid votes the total votes polled being 1,56,405.—U.P.I.

Hundreds Of Starvation Deaths In 'Azad' Kashmir

LAST DAY OF POLLING IN M. PRADESH

BHOPAL, March 10.—Three women are among the 54 contestants for the sixteen Vidhan Sabha seats in the nine constituencies which will go to the polls on Monday, the last day of polling in Madhya Pradesh.

Over seven-and-a-half lakh voters are left to exercise their franchise in the last round of polling in five.

For five of the sixteen Vidhan Sabha seats there are straight contests between Congress and opposition candidates. An interesting straight fight is in Kanpur constituency of Baster district. Here, the Congress nominee, Shrimati Pratibha Devi, is being opposed by Mr. Brijlal (P.S.P.) for the general seat. For the reserved seat of this constituency, however, there is a four-cornered contest.

Another woman nominee of the Congress, Shrimati Shella Pandey, is locked in a triangular contest with a candidate of the Ram Rajya Parishad and an independent in Lormi constituency of Bilaspur district. As many as five candidates belonging to the Congress, P.S.P., Socialist Party and S. C. F. and an independent are contesting the general seat of Sansar constituency of Chhindwara district. There is a straight fight between Congress and P.S.P. for the reserved seat of this constituency.

STOP PRESS

CANBERRA, March 10.—Official sources here said to-day that Australia, New Zealand and Britain had made plain to Pakistan they would be strongly opposed to the Kashmir issue looming large in the SEATO conference scheduled to open here to-morrow.

Pakistan sources, however, said they felt Kashmir might reasonably be included as part of the overall discussions on security in the SEATO area.—Reuter.

FULL ANGLO-FRENCH ACCORD ON SUEZ

PARIS, March 10.
A FRENCH spokesman said here last night after talks between the leaders of Britain and France: "We are in complete agreement about Suez and there is no foundation for rumours to the contrary."

He was speaking after the British Prime Minister and his French counterpart had agreed on the text of a joint communique on their talks.

Yesterday's meeting—the first of heads of the two Governments since the joint Suez action last autumn—also discussed the European common market.

The British and French leaders were accompanied by their Foreign Ministers.

The British Prime Minister said after the meeting: "We are agreed on everything". The French Foreign Minister said: "We are in complete agreement about (Continued on page 8, col. 5)"

JARRING WELCOME TO PAK-HELD KASHMIR

KARACHI, March 9.—Pakistan's Prime Minister, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy will personally conduct talks with Mr. Gunnar Jarring, U.N. representative on Kashmir, when he arrives here on March 14, according to authoritative sources.

Pakistan, it was emphasised here, would stick to the "four corners of the past United Nations resolutions on Kashmir" during his talks with Mr. Jarring.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Malik Feroze Khan Noon, who conducted his country's case on Kashmir before the last session of the Security Council, is expected here on March 12.

Authoritative sources said that as yet no advice on Mr. Jarring's programme had been received but he would be welcome to the Pakistan-held Kashmir or the tribal areas to see for himself the feelings of the people on Kashmir issue. These sources added that Pakistan would place all its cards before Mr. Jarring.—P.T.I.

THROUGH SUEZ

PORT SAID, March 9.—A yacht and a tug arrived in Suez to-day—the first vessels through the canal since Egypt announced its re-opening for small ships.

The 147-ton yacht "Kuweit Maralvi" and the 238-ton Greek tug "Mikhalis" entered the waterway from Port Said yesterday. Also due at Suez from Port Said are five small barges.

The Egyptian canal authority said in a new circular to shipping companies that vessels up to 300 tons could not pass through the canal. On Thursday, a circular said that ships up to 300 tons could transit the waterway.

As ships upto 3200 tons did not pay tolls, shipping circles interpreted the new circular as aiming to stand by the tug, but has not yet received permission to start work, he added.—Reuter.

Kotelawala Elected National Party Chief

COLOMBO, March 10.—Sir John Kotelawala, former Prime Minister of Ceylon, was to-day re-elected President of the United National Party.

The panel of Vice-Presidents chosen at the annual session included Mr. Dudley Senanayake who was absent owing to ill-health.—P.T.I.

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NEHRU LEADS BY 62,000 VOTES

ALLAHABAD, March 10.—Prime Minister Nehru was leading by about 62,000 votes over his nearest rival when the counting of votes for the double-member Phulpur constituency of the Lok Sabha ended for the day at 8 tonight.

Counting will be continued to-morrow morning at 9.

Following is an unofficial estimate of the votes counted today:

General:
Jawaharlal Nehru (Congress): 73,960.
Shivadar Pande (Jan Sangh): 11,157.
Sitarum Khemka (Ind.) 9,045.
Indu Dev (Ind.) 5,130.
Reserved:
Manuriya Din (S. C. Congress): 6,513.
Chetani (S. C. P.-S.P.) 18,872.
Thakurdas (S. C. Jan Sangh): 14,211.

856 OUT OF 1,157 POSTAL BALLOTS HELD VALID

RUPAR, March 10.—The total postal ballot papers received for the Hoshiarpur constituency of the Lok Sabha numbered 1,157 of which 856 were held valid, it is authoritatively learnt.

The remaining 301 votes were rejected as they were found incomplete in one or other particular. A number of these rejected ballot papers were sent by post without the accompanying declaration required under the rules.

DATAR RE-ELECTED

BANGALORE, March 10.—Mr. D. N. Datar, Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs, has been re-elected to the Lok Sabha from the Belgaum district constituency.

This is the fourth Congress candidate to be elected so far to the Lok Sabha from Mysore State.

Mr. B. N. Datar (Congress), Union Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs, was declared elected to the Lok Sabha from the Belgaum district constituency.

Details:
Constituency: Belgaum District.
Electorate: 3,71,699.
Total votes polled: 2,36,357.
Mr. B. N. Datar (Cong.): 1,22,498.
Mr. K. V. Kulkarni (Jan Sangh): 57,565.
Mr. V. C. Hedder Shetty (P.S.P.): 56,698.
Invalid votes: 36.

To-day's Polling

NEW DELHI, March 10.—Polling will commence tomorrow (Monday) in 14 Parliamentary and 222 State Assembly Constituencies to elect 18 members to the Lok Sabha and 279 to the State Assemblies.

Following are the constituencies:

LOK SABHA
Hyderabad: 1. Bombay: 4 (including one double member, Kerala: 2 (including one double-member). Madras: 6 (including two double-member). Manipur: 1.

ASSEMBLIES
Andhra: 23 (including two double-member). Assam: 3. Bombay: 122 (including 31 double-member). Kerala: 18 (including three double-member). Madhya Pradesh: 9 (including seven double-member). Madras: 30 (including eight double-member). Mysore: 1. Orissa: 5 (including two double-member). Punjab: 4 (including two double-member). Rajasthan: 1. West Bengal: 6 (including two double-member).—P.T.I.

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