

Table 1: Comparison Statistics on the Performance of Four Major Parties (plus Independents) in June 1977 and May 1980 Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Elections

June 1977 Election

Party	No. Contested	No. Won	Votes secured	% of Votes secured
AIADMK	200	130	5,194,876	30.37
DMK	230	48	4,258,771	24.89
INC	198	27	2,994,535	17.51
Janata Party	233	10	2,851,884	16.66
Independents	468	1	799,314	4.55

AIADMK – All India Anna DMK, led by MGR.

DMK – Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, led by M.Karunanidhi

INC – Indian National Congress, led by Indira Gandhi; Tamil Nadu leader – G. Karuppaiah Moopanar.

Janata Party, led by Morarji Desai, Tamil Nadu leader – P. Ramachandran

May 1980 Election

Party	No. Contested	No. Won	Votes secured	% of Votes secured
AIADMK	177	129	7,303,010	38.75
DMK	112	37	4,164,389	22.10
INC	114	31	3,941,900	20.92
Janata Party	95	2	522,641	2.77
Independents	467	8	1,352,622	7.18

NOTE: DMK and Indian National Congress (INC) shared nearly equal number of seats, in alliance.

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Janata Party, led by Jagjivan Ram, Tamil Nadu leader – P. Ramachandran