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GENERAL ELECTIONS TO THE LOK SABHA - 1971

SWATANTRA PERFORMANCE

STATE	SEATS CONTESTED	SEATS WON	VOTES POLLED	%AGE	FORFEITURE OF DEPOSITS
Andhra	9	-	5,97,777	4.40	3
Assam	1	-	7,033	0.23	1
Bihar	3	-	35,332	0.25	3
Gujarat	5	2	3,87,799	6.32	-
Himachal Pradesh	1	-	5,767	1.09	1
Kerala	1	-	14,716	0.2	1
Madhya Pradesh	1	-	8,242	0.09	1
Mysore	5	-	2,79,610	3.60	1
Orissa	13	3	7,10,096	15.91	3
Rajasthan	8	3	*	*	-
Tamil Nadu	9	-	14,79,093	8.93	-
Uttar Pradesh	3	-	9,578	0.05	3

* Figure not available.

For national party status the Election Commission's Rule is :

- Either the valid votes polled in a State is not less than 4%
- Or one member to the House of the People for every twenty five from a State

If a Party is recognised in 4 or more States it is entitled to National Party status.

We secure recognition in terms of alternative (a) in five States viz., Andhra, Gujarat, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. Though we do not have the %age in respect of Rajasthan it can be assumed that we secured over 4% of the votes polled.

Therefore the Swatantra Party retains its National Status.

RESULT OF GENERAL ELECTIONS

Party	Seats Contested		Seats Won		1967		1971		Percentage		Percentage	
					Votes		Polled		Votes		Polled	
	1971	1967	1971	1967	1971		1967		1971		1967	
Cong - M)	442 } 239	516	350 } 16	279*	63,050,474 15,252,340 }		59,402,754		43.64 10.56 }		40.7	
Statentia	58	179	8	44	4,445,143		12,659,540		5.08		8.68	
Jen Sengh	154	250	22	35	10,808,454		13,715,931		7.48		9.41	
C.P.I.	86	109	23	23	7,059,327		7,564,180		4.89		5.19	
SSP	93	122	3	23	3,516,731		7,171,627		2.43		4.92	
CPM	86	59	25	19	7,184,560		5,140,738		4.97		4.21	
PSP	63	109	2	13	1,410,508		4,456,487		0.98		3.06	
Other	445	160	53	44	19,702,728		14,704,053		15.54		10.10	
Ind.	1,118	865	13	35	12,030,888		20,051,200		8.33		13.70	
Total	2,784	2,569	515	515	144,461,153		145,866,510		100		100	

* The Cong (I) held 220 seats at the time of the dissolution of the fourth Lok Sabha and the Congress(O) 65.