

Congress wins by-elections in Rajasthan

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Jaipur, April 29—The Congress today gave the Swatantra Party a severe jolt in Rajasthan by capturing both the Dausa Lok Sabha and Chomu Assembly seats in the by-elections.

Both the seats had been won by Swatantra in the third and fourth general elections.

In a straight contest at Dausa, Mr Nawal Kishore Sharma, a comparatively little known lawyer who stepped in as the Congress candidate when Mr R. R. Morarka withdrew his nomination, defeated Maharajkumar Prithvira of the Swatantra Party by over 6,300 votes.

The Maharajkumar had won the seat in the third general election.

The by-election was caused by the death of Mr Chiranjit Rai (Swa).

In the Chomu Assembly by-election, Mr Ram Kishore Vyas, a former Home Minister, got the better of Mr Tikkaram Pallwal, former Chief Minister and also a former MP, by 5,800 votes in a four-cornered contest. The two remaining Independent candidates lost their deposits.

The seat fell vacant due to the resignation of Mr Rajeswar Singh (Swa).

In the last general election, Mr Vyas lost the seat to Mr Rajeswar Singh by over 10,000 votes.

The Chomu Assembly constituency is part of the Dausa parliamentary constituency in Jaipur district.

This was the first by-election to the Lok Sabha from Rajasthan and the second for the State Legislative Assembly.

The results were:

Lok Sabha

Mr Nawal Kishore Sharma (Cong)—96269.
Maharajkumar Prithvira (Swa)—69942.

Invalid votes—5662.

Votes polled—192073.

Electorate—559378.

Legislative Assembly

Mr Ram Kishore Vyas (Cong)—20845.
Mr Tikkaram Pallwal (Swa)—15045.

Mr Gokul (Ind)—983.

Mr Sardar Singh (Ind)—545.

Invalid votes—1617.

Votes polled—35033.

Electorate—64014.

The Independent candidates lost their deposits.