

General Election Results - 7 December 1964

General elections were held in British Guiana on 7 December 1964. The elections followed constitutional reforms and the re-establishment of the House of Assembly, which had been abolished in 1953, replacing the bicameral Legislature.

The House had 54 members; the Speaker and 53 members elected by proportional representation.

The Speaker was elected from amongst the original elected members, and then gave up their elected seat to be replaced by a member of their own party.

In the new 53-member legislature, the People's Progressive Party (PPP) was allocated 24 seats, the People's National Congress (PNC) 22, and the The United Force (TUF) 7 based on the proportion of votes they won.

With just under 46 per cent of the votes, the PPP fell short of the required majority of seats by three. On the other hand, the opposition parties together had a clear majority of seats.

Immediately after the official results were announced, Dr. Jagan tried to obtain the support of Burnham and the PNC to form a coalition government.

He showed that the PPP and the PNC together polled 87 percent of the votes and that the Guyanese people would overwhelmingly support such a coalition.

At the same time, such a coalition would be a giant step in the efforts to build national unity. Dr. Jagan even offered Burnham the position of Premier, but the PNC leader refused to budge from his fixed position that he would not cooperate with the PPP.

PNC leader Forbes Burnham became the new Primer.

Voter turnout was 96.98%.

ELECTION SNAPSHOT



ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Proportional Representation

53 elected seats


VOTER TURNOUT

Total Valid Votes	238,530
Invalid Votes	1,590
Total Votes Cast	240,120
Registered Voters	247,604
Voter Turnout	96.98%

CRITICAL DATES

Dissolution of House	Sat, 26 Sep 1964
Nomination Day	-
Polling Day	Mon, 7 Dec 1964
First Meeting of New Parliament	Thu, 31 Dec 1964

SUMMARY RESULTS

Political Group	Code	Votes	% votes	Seats
People's National Congress 	PNC	96,657	40.52%	22
People's Progressive Party	PPP	109,332	45.84%	24
The United Force	TUF	29,612	12.41%	7
Justice Party	JP	1,334	0.56%	-
Guyana United Muslim Party	GUMP	1,194	0.50%	-
Peace, Equality and Prosperity Party	PEPP	224	0.09%	-
National Labour Front	NLF	177	0.07%	-
Total Valid Votes		238,530	100%	53

ELECTED MEMBERS

Member	Party
Cheddi Jagan	People's Progressive Party
Brindley Benn	People's Progressive Party
Ram Karran	People's Progressive Party
Ranji Chandisingh	People's Progressive Party
Henry Jocelyn Makepeace Hubbard	People's Progressive Party
Charles Ramkissoon Jacob	People's Progressive Party
Cedric Vernon Nunes	People's Progressive Party
Fenton Harcourt Wilworth Ramsahoye	People's Progressive Party
Eugene Martin Stoby	People's Progressive Party
Earl Maxwell Gladstone Wilson	People's Progressive Party
George Bowman	People's Progressive Party
Sheik Mohamed Saffee	People's Progressive Party
Ashton Chase	People's Progressive Party
Moses Bhagwan	People's Progressive Party
John Bernard Caldeira	People's Progressive Party
Abdul Maccie Hamid	People's Progressive Party

Derek Chunilall Jagan	People's Progressive Party
Goberdhan Harry Lall	People's Progressive Party
Yacoob Ally	People's Progressive Party
Lloyd Linde	People's Progressive Party
Joseph Rudolph Spenser Luck	People's Progressive Party
Reepu Daman Persaud	People's Progressive Party
Mohendernauth Poonai	People's Progressive Party
Subhan Ali Ramjohn	People's Progressive Party
Forbes Burnham	People's National Congress
Ptolemy Reid	People's National Congress
Neville James Bissember	People's National Congress
Eugene Francis Correia	People's National Congress
Winifred Gaskin	People's National Congress
C.M. Llewellyn John	People's National Congress
Robert James Jordan	People's National Congress
Rudy Kendall	People's National Congress
Deoroop Mahraj	People's National Congress
Claude Alfonso Merriman	People's National Congress
David Brandis deGroot	People's National Congress
William Alexander Blair	People's National Congress
Jagnarine Budhoo	People's National Congress
Charles Frederick Chan-A-Sue	People's National Congress
Oscar Eleazar Clarke	People's National Congress
Royden George Basil Field-Ridley	People's National Congress
John Gabriel Joaquin	People's National Congress
Thomas Anson Sancho	People's National Congress
Rupert Tello	The United Force
James Henry Thomas	People's National Congress

Alex Benjamin Trotman	People's National Congress
Henry Milton Shakespeare Wharton	People's National Congress
Aubrey Percival Alleyne	People's National Congress
Peter d'Aguiar	The United Force
Mohamed Kasim	The United Force
Randolph Emanuel Cheeks	The United Force
Stephen Campbell	The United Force
Cyril Victor Too Chung	The United Force
Hari Prashad	The United Force