General Election Results - 16 July 1973

The 1973 general elections were the first held since Guyana became a Republic in 1970.

Violence marked the election campaign. Controversy especially surrounded registration of certain electors overseas and counting of votes at individual polling stations.

The People's National Congress (PNC), outgoing majority party in the Assembly headed by Prime Minister Burnham, succeeded in gaining more than 2/3 of the 53 seats at stake.

Mr. Burnham boasted that the outcome evidenced his party's support from the diverse racial groups inhabiting the country.

The left-wing People's Progressive Party (PPP), strengthened by the nation's sizable Indian population, rejected this result, charging electoral fraud in its attainment.

The right-wing Guyana Liberator Party declined for its part to occupy the seats it had won, alleging misconduct at the polls.

Voter turnout was 81.00%.

Mr. Burnham announced his newly-organized Cabinet on July 21.

ELECTION SNAPSHOT

ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Proportional Representation

53 elected seats

VOTER TURNOUT

Total Valid Votes	347,810
Invalid Votes	1,780
Total Votes Cast	349,590
Registered Voters	431,575
Voter Turnout	81.00%

CRITICAL DATES

Dissolution of House	Fri, 7 Sep 1973
Nomination Day	-
Polling Day	Mon, 16 Jul 1973
First Meeting of New Parliament	Thu, 26 Jul 1973

SUMMARY RESULTS

Political Group	Code	Votes	% votes	Seats
People's National Congress ✅	PNC	243,803	70.10%	37
People's Progressive Party	PPP	92,374	26.56%	14
Liberator Party	LP	9,580	2.75%	2

People's Democratic Movement	PDM	2,053	0.59%	-
Total Valid Votes		**347,810**	**100%**	**53**