

## General Election Results - 9 December 1985

On 6 August 1985, President of the Republic Forbes Burnham died in office and was succeeded by Mr. Hugh Desmond Hoyte, who was also chosen as head of the ruling People's National Congress (PNC) party. Mr. Hamilton Green became Prime Minister.

The election date was set on 31 October 1985 and the campaign lasted five weeks. On polling day, Mr. Hoyte was declared elected as President and the socialist PNC captured 42 of the 53 popularly-chosen Assembly seats amid opposition charges of widespread fraud and electoral malpractices.

The marxist People's Progressive Party (PPP), led by Mr. Cheddi Jagan, withdrew from contention but subsequent to the elections announced that it would occupy its eight seats won.

Voter turnout was 73.83%.

Mr. Hoyte was sworn in for a five-year presidential term on 12 December. He announced the formation of a new 11-member Cabinet on 28 January 1986.

### ELECTION SNAPSHOT



### ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Proportional Representation

53 elected seats


### VOTER TURNOUT

Total Valid Votes	291,195
Invalid Votes	3,606
Total Votes Cast	294,801
Registered Voters	399,304
Voter Turnout	73.83%

### CRITICAL DATES

Dissolution of House	Thu, 31 Oct 1985
Nomination Day	-
Polling Day	Mon, 09 Dec 1985
First Meeting of New Parliament	Mon, 03 Feb 1986

### SUMMARY RESULTS

Political Group	Code	Votes	% votes	Seats
People's National Congress 	PNC	228,718	78.54%	42
People's Progressive Party	PPP	45,926	15.77%	8
The United Force	TUF	9,820	3.37%	2

Working People's Alliance	WPA	4,176	1.43%	1
Democratic Labour Movement	DLM	2,167	0.74%	-
National Democratic Front	NDF	156	0.05%	-
People's Democratic Movement	PDM	232	0.08%	-
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