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Abstract

### **The 1984 (nineteenhundredeightyfour) Lok Sabha elections. Verdict for India's federal unity**

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Assessment of the 8th Lok Sabha (parliamentary) elections in 1984 in connection with Indira Gandhi's assassination. The issues of unity, stability, continuity and change favoured Congress (I) under Rajiv Gandhi's leadership. The reemergence of a "dominant party system". A new role acquired by regional opposition parties in the dispersal of political power. The Congress (I) has to operate now in a political context which is characterized by more diversified opposition forces.