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Peoples Pulse, a Hyderabad based research organisation in association with a leading Hindi News TV Channel '**INDIA TV**' conducted West Bengal Assembly Elections Exit Poll 2021 in all the 294 Assembly Segments.

As per the Exit Poll conducted **Peoples Pulse - INDIA TV**, BJP will win with comfortable margin in West Bengal. BJP will win 172 - 191, TMC 64 - 88, Left Front+ 7 - 12.

Having conducted the pre-poll study in all the 294 Assembly Constituencies in Bengal, where after two reports, underlying the methodology of the study, ground scenario, the shifting political dynamics as well as the expected seat prediction for various parties were mentioned in detail, Peoples Pulse and India TV, undertook a second round of study of the state to come up with Exit Poll predictions. It would be desirable to study this report along with the previous two studies which are available on the website of People's Pulse.

For the sake of coherence, it was decided that rather than doing a sub-region wise study as has been the case in the previously, a phase wise mapping of the political mood at the assembly constituency level would be more useful. The overall finding are not much different from the previous ones, though there are certain shifts which unambiguously reveal a popular mood for change. Therefore, at the outset, it is pertinent to mention the shifts which we observed in the respondents' articulations as compared to my previous visit.

Regime Change as a Positive Phenomenon along with Anti-Incumbency

Based on the two round of our field study, it can be confidently inferred that there is a popular mood for change. However, there seemed to be an additional factor emerging on top of the prevailing anti-incumbency—the normalization of the reasoning of a frequent transfer of power was invoked by a significant section of the respondents. At many places, people passionately argued about the desirability of change as a welcome phenomenon in Bengal. In lieu of their argument which outlined the virtue of regular transfer of power from one party to the other, majority of respondents substantiated their statement by citing the example of Kerala. Further, this normalization of the logic of change of power at regular intervals had a typical template, namely, Left got chance to rule for 34, years, the Trinamool for 10 years, let's give the BJP a chance for 5 years.

The Depleting Fear Factor on the Ground

The forthrightness of the respondents were primarily on account of the sense of assurance that with the thick deployment of the central forces, the chances of electoral rigging or political reprisals would be minimal. Ironically, another factor which lead to the depletion of fear factor came out to be the massive shift of the Trinamool leaders to the BJP majority of who were perceived as the political villain. Justifying their choice to support the turncoats, the pro-change respondents argued that at the moment change is their prime concern. This signify a deeper shift taking place in the political psyche of the state wherein there is a visible impatience with the prevailing culture of rewarding a political party for longer stint. In fact, this change in the political culture of freeing up the democratic spaces from the suffocating clutches of the ruling parties who subsume all sphere of everyday life within their complex maze, is partly accountable for entrenching the prevailing mood for change. Thus, as a significant change, the relative weakening of the political party structure may end up freeing the suppressed space for the autonomous civil-society and activists who at present are at the margins.

An Increased Degree of Openness and Articulation

Further, seen from the framework of political psychology, there was a visible change in the body language and articulations of the majority of respondents who were making a case for regime change. There was more openness and confidence in their political opinions as compared to the state of affairs four months ago. In fact, majority of the respondents in rural areas were forthright in their response.

The Common Sense that Change is in the Air

In fact, it was noteworthy that a perception that this time Bengal may witness a regime change emerged as a dominant factor on the ground. While the pro-BJP respondents were more confident, the pro-Trinamool section were relatively less assertive about the winnability chances of the incumbent regime. In fact, there were a section of pro-Trinamool respondents who while defending the incumbent regime and the leader, conceded that this time BJP may spring a surprise. That BJP has emerged as a serious bidder for power emerged as a unanimous opinion. This has a debilitating and demotivating effect on the ground workers and the cadres of the Trinamool Congress. On the other hand, this pro-change sentiment had taken such a deep root that even in constituencies with demographic challenge, say like, Minakhan in Basirhat Lok Sabha in N-24 parganas, wherein a BJP victory would be quite difficult, the pro-change respondents were quite assertive that their seat would also witness a saffron victory as change is in the air. The emergence of this pro-change perception as the dominant factor on the ground seemed to have emboldened the respondents to be more assertive in their political articulations.

Further Consolidation of the Minorities behind the Trinamool

As has been observed in the previous study and mentioned in the past reports, there wasn't much split among the minority votes, barring few seats at districts like South and North 24 Parganas, Howrah and Hooghly. Rather, there seemed to have a further consolidation of the Muslim minority votes behind the Trinamool Congress. This consolidation has further diminished the electoral prospect of the Congress and the Left, particularly, at many assembly constituencies in districts like Maldah and Murshidabad wherein the Trinamool would snatch some seats from the Left front in general and the Congress in particular. Hence, the bipolarity of the election has been further intensified, the fielding of many young faces by the Left notwithstanding.

Gender doesn't seem to be an independent factor in this Election

Since, gender emerged as an important factor in the debates by many analysts who argued that the past record of decisive edge that Mamata Banerjee had among the women is more likely to continue and help the Trinamool retain power, we tested this perception on the ground. In our finding, we found that there was no autonomous gendered electoral response. Rather, in majority of the cases, the narrative of the women were in consonance with their locality and community.

FINAL TALLY

Since we followed the qualitative method wherein having collected the expert views (various party leaders from different ideological dispensations, social activists or people who have an panoramic view of their area/constituencies) at the local level, the contested and layered narratives were collected from the common respondents who were approached through a purposive sampling that took into account the demographic profile of the respective assembly segments, an informed inference was drawn about the seat tallies. Hence, there party wise tally in the respective assembly constituencies are divided into two categories: the Sure Winnable seats and the ones where respective parties have the edge. These details are mentioned in the relevant table and the graphs. Combining these two categories, we have come up with a range of numbers which respective parties are likely to win.

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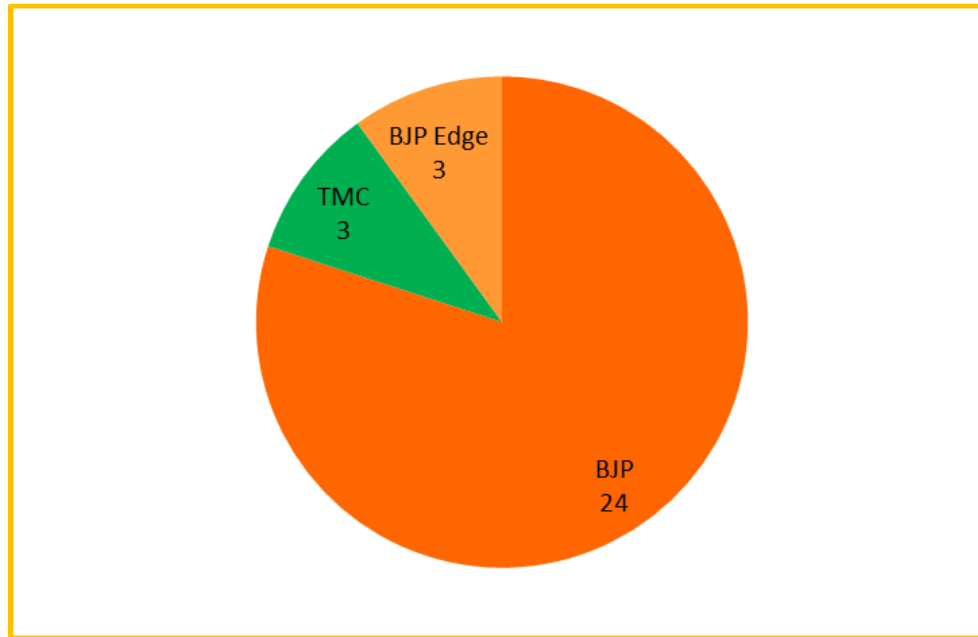
Party	BJP	TMC	LEFT FRONT	BJP Edge	TMC Edge	LF Edge
Seat share	172	64	7	21	23	4

In the final analysis, this comes to the range of:

PARTY	SEAT SHARE
BJP	172-191
TMC	64 - 88
Left Front	7 - 12

MAIN FINDINGS

SEAT PROJECTION PHASE - I



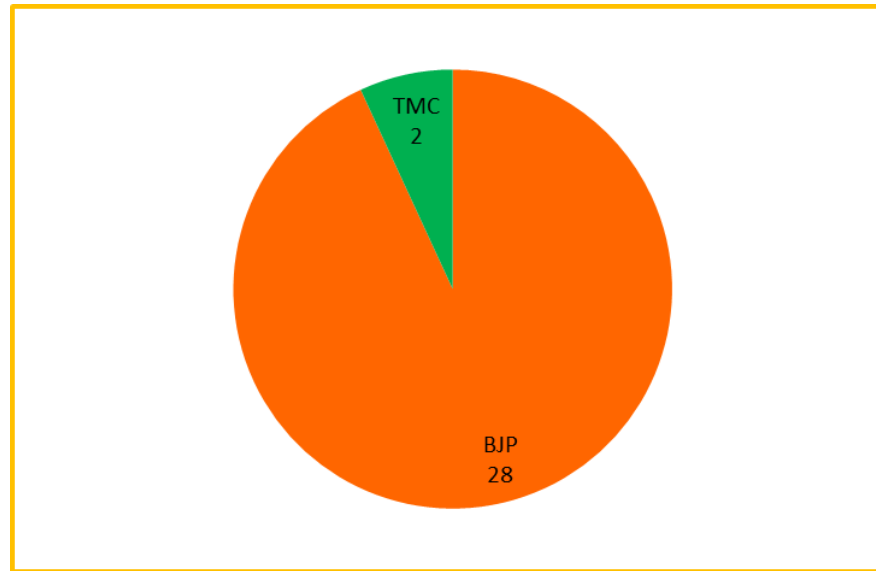
Party	BJP	TMC	BJP Edge
Seat share	24	3	3

WEST BENGAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS - 2021**PHASE-1 (27 March 2021)**

S.No.	Name of the Constituency	Seat Type	Sure win	Edge
1	Patashpur	212, Gen	BJP	
2	Kanthi Uttar	213, Gen	BJP	
3	Bhagabanpur	214, Gen	BJP	
4	Khejuri	215, SC	BJP	
5	Kanthi Dakshin	216, Gen	BJP	
6	Ramnagar	217, Gen	BJP	
7	Egra	218, Gen	BJP	
8	Dantan	219, Gen	BJP	
9	Nayagram	220, ST	TMC	
10	Gopiballavpur	221, Gen	BJP	
11	Jhargram	222, Gen	BJP	
12	Keshiary	223, ST	BJP	
13	Kharagpur	228, Gen		BJP
14	Garbeta	233, Gen		BJP
15	Salboni	234, Gen	BJP	
16	Medinipur	236, Gen	BJP	

17	Binpur	237, ST	BJP	
18	Bandwan	238, ST		BJP
19	Balarampur	239, Gen	BJP	
20	Baghmundi	240, Gen	BJP	
21	Joypur	241, Gen	BJP	
22	Purulia	242, Gen	BJP	
23	Manbazar	243, ST	TMC	
24	Kashipur	244, Gen	BJP	
25	Para	245, SC	BJP	
26	Raghunathpur	246, SC	BJP	
27	Saltora	247, SC	TMC	
28	Chhatna	248, Gen	BJP	
29	Ranibandh	249, ST	BJP	
30	Raipur	250, ST	BJP	

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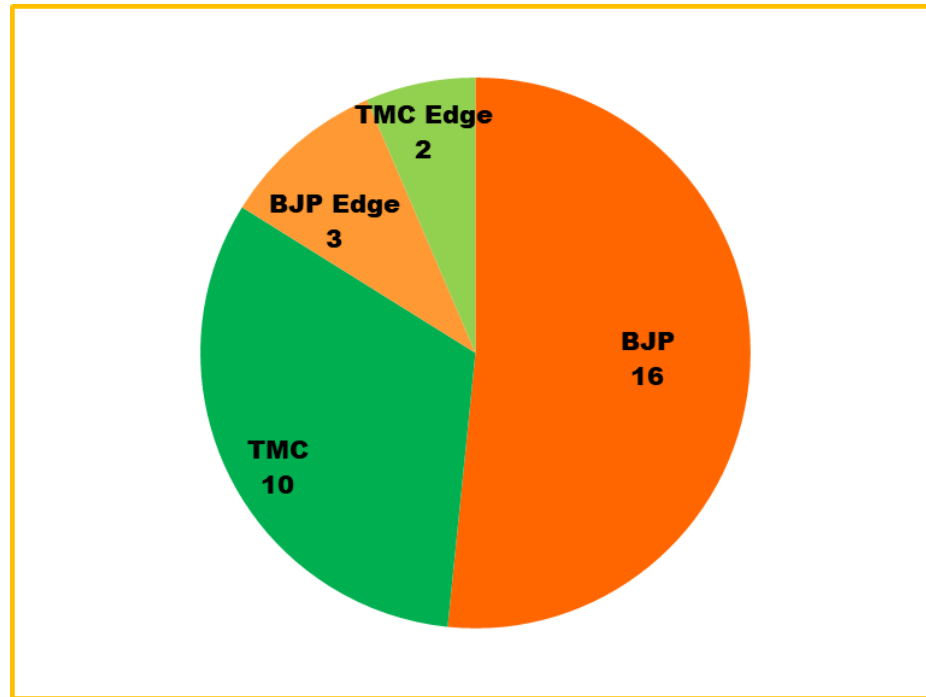


Party	BJP	TMC
Seat share	28	2

WEST BENGAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS - 2021			
PHASE - 2 (1 April 2021)			
S.No.	Name of the Constituency	Seat Type	Sure win
1	Gosaba	127, SC	BJP
2	Patharpratima	130, Gen	BJP
3	Kakdwip	131, Gen	BJP
4	Sagar	132, Gen	BJP
5	Tamluk	203, Gen	BJP
6	Panskura Purba	204, Gen	BJP
7	Panskura Paschim	205, Gen	BJP
8	Moyna	206, Gen	BJP
9	Nandakumar	207, Gen	BJP
10	Mahisadal	208, Gen	BJP
11	Haldia	209, SC	BJP
12	Nandigram	210, Gen	BJP
13	Chandipur	211, Gen	BJP
14	Kharagpur Sadar	224, Gen	BJP
15	Narayangarh	225, Gen	BJP
16	Sabang	226, Gen	BJP

17	Pingla	227, Gen	BJP
18	Debra	229, Gen	BJP
19	Daspur	230, Gen	TMC
20	Ghatal	231, SC	BJP
21	Chandrakona	232, SC	BJP
22	Keshpur	235, SC	TMC
23	Taldangra	251, Gen	BJP
24	Bankura	252, Gen	BJP
25	Barjora	253, Gen	BJP
26	Onda	254, Gen	BJP
27	Bishnupur (Bankura)	255, Gen	BJP
28	Katulpur	256, SC	BJP
29	Indas	257, SC	BJP
30	Sonamukhi	258, SC	BJP

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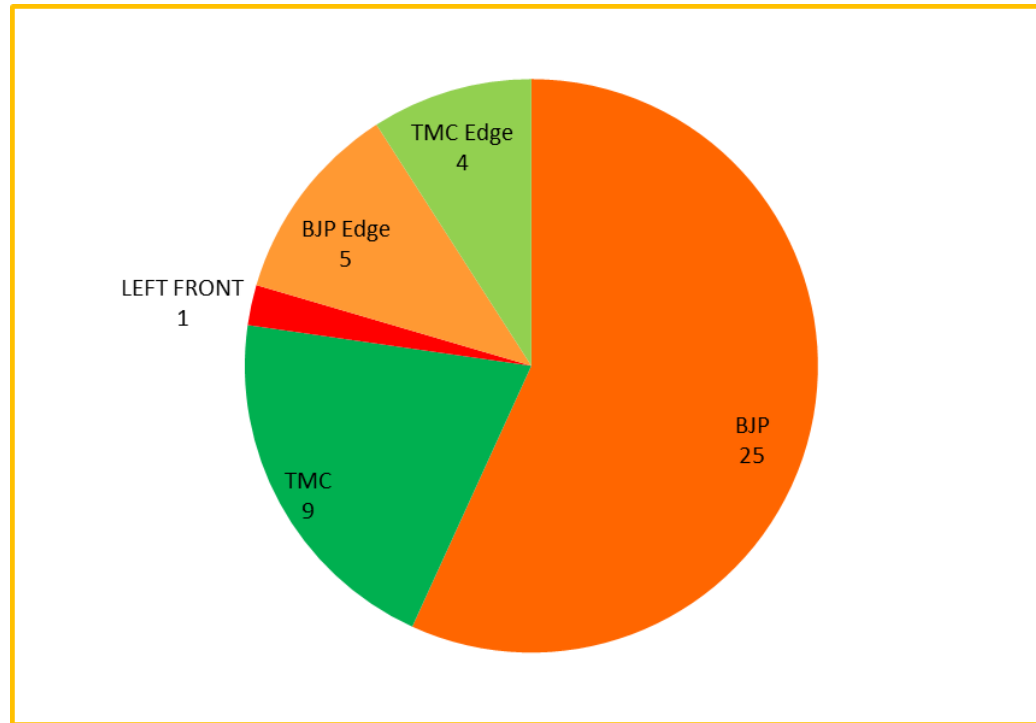
Party	BJP	TMC	BJP Edge	TMC Edge
Seat share	16	10	3	2

WEST BENGAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS - 2021**PHASE - 3 (6 April 2021)**

S.No.	Name of the Constituency	Seat Type	Sure win	Edge
1	Basanti	128, SC	TMC	
2	Kultali	129, SC	BJP	
3	Kulpi	133, Gen	BJP	
4	Raidighi	134, Gen		TMC
5	Mandirbazar	135, SC		BJP
6	Jaynagar	136, SC	BJP	
7	Baruipur Purba	137, SC	BJP	
8	Canning Paschim	138, SC	BJP	
9	Canning Purba	139, Gen	TMC	
10	Baruipur Paschim	140, Gen		TMC
11	Magrahat Purba	141, SC	TMC	
12	Magrahat Paschim	142, Gen	TMC	
13	Diamond Harbour	143, Gen	TMC	
14	Falta	144, Gen	BJP	
15	Satgachia	145, Gen	BJP	
16	Bishnupur (S 24)	146, SC	BJP	
17	Uluberia Uttar	177, SC	BJP	

18	Uluberia Dakshin	178, Gen	BJP	
19	Shyampur	179, Gen	TMC	
20	Bagnan	180, Gen	TMC	
21	Amta	181, Gen	BJP	
22	Udaynarayanpur	182, Gen	BJP	
23	Jagatballavpur	183, Gen	TMC	
24	Jangipara	195, Gen	BJP	
25	Haripal	196, Gen		BJP
26	Dhanekhali	197, SC	BJP	
27	Tarakeswar	198, Gen		BJP
28	Pursurah	199, Gen	BJP	
29	Arambagh	200, SC	TMC	
30	Goghat	201, SC	BJP	
31	Khanakul	202, Gen	TMC	

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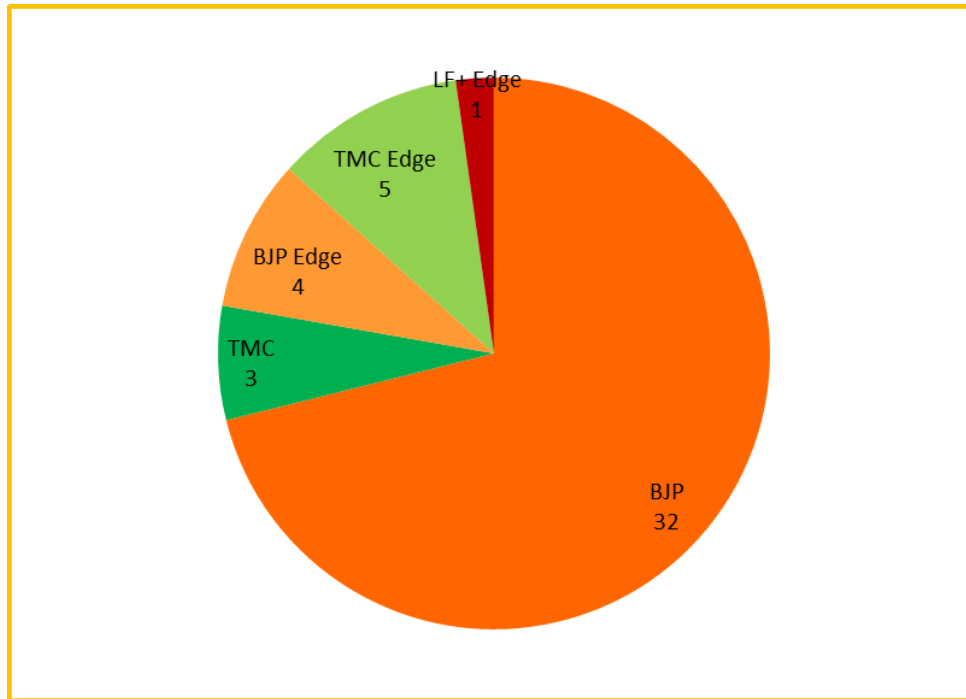
Party	BJP	TMC	LEFT FRONT	BJP Edge	TMC Edge
Seat share	25	9	1	5	2

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PHASE - 4 (10 April 2021)				
S.No.	Name of the Constituency	Seat Type	Sure win	Edge
1	Mekliganj	1, SC	BJP	
2	Mathabhanga	2 SC	BJP	
3	Cooch Behar Uttar	3, SC	BJP	
4	Cooch Behar Dakshin	4, Gen	BJP	
5	Sitalkuchi	5, SC		TMC
6	Sitai	6, SC	BJP	
7	Dinhata	7, Gen	BJP	
8	Natabari	8, Gen	BJP	
9	Tufanganj	9, Gen	BJP	
10	Kumargram	10, ST	BJP	
11	Kalchini	11, ST	BJP	
12	Alipurduars	12, Gen	BJP	
13	Falakata	13, SC	BJP	
14	Madarihat	14, ST	BJP	
15	Sonarpur Dakshin	147, Gen	BJP	
16	Bhangar	148, Gen	TMC	
17	Kasba	149, Gen	TMC	
18	Jadavpur	150, Gen	LEFT FRONT	

19	Sonarpur Uttar	151, Gen		BJP
20	Tollygunge	152, Gen		TMC
21	Behala Purba	153, Gen		BJP
22	Behala Paschim	154, Gen	TMC	
23	Maheshtala	155, Gen	TMC	
24	Budge Budge	156, Gen	TMC	
25	Metiaburuz	157, Gen	TMC	
26	Bally	169, Gen	BJP	
27	Howrah Uttar	170, Gen	BJP	
28	Howrah Madhya	171, Gen	TMC	
29	Shibpur	172, Gen	BJP	
30	Howrah Dakshin	173, Gen	TMC	
31	Sankrail	174, SC		BJP
32	Panchla	175, Gen	TMC	
33	Uluberia Purba	176, Gen		TMC
34	Domjur	184, Gen	BJP	
35	Uttarpara	185, Gen	BJP	
36	Sreerampur	186, Gen		TMC
37	Champdani	187, Gen	BJP	
38	Singur	188, Gen	BJP	
39	Chandannagar	189, Gen		BJP
40	Chunchura	190, Gen	BJP	

41	Balagarh	191, SC	BJP	
42	Pandua	192, Gen	BJP	
43	Saptagram	193, Gen	BJP	
44	Chanditala	194, Gen		BJP

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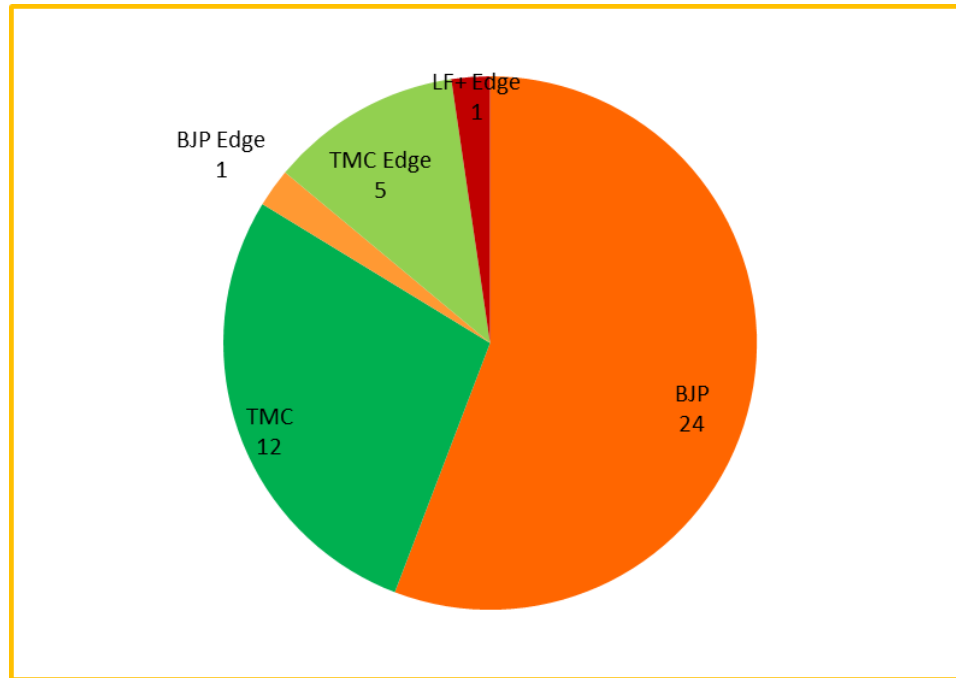
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Seat share	32	3	4	5	1

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PHASE - 5 (17 April 2021)				
S.No.	Name of the Constituency	Seat Type	Sure win	Edge
1	Dhupguri	15, SC	BJP	
2	Maynaguri	16, SC	BJP	
3	Jalpaiguri	17, SC		LEFT FRONT
4	Rajganj	18, SC	BJP	
5	Dabgram-Phulbari	19, Gen	BJP	
6	Mal	20, ST	BJP	
7	Nagrakata	21, ST	BJP	
8	Kalimpong	22, Gen	BJP	
9	Darjeeling	23, Gen		BJP
10	Kurseong	24, Gen	BJP	
11	Matigara-Naxalbari	25, SC	BJP	
12	Siliguri	26, Gen		BJP
13	Phansidewa	27, ST	BJP	
14	Santipur	86, Gen	BJP	
15	Ranaghat Uttar Paschim	87, Gen	BJP	
16	Krishnaganj	88, SC	BJP	
17	Ranaghat Uttar Purba	89, SC	BJP	

18	Ranaghat Dakshin	90, SC	BJP	
19	Chakdaha	91, Gen	BJP	
20	Kalyani	92, SC	BJP	
21	Haringhata	93, SC	BJP	
22	Panihati	111, Gen	BJP	
23	Kamarhati	112, Gen	BJP	
24	Baranagar	113, Gen		BJP
25	Dum Dum	114, Gen	BJP	
26	Rajarhat New Town	115, Gen	BJP	
27	Bidhannagar	116, Gen	BJP	
28	Rajarhat Gopalpur	117, Gen	BJP	
29	Madhyamgram	118, Gen	TMC	
30	Barasat	119, Gen	BJP	
31	Deganga	120, Gen		TMC
32	Haroa	121, Gen	TMC	
33	Minakhan	122, SC		TMC
34	Sandeshkhali	123, ST	BJP	
35	Basirhat Dakshin	124, Gen		TMC
36	Basirhat Uttar	125, Gen		TMC
37	Hingalganj	126, SC	BJP	
38	Khandaghosh	259, SC	BJP	
39	Bardhaman Dakshin	260, Gen	BJP	

40	Raina	261, SC	BJP	
41	Jamalpur	262, SC	BJP	
42	Manteswar	263, Gen	TMC	
43	Kalna	264, SC	BJP	
44	Memari	265, Gen		TMC
45	Bardhaman Uttar	266, SC		BJP

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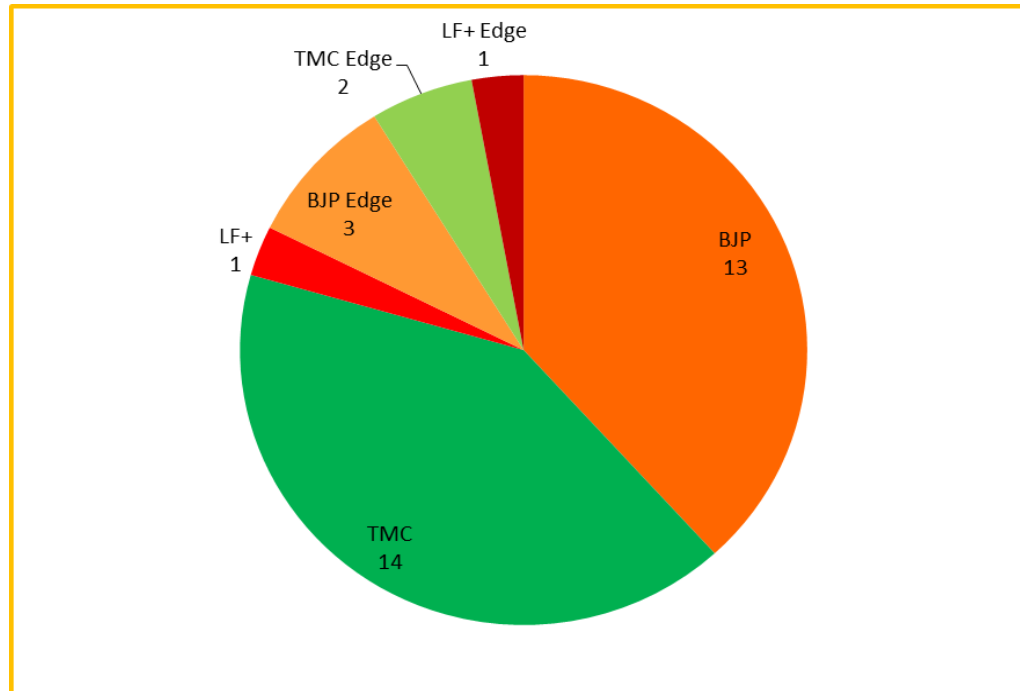
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Seat share	24	12	1	5	1

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PHASE - 6 (22 April 2021)				
S.No.	Name of the Constituency	Seat Type	Sure win	Edge
1	Chopra	28, Gen		TMC
2	Islampur	29, Gen	TMC	
3	Goalpokhar	30, Gen	TMC	
4	Chakulia	31, Gen		Left Front
5	Karandighi	32, Gen	BJP	
6	Hemtabad	33, SC	TMC	
7	Kaliaganj	34, SC	BJP	
8	Raiganj	35, Gen	BJP	
9	Itahar	36, Gen	TMC	
10	Karimpur	77, Gen		TMC
11	Tehatta	78, Gen	BJP	
12	Palashipara	79, Gen	TMC	
13	Kaliganj	80, Gen	TMC	
14	Nakashipara	81, Gen		BJP
15	Chapra	82, Gen	TMC	
16	Krishnanagar Uttar	83, Gen	BJP	
17	Nabadwip	84, Gen	BJP	
18	Krishnanagar Dakshin	85, Gen	BJP	

19	Bagda	94, SC	BJP	
20	Bangaon Uttar	95, SC	BJP	
21	Bangaon Dakshin	96, SC	BJP	
22	Gaighata	97, SC	BJP	
23	Swarupnagar	98, SC	TMC	
24	Baduria	99, Gen	TMC	
25	Habra	100, Gen	BJP	
26	Ashokenagar	101, Gen	BJP	
27	Amdanga	102, Gen		TMC
28	Bijpur	103, Gen	BJP	
29	Naihati	104, Gen	BJP	
30	Bhatpara	105, Gen	BJP	
31	Jagatdal	106, Gen	BJP	
32	Noapara	107, Gen		TMC
33	Barrackpore	108, Gen	BJP	
34	Khardaha	109, Gen	BJP	
35	Dum Dum Uttar	110, Gen	BJP	
36	Bhatar	267, Gen	TMC	
37	Purbasthali Dakshin	268, Gen		TMC
38	Purbasthali Uttar	269, Gen	BJP	
39	Katwa	270, Gen	BJP	
40	Ketugram	271, Gen	TMC	

41	Mangalkot	272, Gen	TMC	
42	Ausgram	273, SC	BJP	
43	Galsi	274, SC	BJP	

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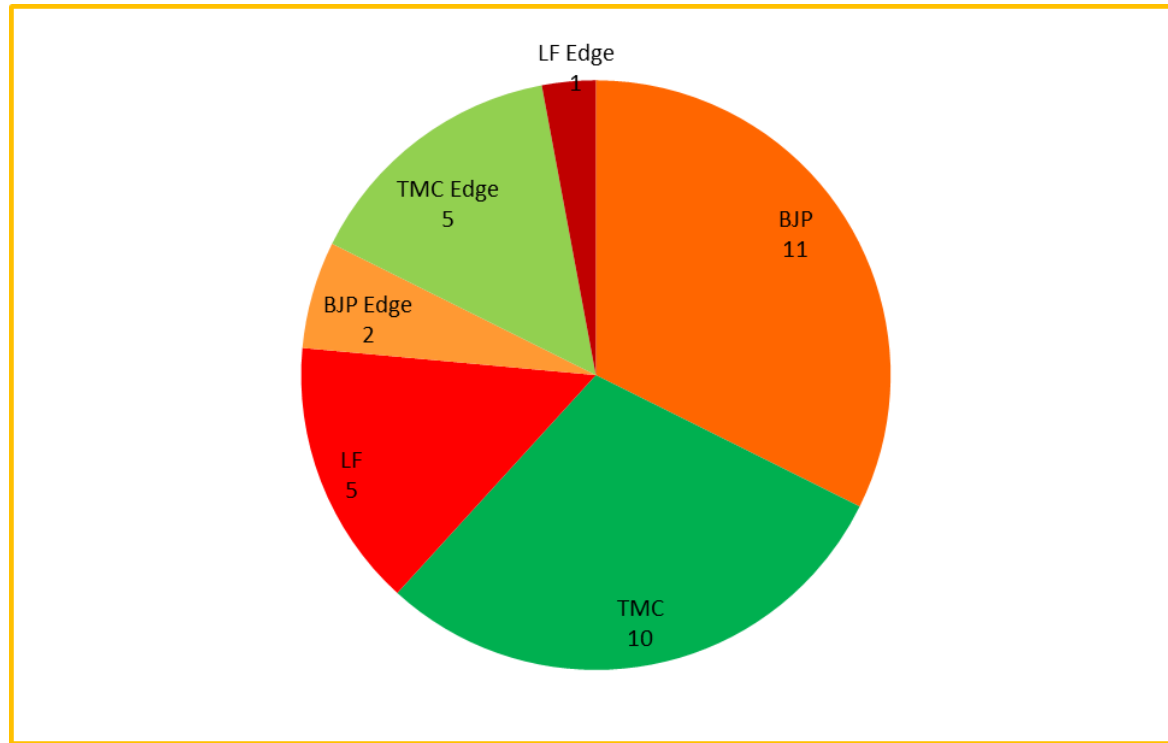


Party	BJP	TMC	LEFT FRONT	BJP Edge	TMC Edge	LF Edge
Seat share	13	14	1	3	2	1

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PHASE - 7 (26 April 2021)				
S.No.	Name of the Constituency	Seat Type	Sure win	Edge
1	Kushmandi	37, SC	BJP	
2	Kumarganj	38, Gen	TMC	
3	Balurghat	39, Gen	BJP	
4	Tapan	40, ST	BJP	
5	Gangarampur	41, SC		BJP
6	Harirampur	42, Gen		TMC
7	Habibpur	43, ST	BJP	
8	Gazole	44, SC	BJP	
9	Chanchal	45, Gen	TMC	
10	Harishchandrapur	46, Gen	TMC	
11	Malatipur	47, Gen	Left Front	
12	Ratua	48, Gen	TMC	
13	Farakka	55, Gen		Left Front
14	Samserganj	56, Gen		
15	Suti	57, Gen	TMC	
16	Jangipur	58, Gen		

17	Raghunathganj	59, Gen	TMC	
18	Sagardighi	60, Gen	TMC	
19	Lalgola	61, Gen	TMC	
20	Bhagabangola	62, Gen	TMC	
21	Raninagar	63, Gen	TMC	
22	Murshidabad	64, Gen		BJP
23	Nabagram	65, SC	TMC	
24	Kolkata Port	158, Gen	TMC	
25	Bhabanipur	159, Gen	BJP	
26	Rashbehari	160, Gen	BJP	
27	Ballygunge	161, Gen	TMC	
28	Pandaveswar	275, Gen	BJP	
29	Durgapur Purba	276, Gen	BJP	
30	Durgapur Paschim	277, Gen	BJP	
31	Raniganj	278, Gen		TMC
32	Jamuria	279, Gen	BJP	
33	Asansol Dakshin	280, Gen	BJP	
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35	Kulti	282, Gen		BJP
36	Barabani	283, Gen	TMC	

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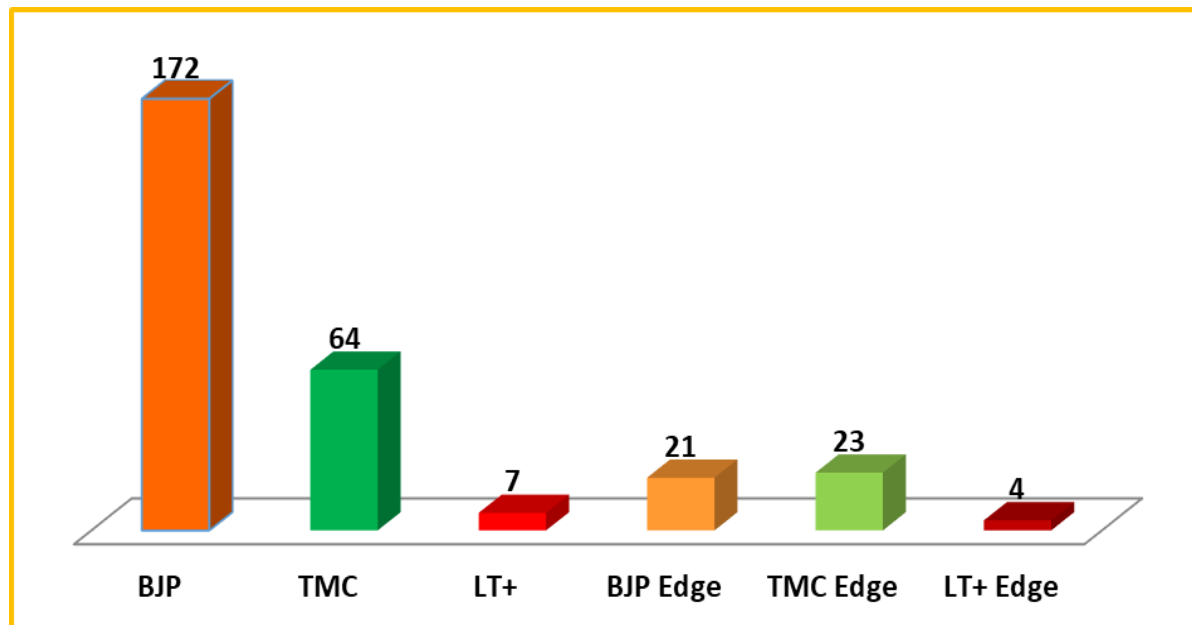
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Seat share	11	10	5	2	5	1

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PHASE - 8 (29 April 2021)				
S.No.	Name of the Constituency	Seat Type	Sure win	Edge
1	Manikchak	49, Gen	TMC	
2	Maldaha	50, SC	TMC	
3	English Bazar	51, Gen	BJP	
4	Mothabari	52, Gen	TMC	
5	Sujapur	53, Gen	Left Front	
6	Baisnabnagar	54, Gen		
7	Khargram	66, SC		TMC
8	Burwan	67, SC		BJP
9	Kandi	68, Gen	Left Front	
10	Bharatpur	69, Gen	Left Front	
11	Rejinagar	70, Gen		TMC
12	Beldanga	71, Gen		TMC
13	Baharampur	72, Gen	Left Front	
14	Hariharpara	73, Gen	TMC	
15	Naoda	74, Gen	TMC	
16	Domkal	75, Gen		Left Front
17	Jalangi	76, Gen	TMC	

18	Chowrangee	162, Gen	TMC	
19	Entally	163, Gen		TMC
20	Beleghata	164, Gen	TMC	
21	Jorasanko	165, Gen	BJP	
22	Shyampukur	166, Gen	BJP	
23	Maniktala	167, Gen	BJP	
24	Kashipur-Belgachia	168, Gen		TMC
25	Dubrajpur	284, SC	BJP	
26	Suri	285, Gen	BJP	
27	Bolpur	286, Gen	BJP	
28	Nanoor	287, SC	BJP	
29	Labpur	288, Gen	BJP	
30	Sainthia	289, SC	BJP	
31	Mayureswar	290, Gen	BJP	
32	Rampurhat	291, Gen		BJP
33	Hansan	292, Gen	Left Front	
34	Nalhati	293, Gen	TMC	
35	Murarai	294, Gen	TMC	

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