

Rajya Sabha Election, March 2026

Introduction

The Rajya Sabha elections held in March 2026 for 37 seats across 10 states reflected a politically balanced yet strategically significant outcome, underscoring the continued strength of national parties alongside the resilience of regional forces. A total of 26 candidates were elected unopposed across several states, indicating clear numerical advantages in those assemblies. For the remaining 11 seats, 14 candidates were in the fray, necessitating polling. Elections were accordingly held in Haryana, Odisha and Bihar.

Table 1: Number of Seats Won by the Political Parties in Rajya Sabha Election - March 2026

Party	Seats
BJP	12
INC	6
AITC	4
JD(U)	2
DMK	2
AIADMK	1
BJD	1
DMDK	1
IND	1
NCP	1
NCP-SP	1
PMK	1
RLM	1
RPI (ATWL)	1
SHS	1
UPP(L)	1

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged as a key gainer, securing multiple seats across Assam (2), Bihar (2), Chhattisgarh (1), Maharashtra (3), Odisha (2), Haryana (1) & West Bengal (1), thereby reinforcing its presence in the Upper House. In Bihar, the ruling alliance retained its strength, with JD(U) winning 2 seats and RLM securing 1, reflecting coalition stability. In Tamil Nadu, the DMK-led bloc dominat-

ed with 2 seats, while its allies and opposition parties such as AIADMK, PMK, INC and DMDK also secured representation, highlighting a plural and competitive political landscape. West Bengal continued to be dominated by AITC with 4 out of 5 seats, while the BJP managed to retain a foothold with 1 seat. In Telangana, the Congress secured both seats, marking a strong regional performance. Maharashtra presented a fragmented outcome, with representation from BJP, NCP, NCP-SP, SHS and RPI (Athawale), reflecting a competitive multi-party environment. Odisha delivered a mixed verdict, with BJP, BJD and an Independent candidate each securing representation. Smaller states such as Chhattisgarh and Haryana witnessed direct contests between the BJP and INC, with both parties winning one seat each, whereas the single seat in Himachal Pradesh was captured by the BJP. Overall, the election underscored the continued dominance of the BJP at the national level, the resilience of regional parties like DMK, AITC and BJD and the evolving coalition dynamics shaping the composition of the Rajya Sabha.

As of 31st March 2026, the overall composition of the Rajya Sabha reflects the dominance of the Bharatiya Janata Party with 106 members, making it the single largest party in the House. The Indian National Congress holds 29 seats, followed by the All India Trinamool Congress (13) and the Aam Aadmi Party (10). Among regional parties, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam has 8 members, while the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party and Biju Janata Dal have 7 and 6 members respectively. The All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam holds 5 seats and parties such as Janata Dal (United), Nationalist Congress Party and Samajwadi Party have 4 members each. Several parties, including Rashtriya Janata Dal, CPI(M), Jammu & Kashmir National Conference, Bharat Rashtra Samithi & Independents, have 3 seats each. Twenty smaller parties collectively hold 26 seats, with each party securing one or two seats, contributing to a diverse and multi-party composition of the House. In addition, there are 6 nominated members and 2 vacant seats, indicating that while one party enjoys a clear lead, the Rajya Sabha continues to reflect a broad spectrum of national and regional political representation.

Top 10 Political Parties with the Highest Number of Members in Rajya Sabha (As on 31st March 2026)

Party	Number	Party	Number
Bharatiya Janata Party	106	All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	5
Indian National Congress	29	Janata Dal (United)	4
All India Trinamool Congress	13	Nationalist Congress Party	4
Aam Aadmi Party	10	Samajwadi Party	4
Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	8	Other Parties	41
Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party	7	Nominated	6
Biju Janata Dal	6	Vacant Seats	2
		Total	245