

Congress party leader Rahul Gandhi did not outright reject the possibility of his INDIA alliance forming a government. When a reporter asked him the question, he deflected it by saying that the bloc would meet tomorrow and discuss it. This has made the results more interesting. Two of the BJP's allies - the Janata Dal (United) and the Telugu Desam Party - are leading in close to 30 seats. The BJP - which seems to have been restricted to around 240 seats - needs them to reach 272 seats to be in power. But both the TDP and the JDU are former Congress partners, and Mr Gandhi did not rule out the possibility of holding talks with them. Next is the BJP's press conference and that might give us more clues on who might form the government.