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COMPARISON OF THE INDIAN ELECTORATE FROM 1951–1952 TO 2014

SIZE & GENDER-WISE COMPOSITION OF THE INDIAN ELECTORATE OVER  
SUCCESSIVE GENERAL ELECTIONS

ELECTORATE SIZE BECOMES MORE THAN 4.7 TIMES BETWEEN 1951 – 1952 & 2014

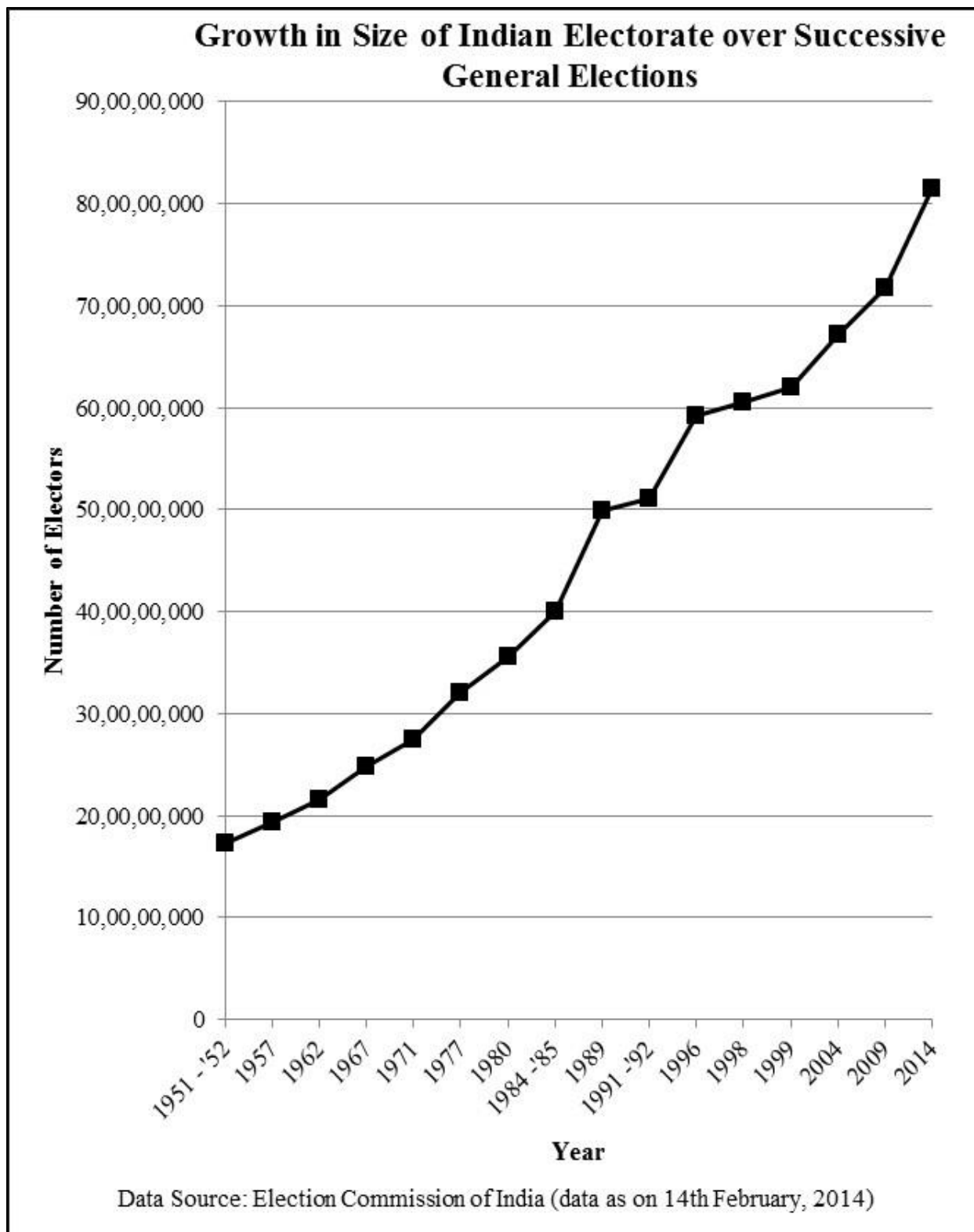
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A comparison of the electoral data as per the final publication of summary revision 2014 (released by the Election Commission of India on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014) with that of previous General Elections shows that the total electorate size of the country grew from 173,212,343 electors in the 1st General Elections of 1951 – 1952 to become 814,591,184 in 2014 - more than 4.7 times the figure in 1951 – '52. Relative to 1971 (the year since when the sex-wise break-up of electors is available), the size of the total electorate grew by 197.1% or became 2.97 times. Further, both the number of male electors and the number of female electors became 2.97 times of their respective numbers in 1971. The proportion of female electors in the Indian electorate has showed little variation since 1971, always hovering between 47.4% and 48.0%.

**Table 1: Size and Gender Composition of the Indian Electorate over Successive General Elections**

Year	Total Number of Electors	Male Electors		Female Electors	
		No: of Electors	% of Total Electors	No: of Electors	% of Total Electors
1951 - '52	173,212,343	NB: Gender-wise break-up of electors of General Elections conducted before 1971 is not available.			
1957	193,652,179				
1962	216,361,569				
1967	248,904,300				
1971	274,189,132	143,564,829	52.4%	130,624,303	47.6%
1977	321,174,327	167,019,151	52.0%	154,155,176	48.0%
1980	356,205,329	185,539,439	52.1%	170,665,890	47.9%
1984 -'85	400,375,333	208,040,256	52.0%	192,335,077	48.0%
1989	498,906,129	262,045,142	52.5%	236,860,987	47.5%
1991 -'92	511,533,598	268,962,610	52.6%	242,570,988	47.4%
1996	592,572,288	309,815,776	52.3%	282,756,512	47.7%
1998	605,880,192	316,692,789	52.3%	289,187,403	47.7%
1999	619,536,847	323,813,667	52.3%	295,723,180	47.7%
2004	671,487,930	349,490,864	52.0%	321,997,066	48.0%
2009	716,985,101	374,758,801	52.3%	342,226,300	47.7%
2014	814,591,184	426,651,513	52.4%	387,911,330	47.6%

Data Source: Election Commission of India (data as on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014)



**Figure 1: Growth in Size of Indian Electorate over Successive General Elections**

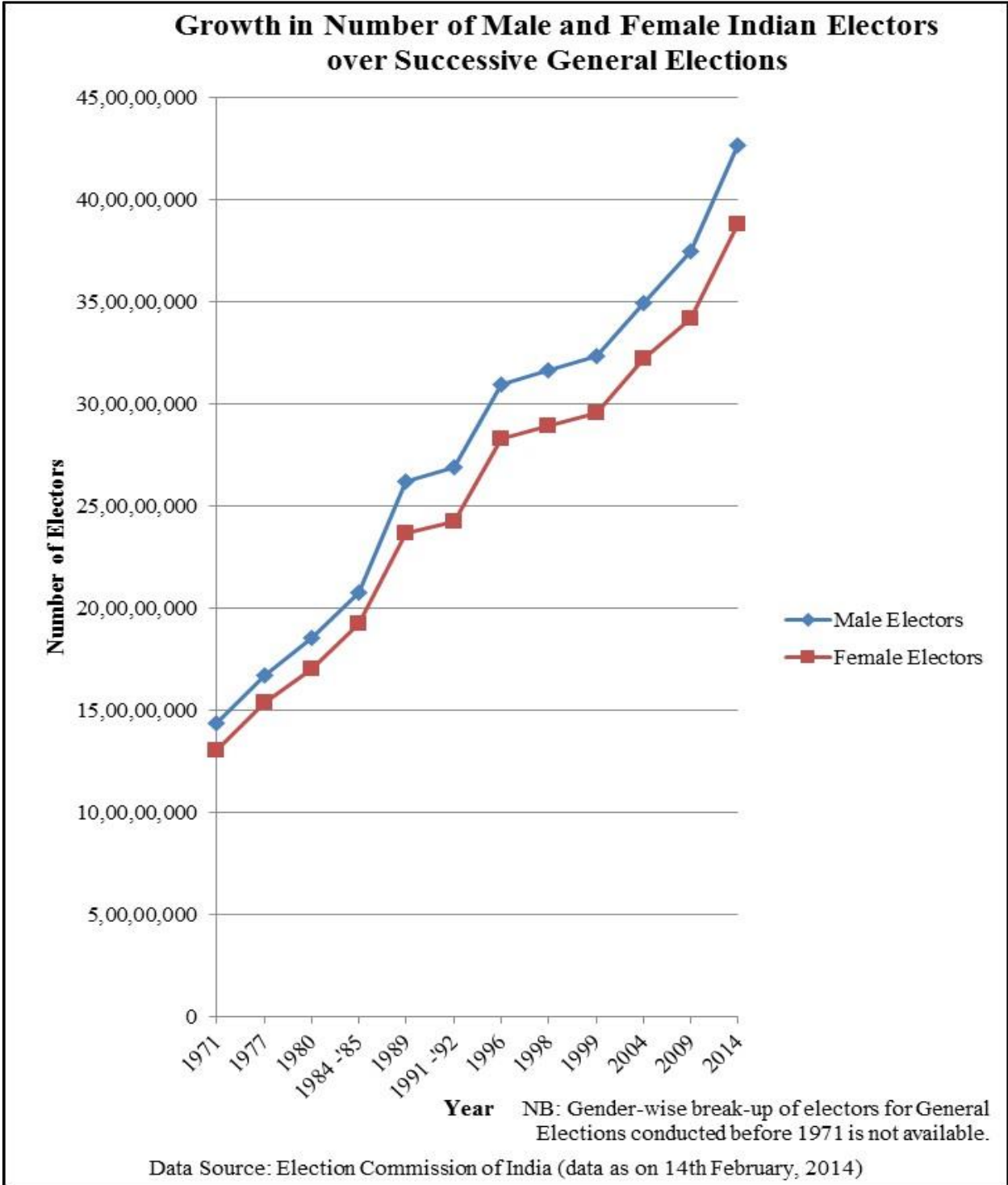


Figure 2: Growth in No: of Male and Female Indian Electors over Successive General Elections

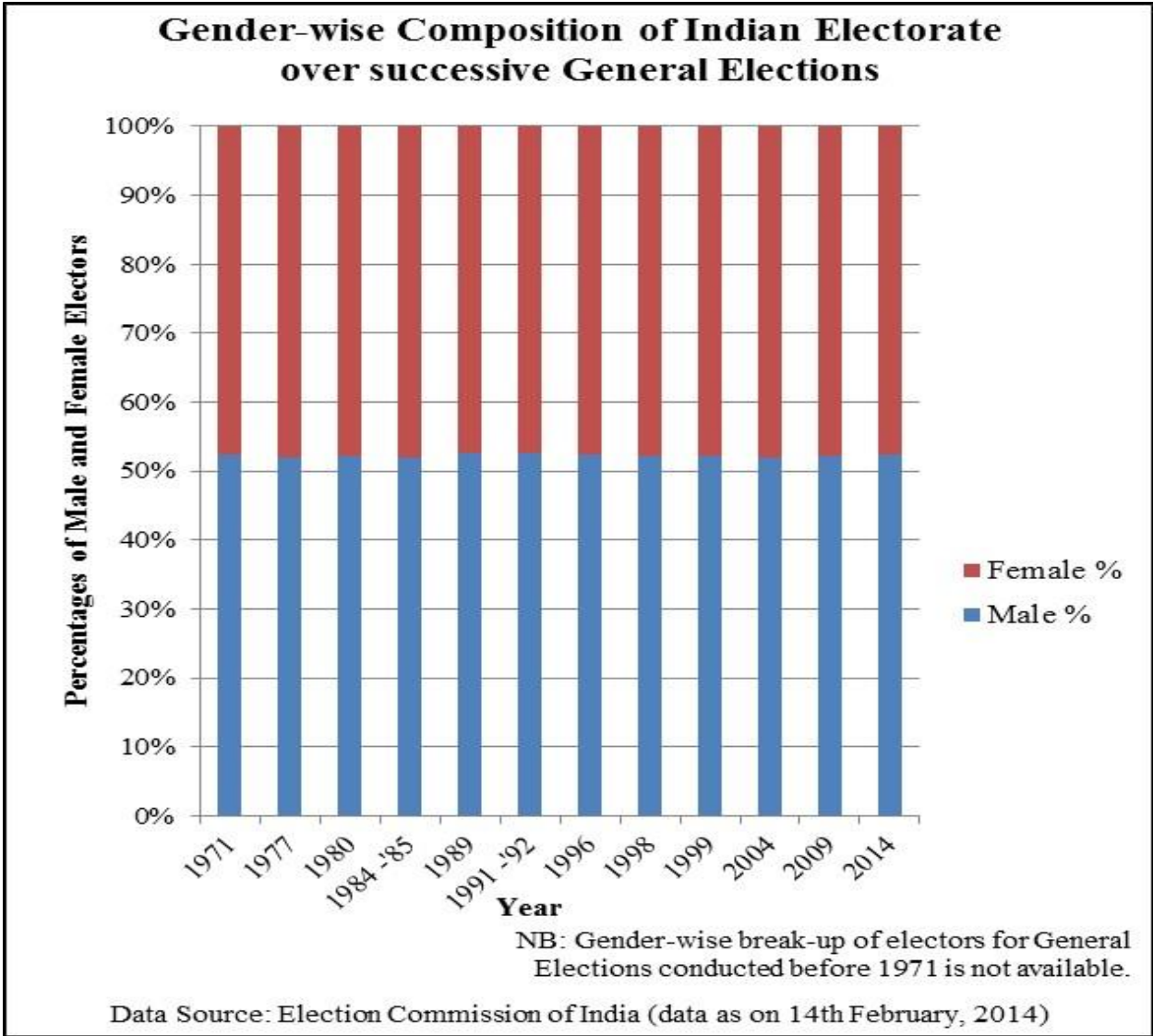


Figure 3: Gender-wise Composition of the Indian Electorate over Successive General Elections

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