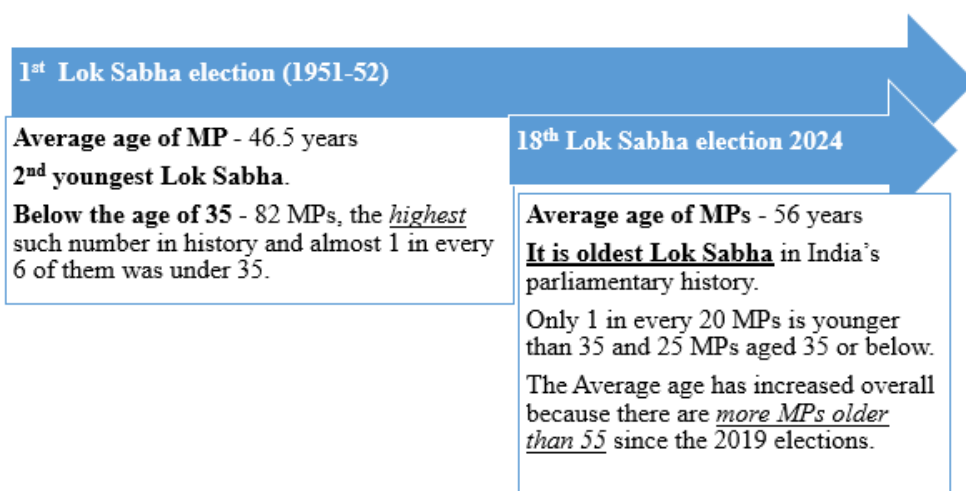


Young Lawmakers

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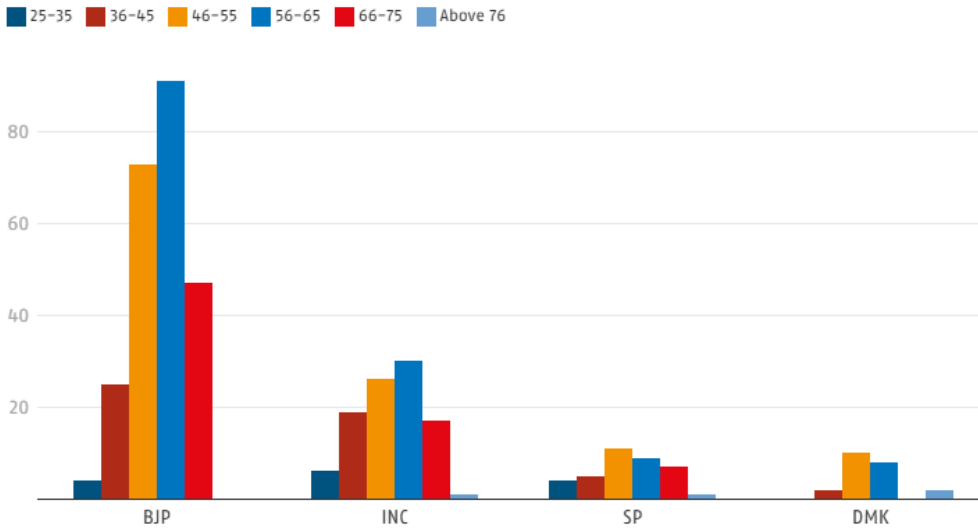
The youth representation in the Indian Parliament was critically low from 1951-52 to 2024 according to data from the Association for Democratic Reforms.

- **Young Lawmakers** - It refers to the representation of young adults in the age group of 25-40 years in legislatures.
- **Trends in Lok Sabha** - Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) are typically middle aged and form a majority in most political parties.



- **Young MPs** - Most political parties' MPs are aged 46 to 65.
- Congress has largest share of young MPs.

Major Lok Sabha parties and their members' age



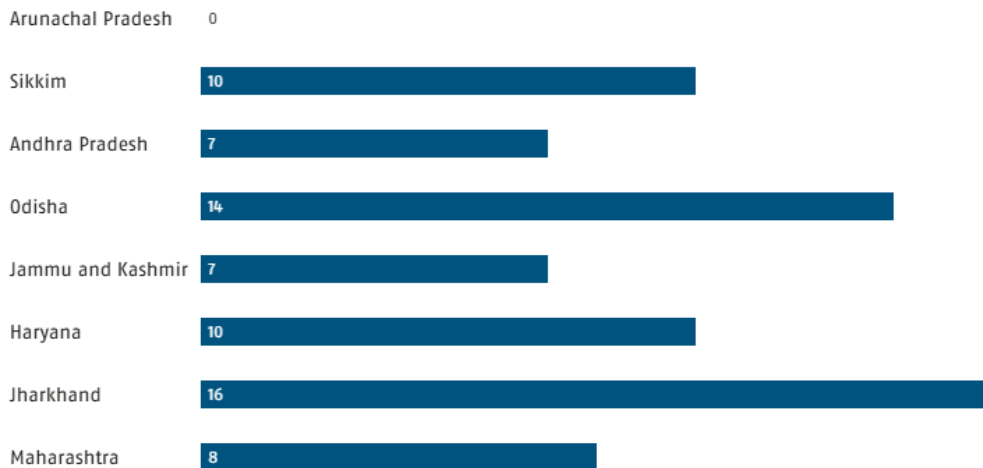
Note: Top 4 parties with highest MPs in 2024 Lok Sabha elections
Source: ADR

The Lok Sabha elected in **1998** was **the youngest** where the average age of its MPs was 46.4 years.

- **Young MLAs** - The young are underrepresented in state assemblies as well.
- After elections in 8 states in 2024, the share of MLAs aged 40 or younger is 10% or less.
 - **Arunachal Pradesh** - No MLA aged 40 or younger.
 - **Jharkhand** - 16% of its MLAs are under the age of 40.

Few young MLAs after 2024 elections

Share of legislators who are 40 or younger (in %)



Note: Figures for state assembly elections held in 2024
Source: PRS Legislative

Jharkhand is the youngest state assembly among the newly elected governments in 2024.

Reference

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