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Congress Party is indebted and humbled by the shining victory in State of Punjab as also near majority in the States of Goa and Manipur. We are confident of forming the government in all the three States. Congress Party is also winning the Amritsar Lok Sabha seat by a decisive margin of over 2 lakh votes.

On behalf of Congress Vice-President, Shri Rahul Gandhi and the entire Congress leadership, we thank the voters and Congress workers of Punjab, Goa and Manipur for electing the Congress Party and reposing faith in Congress ideals and policies.

Victory of the Congress Party in all the three corners of the country i.e Punjab, Goa and Manipur is a lesson to those who never tired of repeated harping about 'Congress Mukt Bharat'. People have proved that there is a yawning gap between the 'truth' and 'empty rhetoric'. Congress lives in the hearts and minds of people of India and victory in the three States have proved it.

We congratulate the BJP; PM, Shri Narendra Modi and Shri Amit Shah on the victory in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. We bow before the verdict of people of the two States. We will introspect on the reasons for the loss in these two States and rededicate ourselves to strengthening the Party and being the watchdog of aspirations of the people.

We hope that BJP will now shift the narrative from 'Shamshan-Kabristan' and 'politics of acronyms' to the 'politics of development and brotherhood' i.e. intrinsic to the 'Ganga-Jamuni' culture of U.P. and will provide the much needed and promised relief by waiving farmer's loans, by giving cost + 50% profit as MSP for crops, jobs for the youth and ushering in a new era of industrialization.

Congress recognizes its historical and futuristic responsibility in U.P. and Uttarakhand and we stand committed to rebuilding the Party organization and win the fight for people's hearts and minds. We also thank all the workers and leaders of Congress-SP in U.P. as also Congress workers in Uttarakhand for carrying forward the election campaign in a spirited fashion and with a rare zeal and dedication.