

EIU: Country Risk and Forecasts

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/LP,/TX Although it faces a number of threats and appears to be increasingly accident-prone, the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) coalition, led by the Indian National Congress, is likely to remain in power in 2006-07. Tensions between Congress, its coalition allies and the mainly communist Left Front parties that support the coalition will make for a volatile political environment. The survival of the coalition cannot therefore be taken for granted. Coalition member parties lost power in the states of Jharkhand and Bihar in 2005, and the Congress-led coalition in the state of Karnataka collapsed in late January 2006. There have also been a number of corruption scandals involving Congress, including the Iraqi oil-for-food fraud, which resulted in the resignation of the foreign minister, Natwar Singh, in November 2005, and a new twist in the 1986 Bofors arms deal, which contributed to the fall in 1989 of the Congress prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi. However, support for Congress is holding up well in nationwide opinion polls, helped by the buoyancy of the economy and the weakness of the main opposition party, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The untarnished reputation of the prime minister, Manmohan Singh, has helped him to brush off calls for his resignation, and he faces no immediate threat to his power.

/TX But Mr Singh cannot afford to rest on his laurels. His first cabinet reshuffle, on January 29th this year, saw the removal of the high-profile and independent-minded petroleum minister, Mani Shankar Aiyar, and ten new appointments to less important ministries. Significantly, Mr Singh's decisions to retain the external affairs portfolio and to replace Mr Aiyar with a Congress veteran, Murli Deora, suggests that the prime minister and the powerful Congress party president, Sonia Gandhi, want to exert a firm grip over foreign and energy policy. These are two areas that will be crucial to India's closer relationship with the US over the next few months, and especially when the US president, George W Bush, visits India in March. Mr Singh could announce another reshuffle, probably involving the external affairs portfolio, shortly after Mr Bush's visit.

Congress's minority position in the Lok Sabha (the lower house of parliament) and its continuing reliance on regional parties, as well as the Left Front, for support remain a problem. It cannot be assumed that either group of parties will be willing to compromise over key issues indefinitely. In addition, instability and surprise results in state-level politics could unsettle the fragile UPA coalition. The state assembly elections in West Bengal and Kerala in mid-2006 will strain already tense relations between Congress and the Communist Party of India (Marxist), or CPI (M), the largest Left Front party, on whose support the UPA relies to control parliament. The CPI (M)'s conditional support for the government goes some way towards bearing out the view of the BJP that dislike of the main opposition party is the only cohesive force operating in the current government.

Since it fell from power, the BJP has been plagued by internal dissent and in-fighting. However, it has recently been galvanised by a state assembly victory in Bihar, as well as by internal elections that produced a new party president, Rajnath Singh, the former chief minister of India's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh. Furthermore, there is a strong anti-incumbency factor in Indian politics (whereby voters become disillusioned with the party in power). It is therefore possible that the BJP's fortunes could turn around at short notice, just as Congress's did at the last general election in May 2004 (although it won only eight more seats than the BJP).

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