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Parliamentary Secretary to the  
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Human Rights

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## **The Honourable Deepak Obhrai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for International Human Rights, today made the following statement in Parliament:**

“Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Narendra Modi and the BJP on their electoral success.

These elections clearly illustrate that Mr. Modi’s message of economic revival resonated with the Indian electorate. Under the leadership of Mr. Modi, India is poised to reach greater heights.

It is our hope that the reforms implemented by Mr. Modi in Gujarat can be replicated throughout India.

Our government is committed in supporting and working with Mr. Modi as he embarks on his reforms that will not only benefit Indians but also Canadians.

Once again I congratulate Mr. Modi and the BJP.

I would also like to congratulate the Election Commission of India for organising an open and transparent election.”

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## **Honourable Deepak Obhrai responded to a question raised by Kyle Seeback, M.P. for Brampton West, during Question Period today in Parliament :**

**Mr. Kyle Seeback (Brampton West, CPC):** Mr. Speaker, as the general election in India concludes, early reports indicate that these elections enjoyed unprecedented voter turnout. These elections highlight the maturity and strength of India's democracy and I can say we rejoice with the people of India as they embark on a new direction under the leadership of Mr. Modi. During his time as the chief minister of Gujarat, Mr. Modi made it one of India's best-performing states economically.

Can the parliamentary secretary please comment on the recent elections held in India?

**Hon. Deepak Obhrai (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for International Human Rights, CPC):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the member for Brampton West for this question. He works very hard for his constituents.

I would like to first congratulate the people of India on their recent elections, as well as express my thanks to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for his role in strengthening the relations between our two countries. These elections serve as an example to the world of democracy in action.

Our government congratulates Mr. Modi on his win. We look forward to working with Mr. Modi to strengthen the existing social and economic partnership that exists between Canada and India.

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