

I: INTRODUCTION

The West Bengal state assembly elections were conducted in five phases. Polling for the Phase-I, II, III, IV and phase-V was held on the 17, 22, and 27 April, 3 and 8 May, 2006 respectively for 294 assembly constituencies. A post-poll survey conducted in 44 out of 294 assembly constituencies. The objective of the survey was to reflect the nature of voting behaviour and attitudes of people on electoral politics in the state. The survey was an attempt to understand the people's perception on the performance of state government as well as the government at the Centre. Another aim of the CSDS is to generate data bank of surveys held over the years in different parts of the country which helps to make interstate comparison on disposition of the electorates opinion towards different political parties, socio-economic, political, development, and governance issues and to understand electorates' behavior pattern which varies with region, community, religion, class, and gender.

Table -1: Background of the Assembly election in West Bengal , 2006

Total Number of Assembly Constituencies(AC)	294
Number of seats for General Category	218
Number of seats reserved for Scheduled Caste	59
Number of seats reserved for Scheduled Tribe	17
Total Number of Voters	48165201
Voter turn out (%)	82

Source: Indian election statistics are available at the Election Commission of India's website:
www.eci.gov.in.

Table-2: Election Results

Party	Seats Contested	Seats won	Votes Share (percent)
Left Front (Alliance)	294	235	50
• CPI	13	8	2
• CPM	212	176	37
• RSP	23	20	4
• FBL	34	23	6
• WBSP	4	4	1
• Other *	12	8	1
INC**(Alliance)	292	21	15
NDA (Alliance)	294	31	29
• TRMC	257	30	27
• NDAIND	8	1	0.4
• Others***	159	0	2.7
Independent****	656	5	4

Source: Indian election statistics are available at the Election Commission of India's website:
www.eci.gov.in.

*Other includes NCP, RJD, DSP and LFIND

**Indian National Congress (INC) alliance was with PDS, JMM, INCIND

***Other includes BJP, JD(U), BSP

****Independent, GNLF, JKP (P), SHS, MUL, JD (S), SP, CPIML(L), JMM, RPI (A), LJNSP, AMB, SHSP, IJP, PDS, Other Parties.

Table-3: Survey Frame

Number of assembly constituencies surveyed	44
Number of polling station survey	171
Number of Respondents	3186
Type of Survey	Post poll Survey

Table-4: Sample Profile: Census of India vs. Survey

Variables	West Bengal* (percent)	Survey (percent)
Rural	72	70
Urban	28	30
Women	48	47
Scheduled Caste	23	29
Scheduled Tribe	6	4
Hindu	73	82
Muslim	25	17
Other**	2	1

*Census 2001, West Bengal

** Christian, Jain, Buddhist, and Sikh

II: SURVEY DESIGN

Selection of Assembly Constituency (AC):

For the pre poll survey, it was decided to cover 44 of the total assembly constituencies; Assembly constituencies were selected randomly using the probability proportionate to size (PPS) method.

Probability Proportionate To Size (PPS)

A list of all assembly constituencies were arranged in ascending order along with total number of electorates per assembly constituency then cumulative population of electorates was calculated. It was decided to conduct a survey in 44 assembly constituencies in the state out of the 294 ACs. Thus, to arrive at sampling interval (SI) (or sampling constant), total population of electorates divided by 44 (suppose total electorates of the state was 44, 00000, divided by 44 then sampling interval becomes 100000). After that, a number less than calculated sampling interval is selected randomly i.e. between one and SI, in the column of cumulative population of electorates (suppose, randomly selected number was 10,000). This number is Random Start (RS). Random start is the first Assembly constituency. Calculate the following series: RS; RS+SI, RS+2SI; RS+3SI..., and these numbers of calculated series were matched in the column cumulative population of electorates and thus, lead to random selection of the ACs.

Selection of Polling Stations (PS):

It was predefined to interview respondent from randomly selected four polling stations of each assembly constituency. In order to select the polling station from each AC, a comprehensive list of PS in each AC was prepared and the total number of polling stations were divided by four (a pre determined number from each AC) to arrive at the sampling constant or sampling interval.

First Polling station was selected randomly which ought to be less than sampling constant thereafter, sampling constant was added to the randomly selected PS to arrive at the second PS. This process was repeated for the selection of next polling stations in an assembly constituency. It is how; different polling stations were selected in each assembly constituency.

Selection of respondent:

Thirty respondents were randomly selected from the voter list of each polling station. The reason for sample size was to circumvent clustering and it also has logistic and methodological concerns. For this, a list of voters at each polling station was obtained and the total number of voters (at each PS) was divided by thirty to arrive at sampling

constant¹. Sampling constant was added to the first respondent number to get next respondent and so on till selection of 30 respondent has completed.

For the present household survey a structured interview schedule was used and fieldworkers were cautiously selected. Only those who have acquaintance with the region were selected and given training thereafter as it facilitate in improving interviewer performance and subsequently, of the whole survey.

Table-5: Questionnaire Design

1.	Language Designed	English
2.	Language Translated	--
3.	Language Administered	Bengali
4.	Number of Variables	107
5.	Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondent's Background • Comparison on performance of previous and present government • Performance of the MLAs • Public opinion about the politics in the state. • Question of Leadership

Table-6 Details of Training Workshop of Investigator:

1.	Date	16 th , April, 2006
2.	Venue	Kalyani University, West Bengal
3.	Number of Investigator	88
4.	Resource person(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supriyo Basu, Kalyani University, West Bengal • Pradeep Swarnakar, Paromita Guha, and Brijendra Mishra..

Table-7: Data Collection and Processing Details

1.	Date of Field work	Phase I -18 th April, 2006
		Phase II -23 th April, 2006
		Phase III-28 th April, 2006
		Phase IV-4 th May, 2006
		Phase V-9 th May, 2006
2.	Date of Data checking	22 nd April, 2006
3.	Venue of Checking	Centre for Study of Developing Societies (CSDS)
4.	Date of Data Entry	23 rd April, 2006
5.	Venue of Data Entry	Centre for Study of Developing Societies (CSDS)

¹ If there are 3000 respondents of a polling station, divide 3000 by 30 that will be equal to 100. Thus 100 is the sampling constant for sampling respondents for the survey. The first respondent should be less than 100 drawn from random number table. Thus, if 89th voter is the first respondent selected then keep on adding 100, that is 89+100=189(second respondent), 189+100=289(third respondent) and so on till select 30 respondent

*For Kerala assembly elections, Post poll survey was held only for first two phases and for the third phase exit-poll was conducted instead of post poll.

Table-8: Details of Data Dissemination

Electronic Media			
Name	Date	Time	
CNN-IBN	8 th , May, 2006	8.00pm	
Print Media			
Name	Title of Article	Name of Author	Date
The Hindu (Chennai)	Left set for landslide in West Bengal	Sanjay Kumar , Rajeev L. Karandikar, Supriyo Basu and Yogendra Yadav	9 th May, 2006
The Hindu	The opportunities and the Challenges	Sanjay Kumar	16 th May, 2006
The Hindu	Poll predictions come true	Sanjay Kumar, Rajeev L. Karandikar and Yogendra Yadav	13 th May, 2006

III: DETAILS OF SURVEY TEAM

III. Details of Survey Team

Sanjay Kumar of Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi directed the survey. The fieldwork of the survey was coordinated in West Bengal by Supriyo Basu of Kalyani University and supervised by Pradeep Swarnakar, Paromita Guha, and Brijendra Mishra..

The Central Team which designed, coordinated and analyzed the survey comprised Yogendra Yadav, Sanjeer Alam, Banasmita Bora, Praveen Rai, Pallavi Srivastava, Vikas Gautam Himanshu Bhattacharya, K.A.Q.A Hilal, Kanchan Malhotra, Ninu Nair, and Ramajayam of CSDS, and Professor Rajeev L. Karandikar of Cranes Software International Ltd. Bangalore.

I: ANNEXURE-1**DETAILS OF SURVEY PROFILE**

Assembly Constituency	Ac. No	PS No	No. of respondent
Bhagabangola	56	20	17
		57	19
		94	19
		131	16
		Total	71
Naoda	61	31	18
		78	19
		125	19
		172	17
		Total	73
Berhampore	63	23	16
		81	16
		139	16
		197	16
		Total	64
Barwan	67	9	16
		52	17
		95	17
		138	16
		Total	66
Chapra	73	2	20
		42	20
		82	20
		122	20
		Total	80
Hanskhali (SC)	79	9	20
		58	18
		107	20
		156	20
		Total	78
Haringhata	83	36	20
		88	17
		140	20
		192	19
		Total	76
Amdanga	89	29	20
		81	20
		133	20
		185	20
		Total	80
Swarupnagar	93	25	20
		68	20
		111	20
		154	20
		Total	80
Gosaba (SC)	100	7	18

		44	18
		81	15
		118	14
		Total	65
Canning West (SC)	105	36	16
		83	19
		130	17
		177	16
		Total	68
Bishnupur East (SC)	110	23	18
		60	18
		97	20
		134	20
		Total	76
Maheshtala	115	100	20
Magrahat East (SC)	121	18	18
		61	18
		104	19
		147	19
		Total	74
Sagar	127	6	18
		50	19
		94	18
		138	17
		Total	72
Titagarh	133	28	20
		60	19
		92	20
		124	20
		Total	79
DumDum	138	27	20
		86	20
		145	20
		204	20
		Total	80
Chowringhee	146	1	20
		28	20
		55	40
		Total	80
Ballyguange	152	37	20
		85	20
		133	8
		181	13
		Total	61
Manicktola	159	30	20
		66	20
		102	19
		138	18
		Total	77
Howrah South	164	3	20
		34	20
		65	18
		96	20

		Total	78
Sankrail (SC)	169	10	16
		58	16
		106	16
		154	8
		Total	56
Amta	175	8	20
		46	16
		84	10
		122	13
		Total	59
Serampore	180	19	18
		53	16
		87	20
		121	20
		Total	74
Chandernagore	182	8	19
		47	14
		86	19
		125	12
		Total	64
Chinsurah	186	22	20
		66	20
		110	20
		154	20
		Total	80
Pursurah	192	11	37
		53	20
		95	18
		Total	75
Ghatal (SC)	197	4	20
		47	20
		90	20
		133	20
		Total	80
Mahishadal	204	21	19
		61	18
		101	20
		141	20
		Total	77
Contai North	210	17	19
		60	20
		103	17
		146	20
		Total	76
Sabang	216	24	22
		59	17
		94	16
		129	18
		Total	73
Midnapore	223	49	16
		105	16
		161	16

		217	17
		Total	65
Nayagram (ST)	229	15	20
		55	20
		95	20
		135	20
		Total	80
Arsa	236	12	20
		54	20
		96	20
		138	20
		Total	80
Kashipur (ST)	242	13	20
		50	19
		87	20
		124	20
		Total	79
Gangajalghati (SC)	249	16	20
		56	20
		96	20
		136	20
		Total	80
Indas (SC)	255	5	20
		42	20
		79	20
		116	19
		Total	79
Asansol	260	27	16
		67	20
		107	15
		147	20
		Total	71
Durgapur-II	265	43	20
		107	20
		171	20
		235	20
		Total	80
Burdwan South	271	34	20
		82	20
		130	20
		178	19
		Total	79
Kalna	276	32	17
		74	18
		116	20
		158	15
		Total	70
Katwa	280	13	16
		58	13
		103	19
		148	17
		Total	65
Ketugram (SC)	282	10	18

		51	20
		92	17
		133	19
		Total	74
Mahammad Bazar	289	13	20
		55	20
		97	18
		139	14
		Total	72

Source: CSDS Unit Data

II. ANNEXURE-2

MARGINAL OF ALL QUESTIONS

Q1: Did someone visit your house a few weeks ago to conduct your interview in connection with an election survey conducted by us?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	614	19.3	19.3	19.3
Yes	2546	79.9	79.9	99.2
Do not remember	26	.8	.8	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q2: Were you able to vote or not?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	99	3.1	3.1	3.1
Yes	3087	96.9	96.9	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q2a: (If yes) Whom did you vote for?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Congress	370	11.6	11.6	11.6
02: BJP	48	1.5	1.5	13.1
03: JD(U)	5	.2	.2	13.3
04: CPI	69	2.2	2.2	15.4
05: CPI(M)	1447	45.4	45.4	60.9
06: BSP	1	.0	.0	60.9
15: Trinamul Congress	637	20.0	20.0	80.9
33: SP	4	.1	.1	81.0
35: JMM	16	.5	.5	81.5
41: RSP	110	3.5	3.5	85.0
43: FBL	89	2.8	2.8	87.8
45: WBSP	36	1.1	1.1	88.9
96: Independents	6	.2	.2	89.1
97: Others	20	.6	.6	89.7
98: DK	229	7.2	7.2	96.9
99: NA	99	3.1	3.1	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q2c: (If voted) When did you finally make up your mind about whom to vote for?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid On the day of polling	227	7.1	7.1	7.1
A day or two before polling	337	10.6	10.6	17.7
During the campaign	484	15.2	15.2	32.9
Before the campaign started	1613	50.6	50.6	83.5
DK	426	13.4	13.4	96.9
NA	99	3.1	3.1	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q2d: (If voted) Did the election officer correctly put the mark on your finger?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Mark not found	57	1.8	1.8	1.8
Mark found	2962	93.0	93.0	94.8
Could not check	68	2.1	2.1	96.9
NA	99	3.1	3.1	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q2e: (If not Voted) What was the main reason due to which you could not vote in this election?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Out of station	28	.9	.9	.9
Not well	15	.5	.5	1.3
No interest	2	.1	.1	1.4
Prevented/Fear of violence	1	.0	.0	1.4
Returned, for lack of identity proof	5	.2	.2	1.6
Others	29	.9	.9	2.5
DK	19	.6	.6	3.1
NA	3087	96.9	96.9	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q3: Now i will ask you about the Lok Sabha Election held in 2004. Were you able to cast your vote or not?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	103	3.2	3.2	3.2
Yes	3056	95.9	95.9	99.2
Do not remember	27	.8	.8	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q3a: (If yes) Whom did you vote in Lok Sabha Election 2004?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Congress	416	13.1	13.1	13.1
02: BJP	41	1.3	1.3	14.3
03: JD(U)	4	.1	.1	14.5
04: CPI	111	3.5	3.5	18.0
05: CPI(M)	1457	45.7	45.7	63.7
06: BSP	1	.0	.0	63.7
15: Trinamul Congress	609	19.1	19.1	82.8
33: SP	1	.0	.0	82.9
41: RSP	100	3.1	3.1	86.0
43: FBL	83	2.6	2.6	88.6
45: WBSP	4	.1	.1	88.7
96: Independents	5	.2	.2	88.9
97: Others	11	.3	.3	89.2
98: DK	213	6.7	6.7	95.9
99: NA	130	4.1	4.1	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q4: Now let us talk about the election campaign during this election. How much interested were you in the election campaign this time?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Not at all	1401	44.0	44.0	44.0
Somewhat	1154	36.2	36.2	80.2
Great deal	387	12.1	12.1	92.3
DK	244	7.7	7.7	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q5(a): Did you attend election meeting?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2208	69.3	69.3	69.3
	Yes	978	30.7	30.7	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q5(b): Did you help organise meetings

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2551	80.1	80.1	80.1
	Yes	635	19.9	19.9	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q5(c): Did you join processions?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2280	71.6	71.6	71.6
	Yes	906	28.4	28.4	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q5(d): Did you participate in door to door canvassing?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2716	85.2	85.2	85.2
	Yes	470	14.8	14.8	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q5(e): Did you contribute or collect money?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1822	57.2	57.2	57.2
	Yes	1364	42.8	42.8	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q5(f): Did you distribute election leaflets

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2755	86.5	86.5	86.5
	Yes	431	13.5	13.5	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q6: Did any candidate, party worker or canvasser come to your house during the campaign to ask for your vote?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	589	18.5	18.5	18.5
	Yes	2497	78.4	78.4	96.9
	DK	100	3.1	3.1	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q7: Which was the most important issue in elections which you took into consideration while deciding whom to vote for?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 0	8	.3	.3	.3
01: Developmental Issues	1069	33.6	33.6	33.8
02: Liberalization policies of the govt	86	2.7	2.7	36.5
03: Party affiliations	535	16.8	16.8	53.3
04: Image of the candidate	216	6.8	6.8	60.1
05: Caste consideration	12	.4	.4	60.5
06: Law & order situation	42	1.3	1.3	61.8
07: Work done by MLA in my area	144	4.5	4.5	66.3
08: Religious consideration	10	.3	.3	66.6
09: Lack of united opposition	32	1.0	1.0	67.6
10	6	.2	.2	67.8
11	1	.0	.0	67.8
12	1	.0	.0	67.9
19	1	.0	.0	67.9
20	3	.1	.1	68.0
21	1	.0	.0	68.0
22	1	.0	.0	68.0
29	1	.0	.0	68.1
30	2	.1	.1	68.1
39	1	.0	.0	68.2
40	5	.2	.2	68.3
48	1	.0	.0	68.4
90	1	.0	.0	68.4
91	1	.0	.0	68.4
97: Any other issues	327	10.3	10.3	78.7
98: DK	428	13.4	13.4	92.1
99: NA	251	7.9	7.9	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q8: Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of West Bengal?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	01: Buddhadeb Bhattacharya	1677	52.6	58.9	58.9
	02: Jyoti Basu	60	1.9	2.1	61.0
	03: Mamata Banerjee	621	19.5	21.8	82.8
	04: Ajit Kumar Panja	5	.2	.2	83.0
	05: Pranab Mukherjee	138	4.3	4.8	87.8
	06: Somen Mitra	10	.3	.4	88.2
	07: Adir Ranjan Chaudhary	45	1.4	1.6	89.8
	08: Tapan Sikdar	9	.3	.3	90.1
	09: Subhas Chakrabarty	1	.0	.0	90.1
	21: Any one from Left front	111	3.5	3.9	94.0
	22: Any one from Trinamul Congress	26	.8	.9	94.9
	23: Any one from Congress	86	2.7	3.0	98.0
	97: Others	58	1.8	2.0	100.0
	Total	2847	89.4	100.0	
Missing	98: DK	114	3.6		
	99: NA	225	7.1		
	Total	339	10.6		
Total		3186	100.0		

Q9: While deciding to vote, what would be the most important consideration for you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Candidate	797	25.0	25.0	25.0
	Party	2109	66.2	66.2	91.2
	Caste-community	17	.5	.5	91.7
	Something else	156	4.9	4.9	96.6
	No opinion	107	3.4	3.4	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q10: Thinking of how you have voted in previous elections, how would you describe yourself?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Left Front supporter	1430	44.9	44.9	44.9
Anti left	773	24.3	24.3	69.1
Not committed to any side	707	22.2	22.2	91.3
DK	276	8.7	8.7	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q11: After this election which party or alliance would you like to form the Govt. in West Bengal?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Congress	160	5.0	5.0	5.0
02: BJP	15	.5	.5	5.5
03: JD(U)	12	.4	.4	5.9
04: CPI	2	.1	.1	5.9
05: CPI(M)	825	25.9	25.9	31.8
15: Trinamul Congress	337	10.6	10.6	42.4
20: Left Front	982	30.8	30.8	73.2
21: Trinamul Allies	293	9.2	9.2	82.4
22: Congress and allies	209	6.6	6.6	89.0
33: SP	5	.2	.2	89.1
37: Bangla Congress	1	.0	.0	89.2
45: WBSP	1	.0	.0	89.2
97: Others	45	1.4	1.4	90.6
98: DK	65	2.0	2.0	92.7
99: NA	234	7.3	7.3	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q12: Do you think elections in your state are conducted fairly?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Unfairly	253	7.9	7.9	7.9
Somewhat fairly	443	13.9	13.9	21.8
Fairly	2349	73.7	73.7	95.6
DK	141	4.4	4.4	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q13: Now I will ask you about the assembly election held recently in your village/locality. Do you think that elections conducted fairly?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Unfairly	119	3.7	3.7	3.7
Somewhat fairly	256	8.0	8.0	11.8
Fairly	2702	84.8	84.8	96.6
DK	109	3.4	3.4	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q14(a): Did you see or hear about Inclusion of bogus voters in the voters list?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	2073	65.1	65.1	65.1
Yes	378	11.9	11.9	76.9
No opinion	735	23.1	23.1	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q14(b): Did you see or hear about Deletion of bogus names from the voters list?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	643	20.2	20.2	20.2
Yes	1906	59.8	59.8	80.0
No opinion	637	20.0	20.0	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q14(c): Did you see or hear about Voting in the name of people who are away or dead?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	2074	65.1	65.1	65.1
Yes	403	12.6	12.6	77.7
No opinion	709	22.3	22.3	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q14(d): Did you see or hear about Threatening people to vote for a particular party?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2655	83.3	83.3	83.3
	Yes	142	4.5	4.5	87.8
	No opinion	389	12.2	12.2	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q14(e): Did you see or hear about Booth Jamming?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2609	81.9	81.9	81.9
	Yes	163	5.1	5.1	87.0
	No opinion	414	13.0	13.0	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q14(f): Did you see or hear about Not allowing people to cast their votes?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2671	83.8	83.8	83.8
	Yes	106	3.3	3.3	87.2
	No opinion	409	12.8	12.8	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q15: If you compare the recently held election in your area with elections held here in the past, would you say that the things like rigging has increased?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Remained same	229	7.2	7.2	7.2
	Decreased	1849	58.0	58.0	65.2
	Increased	178	5.6	5.6	70.8
	DK	930	29.2	29.2	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q16: Suppose there were no parties or assemblies and elections were not held-do you think that the government in this country can run better?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	2246	70.5	70.5	70.5
Yes	228	7.2	7.2	77.7
DK	712	22.3	22.3	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q17(a): 1: Marriages must take place within ones own caste-community;2: There is nothing wrong if boys and girls of different caste-community marry

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Agree with first	2266	71.1	73.5	73.5
Agree with second	818	25.7	26.5	100.0
Total	3084	96.8	100.0	
Missing Could not understand	21	.7		
No opinion	81	2.5		
Total	102	3.2		
Total	3186	100.0		

Q17(b): 1: Women should go out to work; 2: Women should not go out to work

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Agree with first	2039	64.0	66.6	66.6
Agree with second	1024	32.1	33.4	100.0
Total	3063	96.1	100.0	
Missing Could not understand	37	1.2		
No opinion	86	2.7		
Total	123	3.9		
Total	3186	100.0		

Q17(c): 1: Outsiders must learn and accept Bengali language and culture; 2: There should be space in Bengal for different lang. people

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Agree with first	1852	58.1	78.0	78.0
	Agree with second	521	16.4	22.0	100.0
	Total	2373	74.5	100.0	
Missing	Could not understand	228	7.2		
	No opinion	585	18.4		
	Total	813	25.5		
Total		3186	100.0		

Q17(d): Anyone can become rich with hard work and luck; 2: The poor have very little chance of becoming rich

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Agree with first	1852	58.1	64.5	64.5
	Agree with second	1018	32.0	35.5	100.0
	Total	2870	90.1	100.0	
Missing	Could not understand	99	3.1		
	No opinion	217	6.8		
	Total	316	9.9		
Total		3186	100.0		

Q18: Have you heard about the land acquisition by the government for Salem Group of industries?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1554	48.8	48.8	48.8
	Yes	1266	39.7	39.7	88.5
	DK	366	11.5	11.5	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q18(a): (If yes) What is your opinion about the buying of agricultural land by the government for setting up this industries?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully justified	340	10.7	10.7	10.7
	Somewhat justified	358	11.2	11.2	21.9
	Somewhat unjustified	150	4.7	4.7	26.6
	Fully unjustified	253	7.9	7.9	34.6
	No opinion	165	5.2	5.2	39.7
	NA	1920	60.3	60.3	100.0
Total		3186	100.0	100.0	

Q19(a): Steps taken by EC was necessary for conducting free & fair elections. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully agree	1996	62.6	62.6	62.6
Somewhat agree	508	15.9	15.9	78.6
Somewhat disagree	69	2.2	2.2	80.8
Fully disagree	71	2.2	2.2	83.0
No opinion	542	17.0	17.0	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q19(b): The EC and its officials were biased against the left parties. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully agree	417	13.1	13.1	13.1
Somewhat agree	441	13.8	13.8	26.9
Somewhat disagree	372	11.7	11.7	38.6
Fully disagree	565	17.7	17.7	56.3
No opinion	1391	43.7	43.7	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q19(c): It was necessary to for EC to assert its authority but many officers exceeded their limits. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully agree	507	15.9	15.9	15.9
Somewhat agree	399	12.5	12.5	28.4
Somewhat disagree	355	11.1	11.1	39.6
Fully disagree	480	15.1	15.1	54.6
No opinion	1445	45.4	45.4	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q19(d): Holding election in 5 phases was an insult to West Bengal. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully agree	503	15.8	15.8	15.8
Somewhat agree	332	10.4	10.4	26.2
Somewhat disagree	505	15.9	15.9	42.1
Fully disagree	844	26.5	26.5	68.5
No opinion	1002	31.5	31.5	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q19(e): Ban on posters and writings poll graffiti on walls by EC was unnecessary. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully agree	586	18.4	18.4	18.4
Somewhat agree	528	16.6	16.6	35.0
Somewhat disagree	576	18.1	18.1	53.0
Fully disagree	801	25.1	25.1	78.2
No opinion	695	21.8	21.8	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q19(f): The restriction imposed by EC caused a lot of inconvenience to common people. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully agree	547	17.2	17.2	17.2
Somewhat agree	514	16.1	16.1	33.3
Somewhat disagree	500	15.7	15.7	49.0
Fully disagree	795	25.0	25.0	73.9
No opinion	830	26.1	26.1	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q20: What is your opinion about the financial condition in which you are placed today?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully satisfied	357	11.2	11.2	11.2
Somewhat satisfied	1299	40.8	40.8	52.0
Somewhat unsatisfied	592	18.6	18.6	70.6
Fully unsatisfied	642	20.2	20.2	90.7
No opinion	296	9.3	9.3	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q21: During the past 5 years has your financial situation improved, worsened or remained the same?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Improved	1120	35.2	35.2	35.2
Worsened	665	20.9	20.9	56.0
Remained same	1246	39.1	39.1	95.1
DK	155	4.9	4.9	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q22: What do you think will be the economic condition of your household in the coming few years has become better?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Much better	307	9.6	9.6	9.6
	Better	1291	40.5	40.5	50.2
	Same	941	29.5	29.5	79.7
	Worse	223	7.0	7.0	86.7
	Much worse	25	.8	.8	87.5
	No opinion	399	12.5	12.5	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q23(a): There is a lot of corruption in the CPI(M) party. Do you agree.....?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully agree	1077	33.8	33.8	33.8
	Somewhat agree	532	16.7	16.7	50.5
	Somewhat disagree	332	10.4	10.4	60.9
	Fully disagree	396	12.4	12.4	73.4
	No opinion	849	26.6	26.6	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q23(b): The party continues to follow its revolutionary principles. Do you agree.....?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully agree	556	17.5	17.5	17.5
	Somewhat agree	402	12.6	12.6	30.1
	Somewhat disagree	348	10.9	10.9	41.0
	Fully disagree	383	12.0	12.0	53.0
	No opinion	1497	47.0	47.0	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q23(c): Party workers and leaders intimidate common people. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully agree	1038	32.6	32.6	32.6
Somewhat agree	624	19.6	19.6	52.2
Somewhat disagree	397	12.5	12.5	64.6
Fully disagree	424	13.3	13.3	77.9
No opinion	703	22.1	22.1	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q23(d): Party leaders and workers interfere into personal matter of people. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully agree	808	25.4	25.4	25.4
Somewhat agree	509	16.0	16.0	41.3
Somewhat disagree	376	11.8	11.8	53.1
Fully disagree	588	18.5	18.5	71.6
No opinion	905	28.4	28.4	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q24(a): 1: Trade unions are necessary to protect the rights of the workers;2: There is too much trade unionism in Bengal

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Agree with first	1291	40.5	63.1	63.1
Agree with second	755	23.7	36.9	100.0
Total	2046	64.2	100.0	
Missing Could not understand	353	11.1		
No opinion	787	24.7		
Total	1140	35.8		
Total	3186	100.0		

Q24(b): 1: Govt. should impose a ceiling on income and wealth;2: There should be no ceiling on income & wealth

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Agree with first	1418	44.5	61.5	61.5
	Agree with second	887	27.8	38.5	100.0
	Total	2305	72.3	100.0	
Missing	Could not understand	216	6.8		
	No opinion	665	20.9		
	Total	881	27.7		
Total		3186	100.0		

Q24(c): 1: Foreign companies should be allowed to come; 2: Foreign companies should not be allowed

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Agree with first	1324	41.6	64.9	64.9
	Agree with second	717	22.5	35.1	100.0
	Total	2041	64.1	100.0	
Missing	Could not understand	293	9.2		
	No opinion	852	26.7		
	Total	1145	35.9		
Total		3186	100.0		

Q24(d): 1: All major industries should remain in the public sector with the Govt.; 2: There is nothing wrong in privatisation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Agree with first	1543	48.4	74.5	74.5
	Agree with second	528	16.6	25.5	100.0
	Total	2071	65.0	100.0	
Missing	Could not understand	245	7.7		
	No opinion	870	27.3		
	Total	1115	35.0		
Total		3186	100.0		

Q25(a): Who is more trustworthy?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Buddhadeb Bhattacharya	1781	55.9	55.9	55.9
	Mamta Banerjee	712	22.3	22.3	78.2
	Both	249	7.8	7.8	86.1
	None	143	4.5	4.5	90.6
	No opinion	301	9.4	9.4	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q25(b): Who is better for the overall development of the state?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Buddhadeb Bhattacharya	1779	55.8	55.8	55.8
	Mamta Banerjee	670	21.0	21.0	76.9
	Both	242	7.6	7.6	84.5
	None	153	4.8	4.8	89.3
	No opinion	342	10.7	10.7	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q25(c): Who is more attentive to the needs of the poor?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Buddhadeb Bhattacharya	1528	48.0	48.0	48.0
	Mamta Banerjee	765	24.0	24.0	72.0
	Both	317	9.9	9.9	81.9
	None	235	7.4	7.4	89.3
	No opinion	341	10.7	10.7	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q26: Do you feel free to discuss politics openly-with anyone?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Anyone	649	20.4	20.4	20.4
	People you know well	680	21.3	21.3	41.7
	Close friends and family	876	27.5	27.5	69.2
	No one	544	17.1	17.1	86.3
	No opinion	437	13.7	13.7	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Q28: Do you believe in God?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	134	4.2	4.2	4.2
	Yes	2985	93.7	93.7	97.9
	DK	67	2.1	2.1	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

Background Information

B1: Age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Upto 25 yrs	399	12.5	12.5	12.5
	26-35yrs	927	29.1	29.1	41.6
	36-45yrs	820	25.7	25.7	67.4
	46-55yrs	588	18.5	18.5	85.8
	Above 55yrs	452	14.2	14.2	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B2: Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	1683	52.8	52.8	52.8
	Female	1503	47.2	47.2	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B3: What is your marital status?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Married	2689	84.4	84.4	84.4
	Unmarried	386	12.1	12.1	96.5
	Living with someone but unmarried	2	.1	.1	96.6
	Divorced/seperated	10	.3	.3	96.9
	Widowed	92	2.9	2.9	99.8
	NA	7	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B4: Education (Respondent)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Non literate	632	19.8	19.8	19.8
Below primary	521	16.4	16.4	36.2
Primary pass/Middle fail	611	19.2	19.2	55.4
Middle pass/Matric fail	548	17.2	17.2	72.6
Matric	333	10.5	10.5	83.0
Intermediate/College no degree	210	6.6	6.6	89.6
Graduate or equivalent	256	8.0	8.0	97.6
Post Graduate	59	1.9	1.9	99.5
Professional degree and Higher Research	11	.3	.3	99.8
NA	5	.2	.2	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B4a(1): Education (Father)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Non literate	1342	42.1	42.1	42.1
Below primary	562	17.6	17.6	59.8
Primary pass/Middle fail	421	13.2	13.2	73.0
Middle pass/Matric fail	259	8.1	8.1	81.1
Matric	242	7.6	7.6	88.7
Intermediate/College no degree	104	3.3	3.3	92.0
Graduate or equivalent	148	4.6	4.6	96.6
Post Graduate	25	.8	.8	97.4
Professional degree and Higher Research	6	.2	.2	97.6
NA	77	2.4	2.4	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B4a(2): Education (Mother)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Non literate	1862	58.4	58.4	58.4
Below primary	522	16.4	16.4	74.8
Primary pass/Middle fail	349	11.0	11.0	85.8
Middle pass/Matric fail	173	5.4	5.4	91.2
Matric	104	3.3	3.3	94.5
Intermediate/College no degree	57	1.8	1.8	96.3
Graduate or equivalent	41	1.3	1.3	97.6
Post Graduate	6	.2	.2	97.7
Professional degree and Higher Research	3	.1	.1	97.8
NA	69	2.2	2.2	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B5: Occupation (Respondent)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 02: Engineers	5	.2	.2	.2
03: Doctors	8	.3	.3	.4
04: Lawyers	3	.1	.1	.5
05: Accountants	4	.1	.1	.6
06: College/Univ. teachers	8	.3	.3	.9
07: Writers	2	.1	.1	.9
08: Modern Artists	2	.1	.1	1.0
09: Other higher professionals	1	.0	.0	1.0
10: Science and engineering technicians	3	.1	.1	1.1
11: Computer operators	7	.2	.2	1.3
12: Alternative doctors	10	.3	.3	1.7
13: Medical technicians	8	.3	.3	1.9
14: School teachers	41	1.3	1.3	3.2
15: Nursery teachers	24	.8	.8	4.0
16: Folk and commercial artists	3	.1	.1	4.0
18: Priests	4	.1	.1	4.2
19: Other lower professionals	4	.1	.1	4.3
20: Elected officials(Central level)	1	.0	.0	4.3
21: Elected officials(District level)	1	.0	.0	4.4

22: Managers	9	.3	.3	4.6
23: Officials Class I	3	.1	.1	4.7
24: Officials Class II	11	.3	.3	5.1
25: Class III Employee	19	.6	.6	5.7
26: Suprintendants	2	.1	.1	5.7
27: Traditional clerks	14	.4	.4	6.2
28: Class IV Employee	29	.9	.9	7.1
29: Other administrative workers	27	.8	.8	7.9
30: Big businessmen	10	.3	.3	8.3
31: Medium businessmen	45	1.4	1.4	9.7
32: Small businessmen	184	5.8	5.8	15.4
33: Petty shopkeeper	50	1.6	1.6	17.0
34: Hawkers,vendors	17	.5	.5	17.5
35: Sales executives	12	.4	.4	17.9
36: Salespersons	14	.4	.4	18.4
37: Shop Assistants	12	.4	.4	18.7
38: Rentier	4	.1	.1	18.9
39: Other businessmen	36	1.1	1.1	20.0
40: Waiters	8	.3	.3	20.2
41: Dhobi	5	.2	.2	20.4
42: Barbers, beauticians	5	.2	.2	20.6
43: Ayahs, maids	22	.7	.7	21.2
44: Chowkidars	8	.3	.3	21.5
45: Sweepers	3	.1	.1	21.6
49: Other service workers	59	1.9	1.9	23.4
50: Mechanics	24	.8	.8	24.2
51: Electricians	9	.3	.3	24.5
52: Jewellers	16	.5	.5	25.0
53: Tailors	25	.8	.8	25.8
54: Weavers	37	1.2	1.2	26.9
55: Shoemakers	7	.2	.2	27.2
57: Carpenters	16	.5	.5	27.7
59: Other skilled workers	49	1.5	1.5	29.2
60: Miners	1	.0	.0	29.2
61: Masons	10	.3	.3	29.5
62: Potters	7	.2	.2	29.8
63: Stone-cutter	5	.2	.2	29.9
64: Furniture makers	7	.2	.2	30.1
65: Rickshaw-pullers	34	1.1	1.1	31.2
66: Unskilled labourers	78	2.4	2.4	33.6
69: Other semi- skilled and unskilled workers	44	1.4	1.4	35.0
70: Owner-cultivators 20+ Acre	1	.0	.0	35.1

71: Owner-cultivators 10-20 Acre	7	.2	.2	35.3
72: Owner-cultivators 5-10 Acre	17	.5	.5	35.8
73: Owner-cultivators 1-5 Acre	172	5.4	5.4	41.2
74: Owner-cultivators 0-5 Acre	68	2.1	2.1	43.3
75: Tenant- cultivators 5+ Acre	13	.4	.4	43.8
76: Tenant- cultivators 0-5 Acre	65	2.0	2.0	45.8
77: Plantation workers	22	.7	.7	46.5
78: Agricultural labourers	254	8.0	8.0	54.5
79: Other agricultural workers	32	1.0	1.0	55.5
80: Live-stock farming	1	.0	.0	55.5
81: Dairy farming	6	.2	.2	55.7
82: Poultry farming	2	.1	.1	55.7
83: Shepherds	1	.0	.0	55.8
84: Forest produce gatherer	7	.2	.2	56.0
85: Hunters and trappers	1	.0	.0	56.0
86: Fishermen	7	.2	.2	56.2
89: Other breeders and cattle rearers	5	.2	.2	56.4
90: House-wife	1132	35.5	35.5	91.9
91: Students not seeking employment	56	1.8	1.8	93.7
92: Employment seekers	31	1.0	1.0	94.7
93: Unemployed workers, non- workers	33	1.0	1.0	95.7
Any other Occupation	18	.6	.6	96.3
96: Political activists	2	.1	.1	96.3
98: Unclassified	11	.3	.3	96.7
99: NA	106	3.3	3.3	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B5a: Occupation (Father)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	02: Engineers	5	.2	.2	.2
	03: Doctors	3	.1	.1	.3
	04: Lawyers	4	.1	.1	.4
	05: Accountants	2	.1	.1	.4
	06: College/Univ. teachers	10	.3	.3	.8
	07: Writers	1	.0	.0	.8
	09: Other higher	41	1.3	1.3	2.1

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12: Alternative doctors	2	.1	.1	2.1
13: Medical technicians	1	.0	.0	2.2
14: School teachers	37	1.2	1.2	3.3
15: Nursery teachers	6	.2	.2	3.5
16: Folk and commercial artists	1	.0	.0	3.5
18: Priests	5	.2	.2	3.7
19: Other lower professionals	3	.1	.1	3.8
20: Elected officials(Central level)	2	.1	.1	3.9
21: Elected officials(District level)	1	.0	.0	3.9
22: Managers	2	.1	.1	4.0
23: Officials Class I	2	.1	.1	4.0
24: Officials Class II	19	.6	.6	4.6
25: Class III Employee	33	1.0	1.0	5.6
26: Suprintendants	4	.1	.1	5.8
27: Traditional clerks	13	.4	.4	6.2
28: Class IV Employee	28	.9	.9	7.1
29: Other administrative workers	22	.7	.7	7.8
30: Big businessmen	8	.3	.3	8.0
31: Medium businessmen	40	1.3	1.3	9.3
32: Small businessmen	135	4.2	4.2	13.5
33: Petty shopkeeper	41	1.3	1.3	14.8
34: Hawkers,vendors	23	.7	.7	15.5
35: Sales executives	11	.3	.3	15.9
36: Salespersons	4	.1	.1	16.0
37: Shop Assistants	15	.5	.5	16.4
39: Other businessmen	35	1.1	1.1	17.5
40: Waiters	2	.1	.1	17.6
42: Barbers, beauticians	2	.1	.1	17.7
43: Ayahs, maids	1	.0	.0	17.7
44: Chowkidars	6	.2	.2	17.9
45: Sweepers	1	.0	.0	17.9
49: Other service workers	34	1.1	1.1	19.0
50: Mechanics	20	.6	.6	19.6
51: Electricians	11	.3	.3	20.0
52: Jewellers	17	.5	.5	20.5
53: Tailors	11	.3	.3	20.8
54: Weavers	24	.8	.8	21.6
55: Shoemakers	3	.1	.1	21.7
57: Carpenters	12	.4	.4	22.1
59: Other skilled	36	1.1	1.1	23.2

workers				
61: Masons	9	.3	.3	23.5
62: Potters	6	.2	.2	23.7
63: Stone-cutter	1	.0	.0	23.7
64: Furniture makers	6	.2	.2	23.9
65: Rickshaw-pullers	40	1.3	1.3	25.1
66: Unskilled labourers	66	2.1	2.1	27.2
69: Other semi-skilled and unskilled workers	24	.8	.8	28.0
70: Owner-cultivators 20+ Acre	1	.0	.0	28.0
71: Owner-cultivators 10-20 Acre	3	.1	.1	28.1
72: Owner-cultivators 5-10 Acre	16	.5	.5	28.6
73: Owner-cultivators 1-5 Acre	222	7.0	7.0	35.6
74: Owner-cultivators 0-5 Acre	104	3.3	3.3	38.8
75: Tenant-cultivators 5+ Acre	23	.7	.7	39.5
76: Tenant-cultivators 0-5 Acre	88	2.8	2.8	42.3
77: Plantation workers	38	1.2	1.2	43.5
78: Agricultural labourers	292	9.2	9.2	52.7
79: Other agricultural workers	53	1.7	1.7	54.3
80: Live-stock farming	2	.1	.1	54.4
81: Dairy farming	9	.3	.3	54.7
82: Poultry farming	4	.1	.1	54.8
83: Shepherds	1	.0	.0	54.8
84: Forest produce gatherer	3	.1	.1	54.9
86: Fishermen	5	.2	.2	55.1
89: Other breeders and cattle rearers	3	.1	.1	55.2
90: House-wife	11	.3	.3	55.5
91: Students not seeking employment	2	.1	.1	55.6
93: Unemployed workers, non-workers	4	.1	.1	55.7
Any other Occupation	28	.9	.9	56.6
98: Unclassified	59	1.9	1.9	58.4
99: NA	1324	41.6	41.6	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B6: Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	01: Brahmin	186	5.8	5.8	5.8
	02: Bhumihaar	3	.1	.1	5.9
	03: Rajput	1	.0	.0	6.0

04: Kayasthas	151	4.7	4.7	10.7
05: Vaishya	93	2.9	2.9	13.6
06: Jain	1	.0	.0	13.7
08: Sindhi	1	.0	.0	13.7
09: Other upper castes	611	19.2	19.2	32.9
10: Jat	32	1.0	1.0	33.9
11: Reddy	3	.1	.1	34.0
14: Marathas	2	.1	.1	34.0
19: Other PP	13	.4	.4	34.4
20: Gujjar	12	.4	.4	34.8
21: Yadav	57	1.8	1.8	36.6
26: Lingayat	1	.0	.0	36.6
27: Gaderia	1	.0	.0	36.7
29: Other peasant OBC	55	1.7	1.7	38.4
30: Bunkar	13	.4	.4	38.8
31: Darzee	2	.1	.1	38.9
34: Badhai	1	.0	.0	38.9
36: Lohar	8	.3	.3	39.1
37: Sunar	5	.2	.2	39.3
39: Other Craftsmen OBC	36	1.1	1.1	40.4
41: Dhobi (OBC)	21	.7	.7	41.1
42: Nai	35	1.1	1.1	42.2
43: Teli	46	1.4	1.4	43.6
44: Jogi	1	.0	.0	43.7
45: Traders OBC	1	.0	.0	43.7
49: Other service OBC	44	1.4	1.4	45.1
50: Jatav (Leatherwork)	14	.4	.4	45.5
51: Balmiki(Scavenging)	2	.1	.1	45.6
52: Pasi+Pano	1	.0	.0	45.6
53: Rajbanshis	82	2.6	2.6	48.2
54: Namasudras	230	7.2	7.2	55.4
56: Mahar	1	.0	.0	55.4
57: Dhobi(Non OBC)	34	1.1	1.1	56.5
59: Other SCs	474	14.9	14.9	71.4
60: Oraon	2	.1	.1	71.4
61: Santhal	20	.6	.6	72.1
65:	10	.3	.3	72.4
69: Other STs	79	2.5	2.5	74.9
70: Ashrafs	13	.4	.4	75.3
71: Mughal	30	.9	.9	76.2
72: Muslim Rajput	31	1.0	1.0	77.2
73: Other upper Muslim	2	.1	.1	77.2
78: Muslim No Caste	215	6.7	6.7	84.0
79: Other Muslims	238	7.5	7.5	91.5
80: Jat Sikh	1	.0	.0	91.5
85: Upper Christians	1	.0	.0	91.5
88: Christian no caste	2	.1	.1	91.6
90: Parsi	4	.1	.1	91.7
91: Jews	1	.0	.0	91.7

92: Buddhist	2	.1	.1	91.8
93: Dalit Buddhist	1	.0	.0	91.8
94: Other Minorities	4	.1	.1	92.0
95: Hindu No caste	179	5.6	5.6	97.6
96	1	.0	.0	97.6
97	1	.0	.0	97.6
98: No religion no caste	22	.7	.7	98.3
99: NA	53	1.7	1.7	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B6a: Caste group

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid SC	927	29.1	29.1	29.1
ST	113	3.5	3.5	32.6
OBC	324	10.2	10.2	42.8
Other	1801	56.5	56.5	99.3
NA	21	.7	.7	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B7: Religion

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Hindu	2599	81.6	81.6	81.6
Muslim	550	17.3	17.3	98.8
Christian	7	.2	.2	99.1
Sikh	9	.3	.3	99.3
Buddhist	13	.4	.4	99.7
Jain	2	.1	.1	99.8
Parsi	1	.0	.0	99.8
Others	5	.2	.2	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B8: How regularly do you read newspaper?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Daily	710	22.3	22.3	22.3
Frequently	563	17.7	17.7	40.0
Occasionally	237	7.4	7.4	47.4
Rarely	298	9.4	9.4	56.7
Never	1288	40.4	40.4	97.2
No opinion	90	2.8	2.8	100.0
Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B10: How regularly do you watch news on T.V.?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Daily	920	28.9	28.9	28.9
	Frequently	649	20.4	20.4	49.2
	Occasionally	331	10.4	10.4	59.6
	Rarely	354	11.1	11.1	70.7
	Never	867	27.2	27.2	98.0
	No opinion	65	2.0	2.0	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B11: How often do you offer prayer/puja/namaj?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Daily	1439	45.2	45.2	45.2
	Weekly	476	14.9	14.9	60.1
	Only on festivals	1074	33.7	33.7	93.8
	Never	134	4.2	4.2	98.0
	No opinion	63	2.0	2.0	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B12: Locality

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Village	2222	69.7	69.7	69.7
	Town	460	14.4	14.4	84.2
	City	304	9.5	9.5	93.7
	Metropolitan City	200	6.3	6.3	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B12(a): (If Town/City) Type of house where R lives(Own or rented)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	NA	2222	69.7	69.7	69.7
	House/Flat with 4 or more bedrooms	95	3.0	3.0	72.7
	House/Flats with 3 or 4 bedrooms	214	6.7	6.7	79.4
	House/Flat with 2 bedrooms (with kitchen and bath rooms)	208	6.5	6.5	86.0
	House/Flat with 2 Pucca rooms (With kitchen)	84	2.6	2.6	88.6
	House/Flat with 2 pucca rooms(Without kitchen)	61	1.9	1.9	90.5
	House with 1 pucca room (With kitchen)	64	2.0	2.0	92.5
	House with 1 pucca room (Without kitchen)	73	2.3	2.3	94.8
	Mainly kutcha house	69	2.2	2.2	97.0
	Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri	96	3.0	3.0	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B12(b): (If Village) Type of house where R lives(Own or rented)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	NA	964	30.3	30.3	30.3
	Pucca	450	14.1	14.1	44.4
	Pucca-Kutcha	538	16.9	16.9	61.3
	Kutcha	966	30.3	30.3	91.6
	Hut	268	8.4	8.4	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B13: Number of rooms in use in the household

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Blank/No rooms	11	.3	.3	.3
	One	606	19.0	19.0	19.4
	Two	1234	38.7	38.7	58.1
	Three	594	18.6	18.6	76.7
	Four	424	13.3	13.3	90.1
	Five	142	4.5	4.5	94.5
	Six	92	2.9	2.9	97.4
	Seven	38	1.2	1.2	98.6
	Eight	23	.7	.7	99.3
	Nine and above	22	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B14(a): Total number of family members living in the household(Adults)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Blank/No rooms	30	.9	.9	.9
	One	59	1.9	1.9	2.8
	Two	841	26.4	26.4	29.2
	Three	682	21.4	21.4	50.6
	Four	697	21.9	21.9	72.5
	Five	425	13.3	13.3	85.8
	Six	227	7.1	7.1	92.9
	Seven	90	2.8	2.8	95.8
	Eight	62	1.9	1.9	97.7
	Nine and above	73	2.3	2.3	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B14(b): Total number of family members living in the household(Children)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Blank/No rooms	653	20.5	20.5	20.5
	One	700	22.0	22.0	42.5
	Two	1045	32.8	32.8	75.3
	Three	484	15.2	15.2	90.5
	Four	164	5.1	5.1	95.6
	Five	67	2.1	2.1	97.7
	Six	36	1.1	1.1	98.8
	Seven	15	.5	.5	99.3
	Eight	7	.2	.2	99.5
	Nine and above	15	.5	.5	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(a): Car/Jeep/Van/Tractor

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	3030	95.1	95.1	95.1
	Yes	156	4.9	4.9	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(b): Colour or B/W Television

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1761	55.3	55.3	55.3
	B/W	754	23.7	23.7	78.9
	Colour	671	21.1	21.1	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(c): Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2773	87.0	87.0	87.0
	Yes	413	13.0	13.0	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(d): Telephone

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2673	83.9	83.9	83.9
	Yes	513	16.1	16.1	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(e): Mobile telephone

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2655	83.3	83.3	83.3
	Yes	531	16.7	16.7	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(f): Fridge

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2780	87.3	87.3	87.3
	Yes	406	12.7	12.7	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(g): Air Conditioner

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	3114	97.7	97.7	97.7
	Yes	72	2.3	2.3	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(g): Air Conditioner

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	3114	97.7	97.7	97.7
	Yes	72	2.3	2.3	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(h): Electric fan/Cooler

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1590	49.9	49.9	49.9
	Yes	1596	50.1	50.1	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(i): Bicycle

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	798	25.0	25.0	25.0
	Yes	2388	75.0	75.0	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(j): Radio/Transistor

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1488	46.7	46.7	46.7
	Yes	1698	53.3	53.3	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B15(k): Pumping set

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2815	88.4	88.4	88.4
	Yes	371	11.6	11.6	100.0
	Total	3186	100.0	100.0	

B16: Total monthly household income

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Upto Rs. 1,000	684	21.5	21.9	21.9
	Rs. 1,001 - Rs. 2,000	859	27.0	27.5	49.4
	Rs. 2,001 - Rs. 3,000	535	16.8	17.1	66.5
	Rs. 3,001 - Rs. 4,000	305	9.6	9.8	76.2
	Rs. 4,001 - Rs. 5,000	304	9.5	9.7	86.0
	Rs. 5,001 - Rs. 10,000	298	9.4	9.5	95.5
	Rs. 10,001 - Rs. 20,000	116	3.6	3.7	99.2
	Rs. 20,001 and above	25	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	3126	98.1	100.0	
Missing	NA	60	1.9		
Total		3186	100.0		

III: ANNEXURE-3:

Vote Casted to different parties with respect to gender, age, education, locality, religion and caste in West Bengal assembly election, Post poll Survey, 2006

	Left Front ²	NDA ³	INC+ ⁴	Others ⁵
All	61	25	13	1
Gender				
Male	61	25	14	1
Female	62	25	12	1
Age Groups				
Upto 25 yrs	67	22	9	1
26-35yrs	60	26	14	1
36-45yrs	60	27	13	0.4
46-55yrs	60	27	11	2
Above 55 yrs	63	19	17	1
Education (Respondent)				
Non Literate	67	19	13	1
Upto Primary	60	25	13	2
Upto Matric	58	29	13	0.3
College and above	62	24	15	--
Locality				
Rural	62	24	12	1
Urban	60	26	14	.2
Religion				
Hindu	63	26	11	1
Muslim	56	19	24	1
Others**	61	33	6	--
Caste/Community				
Brahmin	63	27	11	--
Other Upper Caste	59	29	12	1
Kayasthas	64	27	9	--
Vaishya	56	31	13	--
Dominant Peasant Proprietor	30	64	7	--
Other Backward Class	66	24	10	1
Scheduled Caste	66	22	11	1
Scheduled Tribe	70	16	12	3
Muslims	56	19	24	1
Others	54	23	23	--
Hindu no caste	57	29	15	--
N.A	71	21	7	2
Rajbanshis	70	21	8	1
Namasudras	67	27	6	1

Source: CSDS Data Unit, West bengal, Election Study, Post-poll – 2006

Note: All figures in percent, Sample Size: **3186**

** Those who did not cast vote and hold no opinion are excluded

¹Left Front alliance includes CPI, CPI (M), RSP,FBL,WBSP,DSP, LFIND, RJD, NCP

²NDA alliance includes BJP, Trinamul Congress, JD (U), BSP, NDAIND.

³INC+ alliance includes INC, PDS, JMM, INCIND

⁴Independent and other small parties

** Others includes Sikh, Christian, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Others

Rural¹ includes village, having minimum 5000 population

Urban² includes town (below one lakh), city (above one lakh) and Metropolitan (above 10 lakh)