

I: INTRODUCTION

The West Bengal state assembly elections were held in five phases from 17th April - 8th May, 2006. The elections were conducted for 294 assembly constituencies. The findings of the Indian Express/CNN-IBN/CSDS survey reported here are based on a pre-poll survey conducted in 56 out of 294 assembly constituencies in West Bengal. The aim of the present pre poll was to understand a disposition of the electorates which laid them to cast vote to particular party. The objective of the survey was to reflect the nature of voting behavior 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.

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

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

Table-3: Survey Frame

Number of assembly constituencies surveyed	56
Number of polling station survey	224
Number of Respondents	3535
Type of Survey	Pre- poll Survey

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

Variables	West Bengal * (percent)	Survey (percent)
Rural	72	72
Urban	28	28
Women	48	47
Scheduled Caste	23	26
Scheduled Tribe	6	5
Hindu	73	77
Muslim	25	22
Other**	2	1

*Census 2001, West Bengal

** Christian, Parsi, Buddhists, Jain and Sikh

II: SURVEY DESIGN

Selection of Assembly Constituency (AC):

For the pre poll survey, it was decided to cover 56 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 56 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 56 (suppose total electorates of the state was 56, 00000, divided by 56 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	99
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	6 th , April, 2006
2.	Venue	Kalyani University, West Bengal
3.	Number of Investigator	112
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	6 th -9 th April, 2006
2.	Date of Data checking	10 th April, 2006
3.	Venue of Checking	Centre for Study of Developing Societies (CSDS)
4.	Date of Data Entry	11 th April, 2006
5.	Venue of Data Entry	Centre for Study of Developing Societies (CSDS)

*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.

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

Table-8: Details of Data Dissemination

Electronic Media			
Name	Date	Time	
CNN-IBN	11 th ,April, 2006	8.00pm	
Print Media			
Name	Title of Article	Name of Author	Date
The Hindu (Delhi)	Left Front heads for clean sweep in West	Sanjay Kumar , Rajeev L. Karandikar, Supriyo Basu and Yogendra Yadav	12 th April, 2006
The Hindu (Delhi)	Why the left will win once again	Yogendra Yadav and Sanjay Kumar	16 th April,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
Sitalkuchi (SC)	2	12	14
		51	16
		90	15
		129	15
		Total	60
Dinahata	7	64	16
		108	20
		152	13
		Total	49
Kalchini (ST)	11	4	17
		37	15
		70	16
		103	16
		Total	64
Madarihat (ST)	14	3	16
		37	16
		71	16
		105	16
		Total	64
Jalpaiguri	20	19	16
		55	16
		91	16
		127	16
		Total	64
Siliguri	25	42	7
		110	14
		178	15
		246	16
		Total	52
Karandighi	30	27	16
		71	16
		115	15
		159	16
		Total	63
Raiganj (SC)	31	9	16
		50	16
		91	16
		132	16
		Total	64
Tapan (ST)	36	30	16
		78	16
		118	13
		126	16
		174	16

		Total	77
Ratua	43	7	16
		40	16
		73	15
		106	17
		Total	64
Suzapur	48	11	15
		42	17
		73	16
		104	16
		Total	64
Kaliachak	49	5	16
		49	16
		93	16
		137	14
		Total	62
Bhagabangola	56	20	8
		57	16
		94	16
		131	16
		Total	56
Naoda	61	31	16
		78	16
		125	16
		172	16
		Total	64
Berhampore	63	23	16
		81	16
		139	16
		197	15
		Total	63
Barwan	67	9	16
		52	16
		95	16
		138	16
		Total	64
Chapra	73	2	16
		42	16
		82	16
		122	16
		Total	64
Hanskhali (SC)	79	9	16
		58	16
		107	14
		156	16
		Total	62
Haringhata	83	36	16
		88	16
		140	16
		192	16
		Total	64

Amdanga	89	29	16
		81	16
		133	16
		185	16
		Total	64
Swarupnagar	93	25	16
		68	17
		111	16
		154	15
		Total	64
Gosaba (SC)	100	7	16
		44	16
		81	16
		118	13
		Total	61
Canning West (SC)	105	36	16
		83	16
		130	15
		177	16
		Total	63
Bishnupur East (SC)	110	23	15
		60	17
		97	16
		134	14
		Total	62
Maheshtala	115	14	12
		57	15
		100	17
		143	16
		Total	60
Magrahat East (SC)	121	18	16
		61	16
		104	16
		147	16
		Total	64
Sagar	127	6	14
		50	16
		94	13
		138	14
		Total	57
Titagarh	133	28	16
		60	16
		92	16
		124	17
		Total	65
DumDum	139	27	16
		86	16
		145	15
		204	16
		Total	63
Chowringhee	146	1	17

		28	17
		55	16
		82	16
		Total	66
Ballyguange	152	37	16
		85	16
		133	16
		181	16
		Total	64
Manicktola	159	30	16
		66	16
		102	16
		138	16
		Total	64
Howrah South	164	3	16
		34	15
		65	16
		96	16
		Total	63
Sankrail (SC)	169	10	16
		58	16
		106	16
		154	12
		Total	60
Amta	175	8	16
		46	16
		84	16
		122	16
		Total	64
Serampore	180	19	16
		53	16
		87	16
		121	16
		Total	64
Chandernagore	182	8	16
		47	16
		86	15
		125	16
		Total	63
Chinsurah	186	22	17
		66	16
		110	16
		154	15
		Total	64
Pursurah	192	11	16
		53	16
		95	16
		137	16
		Total	64
Ghatal (SC)	197	4	15
		47	16

		90	16
		133	17
		Total	64
Mahishadal	204	21	16
		61	16
		101	16
		141	16
		Total	64
Contai North	210	17	16
		60	16
		103	20
		146	18
		Total	70
Sabang	216	24	16
		59	16
		94	18
		129	14
		Total	64
Midnapore	223	49	16
		105	16
		161	15
		217	16
		Total	63
Nayagram (ST)	229	15	16
		55	16
		95	16
		135	16
		Total	64
Arsa	236	12	16
		54	16
		96	16
		138	16
		Total	64
Kashipur (ST)	242	13	16
		50	16
		87	16
		124	16
		Total	64
Gangajalghati (SC)	249	16	16
		56	15
		96	17
		136	16
		Total	64
Indas (SC)	255	5	16
		42	16
		79	16
		116	16
		Total	64
Asansol	260	27	16
		67	16
		107	16

		147	15
		Total	63
Durgapur-II	265	43	16
		107	16
		171	16
		235	16
		Total	64
Burdwan South	271	34	16
		82	16
		130	16
		178	16
		Total	64
Kalna	276	32	16
		74	16
		116	16
		158	16
		Total	64
Katwa	280	13	18
		58	16
		103	14
		148	16
		Total	64
Ketugram (SC)	282	10	18
		51	16
		92	16
		133	14
		Total	64
Mahammad Bazar	289	13	21
		55	11
		97	16
		139	16
		Total	64

Source: CSDS Data Unit

II. ANNEXURE-2

MARGINAL OF ALL QUESTIONS

Q2: Have you made up your mind to whom will you vote in the Assembly Election?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	591	16.7	16.7	16.7
Yes	2783	78.7	78.7	95.4
DK	161	4.6	4.6	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q3: (If yes) If Assembly Elections are held tomorrow which party or candidate will you vote for?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Congress	381	10.8	10.8	10.8
02: BJP	37	1.0	1.0	11.8
03: JD(U)	20	.6	.6	12.4
04: CPI	61	1.7	1.7	14.1
05: CPI(M)	1319	37.3	37.3	51.4
06: BSP	3	.1	.1	51.5
15: Trinamul Congress	478	13.5	13.5	65.0
35: JMM	16	.5	.5	65.5
41: RSP	132	3.7	3.7	69.2
43: FBL	76	2.1	2.1	71.4
96: Independents	2	.1	.1	71.4
97: Others	12	.3	.3	71.8
98: DK	246	7.0	7.0	78.7
99: NA	752	21.3	21.3	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q3(a): (If yes) How sure are you about voting the same candidate/party in the forthcoming assembly election?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Absolutely sure	1918	54.3	54.3	54.3
More or less sure	474	13.4	13.4	67.7
To early to commit	52	1.5	1.5	69.1
DK	339	9.6	9.6	78.7
NA	752	21.3	21.3	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q4: 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	226	6.4	6.4	6.4
Yes	3272	92.6	92.6	99.0
Do not remember	37	1.0	1.0	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q4(a): (If yes) Whom did you vote in Lok Sabha Election 2004?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Congress	533	15.1	15.1	15.1
02: BJP	62	1.8	1.8	16.8
04: CPI	70	2.0	2.0	18.8
05: CPI(M)	1490	42.1	42.1	61.0
06: BSP	5	.1	.1	61.1
15: Trinamul Congress	502	14.2	14.2	75.3
41: RSP	162	4.6	4.6	79.9
43: FBL	64	1.8	1.8	81.7
97: Others	19	.5	.5	82.2
98: DK	365	10.3	10.3	92.6
99: NA	263	7.4	7.4	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q5: Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of West Bengal?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Buddhadeb Bhattacharya	1671	47.3	47.3	47.3
02: Jyoti Basu	102	2.9	2.9	50.2
03: Mamata Banerjee	483	13.7	13.7	63.8
04: Ajit Kumar Panja	6	.2	.2	64.0
05: Pranab Mukherjee	153	4.3	4.3	68.3
06: Somen Mitra	4	.1	.1	68.4
07: Adir Ranjan Chaudhary	45	1.3	1.3	69.7
08: Tapan Sikdar	34	1.0	1.0	70.7
09: Subhas Chakrabarty	7	.2	.2	70.9
21: Any one from Left front	159	4.5	4.5	75.4
22: Any one from Trinamul Congress	78	2.2	2.2	77.6
23: Any one from Congress	160	4.5	4.5	82.1
97: Others	74	2.1	2.1	84.2
98: DK	228	6.4	6.4	90.6
99: NA	331	9.4	9.4	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q6: While deciding to vote, what would be the most important consideration for you?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Candidate	1070	30.3	30.3	30.3
Party	2135	60.4	60.4	90.7
Caste-community	31	.9	.9	91.5
Something else	147	4.2	4.2	95.7
No opinion	152	4.3	4.3	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q7: What is your assessment of the work done by the Left Front gov. in West Bengal during the last 5 years. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully satisfied	1169	33.1	33.1	33.1
Somewhat satisfied	1235	34.9	34.9	68.0
Somewhat dissatisfied	273	7.7	7.7	75.7
Fully dissatisfied	492	13.9	13.9	89.6
No opinion	366	10.4	10.4	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q8: Now I would like to compare the present Buddhadeb Bhattacharya Govt. in the state with the previous Jyoti Basu led Govt. Which Govt. do you think was better?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Buddhadeb Bhattacharya Govt.	1281	36.2	36.2	36.2
Jyoti Basu Govt.	538	15.2	15.2	51.5
Both Equally good	754	21.3	21.3	72.8
Both Equally bad	400	11.3	11.3	84.1
No opinion	562	15.9	15.9	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q9(a): The condition of roads has improved or deteriorated?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully improved	1452	41.1	41.1	41.1
Somewhat improved	1327	37.5	37.5	78.6
Somewhat deteriorated	170	4.8	4.8	83.4
Fully deteriorated	527	14.9	14.9	98.3
No opinion	59	1.7	1.7	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q9(b): The supply of electricity has improved or deteriorated?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully improved	1401	39.6	39.6	39.6
Somewhat improved	1262	35.7	35.7	75.3
Somewhat deteriorated	225	6.4	6.4	81.7
Fully deteriorated	571	16.2	16.2	97.9
No opinion	76	2.1	2.1	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q9(c): The supply of drinking water has improved or deteriorated?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully improved	1351	38.2	38.2	38.2
	Somewhat improved	1153	32.6	32.6	70.8
	Somewhat deteriorated	288	8.1	8.1	79.0
	Fully deteriorated	667	18.9	18.9	97.9
	No opinion	76	2.1	2.1	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q9(d): Quality of education in Govt. Schools has improved or deteriorated?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully improved	1345	38.0	38.0	38.0
	Somewhat improved	1268	35.9	35.9	73.9
	Somewhat deteriorated	267	7.6	7.6	81.5
	Fully deteriorated	450	12.7	12.7	94.2
	No opinion	205	5.8	5.8	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q9(e): Medical facilities in Govt. hospitals has improved or deteriorated?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully improved	707	20.0	20.0	20.0
	Somewhat improved	1124	31.8	31.8	51.8
	Somewhat deteriorated	494	14.0	14.0	65.8
	Fully deteriorated	886	25.1	25.1	90.8
	No opinion	324	9.2	9.2	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q9(f): Law and order situation has improved or deteriorated?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully improved	1158	32.8	32.8	32.8
	Somewhat improved	1040	29.4	29.4	62.2
	Somewhat deteriorated	283	8.0	8.0	70.2
	Fully deteriorated	531	15.0	15.0	85.2
	No opinion	523	14.8	14.8	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q10: What is your assessment of the work done by Manmohan Singh led UPA Govt. at the Centre in last two-and-half years. Are you Satisfied or dissatisfied with it?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully satisfied	685	19.4	19.4	19.4
Somewhat satisfied	1270	35.9	35.9	55.3
Somewhat dissatisfied	269	7.6	7.6	62.9
Fully dissatisfied	238	6.7	6.7	69.6
No opinion	1073	30.4	30.4	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q11: Do you think that the present Left Front govt. in the state should be given another chance?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	888	25.1	25.1	25.1
Yes	2034	57.5	57.5	82.7
DK	613	17.3	17.3	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q12: What is your opinion about the qualition government?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Could not understand	625	17.7	17.7	17.7
There is no harm in it	841	23.8	23.8	41.5
Acceptable only in special circumstances	654	18.5	18.5	60.0
Coalition government is not good	668	18.9	18.9	78.9
DK	747	21.1	21.1	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q13: How do you rate the present govt. of West Bengal in terms of corruption?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Very corrupt	462	13.1	13.1	13.1
Somewhat corrupt	1074	30.4	30.4	43.5
Not at all corrupt	1180	33.4	33.4	76.8
DK	819	23.2	23.2	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q14: How would you rate Buddhadeb Bhattacharya performance as the Chief Minister of your state?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Very bad	49	1.4	1.4	1.4
Bad	289	8.2	8.2	9.6
Good	2182	61.7	61.7	71.3
Very good	613	17.3	17.3	88.6
DK	402	11.4	11.4	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q15(a): Poor people have become much poorer. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fylly agree	1018	28.8	28.8	28.8
Somewhat agree	668	18.9	18.9	47.7
Somewhat disagree	378	10.7	10.7	58.4
Fully disagree	1228	34.7	34.7	93.1
No opinion	243	6.9	6.9	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q15(b): There has been neglect of North Bengal region. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fylly agree	716	20.3	20.3	20.3
Somewhat agree	524	14.8	14.8	35.1
Somewhat disagree	259	7.3	7.3	42.4
Fully disagree	442	12.5	12.5	54.9
No opinion	1594	45.1	45.1	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q15(c): Employment opportunities have increased. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fylly agree	933	26.4	26.4	26.4
Somewhat agree	1015	28.7	28.7	55.1
Somewhat disagree	301	8.5	8.5	63.6
Fully disagree	927	26.2	26.2	89.8
No opinion	359	10.2	10.2	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q15(d): It has only benefited the upper caste. Do you agree.....?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully agree	688	19.5	19.5	19.5
	Somewhat agree	439	12.4	12.4	31.9
	Somewhat disagree	346	9.8	9.8	41.7
	Fully disagree	1269	35.9	35.9	77.6
	No opinion	793	22.4	22.4	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q16(a): Who is your MLA?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Incorrect	535	15.1	15.1	15.1
	Correct	2631	74.4	74.4	89.6
	DK	369	10.4	10.4	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q16(b): Which party does he belong to?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Incorrect	421	11.9	11.9	11.9
	Correct	2792	79.0	79.0	90.9
	DK	322	9.1	9.1	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q16(c): Has he never visited your locality?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1019	28.8	28.8	28.8
	Yes	2068	58.5	58.5	87.3
	DK	448	12.7	12.7	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q16(d): Does he have a criminal image?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2011	56.9	56.9	56.9
	Yes	321	9.1	9.1	66.0
	DK	1203	34.0	34.0	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q16(e): Is he considered corrupt?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1881	53.2	53.2	53.2
	Yes	296	8.4	8.4	61.6
	DK	1358	38.4	38.4	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q16(f): Are you satisfied with his work in your locality?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1232	34.9	34.9	34.9
	Yes	1704	48.2	48.2	83.1
	DK	599	16.9	16.9	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q16(g): Would you like to give him another chance?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1040	29.4	29.4	29.4
	Yes	1636	46.3	46.3	75.7
	DK	859	24.3	24.3	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q17: Keeping in view the work done by your MLA in your area during the last 5 years, how many marks will you give him out of 100?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	92	2.6	3.7	3.7
	1	16	.5	.6	4.3
	2	6	.2	.2	4.6
	3	4	.1	.2	4.7
	5	23	.7	.9	5.6
	6	1	.0	.0	5.7
	7	1	.0	.0	5.7

8	1	.0	.0	5.7
9	5	.1	.2	5.9
10	94	2.7	3.8	9.7
11	4	.1	.2	9.9
12	2	.1	.1	9.9
13	1	.0	.0	10.0
15	27	.8	1.1	11.1
16	1	.0	.0	11.1
17	1	.0	.0	11.1
18	1	.0	.0	11.2
20	124	3.5	5.0	16.1
21	1	.0	.0	16.2
22	4	.1	.2	16.3
25	60	1.7	2.4	18.7
29	2	.1	.1	18.8
30	172	4.9	6.9	25.7
31	1	.0	.0	25.7
32	1	.0	.0	25.7
33	1	.0	.0	25.8
35	42	1.2	1.7	27.5
40	177	5.0	7.1	34.5
41	1	.0	.0	34.6
42	1	.0	.0	34.6
43	1	.0	.0	34.7
45	44	1.2	1.8	36.4
47	1	.0	.0	36.4
48	2	.1	.1	36.5
49	1	.0	.0	36.6
50	278	7.9	11.1	47.7
52	2	.1	.1	47.7
53	1	.0	.0	47.8
55	32	.9	1.3	49.1
56	1	.0	.0	49.1
57	1	.0	.0	49.1
58	1	.0	.0	49.2
59	1	.0	.0	49.2
60	211	6.0	8.4	57.6
62	1	.0	.0	57.7
64	1	.0	.0	57.7
65	64	1.8	2.6	60.3
66	2	.1	.1	60.4
67	2	.1	.1	60.4
68	2	.1	.1	60.5
69	1	.0	.0	60.6
70	179	5.1	7.1	67.7
72	6	.2	.2	67.9
75	92	2.6	3.7	71.6
78	6	.2	.2	71.9
79	1	.0	.0	71.9
80	198	5.6	7.9	79.8
82	3	.1	.1	79.9
83	2	.1	.1	80.0
84	1	.0	.0	80.0
85	33	.9	1.3	81.4
86	1	.0	.0	81.4
87	3	.1	.1	81.5

88	3	.1	.1	81.6
89	1	.0	.0	81.7
90	159	4.5	6.3	88.0
91	4	.1	.2	88.2
92	2	.1	.1	88.3
93	1	.0	.0	88.3
95	42	1.2	1.7	90.0
96	1	.0	.0	90.0
97	6	.2	.2	90.3
98	5	.1	.2	90.5
99	42	1.2	1.7	92.1
100	197	5.6	7.9	100.0
Total	2505	70.9	100.0	
Missing	999	1030	29.1	
Total	3535	100.0		

Q18(a): Kolkata airport should not be privatised. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fylly agree	1358	38.4	38.4	38.4
Somewhat agree	206	5.8	5.8	44.2
Somewhat disagree	86	2.4	2.4	46.7
Fully disagree	466	13.2	13.2	59.9
No opinion	1419	40.1	40.1	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q18(b): Strikes should be banned. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fylly agree	1406	39.8	39.8	39.8
Somewhat agree	620	17.5	17.5	57.3
Somewhat disagree	170	4.8	4.8	62.1
Fully disagree	646	18.3	18.3	80.4
No opinion	693	19.6	19.6	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q18(c): Government industries should be privatised. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fylly agree	495	14.0	14.0	14.0
Somewhat agree	478	13.5	13.5	27.5
Somewhat disagree	201	5.7	5.7	33.2
Fully disagree	1214	34.3	34.3	67.6
No opinion	1147	32.4	32.4	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q18(d): Govt. should encourage private schools and colleges. Do you agree.....?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully agree	1333	37.7	37.7	37.7
	Somewhat agree	492	13.9	13.9	51.6
	Somewhat disagree	152	4.3	4.3	55.9
	Fully disagree	523	14.8	14.8	70.7
	No opinion	1035	29.3	29.3	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q19: Thinking of how you have voted in previous elections, how would you describe yourself?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Left Front supporter	1491	42.2	42.2	42.2
	Anti left	803	22.7	22.7	64.9
	Not committed to any side	679	19.2	19.2	84.1
	DK	562	15.9	15.9	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q20: Have you heard or read about the removal of names of bogus voters from the voter list?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	679	19.2	19.2	19.2
	Yes	2696	76.3	76.3	95.5
	DK	160	4.5	4.5	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q20(a): (If yes) Do you agree that removal of names of bogus voters from the electoral list will help in conducting free and fair elections in the state?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully agree	2057	58.2	58.2	58.2
	Somewhat agree	358	10.1	10.1	68.3
	Somewhat disagree	30	.8	.8	69.2
	Fully disagree	72	2.0	2.0	71.2
	DK	179	5.1	5.1	76.3
	NA	839	23.7	23.7	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q21: Have you heard or read about the Election Commission order putting a ban on writing on walls by political parties?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	510	14.4	14.4	14.4
Yes	2860	80.9	80.9	95.3
DK	165	4.7	4.7	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q21(a): (If yes) What is your opinion on Election Commission ban on writing on walls by political parties?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully justify	1768	50.0	50.0	50.0
Somewhat justify	494	14.0	14.0	64.0
Somewhat unjustify	108	3.1	3.1	67.0
Fully unjustify	241	6.8	6.8	73.9
No opinion	249	7.0	7.0	80.9
NA	675	19.1	19.1	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q22: Are you aware that assembly elections is being held in 5 phases?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	1304	36.9	36.9	36.9
Yes	2006	56.7	56.7	93.6
DK	225	6.4	6.4	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q22(a): (If yes) Some people say that holding elections in 5 phases is necessary for conducting free and fair elections while others say it unnecessarily. What is your opinion?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Necessary for conducting free and fair election	1229	34.8	34.8	34.8
It unnecessarily delays development work	412	11.7	11.7	46.4
No opinion	365	10.3	10.3	56.7
NA	1529	43.3	43.3	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q23(a): Mamata Banerjee cannot fight the Left Front alone. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fylylly agree	1987	56.2	56.2	56.2
Somewhat agree	306	8.7	8.7	64.9
Somewhat disagree	110	3.1	3.1	68.0
Fully disagree	477	13.5	13.5	81.5
No opinion	655	18.5	18.5	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q23(b): She may be good at agitation and theatrics, but not at governance. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fylylly agree	1236	35.0	35.0	35.0
Somewhat agree	457	12.9	12.9	47.9
Somewhat disagree	162	4.6	4.6	52.5
Fully disagree	713	20.2	20.2	72.6
No opinion	967	27.4	27.4	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q23(c): She is not tainted by corruption. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fylylly agree	1409	39.9	39.9	39.9
Somewhat agree	351	9.9	9.9	49.8
Somewhat disagree	128	3.6	3.6	53.4
Fully disagree	444	12.6	12.6	66.0
No opinion	1203	34.0	34.0	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q23(d): She should have aligned with Congress rather than BJP. Do you agree.....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fylylly agree	1164	32.9	32.9	32.9
Somewhat agree	284	8.0	8.0	41.0
Somewhat disagree	110	3.1	3.1	44.1
Fully disagree	344	9.7	9.7	53.8
No opinion	1633	46.2	46.2	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q24: Have you heard the name of Saurabh Ganguly?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	542	15.3	15.3	15.3
	Yes	2881	81.5	81.5	96.8
	DK	112	3.2	3.2	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q24(a): (If yes) Are you aware that Saurabh Ganguly has been dropped from the national cricket team?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	348	9.8	9.8	9.8
	Yes	2329	65.9	65.9	75.7
	DK	204	5.8	5.8	81.5
	NA	654	18.5	18.5	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q24(b): (If yes) What is your opinion about Saurabh Ganguly being dropped from the National cricket team?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully justified	329	9.3	9.3	9.3
	Somewhat justified	185	5.2	5.2	14.5
	Somewhat unjustified	139	3.9	3.9	18.5
	Fully unjustified	1442	40.8	40.8	59.3
	No opinion	234	6.6	6.6	65.9
	NA	1206	34.1	34.1	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q25: Do you feel close to any party?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1359	38.4	38.4	38.4
	Yes	2176	61.6	61.6	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q25(a): (If yes) Which party?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Congress	311	8.8	8.8	8.8
02: BJP	43	1.2	1.2	10.0
03: JD(U)	1	.0	.0	10.0
04: CPI	33	.9	.9	11.0
05: CPI(M)	1163	32.9	32.9	43.9
06: BSP	2	.1	.1	43.9
15: Trinamul Congress	388	11.0	11.0	54.9
35: JMM	3	.1	.1	55.0
41: RSP	134	3.8	3.8	58.8
42: CPI (M) (L)	1	.0	.0	58.8
43: FBL	22	.6	.6	59.4
97: Others	18	.5	.5	59.9
98: DK	54	1.5	1.5	61.5
99: NA	1362	38.5	38.5	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q26: Is there a party you will never vote?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	2379	67.3	67.3	67.3
Yes	1156	32.7	32.7	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q26(a): (If yes) Which party?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Congress	143	4.0	4.0	4.0
02: BJP	253	7.2	7.2	11.2
03: JD(U)	2	.1	.1	11.3
04: CPI	5	.1	.1	11.4
05: CPI(M)	314	8.9	8.9	20.3
06: BSP	17	.5	.5	20.8
15: Trinamul Congress	236	6.7	6.7	27.4
17: PDS	9	.3	.3	27.7
33: SP	2	.1	.1	27.8
34: Samata party	2	.1	.1	27.8
35: JMM	4	.1	.1	27.9
36: RJD	2	.1	.1	28.0
41: RSP	17	.5	.5	28.5
42: CPI (M) (L)	3	.1	.1	28.5
43: FBL	3	.1	.1	28.6
46: RCPI	1	.0	.0	28.7
96: Independents	4	.1	.1	28.8
97: Others	50	1.4	1.4	30.2
98: DK	76	2.1	2.1	32.3
99: NA	2392	67.7	67.7	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q27(a): How much trust do you have on Mamata Banerjee?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: One	714	20.2	20.2	20.2
02: Two	258	7.3	7.3	27.5
03: Three	353	10.0	10.0	37.5
04: Four	228	6.4	6.4	43.9
05: Five	291	8.2	8.2	52.2
06: Six	62	1.8	1.8	53.9
07: Seven	90	2.5	2.5	56.5
08: Eight	97	2.7	2.7	59.2
09: Nine	83	2.3	2.3	61.6
10: Ten	493	13.9	13.9	75.5
88: No opinion	749	21.2	21.2	96.7
99	117	3.3	3.3	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q27(b): How much trust do you have on Pranab Mukherjee?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: One	327	9.3	9.3	9.3
02: Two	312	8.8	8.8	18.1
03: Three	438	12.4	12.4	30.5
04: Four	347	9.8	9.8	40.3
05: Five	325	9.2	9.2	49.5
06: Six	107	3.0	3.0	52.5
07: Seven	128	3.6	3.6	56.1
08: Eight	125	3.5	3.5	59.7
09: Nine	86	2.4	2.4	62.1
10: Ten	172	4.9	4.9	67.0
88: No opinion	857	24.2	24.2	91.2
99	311	8.8	8.8	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q27(c): How much trust do you have on Buddhadeb Bhattacharya?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: One	1282	36.3	36.3	36.3
02: Two	511	14.5	14.5	50.7
03: Three	245	6.9	6.9	57.7
04: Four	133	3.8	3.8	61.4
05: Five	159	4.5	4.5	65.9
06: Six	57	1.6	1.6	67.5
07: Seven	74	2.1	2.1	69.6
08: Eight	79	2.2	2.2	71.9
09: Nine	66	1.9	1.9	73.7
10: Ten	144	4.1	4.1	77.8
88: No opinion	662	18.7	18.7	96.5
99	123	3.5	3.5	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q27(d): How much trust do you have on Tatha Gata Roy?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: One	84	2.4	2.4	2.4
02: Two	146	4.1	4.1	6.5
03: Three	184	5.2	5.2	11.7
04: Four	244	6.9	6.9	18.6
05: Five	329	9.3	9.3	27.9
06: Six	114	3.2	3.2	31.1
07: Seven	120	3.4	3.4	34.5
08: Eight	130	3.7	3.7	38.2
09: Nine	192	5.4	5.4	43.6
10: Ten	432	12.2	12.2	55.9
88: No opinion	812	23.0	23.0	78.8
99	748	21.2	21.2	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q27(e): How much trust do you have on Jyoti Basu?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: One	525	14.9	14.9	14.9
02: Two	890	25.2	25.2	40.0
03: Three	288	8.1	8.1	48.2
04: Four	171	4.8	4.8	53.0
05: Five	204	5.8	5.8	58.8
06: Six	68	1.9	1.9	60.7
07: Seven	59	1.7	1.7	62.4
08: Eight	75	2.1	2.1	64.5
09: Nine	102	2.9	2.9	67.4
10: Ten	320	9.1	9.1	76.4
88: No opinion	735	20.8	20.8	97.2
99	98	2.8	2.8	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Q28: 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	261	7.4	7.4	7.4
02: BJP	47	1.3	1.3	8.7
03: JD(U)	19	.5	.5	9.3
04: CPI	23	.7	.7	9.9
05: CPI(M)	667	18.9	18.9	28.8
15: Trinamul Congress	262	7.4	7.4	36.2
20: Left Front	1151	32.6	32.6	68.7
21: Trinamul Allies	335	9.5	9.5	78.2
22: Congress and allies	205	5.8	5.8	84.0
41: RSP	11	.3	.3	84.3
43: FBL	2	.1	.1	84.4
46: RCPI	1	.0	.0	84.4
96: Independents	2	.1	.1	84.5
97: Others	65	1.8	1.8	86.3
98: DK	148	4.2	4.2	90.5
99: NA	336	9.5	9.5	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

Background

B1: Age

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Upto 25 yrs	491	13.9	13.9	13.9
26-35 yrs	1014	28.7	28.8	42.7
36-45 yrs	888	25.1	25.2	67.9
46-55 yrs	619	17.5	17.6	85.4
Above 55 yrs	513	14.5	14.6	100.0
Total	3525	99.7	100.0	
Missing System	10	.3		
Total	3535	100.0		

B2: Gender

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Male	1858	52.6	52.6	52.6
Female	1677	47.4	47.4	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B3: What is your marital status?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Married	2972	84.1	84.1	84.1
Unmarried	432	12.2	12.2	96.3
Living with someone but unmarried	5	.1	.1	96.4
Divorced/seperated	10	.3	.3	96.7
Widowed	97	2.7	2.7	99.5
NA	19	.5	.5	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B4: Education (Respondent)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Non literate	809	22.9	22.9	22.9
Below primary	564	16.0	16.0	38.8
Primary pass/Middle fail	653	18.5	18.5	57.3
Middle pass/Matric fail	535	15.1	15.1	72.4
Matric	364	10.3	10.3	82.7
Intermediate/College no degree	222	6.3	6.3	89.0
Graduate or equivalent	311	8.8	8.8	97.8
Post Graduate	60	1.7	1.7	99.5
Professional degree and Higher Research	12	.3	.3	99.9
NA	5	.1	.1	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B4a(1): Education (Father)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Non literate	1602	45.3	45.3	45.3
Below primary	544	15.4	15.4	60.7
Primary pass/Middle fail	464	13.1	13.1	73.8
Middle pass/Matric fail	302	8.5	8.5	82.4
Matric	253	7.2	7.2	89.5
Intermediate/College no degree	138	3.9	3.9	93.4
Graduate or equivalent	142	4.0	4.0	97.5
Post Graduate	36	1.0	1.0	98.5
Professional degree and Higher Research	11	.3	.3	98.8
NA	43	1.2	1.2	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B4a(2): Education (Mother)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Non literate	2235	63.2	63.2	63.2
Below primary	466	13.2	13.2	76.4
Primary pass/Middle fail	360	10.2	10.2	86.6
Middle pass/Matric fail	188	5.3	5.3	91.9
Matric	143	4.0	4.0	96.0
Intermediate/College no degree	52	1.5	1.5	97.4
Graduate or equivalent	38	1.1	1.1	98.5
Post Graduate	6	.2	.2	98.7
Professional degree and Higher Research	6	.2	.2	98.8
NA	41	1.2	1.2	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B5: Occupation (Respondent)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Scientists	1	.0	.0	.0
02: Engineers	3	.1	.1	.1
03: Doctors	4	.1	.1	.2
04: Lawyers	5	.1	.1	.4
05: Accountants	4	.1	.1	.5
06: College/Univ. teachers	7	.2	.2	.7
07: Writers	4	.1	.1	.8
08: Modern Artists	6	.2	.2	1.0
09: Other higher	8	.2	.2	1.2

professionals					
11: Computer operators	2	.1	.1	1.2	
12: Alternative doctors	5	.1	.1	1.4	
13: Medical technicians	10	.3	.3	1.7	
14: School teachers	53	1.5	1.5	3.2	
15: Nursery teachers	21	.6	.6	3.8	
16: Folk and commercial artists	1	.0	.0	3.8	
18: Priests	5	.1	.1	3.9	
19: Other lower professionals	5	.1	.1	4.1	
20: Elected officials(Central level)	2	.1	.1	4.1	
22: Managers	6	.2	.2	4.3	
23: Officials Class I	4	.1	.1	4.4	
24: Officials Class II	14	.4	.4	4.8	
25: Class III Employee	28	.8	.8	5.6	
26: Superintendants	1	.0	.0	5.6	
27: Traditional clerks	15	.4	.4	6.1	
28: Class IV Employee	32	.9	.9	7.0	
29: Other administrative workers	16	.5	.5	7.4	
30: Big businessmen	16	.5	.5	7.9	
31: Medium businessmen	53	1.5	1.5	9.4	
32: Small businessmen	172	4.9	4.9	14.2	
33: Petty shopkeeper	71	2.0	2.0	16.2	
34: Hawkers,vendors	28	.8	.8	17.0	
35: Sales executives	11	.3	.3	17.3	
36: Salespersons	8	.2	.2	17.6	
37: Shop Assistants	10	.3	.3	17.9	
38: Rentier	4	.1	.1	18.0	
39: Other businessmen	52	1.5	1.5	19.4	
40: Waiters	6	.2	.2	19.6	
41: Dhobi	6	.2	.2	19.8	
42: Barbers, beauticians	4	.1	.1	19.9	
43: Ayahs, maids	17	.5	.5	20.4	
44: Chowkidars	7	.2	.2	20.6	
45: Sweepers	4	.1	.1	20.7	
49: Other service	45	1.3	1.3	22.0	

workers				
50: Mechanics	40	1.1	1.1	23.1
51: Electricians	11	.3	.3	23.4
52: Jewellers	11	.3	.3	23.7
53: Tailors	34	1.0	1.0	24.7
54: Weavers	34	1.0	1.0	25.6
55: Shoemakers	10	.3	.3	25.9
56: Blacksmiths	1	.0	.0	25.9
57: Carpenters	21	.6	.6	26.5
59: Other skilled workers	54	1.5	1.5	28.1
60: Miners	1	.0	.0	28.1
61: Masons	17	.5	.5	28.6
62: Potters	4	.1	.1	28.7
63: Stone-cutter	2	.1	.1	28.7
64: Furniture makers	10	.3	.3	29.0
65: Rickshaw-pullers	45	1.3	1.3	30.3
66: Unskilled labourers	98	2.8	2.8	33.1
69: Other semi-skilled and unskilled workers	71	2.0	2.0	35.1
70: Owner-cultivators 20+ Acre	6	.2	.2	35.2
71: Owner-cultivators 10-20 Acre	5	.1	.1	35.4
72: Owner-cultivators 5-10 Acre	25	.7	.7	36.1
73: Owner-cultivators 1-5 Acre	154	4.4	4.4	40.5
74: Owner-cultivators 0-5 Acre	82	2.3	2.3	42.8
75: Tenant-cultivators 5+ Acre	8	.2	.2	43.0
76: Tenant-cultivators 0-5 Acre	44	1.2	1.2	44.2
77: Plantation workers	48	1.4	1.4	45.6
78: Agricultural labourers	331	9.4	9.4	55.0
79: Other agricultural workers	41	1.2	1.2	56.1
80: Live-stock farming	14	.4	.4	56.5
81: Dairy farming	7	.2	.2	56.7
82: Poultry farming	4	.1	.1	56.8
83: Shepherds	1	.0	.0	56.9
84: Forest produce gatherer	8	.2	.2	57.1
86: Fishermen	15	.4	.4	57.5
89: Other breeders and cattle rearers	4	.1	.1	57.6

90: House-wife	1155	32.7	32.7	90.3
91: Students not seeking employment	81	2.3	2.3	92.6
92: Employment seekers	35	1.0	1.0	93.6
93: Unemployed workers, non-workers	81	2.3	2.3	95.9
Any other Occupation	38	1.1	1.1	96.9
98: Unclassified	13	.4	.4	97.3
99: NA	95	2.7	2.7	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B5a: Occupation (Father)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Scientists	3	.1	.1	.1
02: Engineers	4	.1	.1	.2
03: Doctors	5	.1	.1	.3
04: Lawyers	6	.2	.2	.5
05: Accountants	5	.1	.1	.7
06: College/Univ. teachers	7	.2	.2	.8
07: Writers	1	.0	.0	.9
09: Other higher professionals	44	1.2	1.2	2.1
12: Alternative doctors	4	.1	.1	2.2
13: Medical technicians	2	.1	.1	2.3
14: School teachers	37	1.0	1.0	3.3
15: Nursery teachers	8	.2	.2	3.6
16: Folk and commercial artists	1	.0	.0	3.6
18: Priests	3	.1	.1	3.7
19: Other lower professionals	4	.1	.1	3.8
20: Elected officials(Central level)	1	.0	.0	3.8
21: Elected officials(District level)	2	.1	.1	3.9
22: Managers	4	.1	.1	4.0
23: Officials Class I	4	.1	.1	4.1

24: Officials Class II	22	.6	.6	4.7
25: Class III Employee	35	1.0	1.0	5.7
26: Suprintendant s	1	.0	.0	5.7
27: Traditional clerks	7	.2	.2	5.9
28: Class IV Employee	29	.8	.8	6.8
29: Other administrative workers	19	.5	.5	7.3
30: Big businessmen	9	.3	.3	7.6
31: Medium businessmen	45	1.3	1.3	8.8
32: Small businessmen	119	3.4	3.4	12.2
33: Petty shopkeeper	40	1.1	1.1	13.3
34: Hawkers, ven dors	19	.5	.5	13.9
35: Sales executives	16	.5	.5	14.3
36: Salespersons	3	.1	.1	14.4
37: Shop Assistants	20	.6	.6	15.0
38: Rentier	3	.1	.1	15.0
39: Other businessmen	36	1.0	1.0	16.1
42: Barbers, beauticians	1	.0	.0	16.1
43: Ayahs, maids	2	.1	.1	16.2
44: Chowkidars	3	.1	.1	16.2
45: Sweepers	5	.1	.1	16.4
49: Other service workers	27	.8	.8	17.1
50: Mechanics	23	.7	.7	17.8
51: Electricians	12	.3	.3	18.1
52: Jewellers	11	.3	.3	18.4
53: Tailors	15	.4	.4	18.9
54: Weavers	32	.9	.9	19.8
55: Shoemakers	6	.2	.2	19.9
56: Blacksmiths	1	.0	.0	20.0

57: Carpenters	16	.5	.5	20.4
59: Other skilled workers	20	.6	.6	21.0
60: Miners	2	.1	.1	21.0
61: Masons	19	.5	.5	21.6
62: Potters	4	.1	.1	21.7
63: Stone-cutter	3	.1	.1	21.8
64: Furniture makers	9	.3	.3	22.0
65: Rickshaw-pullers	29	.8	.8	22.9
66: Unskilled labourers	82	2.3	2.3	25.2
69: Other semi-skilled and unskilled workers	47	1.3	1.3	26.5
70: Owner-cultivators 20+ Acre	9	.3	.3	26.8
71: Owner-cultivators 10-20 Acre	8	.2	.2	27.0
72: Owner-cultivators 5-10 Acre	37	1.0	1.0	28.0
73: Owner-cultivators 1-5 Acre	225	6.4	6.4	34.4
74: Owner-cultivators 0-5 Acre	155	4.4	4.4	38.8
75: Tenant-cultivators 5+ Acre	13	.4	.4	39.2
76: Tenant-cultivators 0-5 Acre	81	2.3	2.3	41.4
77: Plantation workers	78	2.2	2.2	43.6
78: Agricultural labourers	381	10.8	10.8	54.4
79: Other agricultural workers	66	1.9	1.9	56.3
80: Live-stock farming	2	.1	.1	56.4
81: Dairy farming	8	.2	.2	56.6
82: Poultry farming	4	.1	.1	56.7
83:	1	.0	.0	56.7

Shepherds				
84: Forest produce gatherer	3	.1	.1	56.8
85: Hunters and trappers	1	.0	.0	56.8
86: Fishermen	17	.5	.5	57.3
89: Other breeders and cattle rearers	3	.1	.1	57.4
90: Housewife	37	1.0	1.0	58.4
91: Students not seeking employment	1	.0	.0	58.5
92: Employment seekers	1	.0	.0	58.5
93: Unemployed workers, non-workers	36	1.0	1.0	59.5
Any other Occupation	18	.5	.5	60.0
96: Political activists	1	.0	.0	60.1
98: Unclassified	15	.4	.4	60.5
99: NA	1397	39.5	39.5	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B6: Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
01: Brahmin	209	5.9	5.9	5.9
02: Bhumihar	23	.7	.7	6.6
03: Rajput	7	.2	.2	6.8
04: Kayasthas	218	6.2	6.2	12.9
05: Vaishya	118	3.3	3.3	16.3
09: Other upper castes	515	14.6	14.6	30.8
11: Reddy	2	.1	.1	30.9
14: Marathas	1	.0	.0	30.9
19: Other PP	67	1.9	1.9	32.8
20: Gujjar	1	.0	.0	32.8
21: Yadav	70	2.0	2.0	34.8
27: Gaderia	1	.0	.0	34.9
29: Other peasant OBC	68	1.9	1.9	36.8
30: Bunkar	21	.6	.6	37.4
31: Darzee	2	.1	.1	37.4
34: Badhai	3	.1	.1	37.5

36: Lohar	13	.4	.4	37.9
37: Sunar	5	.1	.1	38.0
39: Other Craftsmen OBC	37	1.0	1.0	39.1
40: Kewat	2	.1	.1	39.1
41: Dhobi (OBC)	16	.5	.5	39.6
42: Nai	30	.8	.8	40.4
43: Teli	76	2.1	2.1	42.6
44: Jogi	1	.0	.0	42.6
47: Landless Labourers	1	.0	.0	42.6
49: Other service OBC	59	1.7	1.7	44.3
50: Jatav (Leatherwork)	14	.4	.4	44.7
51: Balmiki(Scave nging)	2	.1	.1	44.8
53: Rajbanshis	115	3.3	3.3	48.0
54: Namasudras	236	6.7	6.7	54.7
55: Mala	1	.0	.0	54.7
57: Dhobi(Non OBC)	30	.8	.8	55.6
59: Other SCs	444	12.6	12.6	68.1
60: Oraon	9	.3	.3	68.4
61: Santhal	17	.5	.5	68.9
62: Munda	3	.1	.1	68.9
65:	6	.2	.2	69.1
67:	3	.1	.1	69.2
69: Other STs	128	3.6	3.6	72.8
70: Ashrafs	20	.6	.6	73.4
71: Mughal	45	1.3	1.3	74.7
72: Muslim Rajput	80	2.3	2.3	76.9
73: Other upper Muslim	19	.5	.5	77.5
78: Muslim No Caste	208	5.9	5.9	83.3
79: Other Muslims	352	10.0	10.0	93.3
82: OBC Sikh	1	.0	.0	93.3
84: Other Sikh	1	.0	.0	93.4
85: Upper Christians	3	.1	.1	93.4
87: Dalit Christians	1	.0	.0	93.5
88: Christian no caste	5	.1	.1	93.6
89: Other Christian	2	.1	.1	93.7
91: Jews	2	.1	.1	93.7
92: Buddhist	1	.0	.0	93.7
93: Dalit	3	.1	.1	93.8

Buddhist				
94: Other Minorities	1	.0	.0	93.9
95: Hindu No caste	147	4.2	4.2	98.0
97	1	.0	.0	98.0
98: No religion no caste	3	.1	.1	98.1
99: NA	66	1.9	1.9	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B6a: Caste group

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid SC	928	26.3	26.3	26.3
ST	184	5.2	5.2	31.5
OBC	315	8.9	8.9	40.4
Other	2065	58.4	58.4	98.8
NA	43	1.2	1.2	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B7: Religion

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Hindu	2708	76.6	76.6	76.6
Muslim	772	21.8	21.8	98.4
Christian	14	.4	.4	98.8
Sikh	13	.4	.4	99.2
Buddhist	14	.4	.4	99.6
Jain	2	.1	.1	99.7
Others	12	.3	.3	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B8: How regularly do you read newspaper?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Daily	796	22.5	22.5	22.5
Frequently	479	13.6	13.6	36.1
Occasionally	232	6.6	6.6	42.6
Rarely	369	10.4	10.4	53.1
Never	1531	43.3	43.3	96.4
No opinion	128	3.6	3.6	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B9: How regularly do you listen to news on radio?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Daily	615	17.4	17.4	17.4
	Frequently	602	17.0	17.0	34.4
	Occasionally	302	8.5	8.5	43.0
	Rarely	568	16.1	16.1	59.0
	Never	1357	38.4	38.4	97.4
	No opinion	91	2.6	2.6	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Daily	1013	28.7	28.7	28.7
	Frequently	548	15.5	15.5	44.2
	Occasionally	279	7.9	7.9	52.1
	Rarely	427	12.1	12.1	64.1
	Never	1176	33.3	33.3	97.4
	No opinion	92	2.6	2.6	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Daily	1626	46.0	46.0	46.0
	Weekly	540	15.3	15.3	61.3
	Only on festivals	1076	30.4	30.4	91.7
	Never	214	6.1	6.1	97.8
	No opinion	79	2.2	2.2	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B12: Locality

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Village	2542	71.9	71.9	71.9
	Town	596	16.9	16.9	88.8
	City	205	5.8	5.8	94.6
	Metropolitan City	192	5.4	5.4	100.0
	Total	3535	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	2542	71.9	71.9	71.9
	House/Flat with 4 or more bedrooms	129	3.6	3.6	75.6
	House/Flats with 3 or 4 bedrooms	199	5.6	5.6	81.2
	House/Flat with 2 bedrooms (with kitchen and bath rooms)	199	5.6	5.6	86.8
	House/Flat with 2 Pucca rooms (With kitchen)	76	2.1	2.1	89.0
	House/Flat with 2 pucca rooms(Without kitchen)	69	2.0	2.0	90.9
	House with 1 pucca room (With kitchen)	49	1.4	1.4	92.3
	House with 1 pucca room (Without kitchen)	99	2.8	2.8	95.1
	Mainly kutcha house	67	1.9	1.9	97.0
	Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri	106	3.0	3.0	100.0
	Total	3535	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	993	28.1	28.1	28.1
	Pucca	467	13.2	13.2	41.3
	Pucca-Kutcha	603	17.1	17.1	58.4
	Kutcha	1061	30.0	30.0	88.4
	Hut	411	11.6	11.6	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B13: Number of rooms in use in the household

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Blank/No rooms	24	.7	.7	.7
	One	687	19.4	19.4	20.1
	Two	1204	34.1	34.1	54.2
	Three	700	19.8	19.8	74.0
	Four	511	14.5	14.5	88.4
	Five	190	5.4	5.4	93.8
	Six	121	3.4	3.4	97.2
	Seven	38	1.1	1.1	98.3
	Eight	34	1.0	1.0	99.3
	Nine and above	26	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	62	1.8	1.8	1.8
	1	72	2.0	2.0	3.8
	2	924	26.1	26.1	29.9
	3	744	21.0	21.0	51.0
	4	734	20.8	20.8	71.7
	5	448	12.7	12.7	84.4
	6	231	6.5	6.5	90.9
	7	131	3.7	3.7	94.7
	8	83	2.3	2.3	97.0
	9	106	3.0	3.0	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	678	19.2	19.2	19.2
	1	744	21.0	21.0	40.2
	2	1099	31.1	31.1	71.3
	3	509	14.4	14.4	85.7
	4	271	7.7	7.7	93.4
	5	115	3.3	3.3	96.6
	6	65	1.8	1.8	98.5
	7	24	.7	.7	99.2
	8	16	.5	.5	99.6
	9	14	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	3362	95.1	95.1	95.1
	Yes	173	4.9	4.9	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B15(b): Colour or B/W Television

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2016	57.0	57.0	57.0
	B/W	810	22.9	22.9	79.9
	Colour	709	20.1	20.1	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B15(c): Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	3076	87.0	87.0	87.0
	Yes	459	13.0	13.0	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B15(d): Telephone

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2958	83.7	83.7	83.7
	Yes	577	16.3	16.3	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B15(e): Mobile telephone

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	2972	84.1	84.1	84.1
	Yes	563	15.9	15.9	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B15(f): Fridge

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	3125	88.4	88.4	88.4
	Yes	410	11.6	11.6	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B15(g): Air Conditioner

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	3443	97.4	97.4	97.4
	Yes	92	2.6	2.6	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B15(h): Electric fan/Cooler

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1838	52.0	52.0	52.0
	Yes	1697	48.0	48.0	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B15(i): Bicycle

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	938	26.5	26.5	26.5
	Yes	2597	73.5	73.5	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B15(j): Radio/Transistor

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	1821	51.5	51.5	51.5
	Yes	1714	48.5	48.5	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B15(k): Pumping set

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	3149	89.1	89.1	89.1
	Yes	386	10.9	10.9	100.0
	Total	3535	100.0	100.0	

B16: Total monthly household income

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Upto Rs. 1,000	961	27.2	27.2	27.2
	Rs. 1,001 - Rs. 2,000	934	26.4	26.4	53.6
	Rs. 2,001 - Rs. 3,000	591	16.7	16.7	70.3
	Rs. 3,001 - Rs. 4,000	244	6.9	6.9	77.2
	Rs. 4,001 - Rs. 5,000	285	8.1	8.1	85.3
	Rs. 5,001 - Rs. 10,000	321	9.1	9.1	94.4
	Rs. 10,001 - Rs. 20,000	124	3.5	3.5	97.9
	Rs. 20,001 and above	33	.9	.9	98.8
	NA	42	1.2	1.2	100.0
Total	3535	100.0	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, Pre poll Survey, 2006

	Left Front ²	NDA ³	INC+ ⁴	Others ⁵
All	63	21	16	1
Gender				
Male	63	22	15	1
Female	63	20	17	0.4
Age Groups				
Upto 25 yrs	63	22	16	
26-35yrs	61	24	15	0.4
36-45yrs	63	22	14	1
46-55yrs	62	20	17	1
Above 55 yrs	66	16	18	1
Education (Respondent)				
Non Literate	65	16	18	1
Upto Primary	64	21	15	0.4
Upto Matric	60	23	17	0.3
College and above	62	24	13	1
Locality				
Rural	63	20	17	1
Urban	61	25	14	.4
Religion				
Hindu	64	23	13	1
Muslim	60	15	25	0.4
Others**	50	29	21	--
Caste/Community				
Brahmin	69	20	11	1
Other Upper Caste	69	20	11	1
Kayasthas	56	28	15	1
Vaishya	63	30	7	--
Dominant Peasant Proprietor	53	30	17	--
Other Backward Class	76	14	10	1
Scheduled Caste	63	20	17	--
Scheduled Tribe	69	20	11	--
Muslims	76	11	13	1
Others	60	15	25	--
Hindu no caste	47	33	20	2
N.A	59	24	15	--
Rajbanshis	65	20	15	--
Namasudras	65	19	16	1

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

Note: All figures in percent, Sample Size: **3535**

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)