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**WEST BENGAL ELECTION STUDY - 2011
POST-POLL SURVEY**

F1. State Name: _____

F2. A.C. Name: _____

F3. P.S. Name: _____

F4. Name of the Respondent: _____

F5. Address of the respondent (*Give landmark*): _____

F6. Date of interview (*dd/mm/yyyy*): _____

F7. Time of starting the interview: _____

F8. Name of the Investigator (*Code Roll No.*): _____

INVESTIGATOR'S INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT

My name is _____ and I have come from Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (also give your University's reference), a social science research organization in Delhi. We are conducting a West Bengal Post Poll survey on the opinion of people on politics and interviewing thousands of people across the State. The findings of this survey will be used for television programmes and writing articles in newspapers.

This survey is an independent study and is not linked to any political party or government agency. Whatever information you provide will be kept strictly confidential.

Participation in this survey is voluntary and it is entirely up to you to answer or not answer any question that I ask. We hope that you will take part in this survey since your participation is important. It usually takes 30 to 40 minutes to complete this interview. Please spare some time for the interview and help me in successfully completing the survey.

F10. May I begin the interview now?

1. Respondent agrees to be interviewed

2. Respondent does not agree to be interviewed

INTERVIEW BEGINS:

Q1. While talking to people about the recent elections to the Vidhan Sabha, we find that some people were not able to vote. How about you - were you able to vote or not?

1. Could not vote (*Go to Q1c.*) 2. Voted 8. Don't remember

Q1a. (*If Voted*) Whom did you vote for? I am giving you this slip which has names and election symbols of all the candidates that you saw on the voting machine. On this slip please put a mark in front of the same symbol against which you pressed the button.

(*Supply WHITE dummy ballot and explain procedure*) _____ 99. NA

Q1b. (*If Voted*) When did you finally make up your mind about whom to vote for?

1. On the day of voting 2. A day or two before voting
3. Earlier, during the campaign 4. Even before the campaign started
8. Can't say 9. NA

Q1c. (*If Not Voted*) What was the main reason due to which you could not vote in this election?

0. Out of station 1. Not well
2. No interest/did not feel like voting 3. Prevented /Fear of violence
4. No identity card/ identity proof 5. No good choice
6. Someone had voted in place of me before I went to vote 7. Others(*Specify*) _____
8. Can't say 9. NA

Q1d. (*If Voted*) Did the election officer correctly put the mark on your finger? (*Please observe marking on the index finger and record the answer accordingly*)

2. Checked and mark found 1. Checked, but mark not found 8. Could not check the mark 9. NA

Q2. Who did you vote for during the last Lok Sabha elections held in 2009? I mean the MP elections for electing the Central Government in Delhi. On this slip please put a mark in front of the same symbol against which you had pressed the button. (*Supply yellow dummy ballot paper and explain the procedure* _____ 99.NA)

Q3. Now let us talk about the election campaign during this election. How interested were you in the election campaign this time – a great deal, somewhat or not at all?

1. Great deal 2. Somewhat 3. Not at all 8. Can't say/DK

Q4. During the elections people participate in various activities related to election. Did you participate in any such activities during the recent election campaign?

	Activities	Yes	No	No Opinion
a.	a. Attended election meetings?	1	2	8
b.	b. Participated in processions/rallies?	1	2	8
c.	c. Went home to home for canvassing?	1	2	8
d.	d. Collected funds?	1	2	8
e.	e. Distributed Pamphlets/ Put up posters?	1	2	8

Q5. Did any candidate, party worker or canvasser come to your house during the campaign to ask for your vote? 1. No 2. Yes 8. Don't remember

Q6. (*If Voted in Q1*) In deciding who to vote for in the just concluded elections, whose opinion mattered to you most? (*Don't read answer categories*)

0. Local Political Leader 1. Husband/wife 2. Other family members
3. Caste/community leaders 4. Friends/neighbours 5. Co-workers/colleagues
6. No one, I voted on my own 7. Others (*Specify*) _____ 8. Can't say 9. NA

- Q13.** What is your assessment of the work done by the Left Front government in West Bengal in the last five years? Would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with it? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' satisfied or dissatisfied*).
1. Fully satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied
4. Fully dissatisfied 8. No opinion/DK
- Q14.** How would you rate Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee's performance as the Chief Minister of your state – very good, good, bad or very bad?
4. Very good 3. Good 2. Bad 1. Very bad 8. Can't say/D.K
- Q15.** Now I will ask you about Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. People have different opinion about him. Some say he is a clean and honest man who has tried his best to control corruption, others say he is himself corrupt, and some others say that he may be clean and honest but he has done nothing to control corruption. Which one of these do you agree with ?
1. Clean and honest leader who has tried his best to control corruption 2. He is himself corrupt
3. May be clean and honest but has done nothing to control corruption. 8. Can't say/No opinion
- Q16.** If you compare the first five year term of the Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee led Left Front government between 2001 and 2006, with the second term of the present Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee led Left Front government, in your opinion which one of two governments has been better - first term was better, second term has been better, both have been equally good or both have been equally bad?
1. First term better 2. Second term better
3. Both equally good 4. Both equally bad 8. No opinion
- Q17.** If you had to compare between Jyoti Basu's term as Chief Minister (1977-2000) and Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee's term as Chief Minister (2000-2011) – whose government has been better?
1. Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee's govt 2. Jyoti Basu's govt
3. Both equally good 4. Both equally bad 8. No opinion
- Q18.** Thinking of how you (or your family, in the case of first time voters) have voted in previous elections, how would you have described yourself before this election campaign began. Were you a Left Front supporter, a Trinamool Congress supporter, a Congress supporter, a BJP supporter, supporter of some other party or not a committed supporter of any party?
1. Left Front 2. Trinamool Congress supporter 3. Congress supporter 4. BJP supporter
5. Supporter of some other party 6. Not a committed supporter of any party 8. Can't say/D.K
- Q19.** Now I will ask you to compare Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee and Mamata Banerjee. In your opinion who among the two is better on the following matters: (*Read out the options and record the answer*)
- | | Buddhadeb | Mamata | Both | None | No opinion |
|---|-----------|--------|------|------|------------|
| a. Running the administration | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| b. For overall development of West Bengal | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| c. For the needs of the poor | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| d. For Industrialists | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| e. For the interest of Muslims | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| f. More trustworthy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
- Q20.** Now I will ask you about the assessment of the work done by the Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee government in the state in the last five years. Do you think that the following have improved or deteriorated? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' improved or deteriorated*).
- | | Improved | | Deteriorated | | D.K. |
|---|----------|----------|--------------|-------|------|
| | Fully | Somewhat | Somewhat | Fully | |
| a. The Condition of roads | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| b. The Supply of Electricity | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| c. The Supply of Drinking water | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| d. Quality of education in government schools | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| e. Medical facilities in government Hospitals | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| f. Law and Order situation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| g. Public bus service | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |

Q21. How do you rate the present Left Front-government of West Bengal in terms of corruption. Is it very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, or not corrupt at all?

1 Very corrupt 2 Somewhat corrupt 3 Not corrupt at all 8 Can't say/D.K.

Q22. Now I will read out few statements. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one of them? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agrees or disagrees*).

Agree Disagree DK
Fully Somewhat Somewhat Fully

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|----|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. | | a. Shifting of Tata's Nano car project from Bengal is a huge loss to the common people of the state. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| b. | | b. Only the government is capable of negotiating with industrialists and ensuring a fair compensation for acquiring land from farmers. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| c. | | c. Industrialization is essential for economic growth as it is impossible to sustain on agriculture. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| d. | | d. Left Front government's land acquisition policy has been just and fair. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| e. | | e. West Bengal's economy has stagnated under Left Front rule. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |

Q23. There are different opinions on the foreign policy of India. Some people say that the Indian government should make efforts to get closer to US, while others say that the Indian government should not make any efforts to get closer to US. What is your opinion?

1. Should make efforts 2. Should not make efforts 8. No opinion/Can't say

Q24. Now I will read out 2 statements about West Bengal. Tell me whether you agree with **statement 1** or **Statement 2**? (*Read out both the Statements*)

a.		a. (1) Trade unions are necessary to protect the rights of workers.	(2) There is too much trade unionism; workers need to be disciplined.
		1. Agree with one (1)	2. Agree with two (2) 8. No Opinion
b.		b. (1) Govt should impose a ceiling on income & wealth to reduce the gap between rich and poor.	(2) There should be no ceiling on income & wealth so that people have motivation for hard work
		1. Agree with one (1)	2. Agree with two (2) 8. No Opinion
c.		c. (1) Foreign companies should be allowed to come into West Bengal as it would lead to more development and jobs.	(2) Foreign companies should not be allowed into West Bengal as they would exploit the people.
		1. Agree with one (1)	2. Agree with two (2) 8. No Opinion
d.		d. (1) All major industries should remain in the public sector with the Government if it helps the people.	(2) There is nothing wrong in privatisation.
		1. Agree with one (1)	2. Agree with two (2) 8. No Opinion

Q25. Have you heard about the alliance between Trinamool Congress and Congress? 1. Yes 2. No

Q25a. (*If yes*) Has the alliance influenced your voting decision? 1. Yes 2. No 8. DK 9. NA

Q25b. (*If yes*) How has this alliance influenced your voting decision?

01. Shift from LF to Congress/TMC 02. Shift from LF to BJP 03. Shift from Congress/TMC to LF
 04. Shift from Congress/TMC to BJP 05. Shift from BJP to Congress/TMC 06. Shift from BJP to LF
 07. More committed to LF 08. More committed to Congress/TMC
 09. More committed to BJP 98. Cant say/DK 99. NA

Q26. People have different opinions about the Left Front's continued rule in West Bengal. Some say that party stayed in power because of its good governance and pro-people policies, while some say that they stayed in power because of a weak opposition. Others say that the Left ruled West Bengal by intimidating common voters through its party workers. What is your opinion on this?

1. Good governance 2. Weak opposition 3. Intimidating common voters 8. No opinion

Q27. I am going to ask you about a few things. Please tell me have you heard of them? **Q27a.** (If yes) Would you say that they are justified or unjustified? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' Justified or Unjustified*).

Q27.		Q27a.		Yes No (If yes)		Justified		Unjustified		No N.A.	
						Fully Somewhat		Somewhat Fully		opinion	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>									
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. Demands made by farmers in Singur	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. Demand for Gorkhaland	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. Role of CPM in Nandigram	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
e.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. Demands of the Kamtapur movement	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
			e. Land acquisition for Rajarhat and Haldia	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9

Q28. Now I will read out few statements about Mamata Banerjee. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one of them? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agrees or disagrees*).

		Agree		Disagree		DK	
		Fully Somewhat		Somewhat Fully			
a.	<input type="checkbox"/>						
		a. Mamata Banerjee is responsible for slowing down the industrialisation of West Bengal.	1	2	3	4	8
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>						
		b. Mamata Banerjee's inexperience in running the administration will hurt West Bengal if she becomes Chief Minister.	1	2	3	4	8
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>						
		c. The railway ministry is running well under Mamata Banerjee.	1	2	3	4	8

Q29. In your opinion, how serious is the Maoist problem in West Bengal today - Very serious, Somewhat serious or Not at all serious?

1. Very serious 2. Somewhat serious 3. Not at all serious 8. Don't know

Q30. In your opinion, which of the two parties - CPM or Trinamool Congress - is more responsible for the Maoist problem in West Bengal ?

1. CPM 2. Trinamool Congress 3. Both 4. None
7 Other (specify) _____ 8. No opinion

Q31. Some people say that the Left Front government has done its best to deal with the Maoist problem, other say that the Left front govt. has done nothing to solve the Maoist problem. What do you think?

1. Done its best 2. Done nothing 8. Can't say

Q32. Please tell me how important was the issue of price rise for you personally when you voted in this election - Very important, Somewhat important, Not important or Not at all important?

1. Very important issue 2. Somewhat important issue 3. Not an important issue
4. Not at all an important issue 8. Can't Say

Q32a. (*If very important or somewhat important*) In your opinion, which government is more responsible for rising prices Congress-led Central govt or Left Front govt in the State?

1. Congress-led Central govt 2. Left Front govt in the State 3. Both 4. None 8. Can't say

Q33. Q33a.
a.
b.
c.
d.
e.

Q33. Now I will ask you about a few events/incidents that took place in West Bengal over the last five years. Please tell me whether you have heard about them? **Q33a.** (If yes) How would you rate the govt's handling of them – Handled Well or Poorly? (Probe whether "Very" or "somewhat" Well or Poorly) Yes No (If yes) Very Somewhat Somewhat Very No N.A.

	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
			well	well	Poorly	Poorly	opinion	
a. Nandigram violence	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
b. Lalgarth agitation	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
c. Singur agitation	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
d. Rizwanur Rehman case	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
e. Netai killings	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9

a.
b.
c.
d.
e.
f.
g.

Q34. The Left Front govt has been ruling West Bengal for a long time now. I will list out a few things. Looking at its long stint in power, tell me whether the Left Front govt has failed or succeeded on each of these fronts? (Probe whether "fully" or "somewhat" succeeded or failed)

	Succeeded	Failed	D.K.	
	Fully	Somewhat	Somewhat	Fully
a. Agricultural production	1	2	3	4
b. Industrialisation	1	2	3	4
c. Land distribution	1	2	3	4
d. Welfare of Muslims	1	2	3	4
e. Dignity for poor	1	2	3	4
f. Job creation	1	2	3	4
g. Attracting investments	1	2	3	4

Q35. Do you think elections in your state are conducted fairly, somewhat fairly, unfairly?
3. Fairly 2. Somewhat fairly 1. Unfairly 8. Can't say/ D.K.

Q36. Now I will ask you about the assembly elections held recently in your village/locality. Do you think that elections conducted fairly, somewhat fairly, unfairly?
3. Fairly 2. Somewhat fairly 1. Unfairly 8. Can't say/ D.K.

Q37. If you compare the recently held election in your area with elections held here in the past, would you say that things like rigging, fraud and other mal-practices have increased, decreased or remained the same. 3. Increased 2. Decreased 1. Remained the same 8. Can't say/ D.K.

Q38. Some people say that the Left Front govt has been able to win successive elections due to its developmental work, others say that the Left Front govt has been able to win successive elections due to scientific rigging. What do you think?
1. Due to developmental work 2. Due to scientific rigging 8. Can't say/ D.K.

a.
b.
c.
d.

Q39. Now I will read out 2 statements about West Bengal. Tell me whether you agree with **statement 1** or **Statement 2?** (Read out both the Statements)

a.	(1) Marriages must take place within one's own caste-community.	(2) There is nothing wrong if boys and girls of different caste-community marry.
	1. Agree with one (1)	2. Agree with two (2) 8. No Opinion
b.	(1) Women should go out to work, they contribute to family household income.	(2) Women should not go out for work, they should only look after family & children.
	1. Agree with one (1)	2. Agree with two (2) 8. No Opinion
c.	(1) Anyone who comes to Bengal from outside must accept Bengali language and culture.	(2) There should be space in Bengal for people learn and of different language and culture.
	1. Agree with one (1)	2. Agree with two (2) 8. No Opinion
d.	(1) Anyone can become rich with hard work and luck.	(2) In the present system, the poor have very luck little chance of becoming rich.
	1. Agree with one (1)	2. Agree with two (2) 8. No Opinion

40. Now I will read out some statements about CPI(M) party in West Bengal. Do you agree or disagree with them? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agrees or disagrees*).

	Agree		Disagree		DK
	Fully	Somewhat	Somewhat	Fully	
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	1	2	3	4	8
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	1	2	3	4	8
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	1	2	3	4	8
d. <input type="checkbox"/>	1	2	3	4	8

Q41. As compared to five years ago, how is the economic condition of your household today – would you say it has become much better, better, remained same, become worse or much worse? 1. Much better 2. Better 3. Same 4. Worse 5. Much worse 8. No Opinion

Q42. In whatever financial condition you are placed today, on the whole are you satisfied or dissatisfied with it? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' satisfied or dissatisfied*).

1. Fully satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied 4. Fully dissatisfied 8. D.K.

Q43. What do you think will be the economic condition of your household in the coming few years. Would you say it will become much better, better, remain the same, become worse or much worse? 1. Much better 2. Better 3. Same 4. Worse 5. Much worse 8. No Opinion

Q44. If there were no alliances between different political parties and all parties were contesting in your seat/constituency, who would have voted for? (*Record name of party & consult Codebook for coding*) _____ 99. NA

Q45. In an ordinary week, how regularly do you read the newspaper - daily/almost everyday, 3-4 times a week, at least once a week or never?

1. Daily/almost everyday 2. At least 3-4 times in a week 3. At least once a week 4. Never

Q46. In an ordinary week, how regularly do you listen to news on radio - daily/almost everyday, 3-4 times a week, at least once a week or never?

1. Daily/almost everyday 2. At least 3-4 times in a week 3. At least once a week 4. Never

Q47. And what about watching news on TV? In an ordinary week how regularly do you watch news on TV - daily/almost everyday, 3-4 times a week, at least once a week or never?

1. Daily/almost everyday 2. At least 3-4 times in a week 3. At least once a week 4. Never

Q48. If there is a need to replace Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee as a leader of the Left Front in West Bengal, then in your opinion who among the following leaders - Gautam Deb, Nirupam Sen, Mohammad Salim, Biman Bose - should replace him?

1. Gautam Deb 2. Nirupam Sen 3. Mohammad Salim
4. Biman Bose 5. None 6. Others (Specify) _____ 8. DK

Q49. Should the Left Front government in the state get another chance or should there be Paribartan?

2. Yes, get another chance 1. No, there should be Paribartan 8. Can't say

BACKGROUND DATA

Personal Information

Z1. Now let us talk about this village/ town you live in. How long have you lived here? (*If not all life, probe for number of years lived here*)

1. Less than 5 years 2. 5 to 10 years 3. More than 10 years 4. Entire life

Z1a. (*If Not all life*) Where did you come from?

Name of State: _____ 99. N.A.

Z2. What is your age? (*In completed years*) _____ (*Recode 95 for age 95 years and above*)

Z3. Gender: 1. Male 2. Female

Z4. What is your marital status?

1. Married (*If both husband and wife live together*)
 2. Married, gauna not performed (*Married but not started living together*)
 3. Widowed 4. Divorced 5. Separated
 6. Deserted 7. Never married

Z5. Up to what level have you studied _____ (*Record exactly and consult code book*)

F M

Z5a. Up to what level have your father and your mother studied?

Father: _____ **Mother:** _____

Z6. What is your main occupation? _____ (*Record exactly and consult code book & if retired, try to ascertain his/her previous occupation*)

Z6a. What is/has been the main occupation of main earner of your family? _____ (*Record exactly and consult code book & if retired, try to ascertain his/her previous occupation*)

Z6b. (*If Housewife*) Aside from your housework, do you do anything that contributes to the family income? 2. Yes 1. No 9. NA

Z6c. (*If Yes*) What do you mainly do? (*Do Not Read Answer Categories*)

1. Works in the family farm/field
 2. Runs petty shop/ sundry business/ day care centre in the family premises
 3. Piecemeal work like rolling papad, incense sticks, making candles, embroidery/tailoring/poultry/spinning and weaving/food processing
 4. Helps husband in his business/ profession 7. Any other work (*Specify*) _____ 9. NA

Z7. What is your Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe name? _____ (*Consult state code book, or master list*)

Any other name by which your caste or subcaste is known? _____ (*Not to be coded*)

*** Z7a.** And what is your caste group? (*Double check and consult SC/ST/OBC list for the state*)

1. Scheduled Caste (SC) 2. Scheduled Tribe (ST)
 3. Other Backward Classes (OBC) 4. Other

Z8. What is your religion?

1. Hindu 2. Muslim 3. Christian 4. Sikh 5. Buddhist/Neo Buddhist
 6. Jain 7. Animism 8. No religion 9. Others (*Specify*) _____

Z9. Generally, which language is spoken in your house? _____ (*Consult code book for coding*)

Z10. Do you have a Voter identity card?

1. Yes I have 2. Photographed, but did not get it 3. Have, but it has mistakes
 4. Do not have 5. Had, but lost it 7. Any other (*Specify*) _____

