

I: INTRODUCTION

Assam state assembly elections were held into two phases on the 3rd April and 10th April, 2006. The elections were conducted for 126 seats. The findings of the Indian Express/CNN-IBN/CSDS survey reported here are based on a pre-poll survey conducted in 8 out of 126 assembly constituencies in Assam. The aim of the present post poll was to understand a disposition of the electorates which laid them to cast vote to particular party. Apart from that, it also helps to find and analyze the gap in electorates' opinion after pre poll survey which usually provides a vague picture of the electorates' frame of mind. Besides this, due to large sample size and wide coverage, it was decided to collect information on aspects linked with governance like development, socio-cultural and economic aspects, health, performance of the government and expectation from the next government.

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

Total Number of Assembly Constituencies(AC)	126
Number of seats for General Category	102
Number of seats reserved for Scheduled Caste	8
Number of seats reserved for Scheduled Tribe	16
Total Number of Voters	13201138

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

Table-2: Survey Frame

Number of assembly constituencies surveyed	8
Number of polling station survey	32
Number of Respondents	703
Type of Survey	Pre poll Survey

Table-3: Sample Profile: Census of India vs. Survey

Variables	Assam* (percent)	Survey (percent)
Rural	87	89
Urban	12	11
Women	48	50
Scheduled Caste	7	3
Scheduled Tribe	12	64
Hindu	65	78
Muslim	31	2
Christian	4	17
Other**	--	--

*Census 2001, Assam

** Jains, Parsi, and Sikhs

II: SURVEY DESIGN

Selection of Assembly Constituency (AC):

For the pre poll survey, it was decided to cover 8 assembly constituencies which were selected randomly using the probability proportionate to size (PPS) method. PPS method assures the same probability of larger as well as smaller sites.

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 8 assembly constituencies in the state out of the 126ACs. Thus, to arrive at sampling interval (SI) (or sampling constant), total population of electorates divided by 8 (suppose total electorates of the state was 8, 00000, divided by 8 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-4: Questionnaire Design

1.	Language Designed	English
2.	Language Translated	--
3.	Language Administered	Assamese
4.	Number of Variables	81
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-5: Details of Training Workshop of Investigator:

1.	Date	15-16, March, 2006
2.	Venue	Dept. of Political Science, Guwahati University
3.	Number of Investigator	16
4.	Resource person(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandhya Goswami, Assam • Akil Ranjan Dutta, Assam

Table-6: Data Collection and Processing Details

1.	Date of Field work	17-21, March, 2006
2.	Date of Data checking	22 March, 2006
3.	Venue of Checking	Centre for Study of Developing Societies (CSDS)
4.	Date of Data Entry	23 March, 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

Table-7: Details of Data Dissemination

Electronic Media			
Name	Date	Time	
CNN-IBN	25 March, 2006	8.00pm	
Print Media			
Name	Title of Article	Name of Author	Date
The Hindu (National, Sunday)	An Election too close to call	Yogendra Yadav and Sanjay Kumar	9, 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 for the survey was coordinated by Sandhya Goswami, state coordinator of Asaam, and Akhil Ranjan Dutta.

The central team which designed, coordinated and analyzed the survey comprised D.L Sheth, V.B. Singh, Yogendra Yadav, Sanjeer Alam, Bansmita Bora, Praveen Rai, Pallavi Shrivastava, Vikas Guatam, K.A.Q.A Hilal, Himanshu Bhattacharya, Kamchan Malhotra, Ninu Nair and Ramjayam of CSDS, and Professor Rajeev Karandikar of the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi.

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

Haflong(ST)	16	23	22
		57	23
		91	23
		132	22
		Total	90
Bokajan(ST)	17	2	25
		37	22
		72	22
		107	23
		Total	92
Howraghat (ST)	18	11	21
		41	21
		71	21
		101	21
		Total	84
Diphu (ST)	19	3	22
		49	22
		95	22
		141	22
		Total	88
Baithalango (ST)	20	5	22
		52	22
		99	22
		146	22
		Total	88
Kokrajhar West (ST)	29	19	23
		47	22
		75	22
		103	21
		Total	88
Kokrajhar East (ST)	30	2	24
		44	22
		86	23
		128	22
		Total	91
Sidli (ST)	31	30	23
		76	23
		122	22
		168	24
		Total	92

Source: CSDS Data Unit

II. ANNEXURE-2

MARGINAL OF ALL QUESTIONS

Q1: In next few days assembly elections are being held in Assam. Have you made up your mind to whom will you vote in the Assembly elections?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	33	4.6	4.6	4.6
	Yes	674	94.5	94.5	99.2
	DK	6	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q1(a): (If yes) If the Assembly Election are held tomorrow which party or candidate will you vote for?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	01: Congress	151	21.2	22.5	22.5
	02: BJP	52	7.3	7.7	30.2
	41: RSP	1	.1	.1	30.4
	42: CPI (M) (L)	58	8.1	8.6	39.0
	60: ASDC	89	12.5	13.2	52.2
	61: AGP	4	.6	.6	52.8
	63: AUDF	5	.7	.7	53.6
	68: BPPF(H)	104	14.6	15.5	69.0
	69: BPPF(R)	100	14.0	14.9	83.9
	96: Independents	82	11.5	12.2	96.1
	97: Others	26	3.6	3.9	100.0
	Total	672	94.2	100.0	
Missing	98: DK	2	.3		
	99: NA	39	5.5		
	Total	41	5.8		
Total		713	100.0		

Q1(e): (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	354	49.6	49.6	49.6
	More or less sure	170	23.8	23.8	73.5
	To early to commit	33	4.6	4.6	78.1
	DK	117	16.4	16.4	94.5
	NA	39	5.5	5.5	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q2: Now i will ask you about the Lok Sabha Election 2004. Were you able to cast your vote or not?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	94	13.2	13.2	13.2
Yes	608	85.3	85.3	98.5
DK	11	1.5	1.5	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q2(a): (If yes) Whom did you vote in Lok Sabha Election 2004?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Congress	235	33.0	33.0	33.0
02: BJP	89	12.5	12.5	45.4
04: CPI	4	.6	.6	46.0
05: CPI(M)	3	.4	.4	46.4
16: NCP	2	.3	.3	46.7
31: JD(S)	1	.1	.1	46.8
33: SP	4	.6	.6	47.4
34: Samata party	5	.7	.7	48.1
42: CPI (M) (L)	36	5.0	5.0	53.2
60: ASDC	74	10.4	10.4	63.5
61: AGP	15	2.1	2.1	65.6
62: AGP(P)	8	1.1	1.1	66.8
96: Independents	103	14.4	14.4	81.2
97: Others	25	3.5	3.5	84.7
98: DK	4	.6	.6	85.3
99: NA	105	14.7	14.7	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q6: Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Assam?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Tarun Gogoi	192	26.9	26.9	26.9
02: Brindaban Goswami	179	25.1	25.1	52.0
03: Sarbananda Sonowal	10	1.4	1.4	53.4
04: Prafulla Kumar Mohanta	18	2.5	2.5	56.0
06: Gunin Hazarika	2	.3	.3	56.2
20: Any one from Congress	34	4.8	4.8	61.0
21: Any one from AGP	11	1.5	1.5	62.6
22: Any one from BJP	17	2.4	2.4	64.9
97: Others	160	22.4	22.4	87.4
98: DK	65	9.1	9.1	96.5
99: Blank/Refused	25	3.5	3.5	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q7: While deciding to vote, what would be the most important consideration for you?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Candidate	319	44.7	44.7	44.7
Party	318	44.6	44.6	89.3
Caste-community	23	3.2	3.2	92.6
Something else	18	2.5	2.5	95.1
No opinion	35	4.9	4.9	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q8: What is your assessment of the work done by the Congress govt. in Assam during the last 5 years. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully satisfied	68	9.5	9.5	9.5
Somewhat satisfied	288	40.4	40.4	49.9
Somewhat dissatisfied	124	17.4	17.4	67.3
Fully dissatisfied	184	25.8	25.8	93.1
No opinion	49	6.9	6.9	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q9: Now I would like to compare the present Congress govt. in the state with the previous AGP led govt. Which govt. do you think better?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Congress Govt.	227	31.8	31.8	31.8
AGP Govt.	163	22.9	22.9	54.7
Both equally good	66	9.3	9.3	64.0
Both equally bad	200	28.1	28.1	92.0
No opinion	57	8.0	8.0	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q10(a): The condition of roads has improved or deteriorated?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully improved	44	6.2	6.2	6.2
Somewhat improved	363	50.9	50.9	57.1
Somewhat deteriorated	57	8.0	8.0	65.1
Fully Deteriorated	121	17.0	17.0	82.0
No changes	117	16.4	16.4	98.5
No opinion	11	1.5	1.5	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q10(b): The supply of electricity has improved or deteriorated?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully improved	19	2.7	2.7	2.7
Somewhat improved	224	31.4	31.4	34.1
Somewhat deteriorated	99	13.9	13.9	48.0
Fully Deteriorated	195	27.3	27.3	75.3
No changes	153	21.5	21.5	96.8
No opinion	23	3.2	3.2	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q10(c): The supply of drinking water has improved or deteriorated?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
Fully improved	40	5.6	5.6	5.6
Somewhat improved	133	18.7	18.7	24.3
Somewhat deteriorated	146	20.5	20.5	44.7
Fully Deteriorated	226	31.7	31.7	76.4
No changes	136	19.1	19.1	95.5
No opinion	32	4.5	4.5	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q10(d): Quality of education in Govt. Schools has improved or deteriorated?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
Fully improved	63	8.8	8.8	8.8
Somewhat improved	235	33.0	33.0	41.8
Somewhat deteriorated	92	12.9	12.9	54.7
Fully Deteriorated	161	22.6	22.6	77.3
No changes	131	18.4	18.4	95.7
No opinion	31	4.3	4.3	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q10(e): Medical facilities in Govt. hospitals has improved or deteriorated?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
Fully improved	23	3.2	3.2	3.2
Somewhat improved	215	30.2	30.2	33.4
Somewhat deteriorated	107	15.0	15.0	48.4
Fully Deteriorated	212	29.7	29.7	78.1
No changes	127	17.8	17.8	95.9
No opinion	29	4.1	4.1	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q10(f): Law and order situation has improved or deteriorated?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully improved	38	5.3	5.3	5.3
Somewhat improved	186	26.1	26.1	31.4
Somewhat deteriorated	146	20.5	20.5	51.9
Fully Deteriorated	184	25.8	25.8	77.7
No changes	60	8.4	8.4	86.1
No opinion	99	13.9	13.9	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q11: 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	54	7.6	7.6	7.6
Somewhat satisfied	320	44.9	44.9	52.5
Somewhat dissatisfied	106	14.9	14.9	67.3
Fully dissatisfied	93	13.0	13.0	80.4
No opinion	140	19.6	19.6	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q12: Do you think that the present Congress govt. in the state should be given another chance?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	369	51.8	51.8	51.8
Yes	218	30.6	30.6	82.3
DK	126	17.7	17.7	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q14: How do you rate the present govt. of Assam in terms of corruption?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Very corrupt	197	27.6	27.6	27.6
Somewhat corrupt	332	46.6	46.6	74.2
Not at all corrupt	83	11.6	11.6	85.8
DK	101	14.2	14.2	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q15: How would you rate Tarun Gogoi performance as the Chief Minister of your state?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Very bad	90	12.6	12.6	12.6
Bad	271	38.0	38.0	50.6
Good	255	35.8	35.8	86.4
Very good	33	4.6	4.6	91.0
DK	64	9.0	9.0	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q16: Thinking of how you have voted in previous elections, how would you describe yourself?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Congress supporter	151	21.2	21.2	21.2
AGP supportter	93	13.0	13.0	34.2
BJP supporter	30	4.2	4.2	38.4
Not a committed supporter of any party	315	44.2	44.2	82.6
DK	124	17.4	17.4	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q17(a): Who is your MLA?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Incorrect	58	8.1	8.1	8.1
Correct	624	87.5	87.5	95.7
DK	31	4.3	4.3	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q17(b): Which party does he belong to?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Incorrect	142	19.9	19.9	19.9
Correct	480	67.3	67.3	87.2
DK	91	12.8	12.8	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q17(c): Has he never visited your locality?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	423	59.3	59.3	59.3
	Yes	237	33.2	33.2	92.6
	DK	53	7.4	7.4	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q17(d): Does he have a criminal image?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	390	54.7	54.7	54.7
	Yes	124	17.4	17.4	72.1
	DK	199	27.9	27.9	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q17(e): Is he considered corrupt?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	273	38.3	38.3	38.3
	Yes	227	31.8	31.8	70.1
	DK	213	29.9	29.9	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q17(f): Are you satisfied with his work in your locality?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	446	62.6	62.6	62.6
	Yes	184	25.8	25.8	88.4
	DK	83	11.6	11.6	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q17(g): Would you like to give him another chance?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	391	54.8	54.8	54.8
	Yes	164	23.0	23.0	77.8
	DK	158	22.2	22.2	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q18: 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	-1	4	.6	.6	.6
	0	6	.8	.8	1.4
	1	3	.4	.4	1.8
	2	4	.6	.6	2.4
	3	2	.3	.3	2.7
	5	19	2.7	2.7	5.3
	6	1	.1	.1	5.5
	8	1	.1	.1	5.6
	9	2	.3	.3	5.9
	10	54	7.6	7.6	13.5
	11	3	.4	.4	13.9
	15	11	1.5	1.5	15.4
	19	2	.3	.3	15.7
	20	69	9.7	9.7	25.4
	21	2	.3	.3	25.7
	22	1	.1	.1	25.8
	23	2	.3	.3	26.1
	25	18	2.5	2.5	28.6
	28	1	.1	.1	28.8
	29	1	.1	.1	28.9
	30	68	9.5	9.5	38.4
	31	2	.3	.3	38.7
	32	1	.1	.1	38.8
	35	7	1.0	1.0	39.8
	38	1	.1	.1	40.0
	40	60	8.4	8.4	48.4
	42	1	.1	.1	48.5
	45	18	2.5	2.5	51.1
	46	1	.1	.1	51.2
	48	3	.4	.4	51.6
	49	3	.4	.4	52.0
	50	84	11.8	11.8	63.8
	51	3	.4	.4	64.2
	53	1	.1	.1	64.4
	54	1	.1	.1	64.5
	55	10	1.4	1.4	65.9
	56	1	.1	.1	66.1
	59	1	.1	.1	66.2
	60	37	5.2	5.2	71.4
	62	1	.1	.1	71.5
	65	3	.4	.4	71.9
	70	15	2.1	2.1	74.1
	75	7	1.0	1.0	75.0
	80	7	1.0	1.0	76.0
	85	2	.3	.3	76.3
	90	6	.8	.8	77.1
	95	2	.3	.3	77.4
	99	2	.3	.3	77.7
	100	5	.7	.7	78.4

101	1	.1	.1	78.5
801	1	.1	.1	78.7
899	1	.1	.1	78.8
999	151	21.2	21.2	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q20: Have you heard about expulsion of Prafulla Mahanta feom Assom Gana Parishad(AGP)?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	257	36.0	36.0	36.0
Yes	403	56.5	56.5	92.6
DK	53	7.4	7.4	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q20(a): (If yes) What is your opinion about the expulsion of Prafulla Mahanta from the party?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully satisfied	188	26.4	26.4	26.4
Somewhat satisfied	103	14.4	14.4	40.8
Somewhat dissatisfied	42	5.9	5.9	46.7
Fully dissatisfied	20	2.8	2.8	49.5
No opinion	50	7.0	7.0	56.5
NA	310	43.5	43.5	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q21: Have you heard or read about the IMDT Act in Assam?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	306	42.9	42.9	42.9
Yes	363	50.9	50.9	93.8
DK	44	6.2	6.2	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q21(a): (If yes) Heard you heard about scrapping of IMDT Act by the Supreme Court?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	39	5.5	5.5	5.5
Yes	308	43.2	43.2	48.7
DK	16	2.2	2.2	50.9
NA	350	49.1	49.1	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q21(b): (If yes in Q21a) What is your opinion about the scrapping of the Act?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully justified	131	18.4	18.4	18.4
Somewhat justified	73	10.2	10.2	28.6
Somewhat unjustified	28	3.9	3.9	32.5
Fully unjustified	51	7.2	7.2	39.7
No opinion	25	3.5	3.5	43.2
NA	405	56.8	56.8	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q22(a): The Central Govt. has not done nothing for big Tea garden owners in Assam. Do you agree....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully agree	118	16.5	16.5	16.5
Somewhat agree	214	30.0	30.0	46.6
Somewhat disagree	72	10.1	10.1	56.7
Fully disagree	84	11.8	11.8	68.4
No opinion	225	31.6	31.6	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q22(b): The wages for Tea garden workers should be increased. Do you agree....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully agree	315	44.2	44.2	44.2
Somewhat agree	209	29.3	29.3	73.5
Somewhat disagree	21	2.9	2.9	76.4
Fully disagree	21	2.9	2.9	79.4
No opinion	147	20.6	20.6	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q22(c): State Govt. has neglected the demands of small Tea garden owners/. Do you agree....?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Fully agree	108	15.1	15.1	15.1
Somewhat agree	259	36.3	36.3	51.5
Somewhat disagree	62	8.7	8.7	60.2
Fully disagree	66	9.3	9.3	69.4
No opinion	218	30.6	30.6	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q22(d): State Govt. is responsible for closure of Tea Gardens in Assam. Do you agree....?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully agree	138	19.4	19.4	19.4
	Somewhat agree	221	31.0	31.0	50.4
	Somewhat disagree	64	9.0	9.0	59.3
	Fully disagree	55	7.7	7.7	67.0
	No opinion	235	33.0	33.0	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q23: Have you heard or read about the police firing in Kakopathar?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	353	49.5	49.5	49.5
	Yes	321	45.0	45.0	94.5
	DK	39	5.5	5.5	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q23(a): (If yes) What is your opinion about the Govt. handling of Kakopathar incident?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Fully Satisfied	11	1.5	1.5	1.5
	Somewhat satisfied	43	6.0	6.0	7.6
	Somewhat dissatisfied	67	9.4	9.4	17.0
	Fully dissatisfied	163	22.9	22.9	39.8
	No opinion	37	5.2	5.2	45.0
	NA	392	55.0	55.0	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q24: Would you have preferred an alliance of AGP and BJP in Assam for contesting the Assembly Elections?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	386	54.1	54.1	54.1
	Yes	168	23.6	23.6	77.7
	DK	159	22.3	22.3	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q24(a): (If yes) If BJP and AGP were contesting Assembly Election as allies would that have influenced your voting decision?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	50	7.0	7.0	7.0
Yes	104	14.6	14.6	21.6
DK	14	2.0	2.0	23.6
NA	545	76.4	76.4	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q24b: (If yes) How this alliance would have influenced your voting decision?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Shift from AGP/BJP to Congress	21	2.9	2.9	2.9
Shift from Congress to AGP/BJP	36	5.0	5.0	8.0
More committed to AGP/BJP	28	3.9	3.9	11.9
More committed to Congress	8	1.1	1.1	13.0
No change	33	4.6	4.6	17.7
DK	42	5.9	5.9	23.6
NA	545	76.4	76.4	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Q25: Which party or alliance would you like to form the government in Assam after this Election?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Congress	209	29.3	29.3	29.3
02: BJP	73	10.2	10.2	39.6
03: JD(U)	1	.1	.1	39.7
04: CPI	2	.3	.3	40.0
05: CPI(M)	1	.1	.1	40.1
10: Congress Allies	49	6.9	6.9	47.0
20: AGP allies	53	7.4	7.4	54.4
30: AGP(P) Allies	1	.1	.1	54.6
40: BJP allies	17	2.4	2.4	56.9
42: CPI (M) (L)	34	4.8	4.8	61.7
60: ASDC	32	4.5	4.5	66.2
61: AGP	153	21.5	21.5	87.7
62: AGP(P)	1	.1	.1	87.8
96: Independents	2	.3	.3	88.1
97: Others	21	2.9	2.9	91.0
98: DK	45	6.3	6.3	97.3
99: NA	19	2.7	2.7	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

Background

B1: Age

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Upto 25 yrs	213	29.9	29.9	29.9
26-35 yrs	217	30.4	30.4	60.3
36-45 yrs	138	19.4	19.4	79.7
46-55 yrs	80	11.2	11.2	90.9
Above 55 yrs	65	9.1	9.1	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B2: Gender

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Male	355	49.8	49.8	49.8
Female	358	50.2	50.2	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B3: What is your marital status?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Married	525	73.6	73.6	73.6
Unmarried	176	24.7	24.7	98.3
Living with someone but unmarried	2	.3	.3	98.6
Widowed	6	.8	.8	99.4
NA	4	.6	.6	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B4: Education (Respondent)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Non literate	148	20.8	20.8	20.8
Below primary	99	13.9	13.9	34.6
Primary pass/Middle fail	101	14.2	14.2	48.8
Middle pass/Matric fail	115	16.1	16.1	64.9
Matric	107	15.0	15.0	79.9
Intermediate/College no degree	94	13.2	13.2	93.1
Graduate or equivalent	40	5.6	5.6	98.7
Post Graduate	3	.4	.4	99.2
NA	6	.8	.8	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B4a(1): Education (Father)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Non literate	373	52.3	52.3	52.3
Below primary	65	9.1	9.1	61.4
Primary pass/Middle fail	80	11.2	11.2	72.7
Middle pass/Matric fail	71	10.0	10.0	82.6
Matric	68	9.5	9.5	92.1
Intermediate/College no degree	22	3.1	3.1	95.2
Graduate or equivalent	29	4.1	4.1	99.3
NA	5	.7	.7	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B4a(2): Education (Mother)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Non literate	453	63.5	63.5	63.5
Below primary	82	11.5	11.5	75.0
Primary pass/Middle fail	90	12.6	12.6	87.7
Middle pass/Matric fail	38	5.3	5.3	93.0
Matric	26	3.6	3.6	96.6
Intermediate/College no degree	11	1.5	1.5	98.2
Graduate or equivalent	5	.7	.7	98.9
Post Graduate	2	.3	.3	99.2
Professional degree and Higher Research	1	.1	.1	99.3
NA	5	.7	.7	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B5: Occupation (Respondent)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 05: Accountants	1	.1	.1	.1
06: College/Univ. teachers	1	.1	.1	.3
07: Writers	1	.1	.1	.4
11: Computer operators	1	.1	.1	.6
13: Medical technicians	1	.1	.1	.7
14: School teachers	26	3.6	3.6	4.3
15: Nursery teachers	10	1.4	1.4	5.8
16: Folk and commercial artists	1	.1	.1	5.9
19: Other lower professionals	2	.3	.3	6.2
24: Officials Class II	3	.4	.4	6.6
25: Class III Employee	11	1.5	1.5	8.1
28: Class IV Employee	13	1.8	1.8	10.0
29: Other administrative workers	1	.1	.1	10.1
31: Medium businessmen	6	.8	.8	10.9
32: Small businessmen	22	3.1	3.1	14.0
33: Petty shopkeeper	28	3.9	3.9	18.0
34: Hawkers,vendors	1	.1	.1	18.1
35: Sales	1	.1	.1	18.2

executives				
36: Salespersons	2	.3	.3	18.5
37: Shop Assistants	5	.7	.7	19.2
39: Other businessmen	1	.1	.1	19.4
40: Waiters	1	.1	.1	19.5
44: Chowkidars	5	.7	.7	20.2
49: Other service workers	2	.3	.3	20.5
50: Mechanics	1	.1	.1	20.6
51: Electricians	2	.3	.3	20.9
52: Jewellers	1	.1	.1	21.0
53: Tailors	4	.6	.6	21.6
54: Weavers	9	1.3	1.3	22.9
57: Carpenters	4	.6	.6	23.4
59: Other skilled workers	1	.1	.1	23.6
60: Miners	2	.3	.3	23.8
63: Stone-cutter	2	.3	.3	24.1
64: Furniture makers	1	.1	.1	24.3
65: Rickshaw-pullers	1	.1	.1	24.4
66: Unskilled labourers	2	.3	.3	24.7
69: Other semi-skilled and unskilled workers	2	.3	.3	25.0
70: Owner-cultivators 20+ Acre	5	.7	.7	25.7
71: Owner-cultivators 10-20 Acre	5	.7	.7	26.4
72: Owner-cultivators 5-10 Acre	22	3.1	3.1	29.5
73: Owner-cultivators 1-5 Acre	28	3.9	3.9	33.4
74: Owner-cultivators 0-5 Acre	2	.3	.3	33.7
75: Tenant-cultivators 5+ Acre	6	.8	.8	34.5
76: Tenant-cultivators 0-5 Acre	67	9.4	9.4	43.9
77: Plantation workers	10	1.4	1.4	45.3
78: Agricultural labourers	20	2.8	2.8	48.1
79: Other agricultural workers	3	.4	.4	48.5
81: Dairy farming	2	.3	.3	48.8
82: Poultry farming	1	.1	.1	48.9
84: Forest produce	1	.1	.1	49.1

gatherer				
86: Fishermen	2	.3	.3	49.4
90: House-wife	232	32.5	32.5	81.9
91: Students not seeking employment	65	9.1	9.1	91.0
92: Employment seekers	27	3.8	3.8	94.8
93: Unemployed workers, non-workers	18	2.5	2.5	97.3
Any other Occupation	2	.3	.3	97.6
96: Political activists	2	.3	.3	97.9
98: Unclassified	3	.4	.4	98.3
99: NA	12	1.7	1.7	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B5a: Occupation (Father)

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 03: Doctors	1	.1	.1	.1
05: Accountants	1	.1	.1	.3
06: College/Univ. teachers	1	.1	.1	.4
07: Writers	1	.1	.1	.6
09: Other higher professionals	15	2.1	2.1	2.7
13: Medical technicians	1	.1	.1	2.8
14: School teachers	13	1.8	1.8	4.6
15: Nursery teachers	3	.4	.4	5.0
19: Other lower professionals	1	.1	.1	5.2
22: Managers	1	.1	.1	5.3
24: Officials Class II	5	.7	.7	6.0
25: Class III Employee	5	.7	.7	6.7
28: Class IV Employee	10	1.4	1.4	8.1
29: Other administrative workers	2	.3	.3	8.4
30: Big businessmen	1	.1	.1	8.6
31: Medium businessmen	9	1.3	1.3	9.8
32: Small businessmen	14	2.0	2.0	11.8
33: Petty shopkeeper	12	1.7	1.7	13.5

36: Salespersons	3	.4	.4	13.9
39: Other businessmen	9	1.3	1.3	15.1
44: Chowkidars	3	.4	.4	15.6
49: Other service workers	3	.4	.4	16.0
52: Jewellers	1	.1	.1	16.1
53: Tailors	1	.1	.1	16.3
57: Carpenters	3	.4	.4	16.7
59: Other skilled workers	1	.1	.1	16.8
60: Miners	5	.7	.7	17.5
63: Stone-cutter	1	.1	.1	17.7
64: Furniture makers	1	.1	.1	17.8
65: Rickshaw-pullers	2	.3	.3	18.1
66: Unskilled labourers	3	.4	.4	18.5
69: Other semi-skilled and unskilled workers	2	.3	.3	18.8
70: Owner-cultivators 20+ Acre	19	2.7	2.7	21.5
71: Owner-cultivators 10-20 Acre	7	1.0	1.0	22.4
72: Owner-cultivators 5-10 Acre	35	4.9	4.9	27.3
73: Owner-cultivators 1-5 Acre	106	14.9	14.9	42.2
74: Owner-cultivators 0-5 Acre	7	1.0	1.0	43.2
75: Tenant-cultivators 5+ Acre	4	.6	.6	43.8
76: Tenant-cultivators 0-5 Acre	109	15.3	15.3	59.0
77: Plantation workers	7	1.0	1.0	60.0
78: Agricultural labourers	37	5.2	5.2	65.2
79: Other agricultural workers	5	.7	.7	65.9
82: Poultry farming	1	.1	.1	66.1
84: Forest produce gatherer	1	.1	.1	66.2
86: Fishermen	1	.1	.1	66.3
90: House-wife	1	.1	.1	66.5
Any other Occupation	1	.1	.1	66.6
99: NA	238	33.4	33.4	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B6: Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 01: Brahmin	5	.7	.7	.7
04: Kayasthas	12	1.7	1.7	2.4
05: Vaishya	4	.6	.6	2.9
06: Jain	1	.1	.1	3.1
09: Other upper castes	4	.6	.6	3.6
10: Jat	1	.1	.1	3.8
19: Other PP	1	.1	.1	3.9
20: Gujjar	1	.1	.1	4.1
21: Yadav	1	.1	.1	4.2
22: Kurmi	2	.3	.3	4.5
24: Saikya	1	.1	.1	4.6
26: Lingayat	1	.1	.1	4.8
29: Other peasant OBC	7	1.0	1.0	5.8
31: Darzee	6	.8	.8	6.6
33: Lakhera	4	.6	.6	7.2
37: Sunar	1	.1	.1	7.3
39: Other Craftsmen OBC	2	.3	.3	7.6
40: Kewat	1	.1	.1	7.7
41: Dhobi (OBC)	1	.1	.1	7.9
42: Nai	1	.1	.1	8.0
44: Goswami	4	.6	.6	8.6
49: Other service OBC	112	15.7	15.7	24.3
50: Jatav (Leatherwork)	10	1.4	1.4	25.7
53: Rajbanshis	9	1.3	1.3	26.9
54: Namasudras	2	.3	.3	27.2
57: Dhobi(Non OBC)	3	.4	.4	27.6
58: Lowest SC	3	.4	.4	28.1
59: Other SCs	3	.4	.4	28.5
60: Boro	121	17.0	17.0	45.4
61: Karbi	268	37.6	37.6	83.0
66: Dimasa	36	5.0	5.0	88.1
69: Other STs	12	1.7	1.7	89.8
71: Mughal	1	.1	.1	89.9
72: Muslim Rajput	1	.1	.1	90.0
74: Peasant+Traders	2	.3	.3	90.3
76: Service Muslim	1	.1	.1	90.5
78: Muslim No Caste	1	.1	.1	90.6
79: Other Muslims	12	1.7	1.7	92.3
84: Other Sikh	1	.1	.1	92.4
87: Dalit Christians	21	2.9	2.9	95.4
95: Hindu No caste	1	.1	.1	95.5
99: NA	32	4.5	4.5	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B6a: Caste group

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	SC	22	3.1	3.1	3.1
	ST	459	64.4	64.4	67.5
	OBC	193	27.1	27.1	94.5
	Other	34	4.8	4.8	99.3
	NA	5	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B7: Religion

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Hindu	558	78.3	78.3	78.3
	Muslim	16	2.2	2.2	80.5
	Christian	123	17.3	17.3	97.8
	Sikh	1	.1	.1	97.9
	Buddhist	1	.1	.1	98.0
	Others	14	2.0	2.0	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Daily	126	17.7	17.7	17.7
	Frequently	165	23.1	23.1	40.8
	Occasionally	188	26.4	26.4	67.2
	Rarely	76	10.7	10.7	77.8
	Never	147	20.6	20.6	98.5
	No opinion	11	1.5	1.5	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Daily	105	14.7	14.7	14.7
	Frequently	133	18.7	18.7	33.4
	Occasionally	152	21.3	21.3	54.7
	Rarely	89	12.5	12.5	67.2
	Never	220	30.9	30.9	98.0
	No opinion	14	2.0	2.0	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Daily	309	43.3	43.3	43.3
	Weekly	214	30.0	30.0	73.4
	Only on festivals	165	23.1	23.1	96.5
	Never	6	.8	.8	97.3
	No opinion	19	2.7	2.7	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B12: Locality

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Village	634	88.9	88.9	88.9
	Town	79	11.1	11.1	100.0
	Total	713	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	634	88.9	88.9	88.9
House/Flat with 4 or more bedrooms	8	1.1	1.1	90.0
House/Flats with 3 or 4 bedrooms	26	3.6	3.6	93.7
House/Flat with 2 bedrooms (with kitchen and bath rooms)	19	2.7	2.7	96.4
House/Flat with 2 Pucca rooms (With kitchen)	6	.8	.8	97.2
House/Flat with 2 pucca rooms(Without kitchen)	5	.7	.7	97.9
House with 1 pucca room (With kitchen)	2	.3	.3	98.2
House with 1 pucca room (Without kitchen)	2	.3	.3	98.5
Mainly kutcha house	1	.1	.1	98.6
Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri	10	1.4	1.4	100.0
Total	713	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	79	11.1	11.1	11.1
Pucca	27	3.8	3.8	14.9
Pucca-Kutcha	150	21.0	21.0	35.9
Kutcha	324	45.4	45.4	81.3
Hut	133	18.7	18.7	100.0
Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B13: Number of rooms in use in the household

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Blank/No rooms	7	1.0	1.0	1.0
	One	3	.4	.4	1.4
	Two	74	10.4	10.4	11.8
	Three	158	22.2	22.2	33.9
	Four	213	29.9	29.9	63.8
	Five	131	18.4	18.4	82.2
	Six	88	12.3	12.3	94.5
	Seven	22	3.1	3.1	97.6
	Eight	9	1.3	1.3	98.9
	Nine and above	8	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	6	.8	.8	.8
	1	1	.1	.1	1.0
	2	94	13.2	13.2	14.2
	3	140	19.6	19.6	33.8
	4	190	26.6	26.6	60.4
	5	94	13.2	13.2	73.6
	6	112	15.7	15.7	89.3
	7	31	4.3	4.3	93.7
	8	22	3.1	3.1	96.8
	9	23	3.2	3.2	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	81	11.4	11.4	11.4
	1	91	12.8	12.8	24.1
	2	255	35.8	35.8	59.9
	3	156	21.9	21.9	81.8
	4	83	11.6	11.6	93.4
	5	27	3.8	3.8	97.2
	6	13	1.8	1.8	99.0
	7	3	.4	.4	99.4
	8	2	.3	.3	99.7
	9	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	681	95.5	95.5	95.5
	Yes	32	4.5	4.5	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B15(b): Colour or B/W Television

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	439	61.6	61.6	61.6
	B/W	153	21.5	21.5	83.0
	Colour	121	17.0	17.0	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B15(c): Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	613	86.0	86.0	86.0
	Yes	100	14.0	14.0	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

B15(d): Telephone

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	604	84.7	84.7	84.7
	Yes	109	15.3	15.3	100.0
	Total	713	100.0	100.0	

III: ANNEXURE-3:

Vote Casted to different parties with respect to gender, age, education, locality, religion and caste in Assam assembly election, Pre-poll Survey, 2006

	INC	BJP	CPI (M) (L)	ASDC	BPPF (H)	BPPF (R)	Others* *
All	23	8	8	13	16	15	17
Gender							
Male	23	9	8	13	14	16	17
Female	22	6	9	14	17	14	18
Age Groups							
Upto 25 yrs	24	9	9	12	16	12	20
26-35yrs	19	9	8	11	14	20	19
36-45yrs	21	7	12	20	15	12	14
46-55yrs	21	5	7	16	21	13	16
Above 55 yrs	36	7	3	7	16	16	15
Education (Respondent)							
Non Literate	21	4	4	10	20	21	20
Upto Primary	18	7	11	9	15	13	28
Upto Matric	22	11	10	16	16	13	12
College and above	31	8	8	18	10	15	10
Locality							
Rural	21	7	9	13	16	16	19
Urban	35	15	4	15	15	8	8
Religion							
Hindu	22	9	8	15	18	16	12
Muslim	39		8	--	31	15	8
Christian	26	1	14	10	2	1	46
Others***	8	8	--	--	--	83	--
Caste/Community							
Upper Castes	46	27	--	12	8	--	8
Dominant Peasant Proprietors	50		--	--	--	50	--
Other Backward Castes (OBCs)	16	28	--	4	16	16	20
Sevice OBCs	29	14	--	14	14	--	29
Scheduled Caste	21	29	--	4	29	11	7
Muslims	29		7	--	36	21	7
Other Minorities	14	5	5	5			73
Bharbhooja, Medara, Pulluvar	6	9	1	2	31	34	17
Boro	3	8	--	--	42	42	6
Karbi	30	1	22	25	--	--	21
Dimasa	60	3	--	37	--	--	--
Other STs	--	17	--	17	25	33	8

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

Note: All figures in percent, Sample Size: **713**

**Others Includes, RSP, AGP, AUDF, Independents and Others

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

Others*** includes Sikh, 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)