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- F1.** State Name: **WEST BENGAL**
- F2.** P.C. Name: _____
- F3.** A.C. Name: _____
- F4.** P.S. Name: _____
- F5.** Name of the Respondent: _____
- F6.** Address of the respondent (*Give landmark*): _____

- F7.** Date of interview (*dd/mm/yyyy*): _____
- F8.** Time of starting the interview: _____
- F9.** 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 national survey on the opinion of people on politics and interviewing thousands of people across the country. We are doing a research on voting behaviour of the electorate, how the country is governed, and how the economy is managed.

Every person over the age of 18 has an equal chance of being included in this study. You have been selected by chance. There is no risk and also no benefit in participating in this survey. But if you answer our questions, you will help us in understanding how the public feels about issues facing the country today.

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. The findings of this survey will be used for television programmes and writing articles in newspapers.

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 35 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.** In talking to people about this Lok Sabha election, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they were not registered, they were sick, they were not interested in voting this time or they just didn't have the time. What about you - did you vote or did you not vote in this election?
1. I did not vote 2. I am sure I voted 8. Did not answer
- 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. Not voted
- Q1b.** *(If Voted)* When did you finally make up your mind about who 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 Voted)* Did the election officer put the mark on your finger? *(Please observe marking on the 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
- Q1d.** *(If Voted)* What was the time when you voted? *(Code only the hours. For example if voted at 8:40 AM code as 08, for 12:20 PM code 12, for 4:30 PM Code 04)*
_____ 00. No answer 99. Not Voted
- Q1e.** *(If Voted)* Would you say that the party/candidate you voted for was the one you really wanted to vote, or you voted for a party/candidate other than the one you really liked because you did not want a particular party/candidate to win the election?
1. I voted for the Party I wanted to vote 2. I voted for another party/candidate
8. Can't say 9. NA
- Q2.** After this election who would you prefer as the next Prime Minister of India? *(Do not offer any name & record the exact answer and consult PM codes for coding)* _____ 98. CS.
- Q3.** In deciding whom to vote for, 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
- Q4.** *(If Voted)* Some people say that they voted for a party because that party was supposed to be winning in this election while some others voted for a party that was likely to lose. Some others said they voted for the party they like without considering who is likely to win or lose. What about you?
1. Voted for party likely to win 2. Voted for party likely to lose
3. Made no difference/voted for the party I wanted to vote for
7. Others *(Specify)* _____ 8. Can't say 9. Not Voted
- Q5.** What was the single **most important issue** for you while voting in this election?
(Record first answer and consult code book for coding later)

98. DK/CS/NR
- Q5a.** In your opinion, which party in this election has raised issues and problems you consider most important?
(Consult the code book for party code) _____
98. Can't say 99. NA

Q6. During the elections people participate in various activities. In the recent elections, out of the activities stated below, in which did you participate?

	Activities	Yes	No
a.	a. Attended election meetings/rallies?	2	1
b.	b. Participated in processions/nukkad natak etc.?	2	1
c.	c. Participated in door to door canvassing?	2	1
d.	d. Contributed or collected money?	2	1
e.	e. Distributed election leaflets or put up posters?	2	1

Q7. People have different considerations while deciding whom to vote for. What mattered to you more while deciding whom to vote for in the recent election - party or candidate?

1. Party 2. Candidate (*Go to Q7b*) 8. Can't say 9. Did not vote/NA.

Q7a. (*If 'Party' in Q7*) What was the most important consideration in favour of the party? (*Don't Read Answer Categories*)

1. People of my caste/community supported that party.
2. The group or the faction in the village/mohalla supported the party.
3. My family members are traditional supporters/voters of the party.
4. I/members of my family have benefitted, or expect to benefit from the party.
5. The party has good leadership.
6. The overall programme of the party is good.
7. Other (*Specify*) _____
8. Can't say 9. NA

Q7b. (*If 'Candidate' in Q7*) What was the most important consideration in favour of the candidate? (*Don't Read Answer Categories*)

0. The candidate has worked a lot in my area.
1. People of my caste/community supported that candidate.
2. The group or the faction in the village/mohalla supported the candidate.
3. We have family ties or good relations with the candidate.
4. I/members of my family have benefitted, or expect to benefit from the candidate.
5. I am impressed by the candidate's personality.
6. The candidate is accessible.
7. Other (*Specify*) _____
8. Can't say 9. NA

Q8. As compared to five years ago, would you say the economic condition of India has become much better, better, remained same, become worse or much worse?

1. Much better 2. Better 3. Remained Same
 4. Worse 5. Much worse 8. No Opinion

Q9. If you think about the top leaders from different political parties in this Lok Sabha election, who do you think? (*Do not offer any name & record exact answer and consult PM codes in code book for coding*)

Leader Name

a.	a. Cares for people like you	_____	98. CS
b.	b. Is Reliable/Trustworthy	_____	98. CS
c.	c. Can get things done	_____	98. CS
d.	d. Can take along other leaders of her/his party	_____	98. CS
e.	e. Is experienced	_____	98. CS

Q10. 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' Agree or Disagree*).

Agree Disagree DK/CS/NR
 Strongly Somewhat Somewhat Strongly

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|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. In a democracy, the will of the majority community should prevail. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. Reservations based on caste and religion divide the people of India. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. We should consider ourselves Indians first and only then comes our region | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. The government/state should treat minorities in the same way as it treats the majority | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. The government should make special provision to accomodate minorities. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |

Q11. Is there any political party you particularly feel close to? 2. Yes 1. No

Q11a. (*If Yes*) Which party? _____ (*Consult the code book for party codes*) 99. NA

Q12. Are you a member of any political party? 2. Yes 1. No

Q12a. (*If Yes*) Which party? _____ (*Consult the code book for party codes*) 99. NA

Q13. Could you please tell me..... ? (*Please tick whether R has answered correctly or incorrectly, Consult codebook to know CM name and Party leading the state government*)

a. a. Name of your Chief Minister? _____ 1. Correct 2. Incorrect 8. DK

b. b. Which Party leads the govt. in your state? _____ 1. Correct 2. Incorrect 8. DK

Q14. Now compare the recently held election in your area with elections held in the past. Do you think in this election things like rigging, intimidation, fraud and other malpractices have increased, decreased or remained the same, or would you say that malpractices never take place?

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| 1. Increased | 2. Same as before | 3. Decreased |
| 4. Malpractices never take place | 8. Can't say/DK | |

Q15. Thinking of different political parties contesting in this election please tell me? (*Do not offer any party name & record exact answer and consult Party code for coding*) **Party Name**

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|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--|--------|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. Which party is better for administration? | | 98. CS |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. Which party takes care of your religious sentiments? | | 98. CS |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. Which party is better for national security? | | 98. CS |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. Which party has good leadership? | | 98. CS |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. Which party offers lots of free gifts/freebies? | | 98. CS |

Q16. 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?

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| 1. Much better | 2. Better | 3. Remained Same |
| 4. Worse | 5. Much worse | 8. No Opinion |

		Improved	Remained same	Deteriorated	DK				
Q17. During the last five years please tell me whether the following have improved or deteriorated ?									
a.	a. Condition of government schools	1	2	3	8				
b.	b. Facilities of Railways/trains	1	2	3	8				
c.	c. Safety of women	1	2	3	8				
d.	d. Employment opportunities	1	2	3	8				
e.	e. Supply of electricity	1	2	3	8				
Q18. Please tell me how often do you practice these religious activities – daily, weekly, only on festivals or never?									
		Daily	Weekly	On festivals	Never				
a.	a. Prayer (puja, namaz, etc)	1	2	3	4				
b.	b. Visiting temple, mosque, church, gurudwara, etc.	1	2	3	4				
Q19. And what about these, how often do you practice them - frequently, occasionally, rarely or never?									
		Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Never				
a.	a. Participating in kathas, sangats, bhajan -kirtans, jalsas, church services etc.	1	2	3	4				
b.	b. Giving donations for religious activities.	1	2	3	4				
c.	c. Keeping fasts, rozas, etc.	1	2	3	4				
Q20. Thinking of the way elections are conducted in India, what do you feel - are elections fair, somewhat fair or unfair? 1. Fair 2.Somewhat fair 3.Unfair 8. No opinion									
Q21. In your opinion which government is more responsible for handling these matters - Central government or your State government?									
		Central Govt.	State Govt.	Both	Neither	DK			
a.	a. Condition of government schools	1	2	3	4	8			
b.	b. Facilities of Railways/Trains	1	2	3	4	8			
c.	c. Safety of women	1	2	3	4	8			
d.	d. Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	8			
e.	e. Supply of electricity	1	2	3	4	8			
Q22. Please tell me in the last five years, have you or someone from your family benefited from these government schemes? Q22a. (If benefited) And who would you give credit for it - Central govt., State govt., Local politicians /party worker, or Local bureaucrat/Government officer?									
Q22	Q22a	Benefited	Not benefited	Central Govt.	State Govt.	Local Politician	Local Bureaucrat	CS	NA
a.	a. Scheme for making home (Indira/Rajiv Awas Yojna)	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
b.	b. Rozgar Guarantee Yojna (MNREGA)	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
c.	c. Free Medical Facilities (National Rural Health Mission)	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9
d.	d. Pension money (old age, widow, disabilities etc.)	1	2	1	2	3	4	8	9

Q23. 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' Agree or Disagree*).

		Agree Strongly	Somewhat	Disagree Somewhat	DK/CS/NR Strongly			
a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. Employers should be responsible for taking care of their workers even when their business is not doing well.		1	2	3	4	8
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. Government should allow foreign companies to freely invest in India without too many restrictions.		1	2	3	4	8
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. Government should strongly curb strikes by workers and employees		1	2	3	4	8
d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. Government should spend more on infrastructure than subsidising for the poor.		1	2	3	4	8

Q24. If you think about the top leaders from all political parties in this election, who do you think is best to address the following? (*Do not offer any name & record exact answer and consult PM codes in code book for coding*)

		Leader Name	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. Women empowerment	_____ 98. CS
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. Development of the country	_____ 98. CS
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. Controlling price rise	_____ 98. CS
d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. Upliftment of Dalits and Adivasis	_____ 98. CS
e.	<input type="checkbox"/>	e. Controlling corruption	_____ 98. CS
f.	<input type="checkbox"/>	f. Betterment of the Muslim community	_____ 98. CS
g.	<input type="checkbox"/>	g. National security	_____ 98. CS

Q25. Political parties often try a lot of different ways during an election to encourage people to vote. In your experience, in this election, which of the following did you observe?

		Yes	No	Don't rem.		
a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. Candidate/Party worker/canvasser came to your house to ask your vote		2	1	8
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. Party/Candidate contacted you or a family member through a phone call or recorded voice or SMS.		2	1	8
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. Party/Candidate offering food/honorarium etc to voters in your locality.		2	1	8
d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. Party/Candidate offering to drive voters in your locality to the polling stations		2	1	8

Q26. While voting some people give importance to the local candidate, others to the state level leadership of the party and some others to the Prime Ministerial candidate. How would you describe yourself?

1. Local candidate 2. State level leadership 3. PM candidate 4. All
5. None 6. Others _____ 8. DK/CS

Q27. Thinking of how you (or your family, in the case of first time voters) have voted in the last few elections, how would you describe yourself? Which party's traditional supporter are you? (*Record exact name & consult party codes*) _____

97. Not a supporter of any one party 98. DK/CS/NR

Q28. Many a times political parties and governments give free cycles, laptops, TV, clothes, mixers etc to the electorates. Have you or any member of your family received such items in the last 2-3 years?

2. Yes 1. No

Q28a. (If Yes in Q28) Who would you give credit for it - Central govt., State govt., Local politicians /party worker or Local bureaucrat/Government officer?

1. Central govt. 2. State govt. 3. Local politician/Party worker
4. Local bureaucrat/Government officer 9. N.A.

Q29. Let us assume that in this election Narendra Modi was not the PM candidate of the BJP/NDA. In such a situation, would you have voted for some other party instead of the party you have voted for or this would have made no difference on your decision?

1. Would have voted for some other party 2. Made no difference 8. D.K. 9. N.A.

Q30. How regularly do you do the following for News – daily, sometimes, rarely or never?

	Daily	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	CS/NR
a. <input type="checkbox"/> a. Watch TV	1	2	3	4	8
b. <input type="checkbox"/> b. Read newspaper	1	2	3	4	8
c. <input type="checkbox"/> c. Listen to radio	1	2	3	4	8
d. <input type="checkbox"/> d. Use internet/facebook/twitter	1	2	3	4	8

Q31. Who do you think is most likely to win from your parliamentary constituency? (*Record exact party or candidate and consult the party code*) _____ 98. D.K.

Q32. This time many opinion polls were done just before the elections predicting victory or loss for some party. Did you come to know about the results of any such polls?

2. Yes 1. No 8. D.K.

WEST BENGAL STATE SPECIFIC QUESTION

WBQ1. What is your opinion about the handling of the following issues by the present Trinamool Government? Would you say that the steps taken by the Trinamool Government to resolve these issues are justified or unjustified?

	Justified	Unjustified	DK/CS/NR
a. <input type="checkbox"/> a. Gorkhaland	1	2	8
b. <input type="checkbox"/> b. Janglemahal	1	2	8
c. <input type="checkbox"/> c. Sarada Scam	1	2	8

WBQ2. 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' Agree or Disagree*).

	Agree Strongly	Agree Somewhat	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree Strongly	DK/CS/NR
a. <input type="checkbox"/> a. The opposition parties in West Bengal are raising people's concern effectively.	1	2	3	4	8
b. <input type="checkbox"/> b. Fielding of celebrities as candidates in elections is antithetical to the political culture of West Bengal.	1	2	3	4	8
c. <input type="checkbox"/> c. Shifting of the TATA nano project to Gujarat from Singur is a bad news for West Bengal's economic growth.	1	2	3	4	8
d. <input type="checkbox"/> d. Mamata Banerjee has failed in ensuring safety of women in the state	1	2	3	4	8

Z8b. (If village) Type of house where Respondent lives

1. Pucca (both wall and roof made of pucca material)
2. Pucca-Kutchra (Either wall or roof is made of pucca material and other of kutchra material)
3. Kutchra/Mud houses (both wall and roof are made of kutchra material)
4. Hut (both wall and roof made of grass, leaves, un-burnt brick or bamboo) 9. NA.

Above 18 Below 18

Z9. Total No. of family members living in the household:

Above 18 years: _____ Below 18 years :___ (If more than 9, Code 9)

Z10. Total agricultural land including orchard and plantation owned by your household (as on date of survey): _____ (Ask in local units, but record in standard acres. Consult the codebook for conversion and coding. If more than 99, Code 99)

Z11. Do you or members of your household have the following: Yes No

		Yes	No
a.	a. Car/Jeep/Van	1	2
b.	b. Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped	1	2
c.	c. Airconditioner	1	2
d.	d. Computer/laptop	1	2
e.	e. Washing machine/Microwave/Fridge	1	2
f.	f. Fan/Cooler	1	2
g.	g. TV	1	2
h.	h. Mobile phone	1	2
i.	i. LPG gas	1	2
j.	j. Motorised pumping set for irrigation	1	2
k.	k. Tractor	1	2
l.	l. Handpump inside the house	1	2
m.	m. Power back up (Invertor/Generator, etc.)	1	2

a.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
b.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
c.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Z12. Livestock **Total Number**

- a. Goat /sheep/pig: _____
- b. Cow/Oxen /buffalo/Camel: _____
- c. Any other: _____

Z13. Total monthly household income - putting together the income of all members of the household?

(Record exact amount in Rupees. If respondent does not give any amount then record 000000)

Mobile/Telephone number of the respondent _____

