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**NATIONAL ELECTION STUDY, 1998
POST-POLL SURVEY INTERVIEW SCHEDULE**
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Q1: While talking to the people about the recently concluded Lok Sabha Election, it was found that some people were able to vote while others were not able to vote. How about you, were you able to vote or not?

2 Yes

1 No

Q1a. (If yes) Whom did you vote for? Supply Dummy ballot.

Q1b. (If voted) When did you finally make up your mind about who to vote for?

1. On the Voting day

2. Few days before to voting

3. When the names of the candidates were announced

4. Before election campaign started

8. Can't say

9. Not applicable (If 'No' in Q. no. 1)

Q1c. (If not voted) What was the main reason you could not vote in this election?

1. Did not know I was a voter

6. Some body had already voted before I went to vote

2. Out of station

7. Fear of violence

3. Not well

8. Any Other (*specify*) _____

4. Have no interest/id not feel like voting

9. Not applicable ('Yes' in Q.1)

5. Prevented by some people from voting

Q2. In this election most of the parties had formed an electoral alliances. Suppose there was no alliance among the parties and all were contesting the election separately, which party would you have voted? Supply dummy ballot.

Q3. After this election, which party or front would you like to form the government at the Centre?

1. Congress and its allies

5. Jan Morcha

2. BJP and its allies

6. BSP

3. United front

7. Others (*specify*) _____

4. Congress + United front

8. Can't say/D.K.

Q4. Who would you prefer as next Prime Minister? (Names not to be read out)

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| 1. P.V. Narsimha Rao | 8. Laloo Prasad Yadav |
| 2. L.K. Advani | 9. Mulayam Singh Yadav |
| 3. Atal Behari Vajpayee | 10. I.K. Gujral |
| 4. V.P. Singh | 11. Sharad Pawar |
| 5. Sitaram Kesri | 12. Sonia Gandhi |
| 6. Kanshi Ram | 13. Others (Give name) _____ |
| 7. Jyoti Basu | 98. Can't say/D.K. |

Q5. Now, I would like to know your opinion about the coalition government. Some people believe that there is no harm in coalition government. Others believe that in special circumstances there is no alternative to it. While, for some others, coalition governments are not good for the country in any case. What is your opinion in this regard?

1. There is nothing wrong in it.
2. It is only acceptable in extra ordinary situations.
3. There should be no coalition government in any case.
4. Can't say.

Q6. How many election campaign

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| 0. None | 1 Some (one-two) |
| 2. Many (more than two) | 8. D.K. |

Q7. Different political parties were meetings organised by parties and candidates did you attend during this election? Allotted time for electioneering on Radio & television. How many such programmes did you saw or heard?

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| 0. None | 1 Some (one-two) |
| 2. Many (more than two) | 8. D.K. |

Q8. Did any candidate, party worker or campaigner visited your house for your vote?

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| 2. Yes | 1. No | 8. D.K. |
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Q9. During election people lend their support to the party or the candidate through different ways for e.g. organise and attend meetings, campaigning, give donations etc. Did you take part in any of these or any other activities?

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| 2. Yes | 1. No | 8. D.K. |
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Q10. In the last five years Central Government have made drastic changes in our economic policies (mobilisation of resources, tax, domestic and foreign companies, public & private sector and regarding factories and agriculture). Have you heard about these changes?

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| 2. Yes | 1. No | 8. D.K. |
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Q10a.(If yes) What is your opinion on these changes?

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| 2. Approve | 1. Disapprove |
| 8. Can't say | 9. Inapplicable (If 'No' in Q.no. 10) |

Q11. Many suggestions have been given by the people regarding the steps to be taken by the new government. I will read some of them. Let me know whether you agree with them or not?

Q11a. There should be one-third reservation of seats for women in Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha in the same way as they are reserved in Panchayats?

- 3. Agree
- 2. D.K./No opinion
- 1. Disagree

Q11b. Foreign companies should be allowed free trade in India.

- 3. Agree
- 2. D.K./No opinion
- 1. Disagree

Q11c. Community based laws related to marriage and property should be abolished.

- 3. Agree
- 2. D.K./No opinion
- 1. Disagree

Q12. People have different opinion about democracy. Some people believe that democracy is better than any other form of government. Others believe that dictatorship is better than democracy in certain conditions. And, others believe that it makes no real difference between a democratic or any other form of government. What is your opinion about it?

- 1. Democracy is preferable
- 3. Makes no difference
- 2. Sometimes Authoritarian
- 8. D.K./Can't say

Q13. To what extent do the MLA and MP whom you elect care for your needs?

- 3. A great deal
- 2. Somewhat
- 1. Not at all
- 8 D.K.

Q14. Now, we would like to ask the same question in respect to the political parties whom you vote that to what extent do they care for your needs?

- 3. A great deal
- 2. Somewhat
- 1. Not at all
- 8 D.K.

Q15. When we ask the people as to who they are, we get different answers. Some call themselves Indian/Hindustani. Few of them say that they are Indian as well as (name their state identity like) Bengali, Behari, Oriya etc. While others identify themselves only with their state identity. How do you identify yourself (name their state identity) Bengali, Behari, Oriya or Indian?

- 1. Indian
- 2. Indian and state identity
- 3. Only state identity
- 4. Any other (*specify*) _____
- 8. D.K./Can't say

Q16. Ascertain again if the respondent had really voted. (Look for ink mark on the finger or inquire again).

- 2. Yes confirmed
- 1. Not confirmed
- 8. Could not be confirmed

BACKGROUND

1. Age (In completed years) _____

2. Sex: 1 Male 2 Female

3. Level of Education R reached:

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| 1. Illiterate | 2. Literate-no formal education |
| 3. Primary School | 4. Middle School |
| 5. High School | 6. College-no degree |
| 7. College-degree | 8. Post-graduate/Professional degree |

4. What is/has been the main occupation of the respondent? (***Recode exactly and consult Coding sheet***) (***If retired, try to ascertain his previous occupation***)

4a. (***If housewife, student or unemployed***) Main occupation of the main earner of the family (***Record exactly consult coding sheet***)

5. Total cultivable land owned by the family _____ (Acres)

Total irrigated land _____ (Acres)

6. Caste/Tribe (***Write exact caste/tribe name in capitals***) _____

6a. Caste group (***Ascertain and consult SC/ST/OBC list for the state***)

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| 1. SC | 2. ST | 3. OBC | 4. Others |
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7. Religion: 1. Hindu 2. Muslim 3. Christian 4. Sikh

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| 5. Buddhist | 6. Jain | 7. Parsi |
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8. Others (***Specify***) _____

8. Locality: 1. Village 2. Town 3. City(5,00,000+)

8a. (If town/city) Type of residential Locality:

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| 1. Kothi/Bungalow | 2. Middle Class Flats (MIG,HIG) |
| 3. Lower Class Flats | 4. Working class colonies |
| 5. Slums/Jhuggi Jhopri | 6. Urban Village |

9. Have you got voter's photo identity card?

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| 1. No card, not photographed | 2. Photographed but card not issued |
| 3. Card issued but defective | 4. Card issued and in order |
| 5. Any other (<i>Specify</i>) _____ | |

10. Type of house

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| 1 Pucca | 2. Pucca-Kutchra | 3. Kutchra | 4 Hut |
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**TO BE ENTERED BY THE INTERVIEWER IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE INTERVIEW**

Date of interview _____ Time of interview _____

Place of interview:

- 1 R's home 2 R's place of work 3 Public place
7 Others (*Specify*) _____

Was anyone else present at the time of interview?

1. No one present (or only children under 14 present)
2. Others present but they took no part
3. Others took part

Was the respondent cooperative?

1. Very cooperative
2. Cooperative but did not seem actively interested
3. Uncooperative

Any other remark which may be useful in the next visit (*e.g. availability house, change in address, permission required, any precaution*) _____

Address

Name of respondent _____ S.No. on Electoral roll _____

House No. & Street _____ Landmark _____

R's Village/Town _____

District _____ State _____

PC name _____ AC name _____

PS Name _____ Official No. _____

Interviewer's name _____ Signature _____

Checked by: Supervisor's name _____ Signature _____