

**LOKNITI-CSDS MEGHALAYA PRE-POLL STUDY - 2018**

As in voter list

**F1.** A.C. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **F2.** P.S. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**F3.** Name and address of the respondent \_\_\_\_\_

**F4.** Name of the investigator \_\_\_\_\_

**INVESTIGATOR'S INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I have come from the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (also give your university's reference), a social science research organization in Delhi. We are conducting a survey on the soon to be held Assembly election in Meghalaya and interviewing hundreds of people across the State to gauge their attitudes and opinions on political issues. 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 35 to 40 minutes to complete this interview. Please spare some time for the interview and help me in successfully completing the survey.

**F6.** May I begin the interview now?   
 1. Respondent agrees to be interviewed   
 2. Respondent does not agree to be interviewed

**INTERVIEW BEGINS:**

**Q1.** Assembly elections are going to be held in Meghalaya in the next few days. Will you vote in this election?   
 2. Yes 1. No 3. Maybe 8. Not response (NR)

**Q1a.** (If Yes in Q1) In this election will you definitely vote in any condition or is it possible that you may not be able to vote for some reason?   
 1. Definitely vote 2. Might not vote for some reason   
 8. Can't say (CS) 9. Not Applicable (NA)

**Q2.** If assembly elections are held tomorrow then which party will you vote for? Whichever party you want to vote for, please indicate it by marking your choice on this slip and then put it in this box. (**Handover dummy ballot paper to the respondent and explain the procedure. Record answer later and consult codebook for party codes**) \_\_\_\_\_ 98. No response (NR)

**Q2a.** (If Voted in Q2) The party which you just voted for, will you definitely vote for the same party on day of voting or your decision can change?   
 1. Vote for the same party 2. Decision may change   
 8. CS/NR 9. NA

**Q3.** While deciding whom to vote for in the upcoming assembly election, what will matter to you more - Party or Candidate? (**Option 3, 4, 5 and 6 are not to be read out. They should be marked only if the respondent says so spontaneously**)   
 1. Party 2. Candidate 3. Both 4. Leader/CM 5. Tribe/clan   
 6. Any other answer 8. NR 9. NA/Will not vote

**Q4.** After this election who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Meghalaya? (**Do not offer any name & record exact answer and consult codebook**) \_\_\_\_\_ 98. CS/NR

**Q5.** What is your assessment of the work done by the Congress government in Meghalaya in the last five years? Are 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. NR

**Q6.** 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?   
 3. Great deal 2. Somewhat 1. Not at all 8. NR

**Q7.** What will be the **most important** issue for you while deciding who to vote for? (**Don't read out options**)   
 01. Unemployment 02. Price rise 03. Corruption 04. Development 05. Good governance   
 06. Electricity 07. Water 08. Roads 09. Education 10. Health 11. Poverty   
 12. Housing/shelter 13. Agriculture/farmers/plantations 14. Changing the government   
 15. Stability 16. Drug problem 17. Insurgency 18. Communalism/secularism   
 19. Ban on mining 20. Illegal migration 21. Railhead to Meghalaya 22. Inner line Permit issue   
 23. Any other issue \_\_\_\_\_ 98. NR 99. I will not be voting

**Q8.** During the last two- three years have you or any of your family members benefited from any Government scheme?   
 2. Yes 1. No (If no, go to Q9) 8. No response

**Q8a.** (If yes in Q8) Which scheme did you benefit from **the most**? (**Note down ans. and try to code from codebook**) \_\_\_\_\_ 98. CS 99. NA

- Q8b.** (If yes in Q8) And who would you give credit for it - the Central govt., the 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/govt. officer 7. Other \_\_\_\_\_ 8. NR 9.NA
- Q8c.** (If yes to Q8) Whose help did you get? (*Don't read out the answers*)  
 01. Any government servant 02. Social Worker 03. Local leader/party worker  
 04. Sarpanch/ Gram Panchayat Member 05. Any other elected representative 06. Relative  
 07. NGO 08. No one's help 09. Any other \_\_\_\_\_ 98. NR 99.NA
- Q9.** Who did you vote for during the Lok Sabha elections of 2014? I mean the elections for electing the Central Government in Delhi. (*Record name & consult codebook*) \_\_\_\_\_ 98.NR 99.NA
- Q10** What is your assessment of the performance of the Narendra Modi-led BJP-NDA Government at the Centre during the last three and a half 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. NR
- Q11.** What is your opinion about the performance of the your MLA during 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. NR
- Q12.** Thinking of how you (or your family, in the case of first time voters) have voted in the last 3 to 4 assembly elections in Meghalaya how would you describe yourself? Which party's traditional supporter are you? (*Record party and consult codebook for coding*) \_\_\_\_\_  
 97. Not a supporter of any one party 98. Can't say/No response
- Q13.** Now I will talk about the changes that have taken place in **Meghalaya** during the last five years of the Congress government You tell me, in the five years gone by have the conditions regarding these issues improved, deteriorated or remained the same?
- |  | Improved | Remained same | Deteriorated | NR |
|--|----------|---------------|--------------|----|
| a. Development of Meghalaya ...              | 1        | 2             | 3            | 8  |
| b. Condition of roads...                     | 1        | 2             | 3            | 8  |
| c. Security of ordinary people/law and order | 1        | 2             | 3            | 8  |
| d. Condition of poor...                      | 1        | 2             | 3            | 8  |
| e. Supply of drinking water                  | 1        | 2             | 3            | 8  |
| f. Supply of electricity                     | 1        | 2             | 3            | 8  |
| g. State of healthcare                       | 1        | 2             | 3            | 8  |
| h. State of education                        | 1        | 2             | 3            | 8  |
- Q14.** And also tell me if in the last five years, after the Congress government came to power, have these things increased, decreased or remained the same?
- |  | Increased | Remained same | Decreased | NR |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------|----|
| a. Corruption                          | 1         | 2             | 3         | 8  |
| b. Insurgency                          | 1         | 2             | 3         | 8  |
| c. Inflation/prices of essential goods | 1         | 2             | 3         | 8  |
| d. Employment opportunities            | 1         | 2             | 3         | 8  |
- Q15.** In your opinion, how serious is the problem of drug addiction in Meghalaya - very, somewhat, not much or not at all? 1. Very serious 2. Somewhat serious 3. Not much serious/less serious 4. Not at all serious 8. CS/NR
- Q15a.** (*If very or somewhat serious*) Whom would you hold responsible for the problem of drug addiction?  
 01. State Government/Administration 02. Police 03. Parties/politicians 04. Smugglers  
 05. Society 06. Youth /frustration 07. Insurgents 08. Myanmar /Bangladesh/crossborder 09. Unemployment  
 10. Family problems 11. Other \_\_\_\_\_ 12. No one 98. CS/NR 99. NA
- Q16.** Do you support or oppose the ban on coal mining in Meghalaya by the National Green Tribunal? (*Probe further whether fully or somewhat support or oppose*)  
 1. Fully support 2. Somewhat support 3. Somewhat oppose 4. Fully oppose 8. CS/NR

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Q17.</b> Have you or your family been adversely affected by the ban on coal mining in the state? 1. Yes, a lot      2. Yes, somewhat      3. No      8. CS/NR
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Q17a.</b> ( <i>If yes in Q17</i> ) Did you receive any financial aid/ relief from the state government? 2. Yes      1. No      8. NR      9. NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Q18.</b> Some Meghalaya BJP leaders have assured that the party won't impose a ban on the slaughter of cows in the State if it comes to power. How much do you trust this assurance from them – trust a lot, trust somewhat, don't trust much or don't trust at all ? 1. Trust a lot      2. Trust somewhat      3. Don't trust much 4. Don't trust at all      8. CS/NR
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Q19.</b> Some people believe that there is no harm in a coalition government. Others believe that in special circumstances there is no alternative to it. While, for others, a coalition government is not good in any case circumstances. What is your opinion in this regard? 1. Nothing wrong in it      2. No alternative to coalition 3. No coalition government in any circumstances      8. CS/NR
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Q20.</b> Some people say that the Garo Hills are less developed because of Khasi domination in Meghalaya's politics, while others say that the Garo Hills are less developed because the Garo people do not work hard to develop their region. Some others also say that there is no such difference and that the Garo Hills are not less developed compared to other parts of the state. What is your opinion? 1. Less developed because of Khasi domination      2. Less developed because Garos don't work 3. Garo hills not less developed      8. CS/NR
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Q21.</b> Some people say that there should be a law banning the settling of people from outside in Meghalaya, while some say that there is no need for any such law. Others say that there should be no ban on people from any state within India, but the entry of foreigners should be effectively stopped. What is your opinion? 1. Law banning outsiders      2. No such law      3. Entry of foreigners be effectively stopped      8. CS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Q22.</b> Now I will read out few statements. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one of them? <i>Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agrees or disagrees).</i> <b>Agree</b> <b>Disagree</b> <b>NR</b> <b>Fully</b> <b>Somewhat</b> <b>Somewhat</b> <b>Fully</b>
a	<b>a.</b> Non-tribals should not be allowed to buy and sell land in Meghalaya.      1      2      3      4      8
b	<b>b.</b> Women should be allowed to take membership in <i>Dorbars</i> .      1      2      3      4      8
c	<b>c.</b> People from outside Meghalaya are necessary for the development of the state.      1      2      3      4      8
d	<b>d.</b> Non-Khasis should be allowed to take membership in <i>Dorbars</i> .      1      2      3      4      8
e	<b>e.</b> The BJP is an anti-Christian party      1      2      3      4      8
f	<b>f.</b> The coming of foreigners to Meghalaya is a major cause of growing unemployment.      1      2      3      4      8
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Q23.</b> Which party/alliance do you think will get a majority in the assembly election in Meghalaya? ( <i>Note down answer and consult codebook for coding</i> ) _____ 91. No party/hung assembly/coalition      98. Can't say/No response
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Q24.</b> Now I will read out a few statements. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one of them? <i>(Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agrees or disagrees).</i> <b>Agree</b> <b>Disagree</b> <b>NR</b> <b>Fully</b> <b>Somewhat</b> <b>Somewhat</b> <b>Fully</b>
a	<b>a.</b> Narendra Modi has failed to bring good days (Achhe din)      1      2      3      4      8
b	<b>b.</b> For the development of Meghalaya, it is necessary that the ruling party at the Centre and the State should be the same.      1      2      3      4      8
c	<b>c.</b> Meghalaya should be bifurcated into two separate states for Garos, and Khasis & Jaintias.      1      2      3      4      8
d	<b>d.</b> Parties should field more women candidates during elections      1      2      3      4      8
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Q25.</b> Please tell me how often do you practice these religious activities - regularly, sometimes only on festivals or never? <b>Regularly</b> <b>Sometimes</b> <b>On festivals</b> <b>Never</b> <b>NR</b>
a	<b>a.</b> Prayer/puja/namaz, etc.      1      2      3      4      8
b	<b>b.</b> Visiting church/temple/mosque etc.      1      2      3      4      8

- Q26.** Have you heard of the rural employment guarantee scheme or MGNREGA? 1. Heard 2. Not heard
- Q26a.** (*If heard*) Have you or your family benefitted from MGNREGA?  
1. Benefitted 2. Not benefitted 9. NA
- Q27.** Have you heard of the Prime Minister Ujjwala Yojana? 1. Heard 2. Not heard
- Q27a.** (*If heard*) Have you or your family benefitted from the Ujjwala Yojana?  
1. Benefitted 2. Not benefitted 9. NA
- Q28.** Have you heard of the Prime Minister Jan Dhan Yojana? 1. Heard 2. Not heard
- Q28a.** (*If heard*) Have you or your family benefitted from Jan Dhan Yojana?  
1. Benefitted 2. Not benefitted 9. NA
- Q29.** Have you heard of the Women Economic Empowerment through Financial Inclusion Scheme? 1. Heard 2. Not heard
- Q29a.** (*If heard*) Have you or your family benefitted from the scheme?  
1. Benefitted 2. Not benefitted 9. NA
- Q30.** MGNREGA guarantees that the government will provide up to 100 days paid manual employment in a year for any household in rural area who demands it. In your view, to what extent this scheme helps poor people - not at all, to some extent and a great deal? 1. Not at all 2. To some extent  
3. A great deal 8. NR
- Q31.** How regularly do you do the following – daily, sometimes, rarely or never?
- |   | Daily | Sometimes | Rarely | Never | CS/NR |
|---|-------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|
| a <input type="checkbox"/> a. Watch news on 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 news on radio   | 1     | 2         | 3      | 4     | 8     |
| d <input type="checkbox"/> d. Use internet/news website | 1     | 2         | 3      | 4     | 8     |
- Q32.** How often do you use the following - daily, some days a week, some days a month, very rarely or never?
- |   | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Rarely | Never | Don't have an account | No Answer |
|---|-------|--------|---------|--------|-------|-----------------------|-----------|
| a <input type="checkbox"/> a. Facebook  | 1     | 2      | 3       | 4      | 5     | 6                     | 8         |
| b <input type="checkbox"/> b. Twitter   | 1     | 2      | 3       | 4      | 5     | 6                     | 8         |
| c <input type="checkbox"/> c. Whats App | 1     | 2      | 3       | 4      | 5     | 6                     | 8         |
- Q33.** Should the current Congress government in Meghalaya get another chance?  
2. Yes 1. No 8. Can't say

## BACKGROUND DATA

### Personal Information

- Z0.** 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 10 years 2. Ten years or more  
3. Entire life 8. NR
- Z0a.** (*If not all life*) Where did you live earlier? 1. Some other part of Meghalaya 2. Present Assam  
3. Other NE States 4. Present West Bengal 5. Bangladesh  
6. Other States of India outside NE 7. Other (*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_ 8. NR 9. N.A.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z1.</b>	What is your age? ( <i>in completed years</i> ) _____ 98. No Response ( <i>Code 95 for 95 yrs &amp; above</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z2.</b>	Gender:            1. Male            2. Female            3. Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z3.</b>	Up to what level have you studied? ( <i>Record exactly and consult code book</i> ) _____ 9. No response
<b>Father</b>	<b>Mother</b>	<b>Z3a.</b>	Up to what level have your father and your mother studied? <b>Father:</b> _____ <b>Mother:</b> _____ 9. No response
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z4.</b>	What is your main occupation? ( <i>Record exactly and consult codebook &amp; if retired, try to ascertain his/her previous occupation. If student or housewife, then note down that as well</i> ) _____ 98. No response
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z4a.</b>	Are you the main earner of your household?            2. Yes            1. No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z4b.</b>	( <i>If No in Z4a</i> ) What is the occupation of the main earner of your household? ( <i>Record exactly and consult codebook</i> ) _____ 99. NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z5.</b>	Are you married?            1. Married            2. Married (Gauna not performed, not started living together) 3. Widowed            4. Divorced            5. Separated            6. Deserted 7. Unmarried/Single            8. Live with partner but not married            9. NR
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z6.</b>	Do you have a family member/members working outside Meghalaya?            2. Yes            1. No            8. D.K.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z6a.</b>	( <i>If Yes in Z6</i> ), Did they move out in search of employment or education or for some other work? 1. Employment            2. Education            3. Both employment and education            4. For some other work 5. Marriage            6. Did not tell the reason            9. Not Applicable
<b>Z7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z7.</b>	What is your Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe name?( <i>Consult code book for code</i> ) _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z7a.</b>	And what is your caste group? ( <i>Double check and consult code book</i> ) 1. Scheduled Caste (SC)            2. Scheduled Tribe (ST)            3. Other Backward Classes (OBC)            4. Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z8.</b>	What is your religion?            1. Hindu            2. Muslim            3. Christian            4. Sikh            5. Buddhist/Neo Buddhist 6. Jain            7. No religion            9. Others ( <i>Specify</i> ) _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z9.</b>	Are you a pure vegetarian, a vegetarian but eat eggs or are you a non-vegetarian who also eats chicken, meat or fish?            1. Pure vegetarian            2. Vegetarian but eat egg 3. Non-vegetarian, eat chicken, meat, fish etc.            8. Did not tell
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z9a.</b>	( <i>If non-veg</i> ) Do you eat beef?            2. Yes            1. No            8. No response            9. NA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z10.</b>	Generally, which language is spoken in your house?( <i>Consult code book for coding</i> ) _____ 98. No response
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z11.</b>	What kind of mobile phone do you have – a normal phone or a smart phone with a touch screen? 1. Normal phone            2. Smart phone            3. Don't have a phone            8. No answer
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z11a.</b>	( <i>If respondent has a mobile phone</i> ) Does your phone have an internet connection? 2. Yes            1. No            8. No Answer            9. Not Applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Z12.</b>	Do you have an Aadhaar Card?            2. Yes            1. No





**FILL AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW**

- E1.** Were there any other people immediately present who might be listening during the interview?  
1. No one      2. Husband      3. Other adult male family members      4. Adult female family members  
5. Any male from neighborhood      6. Any Female from neighborhood      7. Small crowd      8. Any Other\_\_\_\_\_
- E2.** In how many questions did the respondent check with others for information to answer for questions?  
1. None      2. One or two      3. Three to five      4. Six to ten      5. More than 10
- E3.** While answering the question on voting preference in the Vidhan Sabha election (Q2), did the respondent use the ballot paper secretly or did she/he answer openly?      1. Secretly      2. Openly      3. Not voted
- E4.** In your opinion did the respondent feel free while marking the ballot for Q2 do you think that she/he was hesitant while marking the ballot, or you can't say?  
1. Felt free      2. Did not feel free      3. Can't say      4. Not voted
- E5.** At some stage did you notice something that made you feel that the respondent was answering under some fear or pressure?      1. Yes      2. No      3. Not sure
- E6.** Overall was the respondent cooperative?      1. Yes, very much      2. Somewhat      3. Not at all
- E7.** Investigator's signature (*Sign in box*):
- E8.** Name of the Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_
- E9.** Checked by the Supervisor:      1. Yes      2. No
- E10.** Supervisor's signature (*Sign in box*):

**Any additional notes/Cocomments**

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