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**MEGHALAYA ASSEMBLY ELECTION STUDY
POST POLL - 2008**

INTERVIEWER'S INTRODUCTION:

I have come from _____ (give your University's reference). We are studying the Assembly Elections by interviewing thousands of people in Meghalaya. The findings of this interview will be used for Television programmes and writing articles in newspapers. The name of the respondents interviewed in this survey will be kept strictly confidential. The Survey is an independent study and is not linked with any political party, group or government agency. Kindly spare some time for this interview and answer my questions, as I need your active cooperation for making this study successful.

FILL BEFORE STARTING INTERVIEW

F1. AC Name (Code AC NO.): _____

F2. PS Name (Code PS NO.): _____

F3. Date of Interview: Date / Month / Year

F4. Time of starting the Interview: Hrs: Mins (Use 24 Hr clock. Eg: 8:10 am will be 08 Hrs: 10 Mins and 8:10 pm will be 20 Hrs: 10 Mins.)

F5. Name of the Investigator (Code Roll No.): _____

FILL AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW

E1. Time of completing the Interview: Hrs: Mins (Code total time for completing interview in minutes. Eg: If started at 20:10 and finished at 21:20, total time taken is 70 minutes)

E2. Were there any other people immediately present who might be listening during the interview?
1. No one 2. Spouse/Children 3. Other adult family members 4. Small crowd

E3. While answering the questions on voting preference in the Vidhan Sabha election, did the respondent use the ballot paper secretly or did she/he answered openly? 1. Secretly 2. Openly

E4. At some stage did you notice something that made you feel that the respondent was answering under some fear or pressure? 2. Yes 1. No 3. Not sure

E5. In your opinion did the respondent feel free while marking the ballot for Q.3, or 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

E6. Name of the Supervisor: _____

E7. Checked by the Supervisor: 2 Yes 1. No

FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S PROFILE

P1. From where did you come to know about this training workshop?

1. Friend 2. College/University 3. Advertisement 7. Others (Specify) _____

P2. Have you ever worked in a sample survey? 2. Yes 1. No

P3. What is your age? (In completed years) _____

P4. Gender: 1. Male 2. Female

P5. Till what level have you studied? _____ (Consult code book for coding)

P6. What is your Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe name? _____ (Consult code book for coding)

P6a. And what is your caste group? 1. Scheduled Caste (SC) 2. Scheduled Tribe (ST)
3. Other Backward Caste (OBC) 4. Other

P7. Which religion do you follow?

1. Hindu 2. Muslim 3. Christian 4. Sikh
5. Buddhist 6. Jain 7. Parsi 8. Other (Specify) _____

INTERVIEW BEGINS:

Q1. While talking to people about the just concluded assembly elections, we find that some people were not able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or not?

1. Not able to vote (*Go to Q1d*) 2. Able to vote

Q1a. (If voted) Whom did you vote for? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box. If you don't find the symbol of the party you will vote for, please mark your vote in the blank space given below. (*Supply Yellow dummy ballotpaper, record its number and explain the procedure*)

99. NA

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. During the campaign
4. After campaigning started 5. Before the campaign started 8. Can't say 9. NA

Q1c. (If voted) Did the election officer correctly put the mark on your finger? (*Please observe marking on the finger and record the answer accordingly*)

2. Mark found 1. Mark not found 8. Could not check the mark 9. NA

Q1d. (If Not Voted) What was the main reason due to which you could not vote in this election? (*Do not read answer categories*)

1. Out of station 2. Did not know I was a voter
3. No interest/ didn't feel like voting 4. Not well
5. Returned, for lack of identity proof 6. Somebody had already voted before I went to vote
7. Any other (*Specify*) _____ 8. Can't say/ D.K. 9. NA

Q2. Now let us talk about the election campaign during this election. How much 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. Can't say/ DK

a.

Q3. During the elections people participate in various activities related with election. Did you participate in any such activities during the recent election campaign? **Yes** **No**

b.

a. Attended election meetings? 2 1

c.

b. Participated in processions/rallies? 2 1

d.

c. Participated in door-to-door canvassing? 2 1

e.

d. Contributed or collected money? 2 1

e. Distributed election leaflets? 2 1

Q4. 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

Q5. Whom did you vote for in the 2004 Lok Sabha Elections held in 2004? I mean the MP election for electing the government in Delhi. Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box. If you don't find the symbol of the party you will vote for, please mark your vote in the blank space given below. (*Supply white dummy ballot paper and explain the procedure*) _____ 99NA

Q6. Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Meghalaya? (*Record the name and consult the code book for coding*) _____ 9. NA

Q7. What is your assessment of the work done by the Congress led MDA government in Meghalaya 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. Can't Say/D.K.

Q8. And what is your opinion about the performance of DD Lapang as Cheif Minister of Meghalaya in the last five years - would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with his performance? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' satisfied or dissatisfied*).

1. Fully satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied
4. Fully dissatisfied 8. Can't Say/D.K.

- Q9.** People have different considerations while desiding whom to vote for. I'll read out a few such things. Please tell me what mattered to you more while deciding whom to vote for in the recent election?
- a. a. What mattered more to you - party or candidate? 1. Party 2. Candidate 8. Can't say
- b. b. What mattered more to you - leader or party? 1. Party 2. Leader 8. Can't say
- c. c. And what mattered more to you while deciding whom to vote for in the recent election - caste/tribe/community or other issues? 1. Caste 2. Other 8. Can't say
- d. (If 'Other issures') Which issue? (*Record exactly & don't code*) _____

- Q10.** If we compare P.R. Kyndiah and P.A. Sangma, who in your opinion is a better respresentative of the people of Meghalaya in the parliament in Delhi - P.R. Kyndiah or P.A. Sangma?
1. PR Kyndiah 2. PA Sangma 3. Both equally good
4. Both equally bad 8. Can't say

- Q11.** Now I will talk about the changes that have taken place in Meghalaya during the last five years, after the Congress led MDA government again won election. You tell me, in the five years have the conditions regarding these issues improved, deteriorated or remained the same?
- | | Improved | Remained same | Deteriorated | D.K. |
|---|----------|---------------|--------------|------|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> a. Development of Meghalaya... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> b. Condition of roads... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> c. Security of ordinary people... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> d. Condition of poor... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |

- Q12.** And also tell me if in the last five years, after the Congress led MDA government came to power, these things have increased, decreased or remained the same?
- | | Increased | Remained same | Decreased | D.K. |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------|------|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> a. Corruption... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> b. Insurgency... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> c. Inflation... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> d. Employment opportunities... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |

- Q13.** Now I would like to know your opinion about a coalition government. 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. No opinion

- Q14.** We often hear some people saying that the Garo Hills are less developed because of Khasi dominaion 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 differnce, and 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. Cant say/No opinion

- Q15.** People are divided on the issue of outsiders getting settled in Meghalaya. Some people say that there should be a law banning the settling of people from outside, 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. Cant say/No opinion

Q16. 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' agreed or disagreed*).

		Agree		Disagree		No Opinion
		Fully	Somewhat	Somewhat	Fully	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
a.						
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
b.						
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
c.						
d.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
d.						
e.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
e.						
f.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
f.						
g.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
g.						

Q17. Thinking of how you or your family have voted in the past few elections, how would you describe yourself, would you say you have been a Congress supporter, , NCP supporter, BJP supporter, MDP supporter, UDP supporter or you have not been a supporter of any one party?

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Congress supporter | 2. NCP supporter | 3. BJP supporter |
| 4. MDP supporter | 5. UDP supporter | 6. Supporter of no one party |
| 7. Others (<i>Specify</i>) _____ | 8. Can't say/D.K. | |

Q18. Have you heard the name of Hyniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNCL)?

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| 1. No | 2. Yes |
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Q18a. (If Yes) People have different opinions about HNCL. Some people feel that the demands of HNCL are genuine, and an armed struggle is justified, while some feel that the HNCL's demands are baseless. Some others feel that even though the demands of HNCL are genuine, They should give up arms and join the democratic process. What is your opinion?

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Armed struggle justified | 2. Baseless demands | |
| 3. Should join democratic process | 8. Cant say/No opinion | 9. NA |

Q19. People are divided on the issue corruption in the present MDA government. Some people say that only the Congress, and not its allies, is responsible for corruption, while some say that Congress' allies are equally responsible. Others say that there is not such corruption in the present government. What is your opinion?

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| 1. Only Congress | 2. Both Congress and allies |
| 3. No corruption | 8. Cant say/No opinion |

Q20. Now I will ask you about the assembly elections held recently in your village/locality. Do you think that elections was conducted fairly, somewhat fairly, unfairly?

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| 3. Fairly | 2. Somewhat fairly | 1. Unfairly | 8. Can't say/ D.K. |
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Q21. If you compare the recently held assembly elections in your village/locality with the 2003 assembly elections held five years ago, would you say that the recently held election was more fair, or was it more unfair compared to the 2003 assembly election?

1. More Fair 2. More Unfair 3. No difference 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' agreed or disagreed*).

Agree Disagree No
Fully Somewhat Somewhat Fully Opinion

a. **a.** The central government in Delhi should have complete control over the natural resources of the state. 4 3 2 1 8

b. **b.** Mining of Uranium in should be allowed. 4 3 2 1 8

c. **c.** Meghalaya should be bifurcated into two seperate states for Garos and Khasis. 4 3 2 1 8

d. **d.** *Rangbah Shnong* (village elders) never get involved in corruption. 4 3 2 1 8

e. **e.** Informal trade between the people of Meghalaya and Bangladesh needs to be stopped for security reasons. 4 3 2 1 8

f. **f.** Private investment should be allowed in order to boost the state's economy. 4 3 2 1 8

Q23 How satisfied are you with the work done by the MLA in your village/locality during the last five years - would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with it? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' statisfied or dissatisfied*).

1. Fully satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied
4. Fully dissatisfied 8. Can't Say/D.K.

Q24. In an ordinary week, how regularly do you read the newspaper - daily, 5-6 times a week, 2-4 times a week, once or twice or never?

1. Daily 2. 5-6 times in a week 3. 2-4 times in a week
4. 1-2 days 5. Never 8. Cant say

Q25. In an ordinary week, how regularly do you listen to news on radio - more than once a day, once a day, 5-6 times a week, 2-4 times a week, once or twice or never?

1. Once a day 2. More than once a day 3. 5-6 times in a week
4. 2-4 times in a week 5. 1-2 days 6. Never 8. Can't say

Q26. In an ordinary week how regularly do you watch news on TV - more than once a day, once a day, 5-6 times a week, 2-4 times a week, once or twice or never?

1. Once a day 2. More than once a day 3. 5-6 times in a week
4. 2-4 times in a week 5. 1-2 days 6. Never 8. Can't say

Q27. Do you think that the present Congress led MDA government in Meghalaya should be given another chance? 2. Yes 1. No 8. Can't say

BACKGROUND DATA

B1. 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

B1a. *(If not all life)* Where did your ancestors (grand parents) live?

1. Present Bangladesh 2. Present Assam
3. Present West Bengal 4. Other states of India (*Specify*) _____
7. Others (*Specify*) _____ 9. N.A.

B2. What is your age? (*In completed years*) _____

B3. Gender: 1. Male 2. Female

B4. What is your marital status?

1. Married 2. Unmarried 3. Living with someone, but unmarried
4. Divorced/Separated 5. Widowed

B5. Till what level have you studied? _____ (*Record exactly and consult code book*)

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B5a. Till what level have your father and your mother studied?

Father _____ Mother _____

B6. What is your main occupation? _____

(Record exactly and consult code book & if retired, try to ascertain his/her previous occupation)

B6a. What is/was/has been the main occupation of the main earner of the respondent's household? _____ (*Record exactly and consult the code book*)

* **B6b.** *(If farmer)* Total agricultural land _____ (*in Acres*)

B7. What is your Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe name? (*Probe further, if Respondent mentions ambiguous surname*) _____ (*Consult state code book, or master list*)

B7a. And what is your caste group? (*Ascertain and consult SC/ST/OBC list for the state*)

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

B8. Which religion do you follow?

1. Hindu 2. Muslim 3. Christian 4. Sikh
5. Buddhist 6. Jain 7. Parsi 8. Other (*Specify*) _____

B9. Generally, which language is spoken in your house?

_____ (*Record exactly & consult code book for coding*)

B10. Area/Locality: 1. Village 2. Town (Below 1 lakh)
3. City (Above 1 lakh) 4. Metropolitan City (Above 10 lakh) (*If in doubt consult the electoral roll. If not stated on either then it is classed as a village*)

B10a. *(If Town/City)* Type of house where **R** lives (own or rented)

1. House/Flat/Bungalow with 4 or more bedrooms 2. House/Flat with 3 or 4 bedrooms
3. House/Flat with 2 bedrooms (With kitchen & bathroom) 4. House/Flat with 2 Pucca rooms (With kitchen)
5. House/Flat with 2 Pucca rooms (Without kitchen) 6. House with 1 Pucca rooms (With kitchen)
7. House/Flat with 1 Pucca rooms (Without kitchen) 8. Mainly Kutcha house
9. Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri/fully Kutcha 0. N.A.(Not applicable)

B10b. (If Village) Type of house where R lives (own or rented)

1. Pucca (both wall and roof made of pucca material)
2. Pucca-kucha (Either wall or roof is made of pucca material and of other kutch material)
3. Kutch (both wall and roof are made of kutch material other than materials mentioned in category 4)
4. Hut (both wall and roof are made of grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo) 0. N.A

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B11. Total number of family members living in the household? (Adults: _____ Children: _____)

B12. Do you or your family member have the following: **Yes** **No**

a	a. Car/Jeep/Van/Tractor	1	0
b	b. Colour or B/W Television 2 Colour	1 B/W	0 No
c	c. Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped	1	0
d	d. Telephone/Mobile telephone	1	0
e	e. Electric fan/cooler	1	0
f	f. Bicycle	1	0
g	g. Radio/Transistor	1	0
h	h. Pumping set	1	0
i	i. Fridge	1	0
j	j. Cow/Buffallow (Code total number. If more than 9, code 9) _____		0

B13. Most important source of drinking water

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| 1. Tap inside the house | 2. Tap outside the house |
| 3. Tube well | 4. Well |
| 5. Hand pump | 6. Natural source (Pond/Lake/Stream/River) |
| 7. Other (Specify) _____ | |

B14. Most important source of lighting

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|----------------|-------------|
| 1. Electricity | 2. Kerosene |
| 3. No lighting | 7. Other |

B15. Most important source of fuel used for cooking

1. LPG/Gas
2. Electricity
3. Kerosene
4. Coal/lignite/charcoal
5. Others bought (Firewood/Crop residue/Cow dung cake)
6. Others not bought (Firewood/Crop residue/Cow dung cake)
7. Other (Please specify) _____

B16. Total monthly household income? (In Indian rupees) _____

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