INTERVIEWER’S INTRODUCTION:
I have come from Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (also give your University’s reference), a social science research organization located in Delhi. We are studying about the Assembly Election to be held in the months of April-May this year by interviewing thousands of people in West Bengal. The findings of this interview will be used for Television programmes and in 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 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.

Interview begins

1. In the next few weeks assembly elections are to be held in West Bengal. Have you heard about it?
   2. Yes
   1. No
   8. Can’t say/ D.K.

2. Have you made up your mind to whom will you vote in the assembly elections?
   2. Yes
   1. No
   8. Can’t say/ D.K.

3. If Assembly elections are held tomorrow which party or candidate will you vote for? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box. (Supply yellow dummy ballot paper and explain the procedure)

3a. (If Votes) How sure are you about voting the same candidate/Party in the forthcoming assembly election?
   1. Absolutely sure
   2. More or less sure
   3. To early to commit
   8. Can’t say/ D.K.
   9. N.A

4. Now I will ask you about the Lok sabha Elections held in 2004? Were you able to cast your vote or not?
   2. Yes
   1. No
   8. Don’t Remember.

4a. (If Yes) Whom did you vote in Lok Sabha Elections 2004? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box. (Supply white dummy ballot paper and explain the procedure)

5. Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of West Bengal?

   (Record the name and consult the code book)

6. While deciding whom to vote, what would be the most important consideration for you - candidate, party, caste community or something else?
   1. Candidate
   2. Party
   3. Caste community
   4. Something else
   8. No Opinion
7. What is your assessment of the work done by the Left front government in West Bengal during the last 5 years. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with it? (Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' satisfied or dissatisfied).

8. Now I would like you to compare the present Buddhadeb Bhattacharya government in the state with the previous Jyoti Basu led government. Which government do you think was better?

9. Now I will ask you to assess the developmental work done by the Left Front government during the last five years. Do you think that the following have improved or deteriorated? (Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' improved or deteriorated).

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10. What is your assessment of the work done by Manmohan Singh led UPA government at the Centre in last two-and-half-years. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with it? (Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' satisfied or dissatisfied).

11. Do you think that the present Left Front government in the state should be given another chance?
    2. Yes  1. No  8. Can’t say/ D.K.

12. Now I would like to know your opinion about coalition government. While some people believe that there is no harm in coalition government, some believe that in special circumstances there is no alternative to it, and some believe that coalition government is not good. What is your opinion in this regard?
    1. There is no harm in it  2. Acceptable only in special circumstances  3. Coalition government is not good  0. Could not understand  8. Can’t say/ D.K.

13. How do you rate the present government of West Bengal in terms of corruption. Is it very corrupt, somewhat corrupt or not at all corrupt?
    1 Very corrupt  2 Somewhat corrupt  3 Not at all corrupt  8 Can’t say/DK

14. How would you rate Buddhadeb Bhattacharya’s performance as Chief Minister?
    4 Very good  3 Good  2 Bad  1 Very bad  8 Can’t say/D.K.

15. Now I will read out some statements about 30 years rule of Left Front government in West Bengal. Do you agree or disagree with these? (Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agree or disagree).

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<td>c. Employment opportunities have increased</td>
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<td>d. It has only benefited the upper caste</td>
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16. Now I am going to ask you a few questions about your MLA. Please tell me ________
   Correct/Yes Incorrect/No Can’t say/ D.K.
   a. Who is your MLA 2 1 8
   b. Which Party does he belong to 2 1 8
   c. Has he ever visited your locality 2 1 8
   d. Does he have a criminal image 2 1 8
   e. Is he considered corrupt 2 1 8
   f. Satisfied with his work in your locality 2 1 8
   g. Would you like to give him another chance 2 1 8

17. 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?_________________________(Code 999 if No Response)

18. Now I will read out some statements about West Bengal during last five years. Do you agree or disagree with them? (Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agree or disagree).

   Statements Agree Disagree No Opinion
   a. Kolkata airport should not be privatized Fully Somewhat Fully Somewhat Opinion
   b. Strikes should be banned 1 2 3 4 8
   c. Government industries should be privatized 1 2 3 4 8
   d. Govt. should encourage private schools & colleges 1 2 3 4 8

19. Thinking of how you (or your family, in the case of first time voters) have voted in previous elections, how would you describe yourself. Are you a Left front supporter, Anti left or not committed to any side?
   1 Left Front supporter 2 Anti Left 4 Not committed to any side 8 Can’t say/D.K

20. Have you heard or read about the removal of names of bogus voter’s from the voter list?
   2 Yes 1 No 8 Can’t say/ D.K.

20a. (If yes in Q20) Do you agree that removal of names of bogus voters from the electoral list will help in conducting free and fair elections in the state? (Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agree or disagree).
   1. Fully agree 2. Somewhat agree 3. Somewhat disagree

21. Have you heard or read about the Election Commission’s order putting a ban on writing on walls by political parties?
   2 Yes 1 No 8. Can’t say/ D.K.

21a. (If yes) What is your opinion on Election Commission’s ban on writing on walls by political parties? Is it justified or unjustified? (Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' justified or unjustified).

22. Are you aware that assembly elections is being held in 5 phases?
   2. Yes 1. No 8. Can’t say/ D.K.
22a. *(If yes)* Some people say that holding elections in 5 phases is necessary for conducting free and fair elections while others say it unnecessarily delays development work during this period. What is your opinion in this regard?
   1. Necessary for conducting free and fair elections
   2. It unnecessarily delays development work
   8 No opinion
   9. N.A

23. Here are some statements about Mamata Banerjee. What is your opinion on these, Do you agree or disagree with them? *(Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agree or disagree).*

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<td>b. She may be good at agitation and theatrics, but not at governance</td>
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<td>c. She is not tainted by corruption</td>
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<td>d. She should have alligned with Congress rather than BJP</td>
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24a. *(If yes)* Are you aware that Saurabh Ganguly has been dropped from the national cricket team?

24b. *(If yes in Q23a)* What is your opinion about Saurabh Ganguly being dropped from the national team? Is it justified or unjustified? *(Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' justified or unjustified).*

25. Do you feel close to any party? 2 Yes 1 No

25a. *(If yes)* Which Party? __________________ (Record Party name)

25b. *(If yes)* What is one thing you like most about that party ________________________________ (Not to be coded)

26. Is there a party you will never vote. 2 Yes 1 No

26a. *(If yes)* Which Party? __________________ (Record Party name)

26b. *(If yes)* What is one thing you dislike most about that party ________________________________ (Not to be coded)

27. Now I will read out names of few leaders in West Bengal. You tell me, how much trust do you have in them? I will show you a ladder with 10 steps. If you place at step 1 those leaders on whom you have a great deal of trust and at step 10 those leader on whom you have no trust then where would you place.
   Not Heard  No Opinion
   a. Mamata Banerjee _________ 97 88
   b. Pranab Mukherjee _________ 97 88
   c. Buddhadeb Bhattacharya _________ 97 88
   d. Tatha Gata Roy _________ 97 88
   e. Jyoti Basu _________ 97 88

28. After this election which party or alliance would you like to form the government in West Bengal? ____________________ *(Record exactly and consult the code book)*
BACKGROUND

B1. What is your age? (In completed years) ______________________

B2. Gender: 1. Male 2. Female

B3. What is your marital status?
   1. Married 2. Unmarried 3. Living with someone, but unmarried
   4. Divorced/Separated 5. Widowed

B4. Till what level have you studied (Record exactly and consult code book)

B4a. Till what level have your father and your mother studied?
   Father _____________________ Mother _______________________

B5. What is your main occupation? _________________________________
   (Record exactly and consult code book & if retired, try to ascertain his/her previous occupation)

B5a. (If the respondent is not the main earner) What is/has been the main occupation of the respondents father?
   ____________________________
   (Record exactly and consult the code book)

*B5b. (If farmer) Total agricultural land ____________________________
   (in Acres) (Not to be Coded)

B6. What is your Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe name?
   (Probe further, if Respondent mentions ambiguous surname)
   _________________________________________________
   (Consult state code book, or master list)

B6a. 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

B7. Which religion do you follow?

B8. How regularly do you read newspaper - daily, frequently, occasionally, rarely or never?
   5. Never 8. No Opinion

B9. How regularly do you listen to news on radio - daily, frequently, occasionally, rarely or never?
   5. Never 8. No Opinion

B10. How regularly do you watch news on TV - daily, frequently, occasionally, rarely or never?
    5. Never 8. No Opinion

B11. How often do you offer prayer/puja/namaj – daily, weekly, only on festivals or never?
    8. No Opinion

B12. 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 or census. If not stated on either then it is classed as a village)
B12a. (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 and 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)

B12b. (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 kutcha material)
3. Kutcha (both wall and roof are made of kutcha 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.(Not applicable)

B13. Number of rooms in use in the household _________________________________

B14. Total number of family members living in the household? (Adults ________Children ________)

B15. Do you or your family member have the following:

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<td>b. Colour or B/W Television</td>
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<td>c. Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped</td>
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<td>k. Pumping set</td>
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B16. Total monthly household incom:
1. Upto Rs. 1,000
2. Rs. 1,001 - Rs. 2,000
3. Rs. 2,001 - Rs. 3,000
4. Rs. 3,001 - Rs. 4,000
5. Rs. 4,001 - Rs. 5,000
6. Rs. 5,001 - Rs. 10,000
7. Rs. 10,001 - Rs. 20,000
8. Rs. 20,001 and above

Name of Assembly Constituency ________________________________
Name of Polling Station _________________________________
Name of Investigator ________________________________
Name of Supervisor ________________________________
Date of Interview ________________________________