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**TRIPURA 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 Tripura. 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 (Eg: 8:10 am will be 08 Hrs: 10 Mins : AM and 8:10 pm will be 08 Hrs: 10 Mins : PM)
- 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 8:10 AM and finished at 8:50 AM, total time taken is 40 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

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**

a	a. Attended election meetings?	2	1
b	b. Participated in processions/rallies?	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?	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 Tripura? (*Record the name and consult the code book for coding*) _____ 9. NA

Q7. What is your assessment of the work done by the CPI (M) led Left Front government in Tripura 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 Manik Sarkar as Cheif Minister of Tripura 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. Now I would like you to compare the the Congress government of Tripura, which ruled from 1988 to 1993 with subsequent Left Front governments of the last 15 years. In your opinion which government do you think was better?

1. Congress government 2. Left Front governments
3. Both equally good 4. Both equally bad 8. No Opinion

Q10. If we compare Nripen Chakraborty, Manik Sarkar and Dasarath Debbarman, who in your opinion has been the best leader for Tripura - Nripen Chakraborty, Manik Sarkar and Dasarath Debbarman?

1. Nripen Chakraborty 2. Manik Sarkar 3. Dasarath Debbarman
4. Both equally good 5. Both equally bad 8. Can't say

Q11. Now I will ask you to make a comparison between Manik Sarkar and Samir Ranjan Barman. Tell me, who is...

		Sarkar	Barman	No Difference	No Opinion
a					
b	a. Better for Tripura's development?	1	2	3	8
c	b. More honest?	1	2	3	8
d	c. Better for the welfare of tribals?	1	2	3	8
e	d. More trustworthy?	1	2	3	8
	e. Less corrupt	1	2	3	8

Q12. 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) _____

Q13. Now I will talk about the changes that have taken place in Tripura during the last five years, after the CPI (M) led Left Front 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					
b	a. Development of Tripura ...	1	2	3	8
c	b. Condition of roads...	1	2	3	8
d	c. Security of ordinary people...	1	2	3	8
	d. Condition of poor...	1	2	3	8

Q14. And also tell me if in the last five years, after the CPI (M) led Left Front government came to power, these things have increased, decreased or remained the same?

		Increased	Remained same	Decreased	D.K.
a					
b	a. Corruption...	1	2	3	8
c	b. Insurgency...	1	2	3	8
d	c. Inflation...	1	2	3	8
	d. Employment opportunities...	1	2	3	8

Q15. Have you heard the name of All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF)? 1. No 2. Yes

Q15a. (If Yes) People have different opinions about ATTF. Some people feel that the demands of ATTF are genuine, and their methods are also justified, while some feel that the ATTF's demands are baseless. Some others feel that even though the demands of ATTF are genuine, their methods are not justified. What is your opinion?

1. Genuine demands and method justified 2. Baseless demands
3. Genuine demands but method not justified 8. Cant say/No opinion 9.N.A

Q16. Now I will ask you to make a comparison between the CPI (M) and the Congress. Tell me, on these issues which of these two is better?

		Congress	CPM	No Difference	No Opinion
a	a. For curbing corruption which party is better?	1	2	3	8
b	b. For overall development of Tripura...	1	2	3	8
c	c. For good leaders which party is better?	1	2	3	8
d	d. For curbing insurgency...	1	2	3	8
e	e. For welfare of tribals which party is better...	1	2	3	8
f	f. For serving the interests of Bengalis...	1	2	3	8
g	g. For stopping immigration party is better...	1	2	3	8

Q17. Do you think that the Congress should have done an alliance with INPT?

1. Yes 2. No 8. Cant say/No opinion

Q18. People say different things about the INPT. Some people say that INPT has connections with insurgent groups, while some say that all these are rumors and INPT does not have any connection with insurgent groups. Others say that the INPT is trying to bring back misguided youth to mainstream politics. What is your opinion about the INPT?

1. INPT has connections with insurgents 2. INPT doesn't have connection with insurgents
3. INPT is bring youth to mainstream 8. No opinion

Q19. 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	a. People from outside Tripura are necessary for the development of the state.	4	3	2	1	8
b	b. The government should take special measures to restore all the land which was taken away from Tribals.	4	3	2	1	8
c	c. Only Bengalis have benefited under the Left Front's rule.	4	3	2	1	8
d	d. Outsiders have spoiled the culture and way of life of the people of Tripura.	4	3	2	1	8
e	e. The Left Front government has ignored the needs of tribals.	4	3	2	1	8
f	f. The state government has successfully controlled migration.	4	3	2	1	8

Q20. People are divided on the issue of outsiders getting settled in Tripura. 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

Q21. 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, Left Front supporter or you have not been a supporter of any one party?

1. Congress supporter
2. Left front/CPI (M) supporter
5. Supporter of no particular party
7. Others (*Specify*) _____
8. Can't say/D.K.

Q22. 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

Q23. 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

Q24. 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

Q25. 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 anyone?

1. Left Front supporter
2. Anti Left
3. Not committed
8. Can't say/D.K.

Q26. Now I will ask you about the assembly elections held recently in your village/locality. Do you think that elections conducted fairly, somewhat fairly, unfairly?

3. Fairly
2. Somewhat fairly
1. Unfairly
8. Can't say/ D.K.

Q27. During the recently held assembly elections, did you see or hear any of the following things in your village or locality: (**Read out the options and record the answer**)

		Yes	No	No opinion
a	a. Inclusion of bogus voters in the voters list	2	1	8
b	b. Voting in the name of people who are away or dead	2	1	8
c	c. Threatening people to vote for a particular party	2	1	8
d	d. Booth Jamming	2	1	8
e	e. Not allowing people to cast their votes	2	1	8

f. Any other irregularity (**Record the answer in details**) _____

Q28. In your opinion, which party is responsible for most of the malpractices that generally occur during elections in Tripura?

1. Congress
2. CPI (M)
3. Other Left Front ally
4. Others (*Specify*) _____
8. Can't say

Q29. Do you think that the present CPI (M) led Left Front government in Tripura 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*)
- F** **M**
 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 *Kutch* house
9. Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri/fully *Kutch* 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 *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

Adult Child

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

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

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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