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 recently held Assembly Election by interviewing thousands of people in Assam. 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. While talking to people about the just concluded assembly elections, we found that some people were able to vote and some were not able to vote. Were you able to vote or not?
   2. Yes
   1. No

1a. *(If voted)* Whom did you vote for? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box. *(Supply yellow dummy ballot and explain the procedure)*

1b. *(If voted)* When did you finally make up your mind about whom to vote for?
   1. On the day of polling
   2. A day or two before polling
   3. During the campaign
   4. Before the campaign started
   5. Can’t say/ D.K.

1c. *(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

1d. *(If not voted)* What was the main reason due to which you could not vote in this election?
   1. Out of station
   2. Not well
   3. No interest/ did not feel like voting
   4. Prevented /Fear of violence
   5. Returned, for lack of identity proof
   6. Any other *(Specify)*
   7. Can’t say/ D.K.
   9. Not applicable

2. 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. Can’t say/ D.K.

2a. *(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)*

3. 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/ D.K.
4. During the campaign people participate in various activities related with election. Did you participate in any such activities during the recent election campaign? *(Read out each activity and record the answer)*

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<td>b. Helped organise meetings?</td>
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<td>c. Joined processions?</td>
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<td>d. Participated in door to door canvassing?</td>
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<td>e. Contributed or collected money?</td>
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<td>f. Distributed election leaflets?</td>
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5. Did any candidate, party worker or canvasser come to your house during the campaign to ask for your vote? 2. Yes 1. No 8. Don’t remember

6. Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Assam? *(Record the name and consult the code book)*

7. While deciding whom to vote, what was the most important consideration for you - candidate, party, caste community or something else?

8. What is your assessment of the work done by the Congress government in Assam during the last 5 years. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with it? *(Probe further whether ‘fully’ or ‘somewhat’ satisfied or dissatisfied).*

9. Now I would like you to compare the present Congress government in the state with the previous AGP led government. Which government do you think was better?

10. Now I will ask you about the assessment of the development work done by the Congress government in the state in 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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<td>a. The Condition of roads</td>
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<td>b. The Supply of Electricity</td>
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<td>c. The Supply of Drinking water</td>
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<td>d. Quality of education in government Schools</td>
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<td>e. Medical facilities in government Hospitals</td>
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<td>f. Law and Order situation</td>
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11. 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).


12. Do you think that the present Congress government in the state should be given another chance?

   2. Yes   1. No   8. Can’t say/D.K.

13. 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

14. How do you rate the present government of Assam 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
   4. Can’t say/DK

15. How would you rate Tarun Gogoi’s performance as the Chief Minister of your state?


16. 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 Congress supporter, an AGP supporter, a BJP supporter, or not a committed supporter of any party?

   1. Congress supporter   2. AGP supporter   3. BJP supporter

17. 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

18. 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)
19. Now I will read out some statements of the performance of the Congress government during last five years. Do you agree or disagree with them? *(Probe further whether *fully* or *somewhat* agree or disagree).*

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<td>b. Influx of bangladeshi immigrants has increased</td>
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<td>c. Employment opportunities have increased</td>
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<td>d. Incidence of extortion and kidnappings has increased</td>
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<td>e. Govt. failed to curb violence in Karbi Anglong</td>
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<td>f. Harassment of muslims has increased on the pretext of detection of foreigners</td>
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20. Have you heard about Prafulla Mahanta’s expulsion from Assom Gana Parishad (AGP)?
   - Yes | No | Can’t say/ D.K.
   - 2 | 1 | 8 |

20a *(If yes in Q20)* What is your opinion about the expulsion of Prafulla Mahanta from the party? Was it justified or unjustified? *(Probe further whether *fully* or *somewhat* justified or unjustified).*
   - Fully justified | Somewhat justified | Somewhat unjustified | No Opinion
   - 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |

21. Have you heard or read about the IMDT Act in Assam?
   - Yes | No | Can’t say/ D.K.
   - 2 | 1 | 8 |

21a *(If yes in Q21)* Have you heard about scrapping of IMDT Act by the Supreme Court?
   - Yes | No | Can’t say/ D.K.
   - 2 | 1 | 8 |

21b *(If yes in Q21a)* What is your opinion about the scrapping of the Act? Was it justified or unjustified? *(Probe further whether *fully* or *somewhat* justified or unjustified).*
   - Fully justified | Somewhat justified | Somewhat unjustified | No Opinion
   - 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |

22. Now I will read out some statements about the Tea gardens in Assam? Do you agree or disagree with them? *(Probe further whether *fully* or *somewhat* agree or disagree).*

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<td>a. The central Govt. has not done nothing for big tea garden owners in Assam</td>
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<td>b. The wages for Tea garden workers should be increased</td>
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<td>c. State Govt. has neglected the demands of small Tea garden owners</td>
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<td>d. State Govt. is responsible for closure of Tea gardens in Assam</td>
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23. Have you heard or read about the police firing in Kakopather?
   - Yes | No | Can’t say/ D.K.
   - 2 | 1 | 8 |
23a. **(If yes in Q23)** What is your opinion about the government’s handling of Kakopather incident? Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with it? *Probe further whether ‘fully’ or ‘somewhat’ satisfied or unsatisfied.*

1. Fully satisfied  
2. Somewhat satisfied  
3. Somewhat unsatisfied  
4. Fully unsatisfied  
5. No Opinion  
6. N.A.

24. Would you have preferred an alliance of AGP and BJP in Assam for contesting the assembly elections?  
2 Yes  
1 No  
8. Can’t say/ D.K.

24a. **(If yes in Q24)** If BJP and AGP were contesting assembly elections as allies would that have influenced your voting decision?  
2 Yes  
1 No  
8. Can’t say/ D.K.

24b. **(If yes in Q24)** How this alliance would have influenced your voting decision?  
1. Shift from AGP/BJP to Congress  
2. Shift from Congress to AGP/BJP  
3. More committed to AGP/BJP  
4. More committed to Congress  
5. No change  
6. Cant say/D.K  
9. N.A

25. Which party or alliance would you like to form the government in Assam after this election?  
________________________ *(Record exactly and consult the code book)*

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

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

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

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

27a. **(If yes)** Which Party?  
________________________ *(Record Party name)*

*27b. **(If yes)** What is one thing you dislike most about that party  
________________________ *(Not to be coded)*

28. Now I will read out names of few leaders in Assam. 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.  

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<td>b. Brindaban Goswami</td>
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<td>c. Prafulla Kumar Mahanta</td>
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<td>d. Santosh Mohan Deb</td>
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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 Kutchha house  
9. Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri/fully Kutchha 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 aremade 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: Yes No
a. Car/Jeep/Van/Tracctor 1 0
b. Colour or B/W Television 2 Colour 1 B/W 0 No
c. Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped 1 0
d. Telephone 1 0
e. Mobile telephone 1 0
f. Fridge 1 0
g. Air Conditioner 1 0
h. Electric fan/cooler 1 0
i. Bicycle 1 0
j. Radio/Transistor 1 0
k. Pumping set 1 0

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 ________________________________