Interviewers Introduction: -

I come from Delhi from the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (or refer to your university). We are studying the Assembly Elections and interviewing thousands of ordinary voters from different parts of the state. The findings of these interviews will be used for a television programme, without using any respondents name. It has no connection with any political party or government. I need your co-operation to ensure the success of our study. Kindly spare some time to answer my questions.

Interview begins:

Q1. While talking with people about the recent elections to the Vidhan Sabha, we find that some people were able to vote and some were not able to vote. How about you? Were you able to cast your vote or not?
   2 Yes  1 No  8 Can’t say/D.K.
Q1a. (If Yes) Whom did you vote for? Please mark your preference on this slip and put it in this box. *(Supply pink dummy ballot and explain the procedure)*.
Q1b. (If voted) After you cast your vote did they put a mark on your finger? *(Examine the mark and record)*
   2 Mark found  1. Mark not found  3 Mark removed/disappeared
Q1c. (If not voted) What was the main reason that you could not vote in this election?
   1 Did not know I was a voter  2 Out of station
   3 Note well/too weak to go  4 Have no interest/did not feel like voting
   5 Prevented by some people from voting  6 Somebody had already voted before I went to vote.
   7 Fear of violence at polling station  8 Any other (Specify) ________________
   9 Not applicable *(If yes in Q.1)*
Q1d. (If voted) When did you finally make up your mind about who to vote for? *(Read out option 1 to 3)*
   1 On polling day  2. After the candidates were announced
   3 Before campaign began  8 Can’t say/D.K.
   9 Not applicable *(If not voted)*
Q2. Now I will talk about the 1999 Lok Sabha election. Were you able to vote or not?
   2 Yes  1 No  8 Don’t remember  9 Not a voter
Q2a. (If yes) Who did you vote for? *(Supply white dummy ballot and explain the procedure)*
Q3. While voting, do you give more importance to the party, to the candidate, to your cast-community, or to something else?
   1 Candidate  2 Party  3 Cast-community
   4 Something else *(Specify) ________________  8 Can’t say
Q4. Now let us talk about the campaign in this election: How interested were you in the election campaign this year—a great deal, somewhat, or not at all?

3 Great deal 2 Somewhat 1 Not at all

Q5. During the elections some people participate in various activities. Did you participate in any of the activities stated below during the recent election campaign?

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<th>Activity</th>
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<td>a. Attended in any election meeting?</td>
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<td>b. Helped organise meetings</td>
<td>2</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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Q6. Did any candidate, party worker or canvasser come to your house during the campaign to ask you for your vote?

2 Yes 1 No 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q7. What is your assessment of the work done by the NDA government in the Center in the last six months. Are you satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied?


Q8. Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Bihar? *(Record the name and consult code book for coding)*

Q9. After this election, which party or alliance would you like to see formed as the government of Bihar? *(Record exactly consult code book for )* 

Q10. In the last 50 years, who would you say has been the best leader in Bihar? *(Record exactly to be coded later)*

Q11. Have you heard about Laloo Prasad Yadav?

2 Yes 1 No 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q11a. How would you rate Laloo Prasad Yadav as a leader of Bihar? Would you say he is very good, good, bad, or very bad?

4 Very good 3 Good 2 Bad 1 Very bad 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q12. What is your assessment of the work done by the Laloo Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi government in Bihar over the last ten years. Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

3. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 1. Not at all satisfied 8 Can’t say
Q13. Now let us talk about the work done by the Laloo Prasad and Rabri Devi government over the last 10 years. Tell us if there has been improvement, deterioration, or no change over the last 10 years on the following:

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<th>No change</th>
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<td>a. Development of Bihar</td>
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<td>b. Scams and corruption</td>
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<td>c. Dignity of poor people</td>
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<td>d. Safety and security of life and property for common people</td>
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<td>e. Security for Muslims</td>
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<td>f. Communal harmony between Hindu and Muslim</td>
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<td>g. Violence and social tension</td>
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Q14. I will read out some statements about Laloo Prasad Yadav. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with them.

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<th>Disagree</th>
<th>D.K.</th>
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<td>a. Laloo Prasad Yadav is involved in the fodder scam</td>
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<td>b. It was proper to make Rabri Devi the Chief Minister of Bihar</td>
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<td>c. Only people from his own caste (Yadav) have benefited in his regime</td>
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<td>d. He did good work in the first five years, but not in the period after that.</td>
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Q15. Who was you MLA before this election?

2 Correct 1 Incorrect 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q15a. How would you rate the work done by your MLA. Are you satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied?


Q16. Have you heard about the demand for a separate Vananchal or Jharkhand state?

2 Yes 1 No 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q16a. (If yes) Do you think that it is a fair demand?

2 Yes 1 No 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q17. Generally, how much do you think political parties care about the needs and problems of the common people. A great deal, somewhat, or not at all?

3 Great deal 2 Somewhat 1 None 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q18. There have been many elections in the last 10 years. How many times have you voted for Laloo Prasad Yadav’s party?

3 Always 2 Sometimes 1 Never 8 Can’t say/D.K.
## BACKGROUND DATA

1. **Age (in completed years)** ___________________________

2. **Gender**
   1. Male  
   2. Female

3. **Level of Education**
   (record exactly and consult code book) _______________________

4. **Exact Cast/Jati-biradari? Tribe, name** (Probe further, if R mentions ambiguous surname)
   (Consult code book) _______________________

4a. **Caste group** (Ascertain and consult SC/ST/OBC list for the state)
   1. SC  
   2. ST  
   3. OBC  
   4. Others

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

6. **Locality:**
   1. Village  
   2. Town  
   3. City (5000,000+)

6a. **(If Town/City) Type of house where R lives (own or rented)**
   1. House/Flat/Bungalow (5+bedrooms)  
   2. House/Flat (3 or 4 bedrooms)  
   3. House/Flat with 2 bedrooms  
   4. House/Flat with 2 pucca rooms  
   5. House with 1 pucca rooms  
   6. Mainly kutcha house  
   7. Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri

6b. **(If Village) Type of house where R lives (own or rented)**
   1. Pucca (both wall and roof made of pucca material)  
   2. Pucca-Kutcha (either wall or roof made from pucca material and other of kutcha material)  
   3. Kutcha (both wall and roof made from kutcha material other than mentioned in category 4)  
   4. Hut (both wall and roof made from grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo)

7. **Main occupation of the main earner of the family** (Record exactly and consult the code book) 
   ________________________________

8. **Total family land** ___________________________ **(in Acres)**

8a. **Irrigated land** ___________________________ **(in Acres)**

9. **Do you or your family own any livestock?**
   2 Yes  
   1 No

9a. **(If yes) How many of the following do you own?**
   Bullocks/Cows/ Buffalows/ Horse/ Camel
   No. ________________

   Goat/ Sheep
   No. ________________

   Other (Specify)_______
   No. ________________

10. **Do you or your family own the following.**
    a. Car/ Jeep/ Tractor
    b. Colour Television
    c. Pumping set
    d. Two wheeler
    e. Telephone
    f. Electric fan/cooler
    g. Bicycle
    h. Radio/Transistor
    i. Wrist Watch/Clock
    j. Steel/Brass/Copper utensil
    2 Yes  
    1 No

## Not to be asked

Date of Interview ____________________  Interviewer’s name ___________________________

Name of Respondent ____________________  S.No of Electoral roll ____________________

AC Name ____________________________  PS Name ____________________________

Official No. of PS. __________________________