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. Before you went to vote, did you know that electronic voting machines were to be used?
   2 Yes  1 No

Q2. In your opinion, was this method better, worse, or no different to the earlier method of stamping a ballot paper?
   3 EVM better  2 EVM worse  1 No difference  8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q3. 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. How about you? Were you able to vote or not?
   2 Yes  1 No

Q3a. (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.3)

Q3b. (If voted) When did you finally make up your mind about who to vote for, on the polling day, after campaign started or much before the campaign begin?
   1 On polling day  2 After campaign started
   3 Much before campaign began  8 Can’t say
   9 Not applicable (If no in Q.3)

Q3c. (If voted) Who did you vote for? Please mark your preference on this slip and put it in the box. (Supply white dummy ballot and explain the procedure)

Q4. Now I will talk about the 1999 Lok Sabha elections. Were you able to vote or not?
   2 Yes  1 No  8 Don’t remember  9 Not a voter

Q4a. (If Yes) Who did you vote for? (Supply yellow ballot paper and explain the procedure)
Q5. Did you attend any election meeting during the recent election campaign?
   2 Yes  1 No

Q6. Did you participate in any campaign activity like canvassing, organize meeting, joining procession, collecting money etc.?
   2 Yes  1 No

Q7. 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.

Q8. What is your assessment of the work done by the LF government in West Bengal during the last 24 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/D.K.

Q9. Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of West Bengal?
   ____________________________ (Record the name and consult code book for coding)

Q10. Now I would read some statement about performance of the Left government during last 25 years. Tell us whether you agree or disagree? (Read the following statement one by one).

   Agree  Dosagree  D.K.
   a. The poor have gained greater dignity  2  1  8
   b. The party interferes in every aspect of people’s life  2  1  8
   c. Flood relief was prompt and efficient  2  1  8
   d. North Bengal region has been neglected  2  1  8

Q11. After this election, which party or alliance would you like to form the next government in West Bengal? ____________________________ (Record exactly consult the code book)

Q12. What is your assessment of the work done by the Vajpayee government at the Centre in the last one-and-half-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/D.K.

Q13. Now I would like to know your opinion about the coalition government. Some people believe that there is no harm in coalition govt. Others believe that in special circumstances there is no alternative to it. While, for others, coalition governments are not good for the state in any case. What is you opinion in this regard?
   3 Not good in any case  2 Acceptable in social circumstances
   1 There is no harm  8 Can’t say/D.K.
Q14. How do you rate the present government of West Bengal in terms of corruption. Is it very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, or not corrupt at all?
1. Very corrupt
2. Somewhat corrupt
3. Not corrupt at all
8. Can’t say/D.K.

Q15. Have you heard about Jyoti Basu’s retirement?
2. Yes
1. No
(If answer is no -- do not ask 15a. 15b & 15c)

Q15a. (If Yes) Who replaced him as the Chief Minister?
2. Correct
1. Incorrect
8. Can’t say/D.K.
9. N.A.

Q15b. (If Yes) Did you change your mind about who to vote for after hearing about Jyoti Basu’s retirement?
2. Yes
1. No
8. Can’t say/D.K.
9. N.A.

Q16. How would you rate the Jyoti Basu’s performance as the Chief Minister?
4. Very good
3. Good
2. Bad
1. Very bad
8. Can’t say/D.K.

Q17. How would you rate Buddhadeb Bhattacharya as the Chief Minister?
4. Very good
3. Good
2. Bad
1. Very bad
8. Can’t say/D.K.

Q18. How would you expect Mamatat Banerjee to perform if she becomes Chief Minister?
4. Very good
3. Good
2. Bad
1. Very bad
8. Can’t say/D.K.

Q19. Here are some statements about Mamata Banerjee. What is your opinion on these, do you agree or disagree? (Read the following statement one by one)

<table>
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<th>a. Only Mamata Banerjee can fight the Left Front</th>
<th>Agree</th>
<th>Disagree</th>
<th>No Opinion</th>
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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 ditched the Vajpayee government</td>
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<td>e. It was better for her to align with BJP rather than Congress</td>
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Q20. Thinking of how you (or your family, in the case of first time voters) have voted in previous elections, how would you describe yourself. Were you Left Front supporter, Anti-left or not committed to any side?
1. Left Front supporter
2. Anti-Left
3. Not committed to any side
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/Church/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 (500,000+)

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
   0. NA

6b. (If Village) Type of house where R lives (own or rented)
   1. Pucca with 5 or more dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)
   2. Pucca with 3-4 dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)
   3. Pucca with 1-2 dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)
   4. Pucca-Kutch 5 or more dwelling rooms (either wall or roof made from pucca material and other of kutcha material)
   5. Pucca-Kutch 3-4 dwelling rooms (either wall or roof made from pucca material and other of kutcha material)
   6. Pucca-Kutch 1-2 dwelling rooms (either wall or roof made from pucca material and other of kutcha material)
   7. Kutcha with 3 or more rooms (both wall and roof made from kutcha material other than mentioned in category 9)
   4. Hut (both wall and roof made from grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo)
   0. NA (If Town)

7. Main occupation of the main earner of the family (Record exactly and consult the code book) ____________________________
8. Do you or your family own the following.
   a. Car/Jeep/Tractor
      2 Yes  1 No
   b. Pumping set
      2 Yes  1 No
   c. Colour Television
      2 Yes  1 No
   d. Scooter/Motor cycle
      2 Yes  1 No
   e. Telephone
      2 Yes  1 No
   f. Electric fan/cooler
      2 Yes  1 No
   g. Bicycle
      2 Yes  1 No
   h. Radio/Transistor
      2 Yes  1 No
   i. Wrist Watch/Clock
      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. __________________________
