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 the candidates were announced
3 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. Suppose there were no alliances and all the parties were contesting election separately, which party would you have voted for? (Supply yellow ballot paper and explain the process. Help the respondent to identify the symbol, if ‘R’ mentions party name or leader name.)

Q5. Did you attend any election meeting during the recent election capaign?

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 DMK government in Tamil Nadu the last five years. Are you 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 Tamil Nadu? (Record the name and consult code book for coding)

Q10. Prior to this government, there was the AIADMK government led by Jayalalitha during 1991-96. Which one do you think was better? The AIADMK or the DMK government?

3 DMK 2 AIADMK 1 Both 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q11. After this election, which party or alliance would you like to form the next government in Tamil Nadu? (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 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 your opinion in this regard?

3 Not good in any case 2 Acceptable in special circumstances 1 There is no harm 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q14. Let us talk about the work done by the DMK government over the last 5 years. Tell us if there has been improvement, deterioration, or no change over the last 5 years on the following:

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Q15. How do you rate the present government of Tamil Nadu 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.
Q16. How would you rate Karunanidhi as a leader of Tamil Nadu? Would you say he is very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, honest, or very honest?

1 Very corrupt  
2 Somewhat corrupt  
3 Honest  
4 Very honest  
8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q17. How would you rate Jayalalitha as a leader of Tamil Nadu? Would you say she is very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, honest, or very honest?

1 Very corrupt  
2 Somewhat corrupt  
3 Honest  
4 Very honest  
8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q18. Have you heard about M.K.Stalin?

2 Yes  
1 No

Q18a. (If Yes) Would you like to see him as the successor of Karounanidhi and the leader of the DMK?

2 Yes  
1 No  
8 Can’t say/D.K.  
9 NA (If no to Q.18)

Q19. Did you hear about Jayalalitha not being allowed to contest election this time?

2 Yes  
1 No

Q19a. (If Yes) Was her disqualification justified, somewhat justified or not justified at all?

3 Justified  
2 Somewhat justified  
1 Not at all justified  
8 Can’t say/D.K.  
9 NA (If no to Q.19)

Q19b. (If Yes) Did you change your mind about who to vote for after hearing this news?

2 Yes  
1 No  
9 NA (If no to Q.19)

Q19c. (If Yes) How did it influence your voting decision?

1 In favour of AIADMK alliance  
2 In favour of DMK alliance  
3 Any other (Specify) ________  
8 Can’t say/D.K.  
9 NA (If no to Q.19b)

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 DMK supporter, AIADMK supporter, Congress supporter, supporer of any other party or supporter of no particular party?

1 DMK supporter  
2 AIADMK supporter  
3 Congress supporter  
4 Supporer of any other party  
5 supporter of no particular party?  
8 Can’t say/D.K.
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 (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 (If Village)

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-Kutcha 5 or more dwelling rooms (either wall or roof made from pucca material and other of kutcha material)  
   5. Pucca-Kutcha 3-4 dwelling rooms (either wall or roof made from pucca material and other of kutcha material)  
   6. Pucca-Kutcha 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.

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Not to be asked