**INTERVIEWER’S 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 cooperation to ensure the success of our study. Kindly spare some time to answer my questions.

**Q1.** While talking with people about the recent assembly elections it was learnt that some people voted and others could not vote. Tell us about yourself—were you able to vote or not? 2 Yes 1 No

**Q1a. (If Yes)** Indicate whom you voted for by marking this piece of paper. *(Supply white dummy ballot)*

**Q1b. (If Voted)** When did you take the final decision on whom to vote for *(Read out options 1 to 4)*


**Q1c. (If Not Voted)** What was the main reason for not being able to vote in this election? 5 Out of station/Not well 2 No interest/No time 3 Fear/intimidation 4 Somebody had already voted 8 Any other *(Specify)__________________________* 9 N.A. *(If Voted)*

**Q2.** Was a mark put on your finger while casting your vote in the voting booth? 1 Voted but mark disappeared 2 Mark visible 3 Mark not found 4 Could not confirm

**Q3.** Now I will ask you about the 1998 Assembly elections. Were you able to vote in those elections? 2 Yes 1 No 8 Don’t remember 9 Not a voter

**Q3a.(If Yes)** In that election, whom did you vote for? Indicate your choice on this piece of paper and put it in this box. *(Supply dummy ballot)*

**Q4.** While voting, which factor do you give the most importance, to the candidate, to the party, the benefit of your caste/community or something else? 1 Candidate 2 Party 3 Caste-community 4 Other *(Specify)__________________________* 8 Can’t say/D.K.

**Q5.** Now we will talk about the election campaign in these elections. How much interest did you take in these elections— a great deal, somewhat or not at all? 3 Great Deal 2 Somewhat 1 Not at all 8 Can’t say/D.K.

**Q6.** During the election campaign, how many public meetings did you attend? 0 None 1 Some (one or two) 2 Many (more than two) 8 Can’t say/D.K.

**Q7.** During the election campaign, did any candidate or party activist visit your house to ask for your vote? 2 Yes 1 No 8 Can’t say/D.K.
Q8. During elections, people do many things to help the candidates like organizing election meetings, participating in processions, campaigning and contributing to election funds. Did you participate in any such activity in these elections?  
2 Yes 1 No 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q9. In your opinion who should be the next chief minister of Rajasthan? (Record the name and consult the code book for coding) ________________________________

Q10. What is your opinion about the work done by the BJP led coalition government at the Centre in the last four years? You are very satisfied with it, somewhat satisfied or not at all satisfied.  
1 Not at all satisfied 2 Somewhat satisfied 3 Very satisfied 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q11. What is your opinion about the work done by the present Congress government of Rajasthan? To what extent are you satisfied with it? Very satisfied, Satisfied, Not Satisfied, Not at all satisfied.  
4 Very satisfied 3 Satisfied 2 Not satisfied 1 Not at all satisfied 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q12. Some people vote after looking at the performance of the state government, some at the performance of the central government and some people only by looking at the candidate. While voting in this election, what did you give the most importance?  
1 Performance of Central Govt. 2 Performance of State Govt. 3 Candidate 4 Other 5 Both 8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q13. In the last few years there have been many changes in the powers of the Panchayats. Has this led to an increase in the powers of the panchayats, decrease, or there has been no change?  
3 Increased 2 Decreased 1 No change 8 Can’t Say/DK

Q14. Have the changes in powers of the panchayats led to an increase in the development of the villages, a decrease or there has been no change?  
3 Increased 2 Decreased 1 No change 8 Can’t Say/DK

Q15. Reservation has been provided for Dalits, Adivasis and women. Have you heard about it?  
2 Yes 1 No 8 Can’t Say/DK 9 NA

Q16. Do you think there has been an improvement in the situation due to reservation for Dalits or has tensions between Dalits and other communities increased?  
3 Improved 2 Increased tension 1 No change 8 Can’t Say/DK

Q17. In your opinion which will be the main issue in these election? (Read out the options)  
1 Development of the state 2 Unemployment 3 Problem of water and power supply 4 Prohibition of cow slaughter 5 Others (Specify) 8 Can’t Say/DK

Q18. Now I will read out to you some issues. Tell me which party—the BJP or the Congress is better on which issue.  

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<tr>
<th>Congress</th>
<th>BJP</th>
<th>None</th>
<th>Can’t Say/DK</th>
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<td>1. Who is better for development.</td>
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<td>2. Who is better for controlling corruption.</td>
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<td>3. Who is better for increasing employment opportunities of your community.</td>
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<td>4. Who is better for benefiting the members</td>
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<td>5. Who is better for good leadership</td>
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Q19. To what extent do you regard the present Congress government of Rajasthan as corrupt- completely corrupt, somewhat corrupt or not corrupt.

Q20. If you compare this Congress government with the previous BJP government, which one was better?

Q21. Do you feel that your vote has any effect on the way the country is run? Or do you feel that it has no effect?

Q22. People have different opinions about democracy. Some people think that democracy is better than any other form of government. Some think that in certain circumstances dictatorship is better than democracy. And some feel that it does not make any difference whether it is democracy or dictatorship. What is your opinion?
   1. Democracy is better  2. Dictatorship is better sometimes  3. No difference  5. Can’t Say/DK

Q23. Looking at the voting choice of you or your family in the last few elections, tell me on the whole are you a BJP voter, a Congress voter or not a voter any particular party.

Q24. Now I will ask about some facilities in your village/city. Tell me whether in the last five years the facilities have improved, deteriorated or remained the same.

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<th>Facility</th>
<th>Better than before</th>
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<th>Same as before</th>
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<td>1. Supply of drinking water</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>3. Condition of roads</td>
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<td>4. Irrigation facilities</td>
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<td>5. Conditions of security</td>
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Q25. In the last ten years, three different governments were formed at the Centre, first the Congress government, then the United Front government and then the BJP coalition government. Which one of these three do you regard as the best?

Q26. Now I will ask you your opinion about the Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot. I will read out some statements about him. You tell me to what extent do you agree with them- agree completely, agree, disagree or completely disagree.

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<th>Statement</th>
<th>Completely Agree</th>
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<th>Disagree</th>
<th>Completely Disagree</th>
<th>DK</th>
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<td>1. Ashok Gehlot has greatly developed the state</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>2. Ashok Gehlot pretends to live simply</td>
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<td>3. Ashok Gehlot is personally honest</td>
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<td>4. Developmental work in the state was done by the central govt</td>
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Q27. Now I will ask you your opinion about the BJP’s chief ministerial candidate Vasundhara Raje. I will read out some statements about him. You tell me to what extent do you agree with them- agree completely, agree, disagree or completely disagree.

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<th>Statement</th>
<th>Intensively Agree</th>
<th>Agree</th>
<th>Intensively Disagree</th>
<th>Disagree</th>
<th>Completely Disagree</th>
<th>DK</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Vasundhara Raje should not become the CM since she is an outsider</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>2. Vasundhara Raje is an honest and dynamic leader</td>
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<td>3. Vasundhara Raje is not connected with the common people of Rajasthan</td>
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<td>4. Vasundhara Raje can run the government well because she belongs to a princely family</td>
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Q28. Recently the Congress government in Rajasthan made a proposal for reservations to upper castes in jobs. Have you heard about it?

2. Yes 1. No 8. Can’t Say/DK

Q28a. (If Yes) In your opinion is the proposal correct?

2. Yes 1. No 8. Can’t Say/DK

Q29. Now I will ask you about some religious activities. How often do you do them? Daily, only on the occasion of religious festivals or never?

<table>
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<th>Activity</th>
<th>Daily</th>
<th>Once a week</th>
<th>On festivals</th>
<th>Never</th>
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<td>Puja/Namaz/Prayer</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Going to temples/masjids/churches/gurudwaras</td>
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And these activities?

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>Regularly</th>
<th>Sometimes</th>
<th>Very little</th>
<th>Never</th>
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<td>Attending kathas/kirtans/jalsas</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Donating for religious activities</td>
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<td>Keeping fasts/rozas</td>
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Q30. Thinking about all this, tell me during the last ten years have your religious feelings/inclinations changed or have they not changed? And if changed, have you become more religious than before or less religious than before?

3. More religious than before 2. Less religious than before

1. No change 8. DK/No opinion
Q31. I will read out to you two different opinions on some issues. Tell me which of these two you agree with?

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<th>Opinion1</th>
<th>Opinion2</th>
<th>Agree</th>
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<td>A1. Privatisation of electricity has benefited the people</td>
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<td>A2. People’s troubles have increased</td>
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<td>B1. The conditions and quality of teaching in government schools and colleges can be improved only by increasing fees</td>
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<td>B2. If the government wishes it can improve them without increasing fees</td>
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<td>C1. If treatment is better in government hospitals, then people will be willing to pay</td>
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<td>C2. Treatment must be free in government hospitals</td>
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<td>D1. For building or expanding infrastructural facilities like roads, power etc, if the govt levies taxes, people would be willing to pay</td>
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<td>D2. Why should the people pay, the govt should it through other resources</td>
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<td>E1. Liquor shops should be closed since they increase poverty and crime.</td>
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<td>E2. The govt gets good revenue from them, so they should be allowed</td>
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Q32. How frequently do you read the newspapers- daily, once in a few days, sometimes, or never?


Q33. How frequently do you hear the news on the radio-


Q34. How frequently do you hear the news on the TV-


Q35. Which channel do you watch the most for news?


Q36. This time Electronic Machines were used in elections. Was any training/information given?

1. No 2. Yes 8. Can’t Say/DK

Q37. If Lok Sabha elections are held tomorrow, whom will you vote for?


**BACKGROUND DATA**

1. Age (In completed years) ________________________________

2. Gender 1. Male 2. Female

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

4. What is/has been the main occupation of the Respondent? *Record exactly and consult code book*) *(If retired, try to ascertain his/her previous occupation)* _______________________

5. *(If respondent is not the main earner)* Main occupation of the *main earner* of the family *Record exactly and code book)* _______________________

6. Total agriciltural land ___________________________ (in Acres)

6a. Irrigated land ___________________________ (in Acres)

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

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

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

10. Locality: 1 Village 2 Town 3 City *(5,00,000+)*

11. Approximate monthly family expenditure
   1. Less than Rs 1000/- pm
   2. Rs 1001 to 4000
   3. 4001 to 7000
   4. More than 7000/- pm

12. Approximate monthly family income
   1. Less than Rs 2000/- pm
   2. Rs 2001 to 5000
   3. 5001 to 8000
   4. More than 8000/- pm

13. Main source of drinking water
   1. Tap in house
   2. Public tap/Handpump
   3. Own Handpump/Tubewell
   4. Tank/Pond/Lake
   5. River/Spring/Canal
   6. Tanker supply by Panchayat/Muncipalty
   7. Well
   8. Any other__________________

14. Main source of lighting
   1. Authorised Electricity
   2. Unauthorised Electricity
   3. Kerosene
   4. Solar/Gobar gas
   5. Other Fuels
   6. Others *(Specify)*

15. Main Fuel used for cooking
   1. Fire wood
   2. Crop residue
   3. Cowdung
   4. Coal/lignit/Charcoal
   5. Kerosene
   6. LPG
   7. Electricity
   8. Bio gas
   9. Any other
   10. No Cooking


17. Type of house where R lives *(own or rented)*
   a. Floor material
   1. Mud
   2. Wood/Bamboos
   3. Brick
   4. Stone
   5. Cement
   6. Mosaic/Floor Tiles
   7. Any other *(Specify)* ___________________________
b. Wall material
1. Grass/Thatch (iqoky)/Bamboos etc.  2. Plastic/Polythene
5. G.I./Metal/Asbestos sheets  6. Burnt brick
7. Stone  8. Concrete
9. Any other (Specify) ________________________

c. Roof material
1. Grass/Thatch/Bamboos/Wood/mud etc.  2. Plastic/Polythene
3. Tiles  4. Slate
5. G.I./Metal/Asbestos sheets  6. Brick
7. Stone  8. Concrete
9. Any other (Specify) ________________________

18. Total number of rooms in this house ________________________
19. Total number of family members living in this house ________________________
20. Number of married couples living in this house ________________________
21. Do you or your family own the following.
   a. Car/Jeep/Van  2 Yes  1 No
   b. Tractor  2 Yes  1 No
   c. Television  2 Yes  1 No
   d. Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped  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
   j. Pumping set  2 Yes  1 No
   k. Bank Account  2 Yes  1 No

15. Most important source of Drinking Water
   1. Tap  2. Hand pump
   3. Tubwell  4. Well
   5. Tank/Pond/Lake  6. River/Canal
   7. Spring  8. Any other ________________________

16. Most important source of lighting
   1. Electricity  2. Kerosene
   3. Solar/Gobar gas  4. Other oil
   5. Any other  6. No lighting

17. Most important source Fuel used for cooking
   1. Firewood  2. Crop residue
   3. Cowdung cake  4. Coal/lignite/Charcoal
   5. Kerosene  6. LPG
   7. Electricity  8. Bio gas
   9. Any other  0. No Cooking

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. __________________________