CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF DEVELOPING SOCIETIES (CSDS), DELHI
MAHARASHTRA ASSEMBLY ELECTION STUDY – 2024
PRE POLL SURVEY

F1. Investigator Roll No. _____

F1a. Name of the Investigator: _____

F1b. Investigator Mobile No. _____

F2. Assembly Constituency Name and Number: _____

F3. Polling Station (P.S) Name and Number: _____

F4. Area/locality:
1. Village
2. Town (50,000 – 1 lakh population)
3. Small City (1-5 lakh)
4. Big City (5-10 lakh)
5. Metropolitan City (Above10 lakh)

INVESTIGATOR'S INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT

My name is _____ and I have come from Lokniti-CSDS, a research organization that studies elections and democracy (also give your University/College's name). We are conducting an opinion survey ahead of the Maharashtra assembly election. For this purpose, we are interviewing thousands of people across the state. This survey is an independent study and is not linked to any political party or government agency. Whatever information you provide will be kept confidential. The findings will be used for research purposes. It usually takes 25-30 minutes to complete the interview. Please spare some time and help me in completing the survey.

F5. Can I start the interview?

1. Yes
2. No **(Stop the discussion and go to some other house)**

F6. Name of Respondent: _____

F7. Respondent voter list Number: _____

Q1. Assembly elections are going to be held in Maharashtra in the next few months. Will you vote in this election?
1. No
2. Yes
3. Maybe
98. No response

Q2. If assembly elections in Maharashtra are held tomorrow, then which party will you prefer to vote for? Please click on the symbol of the party you want to vote for. I will not be able to see which symbol you click. If the symbol of the party you have voted for is not here, click on the face at the bottom of the screen. If you have voted for an independent candidate, click on the circle given below. **(After asking the question, show your phone screen to the respondent, and ask them to click on the symbol of the party they want to vote for. If they say the party name themselves, you can click on the symbol and move ahead. If they do not wish to share, choose 98. No response)**

1.	Congress /INC
2.	Bharatiya Janata Party/BJP
3.	Shiv Sena (Shinde faction)
4.	Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasahab Thackeray)
5.	Nationalist congress party (Sharad Pawar)
6.	Nationalist congress party (Ajit Pawar)
7.	Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)
95.	Independent
96.	None of the Above (NOTA)
97.	Any other (Specify)_____
98.	Don't know/Can't say/No response
99.	I will not vote/ Not Applicable

Q2a. **(If 2 in Q1)** How sure are you to vote for the same party/alliance that you just chose on the day of voting – very sure, somewhat sure, not at all sure?

1.	Very sure
2.	Somewhat sure
3.	Not at all sure
98.	Don't Know

Q3. In the last five years, Maharashtra was first governed by the Uddhav Thackrey led Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance and thereafter by the Eknath Shinde led Mahayuti alliance. Which alliance was better?

		MVA	Mahayuti Alliance	Neither	Don't know / Can't Say
a.	For the overall development of the state	1	2	3	98
b.	For providing a stable government	1	2	3	98
c.	For social harmony among communities	1	2	3	98

Q4. While deciding whom to vote for in the coming Assembly elections, what will be the single most important election issue for you? **(First, note down the given answer and then find the relevant option in the given options.)** _____

1.	Unemployment

2.	Inflation
3.	Issue of reservation
4.	Agricultural or farmer's issue
5.	Caste – based issues
6.	Regional identity
7.	Environment
8.	Poverty
9.	Corruption/scam
10.	Lack of development
11.	Poor law and order
12.	Good law and order
13.	Drinking water issue
14.	Lack of Electricity
15.	Health services
16.	Development in education system
17.	Protection of my religion
18.	Women Safety
97.	Other issue not mentioned above (Specify) _____
98.	Can't say
99.	Not Applicable/ I will not vote

Q5. You are likely to vote which alliance in the upcoming assembly elections?

1.	Mahayuti
2.	Maha Vikash Aghadi
3.	MNS
4.	VBA
5.	AIMIM
97.	Any other(Write)_____
98.	Don't Know

Q6a. Have you heard of Manoj Jarange Patil?

1.	No
2.	Yes

Q6b. *(If 2 in Q6a)* Should he or his supporters contest the upcoming election?

1.	No
2.	Yes
98.	Don't Know
99.	NA

Q7. The Maharashtra Assembly have recently passed the Maharashtra State Reservation for socially and educationally Backward Classes Bill 2024, setting aside 10% reservation for the Maratha community

in jobs and education under socially and educationally backward categories. Do you know about this?

1.	Yes
2.	No
3.	Not sure
98.	No response

Q8. *(If 1 in Q7)* To what extent do you think that the Maratha community needs reservations – to a great extent, to some extent or not at all?

1.	Great extent
2.	Some extent
3.	Not at all
98.	No response

Q9. Do you think resorting to movements and strikes was the correct way of demanding reservations by the Maratha community or the demands could have been raised in a different way?

1.	Movement and strikes were the correct way of making demands
2.	Demands could have been raised in a different way
98.	Don't know/ Can't Say

Q10. Some people say that prices have increased a lot in recent times. Others say, that prices go up a little every year and that is a normal process. What is your opinion?

1.	**Statement 1:** Some people say that prices have increased a lot in recent times.
2.	**Statement 2:** Others say, that prices go up a little every year and that is a normal process.
98.	Don't know/Can't Say

Q11. How much do you think has been done by the government to promote Maratha culture – very much, somewhat, not much, not at all?

1.	Very much
2.	Somewhat
3.	Not much
4.	Not at all
98.	Don't Know

Q12. When we ask to people, some say that they are Maharashtrian first and Indian later, whereas some say Indian first and Maharashtrian later. What do you think?

1.	Maharashtrian first, Indian later
2.	Indian first, Maharashtrian later
3.	Equally both **(Don't read out. only if said by the respondent)**
97.	Any other (Write)_____

98.	Can't say

Q13. Has the safety and security of women improved or deteriorated under the Eknath Shinde government?

1.	Improved
2.	Remained the same
3.	Deteriorated
98.	Don't Know

Q14. Under the Eknath Shinde government, have these issues improved or worsened?

	Improved	Remained the same	Worsened	Don't Know
a. Traffic situation	1	2	3	98
b. Drinking Water supply	1	2	3	98
c. Condition of Roads and Bridges	1	2	3	98
d. Floods	1	2	3	98
e. Law and order	1	2	3	98

Q15. Which government has been more beneficial for the development of Maharashtra- government of Eknath Shinde or government of Uddhav Thackrey

1.	Government of Eknath Shinde
2.	Government of Uddhav Thackrey
3.	Both governments are good
4.	Neither of them
98.	Don't Know/Can't Say

Q16. Thinking of how you (or your family in the case of first time voter) have voted in the previous elections, how would you describe yourself? Which party's supporter have you been mostly?

1.	Congress /INC
2.	Bharatiya Janata Party /BJP
3.	Shiv Sena (Shinde faction)
4.	Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasahab Thackeray)
5.	Nationalist congress party (Sharad Pawar)
6.	Nationalist congress party (Ajit Pawar)
7.	Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)
8.	Independent
9.	Not supporter of any party
97.	Any other (Specify)_____
98.	Don't know/Can't say/No response

Q17. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of the Eknath Shinde led Mahayuti coalition government in Maharashtra? *(Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' satisfied or dissatisfied)*

1.	Fully satisfied
2.	Somewhat satisfied
3.	Somewhat dissatisfied
4.	Fully dissatisfied
98.	No response

Q18. Should the current Eknath Shinde led Mahayuti government of Maharashtra get another chance?

1. Yes
2. No
98. No response

Q19. Do you know about 'Ladki Bahin' scheme?

1. Yes
2. No

Q19a. *(If 1 in Q19)* Do you or any female member of your family has applied for the scheme?

1. Yes
2. No

Q19b. *(If 2 in Q19a)* Why you or any other female member of your family has not applied for the scheme?

1.	Not eligible
2.	Don't know how to enroll
3.	Not interested in availing the scheme
4.	Do not have the necessary documents for registration
5.	Application was rejected on technical grounds
6.	Application rejected due to interference of local political functionaries
7.	Officials are asking for bribe
97.	Any other (specify) _____
98.	Don't Know
99.	Not applicable

Q20. Do you think corruption has increased, decreased or remained the same under the Eknath Sinde government as compared to the Uddhav Thackrey government?

1.	Corruption has increased
2.	Corruption has remained the same
3.	Corruption has decreased
98.	Don't know

Q21. Have you heard of the following schemes? Q21a. *(If heard in Q21)* Have you or any of your family member benefited from these schemes of the state government?

	Heard	Not heard	Benefitted	Not benefitted	Don't know
a. Balasaheb Thakeray Aapla Dawakhana	1	2	1	2	98
b. Kisan Mitra Urja Yojana *(Farmer's energy support scheme)*	1	2	1	2	98
c. Mahasamriddhi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana	1	2	1	2	98
d. Scheme to provide free hospital treatment up to 5 lakh rupees *(Ayushman Bharat)*	1	2	1	2	98
e. Free gas connection with cylinder *(Ujjwala Yojana)*	1	2	1	2	98

Q21b. *(If benefitted under any scheme in 21a)* Who helped you the most in availing the scheme?

1.	Government official
2.	Social worker
3.	Local politician
4.	Sarpanch/ member panchayat
5.	Other elected politician
6.	Relatives
7.	NGO
8.	Did not take help from anyone
97.	Anybody else_____
98.	Do not remember
99.	NA

Q22. We have seen splits among Shiv Sena and NCP into different factions. People have different opinions on this.

1. **First opinion** : some people say that this was the foul play of BJP
2. **Second opinion** : some people say that this happened due to the political ambitions of some of
   their leaders.
98. Don't know

Q23. During the last five years, have the following things increased or decreased in Maharashtra?

	Increased	Decreased	Remained the same	Don't know
a. Establishment of new industries	1	2	3	98

b. Corruption	1	2	3	98
c. Inflation	1	2	3	98
d. Employment opportunities	1	2	3	98

Q24. In the last five years, condition of the following improved more under the Uddhav Thackrey led Maha Vikas Aghadi government or under the Eknath Shinde led Mahayuti alliance government.

	Maha Vikas Aghadi	Mahayuti alliance	Remained the same	Don't Know
a. Conditions of government schools /college	1	2	3	98
b. Condition of government hospitals	1	2	3	98
c. The supply of electricity	1	2	3	98
d. Condition of roads	1	2	3	98
e. The supply of drinking water	1	2	3	98
f. Condition of farmers	1	2	3	98

Q25. How regularly do you do the following– daily, sometimes or never?

	Daily	Sometimes	Not at all	Don't Know
a. Watch news on television	1	2	3	98
b. Listen to news on radio	1	2	3	98
c. Read the newspaper/s	1	2	3	98
d. Read news on internet	1	2	3	98

Q26. Which leader do you believe is best suited to be the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra?

1.	Eknath Shinde
2.	Devendra Fadnavis
3.	Uddhav Thackeray
4.	Ajit Pawar
5.	Sharad Pawar
6.	Manoj Jarage Patil
97.	Any other(specify) _____
98.	Don't know

Q27. Which alliance would be better for Maharashtra for the next five years - Maha Vikas Aghadi or Mahayuti?

1.	Maha Vikas Aghadhi
2.	Mahayuti
3.	Neither

97.	Any other
98.	Don't Know/Can't Say

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Z1. What is your age? _____ (years)   98. No response **(If age is above 95 years, enter code 95 and for no response code 98)**

Z2. Gender:
        1. Male
        2. Female
        3. Other

Z3. Are you married?

        1. Yes
        2. No
        3. Divorced
        4.Widow/Widower
        5. Separated
      98. Did not answer/NR

Z4. What is your educational level?

1.	Illiterate **(Can't read or write at all)**
2.	Below primary school
3.	Primary pass (5th class)
4.	Middle pass (8th class)
5.	Matric pass (10th class)
6.	Studying in 11th or 12th or junior college
7.	Inter pass (12th class)
8.	Diploma (After 10th or 12th class)
9.	Graduate/pursuing graduation/in college
10.	Post graduate/pursuing post graduation
11.	Higher degree (MPhil, PhD)
12.	Professional degree/course **(Law, BTech, etc.)**
97.	Any other (Specify) _____
98.	Did not say

Z5. What is your main occupation? **(First, note down the given answer and then find the relevant option in the given options If respondent is retired then find out occupation prior to retirement.)** _____

      01. Higher level professional: Engineer, doctor, lawyer, chartered accountant, professor, etc.

02. Lower level professional: Computer operator, Data entry, Ayurvedic doctor, Nurse, school teacher, Tuition teacher, Priest, Astrologer, NGO worker, etc.

03. Government management: Manager, Director, Executive, Parliamentarian, MLA etc

04. Government administrator: Class 1 or class 2 officer, Army Major, Army Colonel, Army Brigadier, Police inspector, etc.

05. Government clerical job: Class 3 employees, clerk, typist, Army jawan, police constable, etc.

06. Government Class 4 employee: Peon, Daftari, Postman, Village servant, Ameen, Sanitation worker, etc.

07. Big and medium trader: Big shopkeeper, factory owner, hotel owner, petrol pump, taxi Owner, big travel agency, small hotel, property dealer, jewelers, etc.

08. Small trader: Ration shop, Small travel agency, phone booth, Broker, Parlour, Rickshaw / cart owner, landlord, etc.

09. Small/temporary business: temporary shopkeeper, salesman, delivery boy, shop assistant, etc.

10. Services/Service sector: Cook, waiter, dhobi, barber, house help, guard, private guard, sanitation worker, etc.

11. Skilled worker: Driver, mechanic, electrician, plumber, ornament craftsperson, tailor, cobbler, carpenter, boatman

12. Semi-skilled worker: Artisan, brick kiln worker, potter, stone mason, furniture, basket/ mat weaver, etc.

13. Labourer: Rickshaw puller, loader, construction worker, etc.

14. Farmer: Farmer/sharecropper, etc.

15. Agricultural labourer: Farm/orchard labourers

16. Dairy/poultry and livestock farming

17. Student (someone might be doing this part time)

18. Homemaker/housewife/househusband (someone might be doing this along with some other small work for extra money)

19. Student

20. Homemaker/housewife/ househusband

21. Unemployed/looking for work

97. Any other work which does not fit into any other category

98. Did not say

Z5a. *(Only ask farmers)* Please tell me whether you have benefitted from the following schemes?

	Benefitted	Not benefitted	Not heard	Not eligible
a. PM Kisan Sanman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN)	1	2	3	99
b. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Beema Yojana (PMFBY)	1	2	3	99
c. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)	1	2	3	99

Z6. What is your religion?
1. Hindu

2. Muslim
3. Christian
4. Sikh
5. Buddhist/Neo-Buddhist
6. Jain
7. Parsi
8. No religion (Atheist)
97. Any other (Specify)_____
98. No response

Z7. What is your caste category?
1. Scheduled Caste (SC)
2. Scheduled Tribe (ST)
3. Other Backward Classes (OBC)
4. General

Z8. What is your caste/community? (First, note down the given answer and then find the relevant option in the given options) _____

10	Brahmin
99	Other Upper Castes
121	Marathas
143	Lingayats
199	Other Peasant Proprietors
256	Maratha
257	Kunbi
271	Mali
272	Dhangar
273	Vanjari
274	Leva-Patil
275	Gowari
276	Agri
277	Powar
278	Teli
299	Other Peasant OBC
378	Kosti-Sali-Padmashali
399	Other Artisan OBC
470	Banjara
499	Other Service OBCs
500	Charmakar
531	Mahar
583	Matang
599	Other SC
601	Bhil
608	Andh
632	Mahadev-Koli
699	Other STs

740	Peasants/Traders:
750	Craftsmen/Weavers:
760	Service:
770	Ex-Untouchables/Muslim Dalits:
780	Other Muslim OBC:
799	Muslim No Caste/Other Muslims
800	Jat Sikh:
810	Khatri/Arora Sikh:
820	OBC Sikh:
830	Sikh No Caste/Other Sikhs
840	Upper Caste Christians
850	OBC Christians
860	Dalit Christians
870	Christians No Caste/Other Christians
890	Buddhists
900	Dalit Buddhists
995	Hindu no caste

Z9a. *(If Town/City)* Type of house where Respondent 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

Z9b. *(If Village)* Type of house where Respondent 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)

Z10. Do you or your family own these things?

	Yes	No
a. Car/jeep/van	1	2
b. Scooter / motorcycle/ moped	1	2
c. Air conditioner	1	2
d. Computer/laptop/iPad	1	2
e. Electric fan/cooler	1	2

f. washing machine	1	2
g. Fridge	1	2
h. Television	1	2
i. Bank/post office account	1	2
j. ATM/Debit	1	2
k. LPG Gas	1	2
l. Internet connection in the house (besides mobile phone)	1	2
m. Toilet in the house	1	2
n. Pumping set	1	2
o. Tractor	1	2

Z11. Keeping in mind everyone in the family, how much is the family monthly income? **(First, note down the given answer and then find the relevant option in the given options)**

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        1. 1000 to 2000
        2. 2001 to 3000
        3. 3001 to 5000
        4. 5001 to 7500
        5. 7501 to 10,000
        6. 10,001 to 15,000
        7. 15,001 to 20,000
        8. 20,001 to 30,000
        9. 30,001 to 50,000
        10. 50,000 to 1 lakh
        11. More than 1 lakh
        98. Did not say

Z12. Thank you, will you kindly share your mobile number for future contact? _____

Z13. GPS Location …..