

Assam

Note:

1. All figures are in per cent and rounded off; hence they may not add up to 100 where they should.
2. Weighted Data.
3. Figures for January 2014 based on Lokniti, CSDS-IBN National Tracker Poll conducted in Assam.
4. Figures for March 2014 based on Lokniti, CSDS-IBN NES Pre Poll survey conducted in Assam (fresh sample).
5. March 2014 survey fieldwork conducted between 19th and 24th March in 11 Parliamentary seats.
6. Sample size for March 2014 is 798; Sample size for January 2014 was 462.

**Table 1: Lok Sabha elections - Pre poll estimated vote share for Assam
Cong maintains big lead over divided opposition**

Party/Alliance	Actual vote in 2009 Lok Sabha Elections (%)	Survey-based vote estimate (%) January 2014	Survey-based vote estimate (%) March 2014
Cong	34.9	47	44
BJP	16.2	19	19
AIUDF	16.1	10	10
AGP	14.6	9	11
AAP	-	1	1
Others	18.2	14	15

Question asked: If Lok Sabha elections are held tomorrow which party will you vote for? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box.

Table 2: The regional picture

Regions	
Barak Valley	Cong ahead, BJP close behind; Other smaller parties also doing well
Lower Assam	Cong ahead; AIUDF & AGP next
Upper Assam	Cong has a massive lead over its opponents

Table 3: BJP giving Cong a fight only in Urban Assam, but in the rural parts Cong leads by a wide margin (85% of Assam's population is Rural as per Census 2011)

Localit y	Vote for Cong (%)	Vote for BJP (%)
Rural	44	16
Urban	47	37

The rest of the respondents indicated a vote preference for other parties.

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Table 4: PM preference in Assam – Neck and neck between Modi and Rahul; Manmohan Singh also quite popular

PM choice in Assam	%
Narendra Modi	15
Rahul Gandhi	14
Manmohan Singh	9
Sonia Gandhi	1
Others	2
Can't say	59

Question asked: Who would you prefer as the Prime Minister of the country after the next/2014 Lok Sabha election?

Table 4a: When Assam’s voters were asked to choose between Rahul and Modi for PM, Rahul finished way ahead

Rahul or Modi for PM?	All	Muslims
Rahul Gandhi	32	52
Narendra Modi	21	5
Both	6	1
Neither	4	4
Can’t say	37	38

Question asked: If you had to choose between Narendra Modi and Rahul Gandhi as the next Prime Minister of India, who would you choose?

Table 5: High net satisfaction with the performance of both State and Central governments in Assam

(Net satisfaction is Satisfaction percentage minus dissatisfaction percentage)

Net satisfaction with...	%
Performance of State govt.	+22
Performance of Central govt.	+23

Questions asked: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of Congress government in Assam over the last three years? Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre over the last 5 years?

Table 6: Pro-UPA sentiment in Assam continues to be greater than the anti-UPA sentiment, although it has declined since January

Should the UPA govt. get another chance after the 2014 Lok Sabha election?	Jan 2014	Mar 2014
Yes, it should get another chance	59	40
No, it should not get another chance	16	37
Can’t say	25	23

Question asked: Should the Congress-led UPA government get another chance after the 2014 Lok Sabha election?

Table 7: For voters in Assam, State government’s work will matter more than the Central govt’s work when they will vote in the Lok Sabha elections

What will be more important to you while voting – state or centre’s work?	%
State govt’s performance	32
Central govt’s performance	13
Both equally	23
Neither/Other factors	3
Can’t say	29

Question asked: A While voting, some people give more importance to the work done by the state government in Dispur while others give more importance to the work done by the central government in Delhi. While voting in the 2014 Lok Sabha election, what will matter to you the most?

Table 8: Had there been an AGP-BJP alliance it may not have worked as there isn’t huge support for it among their respective voters

Should there have been an AGP-BJP alliance?	All	AGP voters	BJP voters
Yes	21	42	38
No	28	31	34
Can’t say	51	27	28

Question asked: Would you have preferred a pre election alliance between AGP and BJP in Assam for the Lok Sabha elections?

Table 9: Foreigners’ issue is still important said most respondents in Assam

People’s perception on Foreigners’ issue	%
Still very important	43
Blown out of proportion	12
Can’t say	45

Question asked: Now I will ask you a question on the foreigners' issue. Some people think it is still an important issue. Others say it has been blown out of proportion and is not an important issue now. What is your opinion?

Table 9a: But when respondents were asked to name a party that could best handle the Foreigners' issue, over three-fourths said they don't know/can't say

Which party can best handle the Foreigners' issue? <i>(responses of those who feel it is an important issue)</i>	%
BJP	7
Cong	5
AIUDF	5
AGP	3
BPF	1
Don't know/Can't say	79

Question asked: *(If 'Important issue')* Which one party according to you is best suited to handle the foreigners' issue? *(Record party name and code from codebook later)*

Table 10: Top five election issues in Assam

Key voting issues in Assam	%
Development	23
Corruption	8
Transport related issues	4
Price rise	3
Unemployment	3

The rest of the respondents gave other answers.

Question asked: What will be the single most important issue for you when you vote in the 2014 Lok Sabha election? *(Record first answer and consult code book for coding)*