Interviewers Introduction :-

(Begin with your personal introduction and where you come from). We are studying the Lok Sabha elections and interviewing thousands of ordinary voters from different parts of the country. The findings of these interviews will be used to write in books and newspapers without giving any respondent’s 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.

Interview begins:

Q1. Lok Sabha elections (to elect MPs) are to take place next month. Have you heard about it?
   2 Yes 1 No

Q2. Are you going to vote this time?
   2 Yes 1 No

Q2a. (If no) Why?
   1 Not likely to be here
   2 Do not feel like voting
   3 Fear of violence etc.
   4 Others (Specify) _______________________________

Q3. Have you made up your mind about who to vote for in the coming election?
   2 Yes 1 No

Q4. If Lok Sabha elections were to take place tomorrow, who would you vote for? Please mark your preference on this slip and put it in this box. (Supply the dummy ballot and explain the procedure)

Ballot No. ____________________________

Q5. And what about state elections - who would you vote for in the assembly elections? Please mark your preference on this slip and put it in this box. (Supply the dummy ballot, record its number and explain the procedure)

Ballot No. ____________________________
Q6. At the time of elections, people talk about different problems. I would like to have your views on it. What are the main problems people like you face today? (Record exactly in the order mentioned)

1. ________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________
3. ________________________________________________

Q7. Which party is best suited to solve these problems? (Record party/alliance)

Q8. I would like to know your views about government formed by several parties (coalition governments). Some people say there is no harm in it. Some others say that under special circumstances there is no other way out except coalition government. While others say that it is not desirable under any circumstances. How about you? Would you say that:

1. There is no harm in it; or
2. It is to be accepted under special circumstances; or
3. It is not acceptable under any circumstances?
8. Can’t say/D.K.

Q9. Suppose there were no parties or assemblies and elections were not held-do you think that the government in this country can be run better?

2. Yes 1. No 8. Can’t say/D.K.

Q10. Now let me ask about the last Lok Sabha election held five years ago in 1991 (‘four years ago in 1992’). Were you able to vote in that election?

2. Yes 1. No 8. Don’t remember

Q10a. (If No) What was the main reason you could not vote?

0. Not eligible 5. Prevented by some people
1. Not included in voter’s list 6. Somebody had already voted
2. Out of station 7. Fear of violence at polling station
3. Not well 8. Any other (Specify) ____________
4. Did not feel like voting 9. Inapplicable (Yes/D.K. in 10)

Q10b. (If Yes) Who did you vote for in that election? (Record party) __________________

Q11. During the last five years how has the general condition of the entire country been? Has the general condition of the country improved, worsened or has it remained the same?

3. Improved 2. Remained the same
1. Worsened 8. D.K.

Q12. When making your mind about who to vote for, what matters more to you-party or candidate?

1. Party 2. Candidate

Q13. What is your opinion about the work of the present Congress government at the Centre (In Delhi) for the last five years? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied or not at all satisfied with its work?

1. Not at all satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied
Q14. How satisfied are you with the work done by the present (name ruling party) government in (name the State)? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied or not at all satisfied?
1 Not at all satisfied
2 Somewhat satisfied
3 Very satisfied
8 Can’t say/D.K.

Q15. Is there any party you feel close to?
2 Yes
1 No

Q15a. (If Yes) Which is that party?________________________

Q16. Which party would you like to form the government in Delhi after this election? (Record party and, in case of coalition, record the different partners mentioned)

Q17. And, who would you like to be the next prime minister?
1 P.V. Narasimha Rao
2 L.K. Advani
3 Atal Behari Vajpayee
4 V.P. Singh
5 Chandra Sekhar
6 Kanshi Ram
7 Jyoti Basu
8 Laloo Prasad Yadav
9 Mulayam Singh Yadav
10 Arjun Singh
11 Sharad Pawar
12 Rajesh Pilot
13 Other (Specify) __________

Q18. During the last five years, the central government has made many changes in its economic policy (policy regarding money matters, tax, Indian and foreign companies, government and private sector, industry and agriculture). Have you heard about them?
2 Yes
1 No

Q18a. (If Yes) On the whole do you approve or disapprove of these changes?
2 Approve
1 Disapprove
8 D.K./Can’t say
9 Inapplicable

Q19. Recently the Hawala scam (Scandal) has been in the news and the name of several big leaders has figured in it. Have you heard about it?
2 Yes
1 No

Q20. Here in (Name of Lok Sabha Constituency) which parties do you think would really be in the main contest this time? (Record in the order mentioned)
First __________________________
Second __________________________
Third __________________________
Fourth __________________________

To be centered by the interviewer immediately after the interview
Date of interview ____________________ Time of interview ____________________
Place of Interview : 1 R’s home 2 R’s place of work 3 Public place
4 Other (Specify) __________________________

Was anyone else present at the time of interview?
1 No one present (or only children under 14 present)
2 Others present but they took no part
3 Others took part
Was the respondent cooperative?

1. Very cooperative
2. Cooperative but did not seem actively interested
3. Uncooperative

Any other remark which may be useful in the next visit (e.g. availability house, change in address, permission required, any precaution) _________________________

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Address

Name of Respondent _________________ S. No. on Electoral Roll

House No. & Street ______________________________________________________

Landmark __________________________________________________________

R’s Village/Town _____________________________________________________

District ___________________________ State ____________________________

Parliamentary Constituency__________________________________________

Assembly Constituency _____________________________________________

Polling Station ____________________________________________________

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Interviewer’s Name ___________________________ Signatures _________________

Checked by: Supervisor’s Name __________________ Signatures ________________
BACKGROUND DATA

1. Age (in completed years) __________
2. Sex: 1 Male 2 Female
3. Level of Education reached
   1 Illiterate 2 Literate-no formal education
   3 Primary 4 Middle School
   5 High School 6 College-no degree
   7 College-degree & above
4. What is/has been the main occupation of the Respondent \textit{(Record exactly and consult Coding Sheet)} ______________________________
4a. (If housewife, student or unemployed) Main occupation of the main earner of the family ______________________________
5. Total agricultural land owned by the family: ________________ (Acres)
   Total irrigated land: ____________________________ (Acres)
6. Caste/Tribe: \textit{(Write exact caste clearly)} ______________________________________
6a. Caste group \textit{(Ascertain and Consult SC/ST/OBC list for the state)}
   1 SC 2 ST 3 OBC 4 Others
7. Religion: 1 Hindu 2 Muslim 3 Christian 4 Sikh 5 Buddhist
   6 Jain 7 Parsi 8 Other \textit{(Specify)} ________________
8. Locality: 1 Rural 2 Urban
9. Have you got voter's photo identity card?
   1 No card, not photographed
   2 photographed but card not issued
   3 Card issued but defective
   4 Card issued and in order
   5 Any other \textit{(Specify)} ________________

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