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**ASSAM ELECTION STUDY - 2011  
POST-POLL SURVEY**

F1. State Name: \_\_\_\_\_

F2. A.C. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

F3. P.S. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

F4. Name of the Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_

F5. Address of the respondent (*Give landmark*): \_\_\_\_\_

F6. Date of interview (*dd/mm/yyyy*): \_\_\_\_\_

F7. Time of starting the interview: \_\_\_\_\_

F8. Name of the Investigator (*Code Roll No.*): \_\_\_\_\_

**INVESTIGATOR'S INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT**

*My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I have come from Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (also give your University's reference), a social science research organization in Delhi. We are conducting a Assam Post Poll survey on the opinion of people on politics and interviewing thousands of people across the State. The findings of this survey will be used for television programmes and writing articles in newspapers.*

*This survey is an independent study and is not linked to any political party or government agency. Whatever information you provide will be kept strictly confidential.*

*Participation in this survey is voluntary and it is entirely up to you to answer or not answer any question that I ask. We hope that you will take part in this survey since your participation is important. It usually takes 30 to 40 minutes to complete this interview. Please spare some time for the interview and help me in successfully completing the survey.*

F10. May I begin the interview now?

1. Respondent agrees to be interviewed

2. Respondent does not agree to be interviewed

**INTERVIEW BEGINS:**

**Q1.** While talking to people about the recent elections to the Vidhan Sabha, we find that some people were not able to vote. How about you - were you able to vote or not?

1. Could not vote (*Go to Q1c.*)                      2. Voted                      8. Don't remember

**Q1a.** (*If Voted*) Whom did you vote for? I am giving you this slip which has names and election symbols of all the candidates that you saw on the voting machine. On this slip please put a mark in front of the same symbol against which you pressed the button.

(*Supply WHITE dummy ballot and explain procedure*) \_\_\_\_\_ 99. NA

**Q1b.** (*If Voted*) When did you finally make up your mind about whom to vote for?

1. On the day of voting                      2. A day or two before voting  
3. Earlier, during the campaign                      4. Even before the campaign started  
8. Can't say                      9. NA

**Q1c.** (*If Not Voted*) What was the main reason due to which you could not vote in this election?

0. Out of station                      1. Not well  
2. No interest/did not feel like voting                      3. Prevented /Fear of violence  
4. No identity card/ identity proof                      5. No good choice  
6. Someone had voted in place of me before I went to vote                      7. Others(*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Can't say                      9. NA

**Q1d.** (*If Voted*) Did the election officer correctly put the mark on your finger? (*Please observe marking on the index finger and record the answer accordingly*)

2. Checked and mark found                      1. Checked, but mark not found                      8. Could not check the mark                      9. NA

**Q2.** Who did you vote for during the last Lok Sabha elections held in 2009? I mean the MP elections for electing the Central Government in Delhi. On this slip please put a mark in front of the same symbol against which you had pressed the button. (*Supply yellow dummy ballot paper and explain the procedure* \_\_\_\_\_ 99.NA)

**Q3.** Now let us talk about the election campaign during this election. How interested were you in the election campaign this time – a great deal, somewhat or not at all?

1. Great deal                      2. Somewhat                      3. Not at all                      8. Can't say/DK

**Q4.** During the elections people participate in various activities related to election. Did you participate in any such activities during the recent election campaign?

	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
a.	a. Attended election meetings?	1	2	8
b.	b. Participated in processions/rallies?	1	2	8
c.	c. Went home to home for canvassing?	1	2	8
d.	d. Collected funds?	1	2	8
e.	e. Distributed Pamphlets/ Put up posters?	1	2	8

**Q5.** Did any candidate, party worker or canvasser come to your house during the campaign to ask for your vote?                      1. No                      2. Yes                      8. Don't remember

**Q6.** (*If Voted*) In deciding who to vote for in the just concluded elections, whose opinion mattered to you most? (*Don't read answer categories*)

0. Local Political Leader                      1. Husband/wife                      2. Other family members  
3. Caste/community leaders                      4. Friends/neighbours                      5. Co-workers/colleagues  
6. No one, I voted on my own                      7. Others (*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Can't say                      9. NA



- Q13.** What is your assessment of the work done by the Congress-led government in Assam in the last five years? Would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with it? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' satisfied or dissatisfied*).
1. Fully satisfied                      2. Somewhat satisfied                      3. Somewhat dissatisfied  
4. Fully dissatisfied                      8. No opinion/DK
- Q14.** If you compare the first term of the Tarun Gogoi led Congress government between 2001 and 2006, with the second term of the present Tarun Gogoi led Congress government, in your opinion which one of two governments has been better?
1. First term better                      2. Second term better                      3. Both equally bad  
4 Both equally good                      8. No opinion
- Q15.** While voting, some people give more importance to the work done by the state government, while others give more importance to the work done by the central government in Delhi. While voting in this election, what mattered to you the most?
1. Central government in Delhi                      2. State government                      3. Both                      4. Interested in neither  
7. Other (Specify)\_\_\_\_\_                      8. Can't say
- Q16.** How would you rate Tarun Gogoi's performance as the Chief Minister of your state – very good, good, bad or very bad?
4. Very good                      3. Good                      2. Bad                      1. Very bad                      8. Can't say/D.K
- Q17.** Now compare the recently held Assembly election in your area with Assembly elections held in 2006. Do you think in this election things like rigging, intimidation, fraud and other malpractices have increased, decreased or remained the same, or would you say that malpractices never take place?
1. Increased                      2. Same as before                      3. Decreased  
4. Malpractices never take place                      8. Can't say/Don't know
- Q18.** What is your assessment of the work done by the MLA from your seat in the last five years? Would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with it? (Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' satisfied or dissatisfied).
1. Fully satisfied                      2. Somewhat satisfied                      3. Somewhat dissatisfied  
4. Fully dissatisfied                      8. No opinion/DK
- Q19.** If AGP forms the next government, which of the following AGP leaders you would like to see as the next Chief Minister – Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, Chandramohan Patowary or Brindaban Goswami?
1. Prafulla Kumar Mahanta                      2. Chandramohan Patowary  
3. Brindaban Goswami                      4. Any of these                      5. None of these  
7. Others(specify).....                      8. No opinion
- Q20.** If Congress party forms the next government, which of the following Congress leaders you would like to see as the next Chief Minister – Tarun Gogoi, Pradyut Bordoloi, Himanta Biswa Sarma?
1. Tarun Gogoi                      2. Pradyut Bordoloi                      3. Himanta Biswa Sarma                      4. Any of these  
5. None of these                      7. Others(specify).....                      8. No opinion
- Q21.** Are you aware of Central Govt.'s talks with some ULFA leaders?                      2. Yes                      1. No

**Q22.** Now I will read out two statements on the ULFA issue. Please tell me whether you agree with statement 1 or 2?

a.	<b>a.</b> (1) Central govt's talks with some ULFA leaders are important for bringing permanent peace to Assam.	(2) ULFA is a terrorist organisation. No talks should be held with it by the Central Government.
	<b>1. Agree with (1)</b>	<b>2. Agree with (2)</b> <b>8. No opinion</b>
b.	<b>b.</b> (1) It is vital for the Central govt to include the Paresh Barua faction of the ULFA in the peace talks	(2) The participation of the Paresh Barua's faction of the ULFA in peace talks is not important.
	<b>1. Agree with (1)</b>	<b>2. Agree with (2)</b> <b>8. No opinion</b>
c.	<b>c.</b> (1) Amnesty should be given to surrendered ULFA militants	(2) Amnesty should not be given to surrendered ULFA militants as they have a criminal past.
	<b>1. Agree with (1)</b>	<b>2. Agree with (2)</b> <b>8. No opinion</b>
d.	<b>d.</b> (1) ULFA's demand for a sovereign and separate Assam is justified	(2) Assam is an integral part of India and should remain so.
	<b>1. Agree with (1)</b>	<b>2. Agree with (2)</b> <b>8. No opinion</b>

**Q23.** Now I will ask you to assess the work done by the Tarun Gogi government in the state during last five years. Do you think following have improved or deteriorated? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' improved or deteriorated.*)

	Improved		Deteriorated		D.K.
	Fully	Somewhat	Somewhat	Fully	
a.					
b.					
c.	a. The Condition of roads	1 2	3 4	8	
d.	b. The Supply of Electricity	1 2	3 4	8	
e.	c. The Supply of Drinking water	1 2	3 4	8	
f.	d. Quality of education in government schools	1 2	3 4	8	
g.	e. Medical facilities in government Hospitals	1 2	3 4	8	
h.	f. Controlling Flood	1 2	3 4	8	
	g. Law and Order situation	1 2	3 4	8	
	h. Overall development of the state	1 2	3 4	8	

**Q24.** How do you rate the present Tarun Gogoi-government of Assam 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.

**Q25.** Now I will read out the names of a few scams. Please tell me have you heard of them?

	Yes	No
a.		
b.		
c.		
	a. 2G telecom scam	1 2
	b. NC Hills scam	1 2
	c. Commonwealth Games scam	1 2

Q26. Now I will ask you about Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. People have different opinion about him. Some say he is a clean and honest man who has tried his best to control corruption, others say he is himself corrupt, and some others say that he may be clean and honest but he has done nothing to control corruption. Which one of these do you agree with ?

1. Clean and honest leader who has tried his best to control corruption      2. He is himself corrupt  
3. May be clean and honest but has done nothing to control corruption.      8. Can't say/No opinion

Q27. Now I will read out few statements on the performance of the Tarun Gogoi govt. during **last five years**. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one of them? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agrees or disagrees*).

		Agree		Disagree		DK
		Fully	Somewhat	Somewhat	Fully	
a.	a. Condition of tea garden workers has deteriorated.	1	2	3	4	8
b.	b. Congress govt has succeeded in solving the insurgency problem	1	2	3	4	8
c.	c. Atrocities by armed forces have increased.	1	2	3	4	8
d.	d. Influx of Bangladeshi migrants has increased.	1	2	3	4	8
e.	e. Harassment of Muslims has increased on the pretext of detection of foreigners	1	2	3	4	8

Q28. Would you have preferred an alliance of AGP and BJP in Assam for contesting the assembly elections?    2 Yes                      1 No                      8. Can't say/D.K.

Q29. Would you have preferred an alliance of Congress and AIUDF in Assam for contesting the assembly elections?                      2. Yes                      1. No                      8. Can't say/D.K.

Q30. Now I will read out few statements. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one of them? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agrees or disagrees*).

		Agree		Disagree		DK
		Fully	Somewhat	Somewhat	Fully	
a.	a. People from outside Assam can spoil the culture and way of life of the people of Assam	1	2	3	4	8
b.	b. Insurgent groups such as ULFA have lost the popular support of the people, which they once enjoyed	1	2	3	4	8
c.	c. An independent homeland for the Bodo ethnic group should be carved out of Assam	1	2	3	4	8
d.	d. Bengali speaking Hindus who migrated from Bangladesh should be granted refugee status	1	2	3	4	8
e.	e. compared to national parties, regional/local parties can provide better government in states	1	2	3	4	8

Q31. 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?

1. Important issue      2. Issue blown out of proportion      8. Can't say/Don't know

Q31a. (*Those who say important*) Some believe the Congress is best suited to handle the Foreigners' issue. Others believe AGP is best suited to handle the Foreigners' issue. There are some who feel the BJP is best suited to handle the Foreigners' issue. Which party according to you is best suited to handle the Foreigners' issue?

1. Congress      2. BJP      3. AGP      4. All      5. None  
7. Some other party.....(specify)      8. Don't know/Can't say      9. N.A.

Q32. As compared to five years ago, how is the economic condition of your household today – would you say it has become much better, better, remained same, become worse or much worse? 1. Much better    2. Better    3. Same    4. Worse    5. Much worse    8. No Opinion

Q33. In whatever financial condition you are placed today, on the whole are you satisfied or dissatisfied with it? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' satisfied or dissatisfied*). 1. Fully satisfied      2. Somewhat satisfied      3. Somewhat dissatisfied  
4. Fully dissatisfied      8. Can't say

Q34. What do you think will be the economic condition of your household in the coming few years. Would you say it will become much better, better, remain the same, become worse or much worse? 1. Much better    2. Better    3. Same    4. Worse    5. Much worse    8. No Opinion

Q35. Which is the party you dislike most? \_\_\_\_\_ (*Record exactly and consult the code book*) 99. NA.

Q36. In an ordinary week, how regularly do you read the newspaper - daily/almost everyday, 3-4 times a week, at least once a week or never?

1. Daily/almost everyday    2. At least 3-4 times in a week    3. At least once a week    4. Never

Q37. In an ordinary week, how regularly do you listen to news on radio - daily/almost everyday, 3-4 times a week, at least once a week or never?

1. Daily/almost everyday    2. At least 3-4 times in a week    3. At least once a week    4. Never

Q38. And what about watching news on TV? In an ordinary week how regularly do you watch news on TV - daily/almost everyday, 3-4 times a week, at least once a week or never?

1. Daily/almost everyday    2. At least 3-4 times in a week    3. At least once a week    4. Never

Q39. Should the Congress-led government in the state get another chance?

2. Yes      1. No      8. Can't say

## BACKGROUND DATA

### Personal Information

**Z1.** Now let us talk about this village/ town you live in. How long have you lived here? (*If not all life, probe for number of years lived here*)

1. Less than 5 years                      2. 5 to 10 years                      3. More than 10 years                      4. Entire life

 

**Z1a.** (*If Not all life*) Where did you come from?

Name of State: \_\_\_\_\_ 99. N.A.

 

**Z2.** What is your age? (*In completed years*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*Recode 95 for age 95 years and above*)

**Z3.** Gender:                                      1. Male                                      2. Female

**Z4.** What is your marital status?

1. Married (*If both husband and wife live together*)  
 2. Married, gauna not performed (*Married but not started living together*)  
 3. Widowed                                      4. Divorced                                      5. Separated  
 6. Deserted                                      7. Never married

**Z5.** Up to what level have you studied \_\_\_\_\_ (*Record exactly and consult code book*)

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**Z5a.** Up to what level have your father and your mother studied?

**Father:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mother:** \_\_\_\_\_

 

**Z6.** What is your main occupation? \_\_\_\_\_ (*Record exactly and consult code book & if retired, try to ascertain his/her previous occupation*)

 

**Z6a.** What is/has been the main occupation of main earner of your family? \_\_\_\_\_ (*Record exactly and consult code book & if retired, try to ascertain his/her previous occupation*)

 

**Z6b.** (*If Housewife*) Aside from your housework, do you do anything that contributes to the family income?                      2. Yes                                      1. No                                      9. NA

**Z6c.** (*If Yes*) What do you mainly do? (*Do Not Read Answer Categories*)

1. Works in the family farm/field  
 2. Runs petty shop/ sundry business/ day care centre in the family premises  
 3. Piecemeal work like rolling papad, incense sticks, making candles, embroidery/tailoring/poultry/spinning and weaving/food processing  
 4. Helps husband in his business/ profession                      7. Any other work (*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_ 9. NA

**Z7.** What is your Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe name? \_\_\_\_\_ (*Consult state code book, or master list*)

 

Any other name by which your caste or subcaste is known? \_\_\_\_\_ (*Not to be coded*)

**\* Z7a.** And what is your caste group? (*Double check and consult SC/ST/OBC list for the state*)

1. Scheduled Caste (SC)                                      2. Scheduled Tribe (ST)  
 3. Other Backward Classes (OBC)                                      4. Other

**Z8.** What is your religion?

1. Hindu                                      2. Muslim                                      3. Christian                                      4. Sikh                                      5. Buddhist/Neo Buddhist  
 6. Jain                                      7. Animism                                      8. No religion                                      9. Others (*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

 

**Z9.** Generally, which language is spoken in your house? \_\_\_\_\_ (*Consult code book for coding*)

**Z10.** Do you have a Voter identity card?

1. Yes I have                                      2. Photographed, but did not get it                                      3. Have, but it has mistakes  
 4. Do not have                                      5. Had, but lost it                                      7. Any other (*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_



