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West Bengal Assembly Election-2006

INTERVIEWER'S INTRODUCTION:

I have come from Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (also give your University's reference), a social science research organization located in Delhi. We are studying about the recently held Assembly Election by interviewing thousands of people in West Bengal. The findings of this interview will be used for Television programmes and in writing articles in newspapers. The name of the respondents interviewed in this survey will be kept strictly confidential. The Survey is an independent study and is not linked with any political party or government agency. Kindly spare some time for this interview and answer my questions, as I need your active cooperation for making this study successful.

Interview begins

1. Did someone visit your house a few weeks ago to conduct your interview in connection with an election survey conducted by us?
2. Yes 1. No 8. Don't remember
2. While talking to people about the just concluded assembly elections, we found that some people were able to vote and some were not able to vote. Were you able to vote or not?
2 Yes 1 No
- 2a. *(If voted)* Whom did you vote for? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box. *(Supply yellow dummy ballot and explain the procedure)* _____
- 2b. *(If voted)* Do you remember at what time of the day did you vote?
1. Between 7 to 9 am 2. Between 9 am to 11 am 3. Between 11 to 1 pm
4. Between 1 to 3 pm 5. Between 3 to 5 pm 9. N.A 8 Don't remember
- 2c. *(If voted)* When did you finally make up your mind about whom to vote for?
1. On the day of polling 4. Before the campaign started
2. A day or two before polling 8. Can't say/ D.K.
3. During the campaign 9. N.A
- 2d. *(If voted)* Did the election officer correctly put the mark on your finger? *(Please observe marking on the finger and record the answer accordingly)*
2. Mark found 1. Mark not found 8. Could not check
- 2e. *(If not voted)* What was the main reason due to which you could not vote in this election?
1. Out of station 5. Returned, for lack of identity proof
2. Not well 7. Any other *(Specify)* _____
3. No interest/ did not feel like voting 8. Can't say/ D.K.
4. Prevented /Fear of violence 9. Not applicable
3. Now I will ask you about the Lok sabha Elections held in 2004? Were you able to cast your vote or not? 2 Yes 1 No 8. Can't say/ D.K.
- 3a. *(If Yes)* Whom did you vote in Lok Sabha Elections 2004? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box. _____ *(Supply white dummy ballot paper and explain the procedure)*

a
b
c
d
e
f
a
b
c
d
e
f

4. Now let us talk about the election campaign during this election. How much interested were you in the election campaign this time – a great deal, somewhat or not at all.
3. Great deal 2. Somewhat 1. Not at all 8. Can't say/ D.K.

5. During the campaign people participate in various activities related with election. Did you participate in any such activities during the recent election campaign? *(Read out each activity and record the answer)*

Activities	Yes	No	No Opinion
a. Attended election meetings?	2	1	8
b. Helped organise meetings?	2	1	8
c. Joined processions?	2	1	8
d. Participated in door to door canvassing?	2	1	8
e. Contributed or collected money?	2	1	8
f. Distributed election leaflets?	2	1	8

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

7. Thinking about the recently held assembly election in West Bengal - which was the most important issue in elections which you took into consideration while deciding whom to vote for? *(Record the answer & Code)*

8. Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of West Bengal?
_____ *(Record the name and consult the code book)*

9. While deciding whom to vote, what was the most important consideration for you - candidate, party, caste community or something else?
1. Candidate 2. Party 3. Caste community
4. Something else 8. No Opinion

10. Thinking of how you (or your family, in the case of first time voters) have voted in previous elections, how would you describe yourself. Are you a Left front supporter, Anti left or not committed to any side?
1 Left Front supporter 2 Anti Left 4 Not committed to any side 8 Can't say/D.K

11. Which party or alliance would you like to form the government in West Bengal after this election?
_____ *(Record exactly and consult the code book)*

12. Do you think elections in your state are conducted fairly, somewhat fairly, unfairly?
3. Fairly 2. Somewhat fairly 1. Unfairly 8. Can't say/ D.K.

13. Now I will ask you about the assembly elections held recently in your village/locality. Do you think that elections conducted fairly, somewhat fairly, unfairly?
3. Fairly 2. Somewhat fairly 1. Unfairly 8. Can't say/ D.K.

14. During the recently held assembly elections, did you see or hear any of the following things in your village or locality: *(Read out the options and record the answer)*

	Yes	No	No opinion.
a. Inclusion of bogus voters in the voters list	2	1	8
b. Deletion of bogus names from the voters list	2	1	8
c. Voting in the name of people who are away or dead	2	1	8
d. Threatening people to vote for a particular party	2	1	8
e. Booth Jamming	2	1	8
f. Not allowing people to cast their votes	2	1	8
g. Any other irregularity <i>(Record the answer in details)</i>	_____		

15. If you compare the recently held election in your area with elections held here in the past, would you say that things like rigging, fraud and other mal-practices have increased, decreased or remained the same.
3. Increased 2. Decreased 1. Remained the same 8. Can't say/ D.K.
16. 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.
17. Now I will read out 2 statements about Bengal. Tell me whether you agree with statement 1 or Statement 2? (*Read out both the Statements*)

a	1. Marriages must take place within one's own caste-community.	2. There is nothing wrong if boys and girls of different caste-community marry.		
	1. Agree with First 2. Agree with Second		0. Could not understand 8. No Opinion	
b	1. Women should go out to work, they contribute to family household income	2. Women should not go out for work, they should only look after family & children.		
c	1. Agree with First 2. Agree with Second		0. Could not understand 8. No Opinion	
d	1. Anyone who comes to Bengal from outside must learn and accept Bengali language and culture	2. There should be space in Bengal for people of different language and culture		
	1. Agree with First 2. Agree with Second		0. Could not understand 8. No Opinion	
	1. Anyone can become rich with hard work and luck	2. In the present system, the poor have very little chance of becoming rich		
	1. Agree with First 2. Agree with Second		0. Could not understand 8. No Opinion	

18. Have you heard about the land acquisition by the government for 'Salem Group' of industries?
2 Yes 1 No 8. Can't say/ D.K.
- 18a. (*If yes*) What is your opinion about the buying of agricultural land by the government for setting up this industry? Is it justified or unjustified? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' justified or unjustified*).
1. Fully justified 2. Somewhat justified 3. Somewhat unjustified
4. Fully unjustified 8. No Opinion 9. N.A.
19. Now I will read out some statements related to controversies about Election Commission's (EC) role during assembly election in West Bengal. Do you agree or disagree with them? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agree or disagree*).
- | Statement | Agree | | Disagree | | No Opinion |
|---|-------|----------|----------|-------|------------|
| | Fully | Somewhat | Somewhat | Fully | |
| a. Steps taken by EC was necessary for - conducting free & fair elections | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| b. The EC and its officials were biased against the left parties. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| c. It was necessary for EC to assert its authority, but many officers exceeded their limits | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| d. Holding election in 5 phases was an insult to West Bengal | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| e. Ban on posters and writings poll graffiti on walls by EC was unnecessary. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| f. The restrictions imposed by EC caused a lot of inconvenience to common people | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
20. What is your opinion about the financial condition in which you are placed today? Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with it? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' satisfied or unsatisfied*).
1. Fully satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat unsatisfied
4. Fully unsatisfied 8. No Opinion 9. N.A.

21. During the past 5 years has your financial situation improved, worsened or remained the same?
 1. Improved 2. Worsened 3. Remained same 8. Don't know

22. 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

23 Now I will read out some statements about CPI(M) party in West Bengal. Do you agree or disagree with them? (*Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agree or disagree*).

	Statement	Agree		Disagree		No Opinion
		Fully	Somewhat	Somewhat	Fully	
a	a. There is a lot of corruption in the party	1	2	3	4	8
b	b. The Party continues to follow its revolutionary principles.	1	2	3	4	8
c	c. Party workers and leaders intimidate common people.	1	2	3	4	8
d	d. Party leaders and workers interfere into people's personal matters	1	2	3	4	8

24 Now I will read out 2 statements about in West Bengal. Tell me whether you agree with statement 1 or Statement 2? (*Read out both the Statements*)

a	a. 1. Trade unions are necessary to protect the rights of the workers.	2. There is too much trade unionism in Bengal that needs to be disciplined
b	1. Agree with First 2. Agree with Second 0. Could not understand 8. No Opinion	
c	b. 1. Government should impose a ceiling on income and wealth to reduce the gap between rich and Poor	2. There should be no ceiling on income & wealth so that people have motivation for hard work
d	1. Agree with First 2. Agree with Second 0. Could not understand 8. No Opinion	
	c. 1. Foreign companies should be allowed to come into as it would lead to more development and jobs .	2. Foreign companies should not be allowed in Bengal as they would exploit the people.
	1. Agree with First 2. Agree with Second 0. Could not understand 8. No Opinion	
	d. 1. All major industries should remain in the public sector with the Government	2. There is nothing wrong in privatisation if its helps the people
	1. Agree with First 2. Agree with Second 0. Could not understand 8. No Opinion	

25 Now I will ask you you to compare Buddhadeb Bhattacharya with Mamta Bannerji. Which among the two do you think is better on the following matters:(*Read out the options and record the answer*)

	Buddhadeb Bhattacharya	Mamta Bannerji.	Both	None	No Opinion.
a	1	2	3	4	8
b	1	2	3	4	8
c	1	2	3	4	8

26 Do you feel free to discuss politics openly - with anyone, with people you know well, only with close friends and family or with no one?

1 Anyone 2 People you know well 3 Close freinds and family 4 No one 8 No opinion

27.* What is communism, is understood differently by different people. What do you understand by communism?(*Record the 1st two responses exactly*) _____

(*Not to be coded*)

28. Do you believe in God? 2 Yes 1 No 8 Can't Say/D.K.

BACKGROUND

		B1	What is your age? (<i>In completed years</i>) _____
		B2.	Gender: 1. Male 2. Female
		B3.	What is your marital status? 1. Married 2. Unmarried 3. Living with someone, but unmarried 4. Divorced/Separated 5. Widowed
		B4.	Till what level have you studied _____ (<i>Record exactly and consult code book</i>)
F	M	B4a.	Till what level have your father and your mother studied? Father _____ Mother _____
		B5.	What is your main occupation? _____ (<i>Record exactly and consult code book & if retired, try to ascertain his/her previous occupation</i>)
		B5a..	(<i>If the respondent is not the main earner</i>) What is/has been the main occupation of the respondents father? _____ (<i>Record exactly and consult the code book</i>)
		*B5b.	(<i>If farmer</i>) Total agricultural land _____ (<i>in Acres</i>) (<i>Not to be Coded</i>)
		B6.	What is your Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe name? (<i>Probe further, if Respondent mentions ambiguous surname</i>) _____ (<i>Consult state code book, or master list</i>)
		B6a.	And what is your caste group? (<i>Ascertain and consult SC/ST/OBC list for the state</i>) 1. Scheduled Caste (SC) 2. Scheduled Tribe (ST) 3. Other Backward Caste (OBC) 4. Other
		B7.	Which religion do you follow? 1. Hindu 2. Muslim 3. Christian 4. Sikh 5. Buddhist 6. Jain 7. Parsi 8. Other (<i>Specify</i>) _____
		B8.	How regularly do you read newspaper - daily, frequently, occasionally, rarely or never? 1. Daily 2. Frequently 3. Occasionally 4. Rarely 5. Never 8. No Opinion
		B9.	How regularly do you listen to news on radio - daily, frequently, occasionally, rarely or never ? 1. Daily 2. Frequently 3. Occasionally 4. Rarely 5. Never 8. No Opinion
		B10.	How regularly do you watch news on TV - daily, frequently, occasionally, rarely or never ? 1. Daily 2. Frequently 3. Occasionally 4. Rarely 5. Never 8. No Opinion
		B11.	How often do you offer <i>prayer/puja/namaj</i> – daily, weekly, only on festivals or never? 1. Daily 2. Weekly 3. Only on festivals 4. Never 8. No Opinion
		B12.	Area/Locality: 1. Village 2. Town (Below 1 lakh) 3. City (Above 1 lakh) 4. Metropolitan City (Above 10 lakh) (<i>If in doubt consult the electoral roll or census. If not stated on either then it is classed as a village</i>)

B12a. (If Town/City) Type of house where **R** lives (own or rented)

1. House/Flat/Bungalow with 4 or more bedrooms
2. House/Flat with 3 or 4 bedrooms
3. House/Flat with 2 bedrooms (With kitchen and bathroom)
4. House/Flat with 2 *Pucca* rooms (With kitchen)
5. House/Flat with 2 *Pucca* rooms (Without kitchen)
6. House with 1 *Pucca* rooms (With kitchen)
7. House/Flat with 1 *Pucca* rooms (Without kitchen)
8. Mainly *Kutcha* house
9. Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri/fully *Kutcha*
0. N.A.(Not applicable)

B12b. (If Village) Type of house where **R** lives (own or rented)

1. *Pucca* (both wall and roof made of *pucca* material)
2. *Pucca-kutcha* (Either wall or roof is made of *pucca* material and of other *kutcha* material)
3. *Kutcha* (both wall and roof are made of *kutcha* material other than materials mentioned in category 4)
4. Hut (both wall and roof are made of grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo)
0. N.A.(Not applicable)

B13. Number of rooms in use in the household _____

B14. Total number of family members living in the household? (Adults _____ Children _____)

B15. Do you or your family member have the following:

Yes

No

a

a. Car/Jeep/Van/Tractor

1

0

b

b. Colour or B/W Television 2 Colour

1 B/W

0 No

c

c. Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped

1

0

d

d. Telephone

1

0

e

e. Mobile telephone

1

0

f

f. Fridge

1

0

g

g. Air Conditioner

1

0

h

h. Electric fan/cooler

1

0

i

i. Bicycle

1

0

j

j. Radio/Transistor

1

0

k

k. Pumping set

1

0

B16. Total monthly household income:

1. Upto Rs. 1,000

2. Rs. 1,001 - Rs. 2,000

3. Rs. 2,001 - Rs. 3,000

4. Rs. 3,001 - Rs. 4,000

5. Rs. 4,001 - Rs. 5,000

6. Rs. 5,001 - Rs. 10,000

7. Rs. 10,001 - Rs. 20,000

8. Rs. 20,001 and above

Name of Assembly Constituency _____

Name of Polling Station _____

Name of Investigator _____

Name of Supervisor _____

Date of Interview _____