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**CSDS - NDTV : ASSAM  
POST-POLL SURVEY - ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2001**

**Interviewers Introduction :-**

I come from Delhi-from the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (or refer to your university). We are studying the Assembly Elections and interviewing thousands of ordinary voters from different parts of the state. The findings of these interviews will be used for a television programme, without using any respondents name. It has no connection with any political party or government. I need your co-operation to ensure the success of our study. Kindly spare some time to answer my questions.

**Interview begins:**

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**Q1.** Before you went to vote, did you know that electronic voting machines were to be used?

2 Yes

1 No

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**Q2.** In your opinion, was this method better, worse, or no different to the earlier method of stamping a ballot paper?

3 EVM better

2 EVM worse

1 No difference

8 Can't say/D.K.

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**Q3.** 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. How about you? Were you able to vote or not?

2 Yes

1 No

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**Q3a. (If not voted)** What was the main reason that you could not vote in this election?

1 Did not know I was a voter

2 Out of station

3 Note well/too weak to go

4 Have no interest/did not feel like voting

5 Prevented by some people from voting

6 Somebody had already voted before I went to vote.

7 Fear of violence at polling station

8 Any other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

9 Not applicable (If yes in Q.3)

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**Q3b. (If voted)** When did you finally make up your mind about who to vote for, on the polling day, after campaign started or much before the campaign begin?

1 On polling day

2 After campaign started

3 Much before campaign began

8 Can't say

9 Not applicable (If no in Q.3)

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**Q3c. (If voted)** Who did you vote for? Please mark your preference on this slip and put it in the box. (Supply white dummy ballot and explain the procedure)

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**Q4.** Suppose there were no alliances and all the parties were contesting election separately, which party would you have voted for? (Supply yellow ballot paper and explain the process. Help the respondent to identify the symbol, if 'R' mentions party name or leader name.)

**Q5.** Did you attend any election meeting during the recent election campaign?

**2** Yes

**1** No

**Q6.** Did you participate in any campaign activity like canvassing, organize meeting, joining procession, collectiong money etc.?

**2** Yes

**1** No

**Q7.** Did any candidate, party worker or canvasser come to your house during the campaign to ask you for your vote?

**2** Yes

**1** No

**8** Can't say/D.K.

**Q8.** What is your assessment of the work done by the AGP government in Assam during the last five years. Are you satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

**3** Very satisfied

**2** Somewhat satisfied

**1** Not at all satisfied

**8** Can't say/D.K.

**Q9.** Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Assam? (*Record the name and consult code book for coding*)

**Q10.** Prior to this AGP government, there was the Congress government in Assam. Which one do you think was better? The Congress or the AGP government?

**3** AGP

**2** Congress

**1** Both

**0** None

**8** Can't say/D.K.

**Q11.** After this election, which party or alliance would you like to form the next government in Assam? \_\_\_\_\_ (*Record exactly consult the code book*)

**Q12.** What is your assessment of the work done by the Vajpayee government at the Centre in the last one-and-half-years. Are you satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

**3** Very satisfied

**2** Somewhat satisfied

**1** Not at all satisfied

**8** Can't say/D.K.

**Q13.** Now I would like to know your opinion about the coalition government. Some people believe that there is no harm in coalition govt. Others believe that in special circumstances there is no alternative to it. While, for others, coalition governments are not good for the state in any case. What is you opinion in this regard?

**3** Not good in any case

**2** Acceptable in social circumstances

**1** There is no harm

**8** Can't say/D.K.

**Q14.** How do you rate the present government of Assam in tems 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.

**Q15.** Have you heard about the AGP-BJP alliance in Assam? **2** Yes **1** No

**Q16. (If Yes)** Did you change your mind about voting after hearing about this alliance?

**2** Yes **1** No

**8** Can't say/D.K. **9** N.A.

**Q17.** Have you heard about AMDT Act?

**2** Yes **1** No

**Q17a.(If Yes)** What is your opinion about this Act?

**1** The Act should continue as it is **2** The Act should be repealed

**3** The Act should be strengthened **8** Can't say/D.K.

**9** N.A.

**Q18.** Have you heard about incident of the killing of Border Security Force (BSF) by Bangladesh Rifles (BDR)?

**2** Yes **1** No

**Q18a.(If Yes)** How do you rate the Central government's handling of the situation?

**1** Very good **2** Good **3** Bad

**4** Very bad **8** Can't say/D.K.

**Q19.** How far has the AGP government succeeded in solving the insurgency problem in Assam, to a great extent, somewhat or not at all?

**3** A great extent **2** Somewhat

**1** Not at all **8** Can't say/D.K.

**Q20.** Peoples opinion are divided on insurgency issue, some people say government should suppress insurgency by any means, while others say that this problem should be solved by dialogue/negotiation. What would you say, should insurgency be suppressed or resolved by negotiation?

**1** Should be suppressed **2** Resolved through dialogue/negotiation

**8** Can't say/D.K. **3** Any other (*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q21.** Thinking of how you (or your family, in the case of first time voters) have voted in previous elections, how would you describe yourself. Were you AGP supporter, Congress supporter, BJP supporter, supporter of any other party or supporter of no particular party?

**1** LDF supporter **2** UDF supporter

**4** Supporter of any other party **5** supporter of no particular party?

**8** Can't say/D.K.

**BACKGROUND DATA**

**1.** Age (*in completed years*) \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** Gender 1. Male 2. Female

**3.** Level of Education  
(*record exactly and consult code book*) \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** Exact Cast/Jati-biradari? Tribe, name (*Probe further, if R mentions ambiguous surname*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*Consult code book*)

**4a.** Caste group (*Ascertain and consult SC/ST/OBC list for the state*)  
1. SC 2. ST 3 OBC 4 Others

**5.** Religion: 1 Hindu 2 Muslim 3 Christian 4 Sikh  
5 Buddhist 6 Jain 7. Parsi 8 Other (*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

**6.** Locality: 1 Village 2 Town 3 City (500,000+)

**6a.** (*If Town/City*) Type of house where R 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 0. NA (*If Village*)

**6b.** (*If Village*) Type of house where R lives (*own or rented*)  
1. Pucca with 5 or more dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)  
2. Pucca with 3-4 dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)  
3. Pucca with 1-2 dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)  
4. Pucca-Kutcha 5 or more dwelling rooms (either wall or roof made from pucca material and other of kutcha material)  
5. Pucca-Kutcha 3-4 dwelling rooms (either wall or roof made from pucca material and other of kutcha material)  
6. Pucca-Kutcha 1-2 dwelling rooms (either wall or roof made from pucca material and other of kutcha material)  
7. Kutcha with 3 or more rooms (both wall and roof made from kutcha material other than mentioned in category 9)  
4. Hut (both wall and roof made from grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo)  
0. NA (*If Town*)

**7.** Main occupation of the main earner of the family (*Record exactly and consult the code book*) \_\_\_\_\_

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.
- g.
- h.
- i.

8. Do you or your family own the following.

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|----|---------------------|-------|------|
| a. | Car/Jeep/Tractor    | 2 Yes | 1 No |
| b. | Pumping set         | 2 Yes | 1 No |
| c. | Colour Television   | 2 Yes | 1 No |
| d. | Scooter/Motor cycle | 2 Yes | 1 No |
| e. | Telephone           | 2 Yes | 1 No |
| f. | Electric fan/cooler | 2 Yes | 1 No |
| g. | Bicycle             | 2 Yes | 1 No |
| h. | Radio/Transistor    | 2 Yes | 1 No |
| i. | Wrist Watch/Clock   | 2 Yes | 1 No |

**Not to be asked**

Date of Interview \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewer`s name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Respondent \_\_\_\_\_ S.No of Electoral roll \_\_\_\_\_

AC Name \_\_\_\_\_ PS Name \_\_\_\_\_

Official No. of PS. \_\_\_\_\_