

Post Poll Survey—Punjab Assembly Elections 2002

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Interview begins :

Q1. While talking with people about the recently held assembly elections in Punjab, we came to know that some people were able to cast their vote but some people could not. What about yourself? Were you able to cast your vote or not?

2 Yes

1 No

Q1a. (If Yes) Whom did you vote for? Please mark on this slip and drop it into this box. (*Supply white dummy ballot record its number and explain the procedure*).

Q1b. (If Voted) Whom did you finally decide about whom to vote?

1 Day of voting

2 After declaration

3 Before state of election campaign

8 Can't say/D.K.

9 N.A.

Q1c. (If Not Voted) What is the reason because of which your could not vote during this elections?

1 Did not know that I was a voter

2 Out of station

3 Ill health

4 No interest/did not feel like voting

5 Prevented from voting by some people

6 Vote already caste by somebody before I went to vote

7 Fear of poll violence

8 Any other (*specify*) _____

9 N.A.

Q2. Now I would like to ask you about the 1999 Lok Sabha elections: were you able to vote or not?

2 Yes

1 No

8 Can't say/D.K.

9 Not a voter

Q2a. (If Yes) To whom did you vote? Please put a mark on this slip and drop it into this box (*Supply dummy ballot record its number and explain the procedure*).

Q3. While voting, to whom do you give more importance—whether to the party or to the candidate or to your own caste community or something else?

1 Party

2 Candidate

3 Caste community

4 Something else

8 Can't say/D.K.

9 N.A.

Q4. Now I will ask you about the election campaigning during this election. How much interest did you take this time in election campaign, a great deal or somewhat or not at all?

3 A great deal

2 Somewhat

1 Not at all

Q5. During election campaigning parties and candidate organize various activities like—canvassing, election meetings, rallies, processions etc. In how many such meetings and rallied did you participate?

0 None

1 Some (One & Two)

2 Many (more than two)

8 Can't say/D.K.

- Q6. During election campaigning, did any candidate, party worker or canvasser visited your house asking for your vote?
2 Yes 1 No 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q7. During elections people generally participate in various type of election activities in support of their party or the candidate like organizing meeting, rallies, campaigning, donations etc. Did you participate in such activities?
2 Yes 1 No 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q8. What is your opinion about the performance of Akali Dal—BJP led government in Punjab during the last 5 years? Are you very satisfied, satisfied or not at all satisfied?
3 Very satisfied 2 Satisfied
1 Not at all satisfied 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q9. In your opinion, who should be the next chief-minister of Punjab? (Record the name & consult the code-book for coding)? _____
- Q10. Now I will ask you about the work done by Akali Dal—BJP led government in Punjab during the last 5 years. Whether you find any improvement or deterioration or no difference in the following arear than what it was previously.
- | <u>Statement</u> | <u>Improved</u> | <u>No difference</u> | <u>Deteriorated</u> | <u>D.K.</u> |
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| a. Development of Punjab | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| b. Scams and corruption | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| c. Law & order position | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| d. Availability | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| e. Irrigation facilities | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| f. Sikh-Hindu Brotherhood | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
- Q11. Have you heard about the anti-terrorist law 'POTO'?
2 Yes 1 No
- Q11a.(If Yes) What is your opinion about this law? Do you think that this law is fully justified or justified or not justified or not at all justified?
4 Fully justified 3 Justified 2 Not justified
1 Not at all justified 8 Can't say/D.K. 9 N.A.
- Q12. What is your opinion about the overall performance of BJP led coalition government at the center (Delhi) during the last 3 years? Are you fully satisfied or somewhat satisfied or not at all satisfied with it?
3 Fully satisfied 2 Somewhat satisfied
1 Not at all satisfied 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q13. About democracy people have different types of opinions. Some people believe that a democratic government is more preferable than others; whereas some people believe that an authoritarian government in some circumstances an authoritarian government is better than a democratic one. But some people believe that whether it is a democratic government or any other type of government it makes no difference. What is your opinion about it?
1 Democracy is preferable 2 Sometimes authoritarian
3 Makes no difference 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q14. Do you think that your vote in the elections has any effect on the country's governance or it makes no difference?
3 Does effect 1 Makes no difference
2 Other (specify) _____ 8 Can't say/D.K.

- Q15.** Recently the Supreme Court of India had directed the Punjab government to release water from river Sutlej to Haryana. Have you heard about it?
 2 Yes 1 No
- Q15a.(If Yes)** In your opinion to what extent is the directions of Supreme Court justified—whether fully justified or somewhat justified or unjustified?
 3 Fully justified 2 Somewhat justified
 1 Unjustified 8 Can't say/D.K
- Q15b.** Which political party do you hold responsible for SYL crisis?

- Q16.** To what extent do you justify the decision of the Punjab government to provide free electricity to the farmer—whether it is fully justified or somewhat justified or unjustified?
 3 Fully justified 2 Somewhat justified
 1 Unjustified 8 Can't say/D.K
- Q16a.(If unjustified)** On what grounds do you consider the decision to be unjustified? **(Record the reason exactly)?** _____
- Q17.** Do you believe in religious practice like offering prayers/namaaz/ardass etc.?
 2 Yes 1 No
- Q17a.(If yes)** How many times to you offer it?
 4 Daily 3 Once in a weak 2 Occasionally
 1 Only during festivals 8 Can't say/D.K
- Q18.** How regularly do you read newspapers—regularly or occasionally or rarely or never?
 4 Regularly 3 Sometimes
 2 Rarely 1 Never
- Q18a.(If regularly or sometimes)** Which newspaper do you read? **(Record the name of the newspaper)** _____
- Q19.** How regularly do you hear news on radio—regularly or occasionally or never?
 4 Regularly 3 Occasionally
 2 Rarely 1 Never
- Q20.** How regularly do you watch news on Television—regularly or occasionally or rarely or never?
 4 Regularly 3 Sometimes
 2 Rarely 1 Never
- Q21.** During the last few elections, the party to whom you or your family members voted, which party do you consider yourself a committed supporter to be? Are you a supporter of either—BJP, SAD(B) or BSP or INC or any other political party or a committed supporter of no particular party?
 3 Akali Dal (B) supporter 2 BJP supporter 1 Cong supporter
 4 BSP supporter 5 Supporter of any other party
 6 Supporter of no particular party 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q22.** Do you agree with the view that political parties in Punjab gave undue preference to their relatives (Nepotism) ticket distribution during this election? If yes, would you like to mention any particular party?
 1 SAD (B) 3 Congress 5 Do not think so
 8 Can't say/D.K 2 BJP 4 BSP
 6 All parties 9 N.A.

- Q23.** In recent years, the interference of political parties in religious institutions has increased manifold. Do you agree with it?
 2 Yes 1 No
- Q23a.(If Yes)** Upto what extent do you think it had an effect on this election—to a great extent or somewhat or not at all?
 3 To a great extent 2 Somewhat 1 Not at all
 8 Can't say/D.K. 9 N.A.
- Q24.** Have you heard about the abolition of Octoroi tax in Punjab?
 2 Yes 1 No 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q24a.(If Yes)** Upto what extent do you justify the decision—whether fully justified or somewhat justified or not justified?
 4 Fully justified 3 Somewhat justified
 2 Not justified 8 Can't say/D.K. 9 N.A.
- Q25.** Have you heard of farmers committing suicide in Punjab during the last few years due to agricultural neglect?
 2 Yes 1 No
- Q26. (If Yes)** Whom do you hold responsible for it?
 1 Central govt. 2 State govt. 3 Both
 4 Any other 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q27.** Some people believe that Hindu-Sikh amity can be maintained in Punjab only by SAD (B)-BJP alliance. What is your opinion about it?
 4 Fully justified 3 Somewhat justified
 2 Not justified 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q28.** In year opinion, which party or alliance is best suited for maintaining peace in Punjab? *(Record exactly)*? _____
- Q29.** During the last 5 years, as compared to the past do you think your socio-economic condition has improved or deteriorated or remained the same?
 3 Improved 2 Remained same
 1 Deteriorated 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q30.** To what extent do you think that the methods adopted by the terrorists to get their demands fulfilled was—justified, fully justified or somewhat justified or not at all justified?
 4 Fully justified 3 Somewhat justified 2 Not justified
 1 Not at all justified 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q31.** To what extent do you think that the steps taken by the Punjab Police in curbing terrorism in Punjab was justified—fully justified or somewhat justified or not justified or not at all justified?
 4 Fully justified 3 Somewhat justified 2 Not justified
 1 Not at all justified 8 Can't say/D.K.
- Q33.** While casting your vote in the election booth did the electoral staff put an indelible mark on your finger?
 1 Voted but mark disappear 2 Mark visible
 3 Could not confirm