

**ASSAM ASSEMBLY ELECTION STUDY - 2021
POST POLL SURVEY**

CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF DEVELOPING SOCIETIES (CSDS), DELHI

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- F1.** Assembly Constituency Name and Number: _____
- F2.** Polling Station Name and Number: _____
- F3.** Investigator Name and Roll No.: _____

Attention: Please wear your face mask (covering your nose) before approaching a house for an interview and keep it on throughout the interview. Please be sure to maintain a distance of 2 feet with the respondent while conducting the interview.

INVESTIGATOR'S INTRODUCTION AND INFORMED CONSENT

I am _____ and I'm a student of _____. I have come on behalf of Lokniti-CSDS, which is a social science research institute based in Delhi. We are doing a survey of to find out people's opinions regarding the just held Assam assembly elections. For this purpose we are interviewing thousands of voters across the State. Every person over the age of 18 has an equal chance of being included in this study. You have been selected by chance through a scientific method. There is no risk and also no benefit in participating in this survey and your participation is voluntary. But if you answer our questions, you will help us in understanding how the public of Assam feels about issues facing the State today. We would like to assure you that this survey is an independent academic study and is not linked to any political party or government agency. Your identity and whatever information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. It usually takes about 30-35 minutes to complete this interview. Please spare some time and help me complete the survey.

If the respondent agrees to be interviewed then tick the box and then proceed with filling out voter list number and date of interview.

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- F4.** Respondent's voter list number: _____

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- F5.** Date of interview (dd/mm format): _____

- Z1.** What is the respondent's gender? 1. Male 2. Female 3. Other

Z1

INTERVIEW BEGINS: Thank you for agreeing. Let be begin.

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- Z2.** Up to what level have you studied? (Note down response and consult codebook later for coding) _____ 98. No response

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- Z3.** What is your occupation? (Note down response and consult codebook later for coding. If retired or too old to work, ask what they used to do earlier; if farmer, ask whether they work on own land, rented land or landless laborer) _____ 98. No response

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- Z3a.** (If NOT a farmer/agricultural laborer/plantation worker in Z3) Is there anyone in your family who is engaged in farming, agricultural or plantation activity? 1. Yes 2. No 8. NR 9. Not applicable

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- Q1.** Some people here told us that they could not vote in the just held Vidhan Sabha elections. How about you - were you able to vote or not? 1. Yes, Voted
2. No, Could not vote (Go to straight Q1h) 8. No response

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- Q1a.** (If answer is '1. Voted' in Q1) So which party or candidate did you vote for from this assembly constituency? I am giving you this slip which has names and election symbols of the candidates and parties you saw on the voting machine. Please put a tick mark in front of the same symbol against which you pressed the button and then fold it and put it in this box. (Handover the dummy ballot to the respondent and explain the procedure again. Open the ballot box only after the fieldwork for the entire day is over and note down the particular respondent's response in the space given here. Then fill in the boxes on the side as per the party codes given in the codebook) _____ 98. Don't want to reveal/NR 99. Not applicable

Q1b. (If answer is '1. Voted' in Q1) Would you say that the party/candidate you voted for was the one you really wanted to vote, or you decided to vote for it just to ensure the defeat of another party/candidate? 1. Voted for one I wanted to vote 2. Voted to defeat someone else
3. Bit of both 4. Other reason (**note down**) _____
8. No response 9. Not applicable

Q1c. (If answer is '1. Voted' in Q1) When did you finally make up your mind about whom to vote for - on the day of voting, a day or two before voting, during the campaign, after announcement of candidates or before the campaign started?
1. On the day of voting 2. A day or two before voting 3. During the campaign
4. After announcement of candidates 5. Before the campaign started
6. Other answer (**note down**) _____ 8. No response 9. Not applicable

Q1d. (If answer is '1. Voted' in Q1) Did the election officer correctly put the mark on your finger? (**Please observe marking on the index finger and record the answer accordingly**)
1. Checked and mark found 2. Checked, but mark not found
8. Could not check the mark 9. Not applicable

Q1e. (If answer is '1. Voted' in Q1) What was the most important issue for you while voting in this assembly election? (**Note down the response as uttered and use codebook later to code the response**) _____ 98. Can't say 99. Didn't vote/NA

Q1f. (If answer is '1. Voted' in Q1) While deciding who to vote for, did you take anybody's advice or consult someone? 1. Yes 2. No 8. No response 9. Not applicable

Q1g. (If answer is '1. Yes' in Q1f) Whose opinion/suggestion mattered to you the most? (**Do not read out answer categories**)
01. Local political leaders 02. Husband/ Wife 03. Brother/father/uncle etc.
04. Sister/Mother/Aunt etc. 05. Other family members 06. Caste/community leaders
07. Friends/Neighbors/Colleagues 08. Pradhan/sarpanch 09. Took advice, but voted on my own
10. Other (**note down**) _____ 98. No response 99. Not applicable

Q1h. (If answer is '2. Not Voted' in Q1) What was the main reason due to which you could not/did not vote in this election? (**Do not read out answer categories**)
01. Was out of station 02. Not well 03. No interest in voting
04. Prevented/threat/fear of violence 05. No ID proof 06. Bad candidates
07. Voting doesn't make a difference 08. Lack of development
09. Me/ Entire village boycotted elections 10. Someone voted in place of me
11. Name not found in voter list 12. Fear of Coronavirus
13. Long queue at booth so came back 14. Weather/heat 15. Other reason
98. No response 99. NA

Q2.		Yes	No	No response
a	During the election campaign, did you do the following things? a. Attended an election meeting, rally or procession?	1	2	8
b	b. Did door to door canvassing?	1	2	8
c	c. Donated or collected money?	1	2	8
d	d. Watched election-related programmes or events on TV, phone or computer?	1	2	8
e	e. Joined any party or candidate's group on platforms like WhatsApp or shared news in their favour?	1	2	8

	Q3.	During the election campaign, did any candidate or canvasser from the following parties/alliances come to your house to ask your vote?	Yes	No	No response
a	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. Mahajoth - Congress/AIUDF/Left/BPF/Anchalik Gana Morcha, any of them?	1	2	8
b	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. BJP/AGP/UPPL, any of them?	1	2	8
c	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. Rajjor Dal or Asom Jatiya Parishad, any of them?	1	2	8
d	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. Any other party or candidate?	1	2	8
	Q4.	During the election campaign, did the following parties/alliances contact you via phone, voice message, SMS or WhatsApp?	Yes	No	No response
a	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. Mahajoth - Congress/AIUDF/Left/BPF/Anchalik Gana Morcha, any of them?	1	2	8
b	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. BJP/AGP/UPPL, any of them?	1	2	8
c	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. Rajjor Dal or Asom Jatiya Parishad, any of them?	1	2	8
d	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. Any other party or candidate?	1	2	8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Q5.	After the assembly elections, who do you want to see as the next Chief Minister of Assam? (Note down the response and use codebook later to code)			98. No response
<input type="checkbox"/>	Q6.	While deciding who to vote for in the assembly elections, what did you give more importance to - party or candidate? 1. Party 2. Candidate 3. CM candidate (<i>don't read</i>) 5. Modi (<i>don't read</i>) 7. Something else (<i>note down</i>) 8. NR 9. NA			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Q7.	Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the work done by the BJP-AGP government in Assam during the last five years?? (On getting answer, probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat') 1. Fully satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied 4. Fully dissatisfied 8. No response			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Q8.	Who did you vote for in the Lok Sabha election held in 2019? I mean the Member of Parliament elections that were held for electing the Central Government in Delhi? (Note down response and use codebook later for coding)			98. No response 99. Did not vote back then/wasn't eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	Q9.	And looking at how you (or your family if you are a first time voter) have voted during the last few Vidhan Sabha or state-level elections, how would you describe yourself? Which party's supporter have you mostly been? (Note down response and use codebook later for coding)			95. No one in particular 98. No response
<input type="checkbox"/>	Q10.	Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the work done by the BJP/NDA-led government at the Centre so far? (On getting answer, probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat') 1. Fully satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied 4. Fully dissatisfied 8. No response			
	Q11.	Now I will ask you about the assessment of the work done by the the BJP-AGP government in the state in the last five years. . Do you think that the following have improved or deteriorated?	Improved	Deteriorated	Remained-same NR
a	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. The condition of roads	1	2	3 8
b	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. The supply of electricity	1	2	3 8
c	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. The supply of drinking water	1	2	3 8
d	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. Condition of government schools	1	2	3 8
e	<input type="checkbox"/>	e. Medical facilities in government hospitals	1	2	3 8

		Improved 1	Deteriorated 2	Remained-same 3	NR 8
f					
	f. Law & order situation	1	2	3	8
g					
	g. Public bus/Public transportation services	1	2	3	8
h					
	h. Job opportunities	1	2	3	8
i					
	i. Condition of farmers	1	2	3	8

Q12. Do you agree or disagree with this statement – ‘Even if it is not liked by the majority community, the government must protect the interests of the minority community’ (*Probe further whether ‘fully’ or ‘somewhat’ agrees or disagrees*).

1. Fully agree 2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree 4. Fully disagree 8. No response

Q13. While deciding who to vote for in the assembly elections, what did you give more importance to – work done by the Sarbananda Sonowal government in the state or work done by the Narendra Modi government at the Centre?

1. Sonowal government’s work 2. Modi government’s work
3. Both govt’s work 4. MLA’s work (*not to be read out*)
7. Something else (*note down*) _____ 8. No response

Q14. In your opinion, which party will be best for the following? (*Note down response and use codebook later for coding; code 90 if answer is no one*)

a						
	a. Running the administration/govt of Assam?	_____				98. NR
b						
	b. For people like you?	_____				98. NR
c						
	c. For protecting Assamese culture?	_____				98. NR
d						
	d. For the development of Assam?	_____				98. NR
e						
	e. For stopping illegal migration from Bangladesh?	_____				98. NR
f						
	f. For increasing job opportunities in Assam?	_____				98. NR
g						
	g. For resolving Hindu-Muslim conflicts in Assam?	_____				98. NR
h						
	h. For protecting the interests of your religion?	_____				98. NR
i						
	i. For protecting the interests of your caste-community?	_____				98. NR
j						
	j. For controlling price rise?	_____				98. NR

Q15. In your opinion how corrupt is the BJP-AGP government in Assam - very corrupt, somewhat corrupt or not corrupt at all?

1. Very corrupt 2. Somewhat corrupt
3. Not at all corrupt 8. No response

Q16. Have you heard of the Farmers’ protest demanding a repeal/cancellation of 3 agricultural laws passed by the Central government last year?

1. Heard 2. Not heard

Q16a. (*If heard in Q16*) Some people say that the Central government should cancel/repeal the three laws and sit with farmer representatives and draft new laws, some others say that the government should amend the existing laws to address the farmers’ concerns, and some others say that the government should continue with the laws as they are and not accept the farmers’ demand. What is your opinion?

1. Repeal and draft new laws 2. Amend the existing laws 3. Continue with laws as they are
4. Keep them on hold (*silent option, not to be read out*) 8. No response 9. NA

Q17. Do you support or oppose the alliance of the Congress and the AIUDF? (*Probe further whether ‘fully’ or ‘somewhat’*).

1. Fully support 2. Somewhat support
3. Somewhat oppose 4. Fully oppose 8. No response

Q18. I'll read out the names of a few government schemes and facilities. Please tell me during the last five years have you or a household member benefited from or availed of them?

Q18a. (If benefited) Who do you give credit to for the scheme - state government, central govt. or the local bureaucracy? (In Q18a Code 8 for no response, Code 4 if answer is Both)

Q18	Q18a	Benefited	Not benefited	Not eligible	State	Centre	Bureaucracy	NA	
a									
		a. Abhinandan Education Loan Subsidy scheme?	1	2	3	1	2	3	9
b		b. Farmer's Credit Subsidy scheme?	1	2	3	1	2	3	9
c		c. Any government scholarship scheme for students.	1	2	3	1	2	3	9
d		d. Orunodoi scheme (monthly cash transfer to one woman in the household)?.	1	2	3	1	2	3	9
e		e. Scooters for meritorious girl students or bicycles for BPL girl students.	1	2	3	1	2	3	9
f		f. Arundoram Baruah laptop or cash award scheme for meritorious school students.	1	2	3	1	2	3	9
g		g. Chah Bagichar Dhan Puraskar Mela Scheme (financial aid to tea garden workers in bank accounts).	1	2	3	1	2	3	9
h		h. Sarbajanin Bridha or Bidhava pension or any other pension scheme.	1	2	3	1	2	3	9
i		i. Free Diagnostic Services - CT Scan, X- Ray and Laboratory services.	1	2	3	1	2	3	9

Q19. Have you heard about CAA or Citizenship Amendment Act? 1. Heard 2. Not heard

Q20. (Ask everyone) Do you support or oppose CAA under which Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Buddhists and Parsis coming from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan can get India's citizenship? (Probe further whether fully or somewhat) 1. Fully support 2. Somewhat support 3. Somewhat oppose 4. Fully oppose 8. No response

Q21. Between 2015 and 2019, Assam had conducted the NRC exercise to detect illegal migrants in the State? I would like to know your views about it?

- a. As a concept, were you in favour of or against the NRC exercise when it took place? (Probe further whether fully or somewhat) 1. Fully in favour 2. Somewhat in favour 3. Somewhat against 4. Fully against 8. No response
- b. And were you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the NRC exercise was conducted/implemented? (Probe further whether fully or somewhat) 1. Fully satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied 4. Fully dissatisfied 8. No response
- c. Now that the process is over, do you think the updating of the NRC will solve the foreigners issue in Assam? 1. Yes 2. No 8. Can't say

Q22. Now I will read out few statements on the performance of the Sarbananda Sonowal 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	Disagrees	NR			
	Fully	Somewhat	Fully			
a						
	a. Condition of tea garden workers has deteriorated.	1	2	3	4	8
b						
	b. Interference of security personnel in the daily lives of people has increased.	1	2	3	4	8
c						
	c. Influx of Bangladeshi migrants has increased.	1	2	3	4	8
d						
	d. Harassment of Muslims has increased on the pretext of detection of foreigners.	1	2	3	4	8

- Q31.** During the last one year, have you or a member of your household received any amount of money from any government scheme in the bank account? For example many programmes, such as NREGA wages, student scholarships, pensions, LPG subsidy, some farmer scheme etc. where the government has started to directly transfer money into bank accounts?
 1. Yes, received 2. No, not received 7. Don't know 8. No response
- Q32.** According to you how free and fair was the current election? Was it – completely fair, somewhat fair, not much fair or not at all fair?
 1. Completely fair 2. Somewhat fair 3. Not much fair 4. Not at all fair
 5. Can't say 8. No response
- Q33.** Should the AGP-BJP government of Assam get another chance?
 1. Yes 2. No 7. Can't say/evasive answer 8. Silent/NR

Now I'll ask you a few more questions about you before ending this interview

BACKGROUND DATA

Personal Information

- Z4.** What is your age? (*Record age in years, code 95 for those 95 years old and above*)
 _____ Years 00. Did not reveal age
- Z5.** Since how long have you been living here? (*Record number of years; encircle 00 if response is less than one year; encircle 97 if respondent gives same answer as his/her age*) _____ Years
 00. Less than one year 97. Since birth/entire life 98. No response
- Z5a.** (*If NOT since birth in Z5*) So where did you come from to live here – from some other part of Assam itself or from some place outside Assam?
 1. Some other part of Assam itself 2. Some place outside Assam
 8. No response 9. Not applicable
- Z6.** Are you married? 1. Yes 2. No 3. Divorced 4. Widowed 5. Separated 8. Did not tell
- Z7.** What is your religion? 1. Hindu 2. Muslim 3. Christian 4. Sikh 5. Buddhist/neo-Buddhist
 6. Jain 7. Parsi 8. No religion 9. Others (*specify*) _____
- Z8.** What is your caste group – are you SC, ST, OBC or General?
 1. SC 2. ST 3. OBC 4. General
- Z9.** And what is your caste community? (*Note down response and consult codebook for coding*)

- Z10.** How often do you practice these religious activities – daily, weekly, monthly, during festivals, very rarely or never? (*Please ask on the basis of respondent's religion; for example if Muslim then ask about namaz and mosque and if Hindu then ask about puja and temple*)
- | | | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | On festivals | Rarely | Never | NR |
|---|---|-------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|-------|----|
| a | a. Praying (puja/path/namaz/prayer) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| b | b. Visiting temple/mosque/church/
gurudwara etc. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| c | c. Watching religious channels on TV. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| d | d. Reading any religious book | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| e | e. Keeping vrat/rozas/fasts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
- Z11.** During the last four-five years, do you think you have become more religious than before, less religious or there has been no change?
 1. More religious 2. Less religious 3. No change/same as before
 4. Never religious/not religious 8. Can't Say

Z19. What kind of mobile phone do you have- a simple phone or a smart phone with a touch screen or you don't have a mobile phone? 1. Simple phone 2. Smart phone 3. Both
4. Don't have a phone 8. No answer

Z20. Do you or you household have the following? **Yes** **No**

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|----|--------------------------|---|-------------|----------------|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. Car/jeep/van? | 1 | 2 |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. Scooter / motorcycle/ moped? | 1 | 2 |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. Air conditioner? | 1 | 2 |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. Computer/laptop/iPad? | 1 | 2 |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. Electric fan/cooler? | 1 | 2 |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. Washing machine? | 1 | 2 |
| g. | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. Fridge? | 1 | 2 |
| h. | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. Television? | 1 | 2 |
| i. | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. Bank/post office account? | 1 | 2 |
| j. | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. ATM/Debit/Credit card? | 1 | 2 |
| k. | <input type="checkbox"/> | k. LPG Gas? (If yes, ask Cylinder or piped?) | 0. Cylinder | 1. Piped 2. No |
| l. | <input type="checkbox"/> | l. Internet connection in the house
(excluding on your mobile phone.)? | 1 | 2 |
| m. | <input type="checkbox"/> | m. Toilet inside the house? | 1 | 2 |
| n. | <input type="checkbox"/> | n. Pumping set? | 1 | 2 |
| o. | <input type="checkbox"/> | o. Tractor? | 1 | 2 |

Z21a. Number of goat/sheep owned by household (**Record number given**)
_____ 00. None 98. No response 99. NA

Z21b. Number of oxen/buffalo owned by household (**Record number given**)
_____ 00. None 98. No response 99. NA

Z21c. Number of cows owned by household (**Record number given**)
_____ 00. None 98. No response 99. NA

Z22a. What's your monthly household income after putting together the income of all members?
 (Note down the response and fill the boxes accordingly) _____

Z22b. Encircle correct option based on answer recorded in Z22a. Do not change this later while coding

01. Upto 1,000	02. 1,001 to 2,000	03. 2,001 to 3,000	04. 3,001 to 5,000
05. 5,001 to 7,500	06. 7,501 to 10,000	07. 10,001 to 15,000	08. 15,001 to 20,000
09. 20,001 to 30,000	10. 30,001 to 50,000	11. Over 50,000	98. No answer

Z23. Thank you. We may need to get in touch with you for cross checking some responses. Could you give me your Mobile/ Telephone number for this purpose? I assure you that your identity and number will not be shared with anyone else?
