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Q1: In the next few weeks assembly elections are to be held in Tamil Nadu. Have you heard about it?

	N	(%)
1: No	135	2.9
2: Yes	4524	96.6
8: Can't say/Don't know	22	.5
Total	4681	100.0

Q2: Have you made up your mind to whom will you vote in the Assembly Election?

	N	(%)
1: No	413	8.8
2: Yes	4075	87.1
8: Can't say/Don't know	193	4.1
Total	4681	100.0

Q3: (*If yes*) If Assembly Elections are held tomorrow which party or candidate will you vote for?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Congress	148	3.2	3.6
	02: BJP	43	.9	1.1
	04: CPI	50	1.1	1.2
	05: CPI(M)	20	.4	.5
	28: INL	3	.1	.1
	44: FBL	7	.1	.2
	77: DPI	21	.4	.5
	80: MGR-ADMK	3	.1	.1
	81: DMK	1483	31.7	36.4
	82: AIADMK	1798	38.4	44.1
	83: MDMK	45	1.0	1.1
	84: PMK	70	1.5	1.7
	86: PT	36	.8	.9
	88: TB	4	.1	.1
	90: DMDK	201	4.3	4.9
96: Independents	37	.8	.9	
97: Others	45	1.0	1.1	

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	98: Don't know	61	1.3	1.5
	Total	4075	87.1	100.0
Missing	99: NA	606	12.9	
Total		4681	100.0	

a: (***If yes***) How sure are you about voting the same candidate/party in the forthcoming assembly election?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Absolutely sure	3289	70.3	80.7
	2: More or less sure	493	10.5	12.1
	3: To early to commit	57	1.2	1.4
	8: Can't say/Don't know	236	5.0	5.8
	Total	4075	87.1	100.0
Missing	9: NA	606	12.9	
Total		4681	100.0	

Q4: Now I will ask you about the Lok Sabha Election held in 2004. Were you able to cast your vote or not?

		N	(%)
	1: No	424	9.1
	2: Yes	4083	87.2
	8: Do not remember	174	3.7
	Total	4681	100.0

a: (***If yes***) Whom did you vote in Lok Sabha Election 2004?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Congress	449	9.6	11.0
	02: BJP	200	4.3	4.9
	04: CPI	106	2.3	2.6
	05: CPI(M)	17	.4	.4
	18: TMC	2	.0	.0
	77: DPI	27	.6	.7
	80: MGR-ADMK	1	.0	.0
	81: DMK	1353	28.9	33.1

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	82: AIADMK	1571	33.6	38.5
	83: MDMK	85	1.8	2.1
	84: PMK	99	2.1	2.4
	85: TRC	2	.0	.0
	86: PT	33	.7	.8
	88: TB	1	.0	.0
	90: DMDK	3	.1	.1
	96: Independents	2	.0	.0
	97: Others	44	.9	1.1
	98: Don't know	88	1.9	2.2
	Total	4083	87.2	100.0
Missing	99: NA	598	12.8	
Total		4681	100.0	

Q5: Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

		N	(%)
	01: M. Karunanidhi	1808	38.6
	02: J. Jayalalitha	1981	42.3
	03: S. Ramdoss	28	.6
	04: E.V.K.S. Elangovan	16	.3
	05: M.K. Stalin	29	.6
	06: V. Gopalaswami(Vaiko)	4	.1
	07: Vijaykant	253	5.4
	08: Dayanidhi Maran	9	.2
	09: P. Chidambaran	23	.5
	10: Any one from AIADMK	2	.0
	11: Any one from DMK	1	.0
	97: Others	334	7.1
	98: Don't know	46	1.0
	99: NA	147	3.1
	Total	4681	100.0

Q6: While deciding to vote, what would be the most important consideration for you?

N	(%)
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	N	(%)
1: Candidate	1483	31.7
2: Party	2590	55.3
3: Caste-community	193	4.1
4: Something else	153	3.3
8: No opinion	262	5.6
Total	4681	100.0

Q7: What is your assessment of the work done by the AIADMK govt. in Tamil Nadu during the last 5 years. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied?

	N	(%)
1: Fully satisfied	1487	31.8
2: Somewhat satisfied	1654	35.3
3: Somewhat dissatisfied	303	6.5
4: Fully dissatisfied	825	17.6
8: No opinion	412	8.8
Total	4681	100.0

Q8: Now I would like to compare the present AIADMK government in the state with the previous DMK led government Which government do you think was better?

	N	(%)
1: AIADMK government	1979	42.3
2: DMK government	1767	37.7
3: Both Equally good	245	5.2
4: Both Equally bad	225	4.8
8: No opinion	465	9.9
Total	4681	100.0

Q9: Now I will ask you to assess the developmental work done by the AIADMK government during the last five years. Do you think that the following have improved or deteriorated?

a: The condition of roads

	N	(%)
1: Fully improved	1885	40.3
2: Somewhat improved	1534	32.8
3: Somewhat deteriorated	257	5.5

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	N	(%)
4: Fully deteriorated	858	18.3
8: No opinion	147	3.1
Total	4681	100.0

b: The supply of electricity

	N	(%)
1: Fully improved	2057	43.9
2: Somewhat improved	1565	33.4
3: Somewhat deteriorated	277	5.9
4: Fully deteriorated	643	13.7
8: No opinion	139	3.0
Total	4681	100.0

c: The supply of drinking water

	N	(%)
1: Fully improved	2183	46.6
2: Somewhat improved	1490	31.8
3: Somewhat deteriorated	242	5.2
4: Fully deteriorated	644	13.8
8: No opinion	122	2.6
Total	4681	100.0

d: Quality of education in government Schools

	N	(%)
1: Fully improved	1666	35.6
2: Somewhat improved	1421	30.4
3: Somewhat deteriorated	365	7.8
4: Fully deteriorated	787	16.8
8: No opinion	442	9.4
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e: Medical facilities in government hospitals

	N	(%)
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	N	(%)
1: Fully improved	1350	28.8
2: Somewhat improved	1473	31.5
3: Somewhat deteriorated	419	9.0
4: Fully deteriorated	941	20.1
8: No opinion	498	10.6
Total	4681	100.0

f: Law and order situation

	N	(%)
1: Fully improved	1633	34.9
2: Somewhat improved	1220	26.1
3: Somewhat deteriorated	303	6.5
4: Fully deteriorated	709	15.1
8: No opinion	816	17.4
Total	4681	100.0

Q10: What is your assessment of the work done by Manmohan Singh led UPA Govt. at the Centre in last two-and-half years. Are you Satisfied or dissatisfied with it?

	N	(%)
1: Fully satisfied	1588	33.9
2: Somewhat satisfied	1674	35.8
3: Somewhat dissatisfied	144	3.1
4: Fully dissatisfied	186	4.0
8: No opinion	1089	23.3
Total	4681	100.0

Q11: Do you think that the present AIADMK govt. in the state should be given another chance?

	N	(%)
1: No	2058	44.0
2: Yes	2068	44.2
8: Don't know	555	11.9
Total	4681	100.0

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12. Now I would like to know your opinion about coalition government. While some people believe that there is no harm in coalition government, some believe that in special circumstances there is no alternative to it, and some believe that coalition government is not good. What is your opinion in this regard?

	N	(%)
0: Could not understand	504	10.8
1: There is no harm in it	1079	23.1
2: Acceptable only in special circumstances	1039	22.2
3: Coalition government is not good	747	16.0
8: Can't say/Don't know	1312	28.0
Total	4681	100.0

- Q13: How do you rate the present government of Tamil Nadu in terms of corruption. Is it very corrupt, somewhat corrupt or not at all corrupt?

	N	(%)
1: Very corrupt	1195	25.5
2: Somewhat corrupt	1584	33.8
3: Not at all corrupt	723	15.4
8: Can't say/Don't know	1179	25.2
Total	4681	100.0

- Q14: How would you rate performance of Jayalalitha as the Chief Minister of your state?

	N	(%)
1: Very bad	575	12.3
2: Bad	908	19.4
3: Good	1684	36.0
4: Very good	1114	23.8
8: Can't say/Don't know	400	8.5
Total	4681	100.0

- Q15: Now I am going to ask you a few questions about your MLA: Please tell me

- a: Who is your MLA?

	N	(%)
1: Incorrect	588	12.6

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	N	(%)
2: Correct	3547	75.8
8: Can't say/Don't know	546	11.7
Total	4681	100.0

b: Which party does he belong to?

	N	(%)
1: Incorrect	539	11.5
2: Correct	3570	76.3
8: Can't say/Don't know	572	12.2
Total	4681	100.0

c: Has he never visited your locality?

	N	(%)
1: No	1718	36.7
2: Yes	2296	49.0
8: Can't say/Don't know	667	14.2
Total	4681	100.0

d: Does he have a criminal image?

	N	(%)
1: No	1911	40.8
2: Yes	525	11.2
8: Can't say/Don't know	2245	48.0
Total	4681	100.0

e: Is he considered corrupt?

	N	(%)
1: No	1920	41.0
2: Yes	563	12.0
8: Can't say/Don't know	2198	47.0
Total	4681	100.0

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f: Are you satisfied with his work in your locality?

	N	(%)
1: No	1819	38.9
2: Yes	1440	30.8
8: Can't say/Don't know	1422	30.4
Total	4681	100.0

g: Would you like to give him another chance?

	N	(%)
1: No	1882	40.2
2: Yes	1369	29.2
8: Can't say/Don't know	1430	30.5
Total	4681	100.0

Q16: Keeping in view the work done by your MLA in your area during the last 5 years, how many marks will you give him out of 100?

	N	(%)
00: No marks	34	.7
01: 1 to 5 marks	33	.7
02: 6 to 10 marks	127	2.7
03: 11 to 15 marks	89	1.9
04: 16 to 20 marks	194	4.1
05: 21 to 25 marks	158	3.4
06: 26 to 30 marks	226	4.8
07: 31 to 35 marks	192	4.1
08: 36 to 40 marks	391	8.4
09: 41 to 45 marks	208	4.4
10: 46 to 50 marks	420	9.0
11: 51 to 55 marks	159	3.4
12: 56 to 60 marks	357	7.6
13: 61 to 65 marks	147	3.1
14: 66 to 70 marks	241	5.1
15: 71 to 75 marks	158	3.4
16: 76 to 80 marks	215	4.6
17: 81 to 85 marks	87	1.9

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	N	(%)
18: 86 to 90 marks	181	3.9
19: 91 to 95 marks	74	1.6
20: 96 to 100 marks	115	2.5
98: No opinion	43	.9
99: N.A.	832	17.8
Total	4681	100.0

Q17: 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 an AIADMK supporter, a DMK supporter, a MDMK supporter, or not a committed supporter of any party?

	N	(%)
1: AIADMK supporter	2025	43.3
2: DMK supporter	1792	38.3
3: MDMK supporter	55	1.2
4: Not committed to any side	435	9.3
8: Can't say/Don't know	374	8.0
Total	4681	100.0

Q18: Now I will ask you to compare Jayalalitha with karunanidhi. On the following issues who among them is a better leader?

a: For running a government

	N	(%)
1: Jayalalitha	2088	44.6
2: K. Karunanidhi	1867	39.9
3: No difference	495	10.6
8: No opinion	231	4.9
Total	4681	100.0

b: Concern for the poor

	N	(%)
1: Jayalalitha	1988	42.5
2: K. Karunanidhi	1758	37.6
3: No difference	678	14.5
8: No opinion	257	5.5

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	N	(%)
Total	4681	100.0

c: For development of Tamil Nadu

	N	(%)
1: Jayalalitha	1787	38.2
2: K. Karunanidhi	1513	32.3
3: No difference	907	19.4
8: No opinion	474	10.1
Total	4681	100.0

d: For controlling corruption in the state

	N	(%)
1: Jayalalitha	1462	31.2
2: K. Karunanidhi	1157	24.7
3: No difference	1199	25.6
8: No opinion	863	18.4
Total	4681	100.0

Q19: Now I will read out two statements on few issues in Tamil Nadu. Tell me whether you agree with Statement 1 or Statement 2?

a: 1: State government best to provide relief to victims of Tsunami; 2: Relief work after Tsunami was more on paper then reality

	N	(%)
0: Could not understand	261	5.6
1: Agree with First	2431	51.9
2: Agree with second	1523	32.5
8: No opinion	466	10.0
Total	4681	100.0

b: 1: Jayalalitha deserves credit for handling the relief work after the floods; 2: The credit to Jayalalitha is undue the NGOs did the actual work

	N	(%)
0: Could not understand	280	6.0

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	N	(%)
1: Agree with First	2021	43.2
2: Agree with second	1856	39.6
8: No opinion	524	11.2
Total	4681	100.0

- c: 1: Withdrawal of free electricity to farmers was right because it put financial burden on the state; 2: Free electricity to farmers was necessary, they need state support

	N	(%)
0: Could not understand	422	9.0
1: Agree with First	1082	23.1
2: Agree with second	2529	54.0
8: No opinion	648	13.8
Total	4681	100.0

- d: 1: The government should be credited for generating employment by Self Help Group (SHG); 2: The credit is undue, overall employment opportunities in the state has declined

	N	(%)
0: Could not understand	386	8.2
1: Agree with First	2056	43.9
2: Agree with second	1446	30.9
8: No opinion	793	16.9
Total	4681	100.0

- e: 1: The Veeranam water project was necessary for providing drinking water to people of Chennai; 2: This project was unnecessary, it is harming the farmers in that region

	N	(%)
0: Could not understand	449	9.6
1: Agree with First	2168	46.3
2: Agree with second	1006	21.5
8: No opinion	1058	22.6
Total	4681	100.0

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Q20: Have you heard about the Anti-conversion bill introduced by the Jayalalitha government?

	N	(%)
1: No	1128	24.1
2: Yes	2989	63.9
8: Can't say/Don't know	564	12.0
Total	4681	100.0

a: (*If yes in Q20*) What is your opinion about this bill. Is it justified or unjustified?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Fully satisfied	927	19.8	31.0
	2: Somewhat satisfied	704	15.0	23.6
	3: Somewhat dissatisfied	123	2.6	4.1
	4: Fully dissatisfied	702	15.0	23.5
	8: No opinion	533	11.4	17.8
	Total	2989	63.9	100.0
Missing	9: N.A.	1692	36.1	
Total		4681	100.0	

Q21: Now I will read out some important issues in Tamil Nadu. Do you agree or disagree with them?

a: Tamil Languages is under threat from Hindi Language

	N	(%)
1: Fully agree	997	21.3
2: Somewhat agree	887	18.9
3: Somewhat disagree	756	16.2
4: Fully disagree	431	9.2
8: No opinion	1610	34.4
Total	4681	100.0

b: Tamil Nadu govt. should support LTTE in its military struggle against the Sri Lankan government

	N	(%)
1: Fully agree	940	20.1
2: Somewhat agree	966	20.6

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	N	(%)
3: Somewhat disagree	758	16.2
4: Fully disagree	385	8.2
8: No opinion	1632	34.9
Total	4681	100.0

c: Tamil Nadu government should be concerned about the plight of Tamils in Sri Lanka

	N	(%)
1: Fully agree	1816	38.8
2: Somewhat agree	882	18.8
3: Somewhat disagree	316	6.8
4: Fully disagree	218	4.7
8: No opinion	1449	31.0
Total	4681	100.0

d: Tamil Nadu government is discriminated by the Central government

	N	(%)
1: Fully agree	972	20.8
2: Somewhat agree	868	18.5
3: Somewhat disagree	723	15.4
4: Fully disagree	357	7.6
8: No opinion	1761	37.6
Total	4681	100.0

Q22: Have you heard or read about the electoral alliance of Vaiko with Jayalalitha?

	N	(%)
1: No	695	14.8
2: Yes	3512	75.0
8: Can't say/Don't know	474	10.1
Total	4681	100.0

a: (*If yes*) Do you think this will influence your decision to vote?

	N	(%)	Valid (%)
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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: No	2660	56.8	75.7
	2: Yes	467	10.0	13.3
	8: Can't say/Don't know	385	8.2	11.0
	Total	3512	75.0	100.0
Missing	9: NA	1169	25.0	
Total		4681	100.0	

b: (If yes in Q22a) How will this will influence your decision to vote?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Shift from AIADMK alliance to DMK alliance	59	1.3	12.6
	2: Shift from DMK alliance to AIADMK alliance	127	2.7	27.2
	3: More committed to AIADMK alliance	50	1.1	10.7
	4: More committed to DMK alliance	33	.7	7.1
	5: No change	67	1.4	14.3
	8: Can't say/Don't know	131	2.8	28.1
	Total	467	10.0	100.0
Missing	NA	4214	90.0	
Total		4681	100.0	

Q23: In your opinion, who is the true heir of the Dravidian movement?

		N	(%)
1: Jayalalitha		1102	23.5
2: Vaiko		270	5.8
3: Stalin		1452	31.0
8: Can't say/Don't know		1857	39.7
Total		4681	100.0

Q24: Here are some statements about DMK leader Karunanidhi. Do you agree or disagree with them?

a: He promotes family members in politics

		N	(%)
1: Fully agree		2418	51.7
2: Somewhat agree		686	14.7

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	N	(%)
3: Somewhat disagree	131	2.8
4: Fully disagree	808	17.3
8: No opinion	638	13.6
Total	4681	100.0

b: He is responsible for pushing vaiko out of DMK alliance

	N	(%)
1: Fully agree	1510	32.3
2: Somewhat agree	752	16.1
3: Somewhat disagree	205	4.4
4: Fully disagree	1224	26.1
8: No opinion	990	21.1
Total	4681	100.0

c: He is rightly projecting Stalin as the next Party chief

	N	(%)
1: Fully agree	1623	34.7
2: Somewhat agree	619	13.2
3: Somewhat disagree	222	4.7
4: Fully disagree	1224	26.1
8: No opinion	993	21.2
Total	4681	100.0

d: He is too old to lead the DMK alliance to victory

	N	(%)
1: Fully agree	1702	36.4
2: Somewhat agree	758	16.2
3: Somewhat disagree	273	5.8
4: Fully disagree	849	18.1
8: No opinion	1099	23.5
Total	4681	100.0

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Q25: Here are some statements about MDMK leader Vaiko. Do you agree or disagree with them?

a: His alliance with AIADMK is wrong

	N	(%)
1: Fully agree	1545	33.0
2: Somewhat agree	591	12.6
3: Somewhat disagree	216	4.6
4: Fully disagree	1243	26.6
8: No opinion	1086	23.2
Total	4681	100.0

b: His Anti Stalin stand is right

	N	(%)
1: Fully agree	1199	25.6
2: Somewhat agree	777	16.6
3: Somewhat disagree	238	5.1
4: Fully disagree	1015	21.7
8: No opinion	1452	31.0
Total	4681	100.0

c: His Pro LTTE stand is anti-national

	N	(%)
1: Fully agree	978	20.9
2: Somewhat agree	808	17.3
3: Somewhat disagree	299	6.4
4: Fully disagree	1004	21.4
8: No opinion	1592	34.0
Total	4681	100.0

d: His Campaign against POTA was Right

	N	(%)
1: Fully agree	1090	23.3
2: Somewhat agree	702	15.0

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	N	(%)
3: Somewhat disagree	250	5.3
4: Fully disagree	772	16.5
8: No opinion	1867	39.9
Total	4681	100.0

Q26: In Tamil Nadu if all parties were contesting separately, which party will you vote for?

	N	(%)
01: Congress	199	4.3
02: BJP	66	1.4
04: CPI	47	1.0
05: CPI(M)	20	.4
31: JD(S)	3	.1
42: CPI (M) (L)	2	.0
44: FBL	9	.2
77: DPI	73	1.6
80: MGR-ADMK	6	.1
81: DMK	1620	34.6
82: AIADMK	1931	41.3
83: MDMK	79	1.7
84: PMK	104	2.2
85: TRC	2	.0
86: PT	35	.7
88: TB	3	.1
89: MTD	1	.0
90: DMDK	269	5.7
96: Independents	20	.4
97: Others	68	1.5
98: DK	9	.2
99: NA	115	2.5
Total	4681	100.0

Q27: Now I will read out names of few leaders in Tamil nadu. You tell me, how much trust do you have in them? I will show you a ladder with 10 steps. If you place at step 1 those leaders on whom you have a great deal of trust and at step 10 those leader on whom you have no trust then where would you place.

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a: Jayalalitha

	N	(%)
01: One	1623	34.7
02: Two	416	8.9
03: Three	367	7.8
04: Four	244	5.2
05: Five	340	7.3
06: Six	190	4.1
07: Seven	292	6.2
08: Eight	182	3.9
09: Nine	197	4.2
10: Ten	383	8.2
88: No opinion	361	7.7
99: N.A.	86	1.8
Total	4681	100.0

b: Stalin

	N	(%)
01: One	184	3.9
02: Two	747	16.0
03: Three	461	9.8
04: Four	552	11.8
05: Five	509	10.9
06: Six	417	8.9
07: Seven	314	6.7
08: Eight	233	5.0
09: Nine	162	3.5
10: Ten	234	5.0
88: No opinion	685	14.6
99: N.A.	183	3.9
Total	4681	100.0

c: Vaiko

	N	(%)
01: One	91	1.9

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	N	(%)
02: Two	493	10.5
03: Three	549	11.7
04: Four	572	12.2
05: Five	583	12.5
06: Six	478	10.2
07: Seven	320	6.8
08: Eight	240	5.1
09: Nine	195	4.2
10: Ten	241	5.1
88: No opinion	727	15.5
99: N.A.	192	4.1
Total	4681	100.0

d: Vijaykant

	N	(%)
01: One	315	6.7
02: Two	446	9.5
03: Three	472	10.1
04: Four	498	10.6
05: Five	630	13.5
06: Six	348	7.4
07: Seven	355	7.6
08: Eight	256	5.5
09: Nine	158	3.4
10: Ten	236	5.0
88: No opinion	793	16.9
99: N.A.	174	3.7
Total	4681	100.0

e: Karunanidhi

	N	(%)
01: One	1488	31.8
02: Two	578	12.3
03: Three	408	8.7

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	N	(%)
04: Four	285	6.1
05: Five	348	7.4
06: Six	206	4.4
07: Seven	246	5.3
08: Eight	164	3.5
09: Nine	210	4.5
10: Ten	261	5.6
88: No opinion	423	9.0
99: N.A.	64	1.4
Total	4681	100.0

f: Dayanidhi Maran

	N	(%)
01: One	123	2.6
02: Two	316	6.8
03: Three	545	11.6
04: Four	379	8.1
05: Five	418	8.9
06: Six	451	9.6
07: Seven	384	8.2
08: Eight	243	5.2
09: Nine	155	3.3
10: Ten	251	5.4
88: No opinion	1022	21.8
99: N.A.	394	8.4
Total	4681	100.0

g: P. Chidambaram

	N	(%)
01: One	207	4.4
02: Two	331	7.1
03: Three	370	7.9
04: Four	535	11.4
05: Five	442	9.4

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	N	(%)
06: Six	429	9.2
07: Seven	455	9.7
08: Eight	188	4.0
09: Nine	149	3.2
10: Ten	221	4.7
88: No opinion	1049	22.4
99: N.A.	305	6.5
Total	4681	100.0

Q28: After this election which party or alliance would you like to form the government in Tamil Nadu?

	N	(%)
01: Congress	58	1.2
02: BJP	49	1.0
03: JD(U)	1	.0
04: CPI	11	.2
05: CPI(M)	1	.0
06: BSP	2	.0
20: DMK allies	1208	25.8
21: AIADMK allies	1262	27.0
28: INL	2	.0
42: CPI (M) (L)	2	.0
44: FBL	3	.1
77: DPI	6	.1
80: MGR-ADMK	1	.0
81: DMK	773	16.5
82: AIADMK	851	18.2
83: MDMK	17	.4
84: PMK	14	.3
86: PT	21	.4
87: PNK	2	.0
88: TB	6	.1
90: DMDK	207	4.4
96: Independents	5	.1
97: Others	36	.8

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	N	(%)
98: Don't know	23	.5
99: NA	120	2.6
Total	4681	100.0

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

B1: What is your age?

	N	(%)
1: Up to 25 years	668	14.3
2: 26-35 years	1350	28.8
3: 36-45 years	1054	22.5
4: 46-55 years	744	15.9
5: 56 years and above	865	18.5
Total	4681	100.0

B2: Gender

	N	(%)
1: Male	2547	54.4
2: Female	2134	45.6
Total	4681	100.0

B3: What is your marital status?

	N	(%)
1: Married	3982	85.1
2: Unmarried	636	13.6
3: Living with someone but unmarried	3	.1
4: Divorced/separated	10	.2
5: Widowed	40	.9
9: NA	10	.2
Total	4681	100.0

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B4: Till what level have you studied?

	N	(%)
0: Non literate	1061	22.7
1: Below primary	312	6.7
2: Primary pass/Middle fail	747	16.0
3: Middle pass/Matric fail	792	16.9
4: Matric	682	14.6
5: Intermediate/College no degree	461	9.8
6: Graduate or equivalent	385	8.2
7: Post Graduate	146	3.1
8: Professional degree and Higher Research	84	1.8
9: NA	11	.2
Total	4681	100.0

B4a: Till what level have your father studied?

	N	(%)
0: Non literate	2892	61.8
1: Below primary	296	6.3
2: Primary pass/Middle fail	499	10.7
3: Middle pass/Matric fail	326	7.0
4: Matric	307	6.6
5: Intermediate/College no degree	154	3.3
6: Graduate or equivalent	106	2.3
7: Post Graduate	58	1.2
8: Professional degree and Higher Research	29	.6
9: NA	14	.3
Total	4681	100.0

B4a: Till what level have your mother studied?

	N	(%)
0: Non literate	3485	74.4
1: Below primary	300	6.4
2: Primary pass/Middle fail	384	8.2
3: Middle pass/Matric fail	206	4.4

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	N	(%)
4: Matric	139	3.0
5: Intermediate/College no degree	83	1.8
6: Graduate or equivalent	39	.8
7: Post Graduate	21	.4
8: Professional degree and Higher Research	14	.3
9: NA	10	.2
Total	4681	100.0

B5: What is your main occupation?

	N	(%)
01: Scientists	1	.0
02: Engineers	31	.7
03: Doctors	4	.1
04: Lawyers	9	.2
05: Accountants	12	.3
06: College/Univ. teachers	18	.4
07: Writers	1	.0
08: Modern Artists	8	.2
09: Other higher professionals	13	.3
10: Science and engineering technicians	3	.1
11: Computer operators	25	.5
12: Alternative doctors	3	.1
13: Medical technicians	12	.3
14: School teachers	80	1.7
15: Nursery teachers	17	.4
18: Priests	4	.1
19: Other lower professionals	14	.3
20: Elected officials(Central level)	3	.1
21: Elected officials(District level)	6	.1
22: Managers	29	.6
23: Officials Class I	5	.1
24: Officials Class II	22	.5
25: Class III Employee	42	.9
26: Suprintendants	8	.2
27: Traditional clerks	10	.2

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	N	(%)
28: Class IV Employee	34	.7
29: Other administrative workers	32	.7
30: Big businessmen	31	.7
31: Medium businessmen	44	.9
32: Small businessmen	173	3.7
33: Petty shopkeeper	78	1.7
34: Hawkers,vendors	9	.2
35: Sales executives	35	.7
36: Salespersons	30	.6
37: Shop Assistants	33	.7
38: Rentier	4	.1
39: Other businessmen	12	.3
40: Waiters	20	.4
41: Dhobi	17	.4
42: Barbers, beauticians	18	.4
43: Ayahs, maids	11	.2
45: Sweepers	13	.3
49: Other service workers	39	.8
50: Mechanics	106	2.3
51: Electricians	40	.9
52: Jewellers	9	.2
53: Tailors	64	1.4
54: Weavers	111	2.4
55: Shoemakers	7	.1
56: Blacksmiths	4	.1
57: Carpenters	33	.7
59: Other skilled workers	64	1.4
60: Miners	4	.1
61: Masons	16	.3
62: Potters	5	.1
63: Stone-cutter	7	.1
64: Furniture makers	10	.2
65: Rickshaw-pullers	5	.1
66: Unskilled labourers	100	2.1
69: Other semi-skilled and unskilled workers	22	.5
70: Owner-cultivators 20+ Acre	7	.1

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	N	(%)
71: Owner-cultivators 10-20 Acre	10	.2
72: Owner-cultivators 5-10 Acre	54	1.2
73: Owner-cultivators 1-5 Acre	371	7.9
74: Owner-cultivators 0-5 Acre	118	2.5
75: Tenant-cultivators 5+ Acre	19	.4
76: Tenant-cultivators 0-5 Acre	50	1.1
77: Plantation workers	27	.6
78: Agricultural labourers	1135	24.2
79: Other agricultural workers	99	2.1
80: Live-stock farming	12	.3
81: Dairy farming	42	.9
82: Poultry farming	2	.0
83: Shepherds	3	.1
84: Forest produce gatherer	1	.0
86: Fishermen	25	.5
89: Other breeders and cattle rearers	7	.1
90: House-wife	773	16.5
91: Students not seeking employment	106	2.3
92: Employment seekers	33	.7
93: Unemployed workers, non-workers	50	1.1
Any other Occupation	13	.3
96: Political activists	11	.2
98: Unclassified	5	.1
99: NA	88	1.9
Total	4681	100.0

a: *(If the respondent is not the main earner)* What is/has been the main occupation of the respondent's father?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Scientists	2	.0	.1
	02: Engineers	13	.3	.4
	03: Doctors	3	.1	.1
	04: Lawyers	11	.2	.3
	05: Accountants	13	.3	.4
	06: College/Univ. teachers	14	.3	.4

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	N	(%)	Valid (%)
07: Writers	2	.0	.1
08: Modern Artists	7	.1	.2
09: Other higher professionals	16	.3	.5
11: Computer operators	3	.1	.1
12: Alternative doctors	3	.1	.1
13: Medical technicians	7	.1	.2
14: School teachers	45	1.0	1.3
15: Nursery teachers	3	.1	.1
16: Folk and commercial artists	5	.1	.1
18: Priests	5	.1	.1
19: Other lower professionals	17	.4	.5
20: Elected officials(Central level)	1	.0	.0
21: Elected officials(District level)	2	.0	.1
22: Managers	13	.3	.4
23: Officials Class I	12	.3	.3
24: Officials Class II	23	.5	.7
25: Class III Employee	27	.6	.8
26: Suprintendants	6	.1	.2
27: Traditional clerks	8	.2	.2
28: Class IV Employee	33	.7	1.0
29: Other administrative workers	11	.2	.3
30: Big businessmen	12	.3	.3
31: Medium businessmen	55	1.2	1.6
32: Small businessmen	115	2.5	3.3
33: Petty shopkeeper	64	1.4	1.9
34: Hawkers,vendors	3	.1	.1
35: Sales executives	19	.4	.6
36: Salespersons	15	.3	.4
37: Shop Assistants	19	.4	.6
38: Rentier	4	.1	.1
39: Other businessmen	15	.3	.4
40: Waiters	9	.2	.3
41: Dhobi	13	.3	.4
42: Barbers, beauticians	7	.1	.2
43: Ayahs, maids	2	.0	.1
45: Sweepers	7	.1	.2

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	N	(%)	Valid (%)
49: Other service workers	26	.6	.8
50: Mechanics	57	1.2	1.7
51: Electricians	19	.4	.6
52: Jewellers	7	.1	.2
53: Tailors	15	.3	.4
54: Weavers	83	1.8	2.4
55: Shoemakers	5	.1	.1
56: Blacksmiths	7	.1	.2
57: Carpenters	25	.5	.7
59: Other skilled workers	61	1.3	1.8
60: Miners	1	.0	.0
61: Masons	13	.3	.4
62: Potters	6	.1	.2
63: Stone-cutter	8	.2	.2
64: Furniture makers	6	.1	.2
65: Rickshaw-pullers	9	.2	.3
66: Unskilled labourers	117	2.5	3.4
69: Other semi-skilled and unskilled workers	12	.3	.3
70: Owner-cultivators 20+ Acre	4	.1	.1
71: Owner-cultivators 10-20 Acre	14	.3	.4
72: Owner-cultivators 5-10 Acre	115	2.5	3.3
73: Owner-cultivators 1-5 Acre	433	9.3	12.6
74: Owner-cultivators 0-5 Acre	155	3.3	4.5
75: Tenant-cultivators 5+ Acre	11	.2	.3
76: Tenant-cultivators 0-5 Acre	62	1.3	1.8
77: Plantation workers	20	.4	.6
78: Agricultural labourers	1178	25.2	34.2
79: Other agricultural workers	145	3.1	4.2
80: Live-stock farming	13	.3	.4
81: Dairy farming	53	1.1	1.5
82: Poultry farming	7	.1	.2
83: Shepherds	4	.1	.1
84: Forest produce gatherer	1	.0	.0
86: Fishermen	8	.2	.2
89: Other breeders and cattle rearers	10	.2	.3
90: House-wife	9	.2	.3

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	91: Students not seeking employment	3	.1	.1
	92: Employment seekers	9	.2	.3
	93: Unemployed workers, non-workers	19	.4	.6
	Any other Occupation	15	.3	.4
	96: Political activists	9	.2	.3
	98: Unclassified	8	.2	.2
	Total	3446	73.6	100.0
Missing	99: NA	1235	26.4	
Total		4681	100.0	

B6: What is your Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe name?

		N	(%)
	01: Brahmin	72	1.5
	02: Chettiyar	112	2.4
	03: Kshtriyas	4	.1
	04: Vellalar	129	2.8
	05: Marwadis	5	.1
	07: Viswa Brahmin	5	.1
	08: Sindhi	1	.0
	09: Other upper castes	41	.9
	10: Moopnar	18	.4
	11: Vandaiyar	5	.1
	12: Mandradiyar	4	.1
	13: Vanavarayar	1	.0
	14: Reddiyar	87	1.9
	15: Nayinar	16	.3
	16: Nayakar	84	1.8
	17: Woodayars	7	.1
	19: Other PP	9	.2
	20: Thevar	326	7.0
	21: Nadar	301	6.4
	22: Gounder	465	9.9
	23: Naidus	192	4.1
	25: Tuluva Vellalas	2	.0
	26: Gowda	5	.1

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	N	(%)
27: Konars	55	1.2
29: Other peasant OBC	129	2.8
30: Vanniakula Kashtriya	727	15.5
34: Kurumbar	24	.5
35: Bhatraja	10	.2
39: Other Craftsmen OBC	11	.2
40: Kewat	20	.4
42: Maruthuva Kulam	4	.1
43: Saurashtra	21	.4
44: Pama Saliyar	2	.0
45: Traders OBC	29	.6
46: Toddy Tappers	9	.2
47: Achary	24	.5
48: Navedar	2	.0
49: Other service OBC	54	1.2
50: Jatav (Leatherwork)	9	.2
51: Pallar	254	5.4
52: Parayar	761	16.3
53: Chakkiliyar	107	2.3
54: Namasudras	2	.0
55: Mala	25	.5
57: Dhobi(Non OBC)	1	.0
58: Lowest SC	3	.1
59: Other SCs	18	.4
60: Malyali	73	1.6
61: Adiyar	3	.1
63: Kurumbas	7	.1
64: Todas	5	.1
69: Other STs	21	.4
70: Ashrafs	3	.1
71: Mughal	14	.3
73: Other upper Muslim	1	.0
74: Peasant+Traders	183	3.9
77: Ex-Untouchable	1	.0
78: Muslim No Caste	27	.6
80: Jat Sikh	1	.0

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	N	(%)
81: Khatri Sikh	1	.0
85: Upper Christians	20	.4
86: OBC Christians	27	.6
87: Dalit Christians	46	1.0
88: Christian no caste	16	.3
90: Parsi	2	.0
92: Buddhist	2	.0
95: Hindu No caste	8	.2
99: NA	28	.6
Total	4681	100.0

a: And what is your caste group?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Scheduled Caste(SC)	1240	26.5	26.6
	2: Scheduled Tribe(ST)	120	2.6	2.6
	3: Other Backward Caste(OBC)	2732	58.4	58.5
	4: Other	578	12.3	12.4
	Total	4670	99.8	100.0
Missing	9: NA	11	.2	
Total		4681	100.0	

B7: Which religion do you follow?

	N	(%)
1: Hindu	4114	87.9
2: Muslim	229	4.9
3: Christian	309	6.6
4: Sikh	9	.2
5: Buddhist	4	.1
6: Jain	8	.2
7: Parsi	1	.0
8: Others	7	.1
Total	4681	100.0

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B8: How regularly do you read newspaper?

	N	(%)
1: Daily	1930	41.2
2: Frequently	571	12.2
3: Occasionally	451	9.6
4: Rarely	414	8.8
5: Never	1117	23.9
8: No opinion	198	4.2
Total	4681	100.0

B9: How regularly do you listen to news on radio?

	N	(%)
1: Daily	1709	36.5
2: Frequently	696	14.9
3: Occasionally	487	10.4
4: Rarely	546	11.7
5: Never	1067	22.8
8: No opinion	176	3.8
Total	4681	100.0

B10: How regularly do you watch news on T.V.?

	N	(%)
1: Daily	2815	60.1
2: Frequently	571	12.2
3: Occasionally	309	6.6
4: Rarely	406	8.7
5: Never	455	9.7
8: No opinion	125	2.7
Total	4681	100.0

B11: How often do you offer prayer/puja/namaj?

	N	(%)
1: Daily	1768	37.8
2: Weekly	1617	34.5

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	N	(%)
3: Only on festivals	871	18.6
4: Never	217	4.6
8: No opinion	208	4.4
Total	4681	100.0

B12: Area/Locality

	N	(%)
1: Village	3102	66.3
2: Town (Below 1 lakh)	892	19.1
3: City (Above 1 lakh)	443	9.5
4: Metropolitan City (Above 10 lakh)	244	5.2
Total	4681	100.0

a: (*If Town/City*) Type of house where R lives(Own or rented)

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: House/Flat with 4 or more bedrooms	82	1.8	5.2
	2: House/Flats with 3 or 4 bedrooms	98	2.1	6.2
	3: House/Flat with 2 bedrooms (with kitchen and bath rooms)	278	5.9	17.6
	4: House/Flat with 2 Pucca rooms (With kitchen)	297	6.3	18.8
	5: House/Flat with 2 pucca rooms(Without kitchen)	210	4.5	13.3
	6: House with 1 pucca room (With kitchen)	164	3.5	10.4
	7: House with 1 pucca room (Without kitchen)	226	4.8	14.3
	8: Mainly kutcha house	131	2.8	8.3
	9: Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri/fully Kutcha	93	2.0	5.9
	Total		1579	33.7
Missing	0: NA	3102	66.3	
Total		4681	100.0	

b: (*If Village*) Type of house where R lives(Own or rented)

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Pucca (both wall and roof made of pucca material)	655	14.0	21.1

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	2: Pucca-kucha (Either wall or roof is made of pucca material and of other kutch material)	1007	21.5	32.5
	3: Kutch (both wall and roof are made of kutch material other than materials mentioned in category 4)	654	14.0	21.1
	4: Hut (both wall and roof are made of grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo)	786	16.8	25.3
	Total	3102	66.3	100.0
Missing	0: NA	1579	33.7	
Total		4681	100.0	

B13: Number of rooms in use in the household

	N	(%)
0: Blank/No rooms	79	1.7
1: One	881	18.8
2: Two	1775	37.9
3: Three	1011	21.6
4: Four	579	12.4
5: Five	216	4.6
6: Six	76	1.6
7: Seven	28	.6
8: Eight	11	.2
9: Nine and above	25	.5
Total	4681	100.0

B14a: Total number of family members living in the household (Adults)

	N	(%)
0: Blank/No rooms	44	.9
1: One	71	1.5
2: Two	1561	33.3
3: Three	1043	22.3
4: Four	1151	24.6
5: Five	464	9.9
6: Six	226	4.8
7: Seven	63	1.3

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	N	(%)
8: Eight	24	.5
9: Nine and above	34	.7
Total	4681	100.0

B14a: Total number of family members living in the household (Children)

	N	(%)
0: Blank/No rooms	1173	25.1
1: One	1033	22.1
2: Two	1638	35.0
3: Three	598	12.8
4: Four	160	3.4
5: Five	46	1.0
6: Six	20	.4
7: Seven	8	.2
8: Eight	1	.0
9: Nine and above	4	.1
Total	4681	100.0

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

a: Car/Jeep/Van/Tractor

	N	(%)
0: No	4387	93.7
1: Yes	294	6.3
Total	4681	100.0

b: Colour or B/W Television

	N	(%)
0: No	1246	26.6
1: B/W	1315	28.1
2: Colour	2120	45.3
Total	4681	100.0

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c: Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped

	N	(%)
0: No	3194	68.2
1: Yes	1487	31.8
Total	4681	100.0

d: Telephone

	N	(%)
0: No	3447	73.6
1: Yes	1234	26.4
Total	4681	100.0

e): Mobile telephone

	N	(%)
0: No	3701	79.1
1: Yes	980	20.9
Total	4681	100.0

f: Fridge

	N	(%)
0: No	4075	87.1
1: Yes	606	12.9
Total	4681	100.0

g: Air Conditioner

	N	(%)
0: No	4415	94.3
1: Yes	266	5.7
Total	4681	100.0

h: Electric fan/Cooler

	N	(%)
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	N	(%)
0: No	1475	31.5
1: Yes	3206	68.5
Total	4681	100.0

i: Bicycle

	N	(%)
0: No	1383	29.5
1: Yes	3298	70.5
Total	4681	100.0

j: Radio/Transistor

	N	(%)
0: No	1811	38.7
1: Yes	2870	61.3
Total	4681	100.0

k: Pumping set

	N	(%)
0: No	3822	81.6
1: Yes	859	18.4
Total	4681	100.0

B16: Total monthly household income

	N	(%)
1: Up to Rs. 1,000	1340	28.6
2: Rs. 1,001 - Rs. 2,000	935	20.0
3: Rs. 2,001 - Rs. 3,000	882	18.8
4: Rs. 3,001 - Rs. 4,000	437	9.3
5: Rs. 4,001 - Rs. 5,000	527	11.3
6: Rs. 5,001 - Rs. 10,000	333	7.1
7: Rs. 10,001 - Rs. 20,000	152	3.2
8: Rs. 20,001 and above	27	.6
9: NA	48	1.0

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	N	(%)
Total	4681	100.0