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Q1: Before you went to vote, did you know that electronic voting machines (EVM) were to be used?

	N	(%)
1: No	368	23.2
2: Yes	1213	76.8
Total	1581	100.0

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

	N	(%)
1: No difference	42	2.7
2: EVM worse	66	4.2
3: EVM better	1413	89.4
8: Can't say/Don't know	60	3.8
Total	1581	100.0

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?

	N	(%)
1: No	107	6.8
2: Yes	1474	93.2
Total	1581	100.0

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

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Did not know I was a voter	7	.4	6.5
	2: Out of Station	20	1.3	18.7
	3: Not well/too weak to go	22	1.4	20.6
	4: Have no interest/did not feel like voting	24	1.5	22.4
	5: Prevented by some people from voting	3	.2	2.8
	6: Somebody had already voted before I went to vote	2	.1	1.9
	7: Fear of violence at polling station	1	.1	.9

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	8: Others	28	1.8	26.2
	Total	107	6.8	100.0
Missing	9: Not Applicable	1474	93.2	
Total		1581	100.0	

b: (*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?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: On polling day	222	14.1	15.1
	2: After the candidates were announced	182	11.5	12.3
	3: Before campaign began	1018	64.4	69.1
	8: Can't say	52	3.3	3.5
	Total	1474	93.2	100.0
Missing	9: Not applicable	107	6.8	
Total		1581	100.0	

c: (*If voted*) Who did you vote for?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Congress	68	4.3	4.6
	02: BJP	13	.8	.9
	03: JD(united)	1	.1	.1
	04: CPI	2	.1	.1
	05: CPI(M)	27	1.7	1.8
	08: Independent	37	2.3	2.5
	09: Others	46	2.9	3.1
	10: DMK and allies	88	5.6	6.0
	11: Kerala Cong (B)	1	.1	.1
	14: PDP Mathani	1	.1	.1
	18: TMC	32	2.0	2.2
	20: AIADMK and allies	79	5.0	5.4
	28: INL	3	.2	.2
	31: JD(S)	2	.1	.2
	39: RSP (B)	1	.1	.1
	42: CPI(ML)	1	.1	.1

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	44: FBL	49	3.1	3.3
	81: DMK	458	29.0	31.1
	82: AIADMK	467	29.5	31.7
	83: MDMK	67	4.2	4.6
	85: TRC (Ramamurthy)	1	.1	.1
	88: Kerala Cong. (Josheph)	1	.1	.1
	98: Don't know	28	1.8	1.9
	Total	1474	93.2	100.0
Missing	99: Blank/Refuse	107	6.8	
Total		1581	100.0	

Q4: Suppose there were no alliances and all the parties were contesting election separately, which party would you have voted for?

		N	(%)
	01: Congress	69	4.4
	02: BJP	42	2.7
	04: CPI	1	.1
	05: CPI(M)	15	1.0
	06: BSP	1	.1
	08: Independent	3	.2
	09: Others	26	1.7
	10: DMK and allies	41	2.6
	12: UDF-Independent	1	.1
	18: TMC	46	2.9
	20: AIADMK and allies	48	3.0
	44: FBL	7	.5
	61: AGP	2	.1
	74: Janta Party	2	.1
	75: PT	2	.1
	77: Dalit Panthers	4	.2
	78: MGR Kazhagam	17	1.1
	80: MGR-ADMK	10	.6
	81: DMK	539	34.1
	82: AIADMK	527	33.3
	83: MDMK	60	3.8

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	N	(%)
84: PMK	94	6.0
88: Kerala Cong. (Josheph)	2	.1
99: Blank/Refuse	21	1.3
Total	1581	100.0

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

	N	(%)
1: No	1207	76.4
2: Yes	374	23.6
Total	1581	100.0

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

	N	(%)
1: No	1272	80.4
2: Yes	309	19.6
Total	1581	100.0

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

	N	(%)
1: No	431	27.3
2: Yes	1084	68.6
8: Can't say/Don't know	65	4.1
Total	1581	100.0

Q8: What is your assessment of the work done by the DMK government in Tamil Nadu during the last five years. Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

	N	(%)
1: Not at all	407	25.8
2: Somewhat Satisfied	560	35.4
3: Very Satisfied	467	29.5
8: Can't say/Don't know	147	9.3

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	N	(%)
Total	1581	100.0

Q9: Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

	N	(%)
0: Can't say/Don't know	70	4.5
1: M. Karunanidhi	664	42.0
2: J. Jayalalitha	703	44.5
3: S. Ramdoss	33	2.1
4: G.K. Moopanar	8	.5
5: Vazhapadi Ramamurthy	1	.1
7: M.K. Stalin	6	.4
8: V. Gopalaswami (Vaiko)	64	4.1
9: Others	31	2.0
Total	1581	100.0

Q10: Prior to this government, there was the AIADMK government led by Jayalalitha during 1991-96. Which one do you think was better? The AIADMK or the DMK government?

	N	(%)
0: None	78	4.9
1: DMK	643	40.7
2: AIADMK	601	38.0
3: Both	85	5.4
8: Can't say/Don't know	173	11.0
Total	1581	100.0

Q11: After this election, which party or alliance would you like to form the next government in Tamil Nadu?

	N	(%)
01: Congress	12	.8
02: BJP	18	1.1
03: JD(United)	5	.3
04: CPI	1	.1
08: Independent	1	.1

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	N	(%)
09: Others	24	1.5
10: DMK and allies	478	30.2
11: Kerala Cong (B)	2	.1
18: TMC	3	.2
20: AIADMK and allies	568	35.9
33: SP	2	.1
70: Congress and allies	1	.1
80: MGR-ADMK	1	.1
81: DMK	200	12.6
82: AIADMK	163	10.3
83: MDMK	47	3.0
84: PMK	4	.3
98: Don't know	19	1.2
99: Blank/Refuse	32	2.0
Total	1581	100.0

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 very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

	N	(%)
1: Not at all	230	14.5
2: Somewhat Satisfied	544	34.4
3: Very Satisfied	405	25.6
8: Can't say/Don't know	402	25.5
Total	1581	100.0

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 your opinion in this regard?

	N	(%)
1: There is no harm	384	24.3
2: Acceptable in special circumstances	366	23.2
3: Not good in any case	381	24.1
8: Can't say/Don't know	450	28.5
Total	1581	100.0

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Q14: Let us talk about the work done by the DMK government over the last 5 years. Tell us if there has been improvement, deterioration, or no change over the last 5 years on the following:

a: Security of life and property of common man

	N	(%)
1: Deteriorated	175	11.1
2: No Change	503	31.8
3: Improvement	683	43.2
8: Don't know	220	13.9
Total	1581	100.0

b: Security of Muslims & Christians

	N	(%)
1: Deteriorated	246	15.5
2: No Change	525	33.2
3: Improvement	489	30.9
8: Don't know	322	20.4
Total	1581	100.0

c: Caste/Communal clashes

	N	(%)
1: Deteriorated	340	21.5
2: No Change	523	33.1
3: Improvement	408	25.8
8: Don't know	311	19.6
Total	1581	100.0

Q15: How do you rate the present government of Tamil Nadu in terms of corruption. Is it very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, or not corrupt at all?

	N	(%)
1: Very Corrupt	275	17.4
2: Somewhat Corrupt	682	43.2
3: Not corrupt at all	352	22.3
8: Can't say/Don't know	271	17.2

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	N	(%)
Total	1581	100.0

Q16: How would you rate Karunanidhi as a leader of Tamil Nadu? Would you say he is very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, honest, or very honest?

	N	(%)
1: Very Corrupt	255	16.1
2: Somewhat Corrupt	574	36.3
3: Honest	361	22.8
4: Very honest	186	11.8
8: Can't say/Don't know	205	13.0
Total	1581	100.0

Q17: How would you rate Jayalalitha as a leader of Tamil Nadu? Would you say she is very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, honest, or very honest?

	N	(%)
1: Very Corrupt	496	31.4
2: Somewhat Corrupt	465	29.4
3: Honest	294	18.6
4: Very honest	117	7.4
8: Can't say/Don't know	210	13.3
Total	1581	100.0

Q18: Have you heard about M.K. Stalin?

	N	(%)
1: No	414	26.2
2: Yes	1167	73.8
Total	1581	100.0

a: (*If Yes*) Would you like to see him as the successor of Karounanidhi and the leader of the DMK?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: No	536	33.9	46.0
	2: Yes	487	30.8	41.7
	8: Can't say/Don't know	144	9.1	12.3

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	Total	1167	73.8	100.0
Missing	9: N.A.	414	26.2	
Total		1581	100.0	

Q19: Did you hear about Jayalalitha not being allowed to contest election this time?

		N	(%)
1: No		283	17.9
2: Yes		1298	82.1
Total		1581	100.0

a: *(If Yes in Q19)* Was her disqualification justified, somewhat justified or not justified at all?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Not at all justified	391	24.8	30.2
	2: Somewhat Justified	231	14.6	17.8
	3: Justified	535	33.8	41.2
	8: Can't say/Don't know	140	8.9	10.8
	Total	1298	82.1	100.0
Missing	9: N.A.	283	17.9	
Total		1581	100.0	

b: *(If Yes in Q19)* Did you change your mind about who to vote for after hearing this news?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: No	1142	72.2	88.0
	2: Yes	113	7.1	8.7
	8: Can't say/Don't know	43	2.7	3.3
	Total	1298	82.1	100.0
Missing	9: N.A.	283	17.9	
Total		1581	100.0	

c: *(If Yes in Q19b)* How did it influence your voting decision?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: In favour of AIADMK alliance	58	3.7	51.5
	2: In favour of DMK alliance	39	2.5	35.0
	3: Others	4	.2	3.4
	8: Can't say/Don't know	11	.7	10.1
	Total	113	7.1	100.0
Missing	9: N.A.	1468	92.9	
Total		1581	100.0	

Q20: 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 DMK supporter, AIADMK supporter, Congress supporter, supporter of any other party or supporter of no particular party?

		N	(%)
1: DMK supporter		616	39.0
2: AIADMK Supporter		588	37.2
3: Congress supporter		91	5.8
4: Supporter of any other party		72	4.6
5: Supporter of no particular party		112	7.1
8: Can't say/Don't know		101	6.4
Total		1581	100.0

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

B1: What is your age?

		N	(%)
1: Up to 25 years		271	17.2
2: 26 to 35 years		473	29.9
3: 36 to 45 years		354	22.4
4: 46 to 55 years		226	14.3
5: 56 years and above		256	16.2
Total		1581	100.0

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B2: Gender

	N	(%)
1: Male	843	53.3
2: Female	738	46.7
Total	1581	100.0

B3: What is your highest level of Education?

	N	(%)
0: Non literate	368	23.3
1: Below primary	222	14.0
2: Primary pass/Middle fail	338	21.4
3: Middle pass/Matric fail	256	16.2
4: Matric	207	13.1
5: Intermediate	98	6.2
6: Graduate or equivalent	61	3.8
7: Post Graduate	18	1.1
8: Professional degree	10	.6
9: N.A.	4	.2
Total	1581	100.0

B4: What is your exact Caste/Jati-Biradari/Tribe?

	N	(%)
01: Brahmin	15	1.0
05: Vaishya	25	1.6
09: Other Upper Caste	47	2.9
11: Reddy	19	1.2
12: Kamma	12	.8
13: Saiva Pillai	2	.1
14: Saiva Muadaliar	19	1.2
19: Other PP	5	.3
20: Thevar	132	8.4
21: Thatwar	94	5.9
25: Vokkaliga	8	.5
26: Lingayat	18	1.1

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	N	(%)
27: Gounder	72	4.5
28: Vanniar/Padayatchi	217	13.7
29: Other Peasant OBCs	68	4.3
39: Other Craftsmen OBCs	15	.9
41: Dhobi	22	1.4
42: Nai	13	.8
45: Traders OBC	93	5.9
46: Toddy Trapers	79	5.0
49: Other Service OBC	25	1.6
50: Madigas	77	4.9
51: Arundhatiyar	23	1.5
52: Adidravidar	261	16.5
53: Ubravar	4	.2
55: Mala	51	3.2
59: Other Scheduled Caste	18	1.1
69: Other Scheduled Tribe	16	1.0
70: Upper Muslim	45	2.9
74: OBC Muslim (Peasant+Traders)	35	2.2
78: Muslim no caste	30	1.9
86: OBC Christians	5	.3
87: Dalit Christians	10	.6
88: Christian no caste	5	.3
95: Hindu no caste	2	.1
99: N.A.	2	.1
Total	1581	100.0

a: What is your Caste Group?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Scheduled Caste	454	28.7	29.1
	2: Scheduled Tribe	37	2.3	2.4
	3: Other Backward Caste (OBC)	827	52.3	53.0
	4: General/Others	244	15.4	15.6
	Total	1562	98.8	100.0
Missing	9: N.A.	19	1.2	
Total		1581	100.0	

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B5: Which religion do you follow?

	N	(%)
1: Hindu	1384	87.5
2: Muslim	116	7.3
3: Christian	71	4.5
4: Sikh	4	.2
5: Buddhist	1	.1
7: Parsi	2	.1
8: Others	1	.1
9: N.A.	3	.2
Total	1581	100.0

B6: Area/Locality

	N	(%)
1: Village	1160	73.4
2: Town	273	17.2
3: City (500,000+)	148	9.4
Total	1581	100.0

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

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: House/Flat/Bungalow (5+Bedrooms)	32	2.0	7.8
	2: House/Flat (3 or 4 Bedrooms)	51	3.2	12.2
	3: House/Flat with 2 bedrooms	98	6.2	23.4
	4: House/Flat with 2 Pucca rooms	57	3.6	13.6
	5: House with 1 pucca room	99	6.3	23.8
	6: Mainly Kutcha house	71	4.5	17.0
	7: Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri	9	.6	2.1
	Total	416	26.3	100.0
Missing	0: N.A.	1165	73.7	
Total		1581	100.0	

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

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Pucca with 5 or more dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)	20	1.3	1.8
	2: Pucca with 3-4 dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)	68	4.3	5.9
	3: Pucca with 1-2 dwelling rooms (both wall and roof made of pucca material)	87	5.5	7.6
	4: Pucca-Kutcha 5 or more dwelling rooms	27	1.7	2.4
	5: Pucca-Kutcha 3-4 dwelling rooms	85	5.4	7.5
	6: Pucca-Kutcha 1-2 dwelling rooms	131	8.3	11.5
	7: Kutcha with 3 or more rooms	153	9.7	13.4
	8: Kutcha with 1-2 rooms	313	19.8	27.3
	9: Hut (both wall and roof made from grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo)	260	16.5	22.7
	Total	1146	72.5	100.0
Missing	0: 'N.A.'	435	27.5	
Total		1581	100.0	

B7: What is the main occupation of the main earner of the family?

	N	(%)
01: Scientist	2	.1
02: Engineers	8	.5
04: Lawyers	2	.1
05: Accountants	1	.1
06: College/University Teachers	3	.2
07: Writers	3	.2
08: Modern Artist	2	.1
11: Computer Operator	11	.7
13: Medical Technician	1	.1
14: School Teachers	15	.9
15: Nursery Teachers	6	.4
16: Folk & Commercial Artist	2	.1
18: Priests	3	.2
19: Other Lowers Professional	3	.2
20: Elected Official (Central)	4	.2
22: Managers	6	.4

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	N	(%)
24: Officer Class-II	5	.3
25: Class-III Employee	6	.4
26: Superintendents	2	.1
27: Traditional Clerks	2	.1
28: Class-IV Employee	11	.7
29: Other Administrative employee	11	.7
30: Big Businessmen	8	.5
31: Medium Businessmen	28	1.8
Small Businessmen	50	3.2
Petty Businessmen	16	1.0
34: Hawkers	3	.2
35: Sales Executive	4	.2
36: Salespersons	4	.3
37: Shop Assistants	6	.4
38: Rentier	1	.1
39: Other Businessmen	12	.7
40: Waiters	1	.1
41: Dhobi	13	.8
42: Barbers	3	.2
43: Ayahs, Maids	3	.2
44: Chowkidars	6	.4
49: Other Sevice Workers	7	.5
50: Mechanics	23	1.5
51: Electricians	13	.8
52: Jewelers	10	.6
53: Tailors	21	1.3
54: Weavers	54	3.4
55: Shoemakers	3	.2
56: Blacksmiths	3	.2
57: Carpenters	13	.8
59: Other Skilled Workers	15	.9
60: Miners	1	.1
61: Measons	4	.2
62: Potters	5	.3
63: Stone-Cutter	4	.3
64: Furniture	2	.1

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	N	(%)
66: Unskilled Labours	77	4.9
69: Other Semi-Skilled Workers	9	.6
70: Cultivators 20+ Acres	15	.9
71: Cultivators 10-20 Acres	16	1.0
72: Cultivators 5-10 Acres	28	1.8
73: Cultivators 1-5 Acres	110	7.0
74: Cultivators 0-1 Acre	74	4.7
75: Tenant-5+ Acres	8	.5
76: Tenant-0-5 Acres	71	4.5
77: Plantation	42	2.6
78: Agricultural Lab	331	21.0
79: Other Agricultural Workers	76	4.8
80: Live-Stick Firming	8	.5
81: Dairy Firming	11	.7
82: Poultry Firming	1	.1
83: Shepherds	3	.2
84: Forest Produce Gatherers	1	.1
85: Hunters	2	.1
86: Fishermen	11	.7
89: Other Breeders	5	.3
90: House-Wife/Husbands	142	9.0
91: Students	15	1.0
92: Employment Seekers	3	.2
93: Unemployed	18	1.1
95: Others Occupation	17	1.1
96: Political Activist	7	.4
98: Unidentifiable	3	.2
99: N.A.	37	2.4
Total	1581	100.0

B8: Do you or your family own the following:

a: Car/Jeep/Tractor

	N	(%)
1: No	1508	95.4

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		N	(%)
	2: Yes	73	4.6
	Total	1581	100.0

b: Pumping Set

		N	(%)
	1: No	1337	84.6
	2: Yes	244	15.4
	Total	1581	100.0

c: Colour TV

		N	(%)
	1: No	1124	71.1
	2: Yes	457	28.9
	Total	1581	100.0

d: Scooter/Motor Cycle

		N	(%)
	1: No	1239	78.4
	2: Yes	342	21.6
	Total	1581	100.0

e: Telephone

		N	(%)
	1: No	1295	81.9
	2: Yes	286	18.1
	Total	1581	100.0

f: Electric fan/Cooler

		N	(%)
	1: No	631	39.9
	2: Yes	950	60.1
	Total	1581	100.0

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g: Bicycle

	N	(%)
1: No	523	33.1
2: Yes	1058	66.9
Total	1581	100.0

h: Transistor/Radio

	N	(%)
1: No	453	28.7
2: Yes	1128	71.3
Total	1581	100.0

i: Wrist watch/clock

	N	(%)
1: No	258	16.3
2: Yes	1323	83.7
Total	1581	100.0