

Lokniti-CSDS Maharashtra Assembly elections Pre-Poll Study Round II-Findings

About the survey: The Maharashtra Assembly Election 2024 pre-poll survey was conducted between November 13 and November 18, 2024 among 3959 electors at 160 polling stations spread across 40 assembly constituencies of Maharashtra. The sampling design adopted was multi-stage systematic random sampling. The Assembly Constituencies were randomly selected using the probability proportional to size method. Thereafter, four polling stations within each of the sampled constituencies were selected using the systematic random sampling method. Within each polling station, 40 electors were randomly sampled from the electoral roll using the systematic random sampling method. Of these 40, 25 interviews were targeted. The interviews of electors were conducted face-to-face at their homes where voting will be taken place in their area. The findings shown here have been weighted by gender, religion, locality, and caste group based on Census 2011 data and by the Actual vote shares secured by the main parties– Maha Yuti Alliance, Maha Vikas Aghadi (India Block) and other smaller parties.

F4: Area/locality

	N	(%)
1: Village	2167	54.7
2: Town (50,000 – 1 lakh population)	605	15.3
3: Small City (1-5 lakh)	425	10.7
4: Big City (5-10 lakh)	192	4.9
5: Metropolitan City (Above 10 lakh)	570	14.4
Total	3959	100.0

Q1: Assembly elections are going to be held in Maharashtra in the next few days. Will you vote in this election?

	N	(%)
01: No	162	4.1
02: Yes	3546	89.6
03: Maybe	192	4.9
98: No response	58	1.5
Total	3959	100.0

a: (*If yes in Q1*) When will you make the final decision about whom you will vote for – on the day of voting, a day or two before voting, or have you made that decision during the election campaign, after the announcement of the candidates, or even before the campaign started?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: On the day of voting	874	22.1	24.7
	02: One or two days before voting	772	19.5	21.8
	03: During the election campaign	575	14.5	16.2
	04: After the announcement of candidates	478	12.1	13.5
	05: Before the election campaign	639	16.2	18.0
	97: Any other	5	.1	.1
	98: No answer	203	5.1	5.7
	Total	3546	89.6	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	412	10.4	
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Q2: If assembly elections in Maharashtra are held tomorrow, then which party will you prefer to vote for?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Congress /INC	486	12.3	12.6
	02: Bharatiya Janata Party/BJP	1061	26.8	27.4
	03: Shiv Sena (Shinde faction)	537	13.6	13.9
	04: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasahab Thackeray)	410	10.3	10.6
	05: Nationalist congress party (Sharad Pawar)	460	11.6	11.9
	06: Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar)	279	7.0	7.2
	07: Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)	54	1.4	1.4
	08: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)	51	1.3	1.3
	09: Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi	216	5.5	5.6
	10: Parivartan Mahashakti Aghadi	11	.3	.3
	11: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM)	42	1.1	1.1
	12: Other allies of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)	5	.1	.1
	13: Other allies of Mahayuti	25	.6	.7
	95: Independent	62	1.6	1.6
	96: None of the Above (NOTA)	100	2.5	2.6
	97: Any other	53	1.3	1.4
	98: Don't know/Can't say/No response	19	.5	.5
	Total	3872	97.8	100.0
Missing	99: I will not vote/ Not Applicable	86	2.2	
Total		3959	100.0	

a: *(If any response between 1 and 97 in Q2)* The party or candidate that you just voted for– will you really want to vote for it in the upcoming election, or will you vote for it because other parties or candidates are bad, or will you vote for it because you want to defeat some other party or candidate?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Will really want to vote for it	2791	70.5	72.4
	02: Will vote for it because other parties or candidates are bad	300	7.6	7.8
	03: Will vote for it because you want to defeat someone else	215	5.4	5.6
	97: Any other reason	27	.7	.7
	98: Did not respond	520	13.1	13.5
		Total	3853	97.3
Missing	99: Not applicable	106	2.7	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q3: Which party did you vote for in the Lok Sabha election held in May 2024?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Congress /INC	633	16.0	16.8
	02: Bharatiya Janata Party/BJP	1255	31.7	33.3
	03: Shiv Sena (Shinde faction)	399	10.1	10.6

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	04: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasahab Thackeray)	351	8.9	9.3
	05: Nationalist congress party (Sharad Pawar)	304	7.7	8.0
	06: Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar)	135	3.4	3.6
	07: Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)	37	.9	1.0
	08: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)	22	.6	.6
	09: Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi	191	4.8	5.1
	11: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM)	28	.7	.8
	12: Other allies of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)	6	.1	.2
	13: Other allies of Mahayuti	3	.1	.1
	95: Independent	12	.3	.3
	96: None of the Above (NOTA)	65	1.6	1.7
	97: Any other	8	.2	.2
	98: Don't know/Can't say/No response	326	8.2	8.6
	Total	3775	95.4	100.0
Missing	99: I did not vote/ Not Applicable	183	4.6	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q4: People will have different considerations while deciding whom to vote for. In this election, what do you think will matter to you the most – party or candidate?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Party	1376	34.7	35.6
	02: Candidate	1911	48.3	49.5
	03: CM Candidate	232	5.9	6.0
	97: Other	27	.7	.7
	98: No response	314	7.9	8.1
	Total	3860	97.5	100.0
Missing	99: I will not vote	99	2.5	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q5: While deciding whom to vote for in the coming Assembly elections, what will be the single most important election issue for you?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Unemployment	813	20.5	20.7
	02: Inflation	973	24.6	24.7
	03: Issue of reservation	208	5.3	5.3
	04: Agricultural or farmer's issue	516	13.0	13.1
	05: Caste – based issues	88	2.2	2.2
	06: Regional identity	56	1.4	1.4
	07: Environment	28	.7	.7
	08: Poverty	165	4.2	4.2
	09: Corruption/scam	108	2.7	2.8
	10: Lack of development	373	9.4	9.5
	11: Poor law and order	22	.6	.6
	12: Good law and order	23	.6	.6
	13: Drinking water issue	38	1.0	1.0

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	14: Lack of Electricity	6	.2	.2
	15: Health services	60	1.5	1.5
	16: Development in education system	73	1.8	1.9
	17: Protection of my religion	54	1.4	1.4
	18: Women Safety	107	2.7	2.7
	19: Want to support my party/party loyalty	45	1.1	1.1
	20: Candidates/leaders changing their parties/defection	12	.3	.3
	97: Other issue not mentioned above	43	1.1	1.1
	98: Can't say	121	3.1	3.1
	Total	3932	99.3	100.0
Missing	99: Not Applicable/ I will not vote	27	.7	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q6: People sometimes vote based on the influence of national leaders. In this election, whose influence do you think will matter most to you while voting?

	N	(%)
01: Narendra Modi	1430	36.1
02: Rahul Gandhi	739	18.7
03: Neither, I will vote based on state issues	1113	28.1
97: Other	108	2.7
98: No response	568	14.4
Total	3959	100.0

Q7: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the work done by the BJP led NDA government at Centre?

	N	(%)
01: Fully satisfied	884	22.3
02: Somewhat satisfied	1373	34.7
03: Somewhat dissatisfied	702	17.7
04: Fully dissatisfied	666	16.8
98: No response	334	8.4
Total	3959	100.0

Q8: Who would you like to see as the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra?

	N	(%)
01: Eknath Shinde	1043	26.4
02: Devendra Fadnavis	713	18.0
03: Uddhav Thackeray	648	16.4
04: Ajit Pawar	162	4.1
05: Sharad Pawar	210	5.3
06: Manoj Jarage Patil	63	1.6
07: Nitin Gadkari	70	1.8
08: Nana Patole	98	2.5

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	N	(%)
09: Balasaheb Thorat	26	.7
97: Any other	268	6.8
98: Don't know	656	16.6
Total	3959	100.0

Q9: Many people participate in these activities during election campaigns. Have you been also participating in them during this election?

	01: Yes		02: No		98: Can't say		Total N
	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)	
a: Attend any party/candidate's election meetings or rallies	853	21.5	2861	72.3	245	6.2	3959
b: Participate in door-to-door campaigning for a party/candidate	508	12.8	3207	81.0	243	6.2	3959
c: Give or collect donations for any party/candidate	277	7.0	3420	86.4	262	6.6	3959
d: Distribute election leaflets or put up posters	403	10.2	3304	83.5	251	6.4	3959
e: Send campaign messages of any candidate/party on WhatsApp, Facebook	662	16.7	3038	76.7	259	6.5	3959

Q10: In the upcoming assembly election, while deciding whom to vote for, what do you think will matter more to you – the work done by the state government or by the central government?

	N	(%)
01: State Government	1063	26.9
02: Central Government	728	18.4
03: Both	1569	39.6
04: Neither	261	6.6
98: Don't Know	338	8.5
Total	3959	100.0

Q11: Some people think that for the development of Maharashtra, it is necessary that the same party should rule at both the Centre and the State. Others think it is not necessary. What do you think – is it very necessary, or not necessary?

	N	(%)
01: Necessary	1527	38.6
02: Not necessary	1639	41.4
98: Can't say	792	20.0
Total	3959	100.0

Q12: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of the Eknath Shinde led Mahayuti coalition government in Maharashtra?

	N	(%)
01: Fully satisfied	875	22.1
02: Somewhat satisfied	1366	34.5
03: Somewhat dissatisfied	783	19.8
04: Fully dissatisfied	542	13.7

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98: No response	392	9.9
Total	3959	100.0

Q13: In the last five years, Maharashtra was governed first by the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance and then by the Eknath Shinde-led Mahayuti alliance. Which of these two do you think was a better government - Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) or Mahayuti alliance?

	N	(%)
01: Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)	1187	30.0
02: Mahayuti alliance	1589	40.1
03: Neither	359	9.1
04: Both were equally good	223	5.6
05: Both were equally bad	185	4.7
98: No response	416	10.5
Total	3959	100.0

Q14: If there were no alliances, which party would you like to vote for in the upcoming assembly elections?

	N	(%)
01: Congress /INC	626	15.8
02: Bharatiya Janata Party/BJP	1224	30.9
03: Shiv Sena (Shinde faction)	452	11.4
04: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasahab Thackeray)	403	10.2
05: Nationalist congress party (Sharad Pawar)	326	8.2
06: Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar)	156	3.9
07: Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)	55	1.4
08: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)	28	.7
09: Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi	194	4.9
11: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM)	26	.7
97: Any other	20	.5
98: Don't know	449	11.3
Total	3959	100.0

Q15: In the last five years, has Inflation/prices of essential goods increased or decreased?

	N	(%)
01: Increased	2839	71.7
02: Remained Same	780	19.7
03: Decreased	150	3.8
98: No response	191	4.8
Total	3959	100.0

a: (If 1 or 3 in Q15) Who is responsible for this- state government or the Centre government?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: State government	509	12.9	17.0

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	02: Centre government	692	17.5	23.2
	03: Both	1467	37.1	49.1
	04: Neither	77	2.0	2.6
	05: People themselves	62	1.6	2.1
	98: No response	180	4.6	6.0
	Total	2988	75.5	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	970	24.5	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q16: In the last five years, have employment opportunities increased or decreased?

		N	(%)
	01: Increased	794	20.1
	02: Remained Same	1397	35.3
	03: Decreased	1374	34.7
	98: No response	393	9.9
	Total	3959	100.0

a: (*If 1 or 3 in Q16*) Who is responsible for this- state government or the Centre government?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: State government	366	9.2	16.9
	02: Centre government	479	12.1	22.1
	03: Both	1148	29.0	53.0
	04: Neither	65	1.6	3.0
	05: People themselves	44	1.1	2.0
	98: No response	67	1.7	3.1
	Total	2169	54.8	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	1790	45.2	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q17: Have you heard the criticism that in the past few years, many industries moved to Gujarat, and that this has harmed the interests of Maharashtra?

		N	(%)
	1: Heard	1980	50.0
	2: Not heard	1979	50.0
	Total	3959	100.0

a: (*If heard*) Who is responsible for this?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Shine led Mahayuti alliance	621	15.7	31.4
	02: Uddhav Thackeray led MVA govt	182	4.6	9.2
	03: State's industrialists	157	4.0	7.9
	04: Central government	562	14.2	28.4
	05: It's a political rumor	143	3.6	7.2

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
	06: Lack of infrastructure	87	2.2	4.4
	07: None	28	.7	1.4
	98: Can't say	200	5.1	10.1
	Total	1980	50.0	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	1979	50.0	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q18: When we ask to people, some say that they are Maharashtrian first and Indian later, whereas some say Indian first and Maharashtrian later. What do you think?

		N	(%)
	01: Maharashtrian first, Indian later	607	15.3
	02: Indian first, Maharashtrian later	2134	53.9
	03: Equally both	666	16.8
	97: Any other	16	.4
	98: Can't say	535	13.5
	Total	3959	100.0

Q19: Some people believe that in recent years, Maharashtra has witnessed an increase in tensions between Hindus and Muslims. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

		N	(%)
	01: Strongly Agree	896	22.6
	02: Somewhat Agree	1302	32.9
	03: Somewhat Disagree	676	17.1
	04: Strongly Disagree	485	12.3
	98: Can't say	599	15.1
	Total	3959	100.0

Q20: Some people say that while deciding who to vote for, it is important to ensure Hindu unity, while others believe voting should be based on various other issues, like development. What do you think - Hindu unity is important or other states issues are important?

		N	(%)
	01: Hindu unity is important	748	18.9
	02: Other issues like development are more important	2632	66.5
	97: Any other	20	.5
	98: Can't say	559	14.1
	Total	3959	100.0

Q21: In your area did the people of your community organize any meeting to discuss the issues like reservations, politics, or Hindu unity?

		N	(%)
	01: Yes	786	19.9
	02: No	2551	64.4

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98: Can't remember	622	15.7
Total	3959	100.0

Q22: Under the Eknath Shinde government, have these issues improved or worsened?

	01: Improved		02: Remained the same		03: Worsened		98: Don't Know		Total
	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)	N
a: Supply of drinking water	1705	43.1	1620	40.9	476	12.0	157	4.0	3959
b: Condition of Roads and Bridges	1416	35.8	1619	40.9	764	19.3	160	4.1	3959
c: Flood Management	929	23.5	1792	45.3	691	17.5	547	13.8	3959
d: Law and order	1066	26.9	1784	45.1	848	21.4	261	6.6	3959
e: Security of women	1220	30.8	1565	39.5	944	23.9	230	5.8	3959

Q23: Is there any political party you feel close to?

	N	(%)
01: No	1916	48.4
02: Yes	1283	32.4
98: Did not respond	760	19.2
Total	3959	100.0

a: (*If yes*) Which party?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Congress /INC	221	5.6	17.2
	02: Bharatiya Janata Party /BJP	469	11.8	36.5
	03: Shiv Sena (Shinde faction)	121	3.1	9.4
	04: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasahab Thackeray)	115	2.9	9.0
	05: Nationalist congress party (Sharad Pawar)	130	3.3	10.1
	06: Nationalist congress party (Ajit Pawar)	63	1.6	4.9
	07: Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)	31	.8	2.4
	08: Independent	7	.2	.6
	09: Not supporter of any party	6	.1	.4
	97: Any other	109	2.7	8.5
	98: Don't know/Can't say/No response	11	.3	.9
Total	1283	32.4	100.0	
Missing	99: Not applicable	2676	67.6	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q24: Do you know about 'Ladki Bahin' scheme?

	N	(%)
1: Yes	3469	87.6
2: No	489	12.4
Total	3959	100.0

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a: *(If yes in Q24)* Do you or any female member of your family has applied for the scheme?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Yes	2889	73.0	83.3
	02: No	580	14.7	16.7
	Total	3469	87.6	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	489	12.4	
Total		3959	100.0	

b: *(If no in Q24a)* Why you or any other female member of your family has not applied for the scheme?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Not eligible	225	5.7	38.8
	02: Don't know how to enroll	39	1.0	6.8
	03: Not interested in availing the scheme	127	3.2	21.9
	04: Do not have the necessary documents for registration	42	1.1	7.3
	05: Application was rejected on technical grounds	40	1.0	6.9
	06: Application rejected due to interference of local political functionaries	13	.3	2.2
	07: Officials are asking for bribe	9	.2	1.6
	97: Any other	3	.1	.5
	98: Don't Know	82	2.1	14.1
	Total	580	14.7	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	3378	85.3	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q25: Do you know about 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Karya Prashikshan Yojana' scheme?

		N	(%)
1: Yes		729	18.4
2: No		3229	81.6
Total		3959	100.0

a: *(If yes in Q25)* Have you or any female member of your family applied for the scheme?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Yes	353	8.9	48.4
	02: No	376	9.5	51.6
	Total	729	18.4	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	3229	81.6	
Total		3959	100.0	

b: *(If no in Q25a)* Why haven't you or any other female member of your family not applied for the scheme?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Not eligible	118	3.0	31.5
	02: Don't know how to enroll	42	1.1	11.1
	03: Not interested in availing the scheme	90	2.3	24.0
	04: Do not have the necessary documents for registration	21	.5	5.6
	05: Application was rejected on technical grounds	23	.6	6.2
	06: Application rejected due to interference of local political functionaries	3	.1	.8
	07: Officials are asking for bribe	1	.0	.3
	97: Any other	11	.3	2.9
	98: Don't Know	67	1.7	17.7
	Total	376	9.5	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	3583	90.5	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q26: Do you think corruption has increased, decreased or remained the same under the Eknath Sinde government as compared to the Uddhav Thackrey government?

		N	(%)
	01: Corruption has increased	1339	33.8
	02: Corruption has remained the same	1510	38.1
	03: Corruption has decreased	434	11.0
	98: Don't know	675	17.1
	Total	3959	100.0

Q27: In the last few years, caste-based tensions and rivalries have increased in Maharashtra. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

		N	(%)
	01: Strongly Agree	958	24.2
	02: Somewhat Agree	1401	35.4
	03: Somewhat Disagree	640	16.2
	04: Strongly Disagree	381	9.6
	98: Can't say	579	14.6
	Total	3959	100.0

Q28: In your area, has there been any appeal to vote for or against a candidate based on their caste?

		N	(%)
	01: Yes	597	15.1
	02: No	2602	65.7
	98: Can't say	760	19.2
	Total	3959	100.0

Q29: In the last five years, have you or someone from your family benefitted from the following government schemes?

a: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) schemes

	N	(%)
1: Benefitted	615	15.5
2: Not benefitted	2568	64.9
3: Not heard	775	19.6
Total	3959	100.0

a(b): Who would you give credit for it – State Government, Central Government or Local Government?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: State government	216	5.5	35.1
	02: Central government	300	7.6	48.7
	03: Local Government	70	1.8	11.3
	98: Don't know	30	.8	4.8
	Total	615	15.5	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	3344	84.5	
Total		3959	100.0	

b: Housing scheme/Awas Yojana

	N	(%)
1: Benefitted	775	19.6
2: Not benefitted	2670	67.4
3: Not heard	513	13.0
Total	3959	100.0

b(b): Who would you give credit for it – State Government, Central Government or Local Government?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: State government	279	7.1	36.0
	02: Central government	364	9.2	47.0
	03: Local Government	91	2.3	11.8
	98: Don't know	41	1.0	5.3
	Total	775	19.6	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	3183	80.4	
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c: PDS

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	N	(%)
1: Benefitted	2374	60.0
2: Not benefitted	1079	27.3
3: Not heard	506	12.8
Total	3959	100.0

c(b): Who would you give credit for it – State Government, Central Government or Local Government?

	N	(%)	Valid (%)	
Valid	01: State government	892	22.5	37.6
	02: Central government	1042	26.3	43.9
	03: Local Government	252	6.4	10.6
	98: Don't know	188	4.7	7.9
	Total	2374	60.0	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	1584	40.0	
Total	3959	100.0		

d: Scheme to provide free hospital treatment up to 5 lakh rupees (Ayushman Bharat)

	N	(%)
1: Benefitted	505	12.8
2: Not benefitted	2842	71.8
3: Not heard	611	15.4
Total	3959	100.0

d(b): Who would you give credit for it – State Government, Central Government or Local Government?

	N	(%)	Valid (%)	
Valid	01: State government	141	3.6	27.9
	02: Central government	301	7.6	59.6
	03: Local Government	43	1.1	8.5
	98: Don't know	20	.5	4.0
	Total	505	12.8	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	3454	87.2	
Total	3959	100.0		

e: Free gas connection with cylinder (Ujjwala Yojana)

	N	(%)
1: Benefitted	1065	26.9
2: Not benefitted	2378	60.1
3: Not heard	516	13.0
Total	3959	100.0

e(b): Who would you give credit for it – State Government, Central Government or Local Government?

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: State government	229	5.8	21.5
	02: Central government	727	18.4	68.3
	03: Local Government	64	1.6	6.0
	98: Don't know	45	1.1	4.2
	Total	1065	26.9	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	2893	73.1	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q30: In the last five years, have you or someone from your family benefitted from the following government schemes?

a: Balasaheb Thakeray Aapla Dawakhana schemes

		N	(%)
1: Benefitted		147	3.7
2: Not benefitted		2117	53.5
3: Not heard		1695	42.8
Total		3959	100.0

a(b): Who would you give credit for it – State Government, Central Government or Local Government?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: State government	110	2.8	74.9
	02: Central government	16	.4	10.8
	03: Local Government	16	.4	10.7
	98: Don't know	5	.1	3.7
	Total	147	3.7	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	3812	96.3	
Total		3959	100.0	

b: Mahasamriddhi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana

		N	(%)
1: Benefitted		103	2.6
2: Not benefitted		2145	54.2
3: Not heard		1710	43.2
Total		3959	100.0

b(b): Who would you give credit for it – State Government, Central Government or Local Government?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: State government	63	1.6	60.8
	02: Central government	35	.9	34.1
	03: Local Government	2	.1	2.2
	98: Don't know	3	.1	3.0

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	Total	103	2.6	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	3855	97.4	
Total		3959	100.0	

c: Mahatma Phule Vaidyakiy Bill Paripurati Yojana

		N	(%)
	1: Benefitted	200	5.0
	2: Not benefitted	2303	58.2
	3: Not heard	1455	36.8
	Total	3959	100.0

c(b): Who would you give credit for it – State Government, Central Government or Local Government?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: State government	88	2.2	44.2
	02: Central government	53	1.3	26.4
	03: Local Government	47	1.2	23.5
	98: Don't know	12	.3	5.9
	Total	200	5.0	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	3759	95.0	
Total		3959	100.0	

d: Anandacha Shidha Yojana

		N	(%)
	1: Benefitted	2050	51.8
	2: Not benefitted	1123	28.4
	3: Not heard	786	19.9
	Total	3959	100.0

d(b): Who would you give credit for it – State Government, Central Government or Local Government?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: State government	1123	28.4	54.8
	02: Central government	617	15.6	30.1
	03: Local Government	198	5.0	9.6
	98: Don't know	113	2.9	5.5
	Total	2050	51.8	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	1909	48.2	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q31: Is anyone in your household engaged in agriculture?

		N	(%)
	01: Yes, full-time	1246	31.5
	02: Yes, part-time	576	14.6

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03: Not engaged	1763	44.5
98: Not told	373	9.4
Total	3959	100.0

a(a): *(If 1 or 2 in Q31)* Please tell me whether you have benefitted from the PM Kisan Sanman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN)?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Benefitted	1383	34.9	75.9
	02: Not benefitted	351	8.9	19.3
	03: Not heard	39	1.0	2.1
	98: Not eligible	50	1.3	2.7
	Total	1823	46.0	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	2136	54.0	
Total		3959	100.0	

a(b): *(If 1 or 2 in Q31)* Please tell me whether you have benefitted from the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Beema Yojana (PMFBY)?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Benefitted	1011	25.5	55.5
	02: Not benefitted	686	17.3	37.6
	03: Not heard	74	1.9	4.1
	98: Not eligible	51	1.3	2.8
	Total	1823	46.0	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	2136	54.0	
Total		3959	100.0	

a(c): *(If 1 or 2 in Q31)* Please tell me whether you have benefitted from the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Benefitted	678	17.1	37.2
	02: Not benefitted	915	23.1	50.2
	03: Not heard	143	3.6	7.9
	98: Not eligible	86	2.2	4.7
	Total	1823	46.0	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	2136	54.0	
Total		3959	100.0	

a(d): *(If 1 or 2 in Q31)* Please tell me whether you have benefitted from the Shetkari Sanman Yojana?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Benefitted	736	18.6	40.4
	02: Not benefitted	848	21.4	46.6
	03: Not heard	157	4.0	8.6
	98: Not eligible	82	2.1	4.5
	Total	1823	46.0	100.0

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Missing	99: Not applicable	2136	54.0	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q32: Who helped you the most in availing the scheme?

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Government official	296	7.5	9.7
	02: Social worker	311	7.9	10.2
	03: Local politician	385	9.7	12.6
	04: Sarpanch/ member panchayat	617	15.6	20.2
	05: Other elected politician	69	1.7	2.3
	06: Relatives	339	8.6	11.1
	07: NGO	32	.8	1.1
	08: Did not take help from anyone	579	14.6	19.0
	97: Anybody else	56	1.4	1.8
	98: Do not remember	364	9.2	12.0
	Total	3049	77.0	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	910	23.0	
Total		3959	100.0	

Q33: We have seen splits among Shiv Sena and NCP into different factions. People have different opinions on this. Which statement do you agree most?

		N	(%)
01: Some people say that this was the foul play of BJP.		888	22.4
02: Some people say that this happened due to the political ambitions of some of their leaders.		1375	34.7
98: Don't know		1696	42.8
Total		3959	100.0

Q34: How regularly do you do the following– daily, sometimes or never?

	01: Daily		02: Sometimes		03: Never		98: Don't Know		Total N
	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)	
a: Watch news on television	1859	47.0	1490	37.6	499	12.6	110	2.8	3959
b: Listen to news on radio	226	5.7	536	13.5	2880	72.8	317	8.0	3959
c: Read the newspaper/s	936	23.7	1311	33.1	1504	38.0	207	5.2	3959
d: Read news on internet	1259	31.8	1052	26.6	1383	34.9	264	6.7	3959

Q35: How often do you use the following - many times a day, once or twice a day, some days a week, some days a month, very rarely or never?

	a: Facebook		b: Twitter		c: Instagram		d: WhatsApp		e: YouTube	
	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)
01: Many times a day	495	12.5	168	4.2	731	18.5	1521	38.4	1352	34.1
02: Once or twice a day	728	18.4	276	7.0	630	15.9	829	20.9	907	22.9
03: Some days a week	355	9.0	192	4.8	221	5.6	179	4.5	286	7.2
04: Some days a month	107	2.7	93	2.4	97	2.4	80	2.0	81	2.0
05: Very rarely	389	9.8	204	5.1	243	6.1	205	5.2	278	7.0

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06: Never	485	12.2	739	18.7	520	13.1	330	8.3	320	8.1
99: No account	1400	35.4	2287	57.8	1516	38.3	815	20.6	735	18.6
Total	3959	100.0	3959	100.0	3959	100.0	3959	100.0	3959	100.0

Q36: Are you or any member of your family being contacted by the following parties through a phone call, text message, or on WhatsApp, Facebook, etc. in the last month?

	01: Yes		02: No		98: Don't Know		Total N
	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)	
a: Congress /INC	898	22.7	2587	65.3	474	12.0	3959
b: Bharatiya Janata Party/BJP	1338	33.8	2219	56.1	401	10.1	3959
c: Shiv Sena (Shinde faction)	1042	26.3	2475	62.5	442	11.2	3959
d: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasahab Thackeray)	865	21.8	2676	67.6	418	10.6	3959
e: Nationalist congress party (Sharad Pawar)	908	22.9	2589	65.4	461	11.6	3959
f: Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar)	807	20.4	2674	67.5	478	12.1	3959
g: Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)	447	11.3	3009	76.0	503	12.7	3959
h: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)	356	9.0	3062	77.4	541	13.7	3959
i: Any other	55	1.4	3106	78.5	798	20.1	3959

Q37: And what about visiting you—has a candidate or member of the following parties come to your house to ask for your vote in the last few days?

	01: Yes		02: No		98: Don't Know		Total N
	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)	
a: Congress /INC	950	24.0	2588	65.4	420	10.6	3959
b: Bharatiya Janata Party/BJP	1116	28.2	2496	63.0	347	8.8	3959
c: Shiv Sena (Shinde faction)	934	23.6	2596	65.6	428	10.8	3959
d: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasahab Thackeray)	850	21.5	2698	68.2	410	10.4	3959
e: Nationalist congress party (Sharad Pawar)	912	23.0	2627	66.4	420	10.6	3959
f: Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar)	751	19.0	2766	69.9	442	11.2	3959
g: Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)	427	10.8	3035	76.7	496	12.5	3959
h: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)	400	10.1	3052	77.1	507	12.8	3959
i: Any other	97	2.5	3139	79.3	722	18.3	3959

Q38: Which alliance would be better for Maharashtra for the next five years - Maha Vikas Aghadi or Mahayuti?

	N	(%)
01: Maha Vikas Aghadhi	1277	32.3
02: Mahayuti	1521	38.4
03: Neither	462	11.7
97: Any other	71	1.8
98: Don't Know/Can't Say	627	15.8
Total	3959	100.0

Q39: Should the current Eknath Shinde led Mahayuti government of Maharashtra get another chance?

	N	(%)
01: Yes	1627	41.1
02: No	1480	37.4
98: No response	852	21.5
Total	3959	100.0

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Z1: What is your age?

	N	(%)
1: Up to 25 yrs	472	11.9
2: 26-35 yrs	968	24.5
3: 36-45 yrs	884	22.3
4: 46-55 yrs	788	19.9
5: 56 yrs. and above	847	21.4
Total	3959	100.0

Z2: Gender

	N	(%)
1: Male	2104	53.1
2: Female	1852	46.8
3: Other	3	.1
Total	3959	100.0

Z3: Are you married?

	N	(%)
01: No	602	15.2
02: Yes	3150	79.6
03: Divorced	24	.6
04: Widow/Widower	130	3.3
05: Separated	8	.2
98: Did not answer/No response	44	1.1
Total	3959	100.0

Z4: What is your educational level?

	N	(%)
01: Illiterate (Can't read or write at all)	352	8.9
02: Below primary school	282	7.1
03: Primary pass (5th class)	346	8.8
04: Middle pass (8th class)	371	9.4
05: Matric pass (10th class)	747	18.9

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	N	(%)
06: Studying in 11th or 12th or junior college	161	4.1
07: Inter pass (12th class)	601	15.2
08: Diploma (After 10th or 12th class)	85	2.1
09: Graduate/pursuing graduation/in college	597	15.1
10: Post graduate/pursuing post graduation	203	5.1
11: Higher degree (MPhil, PhD)	25	.6
12: Professional degree/course (Law, BTech, etc.)	64	1.6
97: Any other	35	.9
98: Did not say	89	2.3
Total	3959	100.0

Z5: What is your main occupation?

	N	(%)
01: Higher level professional	97	2.5
02: Lower level professional	93	2.3
03: Government management	4	.1
04: Government administrator	14	.3
05: Government clerical job	40	1.0
06: Government Class 4 employee	36	.9
07: Big and medium trader	124	3.1
08: Small trader	158	4.0
09: Small/temporary business	182	4.6
10: Services/Service sector	127	3.2
11: Skilled worker	149	3.8
12: Semi-skilled worker	40	1.0
13: Labourer	113	2.9
14: Farmer	904	22.8
15: Agricultural labourer	305	7.7
16: Dairy/poultry and livestock farming	18	.5
17: Student (someone might be doing this part time)	85	2.1
18: Homemaker/housewife/househusband (someone might be doing this along with some other small work for extra money)	343	8.7
19: Student	184	4.6
20: Homemaker/housewife/ househusband	493	12.4
21: Unemployed/looking for work	60	1.5
97: Any other work which does not fit into any other category	89	2.3
98: Did not say	301	7.6
Total	3959	100.0

a: Are you the main earner?

	N	(%)
1: Yes	1914	48.4
2: No	2044	51.6
Total	3959	100.0

b: (If No in Z5a) What is the occupation of the main earner?

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		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	01: Higher level professional	62	1.6	3.1
	02: Lower level professional	47	1.2	2.3
	03: Government management	3	.1	.1
	04: Government administrator	7	.2	.3
	05: Government clerical job	37	.9	1.8
	06: Government Class 4 employee	18	.5	.9
	07: Big and medium trader	79	2.0	3.9
	08: Small trader	103	2.6	5.0
	09: Small/temporary business	110	2.8	5.4
	10: Services/Service sector	71	1.8	3.5
	11: Skilled worker	131	3.3	6.4
	12: Semi-skilled worker	19	.5	.9
	13: Labourer	81	2.0	4.0
	14: Farmer	562	14.2	27.5
	15: Agricultural labourer	175	4.4	8.6
	16: Dairy/poultry and livestock farming	9	.2	.4
	17: Student (someone might be doing this part time)	62	1.6	3.1
	18: Homemaker/housewife/househusband (someone might be doing this along with some other small work for extra money)	178	4.5	8.7
	97: Any other work which does not fit into any other category	61	1.5	3.0
98: Did not say	227	5.7	11.1	
Total	2044	51.6	100.0	
Missing	99: Not applicable	1914	48.4	
Total		3959	100.0	

Z6: What is your religion?

	N	(%)
01: Hindu	3035	76.7
02: Muslim	528	13.3
03: Christian	18	.5
04: Sikh	3	.1
05: Buddhist/Neo-Buddhist	289	7.3
06: Jain	9	.2
07: Parsi	1	.0
08: No religion (Atheist)	5	.1
97: Any other	5	.1
98: No response	65	1.6
Total	3959	100.0

Z7: What is your caste category?

	N	(%)
01: Scheduled Caste (SC)	520	13.1

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02: Scheduled Tribe (ST)	322	8.1
03: Other Backward Classes (OBC)	1101	27.8
04: General	1604	40.5
98: No response	412	10.4
Total	3959	100.0

Z8: What is your caste/community?

	N	(%)
010: Brahmin	89	2.2
099: Other Upper Castes	118	3.0
121: Marathas	815	20.6
143: Lingayats	61	1.5
199: Other Peasant Proprietors	9	.2
257: Kunbi	274	6.9
271: Mali	73	1.8
272: Dhangar	107	2.7
273: Vanjari	33	.8
274: Leva-Patil	7	.2
275: Gowari	26	.6
276: Agri	29	.7
277: Powar	26	.7
278: Teli	90	2.3
299: Other Peasant OBC	66	1.7
378: Kosti-Sali-Padmashali	5	.1
399: Other Artisan OBC	34	.9
470: Banjara	86	2.2
499: Other Service OBCs	77	1.9
500: Charmakar	9	.2
531: Mahar	214	5.4
583: Matang	59	1.5
599: Other SC	73	1.8
601: Bhil	59	1.5
608: Andh	16	.4
632: Mahadev-Koli	17	.4
699: Other STs	169	4.3
740: Peasants/Traders	4	.1
760: Service Muslims	23	.6
770: Ex-Untouchables/Muslim Dalits	13	.3
780: Other Muslim OBC	138	3.5
799: Muslim No Caste/Other Muslims	277	7.0
800: Jat Sikh:	5	.1
810: Khatri/Arora Sikh	1	.0
820: OBC Sikh	0	.0
830: Sikh No Caste/Other Sikhs	4	.1
840: Upper Caste Christians	1	.0
850: OBC Christians	3	.1
860: Dalit Christians	1	.0

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	N	(%)
870: Christians No Caste/Other Christians	11	.3
890: Buddhists	94	2.4
900: Neo Buddhists	12	.3
995: Hindu no caste	93	2.3
998: Not disclosed	634	16.0
Total	3959	100.0

Z9a: (If *Town/City*) Type of house where Respondent lives (own or rented)

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: House/Flat/Bungalow (5+bedrooms)	118	3.0	6.6
	2: House/Flat (3 or 4 bedrooms)	464	11.7	25.9
	3: House/Flat with 2 bedrooms	360	9.1	20.1
	4: House/Flat with 2 pucca rooms	248	6.3	13.8
	5: House with 1 pucca rooms	340	8.6	19.0
	6: Mainly kutcha house	84	2.1	4.7
	7: Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri	80	2.0	4.4
	98: Can't ascertain	99	2.5	5.5
	Total	1793	45.3	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	2166	54.7	
Total		3959	100.0	

Z9b: (If *Village*) Type of house where Respondent lives (own or rented)

		N	(%)	Valid (%)
Valid	1: Pucca (both wall and roof made of pucca material)	970	24.5	44.8
	2: Pucca-Kutcha (either wall or roof made from pucca material and other of kutcha material)	836	21.1	38.6
	3: Kutcha (both wall and roof made from kutcha material other than mentioned in category 4)	326	8.2	15.1
	4: Hut (both wall and roof made from grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo)	24	.6	1.1
	98: Can't ascertain	10	.3	.5
	Total	2166	54.7	100.0
Missing	99: Not applicable	1793	45.3	
Total		3959	100.0	

Z10: Do you or members of your household have the following things?

	1: Yes		2: No		Total N
	N	(%)	N	(%)	
a: Car/jeep/van	706	17.8	3252	82.2	3959
b: Scooter/Motorcycle/Mope	2996	75.7	963	24.3	3959
c: Air conditioner	614	15.5	3344	84.5	3959
d: Computer/laptop/iPad	1035	26.2	2923	73.8	3959
e: Electric fan/cooler	3402	85.9	556	14.1	3959
f: Washing machine	1031	26.1	2927	73.9	3959

	1: Yes		2: No		Total N
	N	(%)	N	(%)	
g: Fridge	2469	62.4	1490	37.6	3959
h: Television	3530	89.2	428	10.8	3959
i: Bank/post office account	3686	93.1	273	6.9	3959
j: ATM/Debit card	2882	72.8	1077	27.2	3959
k: LPG Gas	3424	86.5	535	13.5	3959
l: Internet connection in house (besides mobile phone)	1117	28.2	2841	71.8	3959
m: Toilet in the house	3430	86.6	529	13.4	3959
n: Pumping set	659	16.7	3299	83.3	3959
o: Tractor	333	8.4	3625	91.6	3959

Z11: Keeping in mind everyone in the family, how much is the family monthly income?

	N	(%)
01: 1000 to 2000	143	3.6
02: 2001 to 3000	115	2.9
03: 3001 to 5000	254	6.4
04: 5001 to 7500	280	7.1
05: 7501 to 10,000	351	8.9
06: 10,001 to 15,000	376	9.5
07: 15,001 to 20,000	451	11.4
08: 20,001 to 30,000	586	14.8
09: 30,001 to 50,000	606	15.3
10: 50,000 to 1 lakh	237	6.0
11: More than 1 lakh	86	2.2
98: Did not say	473	12.0
Total	3959	100.0