

Documentation and Trust in the Voter Verification Process

- F1. FI's Roll no.: _____
F2. FI's name: _____
F3. State Name: _____
F4. District Name: _____
F5. Area Name: _____
F6. Area Type: _____

(Check whether house falls in Panchayat or Municipal area before recording)

01	Village
02	Town (50,000-1 lakh)
03	Small City (1-5 lakh)
04	Big City (5-10 lakh)
05	Metropolitan City (Above 10 lakh)

INVESTIGATOR'S INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT:

Namaste! My name is _____ and I have come from Lokniti, CSDS a research organization based in Delhi. We are conducting a survey on Understanding documentation and trust in the voter verification process . This study seeks to examine the types of documents that voters in India possess and their perceptions of the voter verification process. Additionally, it aims to explore the level of trust that voters place in the Election Commission of India. The information collected by the survey will be used for academic writing and articles . The survey is an independent study and has nothing to do with any political party or government agency. The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes. Please take out some time to answer these questions. Your identity will be kept strictly confidential.

F7: May I begin this interview now?

1.	Respondent agrees
2.	Respondent refuses <i>(Stop the survey and go to the next household)</i>

Interview Begins

Background Questions

Z1. What is your name? _____

Z2. What is your age (Below 18 years Stop interview)

98: Not Told

Z3. Which year were you born in?

01	Before 1987
02	Between 1987 and 2004
03	After 2004

Z4. Gender (*Don't Ask, determine yourself*)

01	Male
02	Female
03	Others

Z5: How many members are there in your house?

a	Children (Specify how many) _____
b	Adult (Above 18 years) (Specify how many) _____

Z6: For how many years have you been staying in this town/city/village?

01	1- 5 Years
02	6-10 Years
03	11- 15 Years
04	More than 15 years
05	Since Birth
98.	Don't Know

Z7. Any members of the immediate family staying away for work/study?

01	Yes
02	No

Q1. Are you a registered voter in (Mention State name from F3) ?

01	Yes
02	No

Q1a. (*If Option 02 in Q1*) Are you registered as a voter somewhere else in the country?

01	Yes
02	No—not registered anywhere

Q1b. (*If Option 01 in 1a*) If yes, which state? _____

Q2. (*If option 01 in Q1or Q1a*) Is your name in the (Mention State name from F3) electoral roll?

01	Yes
02	No
98	Not sure

Q3. Currently, the Election Commission is conducting SIR in Bihar. Have you heard about it?

01	Yes, in detail
02	Yes, have heard but not sure about details
98	No, not heard at all (If someone doesn't respond code No)

- Q4. The Election Commission is asking voters to submit some specific documents like birth certificates, Senior Secondary Certificate, etc. Are you aware of this requirement?**

01	Yes
02	No
98	Don't Know/ Not sure

- Q5. Do you have the following documents?**

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Aadhar Card	1	2	98
b. PAN Card	1	2	98
c. Passport	1	2	98

- Q6. Do you have a birth certificate issued by a local or government authority?**

01	Yes, I have it
02	I have a birth certificate, but not from an official authority
03	No, I do not have one
98	Don't know/Not sure

- Q7. (If Option 03 in Q6) Why don't you have a birth certificate?**

01	Never issued one
02	Lost/damaged
03	Difficult to obtain from the issuing authority
04	Don't know how to apply
97	Any other? Please specify _____
98	Don't know/ Not sure

- Q8. Do you think it is reasonable for the Election Commission to ask for birth certificates for voter list verification?**

01	Yes
02	No
98	Don't know/ Not sure

- Q9. What other documents do you think should be accepted as proof of citizenship? (Choose multiple response)**

01	PAN
02	Aadhaar
03	Ration card
04	Passport
05	Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC)/ Proof of currently listed in electoral roll
06	No other identity proof needed
97	Any other? Please specify _____
98	Don't know/ Not sure

- Q10. If the Election Commission makes it mandatory to show a birth certificate in order to remain on the voter list, how would this affect voters like you?**

01	No problem, I have it
02	It will be a bit difficult, but I'll manage to arrange it
03	I won't be able to get it made

Q11. How difficult is it for a voter like you to obtain such certificates that Election Commission is asking?

01	Very difficult
02	Somewhat difficult
03	Not much
04	Not at all
05	Already have all necessary certificates
98	Don't know/ Not sure

Q12. Do you have the following documents?

	Yes	No	Don't know	N/A
a. 10th Class Certificate	1	2	98	99
b. Domicile certificate	1	2	98	99
c. Caste certificate	1	2	98	99
d. NRC document (<i>Ask only in Assam</i>)	1	2	98	99

Q13. Who do you think will be most affected if birth certificates or similar other documents become mandatory for voter list inclusion? (Choose multiple options)

01	Young voters
02	SCs
03	STs
04	OBCs
05	Muslims
06	Rural populations
07	Poor
08	Illiterate people
09	Migrants
10	Elderly people
11	No One
97	Any other? Please specify _____
98	Not sure/ Don't know

Q14. In your family, do all the members above the age of 18 years have a birth certificate?

01	Yes, all have
02	Yes, but only a few have
03	No, none have
97	Any other? Please specify _____
98	Not sure/ Don't know

Q15. Do you have the following documents?

	Yes	No	Don't know	N/A
a. Forest Right Certificate	1	2	98	99
b. Family Registration Certificate	1	2	98	99
c. Land or house allotment certificate	1	2	98	99

Q16. Do you have the following documents?

	Yes	No	Don't know	N/A
a. Government-issued identity card or pension order (central/state/PSU)	1	2	98	99

	Yes	No	Don't know	N/A
b. Government/PSU identity documents issued before July 1, 1987	1	2	98	99

Q17. (If option 02 or 03 in Z3) Does your mother/father have the following documents?

	Yes	No	N/A	N/R
a. Only mother has birth certificate	1	2	98	99
b. Only father has a birth certificate	1	2	98	99
c. Only mother has SSC certificate	1	2	98	99
d. Only father has SSC certificate	1	2	98	99
e. Only mother has caste certificate	1	2	98	99
f. Only father has caste certificate	1	2	98	99

Q18. Do you or anyone in your family have a BPL (Below Poverty Line) card?

01	Yes
02	No
98	Don't know/ Not sure
99	Not applicable

Q19. Do you think the special intensive revision will help remove fake or duplicate voters?

01	Yes
02	No
98	Don't know/ Not sure

Q20. Do you worry that some genuine voters might get removed from the voter list during this process?

01	Yes
02	No
98	Don't know/ Not sure

Q21. How much confidence do you have in the Election Commission that it will ensure that all voters will be included and nobody will be unnecessarily dropped from the rolls?

01	Very confident
02	Somewhat confident
03	Not much
04	Not at all
98	Don't know/ Not sure

Q22. Have you heard of Digi Locker, the government's digital document storage platform?

01	Yes, and I use it
02	Yes, but I don't use it
03	No, I haven't heard of it
98	Don't know/ Not sure

Q23. Why do you think the Election Commission is introducing this document requirement in SIR? (Write the answer and click on the option category that comes closest to it) (Do not read out any of the options given below) _____

01	To ensure the accuracy of voter rolls
02	Updating new eligible voters
03	It's a run up to NRC

04	To verify citizenship
05	To target specific communities
06	Due to pressure from political parties
07	To strengthen the electoral system
08	To remove specific group of voters
09	No hidden objective
97	Any other? Please specify _____
98	Don't know/ Not sure

Q24. Were you able to vote in the last 2024 Lok Sabha Election?

01	Yes
02	No
03	I am a first time voter
98	Don't know/ Not sure

Q25. (If option 01 in Q24) Did you face any difficulty?

01	Yes
02	No
98	Don't know/ Not sure

Q26. (If option 01 in Q25) What kind of difficulty?

01	Technical difficulty (EVM not working)
02	Wasn't able to find name on voter list easily
03	Mismatch between voter ID and voter list
04	Booth capturing
05	Coerced by someone/some party to vote against their will
06	Lack of accessibility for disabled people or the elderly
97	Any other? Please specify_____
98	Don't know

Q27. To what extent do you trust the Election Commission —to a great extent, to some extent, not much, or not at all?

01	Great extent
02	Some extent
03	Not much
04	Not at all
98	Don't know/ Not sure
99	Not aware of the Election Commission of India

Q28. Have you heard about KYC (Know Your Customer)?

01	Yes, In detail
02	Yes, But not much
03	No, I haven't heard
98	Don't know/ Not sure

Q29. (If Option 01, 02 in Q28) Have you ever faced any problems while completing KYC (Know Your Customer)?

01	Yes, faced major problems
02	Yes, faced minor issues
03	No problems at all
98	Don't know / Not sure

Q30. Do you trust Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) to record your vote accurately?

01	Yes, completely
02	Somewhat
03	Not Much
04	No, not at all
98	Don't know/ Not sure

Q31. Do you think the VVPAT machine makes the election more trustworthy?

01	Yes, completely
02	Somewhat
03	Not much
04	Not at all
98	Don't know

Q32. According to you, to what extent is the Election Commission working under pressure from the central government—completely, somewhat, not much, or not at all?

01	Yes, completely
02	Somewhat
03	Not much
04	Not at all
98	Don't know

Q33. What do you think the Election Commission should do to make the voter verification process fairer and just for all? (Write the answer and click on the option category that comes closest to it) (Do not read out any of the options given below) _____

01	Accept more types of documents, not just birth certificates
02	Accept the rolls of 2024 and exclude only those who have died or left residence
03	Make the form simpler and in local language
04	Give people more time and clear information about the process
05	Avoid making birth certificate compulsory
06	Verify the documents and do not rely only on BLOs
07	Have special drives to get various documents
08	The current process is already fair
97	Any other? Please specify _____
98	Don't know / Not sure

Background Details

Z8. What is the highest educational level you have attained? (Write the answer and click on the relevant option category) _____

1.	Non-literate (Can't read or write a simple statement in any language)
2.	Less than Primary
3.	Primary completed (Class 5)
4.	Middle/upper primary completed (Class 8)
5.	High school completed/Matriculation pass (Class 10)
6.	Studying in Class 11 or 12
7.	Intermediate/Higher secondary completed (Class 12)
8.	Diploma/certificate (after Class 10 or 12 grades)

9.	Pursuing Graduation
10.	Graduation completed
11.	Pursuing Post Graduation
12.	Post-Graduation completed
13.	Higher degree (MPhil, PhD)
97.	Any other <i>(Please specify)</i>
98.	No response

Z9a. What is your main occupation? *(If retired, find out previous job. First note down the response in the space given below and then click on the right/most suitable option from the menu provided)* _____

01.	Higher Professionals: Engineers, Doctors, Lawyers, Chartered Accountants/Financial Experts, Professors, Corporate managers/Chief Executives (CEO), Company secretaries, Production and operation managers, Scientists, Architects, Statisticians/Mathematicians, Writer, Creative or performing Artists, etc.
02.	Lower Professionals: Science technicians, Computer Operator, Data Entry, Finance and Sales Associate Professionals, Traditional Medicine practitioners (Ayurvedic/homeopathic Doctor, Faith healer), Nurse, Compounder, School Teacher, Tutor, Priest, Astrologer, NGO worker/Social worker, librarians, etc.
03.	Government Managerial job: Manager, Director, Executive, MP, MLA etc.
04.	Government Administrative job: Administrators (First-Second Class Officer), Major in Army, Colonel, Brigadier, Police Inspector, Safety and Quality Inspectors
05.	Government Clerical Jobs: Class III Officers, Clerk, Cashiers/Tellers, Typists, Army Jawan, Police Constable
06.	Government Class IV: Peon, Postman, Gram Sevak, Amin, Safai Karamchari, library assistants, etc.
07.	Big and Medium Traders: Big Shopkeepers, Factory Owners, Hotel Owners, Petrol Pumps, Taxi Owners, Big Travel Agency, Small Hotels, Property Dealers, Jewellers etc.
08.	Small Trader: Grocery Shop, Small Travel Agency, Phone Booth, Broker, Parlour, Rickshaw Owner, Landlord, etc.
09.	Small/Temporary Business: Temporary Shopkeeper, Sales Man, Delivery Boy, Shop Assistant, Small Shopkeepers, etc.
10.	Service/Service Area: Cook, Waiter, Washerman, Barber, Domestic Servant/personal care workers, Chowkidar, Travel attendants/Guides, Shop sales persons and Demonstrators, Delivery boy, Private Guard, Safai Karamchari etc.
11.	Skilled Workers: Driver, Mechanic, Electrician, Plumber, Tailor, Cobbler, Carpenter, Sailor, gardeners, Fishery workers, Miners, Stone cutter and Carvers, Sculptors, Painters, Welders, Sheet metal workers, Blacksmith, Goldsmith, Glass makers, Handicraft workers, Printing and related workers, etc.
12.	Semi-skilled workers: Artisans, bricklayers, potters, stone cutters, furniture, basketry, mat makers, Food processing workers, etc.
13.	Wage labourer (non-agriculture): Rickshaw pullers, loaders, construction workers, Street Vendors, Garbage collectors, Mining and manufacturing laborers, etc.
14.	Farmer: tilling own land or someone else's land
15.	Agricultural Labourer: Landless farm labourers
16.	Dairy/Fish/Poultry/Animal Husbandry work
17.	Student but doing part time job
18.	Housewife/househusband but doing part time job
19.	Student
20.	Housewife/househusband
21.	Unemployed or looking for employment
97.	Any other work (specify) _____

98.	Did not answer
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Z9b. Are you the main earner of your household?

1.	No
2.	Yes
98.	Don't Know/Can't Say

Z9c. (If 1 in Z9b) What is the occupation of the main earner of your household? (If retired, find out previous job. First note down the response in the space given below and then click on the right/most suitable option from the menu provided)

01.	Higher Professionals: Engineers, Doctors, Lawyers, Chartered Accountants/Financial Experts, Professors, Corporate managers/Chief Executives (CEO), Company secretaries, Production and operation managers, Scientists, Architects, Statisticians/Mathematicians, Writer, Creative or performing Artists, etc.
02.	Lower Professionals: Science technicians, Computer Operator, Data Entry, Finance and Sales Associate Professionals, Traditional Medicine practitioners (Ayurvedic/homeopathic Doctor, Faith healer), Nurse, Compounder, School Teacher, Tutor, Priest, Astrologer, NGO worker/Social worker, librarians, etc.
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16.	Dairy/Fish/Poultry/Animal Husbandry work
17.	Student but doing part time job
18.	Housewife/househusband but doing part time job
19.	Unemployed or looking for employment
97.	Any other work (specify) _____
98.	Did not answer

Z10. Which religion do you belong to?

1.	Hindu
2.	Muslim
3.	Christian
4.	Sikh
5.	Jain
6.	Parsi
7.	Buddhist/neo-Buddhist
8.	No religion (Atheist)
97.	Any other (<i>specify</i>) _____
98.	No response

Z11. And what caste group do you belong to - SC, ST, OBC or General?

1.	SC
2.	ST
3.	OBC
4.	General
98.	Did not disclose

Z12. What is your Caste/Jaati biradari/tribe name? (*Note down the caste/Jati biradari/tribe name and click on the relevant answer category displayed on the App*)_____

98. Don't Know/ Not sure
999. Did not disclose

Z13a. (*If 2, 3, 4, or 5 in F6*) Type of house in which respondent lives?

1.	House/Flat/ Bungalow
2.	House/Flat with 5 or more rooms
3.	House/ Flat with 4 rooms
4.	House/ Flat with 3 rooms
5.	House with 2rooms
6.	House with 1 room
7.	kuccha house
8.	Slum/Jhuggi/ Jhopadi
98.	Did not respond

Z13b. (*If 1 in F6*) Type of house in which respondent lives?

1.	Pucca (both wall and roof are made of pucca material)
2.	Pucca-kuccha (either wall or roof is made of pucca material, but others of kuccha material)
3.	Kaccha (both wall and roof are made of kuccha material other than material mentioned in Category 4)
4.	Hut (both wall and roof are made of grass, leaves, mud, un-brunt brick or bamboo)
98.	Did not respond

Z14. In normal circumstances, what is your monthly household expenditure? (First code the digits below and then record the appropriate range from the option categories)

1.	Up to 2,000
2.	2,001 to 5,000
3.	5,001 to 10,000
4.	10,001 to 30,000
5.	30,001 to 50,000
6.	50,001 to 80,000
7.	80,001 to 1 lakh
8.	1 lakh to 2 lakh
9.	2 lakh and above
98.	No answer

Z15. Do you or members of your household have the following things?

		Yes	No
a.	Car/Jeep/Van	01	02
b.	Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped	01	02
c.	Air conditioner	01	02
d.	Computer/laptop/i-Pad	01	02
e.	Electronic Fan/Cooler	01	02
f.	Washing machine	01	02
g.	Fridge/refrigerator	01	02
h.	Television	01	02
i.	Bank/Post office account	01	02
j.	ATM/Debit/Credit card	01	02
k.	LPG gas	01	02
l.	Internet connection in the house (Excluding mobile phone)	01	02
m.	Toilet inside the house	01	02
n.	Pumping set (only to be asked in villages)	01	02
o.	Tractor/Thrasher (only to be asked in villages)	01	02

Z16. What's your monthly household income after putting together the income of all members? (First code the number and then mark range option depending on answer)

1.	Upto 2,000
2.	2,001 to 5,000
3.	5,001 to 10,000
4.	10,001 to 30,000
5.	30,001 to 50,000
6.	50,001 to 80,000
7.	80,001 to 1 lakh
8.	1 lakh to 2 lakh
9.	2 lakh and above
98.	No answer

Z17. Could you give me your mobile/telephone no.? We may want to get in touch with you later if we have any queries. (If mobile number is not provided, please type 'zero' ten times) Mobile no. _____

Z18. GPS._____