APPENDIX
Interview Schedule

1. Did you vote in the last Assembly Election?
   - No
   - Yes

2. Other than casting your vote, did you participate in election campaign in any other form during the last Assembly Election?
   - No
   - Yes

2a. (If yes) did you work at the election office?
   - No
   - Yes

2b. (If yes) did you join any election meeting?
   - No
   - Yes

2c. (If yes) did you join any procession or demonstration?
   - No
   - Yes

3. Do you generally get political news?
   - No
   - Yes
   - To some extent

3a. (If yes) is it from Radio?
   - No
   - Yes
   - To some extent

3b. (If yes) is it from the propaganda of political parties?
   - No
   - Yes
   - To some extent

3c. (If yes) do you get it through discussions with acquaintances?
   - No
   - Yes
   - To some extent

3d. (If yes) do you get it through members of the family?
   - No
   - Yes
   - To some extent
3e. (If yes) do you get it through T.V. ?
   No     Yes     To some extent
4. Do you generally read newspaper or is the newspaper being read to you ?
   No     Yes     To some extent
4a. (If yes)  
   Is it daily ?
   Is it after some days ?
   Is it after some weeks ?
   Once in a while ?
5. Do you listen to Radio ?
   No     Yes
5a. (If yes) how often ?
   Daily
   After some days (at least once a week)
   After some weeks (at least once a month)
   Once in a while
6. Do you watch T.V. ?
   No     Yes
6a. (If yes)  
   Is it daily ?
   Is it after some days ? (at least once a week)
   Is it after some weeks ? (at least once a month)
   Once in a while ?
7. Leaving aside the period of election, do you participate in politics?
   No  Yes  Often
8. When did you last attend a political meeting?
   Did not attend
   A few days back
   A few weeks back
   A few months back
   Last year.
9. When did you last join a political procession or demonstration?
   Did not attend
   A few days back
   A few weeks back
   A few months back
   Last year.
10. When did you last read a political literature/magazine etc.?
    Did not read/can't remember
    A few days back/read regularly
    A few weeks back
    A few months back
    Last year.
11. Some say that they want to participate in politics, but cannot participate due to unfavourable circumstances. Again some express the view that they do not like to participate at all. What about you?
    You don't like to participate at all
    You like to participate and you do participate
    You want to participate, but you cannot do so due to unfavourable circumstances.
12. Do you want to contest the election?
   No       Yes

13. It is sometimes held that people like you and me do not have any say about what the government does. Do you agree with this view?
   We do not have any say.
   We have something to say
   Qualified answer.

14. Some people think that public officials do not care much about what people like you and me think. Do you hold the same view?
   No (They do care)
   Yes (They do not care)
   Qualified answer.

15. Would you say that the candidate you elect by voting generally cares for your interest or would you say he/she does not care?
   Does not care
   Generally cares
   Qualified answer

16. Has your financial condition improved, deteriorated, or stayed the same during the last months?
   Improved
   Deteriorated
   Stayed the same.

17. Now looking ahead and thinking about the next few years, do you expect your financial situation will stay about the way it is now, get better or get worse?
   Get better
   Get Worse
   Will stay about the way it is now
   It cannot be indicated now
   Qualified answer.
18. Which were the parties that contested the recent election to the Legislative Assembly from your Constituency?

19. Who were the candidates? To which parties did they belong? What were their respective symbols?

20. Who is the Prime Minister of our country?

21. Which party does the Prime Minister belong to?

22. Who is the Chief Minister of West Bengal?

23. Which party does the Chief Minister belong to?

24. Please mention the names of three female members of the Legislative Assembly.

25. Please mention the names of three male members of the Legislative Assembly.

26. What are the parties that constitute the Left Front?

27. Is the C.P.I. a member of the Left Front?

28. Do you think that women's votes are influenced by the male members of the family?
   No
   Yes
   Qualified answer
   In some cases
   In most cases.

29. Do you think that it is important for the female members of the family to vote the same way as the male members?
   No
   Yes
   Qualified answer
   In some cases
   In most cases.
30. Do you think that generally wives vote in the same way as their husbands?
   No
   Yes
   Qualified answer
   In some cases
   In most cases

31. Do you think that it is important for a wife to vote the same way as her husband?
   No
   Yes
   Qualified answer

32. Is there any particular political party which looks after the interest of people like you?
   No
   Yes
   To some extent.

32a. (If yes) which party?

33. Did you vote for the same party in the last election as you have voted for the election held this year?
   No
   Yes
   Qualified answer

34. Do you support any particular political party?
   No
   Yes

34a. (If yes) which is the party?

35. Are you a member of any political party?
   No
   Yes

35a. (If yes) which party?
BACK GROUND DATA

1. Sex
2. Age
3. Religion
4. Caste
5. Occupational Status
6. How far did you study?
7. What is your monthly income?
8. What is the total monthly income of the whole household?
9. Are you married?
10. Place of residence