APPENDIX

Interview Schedule

Notes: i) Suggestions are welcome. They may please be attached to this schedule on separate sheets.
   ii) Please tick mark (✔) the appropriate answer, wherever applicable.

Part-I:

1.1 Name of the Village:
   a) Distance from the river:
   b) Distance from the nearest road (Highway):

1.2 Name of the Respondent:

1.3 Age (years):

1.4 Male/Female:

1.5 Marital status:

1.6 Literate/Illiterate:

1.7 Occupation/Profession:

1.8 Religion:

1.9 Monthly Income:

1.10 a) Place of Birth:
   b) If migrant, generation of migration to the state:

Part-II

2.1 Nature of the family of the Respondent: (Joint/Nuclear)

2.2 Educational status of the Respondent’s parent:
   a) Father
   b) Mother

2.3 Occupation of the Respondent’s father:

2.4 Number of earning members in the Respondent’s family:
2.5 Total monthly income of the family of the Respondent:

**Part-III:**

3.1 If Respondent is a cultivator,

a) Area of land under his possession and cultivation (in bighas):

b) Area of land cultivated by him on ‘share crop’ basic (in bighas):

3.2 If the Respondent is a landless Peasant/agricultural labour has he been allotted land by the Govt.?

Yes or No

3.3 If the Respondent is a service holder,

a) The name of the office/institution/firm in which he is employed:

b) Name of the post held:

3.4 If the Respondent is a businessman,

a) Name of the trade:

b) Nature of the trade (Whole sale/Retail):

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. Let us first talk about the election campaign. How interested were you in the election campaign last year—

a great deal, somewhat or not at all?

2. What about the election meetings that parties and candidates organised during the campaign?

3. Which were the parties and candidates that contested in the election just held for the Assembly from your Constituency?

Candidate’s name and party symbol

4. Did any candidate, party worker or canvasser come to your house during the campaign to ask for your vote?
5. From which parties did they come?

6. Did you receive any handbill or other literature from parties or candidates?
   Yes/No

7. From which parties or candidates?

8. Did you help candidates to organise any election meeting?
   Yes/No

8.a Did you join in any procession and demonstration during the campaign?
   Yes/No

8.b Did you engage in house-to-house canvassing for any party or candidate?
   Yes/No

8.c Did you help to get voters to the polling station?
   Yes/No

8.d Did you contribute any polling cards or literature for a party or candidate?
   Yes/No

8.e Did you contribute any money for the election campaign of any candidate or party?
   Yes/No

10. Leaving aside the period of election, how much interest would you say you have in politics and public affairs:
    a great deal of interest, some interest or no interest at all?

11. How often do you discuss politics and public affairs with others:
    never, sometimes, or frequently?
12. Did you agree with the religious leader's choice of party?
   Yes/No

13. Generally speaking, did most members of your religious community or group vote for one party or for different parties?
   Yes/No

14.a Which party or parties did they vote for?

14.b Do you think it is important or not important to vote the same way as your religious group votes?
   Yes/No

15. It is said that some political parties specially care for the interests of a particular caste or religious group while others do not. How about your religious group?

   Is there any political party that looks after the interest of your religious group/community?
   If yes

15.a Which party?

16. To which party do you feel yourself closer?
   a) very close   b) close   c) Not at all

17. Are you a member of any political party?
   If yes

17.a Which party?

17.b Is your preference for this party-
   very strong or not very strong?

17.c What are the things about (name the party) Which you like most?

17.d Is there any other party besides this party that you like?
   Yes/No
18. Is there any party for which you will never vote?
   Yes/No
18.a Which is that party?
18.b What is it that you do not like about this party?
19. During the last few years, has your financial situation been getting better, getting worse, or has it stayed the same?
20. How 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?
20.a Compared to others in your class where will you place yourself in the upper, middle or lower part of the chosen class?
20. b Would you say your problems and interests are similar to the problems and interests of those in (chosen class) or that are different?
   Yes/No
20.c Is there any political party which you think cares particularly for the problems and welfare of your class?
   If yes
20.d Which is that party?
20.e In what important respects would you say people belonging to your class differ from the people of other classes?
21. Did you cast your vote in the last Assembly election?
   If yes
21.a Whom did you vote for
   INC
   INC (I)
   BJP
AGP
CPI
CPI (M)
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

21.b While casting your vote for the particular candidate in recent election which of the following considerations had more importance in deciding your choice (in order of preference)?

Community of the candidate
Personal merit of the candidate
Party of the candidate
Any other factors

21.c Whom did you vote in the last election?

The candidate
The party
The election symbol of the party

21.d What was the main reason because of which you did not vote in the last election to the Assembly?

21.e Do you know the name of the candidate returned from your constituency?

Yes/No

22. How much in your opinion, do political parties help make Govt. pay attention to the people?

A good deal, somewhat or not much?

23. Do you think it is important for a wife to vote the same way as her husband?

Yes/No
24. Are you satisfied with the overall polling arrangements in your constituency?
   Yes/No

25. What problems did you face in exercising franchise?

26. Are you a member of any association or organisation mentioned below?

   26.a Social service and community welfare association?
       (e.g., Gram kalyan, Rotary, Clubs, etc.)

   26.b Organisations engaged in educational activities?

   26.c Youth Association?

   26.d Sports and recreational Clubs?

   26.e Co-operative Societies?

   26.f Religious Associations?

   26.g Is there any other organisation or association of which you are a member?
   Yes/No

   (Record exact answer)

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