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Maharashtra Assembly Election Study -2004
POST POLL SURVEY

Q 1) While talking to people about this recent elections to the State Assembly, we find that some people were not able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote?

1. Not able to vote (**Go to 2D**) 2. Able to vote

8. Don't know

1a) (If yes) Whom did you vote for? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box. (supply white dummy ballot, record ballot number and explain the procedure.)

1b) (If voted) When did you finally make up your mind about who to vote for? (read out the options)

1. on the day of voting 2. a day or two before voting 3. during the campaign
4. before the campaign started 8. Don't know 9. N.A.

1c) (If not voted) What was the main reason due to which you could not vote this time?

1. Out of station 2. Not well 3. No interest/ did not feel like voting
4. Prevented/ fear of voting 5. No identity card/identity proof
7. Others (*specify*) _____ 8. D.K. 9. N.A.

Q. 2) Did the election officers correctly put the mark on the finger? (*please observe the mark and record*)

1. mark not found 2. mark found 8. could not check

Q. 3) In your opinion who should be the next Chief Minister of the State?

(*do not offer any name and record the exact answer*)

Q.4) Now I would like to ask about the May 2004 Lok Sabha elections held recently. Were you able to vote this time?

1. No 2. Yes 3. Don't remember

4a) (If yes) Who did you vote for?

Q. 5) Now let us talk about the election campaign during the election. How interested were you in the election campaign this year?- a great deal, somewhat or not at all.

1. Not at all 2. Somewhat 3. Great deal 8. D.K.

Q. 6) During the election people participated in various activities. In the recent elections, out of the activities stated below, in which did you participate?

	No	Yes
a. Attended election meeting?	1	2
b. Participated in processions/rallies?	1	2
c. Participated in door to door canvassing?	1	2

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| d. Contributed or collected money? | 1 | 2 |
| e. Distributed election leaflets or put up posters? | 1 | 2 |

Q.7) Did any candidate, party worker or canvasser come to your house during the campaign to ask for vote?

1. No 2. Yes 3. D.K.

Q. 8) In deciding whom to vote for, whose opinion mattered to you the most?

1. Spouse 2. Other family members 3. Caste/Community leaders
4. Friends/ Neighbours 5. Co-workers/Colleagues 6. No one, I voted on my own
7. Others (specify)_____ 8. D.K.

Q. 9) While voting, what is the most important consideration for you, the candidate, your caste-community's interest or something else?

1. Candidate 2. Party 3. Caste/ Community 4. Something else
5. D.K.

Q. 10) For you, in this election which were the biggest/most important issues (*do not read the options*)

1. Corruption 2. Development 3. Farmer's suicide 4. Malnutrition
5. Performance of the State Government 6. Performance of the Union/Central Government 7. Separate Vidarbha 0. Others 8. D.K.

Q.11) What is your opinion about the five month old United Progressive Alliance(UPA) Government in the Centre? Are you fully satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or fully dissatisfied?

1. Fully satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied
4. Fully dissatisfied 8. D.K.

Q. 12) While voting some people give more importance to the work done by the State Government, while others give more importance to the work done by the legislator (MLA). While voting in this election, what mattered to you the most?

1. State Government 2. MLA 3. Both 4. Neither of the two
5. Others (*specify*) 6. D.K.

Q. 13) Over the last five years how has been Maharashtra's economic condition- has it improved, worsened or remained the same?.

1. It has worsened 2. It is the same 3. It has improved 4. D.K.

Q. 14) Let us assume that in this election, Sonia Gandhi was not the leader of the Congress Party. Which ever party you voted for, instead of that party, would you have voted for some other party or this would have made no difference on your decision?

1. No effect 2. Would have affected 8. D.K.

14a) (If yes) What would have been the change in your voting decision?

1. Congress to others 2. Other parties to Congress 8. D.K. 9. N.A.

Q. 15) Let us assume that in this election, Sharad Pawar was not the leader of the Nationalist Congress Party. Which ever party you voted for, instead of that party, would you have voted for some other party or this would have made no difference on your decision?

1. No effect 2. Would have affected 8. D.K.

15a) (If yes) What would have been the change in the voting?

1. Nationalist Congress Party to other parties 2. Shiv Sena to Nationalist Congress Party
3. Other parties to Nationalist Congress Party 4. Nationalist Congress Party to Shiv Sena
8. D.K. 9. N.A.

Q. 16) Let us assume that in this election, Balasaheb Thackeray was not the leader of the Shiv Sena. Which ever party you voted for, instead of that party, would you have voted for some other party or this would have made no difference on your decision?

1. No effect 2. Would have affected 8. D.K.

16a) (if yes) What would have been in the change in the voting?

1. BJP to Shiv Sena 2. Nationalist Congress Party to Shiv Sena
3. Congress to Shiv Sena 4. Shiv Sena to other parties 5. Other parties to Shiv Sena
8. D.K. 9. N.A.

Q. 17) Which source did you trust most for election related news? Newspaper, TV or radio?

(ask only for one response) 1. None 2. TV 3. Newspaper 4. Radio

Q. 18) Do you think that the Congress-NCP Alliance Government should get another chance?

1. No 2. Yes 3. D.K.

Q.19) How satisfied are you with the work of your MLA in the past few years?. Are you fully satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or fully dissatisfied?

1. Fully satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied 4. Fully dissatisfied

Q. 20) What is your opinion about the performance over the last five years of the Maharashtra Government, - fully satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or fully dissatisfied?

1. Fully satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Somewhat dissatisfied 4. Fully dissatisfied

Q. 21) Now I will talk about certain actions matters that have taken place over the five years. You tell me, in the last five years have the conditions regarding these issues improved or deteriorated or remained as same as before.

Issues	Improved	Same as before	Deteriorated	D.K.
a. Security of life and property	3	2	1	8
b. Condition of roads	3	2	1	8
c. Electricity supply	3	2	1	8
d. Drinking water supply	3	2	1	8
e. Curbing corruption	3	2	1	8
f. Provision of Higher Education	3	2	1	8
g. Provision of food through rationing	3	2	1	8
h. Controlling Crime	3	2	1	8
i. Condition of Agriculture	3	2	1	8
j. Employment Opportunities	3	2	1	8

Q. 22) In this election many candidates changed party or rebelled. There were also many independent candidates. Is it proper to contest elections by changing party, rebelling against the party or as independent?

1. It is proper 2. It is improper 8. D.K.

22a) Will you vote for such candidate?

1. Yes 2. No 3. D.K.

Q. 23) In this election in Maharashtra, many new coalitions/alliances were formed (*give example*). Had such coalitions/ alliances not been there, then which party would have voted for?

(*record exact answer and refer code book*)

Q. 24) Have you heard about the demand for separate Vidarbha?

1. Yes, I have heard 2. Not heard 8. D.K.

24a) People have different opinion about this issue. What do you think? Is this demand justified or unjustified?

1. It is justified 2. Not justified 8. D.K 9. N.A.

Q. 25) Many outsiders (from other States) are coming to Maharashtra. Some people are complaining about it. According to some, due to this Marathi culture is in danger, others feel that it is affecting the employment and business opportunities of the Marathi populace and there are others who feel that there is no effect of outsiders coming to Maharashtra. What do you think?

1. Effect on employment and business opportunities

2. No effect

3. Danger to Marathi culture

4. both 1 and 3 (*do not read the options*) 8. D.K.

Q. 26) Have you heard about the scheme of providing free electricity to agriculture?

1. Yes 2. No

26a. (if yes) Which party introduced this scheme?

1. Congress 2. BJP 3. Shiv Sena 4. Nationalist Congress Party
5. Others (specify) 8. D.K. 9. N.A

Q. 27) Have you heard about the Farmers Credit Waiver scheme for farm loans taken by farmers?

1. Yes 2. No

27a) (if yes) Which party has introduced this scheme?

1. Congress 2. BJP 3. Shiv Sena 4. Nationalist Congress Party
5. Others (specify) 8. D.K. 9. N.A

Q. 28) Have you heard about the Farmers Loan Waiver scheme?

1. Yes 2. No

28a) (if yes) Which party has introduced this scheme?

1. Congress 2. BJP 3. Shiv Sena 4. Nationalist Congress Party
5. Others (specify) 8. D.K. 9. N.A

Q. 29) Have you heard about the scheme/policy for reservation of jobs in private sector?

1. Yes 2. No

29a. (if yes) Which party has introduced this scheme?

1. Congress 2. BJP 3. Shiv Sena 4. Nationalist Congress Party
5. Others (specify) 8. D.K. 9. N.A