

# Opinion Survey on Reservation Issues in India:

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## ㄱ. 설문조사 내용 및 방법

### Survey Period

April-June 2017

### Questionnaire:

The questionnaire was first drafted in English and then translated into Hindi, Marathi, Kannad and Bengali. Translation underwent some pre-test to ensure that messages get conveyed correctly.

### Pre-testing and Finalizing the Questionnaire

A pre-testing of the Questionnaire was conducted in a workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences. Around 40 students participated to determine the following:

- Determine the time length
- Improve the wording/ meanings of the questions
- To make Deletions and Additions of questions
- Proper ordering
- Removing conceptual vagueness
- Focus clarity
- Data collectors' difficulties
- Any question being irritating to the respondent as the inquiries were sensitive

### Sample:

Study Regions: Being an all India Survey, it was decided that geographically all the areas get represented. From Northern India, Delhi; from South, Benglore; from West, Mumbai; from East, Kolkatta; from Central India, Bhopal; and, Lucknow was selected for being an important city in terms of social and political churning in the state of Uttar Pradesh and its significance at all India level.

Study Areas: These cities were divided in terms of Urban and Rural. The rural and urban sample was decided approximately as per the all India census.

Study Groups: The study sample was divided into three major categories viz. General, Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes. There being no reservation for OBCs as per their population, it was decided that though Reserved

Category population is large in census but as per legal position around 30 percent will be OBCs and 20 percent Scheduled Castes.

Secondly, within them the most affected population in terms of Students, Employees and Households were selected to get almost accurate opinion of the respondents.

**Universe:** Both the sexes were interviewed who were above 18 years.

**Remarks about Sampling:**

- A. Six data advisors who were part to the Research in the locations were identified and in turn they identified two Data collectors from among the scholars.
- B. Data advisors identified the locations for data collection in their regions as per the Sample.
- C. Data Processing: A master SPSS file was created as per the Questionnaire design. Coding to the questions where required was done. As there were variety of respondents, after Data entry was done the exact numbers in different categories, locations etc. could be found out and then in the locations, where there was shortage in Sample data, those data advisors were requested to send the data collectors to fill up the gaps and finally the questionnaires were entered and finalized.

**Survey Procedure:** Personal face to face Interview of the respondents

**Sample Size:** 1007

**Limitations:** There were some limitations expressed in the missing numbers especially regarding the questions on income, liking for a particular political party, some households not able to understand the sense of questions very clearly, etc.

Missing numbers are reflected in case of questions asked to OBC or SC or General category and responses getting reflected as a universe and there are many of such questions.

## 2. 설문결과 문항별 리포트

Q 1. What is the most important to your life in general? Give preferences in ranking viz. 1,2,3....

Caste				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	93	9.2	9.8
	Second	100	9.9	10.5
	Third	282	28.0	29.6
	Fourth	160	15.9	16.8
	Fifth	317	31.5	33.3
	Total	952	94.5	100.0
Missing	System	55	5.5	
Total		1007	100.0	

Level of Income				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	214	21.3	22.2
	Second	469	46.6	48.7
	Third	169	16.8	17.5
	Fourth	80	7.9	8.3
	Fifth	32	3.2	3.3
	Total	964	95.7	100.0
Missing	System	43	4.3	
Total		1007	100.0	

Education				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	564	56.0	57.0
	Second	237	23.5	24.0
	Third	93	9.2	9.4
	Fourth	62	6.2	6.3
	Fifth	33	3.3	3.3
	Total	989	98.2	100.0
Missing	System	18	1.8	

Total		1007	100.0	

**Religion**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	101	10.0	10.6
	Second	96	9.5	10.0
	Third	203	20.2	21.2
	Fourth	407	40.4	42.5
	Fifth	150	14.9	15.7
	Total	957	95.0	100.0
Missing	System	50	5.0	
Total		1007	100.0	

**Language indentity**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	42	4.2	4.4
	Second	75	7.4	7.9
	Third	205	20.4	21.6
	Fourth	226	22.4	23.8
	Fifth	400	39.7	42.2
	Total	948	94.1	100.0
Missing	System	59	5.9	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.2 which categories do you belong to?

<b>Which category do you belong to?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Upper castes(upper three varnas)	323	32.1	32.1
	Those castes who are not traditional top three upper castes but well-to-do(or socially forward)	91	9.0	9.0
	Both Centrally and state-listed OBCs who are eligible to Central-level reservation	232	23.0	23.0
	Only state-listed OBCs who are eligible to state-level reservation	102	10.1	10.1
	Lower castes but Non OBCs, non SCs, non STs	38	3.8	3.8
	SCs	205	20.4	20.4
	STc	9	.9	.9
	No-caste groups or other caste-neutral groups(e.g. Christians; if you are declared Hindus or Muslims	7	.7	.7
	Total	1007	100.0	100.0

Q.3. Do you have any close friend who belongs to a lower or upper caste community than yours?

<b>Do you have any close friend who belongs to a lower or upper caste community than yours?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	844	83.8	84.6
	No	154	15.3	15.4
	Total	998	99.1	100.0
Missing	System	9	.9	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.4.If Yes, how many?

If Yes, how many				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	1	66	6.6	7.7
	2	123	12.2	14.3
	3-5	167	16.6	19.4
	More than 5	506	50.2	58.7
	Total	862	85.6	100.0
Missing	System	145	14.4	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q. 5 If you are SC or OBC, do you have any family member or close relative who has actually benefited from any type of reservation policy?

If you are SC or OBC, do you have any family member or close relative who has actually benefited from any type of reservation policy				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	388	38.5	52.5
	No	351	34.9	47.5
	Total	739	73.4	100.0
Missing	System	268	26.6	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.6 If Yes, which type of benefit?

If yes, which type of benefit?				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Public office recruitment	167	16.6	37.5
	Higher education admission	227	22.5	51.0
	Elected positions	19	1.9	4.3
	if both public and Higher Education	11	1.1	2.5
	if higher education and elected positions	2	.2	.4
	if all three	19	1.9	4.3
	Total	445	44.2	100.0

Missing	System	562	55.8	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.7 If you are a SC or OBC caste member, do you know any other person from your caste community who has actually benefited from reservation policy?

If you are a SC or OBC caste member, do you know any other person from your caste community who has actually benefited from reservation policy?				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	440	43.7	62.3
	No	266	26.4	37.7
	Total	706	70.1	100.0
Missing	System	301	29.9	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.8 If Yes, which type of benefit?

If Yes, which type of benefit?				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Public office recruitment	214	21.3	43.9
	Higher education admission	201	20.0	41.2
	Elected positions	29	2.9	5.9
	if public and higher education	21	2.1	4.3
	if public and elected positions	3	.3	.6
	if all three	20	2.0	4.1
	Total	488	48.5	100.0
Missing	System	519	51.5	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.9 Do you agree that the beneficiaries of reservation policy, generally speaking, give priority to the development of their own caste community over their own personal/family interests?

<b>Do you agree that the beneficiaries of reservation policy, generally speaking, give priority to the development of their own caste community over their own personal/family interests?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	287	28.5	29.0
	Somewhat Agree	315	31.3	31.8
	Neutral(Neither Agree Nor Disagree)	196	19.5	19.8
	Somewhat Disagree	100	9.9	10.1
	Strongly Disagree	93	9.2	9.4
	Total	991	98.4	100.0
Missing	System	16	1.6	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.10 How long the reservation policy for SCs needs to be sustained?

<b>How long the reservation policy for SCs needs to be sustained?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	It needs to be sustained as long as possible.	373	37.0	37.3
	It needs to be sustained for a while but be terminated after a certain period of time.	360	35.7	36.0
	It has to be terminated as soon as possible.	267	26.5	26.7
	Total	1000	99.3	100.0
Missing	System	7	.7	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.11 How long reservation policy for OBCs needs to be sustained?

<b>How long reservation policy for OBCs needs to be sustained?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	It needs to be sustained as long as possible	328	32.6	33.0
	It needs to be sustained for a while but be terminated after a certain period of time	372	36.9	37.4
	It has to be terminated as soon as possible	295	29.3	29.6
	Total	995	98.8	100.0
Missing	System	12	1.2	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.12 How much do you support or oppose reservation policy in general for the SCs?

<b>How much do you support or oppose reservation policy in general for the SC?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Support	352	35.0	35.1
	Somewhat Support	215	21.4	21.4
	Neutral(Neither Support Nor Oppose)	138	13.7	13.8
	Somewhat Oppose	119	11.8	11.9
	Strongly Oppose	179	17.8	17.8
	Total	1003	99.6	100.0
Missing	System	4	.4	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.13 How much do you approve or disapprove the following type of reservation for the SCs

<b>How much do you approve or disapprove the following type of reservation for the SCs_public offices?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent

Valid	Strongly Support	379	37.6	39.2
	Somewhat Support	260	25.8	26.9
	Neutral(Neither Support Nor Oppose)	107	10.6	11.1
	Somewhat Oppose	60	6.0	6.2
	Strongly Oppose	162	16.1	16.7
	Total	968	96.1	100.0
Missing	System	39	3.9	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>How much do you approve or disapprove the following type of reservation for the SCs higher education?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Support	444	44.1	45.7
	Somewhat Support	265	26.3	27.3
	Neutral(Neither Support Nor Oppose)	89	8.8	9.2
	Somewhat Oppose	43	4.3	4.4
	Strongly Oppose	131	13.0	13.5
	Total	972	96.5	100.0
Missing	System	35	3.5	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>How much do you approve or disapprove the following type of reservation for the SCs Parliament or local councils?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Support	304	30.2	32.3
	Somewhat Support	237	23.5	25.2
	Neutral(Neither Support Nor Oppose)	186	18.5	19.8
	Somewhat Oppose	60	6.0	6.4
	Strongly Oppose	153	15.2	16.3
	Total	940	93.3	100.0
Missing	System	67	6.7	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.14 How much do you support or oppose reservation policy in general for the OBCs?

<b>How much do you support or oppose reservation policy in general for the OBCs?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	1	292	29.0	29.3
	2	274	27.2	27.5
	3	158	15.7	15.8
	4	100	9.9	10.0
	5	173	17.2	17.4
	Total	997	99.0	100.0
Missing	System	10	1.0	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.15 How much do you approve or disapprove the following type of reservation for the OBCs ?

<b>How much do you approve or disapprove the following type of reservation for the OBCs_public offices?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Approve,	297	29.5	30.5
	Somewhat Approve	312	31.0	32.0
	Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove)	124	12.3	12.7
	Somewhat Disapprove	66	6.6	6.8
	Strongly Disapprove	175	17.4	18.0
	Total	974	96.7	100.0
Missing	System	33	3.3	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>How much do you approve or disapprove the following type of reservation for the OBCs higher educaion?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Approve,	374	37.1	38.5
	Somewhat Approve	290	28.8	29.9

	Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove)	129	12.8	13.3
	Somewhat Disapprove	44	4.4	4.5
	Strongly Disapprove	134	13.3	13.8
	Total	971	96.4	100.0
Missing	System	36	3.6	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>How much do you approve or disapprove the following type of reservation for the OBCs local council?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Approve,	249	24.7	26.2
	Somewhat Approve	246	24.4	25.9
	Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove)	224	22.2	23.6
	Somewhat Disapprove	63	6.3	6.6
	Strongly Disapprove	168	16.7	17.7
	Total	950	94.3	100.0
Missing	System	57	5.7	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.16 Do you agree that reservation policy since the 1930s has overall contributed to uplifting the status of the SCs?

<b>Do you agree that reservation policy since the 1930s has overall contributed to uplifting the status of the SCs?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Approve,	452	44.9	45.4
	Somewhat Approve	347	34.5	34.8
	Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove)	100	9.9	10.0
	Somewhat Disapprove	23	2.3	2.3
	Strongly Disapprove	74	7.3	7.4
	Total	996	98.9	100.0
Missing	System	11	1.1	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.17. Do you agree that reservation policy since the 1990s has over all contributed to uplifting the status of the OBCs?

<b>Do you agree that reservation policy since the 1990s has over all contributed to uplifting the status of the OBCs?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Approve,	300	29.8	30.0
	Somewhat Approve	383	38.0	38.3
	Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove)	171	17.0	17.1
	Somewhat Disapprove	64	6.4	6.4
	Strongly Disapprove	82	8.1	8.2
	Total	1000	99.3	100.0
Missing	System	7	.7	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.18. Which type of reservation do you think has, so far, best served the core interests of the SCs? Give Ranking 1,2,3

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- 1) Public recruitment
- 2) Higher education
- 3) Electoral positions

<b>Public Sector</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	433	43.0	44.5
	Second	381	37.8	39.2
	Third	158	15.7	16.3
	Total	972	96.5	100.0
Missing	System	35	3.5	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>Higher Education</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	444	44.1	45.7
	Second	391	38.8	40.3
	Third	136	13.5	14.0
	Total	971	96.4	100.0
Missing	System	36	3.6	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>Electoral Positions</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	147	14.6	15.4
	Second	174	17.3	18.2
	Third	634	63.0	66.4
	Total	955	94.8	100.0
Missing	System	52	5.2	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.19 Which type of reservation do you think has, so far, best served the protection of the core interests of the OBCs?  
Give Ranking 1,2,3....

- 1) Public recruitment
- 2) Higher education
- 3) Electoral positions

<b>Public Sector</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	404	40.1	41.5
	Second	420	41.7	43.2
	Third	149	14.8	15.3
	Total	973	96.6	100.0
Missing	System	34	3.4	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>Higher Education</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	504	50.0	52.2
	Second	373	37.0	38.7
	Third	88	8.7	9.1
	Total	965	95.8	100.0
Missing	System	42	4.2	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>Electoral Positons</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	142	14.1	15.0
	Second	143	14.2	15.1
	Third	660	65.5	69.8
	Total	945	93.8	100.0
Missing	System	62	6.2	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.20. Do you agree that reservation policy for the SCs has to be expanded to the private sector?

<b>Do you agree that reservation policy for the SCs has to be expanded to the private sector?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Approve,	333	33.1	33.3
	Somewhat Approve	181	18.0	18.1
	Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove)	128	12.7	12.8
	Somewhat Disapprove	83	8.2	8.3
	Strongly Disapprove	275	27.3	27.5
	Total	1000	99.3	100.0
Missing	System	7	.7	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.21. Do you agree that reservation policy for the OBCs has to be expanded to the private sector?

<b>Do you agree that reservation policy for the OBCs has to be expanded to the private sector?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Approve,	270	26.8	27.0
	Somewhat Approve	229	22.7	22.9
	Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove)	140	13.9	14.0
	Somewhat Disapprove	81	8.0	8.1
	Strongly Disapprove	279	27.7	27.9
	Total	999	99.2	100.0
Missing	System	8	.8	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.22. Do you agree that someone may be classified as backward class as long as his/her family is extremely poor despite its high caste status?

<b>Do you agree that someone may be classified as backward class as long as his/her family is extremely poor despite its high caste status?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Approve,	368	36.5	36.8
	Somewhat Approve	215	21.4	21.5
	Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove)	153	15.2	15.3
	Somewhat Disapprove	61	6.1	6.1
	Strongly Disapprove	202	20.1	20.2
	Total	999	99.2	100.0
Missing	System	8	.8	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.23. Do you agree that someone may **not** be classified as backward class if his/her family is rich despite its very low caste status?

<b>Do you agree that someone may not be classified as backward class if his/her family is rich despite its very low caste status?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Approve,	249	24.7	24.9
	Somewhat Approve	183	18.2	18.3
	Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove)	183	18.2	18.3
	Somewhat Disapprove	89	8.8	8.9
	Strongly Disapprove	295	29.3	29.5
	Total	999	99.2	100.0
Missing	System	8	.8	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.24. Do you agree that illiterate persons may be classified as backward classes regardless of their caste or economic status?

<b>Do you agree that illiterate persons may be classified as backward classes regardless of their caste or economic status?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Approve,	231	22.9	23.3
	Somewhat Approve	206	20.5	20.8
	Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove)	199	19.8	20.1
	Somewhat Disapprove	68	6.8	6.9
	Strongly Disapprove	288	28.6	29.0
	Total	992	98.5	100.0
Missing	System	15	1.5	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.25. When someone or community is considered as backward, which one is the closest to your own usage of backwardness?

- 1) Very poor
- 2) Illiterate or uneducated at all
- 3) Low caste

<b>When someone or community is considered as backward, which one is the closest to your own usage of backwardness?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Very poor	484	48.1	48.9
	Illiterate or uneducated at all	250	24.8	25.3
	Low caste	248	24.6	25.1
	all	7	.7	.7
	Total	989	98.2	100.0
Missing	System	18	1.8	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.26. Which type of interest has the highest priority to you? Give ranking 1,2,3....

- 1) Public(national/state) interest
- 2) Caste community's interest
- 3) Family interest
- 4) Individual interest

<b>National interest</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	460	45.7	46.9
	Second	80	7.9	8.2
	Third	211	21.0	21.5
	Fourth	230	22.8	23.4

	Total	981	97.4	100.0
Missing	System	26	2.6	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>Caste interest</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	80	7.9	8.4
	Second	200	19.9	20.9
	Third	337	33.5	35.3
	Fourth	339	33.7	35.5
	Total	956	94.9	100.0
Missing	System	51	5.1	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>Family interest</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	239	23.7	25.0
	Second	404	40.1	42.3
	Third	232	23.0	24.3
	Fourth	81	8.0	8.5
	Total	956	94.9	100.0
Missing	System	51	5.1	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>Personal interest</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	First	218	21.6	22.9
	Second	270	26.8	28.3
	Third	177	17.6	18.6
	Fourth	289	28.7	30.3
	Total	954	94.7	100.0

Missing	System	53	5.3	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.27 How well do you think that your own caste group's interest is represented in the Central or State Government?

- 1) Very well represented
- 2) Well represented
- 3) Fairly represented, compared to other caste groups
- 4) Poorly represented
- Very poorly represented

How well do you think that your own caste group's interest is represented in the Central or State Government?				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Very well represented	101	10.0	10.1
	Well represented	352	35.0	35.2
	Fairly represented, compared to other caste groups	225	22.3	22.5
	Poorly represented	204	20.3	20.4
	Very poorly represented	118	11.7	11.8
	Total	1000	99.3	100.0
Missing	System	7	.7	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.28 how close do you feel to your caste community's creamy layer or well-to-do families?

- 1) Very close
- 2) Somewhat close
- 3) Neutral
- 4) A bit alienated
- 5) Quite alienated

How close do you feel to your caste community's creamy layer or well-to-do families?				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Very close	209	20.8	21.1
	Somewhat close	380	37.7	38.3
	Neutral	243	24.1	24.5
	A bit alienated	113	11.2	11.4
	Quite alienated	46	4.6	4.6

	Total	991	98.4	100.0
Missing	System	16	1.6	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.29. which of the following two groups do you feel closer to?

- 1) Those who belong to the same caste community but live in a much expensive housing with better education and income.
- 2) Those who belong to a lower caste community but live in a similar housing with the same education and income levels.

Which of the following two groups do you feel closer to?				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Those who belong to the same caste community but live in a much expensive housing with better education and income.	302	30.0	30.7
	Those who belong to a lower caste community but live in a similar housing with the same education and income levels.	683	67.8	69.3
	Total	985	97.8	100.0
Missing	System	22	2.2	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.30. Has your family member or relative ever experienced any disadvantage in the job market or college admission due to the reservation policy in favor of SCs or OBCs?

- 1) Yes
- 2) NO

**Has your family member or relative ever experienced any disadvantage in the job market or college admission due to the reservation policy in favor of SCs or OBCs?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	466	46.3	46.8
	No	529	52.5	53.2
	Total	995	98.8	100.0
Missing	System	12	1.2	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.31. Do you personally know any other person that complains that she or he has experienced any reverse discrimination due to the reservation policy?

<b>Do you personally know any other person that complains that she or he has experienced any reverse discrimination due to the reservation policy?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	471	46.8	47.3
	No	525	52.1	52.7
	Total	996	98.9	100.0
Missing	System	11	1.1	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.32. When you heard such complains, did you feel sympathetic toward him/her?

<b>When you heard such complains, did you feel sympathetic toward him/her?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	483	48.0	53.0
	No	428	42.5	47.0
	Total	911	90.5	100.0
Missing	System	96	9.5	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.33 Suppose that you are not eligible to reservation benefits. In this case, are you willing to cover your caste identity,

if possible, to get benefits of reservation policy? Or do you think this act is a shame on your caste identity?

- 1) I will be willing to disguise my caste identity
- 2) I will not disguise my caste identity. It is a shameful act.

<b>Suppose that you are not eligible to reservation benefits. In this case, are you willing to cover your caste identity, if possible, to get benefits of reservation policy? Or do you think this act is a shame on your caste identity</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	I will be willing to disguise my caste identity	173	17.2	18.1
	I will not disguise my caste identity. It is a shameful	785	78.0	81.9
	Total	958	95.1	100.0
Missing	System	49	4.9	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.34. Do you agree that caste is still the most important criterion in choosing your (or your child's) spouse?

Scale: 1) strongly agree, 2) somewhat agree, 3) neutral (neither agree nor disagree), 4) somewhat disagree, 5) strongly disagree

<b>Do you agree that caste is still the most important criterion in choosing your (or your child's) spouse?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	349	34.7	35.0
	Somewhat Agree	215	21.4	21.6
	Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Agree)	174	17.3	17.5
	Somewhat Agree	51	5.1	5.1
	Strongly Agree	207	20.6	20.8
	Total	996	98.9	100.0
Missing	System	11	1.1	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.35. what do you think about the current job market?

- 1) extremely competitive or tight so that it is not easy to get a new job or transferring to another job
- 2) a bit competitive or tight
- 3) not competitive or tight

<b>What do you think about the current job market?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	1) extremely competitive or tight so that it is not easy to get a new job or transferring to another job	645	64.1	65.2
	2) a bit competitive or tight	311	30.9	31.4
	3) not competitive or tight	34	3.4	3.4
	Total	990	98.3	100.0
Missing	System	17	1.7	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.36. which job sector do you like to choose or would like your child to choose, granted that all three jobs were offered?

- 1) Major Indian private business sector(Tata, Reliance, etc)
- 2) Indian Central public or government sector
- 3) Major foreign business sector in India(Samsung, Microsoft, Apple, etc)

<b>Which job sector do you like to choose or would like your child to choose, granted that all three jobs were offered?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Major Indian private business sector(Tata, Reliance, etc).	125	12.4	13.0
	Indian Central public or government sector	730	72.5	75.7
	Major foreign business sector in India(Samsung, Microsoft, Apple, etc	109	10.8	11.3
	Total	964	95.7	100.0
Missing	System	43	4.3	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.37. Do you agree that college education is the most important key to successful life?

Scale: 1) strongly agree, 2) somewhat agree, 3) neutral (neither agree nor disagree), 4) somewhat disagree, 5) strongly disagree

<b>Do you agree that college education is the most important key to successful life?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	566	56.2	56.6
	Somewhat Agree	270	26.8	27.0
	Neutral (Neither Approve NorAgree)	87	8.6	8.7
	Somewhat Agree	26	2.6	2.6
	Strongly Agree	51	5.1	5.1
	Total	1000	99.3	100.0
Missing	System	7	.7	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.38. Someone may argue that SCs are not part of the Hindu community but a separate community. Do you agree?

Scale: 1) strongly agree, 2) somewhat agree, 3) neutral (neither agree nor disagree), 4) somewhat disagree, 5) strongly disagree

<b>Someone may argue that SCs are not part of the Hindu community but a separate community. Do you agree?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Strongly Agree	139	13.8	14.0
	Somewhat Agree	118	11.7	11.9
	Neutral (Neither Approve NorAgree)	178	17.7	17.9
	Somewhat Agree	91	9.0	9.1
	Strongly Agree	469	46.6	47.1
	Total	995	98.8	100.0
Missing	System	12	1.2	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.39. Do you think reservation become more acceptable or less acceptable among the general public over the 20 years?

- 1) It has been more acceptable
- 2) It has been less acceptable
- 3) No change over the time

<b>Do you think reservation become more acceptable or less acceptable among the general public over the 20 years?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	It has been more acceptable	332	33.0	33.9
	It has been less acceptable	427	42.4	43.7
	No change over the time	219	21.7	22.4
	Total	978	97.1	100.0
Missing	System	29	2.9	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.40. Do you think reservation has benefited SCs or OBCs than other general welfare measures over the last few decades?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

<b>Do you think reservation has benefited SCs or OBCs than other general welfare measures over the last few decades?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	777	77.2	78.7
	No	210	20.9	21.3
	Total	987	98.0	100.0
Missing	System	20	2.0	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q. 41. Which political party in India do you think **best represents the interests of SCs**?

Which political party in India do you think best represents the interests of SCs?				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Congress	255	25.3	30.1
	BSP	201	20.0	23.7
	BJP	177	17.6	20.9
	TMC	35	3.5	4.1
	SP	25	2.5	2.9
	JDS	22	2.2	2.6
	Shiv Sena	14	1.4	1.7
	CPI(M)	8	.8	.9
	AAP	6	.6	.7
	JDU	2	.2	.2
	AIDMK	1	.1	.1
	DMK	1	.1	.1
	Independent	1	.1	.1
	LJP	1	.1	.1
	RJD	1	.1	.1
	TDP	1	.1	.1
	None	97	9.6	11.4
	Total	848	84.2	100.0
Missing	System	159	15.8	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.42. Which political party in India do you think **best represents the interests of OBCs?**

<b>Which political party in India do you think best represents the interests of OBCs?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	BJP	268	26.6	31.9
	Congress	175	17.4	20.9
	BSP	66	6.6	7.9
	TMC	33	3.3	3.9
	SP	116	11.5	13.8
	AAP	4	.4	.5
	Shiv Sena	17	1.7	2.0
	CPI(M)	6	.6	.7
	JDU	6	.6	.7
	DMK	1	.1	.1
	NPP	2	.2	.2
	RJD	7	.7	.8
	AIDMK	1	.1	.1
	JDS	31	3.1	3.7
	Independent	1	.1	.1
	None	105	10.4	12.5
Total	839	83.3	100.0	
Missing	System	168	16.7	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.43. which of the two parties, Congress and BJP, do you think better represents the interests of SCs?

- 1). Congress
- 2). BJP

<b>Which of the two parties, Congress and BJP, do you think better represents the interests of SCs?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Congress	410	40.7	41.3
	BJP	256	25.4	25.8
	None	327	32.5	32.9
	Total	993	98.6	100.0
Missing	System	14	1.4	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.44 which of the two parties, Congress and BJP, do you think better represents the interests of OBCs?

- 1). Congress
- 2). BJP
- 3). None

<b>Which of the two parties, Congress and BJP, do you think better represents the interests of OBCs?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Congress	247	24.5	25.0
	BJP	371	36.8	37.6
	None	369	36.6	37.4
	Total	987	98.0	100.0
Missing	System	20	2.0	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.45 which political party did you vote for in the 2014 parliamentary election?

<b>Which political party did you vote for in the 2014 parliamentary election?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	BJP	376	37.3	44.9
	INC	155	15.4	18.5
	BSP	50	5.0	6.0
	TMC	44	4.4	5.3
	SP	39	3.9	4.7
	JDS	34	3.4	4.1
	AAP	21	2.1	2.5
	Shiv Sena	14	1.4	1.7
	CPI(M)	11	1.1	1.3
	BJD	2	.2	.2
	NCP	2	.2	.2
	JDA	1	.1	.1
	JDU	1	.1	.1
	TMK	1	.1	.1
	NOTA	6	.6	.7
	None	81	8.0	9.7
	Total	838	83.2	100.0
Missing	System	169	16.8	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.46. How much do you think this party of your choice represents the interests of SCs?

<b>How much do you think this party of your choice represents the interests of SCs?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Very well represented	155	15.4	16.0
	Well represented	318	31.6	32.9
	Fairly represented	294	29.2	30.4
	Little represented	123	12.2	12.7
	Very little represented	76	7.5	7.9
	Total	966	95.9	100.0
Missing	System	41	4.1	
Total		1007	100.0	

Q.47. How much do you think that this party of your choice represents the interests of OBCs?

<b>How much do you think that this party of your choice represents the interests of OBCs?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Very well represented	151	15.0	15.6
	Well represented	298	29.6	30.8
	Fairly represented	307	30.5	31.8
	Little represented	139	13.8	14.4
	Very little represented	71	7.1	7.3
	Total	966	95.9	100.0
Missing	System	41	4.1	
Total		1007	100.0	

Background questions:

<b>Name of the location</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Delhi	168	16.7	16.7
	Lucknow	170	16.9	16.9
	Bhopal	170	16.9	16.9
	Kolkata	166	16.5	16.5
	Mumbai	166	16.5	16.5
	Bengluru	167	16.6	16.6
	Total	1007	100.0	100.0

<b>Locality of Respondent</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Rural	637	63.3	63.3
	Urban	370	36.7	36.7
	Total	1007	100.0	100.0

<b>Status of Respondent</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Student	377	37.4	37.5
	Employee	380	37.7	37.8
	Household	249	24.7	24.8

	Total	1006	99.9	100.0
Missing	System	1	.1	
Total		1007	100.0	

**Q.2. sex**

<b>sex</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Male	659	65.4	65.4
	Female	348	34.6	34.6
	Total	1007	100.0	100.0

**Q.3. schooling years(since elementary school 1<sup>st</sup> grader)**

<b>schooling years(since elementary school 1st grader)</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Upper middle level	24	2.4	2.5
	Secondary level	86	8.5	8.9
	Senior secondary level	156	15.5	16.1
	Post graduation level	659	65.4	67.9
	M.Phil/Ph.D	46	4.6	4.7
	Total	971	96.4	100.0
Missing	System	36	3.6	
Total		1007	100.0	

**Q.6. religion**

<b>Religion</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Hindu	916	91.0	92.2
	Buddhist	33	3.3	3.3

	Muslim	37	3.7	3.7
	Christian	4	.4	.4
	Others	4	.4	.4
	Total	994	98.7	100.0
Missing	System	13	1.3	
Total		1007	100.0	

#### Q.5. Marital status

Marital status				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Unmarried	453	45.0	47.5
	Married	483	48.0	50.7
	Divorced	7	.7	.7
	Widow	10	1.0	1.0
	Total	953	94.6	100.0
Missing	System	54	5.4	
Total		1007	100.0	

#### Q.7. Home Language

Home language				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Hindi	519	51.5	52.2
	Bengali	169	16.8	17.0
	Kannad	149	14.8	15.0
	Marathi	70	7.0	7.0
	other	88	8.7	8.8
	Total	995	98.8	100.0
Missing	System	12	1.2	
Total		1007	100.0	

#### Q.9. What is your current Job status?.

What is your current job status?				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Having a permanent job	197	19.6	20.4
	Having a temporary job	222	22.0	23.0
	Being unemployed but seeking for a job	132	13.1	13.7

	Being unemployed and doing no job search whether openly or not	55	5.5	5.7
	Retired or full-time housewife or full-time student	354	35.2	36.7
	Self employed	5	.5	.5
	Total	965	95.8	100.0
Missing	System	42	4.2	
Total		1007	100.0	

**Q.10 How many children do you or your family have to support?**

<b>How many children do you or your family have to support?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	0	18	1.8	2.5
	1	263	26.1	36.1
	2	270	26.8	37.1
	3	100	9.9	13.7
	4	37	3.7	5.1
	5	29	2.9	4.0
	6	10	1.0	1.4
	10	1	.1	.1
	Total	728	72.3	100.0
Missing	System	279	27.7	
Total		1007	100.0	

**Q.11 How many children of yours wen/go/will go to college (including graduate students?)**

<b>How many children of yours wen/go/will go to college (including graduate students?)</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	0	50	5.0	7.9
	1	280	27.8	44.5
	2	203	20.2	32.3
	3	58	5.8	9.2
	4	25	2.5	4.0
	5	10	1.0	1.6
	6	1	.1	.2
	10	2	.2	.3
	Total	629	62.5	100.0
Missing	System	378	37.5	

Total	1007	100.0	
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**Q.12 Which state do you come from?**

Which state do you come from?				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Delhi	65	6.5	6.5
	U.P	199	19.8	20.0
	M.P	173	17.2	17.4
	West Bengal	166	16.5	16.7
	Maharashtra	164	16.3	16.5
	Karanataka	168	16.7	16.9
	Others	59	5.9	5.9
	Total	994	98.7	100.0
Missing	System	13	1.3	
Total		1007	100.0	

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**Q16. Do you or your family own this?(answer all)**

- 1). Land( Yes=1, No=0)
- 2). Your own living house(Yes=1, No=0)
- 3). Car(non-business purpose)(Yes=1, No=0)
- 4) Auto bicycle(Yes=1, No=0)
- 5). Any building or house for lease or rent(Yes=1, No=0)

Do your family own this land?				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	617	61.3	62.3
	No	374	37.1	37.7
	Total	991	98.4	100.0
Missing	System	16	1.6	
Total		1007	100.0	

you or your family own Living House				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	829	82.3	83.1
	No	168	16.7	16.9
	Total	997	99.0	100.0

Missing	System	10	1.0	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>Car(non-business purpose</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	296	29.4	30.2
	No	684	67.9	69.8
	Total	980	97.3	100.0
Missing	System	27	2.7	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>You or your family own Auto bicycle</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	587	58.3	59.7
	No	396	39.3	40.3
	Total	983	97.6	100.0
Missing	System	24	2.4	
Total		1007	100.0	

<b>Any building or house for lease or rent</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	218	21.6	22.5
	No	753	74.8	77.5
	Total	971	96.4	100.0
Missing	System	36	3.6	
Total		1007	100.0	

**Q.17: How many times have you ever travelled abroad(other than Pakistan and Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka)?**  
**{.....}**

<b>How many times have you ever travelled abroad(other than Pakistan and Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka)?</b> <b>{.....}</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	yes	83	8.2	9.0
	No	838	83.2	91.0
	Total	921	91.5	100.0
Missing	System	86	8.5	
Total		1007	100.0	

**Q.18: How happy are you with your current living?**

<b>How happy are you with your current living?</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Very Happy With My Current Living	484	48.1	48.5
	Somewhat Happy	340	33.8	34.1
	Neither Happy Nor Unhappy	119	11.8	11.9
	Somewhat Unhappy	26	2.6	2.6
	Very Unhappy	29	2.9	2.9
	Total	998	99.1	100.0
Missing	System	9	.9	
Total		1007	100.0	

Variable No: 93, Recoded income, Spss file

<b>Income Groups</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Very Low	315	31.3	49.2
	Low	115	11.4	18.0
	Medium	169	16.8	26.4
	High	41	4.1	6.4
	Total	640	63.6	100.0
Missing	System	367	36.4	
Total		1007	100.0	

Variable: 94, Recoded New age group, Spss file

<b>New Age group</b>				
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	Up to 25	347	34.5	34.7
	26-40	455	45.2	45.5
	41-60	177	17.6	17.7
	above 60	22	2.2	2.2
	Total	1001	99.4	100.0
Missing	System	6	.6	
Total		1007	100.0	

3. 설문지 샘플

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The confidentiality of the opinions expressed will maintained.

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1. Which is the most important to your life in general? Give preferences in ranking viz. 1,2,3....

- 1. Caste status {.....}
- 2. Income level {.....}
- 3. Educational status {.....}
- 4. Religion {.....}
- 5. Linguistic identity {.....}

2. Which category do you belong to?

- 1) Upper castes (upper three varnas) {.....}
- 2) Those castes who are not traditional top three upper castes but well-to-do (or socially forward) enough for no reservation either. {.....}
- 3) Both Centrally and state- listed OBCs who are eligible to Central-level reservation. {.....}
- 4) Only state-listed OBCs who are eligible to state-level reservation {.....}
- 5) Lower castes but Non OBCs, non SCs, non STs {.....}
- 6) SCs {.....}
- 7) STc {.....}
- 8) No-caste groups or other caste-neutral groups (e.g. Christians; if you are declared Hindus or Muslims, do not check this) {.....}

3. Do you have any close friend who belongs to a lower or upper caste community than yours?

- 1) Yes {.....}
- 2) No {.....}

4. If Yes, how many?

- 1) 1 {.....}
- 2) 2 {.....}
- 3) 3-5 {.....}
- 4) More than 5 {.....}

5. If you are SC or OBC, do you have any family member or close relative who has actually benefited from any type of reservation policy?

- 1) Yes {.....}
- 2) No {.....}

6. If yes, which type of benefit?

- 1) Public office recruitment {.....}
- 2) Higher education admission {.....}
- 3) Elected positions {.....}

7. If you are a SC or OBC caste member, do you know any other person from your caste community who has actually benefited from reservation policy?

- 1) Yes {.....}
- 2) No {.....}

8. If Yes, which type of benefit?

- 1) Public office recruitment {.....}
- 2) Higher education admission {.....}
- 3) Elected positions {.....}

9. Do you agree that the beneficiaries of reservation policy, generally speaking, give priority to the development of their own caste community over their own personal/family interests?

- 1) Strongly Agree, {.....}
- 2) Somewhat Agree, {.....}
- 3) Neutral (Neither Agree Nor Disagree), {.....}
- 4) Somewhat Disagree, {.....}
- 5) Strongly Disagree {.....}

10. How long the reservation policy for SCs needs to be sustained?

- 1) It needs to be sustained as long as possible. {.....}
- 2) It needs to be sustained for a while but be terminated after a certain period of time. {.....}
- 3) It has to be terminated as soon as possible. {.....}

11. How long reservation policy for OBCs needs to be sustained?

- 1) It needs to be sustained as long as possible {.....}
- 2) It needs to be sustained for a while but be terminated after a certain period of time {.....}
- 3) It has to be terminated as soon as possible {.....}

12. How much do you support or oppose reservation policy in general for the SCs?

- 1) Strongly Support {.....}
- 2) Somewhat Support {.....}
- 3) Neutral (Neither Support Nor Oppose) {.....}
- 4) Somewhat Oppose {.....}
- 5) Strongly Oppose {.....}

13. How much do you approve or disapprove the following type of reservation for the SCs  
Scale: 1) Strongly Approve, 2) Somewhat Approve, 3) Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove), 4) Somewhat Disapprove, 5) Strongly Disapprove

- a. Public offices {.....}
- b. Higher education {.....}
- c. Parliament or local councils {.....}

14. How much do you support or oppose reservation policy in general for the OBCs?

- 1) Strongly Support {.....}
- 2) Somewhat Support {.....}
- 3) Neutral (Neither Support Nor Oppose) {.....}
- 4) Somewhat Oppose {.....}
- 5) Strongly Oppose {.....}

15. How much do you approve or disapprove the following type of reservation for the OBCs

Scale: 1) Strongly Approve, 2) Somewhat Approve, 3) Neutral (Neither Approve Nor Disapprove), 4) Somewhat Disapprove, 5) Strongly Disapprove

- 1) Public offices {.....}
- 2) Higher education {.....}
- 3) Local councils {.....}

16. Do you agree that reservation policy since the 1930s has overall contributed to uplifting the status of the SCs?

Scale: 1) Strongly Agree, 2) Somewhat Agree, 3) Neutral (Neither Agree Nor Disagree), 4) Somewhat Disagree, 5) Strongly Disagree {.....}

17. Do you agree that reservation policy since the 1990s has over all contributed to uplifting the status of the OBCs?

Scale: 1) Strongly Agree, 2) Somewhat Agree, 3) Neutral (Neither Agree Nor Disagree), 4) Somewhat Disagree, 5) Strongly Disagree {.....}

18. Which type of reservation do you think has, so far, best served the core interests of the SCs? Give Ranking 1,2,3....

- 4) Public recruitment {.....}
- 5) Higher education {.....}
- 6) Electoral positions {.....}

19. Which type of reservation do you think has, so far, best served the protection of the core interests of the OBCs? Give Ranking 1,2,3....

- 4) Public recruitment {.....}
- 5) Higher education {.....}
- 6) Electoral positions {.....}

20. Do you agree that reservation policy for the SCs has to be expanded to the private sector?

Scale: 1) Strongly Agree, 2) Somewhat Agree, 3) Neutral (Neither Agree Nor Disagree), 4) Somewhat Disagree, 5) Strongly Disagree {.....}

21. Do you agree that reservation policy for the OBCs has to be expanded to the private sector?

Scale: 1) Strongly Agree, 2) Somewhat Agree, 3) Neutral (Neither Agree Nor Disagree), 4) Somewhat Disagree, 5) Strongly Disagree {.....}

22. Do you agree that someone may be classified as backward class as long as his/her family is

extremely poor despite its high caste status?

Scale: 1) Strongly Agree, 2) Somewhat Agree, 3) Neutral(Neither Agree Nor Disagree), 4) Somewhat Disagree, 5) Strongly Disagree {.....}

23. Do you agree that someone may **not** be classified as backward class if his/her family is rich despite its very low caste status?

Scale: 1) Strongly Agree, 2) Somewhat Agree, 3) Neutral(Neither Agree Nor Disagree), 4) Somewhat Disagree, 5) Strongly disagree {.....}

24. Do you agree that illiterate persons may be classified as backward classes regardless of their caste or economic status?

Scale: 1) Strongly Agree, 2) Somewhat Agree, 3) Neutral(Neither Agree Nor Disagree), 4) Somewhat Disagree, 5) Strongly Disagree {.....}

25. When someone or community is considered as backward, which one is the closest to your own usage of backwardness?

- 4) Very poor {.....}
- 5) Illiterate or uneducated at all {.....}
- 6) Low caste {.....}

26. Which type of interest has the highest priority to you? Give ranking 1,2,3....

- 5) Public(national/state) interest {.....}
- 6) Caste community's interest {.....}
- 7) Family interest {.....}
- 8) Individual interest {.....}

27. How well do you think that your own caste group's interest is represented in the Central or State Government?

- 5) Very well represented {.....}
- 6) Well represented {.....}
- 7) Fairly represented, compared to other caste groups {.....}
- 8) Poorly represented {.....}
- 9) Very poorly represented {.....}

28. How close do you feel to your caste community's creamy layer or well-to-do families?

- 6) Very close {.....}
- 7) Somewhat close {.....}
- 8) Neutral {.....}
- 9) A bit alienated {.....}
- 10) Quite alienated {.....}

29. Which of the following two groups do you feel closer to?

- 3) Those who belong to the same caste community but live in a much expensive housing with better education and income. {.....}
- 4) Those who belong to a lower caste community but live in a similar housing with the same education and income levels. {.....}

30. Has your family member or relative ever experienced any disadvantage in the job market or college admission due to the reservation policy in favor of SCs or OBCs?

- 3) Yes {.....}
- 4) NO {.....}

31. Do you personally know any other person that complains that she or he has experienced any reverse discrimination due to the reservation policy?

- 1) Yes {.....}
- 2) No {.....}

32. When you heard such complains, did you feel sympathetic toward him/her?

- 1) Yes {.....}
- 2) No {.....}

33. Suppose that you are not eligible to reservation benefits. In this case, are you willing to cover your caste identity, if possible, to get benefits of reservation policy? Or do you think this act is a shame on your caste identity?

- 3) I will be willing to disguise my caste identity {.....}
- 4) I will not disguise my caste identity. It is a shameful act. {.....}

34. Do you agree that caste is still the most important criterion in choosing your (or your child's) spouse?

Scale: 1) strongly agree, 2) somewhat agree, 3) neutral (neither agree nor disagree), 4) somewhat disagree, 5) strongly disagree {.....}

35. What do you think about the current job market?

- 4) extremely competitive or tight so that it is not easy to get a new job or transferring to another job {.....}
- 5) a bit competitive or tight {.....}
- 6) not competitive or tight {.....}

36. Which job sector do you like to choose or would like your child to choose, granted that all three jobs were offered?

- 4) Major Indian private business sector (Tata, Reliance, etc). {.....}
- 5) Indian Central public or government sector {.....}
- 6) Major foreign business sector in India (Samsung, Microsoft, Apple, etc) {.....}

37. Do you agree that college education is the most important key to successful life?

Scale: 1) strongly agree, 2) somewhat agree, 3) neutral (neither agree nor disagree), 4) somewhat disagree, 5) strongly disagree {.....}

38. Someone may argue that SCs are not part of the Hindu community but a separate community. Do you agree?

Scale: 1) strongly agree, 2) somewhat agree, 3) neutral (neither agree nor disagree), 4) somewhat

disagree, 5) strongly disagree

{.....}

39. Do you think reservation become more acceptable or less acceptable among the general public over the 20 years?

1) It has been more acceptable

{.....}

2) It has been less acceptable

{.....}

3) No change over the time

{.....}

40. Do you think reservation has benefited SCs or OBCs than other general welfare measures over the last few decades?

1) Yes

{.....}

2) No

{.....}

40. Which political party in India do you think **best represents the interests of SCs?**

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41. Which political party in India do you think **best represents the interests of OBCs?**

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43. Which of the two parties, Congress and BJP, do you think better represents the interests of SCs?

1). Congress

{.....}

2). BJP

{.....}

44. Which of the two parties, Congress and BJP, do you think better represents the interests of OBCs?

1). Congress

{.....}

2). BJP

{.....}

3). None

{.....}

45. Which political party did you vote for in the 2014 parliamentary election?

Name:.....

46. How much do you think this party of your choice represents the interests of SCs?

1) Very well represented

{.....}

2) Well represented

{.....}

3) Fairly represented

{.....}

4) Little represented

{.....}

5) Very little represented

{.....}

47. How much do you think that this party of your choice represents the interests of OBCs?

1) Very well represented

{.....}

2) Well represented

{.....}

3) Fairly represented

{.....}

4) Little represented

{.....}

5) Very little represented

{.....}

48. ANY SPECIFIC COMMENTS OF THE RESPONDENTS ABOUT THE SURVEY AND ISSUES

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**Bio-data**

1. What is your age? -----
2. Male/Female? -----
3. schooling years (since elementary school 1<sup>st</sup> grader) .....
4. Jati name? .....
5. Marital status (Married, Never married, Divorced, Widowed) .....
6. Religion .....
7. Home language .....
8. Monthly income .....
9. What is your current job status? (Background question- should be put in Bio)
  - 1) Having a permanent job
  - 2) Having a temporary job
  - 3) Being unemployed but seeking for a job
  - 4) Being unemployed and doing no job search whether openly or not
  - 5) Retired or full-time housewife or full-time student
10. How many children do you or your family have to support? .....
11. How many children of yours went or go or will go to college (including graduate students)?  
.....
12. What is your hometown or village? .....
13. Which state does it belong to? .....
14. Where do you live now? .....
15. How long have you been living in your current place? .....
16. Do you or your family own this? (answer all)
  - 1). Land ( Yes=1, No=0) {.....}
  - 2). Your own living house (Yes=1, No=0) {.....}
  - 3). Car (non-business purpose)(Yes=1, No=0) {.....}
  - 4) Auto bicycle (Yes=1, No=0) {.....}
  - 5). Any building or house for lease or rent (Yes=1, No=0) {.....}
17. How many times have you ever travelled abroad (other than Pakistan and Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka)? {.....}
18. How happy are you with your current living?
  - 1) Very Happy With My Current Living {.....}
  - 2) Somewhat Happy {.....}
  - 3) Neither Happy Nor Unhappy {.....}
  - 4) Somewhat Unhappy {.....}
  - 5) Very Unhappy {.....}

**This is the end of the survey. Thank you for your kind participation.**

**Instructions for Survey agent**

Please write down the following information manually and legibly.

A. Survey time: Day, Month, Year -----

- B. Place (Address) .....
- C. Duration of Interview: .....
- D. Ambience (such as office, street, home, store, shopping mall, school, and so on) .....
- E. How many people are there around you during this particular interview other than you and interviewee? .....
- F. How much was the interviewee cooperative on the survey?  
 1) Very cooperative 2) somewhat cooperative 3) somewhat uncooperative 4) very uncooperative {.....}
- G. Do you think that the interviewer's answers are reliable or that the interviewer tells the truth?  
 1) Yes {.....}  
 2) No {.....}
- H. Your age {.....}
- I. Your gender {.....}
- J. Your caste/varna {.....}
- K. Do you have any special comment or remarks? If so, please write down  
 .....

### List of Parties

- 1) BJP
- 2) Congress
- 3) All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (ADMK)
- 4) All India Trinamool Congress
- 5) Biju Janata Dal (BJD)
- 6) Shiv Sena
- 7) Telugu Desam Party (TDP)
- 8) Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS)
- 9) Communist Party of India (Marxist)
- 10) Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)
- 11) YSR Congress Party (YSRCP)
- 12) Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)
- 13) Lok Janshakti Party (LJP)
- 14) Samjwadi Party (SP)
- 15) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)
- 16) Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)
- 17) Shiromani Akali Dal
- 18) All India United Democratic Front AIUDF
- 19) Rashtriya Lok Samata Party RLSP
- 20) Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Party JKDPDP
- 21) Janata Dal (United) JD (U)
- 22) Janata Dal (Secular) JD (S)
- 23) Indian National Lok Dal (INLD)
- 24) Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)
- 25) Indian Union Muslim League (IUML)
- 26) Apna Dal AD
- 27) Communist Party of India (CPI)

- 28) Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK)
- 29) Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP)
- 30) Swabhimani Paksha SWP
- 31) Bahujan Samaj Party BSP
- 32) Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam DMK
- 33) Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam DMDK
- 34) Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajantrik) JVM (P)
- 35) Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam MDMK
- 36) All India Forward Bloc AIFB
- 37) Communist Party of India (Marxist–Leninist) Liberation CPI (ML)L
- 38) Naga People's Front NPF
- 39) All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen AIMIM
- 40) National People's Party NPP
- 41) Kerala Congress KEC (M)
- 42) All India N.R. Congress AINRC
- 43) Sikkim Democratic Front
- 44) OTHERS