

TAMIL NADU ASSEMBLY ELECTION STUDY - 2026 POST POLL SURVEY

F1: Investigator Roll number: _____
F1a: Name of the Investigator: _____
F2: Assembly Constituency Name and Number: _____
F3: Polling Station Name and Number: _____

Field Investigator's introduction & respondent's informed consent

My name is \${F1a} I have come on behalf of the PollsMap. We are conducting a survey related to the recent elections among several voters across Tamil Nadu in which we are asking them about their political preferences and their opinion about the functioning of the government. I want to interview you in this regard. Your participation is voluntary. This survey is an independent study and is not associated with any political party or government. Your identity and any information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. It takes few minutes to complete this interview. I would be grateful if you could spare some time to help me complete the survey.

F4: May I begin the interview?

1. Yes 2. No (*Stop the discussion here and go to the next sampled respondent*).

Z1: Respondent's Name _____

Z2: Respondent's Age _____ (*Enter the same age as mentioned by the respondent, even if it is different from the age given in the voter list; If the age is not revealed by the respondent, then enter the age given in the voter list, and if that is also not there then enter 98.*) _____ years old

Z3: Respondent's Gender (*Determine yourself*)

1. Male 2. Female 3. Other

Q1: Some people here told us that they could not vote in the just held Vidhan Sabha elections. How about you - were you able to vote or not?

1. Yes, voted 2. No, could not vote 98. No response

Q1a: (*If answer is '1. Voted' in Q1*) So which party or candidate did you vote for from this assembly constituency? (*After asking the question, show your phone screen to the respondent, and ask them to click on their preferred party symbol. If they say the party name themselves, you can click on the symbol and move ahead. If they do not wish to share, choose 98. No response*)

DMK+	
01	Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)
02	Indian National Congress (INC)
03	Indian Union Muslim League (IUML)
04	Communist Party of India (CPI)
05	Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI(M))
06	Manithaney Makkal Katchi (MMK)
07	Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK)
08	Kongunadu Makkal Desiya Katchi (KMDK)
09	Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (DMDK)

10	Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM)
11	Makkal Viduthalai Katchi (MVK)
12	DMK alliance (only if someone says so instead of taking party name)
ADMK+	
13	All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (ADMK)
14	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
15	Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK)
16	All India Forward Bloc (AIFB)
17	Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK)
18	Indiya Jananayaka Katchi (IJK)
19	ADMK alliance (only if someone says so instead of taking party name)
20	All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM)
21	Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK)
22	Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK)
95	NOTA
96	Independent
97	Other parties not mentioned above
98	No response
99	Not voted

Q1b: (*If answer is '1. Voted' in Q1*) When did you finally make up your mind about whom to vote for - on the day of voting, a day or two before voting, during the campaign, after announcement of candidates or before the campaign started?

- 1 On the day of voting'
- 2 A day or two before voting
- 3 During the campaign
- 4 After announcement of candidates
- 5 Before the campaign started
- 97 Other answer (*Please specify*) _____
- 98 No response
- 99 Not applicable

Q1c: (*If answer is '1. Voted' in Q1*) What was the most important issue for you while voting in this assembly election? (*Note down the response as uttered and use codebook later to code the response*) _____

1	Development
2	Government's work/performance
3	Government's welfare schemes
4	Change/removing/defeating/opposing DMK alliance
5	Stability/bringing/supporting DMK alliance
6	Vote for DMK+ party/leader/candidate
7	Vote for ADMK+ party/leader/candidate
8	Vote for other party/leader/candidate
9	Disappointed with MLA
10	Satisfied with MLA
11	Inflation/price rise

12	Unemployment/jobs/recruitment/lack of industries
13	Poverty/hunger/financial problem
14	Electricity/water
15	Condition of roads/bridges
16	Education/school/college related
17	Health/hospital/dispensary/treatment related
18	Farmer related woes – farm, plantation, crops, seeds, crop price etc.
19	Corruption/scams/bribes (generally)
20	Hooliganism/crime/extortion
21	Law and order/crime
22	Women’s safety and other issues related to women
23	Secularism/stopping communal forces
24	Interests of Christians/ safety and security of Christians
25	Interests of Muslims/safety and security of Muslims
97	Some other issue not mentioned above
98	Can’t say/No response
99	Not applicable

Q1d: (***If answer is ‘1. Yes’ in Q1***) While deciding who to vote for, whose opinion/suggestion mattered to you the most? (**Do not read out answer categories**)

- 1 Local political leaders
- 2 Husband/ Wife
- 3 Brother/father/uncle etc.
- 4 Sister/Mother/Aunt etc.
- 5 Other family members
- 6 Caste/community leaders
- 7 Friends/Neighbours/Colleagues
- 8 Pradhan/sarpanch
- 9 Took advice, but voted on my own
- 97 Other (***Please specify***) _____
- 98 No response
- 99 Not applicable

Q1e: (***If answer is ‘2. Not Voted’ in Q1***) What was the main reason due to which you could not/did not vote in this election? (**Do not read out answer categories**)

- 01 Was out of station
- 02 Not well
- 03 No interest in voting
- 04 Prevented/threat/fear of violence
- 05 No ID proof
- 06 Bad candidates
- 07 Voting doesn’t make a difference
- 08 Lack of development
- 09 Me/ Entire village boycotted elections
- 10 Someone voted in place of me

- 11 Name not found in voter list
- 13 Long queue at booth so came back
- 97 Other reason (*Please specify*) _____
- 98 No response
- 99 Not applicable

Q2: After the assembly elections, who do you want to see as the next Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

1	Edappadi K. Palaniswami
2	O. Panneerselvam
3	Anbumani Ramadoss
4	L. Murugan
5	T.T.V. Dhinakaran
6	Khushbu Sundar
7	Any other leader from AIADMK+
10	M K Stalin
11	Durai Murugan
12	Dayanidhi Maran
13	Kanimozhi
14	K. S. Alagiri
15	Thol. Thirumavalavan
16	K. M. Kader Mohideen
17	M. H. Jawahirullah
18	K. Balakrishnan
19	Vijaykanth
20	Kamal Haasan
21	M. K. Alagiri
22	Any other leader from DMK+
23	Vijay Thalpathy (TVK party)
24	G. K. Vasan
25	Vaiko
26	Senthamizhan Seeman
97	Others not mentioned above (<i>Please specify</i>) _____
98	No response/Can't say yet

Q3: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the work done by the DMK alliance led government in Tamil Nadu during the last five years? (*On getting answer, probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat'*)

1	Fully satisfied
2	Somewhat satisfied
3	Somewhat dissatisfied
4	Fully dissatisfied
98	No response

Q4: Do you agree or disagree with this statement – ‘Even if it is not liked by the majority community, the government must protect the interests of the minority community’ (**Probe further whether ‘fully’ or ‘somewhat’ agrees or disagrees**).

1	Fully agree
2	Somewhat agree
3	Somewhat disagree
4	Fully disagree
98	No response

Q5. Have you heard of the newly formed political party Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), founded by actor Vijay Thalopathy?

1. Heard
2. Not heard
98. Don’t know / Not sure

Q5a (**If Heard**). Now I will read out two statements about Vijay Thalopathy. Please tell me which one you agree with more:

Statement 1: Vijay Thalopathy is a capable leader who can bring meaningful change to Tamil politics.

Statement 2: Vijay Thalopathy lacks the real political experience to make a significant impact.

1. Agree with Statement 1
2. Agree with Statement 2
98. Don’t know / Cannot say
99. NA

Q6: Now I will ask you about the assessment of the work done by the M.K. Stalin government in the state in the last five years. Do you think that the following have improved or deteriorated?

	Improved	Deteriorated	Remained-same	No response
a: The condition of roads	1	2	3	98
b: The supply of electricity	1	2	3	98
c: The supply of drinking water	1	2	3	98
d: Condition of government schools	1	2	3	98
e: Medical facilities in government hospitals	1	2	3	98
f: Law & order situation	1	2	3	98
g: Public bus/Public transportation services	1	2	3	98
h: Job opportunities	1	2	3	98
i: Condition of farmers	1	2	3	98
j: Condition of the fishing community	1	2	3	98

Q7: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the work done by the BJP/NDA-led government at the Centre so far? (**On getting answer, probe further whether ‘fully’ or ‘somewhat’**)

1	Fully satisfied
2	Somewhat satisfied
3	Somewhat dissatisfied

4	Fully dissatisfied
98	No response

08. While deciding who to vote for in this election, how important were the promises made by political parties that they will provide certain free goods and services if they win the election, for you – very important, somewhat important, not much important or not at all important?

1. Very important 2. Somewhat important
3. Not much important 4. Not at all important 8. No response 9. NA/Didn't vote

Q9: In your opinion, which party will be best for the following?

	DMK alliance	ADMK alliance	Both	No one	No response
a. For the development of Tamil Nadu?	1	2	3	4	98
b. For people like you?	1	2	3	4	98
c. For protecting Tamil culture and tradition?	1	2	3	4	98
d. For increasing job opportunities in Tamil Nadu?	1	2	3	4	98
e. For religious harmony in Tamil Nadu?	1	2	3	4	98
f. For protecting the interests of your caste-community?	1	2	3	4	98
g. For controlling price rise?	1	2	3	4	98
h. For resolving caste conflicts in Tamil Nadu	1	2	3	4	98
i. For preventing imposition of Hindi language in Tamil Nadu	1	2	3	4	98

Q10. Some people say that there is too much emphasis on Dravidian identity and the entry of BJP will serve as a check on that. Do you agree or disagree with this? (**Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agrees or disagrees**).

- 1.Full Agree 2. Somewhat Agree 3. Somewhat Disagree 4. Fully Disagree 98. NR

Q11: In the last five years, have you or someone from your family benefitted from the following government schemes? Q11a. (**If benefited**) Who do you give credit to for the scheme - state government, central govt. or the local bureaucracy?

Schemes	Benefited	Not benefited	Not eligible	<i>(If benefited in Q7)</i>				
				State	Centre	Bureaucracy	NR	N.A.
a: Ujjwala Yojana	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99
b: MNREGA	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99
c: Kisan Samman Nidhi	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99
d: Awaas Yojana	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99
e: PDS (subsidized ration)	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99
f: Ayushman Bharat	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99

Q12: In your opinion how corrupt is the DMK government in Tamil Nadu - very corrupt, somewhat corrupt or not corrupt at all?

1	Very corrupt
2	Somewhat corrupt
3	Not at all corrupt
98	No response

Q13: Please tell me which of these statements do you agree with most?

Statement 1: Hindi is increasing in education and government work in a way that may reduce the importance of Tamil language.

Statement 2: Learning Hindi along with other languages does not harm Tamil and can provide more opportunities in education and jobs.

- 1 Statement 1
- 2 Statement 2
- 3 Both
- 4 Neither
- 98 No response

Q14: Now I will read out a few statements. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one of them? (**Probe further whether 'fully' or 'somewhat' agrees or disagrees**).

1.Full Agree 2. Somewhat Agree 3. Somewhat Disagree 4. Fully Disagree 98 NR

- a. To promote Tamil language and culture, DMK government has done more than any other government.
- b. Discrimination against Dalits has increased in Tamil Nadu in the last 5 years of DMK's rule

Q15: I'll read out the names of a few government schemes. Please tell me during the last five years have you or a household member benefited from or availed of them? Q10a. (**If benefited**) Who do you give credit to for the scheme - state government, central govt. or the local bureaucracy?

	Benefited	Not benefited	Not eligible	<i>(If benefited in Q10)</i>				
				State	Central	Bureaucracy	NR	NA
a: Magalir Urimai Thogai: (Women's Rights Grant): Provides ₹1,000 per month to eligible women homemakers to promote economic independence.)	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99
b: Pudhumai Penn Scheme (Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammayar Higher Education Assurance Scheme): (Provides ₹1,000 monthly to girl students who studied in government schools from classes 6 to 12, aimed at encouraging higher education.)	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99
c: Dr. Dharmambal Ammaiyar Ninaivu Widow Remarriage Assistance Scheme: (Provides financial aid of ₹25,000 to ₹50,000 to encourage remarriage and rehabilitate widows.)	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99
d: Free Bicycle Scheme: (Supplies free bicycles to students to reduce drop-out rates, particularly among rural girls.)	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99
e: State Government Schemes for Children with Disabilities: (Tailored support for children with special needs through the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department.)	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99

f: Mission Vatsalya (Child Care): (Provides financial support of ₹4,000 per month for care and rehabilitation of vulnerable children.	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99
g: Rebate/Reimbursement for Industries: Provides incentives like stamp duty rebates for private industrial estates and Micro and Small Enterprises.)	1	2	3	1	2	3	98	99

Q16: Do you agree or disagree with this statement – ‘For Tamil Nadu’s development it is necessary that the party ruling at the Centre (in Delhi) should also be ruling in the State’ (***Probe further whether ‘fully’ or ‘somewhat’ agrees or disagrees***).

1	Fully agree
2	Somewhat agree
3	Somewhat disagree
4	Fully disagree
98	No response

Q17: Should the DMK government of Tamil Nadu get another chance?

1. Yes 2. No 98. Can’t say/Don’t know

Background Information

Z4: Up to what level have you studied?

1	Illiterate (Can't read or write at all)
2	Below primary school
3	Primary school (5th pass)
4	Middle school (8th pass)
5	Matriculation (10th pass)
6	Studying in 11th or 12th / Junior college
7	Intermediate (12th pass)
8	Diploma (After 10th or 12th class)
9	Graduate / Pursuing graduation / In college
10	Post Graduate / Pursuing post
11	Higher Degree (MPhil / PhD)
12	Professional Degree / Course (Law, B.Tech., etc.)
97	Any other
98	Did not say

Z5: What is the occupation of the main earning member of your household? (***First write the answer in the space given below, and then find the correct answer from the options given and click on it . If retired, find out his/her occupation before retirement***)

1	High-level professionals: Engineers, Doctors, Lawyers, Chartered accountants, Professors, etc.
2	Lower-level professional: Computer operator, Data entry, Ayurvedic doctor, Nurse, School teacher, Tuition teacher, Priest, Astrologer, NGO worker, etc.
3	Government Management:Managers , Directors , Executives , Parliamentarians, MPs , MLAs, etc.
4	Government Administrative:First-Second Class Officers, Major in Army, Colonel, Brigadier, Police Inspector
5	Government clerical jobs:: Class III officers, Clerks, Typists, Army Jawan, Police Constables, etc.
6	Government Class IV: Peon , Clerk , Postman , Village servant , Ameen , Sanitation worker, etc.
7	Prominent and medium businessmen: Big shopkeepers, Factory owners, Hotel owners, Petrol pump owners, Taxi owners, Big travel agencies, Small hotels, Property dealers, Jewelers, etc.
8	Small Businessman : Ration shop , Small travel agency , Phone booth , Broker , Parlor , Rickshaw puller owner , House lord.
9	Small/Temporary Business: Temporary Shopkeeper, Salesman, Delivery Boy, Shop Assistant, etc.
10	Service/Service Area: Cook , Waiter , Dhobi , Barber , Domestic help , Watchman , Private guard , Sanitation worker, etc.
11	Skilled worker: Driver , Mechanic , Electrician , Plumber , Jeweler , Tailor , Cobbler , Carpenter , Sailor.

12	Semi-skilled workers: Artisans , Bricklin makers , Potters , Stone mason, Furniture , Basket-mat makers, etc.
13	Labourer: Rickshaw pullers, Loaders, Construction workers, etc.
14	Farmer: Farmer/Sharecropper Farmer etc.
15	Agricultural labourer: Farm/Plantation labourer/Orchard labourer
16	Dairy/Poultry/Animal Husbandry Work
17	Student (maybe doing some part time work)
18	Housewife/House Husband (Maybe doing some odd jobs to earn some money)
19	Unemployed or looking for job
97	Any other work that does not fit into any of the categories above
98	Did not tell

Z6: What is your religion?

1	Hindu
2	Muslim
3	Christian
4	Sikh
5	Buddhist/Neo-Buddhist
6	Jain
7	Parsi
8	No religion
97	Other (<i>Please Specify</i>) _____
98	No answer

Z7: What is your caste group?

1	Scheduled Caste (SC)
2	Scheduled Tribes (ST)
3	Other Backward Classes (OBC)
4	Other (General)

Z8: What is your caste/community? (**Write the answer in the blank space given below and then click on the correct option**) _____

1	Brahmin: Iyer, (Aiyar), Iyyengar (Aiyengar), Smartha, Srivaishnava, Saraswat, Sharma, Vaishnava, Rayar
2	Rajput/Naicker
3	Thondai Mandala Saiva Vellala
4	Vaishya: Natukkottai Chettiar (Nagarathar)
5	Reddy: Reddy, Vellala (non OBC)
6	Kamma
7	Nair: Nair, Kurup, Menon, Nambiar, Pillai
8	Other Upper Castes
9	Thevar: Kallars, Thevars, Maravars, Agamudayar, Piramalai Kallar
10	Edayar: Konar, Idiyan, Edayar, Yadava
11	Mudaliar
12	Vanniyar: Vanniars (Vanniakula Kshatriya, Vannia Gounder, Padayachi)
13	Mutharayars: Udayar

14	Vokkaliga: Pillai, Vellala, Vokkaliga, Gowda
15	Lingayat: Gounder(Vellala, Vettuva, Kongu Vellalar, Badaga (Baduga)
16	Senai: Thalaivar Moopanar, Velar
17	Nadars
18	Other Peasant OBCs
19	Devangas (Weavers): Devanga, Kaikolan, Senguntha Mudaliar, Saurashtra, Thuluva Vellala
20	Achari (Carpenters)
21	Kummari (Potters): Kosava
22	Viswakarma (Black Smith): Viswakarma, Kammalar
23	Seerkarunigar (Gold Smith): Seerkarunigar, Karuneeagar
24	Meenavar: Meenavar, Mukkuvan
25	Dhobi: Vannan, Dhobi, Chakali, Razak
26	Nai: Isaivellala, Navidar, Navhi
27	Pandaram (Mendicants and Alms seekers)
28	Trader OBCs: Various Chettiyar OBC castes (including Kottar, Eluru, Pathira, Valayal, Pudukkottai, Naidu chetty)
29	Toddy Tappers: Gramani, Shanar, Ezhuva,
30	Other OBCs
31	Madigas: Adi Dravidar, Chakkiliyar
32	Arundhatiyars
33	Devendrakula Vellars: Pallar
34	Mala: Parayar
35	Boyar: Ubravar
36	Dom: Vettiyan, Dom, Thoti
37	Thiruvalluvar
38	Other Scheduled Castes
39	Yerukula
40	Koya
41	Malai Kallar: Kattu Naicker, Kattu Naicken
42	Irular
43	Kuruba: Kurumba, Koravar,
44	Malayali
45	Todas
46	Other STs
47	Upper Caste Muslims: Ashrafs (Sayyad, Shaikh), Mughal (Khan), Peasants/Traders: Labbay, Labbais, Mapilla, Turk Jamat, Rawthour, Marakayar, Naita, Patel, Bafan, Gujjar, Jhojha, Kayastha
48	OBC Muslims: Craftsmen/Weavers: Ansari, Momin, Shaikh Ansari, Shaikh Momin, Dhunia, Julaha, Bawarchi, Bhisti, Darjee, Dhobi, Hajjam, Halwai, Shaikh Abbasi etc.
49	Ex Untouchables/Muslim Dalits: Bansphor, Bhagi, Chamar etc.
50	Muslim No Caste/Other Muslims: Those who refused to reveal their caste. Those who do not fall in any of the above categories.
51	Upper Caste Christians
52	OBC Christians

53	Dalit Christians
54	Christians No Caste/Other Christians
55	Sikh
56	Buddhist
97	Others Not mentioned above
98	No response/No caste

Z9: Area/locality:

1	Village
2	Town (50,000 – 1 lakh population)
3	Small City (1-5 lakh)
4	Big City (5-10 lakh)
5	Metropolitan City (Above 10 lakh)

Z9a. **(If 2 to 4 in Z9)** Type of house where Respondent lives (own or rented)

1	House/Flat/Bungalow (5+bedrooms)
2	House/Flat (3 or 4 bedrooms)
3	House/Flat with 2 bedrooms
4	House/Flat with 2 pucca rooms
5	House with 1 pucca rooms
6	Mainly kutcha house
7	Slum/Jhuggi Jhopri
98	Can't ascertain

Z9b. **(If 1 in Z9)** Type of house where Respondent lives (own or rented)

1	Pucca (both wall and roof made of pucca material)
2	Pucca-Kutcha (either wall or roof made from pucca material and other of kutcha material)
3	Kutcha (both wall and roof made from kutcha material other than mentioned in category 4)
4	Hut (both wall and roof made from grass, leaves, mud, un-burnt brick or bamboo)
98	Can't ascertain

Z10. Do you or your family own these things?

	Yes	No
a. Car/jeep/van	1	2
b. Scooter / motorcycle/ moped	1	2
c. Air conditioner	1	2
d. Computer/laptop/iPad	1	2
e. Electric fan/cooler	1	2
f. washing machine	1	2
g. Fridge	1	2
h. Television	1	2
i. Bank/post office account	1	2
j. ATM/Debit	1	2
k. LPG Gas	1	2

l. Internet connection in the house (besides mobile phone)	1	2
m. Toilet in the house	1	2
n. Pumping set	1	2
o. Tractor	1	2

Z11. Keeping in mind everyone in the family, how much is the family monthly income?

1	1000 to 2000
2	2001 to 3000
3	3001 to 5000
4	5001 to 7500
5	7501 to 10,000
6	10,001 to 15,000
7	15,001 to 20,000
8	20,001 to 30,000
9	30,001 to 50,000
10	50,000 to 1 lakh
11	More than 1 lakh
98	Did not say

Z12. Thank you, will you kindly share your mobile number for future contact?

Z13. GPS Location