

APPENDIX –A

QUESTIONNAIRE

General Information of the Respondent

1. Name and residence-

2. Sex- male/female

3. Age- 18-30/ 31-40/ 41-50/ 51/60/ 61-70/ 71 and above

4. Marital status- married/ unmarried/ widow

If (married) number of children-

5. Number of family members-

6. Nature of the family- joint family/ extended family/ nuclear family

7. Religion- Hindu/ Muslim/ Christian/Jain

8. Caste- if Hindu (Schedule Caste/ Tribe/OBC) if Muslim (OBC/ General)

Sub Caste- for Hindu-

and if Muslim-

9. Occupation-

Service worker/ student/teacher/ officer/ business/ self employed/ professional/ agricultural peasant domestic maid/ unemployed/ retired/ laborer (daily labor/ job card holder artisans/ marginal worker/ bidi worker/marginalized peasants)/ others

10. Educational qualification-

a) no formal education

b) primary education (I to IV)

c) secondary level (V to X)

d) Higher secondary / undergraduate (XI- XII)

e) graduate

f) postgraduate

11. Family income per month-

a) below 3000

b) 3001-5000

c) 5001- 10000

d) 10000 and above

Interview Schedule

Political Participation

1. Do you have interest in politics? Yes/ no
2. If (yes) how much interest do you have in politics? A lot/ some/ little
3. Do you participate in politics? Yes/ no/ indirectly/ a little
4. If (yes) why do you participate in politics? State your opinion
 - a) feel interest in politics
 - b) greater participation meant better democratic governance
 - c) could exchange ideas during gram sabha meetings
 - d) cast vote
 - e) all of the above reasons
5. If (no) why don't you participate in politics - State your opinion out of the following reasons which is applicable to you?
 - a) very much busy
 - b) lack of time
 - c) domestic duties
 - d) family problems
 - e) no interest in politics
 - f) politics appeared to be complicated
 - g) no other reasons
 - h) all the above reasons
6. Would you participate in politics if you were given the opportunity? Yes/ no/ to be considered
7. i) Did you cast your vote in this last panchayat election? Yes/ no
ii) If (yes) why do you exercise franchise?
 - (a) Vote is our political right
 - (b) to choose right and responsible government
 - (c) as a responsible citizen we should deliver our franchise
 - (d) through voting our economic/ social needs will be fulfilled
 - (e) all the above reasonsiii) If (no) why do you not cast your vote?
 - a) out of station b) illness
 - c) occupied with some other engagement
 - d) apathy towards voting
 - e) voting means wastage of time
 - f) some other reasons
8. Out of the following forms of participation in which do you take part?
 - a) casting vote
 - b) election campaign
 - c) contesting in the election
 - d) selection of the candidate
 - e) attend political meetings at times other than election (gram sabha meetings)
 - f) discussion of politics
 - g) others
 - h) inapplicable
 - i) all the above reasons

9. Did you participate in the election campaign in this panchayat election? Yes/ no

10. If (yes) how did you participate?

- a) requested others to cast vote?
- b) requested others to cast vote in favor of a candidate of your choice
- c) donated to the election fund
- d) collected subscription for election
- e) attended any election meeting
- f) helped in organizing any election meeting
- g) participated in any election procession
- h) prepared slips/ posters/ banners etc
- i) distributed slips/ posters/ leaflets etc in favor of any candidate
- j) campaigned from door to door
- k) anything else
- l) all the ways

11. If (no) why did not you participate in the election campaign?

- a) no interest in politics
- b) don't have any scope
- c) lack of time
- d) indifferent
- e) some other reasons
- f) all the above reasons

12. Would you please specify the principal factors that stand in the way of people's participation in politics?

13. Is your member of your family involved in politics? Yes/ no

14. Do you face any problem in discharging your domestic duties due to participation in politics?
Yes/ no/ to some extent

15. Do you keep in touch with political news? Yes/ no/ to some extent

16. Which of the following structures helps you the most in the matter of collecting political news?

- a) party magazine
- b) discussion with respectable persons
- c) newspaper

d) radio

e) television

f) anything else

17. Do you read newspaper? Yes/ no

18. Do you read it daily? Yes/ no/ once in while

19. Which part of the newspaper does you like the most? Political/ social/ national/ international/ sports/ economic/ entertainment

20. Do you discuss politics with your friend? Yes/ no/ under special circumstances

21. Some people think that politics and running of the government are so complicated that common people find it difficult to understand politics - what do you think? Yes/ no/ don't know/ to some extent

22. Do you consider that public opinion has any impact on the functioning of the government? Yes/ to some extent/ no/ do not have any idea

23. Does your desire for active participation in politics depend solely upon you? Yes/ no

24. Please mention the name of the parties contested for the last panchayat election

Congress/ TMC/ CPI (M)/ BJP/ RSP/ FB/ Independent/ WPI/ SDPI/AIUDF

25. Please mention which party in your gram panchayat has owned the election and what is the name of the candidate.

26. How much interest did you have in the results of this election? A lot/ to some extent/ not at all

27. Are you happy with the election result of the gram panchayat? Yes/ no

28. What is your attitude in this regard?

29. Who is your MLA from Suti II block?

30. Are you a member of any political party? Yes/ no/ refusal to answer

31. If (yes) which is the party?

32. If (party member) what is the degree of your attraction towards this party?

a) very strong

b) strong

c) medium

33. If you are not a member of any political party, is there any party to which you feel close? Yes/ no

34. If (yes) please state the name of the political party –

35. If (yes), what is the degree of our attraction towards the party?

a) very strong

b) strong

c) medium

36. If you have no objection, would you please mention the name of the party to which you feel close?

37. Before giving vote to this winning party what was your income and after coming this party in power, what was your income – is it increased? Yes/ no

38. Are you aware of various projects of Panchayati Raj System? Yes/ no

MGNREGA/ IAY/ICDS/NRLM

39. Are you getting 100 days guaranteed work from anchal office regularly? Yes/ no

40. How many in your family are getting this benefit of 100 days work? One/ two/ all/no one

41. Through these scheme whether you have economically benefited? Yes/no

42. Your present representative of panchayat (GP Prodhan) helps you to achieve economic gains? Yes/ no/ to some extent

Political Attitude

43. Are you a member of any association? Yes/ no

44. What is the name of your association?

Jammait-i-Islami-Hind/ Jammait-e-Ulema-e Hind/ SIO/ Tabliq Jammait/ Ale-a- Hadish/ others

45. Do you contribute in these organization? Yes/ no

46. Do you feel that through these religious cum social organization your community will be benefited? Yes/ no

47. Do you feel that the leaders only seek votes and failed to give betterment to the community? Yes/ no

48. i) Do you face any kind of problem in your Gram Panchayat area? Yes/ no

ii) If (yes) please state those problems

a) discrimination between Hindu and Muslim

b) Prodhan or the gram panchayat workers (karmee) did not cooperate with the people

c) deny to give 100 days' work regularly to the people

d) failed to create mandate (job vacancy) according to the needs of the people

e) insufficient development

f) any other like health, sanitation, rural electrifications and poor communications, lack of educational institutions, and health care units.

49. How you feel could overcome your problem?

a) by getting help from government

b) NGOs

c) Islamic organizations (SIO)

50. Do you support this view that Muslim women (women representative in GP) should actively take part in politics? Yes/no

51. In this area what is the relation between Hindu and Muslim? Fair/ good/ very good/ tolerable/ not good at all

52. Do you participate in the festival of each other's community? Yes/ no

53. Which party do you favor? BJP/ TMC/ Congress/ CPIM/ SDPI/ WPI/ Independent

54. Why do you favor this party?

55. i) In what kind of school do you prefer to send your children?

a) government

b) non-government

c) madrassa

d) others

ii) If (others), when government has made all cost free for the student then why you prefer to send your children to other schools other than governmental schools?

56. Do you think that political parties which contest the election run only for securing vote and not for development of your community? Yes/ no

57. i) Do you know the political manifesto of Jammait-I Islami- Hind? Yes/no

ii) If (yes) do you support its manifesto? Yes/no

iii) If (yes) then please state reason why do you support it?

a) it is such an organization which acts as pressure groups to bring community betterment

b) a better option than any other party

c) don't know

d) other reasons

58. (i) To whom you will show your first allegiance?

a) religious-cum socio-political organization

b) to state

c) purely religious institutions

d) any other institution

(ii) How would you identify yourself in a secular country?

a) Indian first and then as Muslim

b) Muslim first and then as Indian

- c) Bengali first and then Muslim
- d) Bengali first and then Indian
- e) Indian (Bengali) Muslim
- f) other identity

59. i) Indian constitution guarantees right to equality for all its citizen – do you feel in this country government discriminate between Hindu and Muslim? Yes/no/sometimes

ii) Did you feel government (gram panchayat office), discriminate in giving 100 days work to Hindus and Muslims? Yes/no/sometimes

iii) India is a secular state it guarantees right to freedom of religion to all its citizen – do you think Indian state has a special bias in promoting a particular religion? Yes/no/sometimes

iv) Though India a secular state do you think in actual practice Indian state acts as a restricting factor in enjoining Muslim freedom of religion? Yes/no/sometimes

60. If there is apathy towards voting then state reason for such-

- a) your economic and social condition will not just change
- b) you could not took part in governmental programme
- c) you could not express your political views
- d) voting is one way communication that is the decision were imposed from higher level to the mass without giving them any choice
- e) any other reason
- f) all the above reasons

61. i) Indian state is secular state, it guarantees right to freedom of religion under article 25-28 and religion did not interfere in living pattern of the individual – thus did you feel that religious practice and dictates motivate your way of social life? Yes/no/sometimes

ii) Is this practice influenced political life? Yes/no/sometimes

iii) Do you feel that the social- economic changes in the society affect your voting pattern? Yes/no/sometimes

62. Do you feel that religious belief affect political decision? Yes/ no/do not know

63. Are you getting the same governmental benefits through various projects like the Hindus? Yes/no

64. In which governmental programme you want to participate yourself to bring betterment of your community?

65. Do you feel that it is unjustified to blame the Muslims for the outbreak of any riots in the country? Yes/no

66. i) Do Islam support any violent means or terrorist acts? Yes/ no

ii) Do you support Khaghragarh explosion by some of the Muslim hooligans? Yes/no

iii) If (yes) state reasons for that

67. What is your opinion regarding the demolition of Babari Masjid?

- a) the deed was justified
- b) unjustified act
- c) no one should hurt the religious sentiment of other community in a secular country
- d) don't know

68. Are you truly satisfied with the Supreme Court decision regarding the reconstruction of masjid and temple in the same premise? Yes/ no/to some extent

69.i) Do you prefer to take informal education from Maulavi (at least it will help in increasing the moral and religious spirit of their children),rather than formal education from school/ madrassa? Yes/no/sometimes

ii) If (yes) state reasons behind it-

- a) school too far away
- b) transport not available
- c) education not considered necessary
- d) failed
- e) need to devote more time for household work rather than going to formal educational institution
- f) devote time for bidi making to earn money for family
- g) family business
- h) no proper school facility for girls
- i) lack of fund and need to work as labor for daily cash
- j) early married
- k) required for work on farm

70. Some people get education without going to school so what is your case?

- a) learn at home
- b) went to non-formal educational institutional centre
- c) do not learn anything

71. Do you want to include Islamic culture, language as a medium of instruction rather than Bengali language in governmental educational institution? Yes/ no

72. i) As a member of Muslim community (backward community) did you face any problem which you overcame to continue your studies? Yes/ no

ii) If (yes) specify the obstacles that you overcome-

- a) financial constraints

- b) parents opposition
- c) any discrimination at school premise
- d) other factors

73. In your opinion should the girl be sent to co-educational institution (school/ colleges/ universities)? Yes/ no

74. i) Do you support the view that in a secular state structure there should be the inclusion of the term 'minority' with AMU (Aligarh Muslim University) or there should be reservations for the minority students? Yes/no

ii) If (yes) then state reasons for your support

75. i) Do you read or listen or want to write in newspaper or magazine? Yes/ no

ii) If (yes) please state the name of the newspaper or magazine –

76.i) Do you watch television? Yes/ no

ii) If (yes) then which kind of programme or channel?

77. Do you attend the discussion held at Tabliq Jammah? Yes/ no

78. i) Do you attend jalsa to here lectures delivered by learned men? Yes/ no

ii) What kind of discussion is done in Jalsa? Religious/ social/ political/ economic/ others

iii) If (yes) then do you ever deliver lectures in the jalsa? Yes/ no

79. Do you take part in the discussion (informal) among other Muslims and Moulavas in any religious gatherings or in the masjid after the prayer? Yes/ no

80. Why do you think that the community has remain underdeveloped?

- a) they did not get proper educational facility
- b) they diverted from the path of Islam that is Islamic ideology (took western ideology as the index of development and modernization than Islamic oriental culture)
- c) lack of fund to study
- d) chronic poverty
- e) other reasons f) all the above reasons

81. According to you who is a political leader?

- a) wise and intelligent
- b) possess political farsightedness
- c) neutral in character
- d) possess no community biasness
- e) all the above qualities

82. What knowledge a leader should possess to bring betterment of the community?

- a) follow the path shown in Islam
- b) should possess the zeal to bring development to remove backwardness of the community and the district
- c) should be open minded and should ensure equal treatment for both Hindu and Muslim
- d) should follow a liberal path to ensure betterment of the community
- e) should bargain and channelize more funds for development of the district from both the state and the central government
- f) all the above qualities

83. Do you want reservation of seat for the community in education and in governmental job? Yes/ no

84. i) Can you recite Koran in original version or translated version? Yes/ no

ii) If (no) on whom you depend upon to know the interpretation of Koran? Maulavi/ religious teachers/ other learned men

85. Do you think the moulavi could interpret Koran in the right way? Yes/ no

86. Does any discrimination persist among the Hindus and Muslim in getting 100 days work? Yes/ no

87. In your GP (gram) do you think that in Muslim area development has not been done satisfactorily in compare to Hindu areas? Yes/ no/ no development in both the areas/ development rate is same/ insufficient or lack of development in both the areas

88. i) Are the girls being given marry in early age? Yes/ no

ii) If (yes) why early marriage is preferred in your opinion?

- a) to reduce the burden on parents
- b) its in Koran to give early marriage
- c) availability of good match at younger age
- d) to avoid chances of love affairs

89. Are you aware of the minimum legal age at marriage for boys and girls? Yes/ no

90. In your opinion what is the ideal age at marriage for girls?

91. Is this norm followed in your community of early marriage? Yes/ no

92. Do you think early marriage for both boys and girls reduce the scope of educational improvement and employment scope? Yes/ no

93. Do you think that there should be a proper family planning? Yes/ no

94. In which organization/ groups are you active?

- a) community groups
- b) religious groups

c) political groups

d) NGOs

95. i) Was there ever a communal riot/ or inter-religious riots in area or nearby area? Yes/ no/ do not remember

ii) If (yes) when did it take place last?

iii) If (yes) then after the last communal riot, have people moved in or moved out of your neighborhood? Yes/ no/ no change

iv) Do you know the reasons why the riots took place? Yes/ no/ no response

v) How are people affected by riots?

a) lost their homes and property

b) moral degradation

c) atrocity and violence

d) decaying of their emotion

e) all of the above

96. Jammāt-i-Islāmī-Hind in Bangladesh acts as a strong political force but not in India – do you want this organization to be as strong in India as in other countries? Yes/ no

97. Do you think that for bringing educational and welfare development in the society Islamic social wing SIO has taken active measures than government? Yes/ no

98. i) Do you want your Islamic law (shariat) to be the guiding force in Muslim affairs or secular law to be implemented universally? Yes/ no/to some extent prefers both

ii) If (yes) give reasons behind it

General Information of the Political Leaders

MLA/Gram Panchayat Pradhan, Panchayat Samiti Sabhapati, Elected Member of Zilla Parishad and Leaders of Political Parties

1. Name and residence-

2. Sex- male/female

3. Age- 18-30/ 31-40/ 41-50/ 51-60/ 61-70/ 71 and above

4. Marital status- married/ unmarried/ widow

If (married) number of children-

5. Number of family members-

6. Nature of the family- joint family/ extended family/ nuclear family

7. Religion- Hindu/ Muslim/ Christian/Jain

8. Caste- if Hindu (Schedule Caste/ Tribe/OBC) if Muslim (OBC/ General)

Sub Caste- for Hindu-

and if Muslim-

9. Occupation-

Service (teacher, office staff)/ Professionals (doctors, engineers, advocate)/ Housewife/ Agriculture (marginal farmers, landlord, peasant)/ Businessman/ Others

10. Educational qualification-

a) no formal education

b) primary education (I to IV)

c) secondary level (V to X)

d) Higher secondary/ undergraduate (XI- XII)

e) graduate

f) postgraduate

11. Family income per month-

a) below 3000

b) 3001-5000

c) 5001-10000

d) 10000 and above

Interview Schedule

Political Participation

1. i) How long have you been associated with politics?

ii) Is there any member of your family associated with politics? Yes/ no

iii) . Why do you feel interested in politics?

iv) At what age did you start active politics?

2. i) Do you know the political view of your father?

Yes/no

ii) If (yes) what is/was his opinion?

3. i) Do you know the political view of your mother?

Yes/no

ii) If (yes) what is/was her opinion

4. Out of the following factors which helped you to enter into politics?

a) favorable environment

- b) family heritage
- c) personal interest
- d) ideological belief
- e) favorable inspiration
- f) under some pressure
- g) suddenly
- h) any other reason

5. i) Are you a member of any political party? Yes/ no

ii) If (yes) would you please mention the name of the party?

6. How long have you been a member of this party?

7. Would you please specify your role in the party?

8. Have you occupied any new membership (club/trade union/peasant union/ women's organization etc)? Yes/no

9. i) Have you ever changed your party allegiance? Yes/ no

ii) If yes would you please state the reasons behind change?

10. When did you first contest the general election?

11. Why did you decide to contest the election?

12. Were you declared elected in the first election that you contested? Yes/ no

13. How many times and for which party you have contested the election? Congress/ CPIM/ Independent/ BJP/ TMC/ others

14. How many times have you been declared elected or defeated?

15. i) Did you face any problem to contest the election? Yes/ no

ii) If (yes) would you please state those problems?

16. What is your present position and status- MLA/ Prodhan/ Party Activist/ Others

17. i) Do you face any problem in discharging your duties as an elected representative? Yes/ n

ii) If (yes) please state those problems-

- a) social problem
- b) problem of insecurity
- c) problem of inexperience
- d) problem of non-co-operation
- e) any other problem

18. Do or did you take any special step to handle such problems?

19. i) Are you serving or did you ever serve as member of any committee of the legislature/ GP/ PS/ ZP? Yes/ no

ii) If (yes) please state the name of the committee

20. Would you please describe your experience in the matter of participation of Muslims in politics?

21. Would you please point out the general problems faced by the Muslims in the matter of participation in politics?

22. Do you have any contribution towards raising the political status of Muslim participants?

23. Do you think that the Muslims will take part in mainstream secular politics? Yes/ no

24. In which area of discussion you take part in the GP (gram sabha meetings)/ Assembly/ ZP/Panchayat samiti meeting?

25. i) Did you attend all the legislature/ Gram Sabha/PS/ZP meetings? Yes/ no

ii) If (yes) please state reasons in favor of your regular attendance

iii) If (no) would you please mention the reasons of your absence?

26. What kind of discussion or step taken by you to bring community welfare or welfare of your area and people?

27. i) Do you believe in secular politics? Yes/no

ii) As a leader would you please state the attitude or the way of looking to politics by the Muslims?

a) positive

b) negative

c) indifferent

d) in between positive and negative

iii) Would you please explain the reasons behind such an attitude?

28. Does your party encourage the Muslims in the matter of participation in politics? Yes/ no/ indifferent/ to some extent

29. i) What are the roles of different mass media in involving the Muslims in politics? Positive/ negative/ indifferent/ in between positive and negative

ii) If (yes) would you please arrange the importance of media accordingly-

a) newspaper

b) radio

c) television

d) magazine

e) party literature/ prospectus f) cinema

30. Some Muslims do not take part in politics so what is your opinion in this respect?

- a) they feel no improvement will be achieved by participating in politics
- b) their socio-economic, educational, political needs will not be fulfilled
- c) they want to invest time in earning money other than participating in politics
- d) other reasons
- e) do not feel interest in politics

31. Some Muslims do actively take part in politics so what is your opinion in this respect?

- a) casting of vote
- b) for the purpose of contesting election
- c) they know that through GP they could get benefit of 100 days work, IAY scheme, MGNERGA and other centrally sponsored scheme
- d) as a responsible citizen they should vote to show allegiance to the state
- e) community's overall development will be ensured
- f) responsibility of the government towards its citizens will be increased
- g) other reasons
- h) all the above reasons

32. Would you please suggest measures that should be taken to raise the participation of the Muslims in politics?

33. Do you think that through all the centrally sponsored schemes all the community members are benefited? Yes/ no/to some extent

34. You are aware of Sachhar Committee report regarding the status of Muslims in India and West Bengal obviously in your district. So as a people's representative what do you feel necessary steps to be taken by the government or facility to be given to the rural mass to ensure their betterment?

35. In which way do you think both true people's participation and governmental responsibility will be increase?

- a) fair way assessment in decentralization process
- b) arrange of gram sabha meetings regularly to rouse political consciousness
- c) centrally sponsored scheme and state governmental schemes all schmes to be utilized properly
- d) increase in transparency in governance e) all the above ways

36. Are you personally satisfied with governmental measures and schemes of development? Yes/ no

37. In your area is there any discrimination between Hindus and Muslims for getting 100 days work? Yes/no

38. Do you feel till today democratic governance lacks that is there is a gap between participants and government which result in failure and in the overall development of the district and the community? Yes/ no

Political Attitude

39. i) Are you a member of any association? Yes/ no
- ii) If (yes) what is the name of your association-
40. Do you regularly contribute in this organization? yes/no
41. Do you feel that through these social-cum religious organizations your community will be benefited? Yes/ no
42. What kind of problem do you find in your GP/ZP/ Block?
43. How do you feel to overcome your problem?
- a) by getting government aid
- b) by NGOs
- c) Islamic organizations
- d) others
44. Do you support the view that Muslim women should actively take part in politics or give leadership (as Prodhana, MLA, Sabhapati)? Yes/ no
45. In your area what is the relationship between Hindu and Muslim? Fair/ very good tolerable/ not good at all
46. Do you participate in the festival of each other's community? Yes/ no
47. Which party do you favor? BJP/ TMC/ Congress/ CPIM/ RSP/ FB/ SDPI/ WPI/AIUDF
48. Why do you favor this party?
49. i) In which kind of school do you prefer to send your children? Government/ non-government/ madrassa/ others
- ii) If so then please state reasons behind the schooling
- 50.i) Do you support the political manifesto of Jammait-i- Islami? Yes/ no
- ii) If yes please state reasons behind it
- a) it is such an organization which acts as pressure groups to bring community betterment
- b) a better option than any other party
- c) it could ensure rights of the Muslims
- d) all the reasons mentioned above
- e) any other reasons
51. How do you perceive our present BJP government?
- a) party to bring development
- b) to promote Hinduism
- c) any other view
- d) party possessing corporate mentality

52. As a political leader to whom you will show your first allegiance? Religious institutions/ state/ social institution/ ngos/ others
53. Do you feel in this country government discriminate between Hindu and Muslim? Yes/ no/to some extent
54. Do you feel that the socio-political changes in the society affect the attitude and participation of the Muslims? Yes/ no
55. Do you feel that religious belief affect political decision? Yes/no/to some extent
56. In your area are the Hindus and the Muslims getting the same governmental benefits? Yes/ no
57. i) Do you think (communal)/ riots turn to be a 'sign of dynamism and of secular changes that are taking place in the Indian society as a result of economic development and modernization – yes/ no
- ii) If (yes) do you feel that it is unjustified to blame the Muslims for the outbreak of any riot in the country? Yes/ no
- 58.i) Do you support Khagragarh explosion and the development of unauthorized madrassa (which act as base for terrorist activities in West Bengal) by some of the Muslims? yes/ no
- ii) If (yes) state reasons for that
59. (i) What is your opinion regarding the demolition of Babari Masjid/ Godhra riot ?
- (ii) Do you think that the deed was justified? Yes/ no
60. Are you truly satisfied with the Supreme Court decision regarding the reconstruction of Masjid and temple in the same place? Yes/ no/to some extent
61. Do you prefer formal education from state sponsored school or Madrassa and not informal education from Moulavi? Yes/ no/to some extent
62. i) As a member of Muslim community did you face any problem which you had overcome to continue your studies? Yes/ no
- ii) If (yes) please specify the obstacles that you overcame?
- a) financial constraints
- b) parents opposition
- c) any discrimination at school premise
- d)any other reasons
- e) social discrimination within the community
63. In your opinion should the girl be sent to co-educational school/ college? Yes/ no
64. i) Do you support the view that in a secular state structure there should be the inclusion of the term 'minority' with AMU(Aligarh Muslim University) or there should be reservations for the minority students? Yes/no
- ii) If (yes) then state reasons for your support
65. i) Do you study newspaper daily? Yes/ no
- ii) If (yes) then what kind of newspaper or journals?

- 66.i) Do you express your feeling through writings in newspaper or journals? Yes/ no
- ii) If (yes) then what kind of journals?
- 67.i) Do you watch television? Yes/ no
- ii) If (yes) then what kind of channels?
68. Do you held the discussion or participate to deliver lectures in Tabliq Jammait? Yes/ no
69. Do you attend jalsa? Yes/ no
70. Why do you think that the community has remained underdeveloped?
- a) did not get proper educational facility
- b) they divert from the path of Islam
- c) lack of funds
- d) chronic poverty and deprivation e) other reasons
71. i) Do you think the community lacked in proper leadership after partition to bring progress for the society? Yes/ no/to some extent
- ii) If (yes) then according to you what role should a leader play to deliver goods to the community?
- a) find developmental scope for the community
- b) to secure rights and privileges of other community too
- c) modernize the society by providing educational scope, training for specialized governmental jobs, training to qualify professional exams like joint entrance
- d) reservation of seat in medical and engineering colleges
- e) possess a neutral character and try to prevent communalization of politics and its ill-effects
- f) curve all communal forces like VHP/RSS/SIMI/Majlis-e-Ittehadul(Hyderabad)/ Majlis-e-Mushawarat
- g) all of the above
72. i) Do you want reservation of seat for the Muslims? yes/ no
- ii) If (yes) then why?
73. Do you think all the moulavis could recite or interpret Koran truly to the people? Yes/ no
74. Do you think that misinterpretation of Koranic verses creates an adverse impact on the community? Yes/ no
75. Do you think it right that among the Muslim community the girls are married at early age by denying them from education? Yes/ no
76. Do you think early marriage for both boys and girls reduce the scope of educational and employment scope for the community? Yes/ no
77. Do you think there should be proper family planning for all Muslim family? Yes/ no

78. i) Was there any communal riot in your area? Yes/ no

ii) Do you know the reasons why the riots took place? Yes/ no

iii) If (yes) then state the reason for the outbreak of riot.

79. Do you want Jammait-i-Islami to work actively in India as it worked in other countries like Bangladesh or to act only as social and religious organization? Yes/ no

80. i) Do Islam support any violent means? Yes/ no

ii) Do you support any violent means? Yes/ no

81.i) Do you want your Islamic law (Shariat) to be the governing force in Muslim affairs or secular law? Shariat/ secular/both to be considered

ii) If (shariat) then state reasons behind it

82. What is in your opinion regarding Muslim displacement overall India and outside- is it justified/ unjustified act?

83. Do you support the act done by the Muslims of Kashmir towards the Kashmiri pundits? Yes/ no

84. i) Do you think Muslims consider India as their motherland? Yes/ no

ii) How would you identify yourself in a secular country?

a) Indian first and then as Muslim

b) Muslim first and then as Indian

c) Bengali first and then Muslim

d) Bengali first and then Indian

e) Indian (Bengali) Muslim

f) other identity

iii) Are they suspicious about their nationality in India? Yes/ no/to some extent

iv) If (yes) it is due to

a) deprivation result due to lack of development and backwardness of the community

b) sometimes the community looked upon suspiciously to be anti-national due to terrorist acts or treated as communal by the non-Muslims

c) do not get governmental support in a right way for community development

d) Undue stress on 'Indianness' assumes the totalitarian form which truly undermines Muslim identity in a multicultural plural society and hence refuses to merge into the national mainstream and maintain a separatist posture.

85. i) Do you have any antagonistic attitude towards the government? Yes/ no/to some extent

ii) If (yes) do you think that this attitude towards government influence in any way the secular attitude of the Muslims towards secular state?

86. Once before partition the Muslim League leaders and supporters demand for Pakistan, a newly Muslim state and the inclusion of Murshidabad in Pakistan mainly for getting good opportunity – do you support that view – yes/ no/ to some extent

87.i) Do partition of the country even today increases socio-political complexity of the community? Yes/ no/to some extent

ii) Since the community support partition, so they look upon suspiciously in these days – do you support this view? Yes/ no/to some extent

88. As a leader what you will prefer?

- a) religious and cultural consideration more to ensure development
- b) focus on developmental issues and to bring betterment of the community
- c) help to build secular, non-communal attitude of the people
- d) community harmony and to curve all communal forces
- e) all of the above issues

89. Do you feel it necessary to give importance of ML or other minority parties like AIUDEF/ WPI/SDPI rather than secular parties to bring development for the community? Yes/ no

90. What according to your opinion will help to develop national integration?

- a) to develop communal harmony
- b) economic development of the community
- c) ensure greater participation
- d) rejection of all communal forces
- e) to remove minority syndrome
- f) assimilation with the society that is to develop an national identity and not identity based on own community
- g) fulfill the aspirations of the minority groups
- h) equal treatment to all citizens irrespective of caste/ religious/ linguistic groups
- i) all the above option
- j) any other views

APPENDIX - B

PHOTOS OF MURSHIDABAD DISTRICT



Hazarduari Palace



Hazarduari Palace

It was constructed by Humayun Jha in 1836



Imambara constructed by Feradun Jha in 1848



Imambara constructed by Feradun Jha in 1848



Tope

In 1627 it was constructed by Janardan Karmakar according to the advice of Subedar Islam Khan. During the reign of Shah Jahan in 1637, his court men Subedar Md. Islam Khan constructed this Kaman.



A Historical Watch inside Hazarduari Palace



Katara Mosque

In 1723 it was constructed by Murshid Quli Khan.



Katara Mosque



Katgola Palace

It was constructed by Singh Dugar and Laxmipath Dugar in 1837



Katgola Jain Temple



Wasif Manzil

In 1906 it was constructed by Nawab Bahadur of Murshidabad Wasif Ali Mirza.



House of Jagat Seth

This house was given by Ali Vardi Khan to one of his most trusted soldiers Jagat Seth.



Nasibpur Rajbari

In 1761 it was constructed by Raja Kirti Das and Lochan Das with the initiative of the then dewan Debi Singha and his family.



Nasibpur Akhra



Chawk Mosque

In 1767 it was built for Munni Begum in Chawk bazar.



Tomb of Azimunnessa Begum

It was built by Srijajduallah in 1738-39 for his beloved wife.



Jufaganj Cemenry

It was constructed in 1750 after his death.



Mrijafar's House

It was constructed by Mirjafar Ali Khan



Footi Masjid
In 1740 it was built by Sarfaraj Khan.



Dutch Cemetery
It was built by the British after their victory in Murshidabad in 1759.



Armenian Church
In 1758 it was built by London Missionary Society in Saidabad under Beharampore subdivision.



Kasimbazar Rajbari
In 1763 it was built by Babu Narasingha Roy for his beloved wife Swarnamoyee.



Jagabandhu Dham
In 1336 it was made by Sripada Kunjadas Babaji in Dahapara for idol Radha Krishna.



Kereteshwari Mandir
In 1278 it was established by the raja of Azimganj.



Motijhil Lake



Motijhil Mosque
In 1750 it was made by Manjesh Md. Khan.



River Bhagarathi



Khoshbagh Srirajudullah's death place



Gate of Khoshbagh



Garden inside Khoshbagh Cemetery



Cemetery of Srirajduallah
In 1740 these cemetery are constructed by the members of Sriraj's family.



Srirajduallah's Tomb
In 1760 it was made by the member of Sriraj's family.



Mosque inside Khoshbabg Cemetery
It was made by Srirajduallah in 1770.



Nimtita Rajbari

In 1843 jamidar Gourisundar Chowdhury and Dwarakanath Chowdhury built this palace but at present it turned into a delapidated building.



Nimtita Rajbari Thakurdalan

APPENDIX -C

MAPS OF MURSHIDABAD DISTRICT

MAP - I



The Boundary Line Proposed by the Muslim League. (the shaded area shows the proposed limits of West Bengal).

MAP - II



The Boundary Line Proposed by the Hindu Mahasabha and the New Bengal Association. (the shaded area shows the proposed limits of West Bengal).

MAP - III



The Boundary Line Proposed by the Congress. (the shaded area shows the limits of West Bengal in the Congress scheme. The dotted area shows the limits of West Bengal proposed in the Congress plan).

MAP - IV



The Boundary Line Proposed by the JatiyaBangaSangathanSamiti. (the proposed area shows the proposed limits of West Bengal).

MAP - V



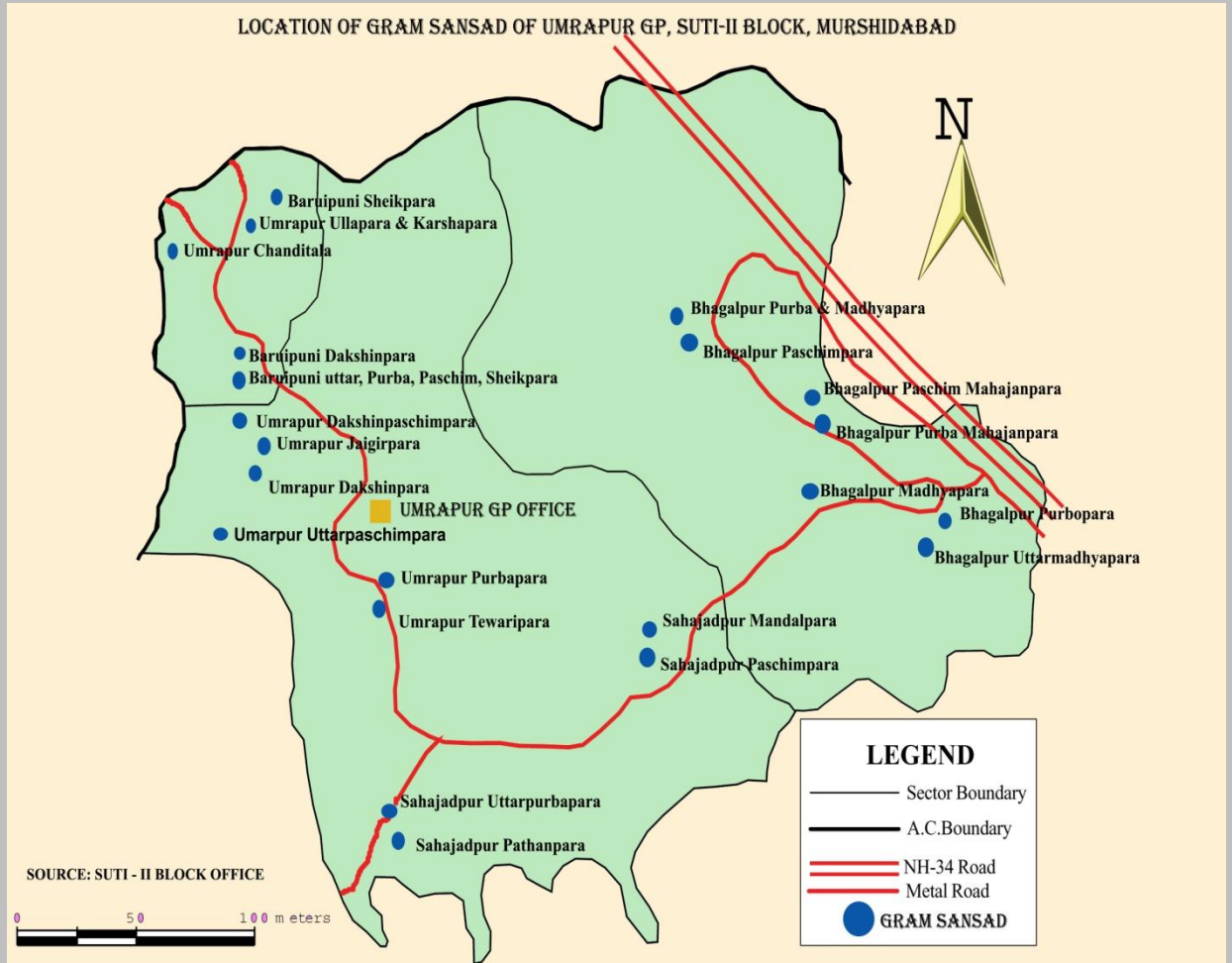
The Radcliff Line. (The shaded area shows the territory awarded to West Bengal and the final demarcation of boundary limits of East and West Bengal).

MAP - VI



Area Demarcation of Aurangabad II Gram Panchayat and the location of the Gram Sansads

MAP - VII



Area Demarcation of Umrapur Gram Panchayat and the location of the GramSansads

