

## APPENDICES

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the following questions. Your identity and the information you give will be kept completely confidential. No names will be mentioned anywhere in the research report. Your cooperation in this research study is deeply appreciated. Please tick or enter your answer where appropriate.

### Part 1: Personal Information

1. Sex  Male  
 Female
  
2. Marital Status  Single  
 Married  
 Divorced or Separated  
 Widowed
  
3. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_ years
  
4. Where were you born?  
Please mention specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Where did you spend the major part  
of your youth and adolescence?  
Please mention specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Where is your place of residence? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. Please indicate the highest educational  
qualification you obtained:  
 Below Matriculation  
 Matriculation  
 Higher Secondary degree  
 B.A./B.Sc./B.Com.  
 Master's degree only  
 Master's and other additional degrees  
(Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Please mention the institutions you have attended for bachelor's or graduate degrees:

(a) **Bachelor's degree**  
Institution attended \_\_\_\_\_

(b) **Graduate degree**  
Institution attended \_\_\_\_\_

9. What is your present occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are in the government or private office, please mention the present position: \_\_\_\_\_

10. What is your family's monthly income?

Less than 5,000 Taka

5,000 - 10,000 Taka

11,000 - 15,000 Taka

16,000 - 20,000 Taka

21,000 - 25,000 Taka

Taka 25,000 above

**Note:** Questions 12 and 13 are for female respondents only. For male respondents, skip the next part.

11. Please indicate the highest educational qualification obtained by your spouse. (If not applicable, go on to the next part):

Below Matriculation

Matriculation

Higher Secondary degree

B.A./B.Sc./B.Com.

Master's degree

Advanced or other degrees  
(Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

12. What is your spouse's occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

If your spouse is in the government or private office, please mention the present position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2: Socio-economic and Political Background of the Parental Family**

1. Please indicate the highest level of education obtained by your parents.  
(Please tick one for father and one for mother):

	Father	Mother
Illiterate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Below primary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Up to primary or above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matriculation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Higher Secondary degree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B.A./B.Com./B.Sc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Master's degree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Master's and other degrees (Please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. What was your father's occupation when you were growing up?

- Agriculture  
 Business  
 Professional  
 (Legal profession/Doctor/Engineer)  
 Government officer  
 School/College teacher  
 Government employee  
 Employee in private firm  
 Proprietor of small business  
 Other (Please specify)

3. What was your mother's occupation?

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4. How would you classify your parents' social position when you lived with them?

- Upper-class  
 Upper middle-class  
 Middle-class  
 Lower middle-class  
 Lower-class

5. How interested would you say your parents have been in politics?  
(Please tick one for father and one for mother).

Very interested

Somewhat interested

Little interested

Not interested

Father

Mother

6. How often have your parents discussed politics at home? (Please tick one for father and one for mother).

Very often

Sometimes

Seldom

Never

Father

Mother

7. Has your father ever been active in politics?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify in what way your father has been active in politics:

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8. Has your mother ever been active in politics?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify in what way your mother has been active in politics:

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9. Has your father ever held any sort of party or public office? (Please mention as many as you feel necessary).

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10. Have any other members of your parental family ever been active in politics?

Yes  No

If yes, please indicate the person:

Brother

Sister

Close relatives  
(Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Has your spouse ever been active in politics?

Yes  No

If yes, please specify in what way your spouse has been active in politics:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Has your spouse ever held any public office?

Yes  No

If yes, please specify the public office:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Part 3: Political Socialisation

1. What is your earliest recollection of being interested in politics?  
(Please tick one)

Childhood (Primary school or before)

Adolescence (High school or equivalent age)

College/University or equivalent age

At time of entry into political life

2. How did you become interested in politics?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Was any one particularly instrumental in stimulating your earliest political interest?

Yes  No

If yes, please specify who:

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What had particularly inspired you to participate in politics? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Was any one particularly influential in getting you to participate in politics?  Yes  No  
If yes, please specify who: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Part 4: Political Career and Experience

1. In what year did you join a political party? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How old were you when you first became a member of a political party? \_\_\_\_\_ years

3. Had you been active in any kind of political or nonpolitical organisations or activities before joining a political party?  Yes  No

If yes, please mention the name of the organisation or specify the activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the position you have held in that organisation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. If you were active in student politics or voluntary party work, please mention the year when you first became active: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Mention the name of your present political party: \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. How long have you been active in politics since enlisting as a party member? \_\_\_\_\_ years

8. Have you ever changed your party affiliation?  Yes  No

If yes, please mention the name of the political party prior to the present party: \_\_\_\_\_

9. What is your present position in the party organisation?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please mention the level of party organisation or affiliated branch:

\_\_\_\_\_

10. How many years have you occupied your present position?

\_\_\_\_\_ years

11. Do you presently hold any other position in your party organisation?

Yes  No

If yes, please specify the position and the level of party organisation or affiliated branch:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

12. What was your last position prior to the present position?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please mention the level of party organisation or affiliated branch:

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please mention your total length of experience as a party official since you first assumed any sort of party office in any level of party organisation:

\_\_\_\_\_ years

14. Are you a member of the Parliament at present?

Yes  No

15. Have you held membership in the Parliament previously?

Yes  No

If yes, please mention the year:

\_\_\_\_\_

16. Have you ever contested in any of the previous Parliamentary Elections?

Yes  No

17. How many times have you contested in previous Parliamentary Elections?

One time  
 Two times  
 Three times  
 Four times  
 More than four times

18. How many times have you been elected?  One time  
 Two times  
 Three times  
 Four times  
 More than four times

19. Would you like to be a candidate in the general elections to Parliament in the near future?  Yes, definitely  
 Probably  
 No interest

20. Have you ever contested in any elections of local representative bodies?  Yes  No

If yes, please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

21. Have you ever held any public office at local level?  Yes  No

If yes, please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

### Part 5: Problems Related to Participation of Women in the National Parliament

1. What are the main reasons you think are responsible for lower participation of women in the general elections to Parliament? (Please mention as many reasons as you feel to be warranted).

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2. Do you think the present system of reserved seats for women in the Jatiya Sangsad (the National Parliament) is reasonable?

Yes  No

Please give as many of your arguments on your responses as necessary:

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3. Do you think the present system should be amended?

Yes  No

If yes, please specify your suggestion:

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Thank You Very Much For Your Kind Cooperation.