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No questions from 'my hobby' or service preference or home stat^

Very cordial experience with all members

### Chairman:

Reads the DAF aloud. So I see you are a courageous man. You did engineering you got this award (in DAF) and You chose English Lit. You have an interesting hobby. Yesterday I had a candidate whose hobby was numismatics. What do you know about it? (It is nowhere related to my hobby or my DAF)

- Explain me this award of yours you got in college
- Is there something you can not do tell me now. (I said I can't run fast or jump high and everyone smiled)
- Tell me the three key qualities of a public servant.
- What do you understand by ethical dilemma? Give me an example
- So by that logic you would supporting temple entry for women in Sabrimala?
- Why has the entry of women not been possible yet? How will you tackle if you are incharge of administration there?

### M1:

- What is Engineering Physics (My major)? Is there something called Engineering Chemistry?
- When was this degree introduced in your college? What do you read in it?
- Tell me what is Schrodinger Wave Equation?
- How do you determine that an electron is both a wave and a particle?
- What is the difference between mass and weight? What is 'g' here?
- About that unfortunate incident in Pulwama, how would you have tried to avoid it if you were the DM there?
- All you said must have been tried by the administration there. Can you think of something new now that intelligence failure has happened?

### M2:

- You worked in Ola for a year. Tell me some advantages and some disadvantages of companies like Ola and Uber for general public.
- Who is your favourite poet? Why? Quote some lines from your favourite poem of his.
- Skill, Knowledge and Attitude - which is most important as per you for a leader?
- Why did you put attitude at 3rd when Chairman sir asked you this question? (Chairman waived at him to let go at this point)

### M3:

- Tell me the philosophy of Physics? How is it different philosophy of chemistry?
- What do you mean by constitutional morality?
- What are our constitutional ethos? Explain them.
- Is the preamble enough to guide us?

### M4 (Lady Member):

- Did you study any Indian Author in English as a part of your syllabus?

- Tell me about Kanthapura (from the syllabus) and give me a concise summary in three lines.
- What are disruptive technologies?
- Can you name some negative disruptive technologies?
- What is a shared economy? Give me some examples?

**Chairman:**

- Tell me who spoke this line. We will not evaluate you on this just help me understand what does it mean as you are a literature student. (He spoke two quotes, one from Romeo and Juliet and another one I had never heard before)
- In South East Asia, some one said recently 'there should be depoliticisation of politics and democratisation of democracy'. Tell me what do you understand by this statement?
- The then said this interview is over and tell me what are your plans next? He advised me to have lunch and take a long nap.

**2. 6 March**

**B.Tech in CSE from IIT**

**Worked in South Korea for 1.5 years**

**1 year Work Experience as Data Scientist.**

**State: Rajasthan**

**Maths optional**

**Chairman:**

Went through my DAF and made me feel comfortable.

- You look like a good student and studied from one of the best college in India. Even took Maths optional. You have worked for 4 years at so and so place as well. Are you overqualified for civil services?
- "In god we trust, rest need to bring data" what do you understand from this?
- "If it can't be measured, it can't be managed and can't be improved" what do you understand from it.

(He linked it to happiness index)

**M 1(Lady Member):**

- 3 art forms from India which is famous outside India?
- What is India's terror policy?
- There are 2 lines of thought:
  - India needs to be tackling terror alone
  - India needs to engage in international forums
- What do you think?

**M 2:**

- "One person's terrorist is another person's freedom fighter" your thoughts?
- AI and job loss. You have 20 year time frame as a secretary. What policy will you make?

**M 3:**

Said I'll ask only 3 questions.

- Why does India use French Guinea for space launches? (Reason apart from lack of heavy launch vehicle)
- Where is French Guinea?
- Why is desert in RJ spreading? (Was looking for a tectonic reason behind it)
- Where is Travancore?

**M 4:**

- Cambridge Analytica: is it possible in India? How does it work? Possible impact of LS2019? Can it be used?
- Security features in a
- Aadhar?
- Can identity be duplicated?
- Use of Big Data in administration.
- If FB is successful why problems faced by authorities post demonetisation to identify the fraud accounts.

**Chairman:**

- You learnt Korean language. Is it similar to Hindi? How?
- Did you see how Koreans pray?
- Which food did you like in Korea? Tell me more about it.

Seems like your mouth is watering. We will not make you wait further. You can go.

**Overall board was very cordial and seemed willing to listen. Member 3 was a grumpy fellow, trying to not let me speak and looking for specific answers. He didn't acknowledge even the valid points.**

**3. Name : Anoop Bijily**

**From : Tvm**

**Graduation : Btech ECE**

**Work experience : 5yrs of experience in UST GLOBAL and TCS**

**Session : Forenoon 3rd to go**

**Duration : 11:15 to 12..almost 45 mins**

**Chairman:**

- Made me comfortable.. explained that this is gonna be a discussion and not an interview....
- Spoke about my graduation, work experience and hobbies from my Daf.

- 4x400 relay (Daf)..
- AI, 5g and the new technological cold war. Where does India stand.
- Scenario based qn n leadership(My role in Tcs was as a tech lead).
- Abt my name.. who is Bijily?
- He asked few more qns, cant remember now

**M1:**

- Did u read todays newspaper? ( Said yes, so he asked any impt news)
- I told abt Indo Saudi relations... so he asked to explain.
- Asked and Anil Ambanis case.
- Who is metro man of India?
- Is he still active? His contributions
- What is AMRUT?
- Smart city? Its success
- Asked abt 5g technology.

**M2:**

- Il&fs crisis.
- Bank fraud.
- Tcs corporate governance issue.
- Fdi in multi brand retail? Issues associated with it?
- New e commerce bill.. why it is needed?
- What is collegium? Its issues
- Status of njac. Can it be implemnted

**M3:**

- What are d impt personal moral values?
- What are d values needed for a country?
- Should india bomb pakistans nuclear fscilities?
- Should we do exercises lyk? Suryakiran.. its advantages? Isnt an aero drill lyk d one done in jaipur better?
- What is the crisis in yemen?

**M4:**

- Kochi pollution issues( i was working der).
- Issues of not segregating at d source?
- What can be done to improve nd increase segregating at source?
- Why do v need PSUS?
- Should v privatise railways and air india?
- Why air india is still not privatised?
- Issues of privatisation?
- What is moore's law(graduation ece).

**Chairman:**

- 5 success and failures of your lyf.
- Gave me 30 seconds, a pen and a paper to find solution for indo pak issue by leveraging our relation with china.

- Denuclearizing pakistan..what is ur suggestion.

What's your plan after this interview? Your interview is over, have a nice day...bye.

Thank you.

#### **4. Subashini Eswar**

**District: Thanjavur**

**State: Tamilnadu**

**Optional: History**

**B.E.EEE**

**Very cordial**

(No question from hobby/ graduation)

**Chairman:**

- How are you?
- Started with my name.
- What would be Ur advice for the parents of children scoring low marks?( He was explaining his childhood that he used to score low marks)
- What will you do for the women residing in the villages when you travel from Thanjavur to Kumbakonam?
- What will you do for their security, children education?
- How will you address gender inequality in your district?
- Who is Raja Serfoji?( My post office is Raja Serfoji post office)

**M1:**

- Inquired about the Maths Biology group in my 12th std!
- Some theory of evolution questions
- Environment acts and NGT questions
- 5 strong points about me
- Negatives

**M2:**

- diff b/w science and technology.
- scientific temper.
- If you are posted in education Dept of your state, how will you improve scientific temper?
- Have you been to Chennai?
- How will you solve the water crisis in Chennai?!( I said about 3R policy and water metering)
- How will you increase the source of water to Chennai?

**M3:**

- Based my strong and weakness I told, he asked do u have dual personality?( I had to justify my stance)
- Is it wise to have expiry date on your currency notes as on debit card?
- nuclear doctrine of India
- Is it right to disclose our policy even before the war?
- shall we ask reparations from Britain for our colonial past?

**M4:**

- BREXIT impact on India
- you are your best friend. Substantiate.

( Sorry..I forgot further questions)

**Chairman:**

- I want to make a correction. your name is not in National Anthem it is in our National Song ( which at the first, when he asked I said it's National Song)
- Did u expect us to ask you any questions, which we hadn't asked?
- Then I said about Big temple and some questions I have expected.
- Then he asked about the Astronomical facts on Big temple.

Thankyou..have a nice day..

## **5. Name - Teja Deepak**

**Session - afternoon**

**Second candidate to enter**

**Chairman:**

- (Explains the rules) paper, pen and water are for you. Next 30-40 minutes we shall assess your suitability to civil services. Etc.
- (Go throughs DAF) you are from South, academically bright, from a prestigious IIT. And you look smart and smiling.
- What have been doing since graduation
- In hypothetical situation, if you had an opportunity to ensure that bifurcation of the state doesn't happen, what would you do ?
- What is so special about Amaravati?
- How was land acquired for the capital ?
- Do you think such a model should be replicated in other states ?

**M1:**

- What is the difference between Science and engineering?
- What all manufacturing industries are there in AP?
- What else is the potential?
- Name three poets of Telugu?
- Who is your favorite and why?
- Do you watch movies?
- Which is the last one u Saw?

- Explain the story?

**M2:**

- You like travelling. Which is the last place you've visited?
- What is unique about Pondicherry?
- What is Auroville?
- Do you think autocracy is better than democracy for governance.
- China's economy is much bigger than India's. Don't you think India should also go for autocracy?
- But human rights violations also happen in India?
- Don't you think judiciary is stepping out of its mandate and making other institutions weak?

**M3:**

- Is media fair/responsible in India?
- We are talking about social media regulation but not media regulation. Why?
- Why is Cyber security important?
- Do we have any specific laws on Cyber security?

**M4:**

- What are the impacts of Industrial revolution?
- How do you think industrial revolution has changed over years?
- Do you swim?
- Which principle applies while swimming?
- Explain it?
- Is weight scalar or vector?
- Acceleration? Mass? Speed?

**Chairman:**

- So you are good in physics? Tell me about uncertainty principle.
- If given a chance what changes would you like to do in the Constitution.
- Why strengthen Anti defection provisions in the Constitution.

(told as my optional is anthropology, would give more protection to tribals ) what specific rights

- Why did the govt make these changes?
- So you from anthropology. Which is the famous book of Darwin?
- Explain his theory of evolution?

**M2 (suddenly):**

- Starts speaking in French.. Asks me do you speak French
- I replied in English... Asks me reply in French

**Chairman:**

- What are your plans for the afternoon? ( Said I'm craving for hyd biryani)
- He went on to Suggest few famous eateries in the city !

Thank you. I replied merci merci beaucoup. They all smile

**6. Dileep Kumar Meena**

**B.Tech. – IIT Delhi (Production & Industrial Engineering)**

**State – Rajasthan Optional – Hindi Literature**

**Duration – 30 Minutes**

**Chairman:**

- You have completed your B.Tech. in 2014 what are you doing after that?
- I said sir I was preparing for Civil Services
- Sir said it shows your dedication towards civil services, that's excellent.
- Have you read today's paper? I said yes sir. He asked about GSP Issue? What should be India's stand on this? Is US starting to target India by this move?

**M1:**

- Tell me 5 areas in which India has performed well and 5 areas in which it has performed negatively?
- What is the problem in education sector? I said lack of quality education then some supplementary question related to education and solution

(some questions I can't remember)

**M2:**

- Which Hindi writer have you read? (as my optional is Hindi literature)
- He spoke a few lines of Ramdhari Singh Dinkar and asked me meaning of those lines.
- Do you know any poet from Hindi literature who were also MPs?

**M3 (Lady member):**

- Situational question – you are SP and mob is protesting, you are about to open fire then suddenly a local leader comes and said "Captan sahib goli nhi chalni chahiye" (SP sir firing should not be happend) what will you do?
- You are from Rajasthan what's the literacy rate and female literacy rate?
- Why female literacy rate is so low?
- What will you do to improve female literacy rate?
- What's the problem of Rajasthan?
- What's the reasons and solutions of desertification?

**M4:**

- How would you use production and industrial engineering in administration?
- How will you use Business Process Reengineering in solving 3 problems?

(Some question I can't remember)

**Chairman:**

- What will you do after interview?



**Your Interview is over, you can go now.**

**I said Thank you sir.**

## **7. B.Tech EEE**

**CAPF (AC)**

**Games - Chess**

**State - U.P**

**Chairman:**

- Meaning of your name.
- What is GDP, How this number is relevant to a poor.
- Aim of administration.
- Ethics in administration.

**M1:**

- What values should be in an administrator.
- Does honesty only relates to not being corrupt.
- How will you ensure honesty and proper implementation of tasks amongst your subordinates.

**M2:**

- What is Sicilian defence.
- Something related to knowledge and its utilisation. (Not abke to recall the complete question).
- Procedure of deployment of CRPF and BSF in LWE areas.

**M3:**

- Particular disease problems in eastern UP and how to solve the problem.
- Why UP backward.
- How to utilise small businesses in UPs growth.

**M4:**

- As an engineer, give an innovative solution to detect IEDs implanted in naxal areas.

**Chairman:**

- What will you do next.

**Thank you**

## **8. Date of Interview : 20 Feb Morning (2nd to go)**

**Hobby :**

**Cooking for relaxing,**

**Strategy based video games**

**Background :**

**IIT Guwahati,**

**Civil Engineering,**

**4 years experience as Software engineer,**

**Andhra Pradesh**

**Optional : Sociology**

**Duration : 30-35 mins**

**Didn't say to take the seat. I waited for 5-6 secs after wishing them good morning and asked for the seat.**

**Chairman:**

- Welcomed me to UPSC process.
- Is this your first interview?
- Read DAF aloud.
- Asked me to relax ( I was pretty nervous)
- Cooking is a chaotic process, how does it make you feel relaxed?
- What is the influence of your mother on you? (Mother is a teacher)
- I generally see that if mother is a teacher children turn out to be good. Do you agree? Give me a general answer for the reasons not personal experiences?
- How does empathy towards women get created?
- Are you comfortable with questions on North East? (Said Yes , no questions followed)
- How did the transition from civil engineering to Software happen? Was it easy?

**M1:**

- According to you what is communication? How should it occur?
- Communication is a two way street. Do you agree?
- In today's world communication between people is not happening properly. What is the problem? What can be done?
- What is data analytics?
- Have you heard about the recent FDI norms (Confirmed if she was talking about e-commerce). Tell me something about it

**M2:**

- What is the difference between Strategy and Tactics
- What is the importance of Simulacra and Simulation?
- What is IPR? What is the status of IPR laws in India?
- What is Forest Rights act. What are the different rights under it?
- What is Biodiversity. What is Biodiversity Act 2005?

**M3:**

- What is meant by Guirella tactics?
- How many states are there in North East? Are there any UTs currently?
- Have you heard of Vemana and Potana?
- What is the relationship between September 5 and September 15?
- Why are the North Eastern States opposing Citizenship amendment bill, 2019?
- What are the problems between Andhra and Telangana currently?
- Have you heard about Mary Kom?

**M4:**

- Who is Chaitanya mahaprabhu?
- What is your long term vision and strategy for India?
- I asked about long term strategy and you talk only about 2 sectors. Are those only part of your strategy?
- Do you think Judicial activism is leading to destruction of other institutions?

**Chairman:**

- You stayed in Guwahati for 4 years how was the experience?
- What was the famous temple in Guwahati. What is it famous for? Have you been there? Have you heard of any local folklore about it?
- Are you ok if you get service in Assam. What was your cadre preference for Assam?
- Ahoms are very prideful people. Have you heard any historical significance attached to them?
- Under which ruler did Battle of Saraighat take place?
- Have you heard about any of their contribution to Indian independence?
- If you get a job in civil engineering will you take it?
- Out of the 2 jobs you have done which was the better one?
- What are your plans for the afternoon. Are you going to relax?
- Thank you your interview is over. All the best

**Initially I guided the interview and felt like a good interaction. Once they understood that, they didn't take any bait. So it led to less interactive experience as they tried to ask as many different topics as possible.**

**The board was extremely professional and never gave any visible response to any of my replies which made things a bit difficult for me as I was not able to gauge their mood.**

**9. Yogesh Choudhary**

**Transcript: I was the first one to go, forenoon session on 21/02/2019**

**Chairman:**

- You are opener, so what are the challenges for an opening batsmen in cricket.
- Attitude or skill/aptitude - which is more important. I have said both. But he asked about which is more important. I have said skill.
- But he said that there is another view that attitude is more important. Skill is more important for lower clerical jobs and attitude is for decision making jobs. Then I agreed with sir.
- Rajathan 10 problems 10 strength

**M1:**

- Is India a weak state? And counter question on this issue. Later he asked on crypto currency, block chain technology. He also asked about low child sex ratio and how to improve it.
- Your hobby is jogging. What are the other things you do? I said that movies music and recently I have been going to gym. Then he asked me about heart rate for cardio exercises. Here I was not able to answer appropriate heart rate but I have told that I exercises at about 170.

**M2:**

- She asked about a book "a glimpse of world history". (Optional history). As I haven't read the book. She then moved to artificial intelligence and asked about some examples.

**M3:**

- Afghanistan issue. Why countries after countries are failing there.
- Can US solve it by using all military power?
- I said that it would not be solved till people of Afghanistan own that process.

**M4:**

- You have studied Sanskrit in 10th. What do you understand by sanskriti.
- Explain unity in diversity in India.
- How to improve tourism in Rajasthan.

**Chairman:**

- Republic day speech of president where president talked about forthcoming election and completion of 70 yr of Independence. What does he mean to say that we should vote with collective wisdom and collective action.
- I said that first voter turnout should be increased to show that our democracy has matured. Second various election documentaries mention about vote on religion, region, caste issues. So as collective wisdom we should vote for thinking of India as a whole not these small issues.

**No questions from my graduation**

**10. Vengatesh Prabhu**

**Optional : Agriculture**

**Chairman:**

- Explained the process of personality test briefly.
- So your native is Thiruppur(TN).
- What is famous there ?
- What are the problems faced by textile industries ?
- How to make the industry prosper ?

**M1:**

- You had done a paper presentation on Organic farming ? Explain it briefly ?
- Will organic farming prevent farmer suicides ?
- What do you know about bio fuel ?
- Government's bio fuel policy ?
- Why Jatropha ideal for bio diesel extraction ?

**M2:**

- What is interim budget ?
- Why not a full financial year budget this year ?
- What is vote on account ?

**M3:**

- What is one difference you can say between a long distance runner and a normal person ?
- (My extra curricular )
- A leader requires 3 important aspects.
- Skill
- Knowledge
- Attitude... Which one is your priority ?
- What are the areas of conflict between Karnataka and Tamilnadu ?

**M4:**

- Explain about Afghanistan peace process ?
- India's role in the process ?
- Is there any difference between vote on account and interim budget ?

**Chairman:**

- Are you happy with Green revolution?
- Thank you. your interview is over.