

TRIPURA ELECTORATE - 2023 ELECTION SURVEY REPORT



PRACCIS, a Delhi based research institution specialising in field work based study of contemporary India, in collaboration with Maharaja Bir Bikram University, Agartala, undertook a qualitative & quantitative election study of Tripura assembly election which happened on 16th February 2023.

While the qualitative study was conducted in all the 60 assembly constituencies by Ms. Manisha Majumdar (Ph.D. research scholar, JNU), Mr. Biswajit Debbarma and Dr. Sajjan Kumar, the quantitative study was

undertaken under the overall supervision of **Prof. R. K. Satpathy** (Rtd. Prof. of Political Science, NEHU, Shillong and ex-director ICSSR-NERC, Shillong) along with research coordinators, Dr. Sudip Bhattacharjee (faculty, MBB University) and Neha Yadav (Ph.D. research scholar, JNU). Besides, two other faculty members from Tripura Central University and MBB university were part of both, research supervision and coordination. Data analysis was done by Dr. Istikar Ali (Ph.D. JNU).

For the quantitative study, the 60 Assembly Constituencies were divided into three demographic strata of tribal dominated seats, Non-Tribal/Bengali dominated seats and mixed-demography seats, containing 20 segments each in descending order. Then, following the random-stratified sampling, every third seat from all the three strata were selected. In total, 20 assembly constituencies were part of the study, which were representative of the demographic and sub-regional diversities of the state.

The workshop for the quantitative survey was held on 28th January 2023 in collaboration with Maharaja Bir Bikram University, Agartala, Tripura. The selected students went to the respective assembly segments on 3rd February 2023 after the declaration of final list of candidates by all the parties. The survey was conducted from 4th February 2023 to 8th February 2023.

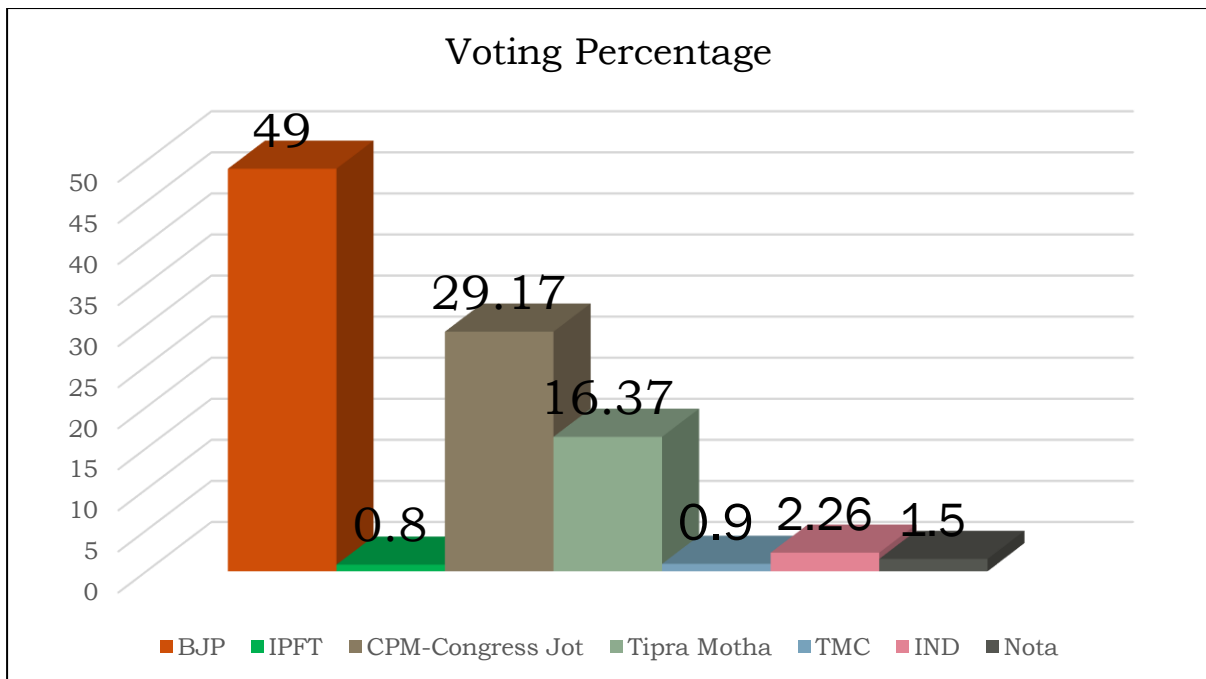
The purpose of the qualitative survey was to understand not only the political preference of the respondents but also the socio-economic realities in which they reside so that a clearer picture of the political and cultural dynamics of Tripura unfolds in front of us. The findings of our qualitative survey corroborate with our findings through the quantitative survey as detailed below.

FINDINGS

- The 2023 Assembly Election in TRIPURA is all set to reward the incumbent BJP government to power again.
- There is a close fight between the CPM-Congress alliance and the TIPRA MOTHA, the local tribal party for the second position. In terms of seat, TIPRA MOTHA has slight edge over the CPM-Congress alliance despite latter securing more votes.
- In a major shift from the past, the voting pattern this time is along the ethnic lines. While an overwhelming section of tribals are voting for the local tribal party TIPRA MOTHA, led by the royal scion, Pradyot Manikya Debbarma, the non-Tribals are veering decisively behind the incumbent BJP.
- In general, BJP is the default beneficiary as people are disappointed with its economic delivery but happy with the change in political culture of Tripura from being a *Party State* to becoming relatively freer from the surveillance of the political parties.
- The alliance between erstwhile antagonistic parties, the CPM and the Congress doesn't seem to work on ground as the remaining Congress voters still have a negative memory of the CPM rule wherein they faced intense violence and discrimination in everyday life. The people on the ground saw the alliance more as a coming together of some leaders rather than the respective voters. In nutshell, the alliance mathematics lacks chemistry.
- The local tribal party, TIPRA MOTHA has immense appeal among the majority of Tribals except the Chakmas and the Mogs. The concept of THANSA, meaning tribal unity is effectively working on the ground.

SEAT PROJECTION

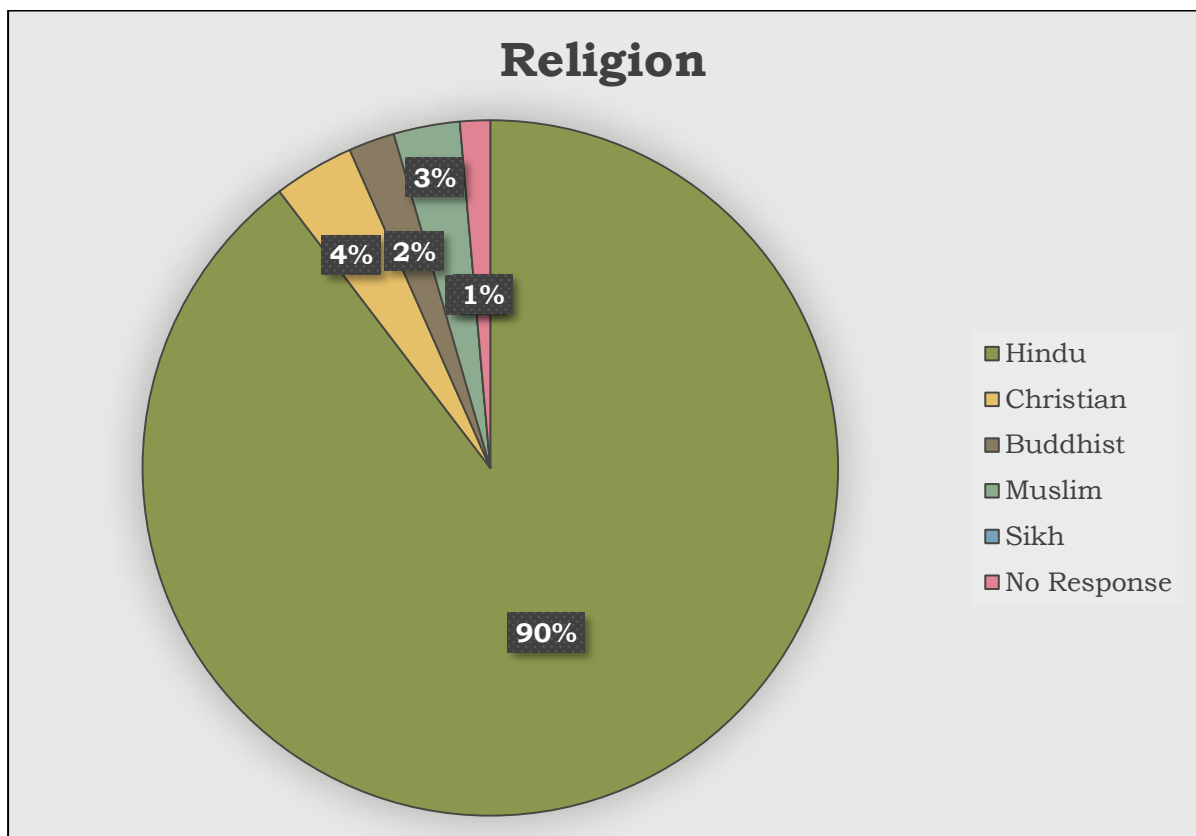
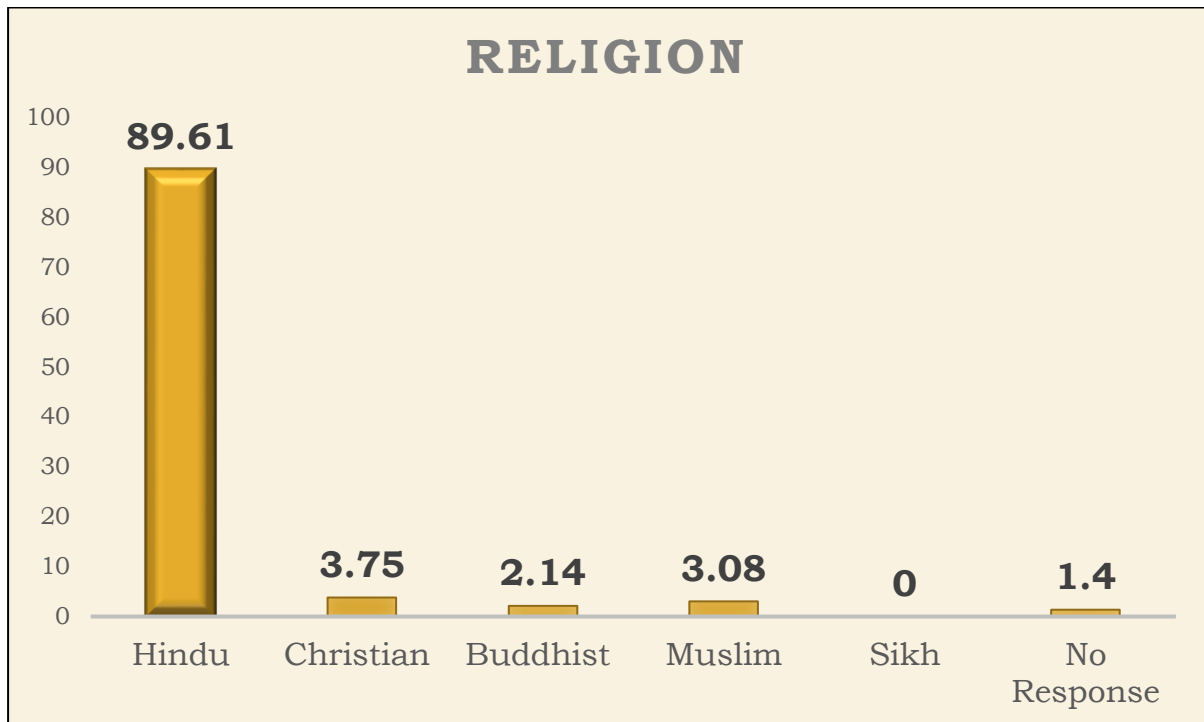
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CPM-CONG JOT	09-14
Tipra Motha	11-16



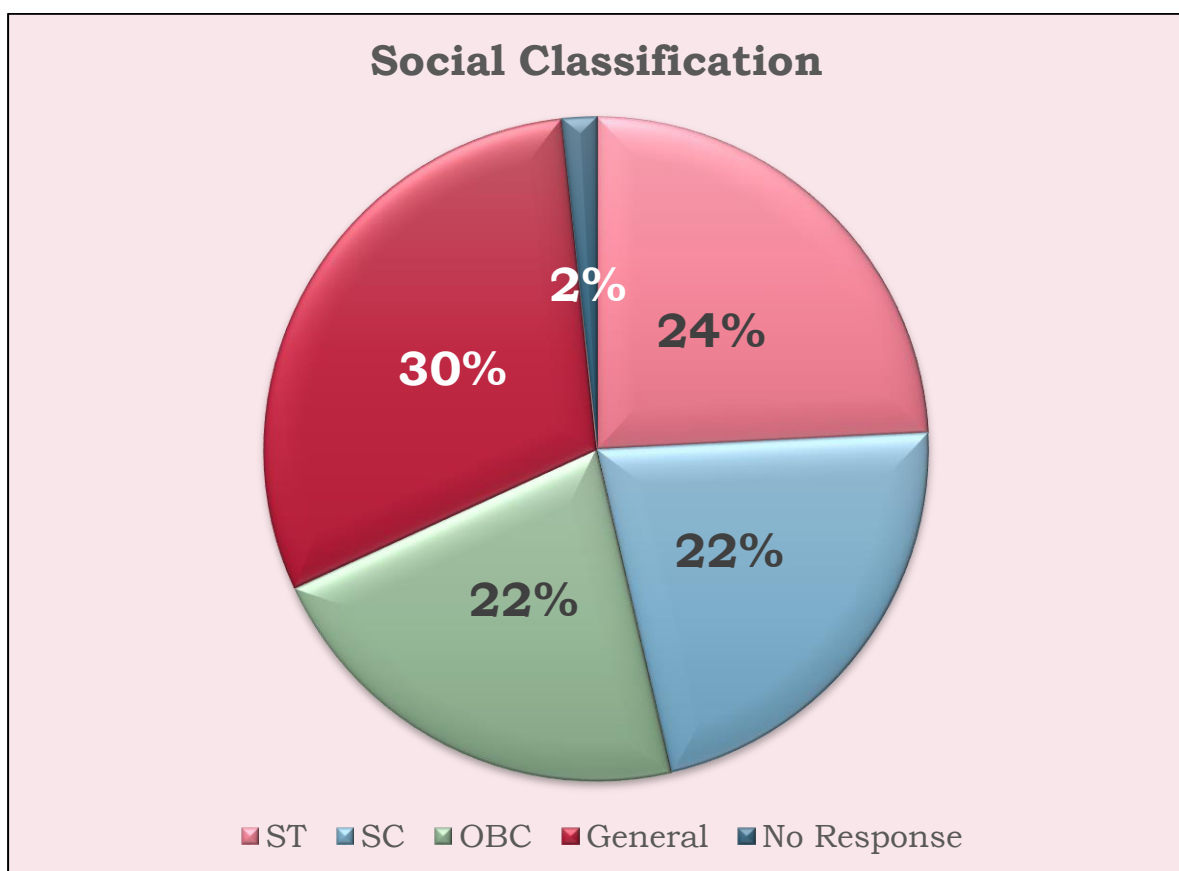
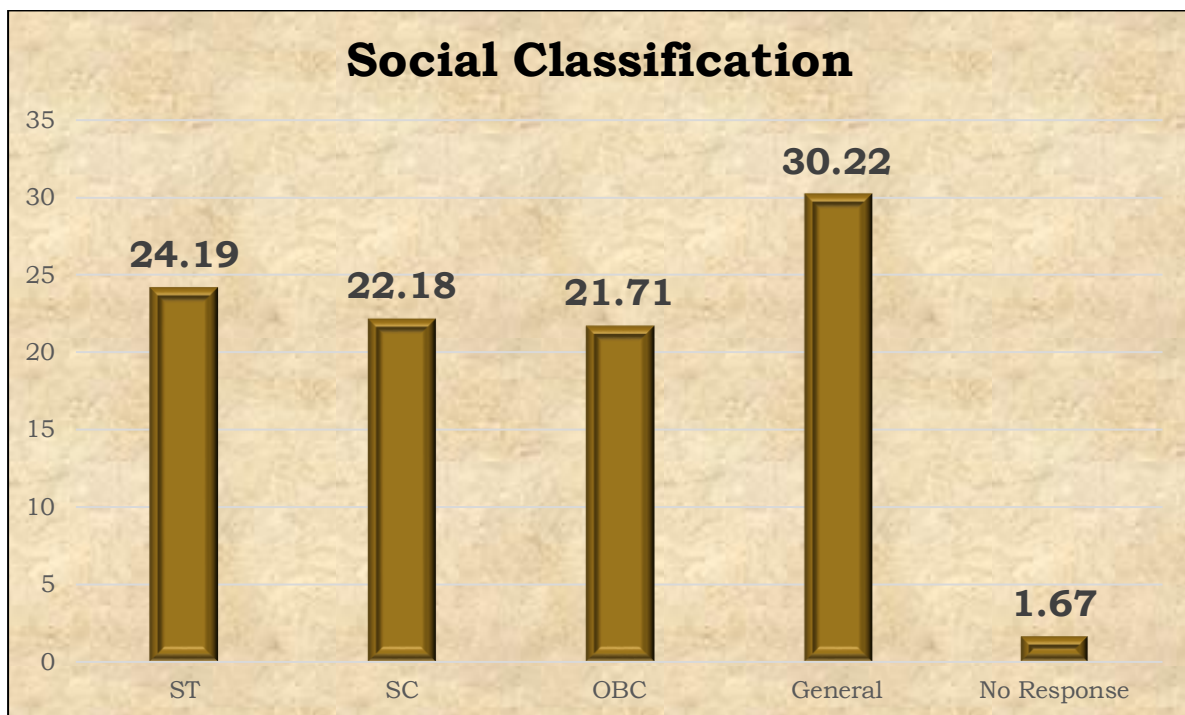
TOTAL SAMPLE COLLECTED: 1502

BACKGROUND OF THE RESPONDENTS IN SURVEY

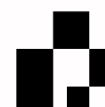
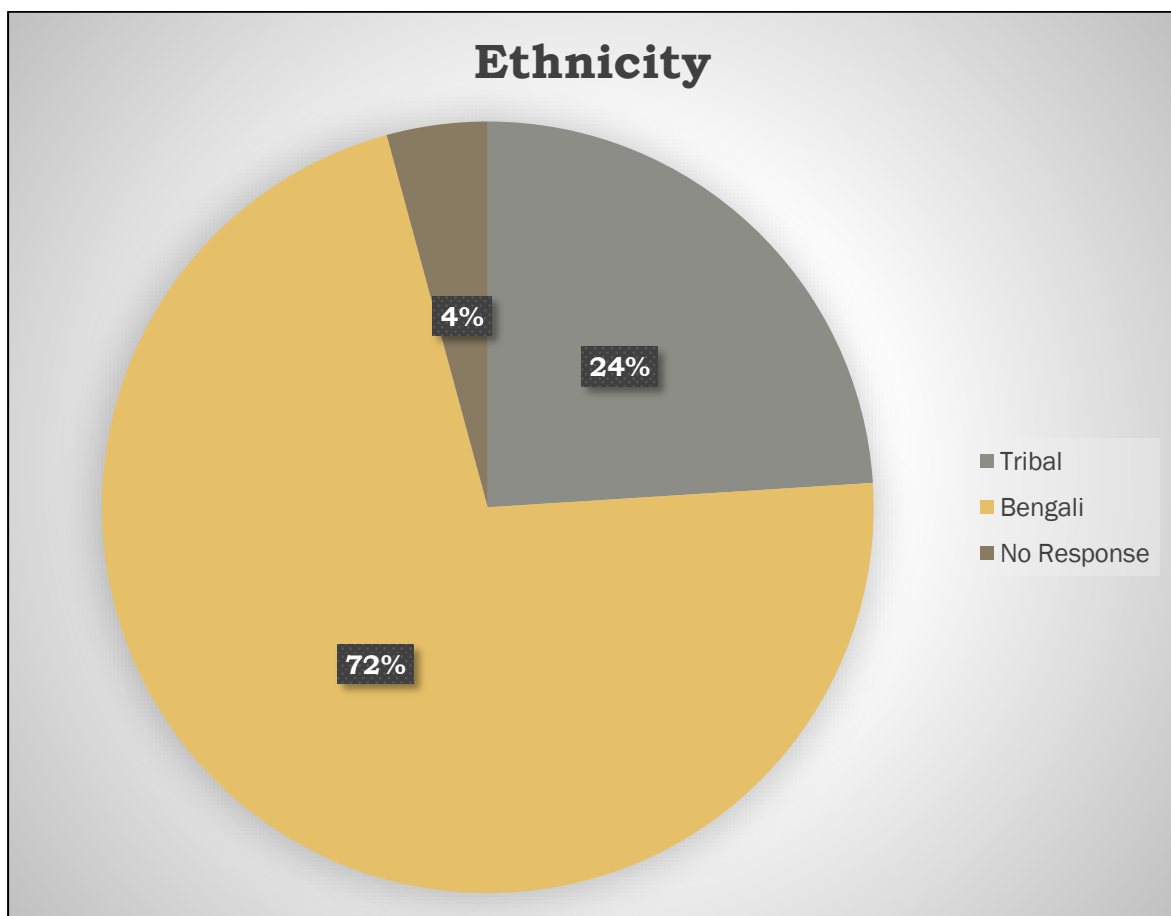
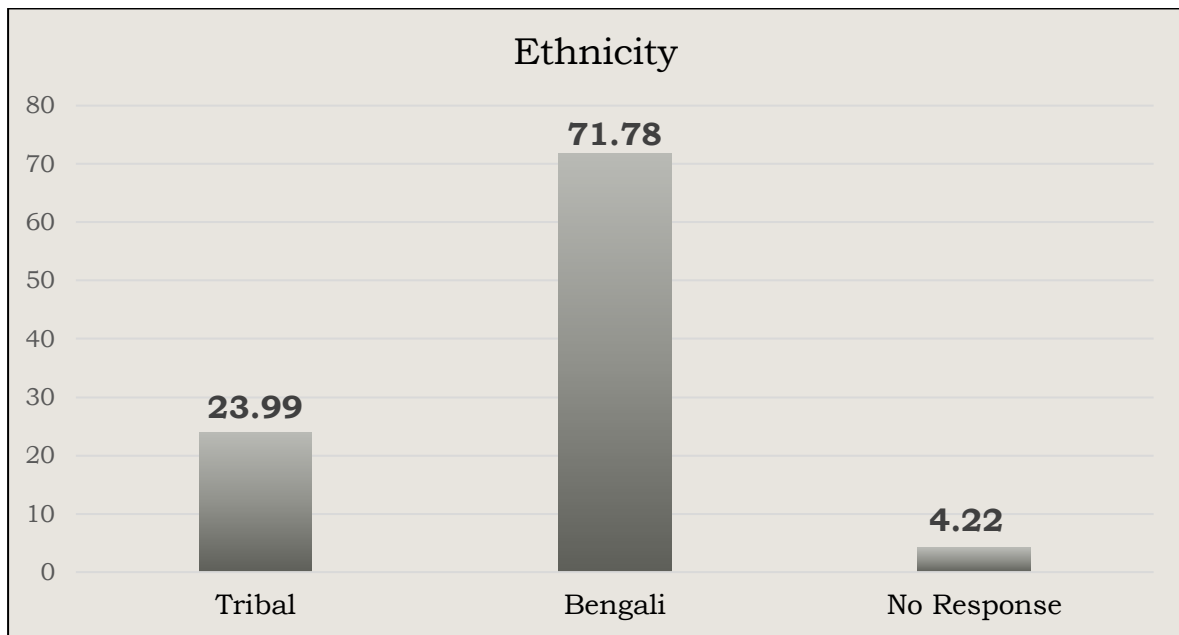
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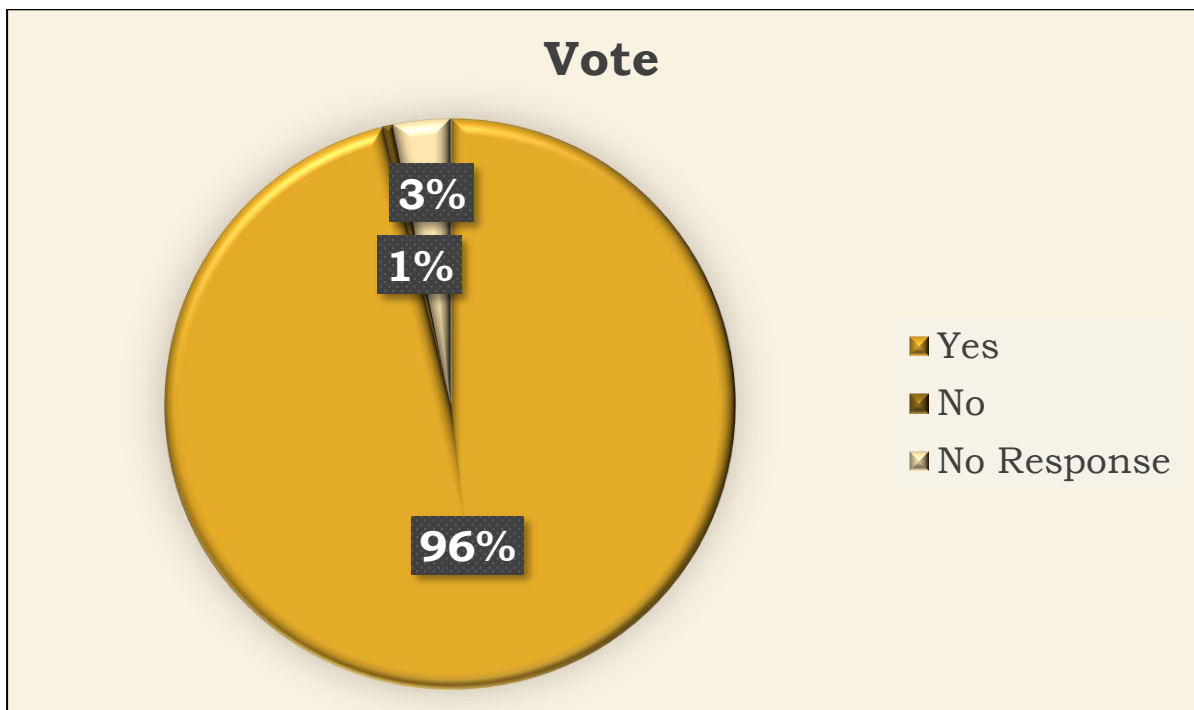
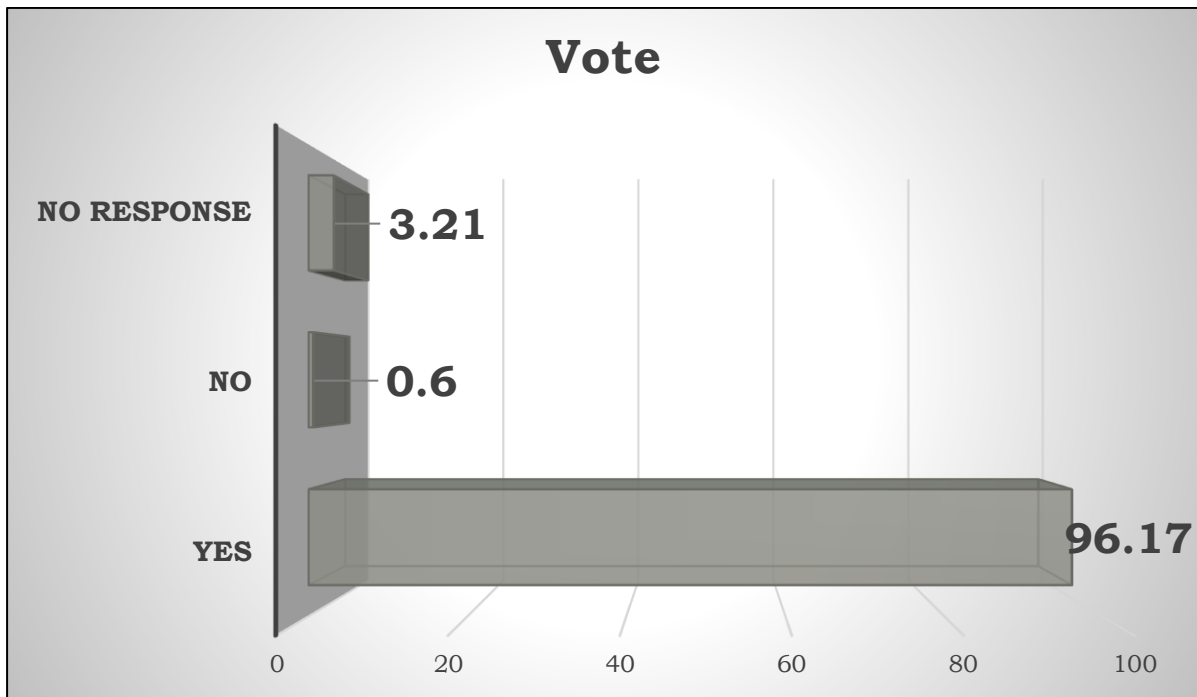


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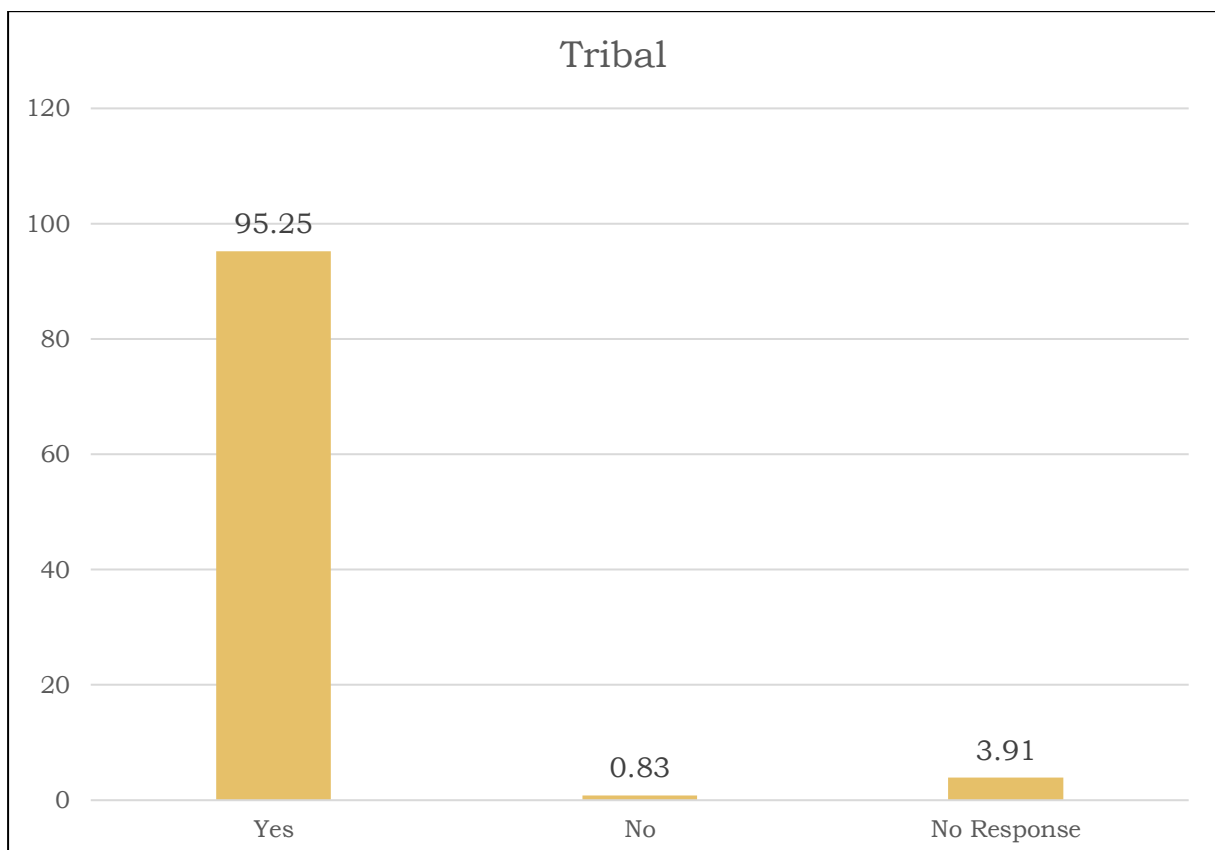
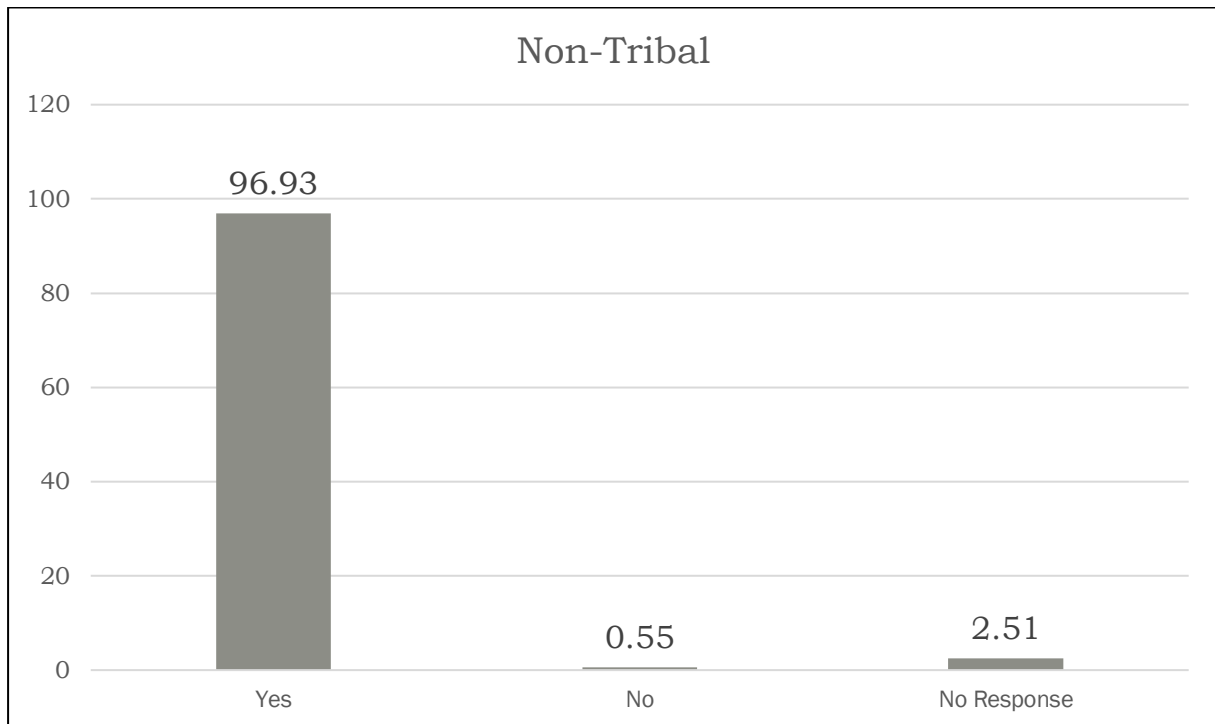


PEOPLE'S OPINION

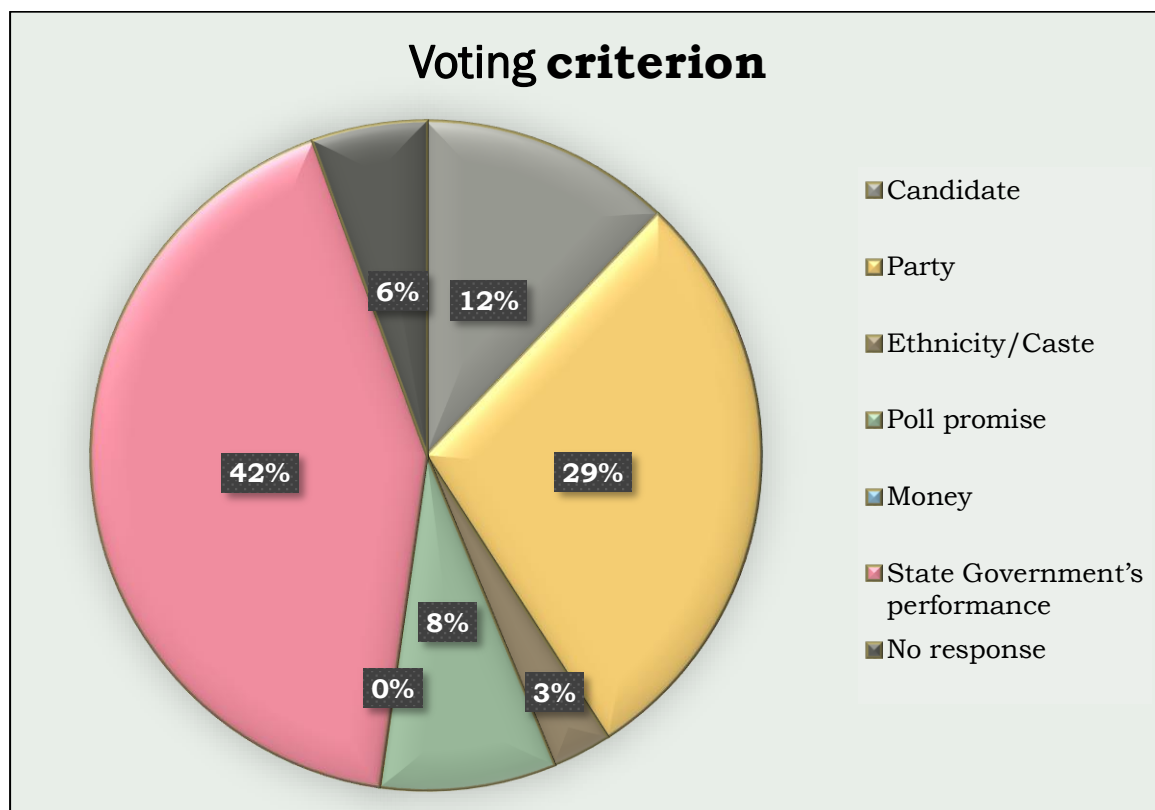
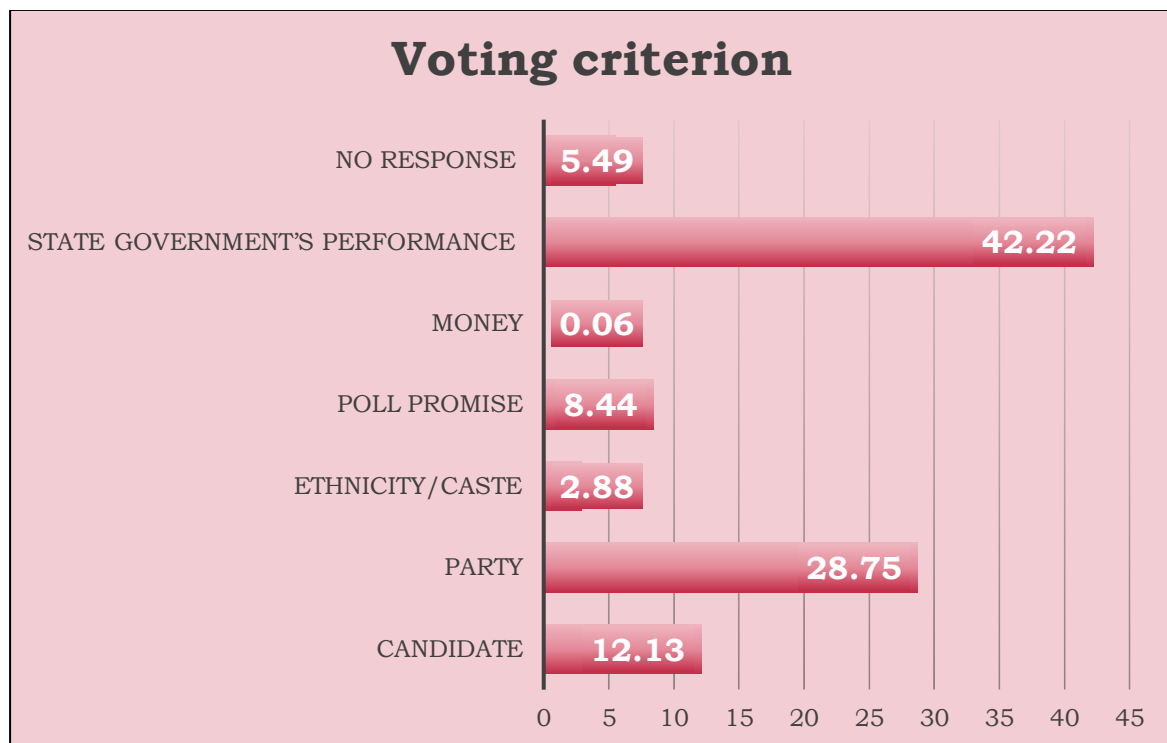
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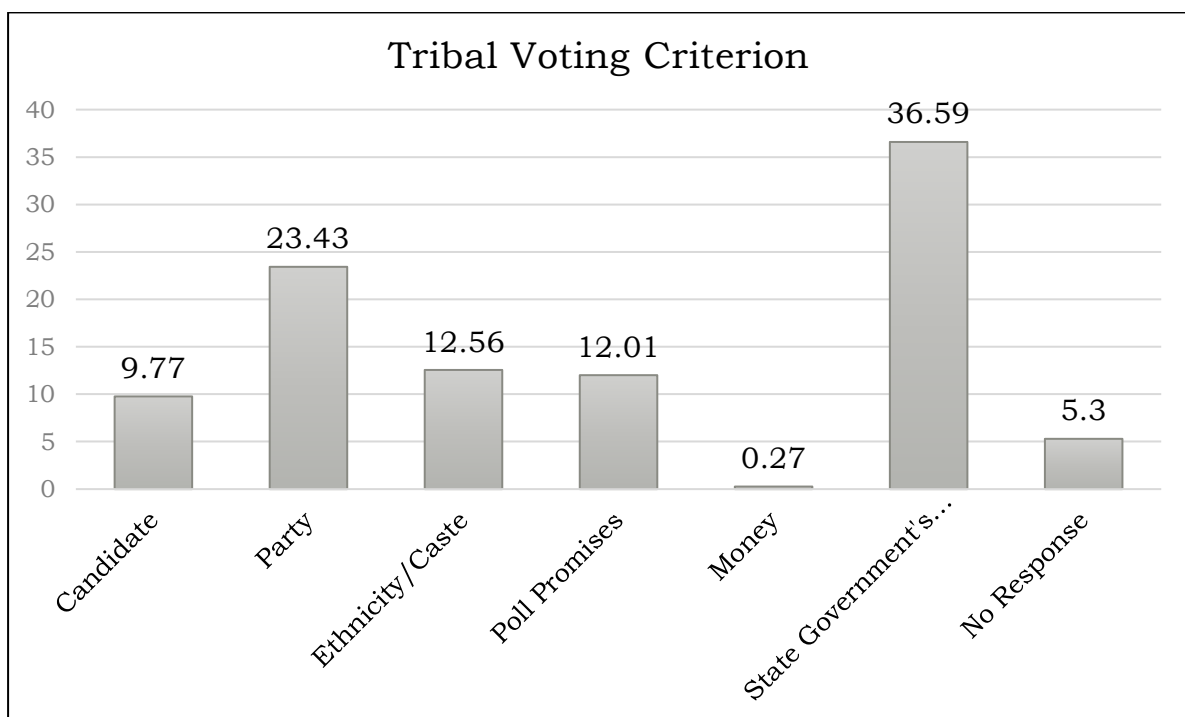
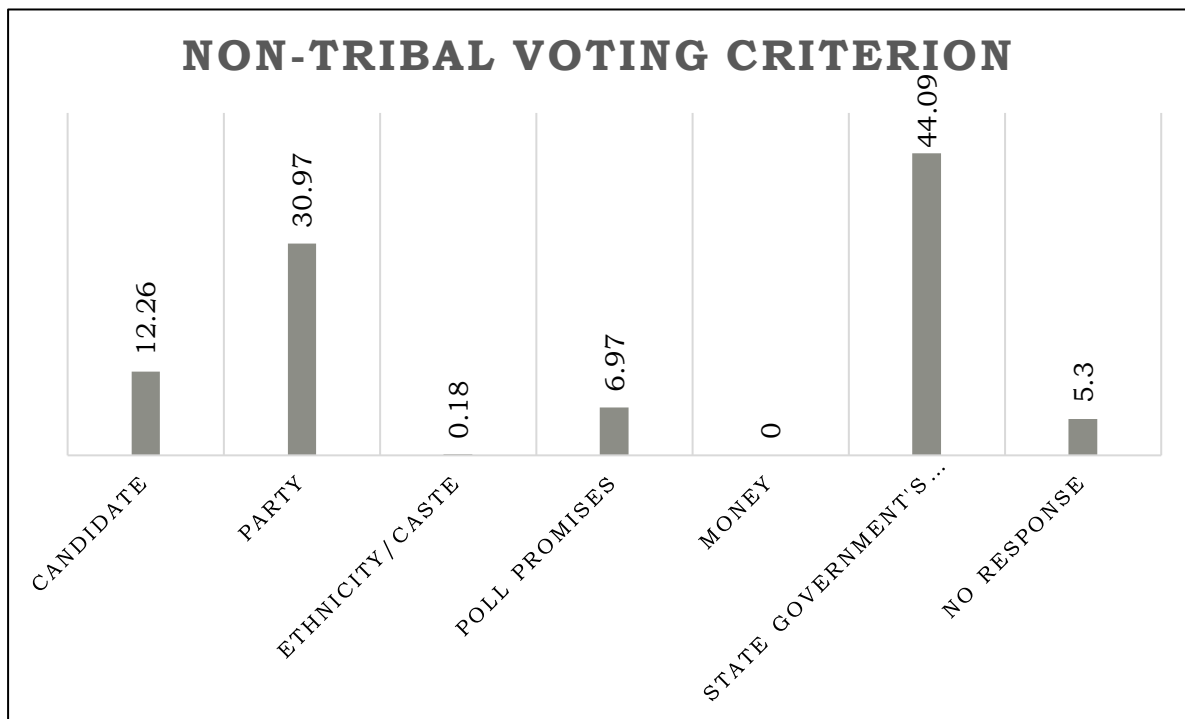
Response along ethnic lines



2. While voting what would be the best criterion for you to vote?



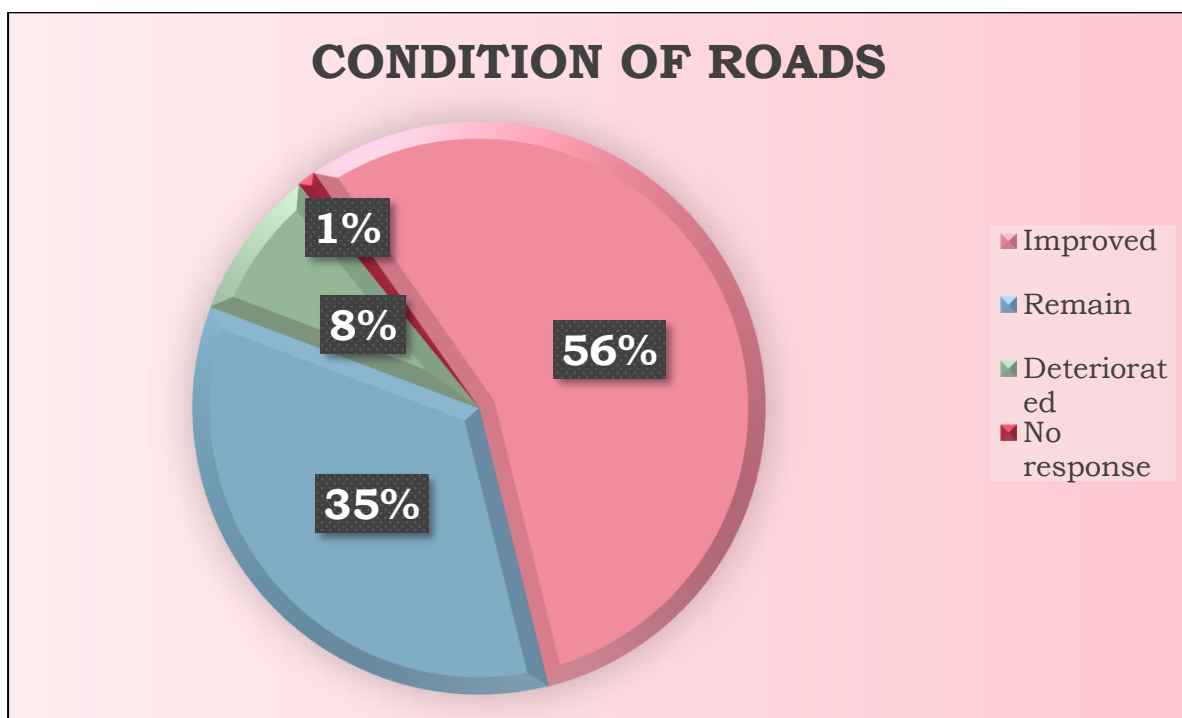
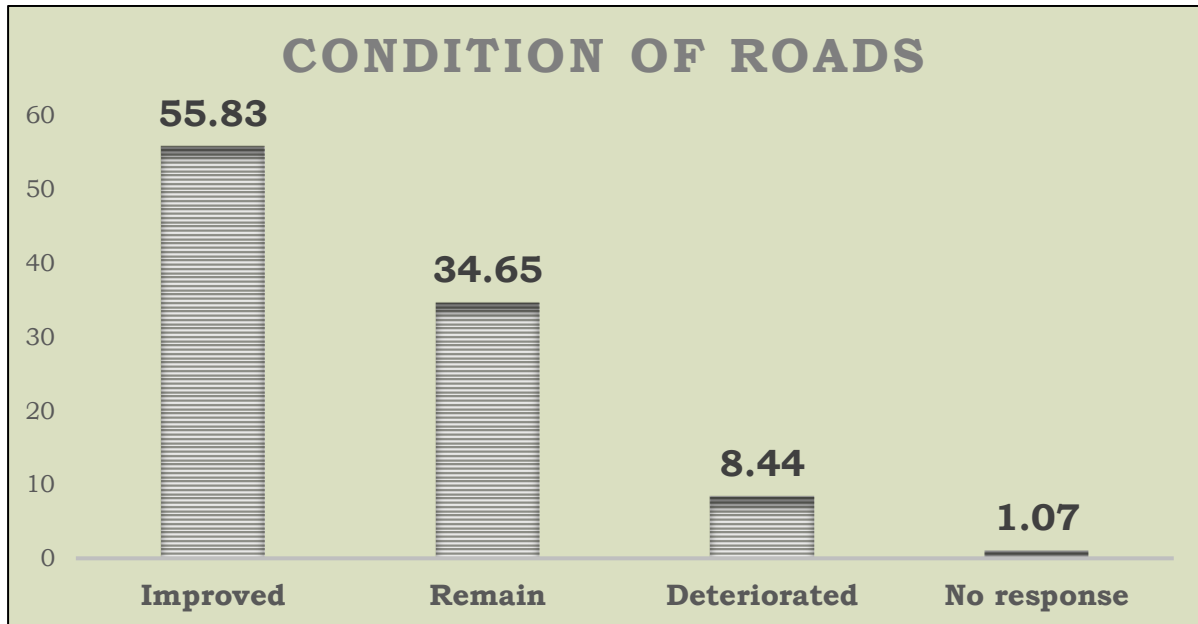
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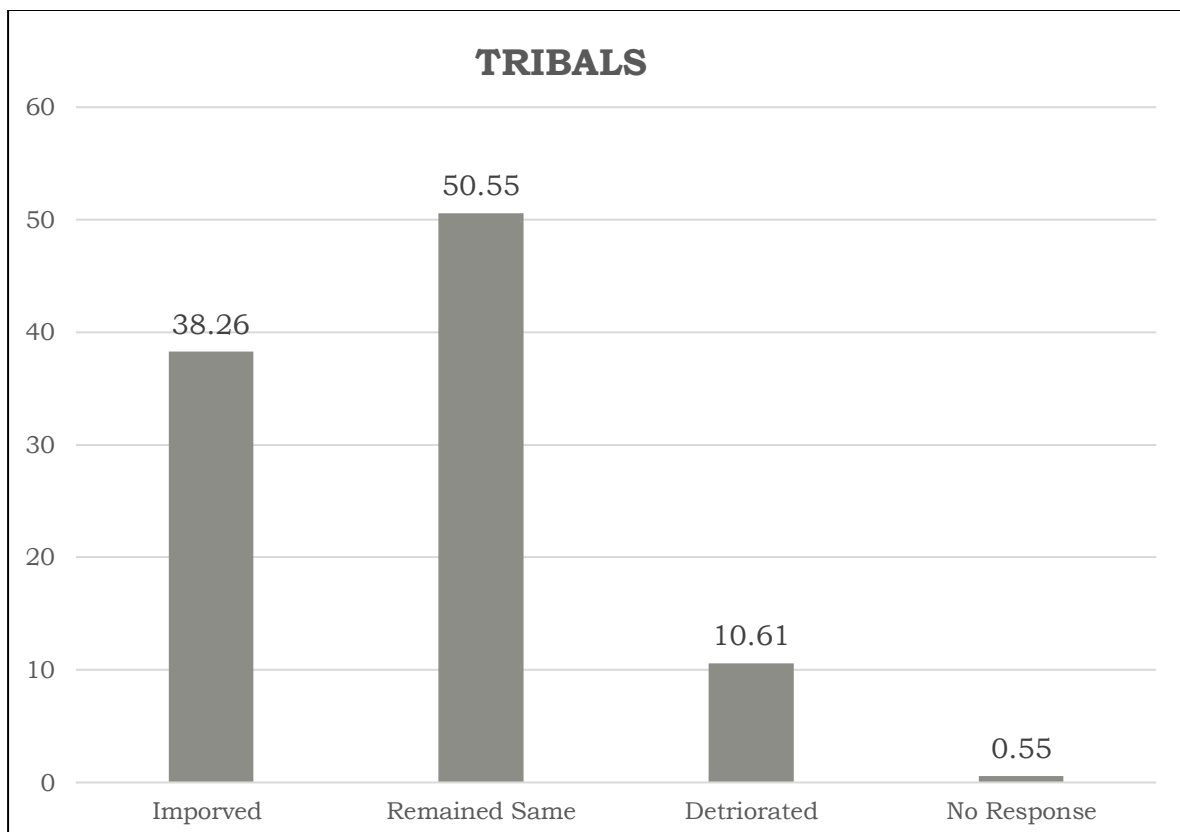
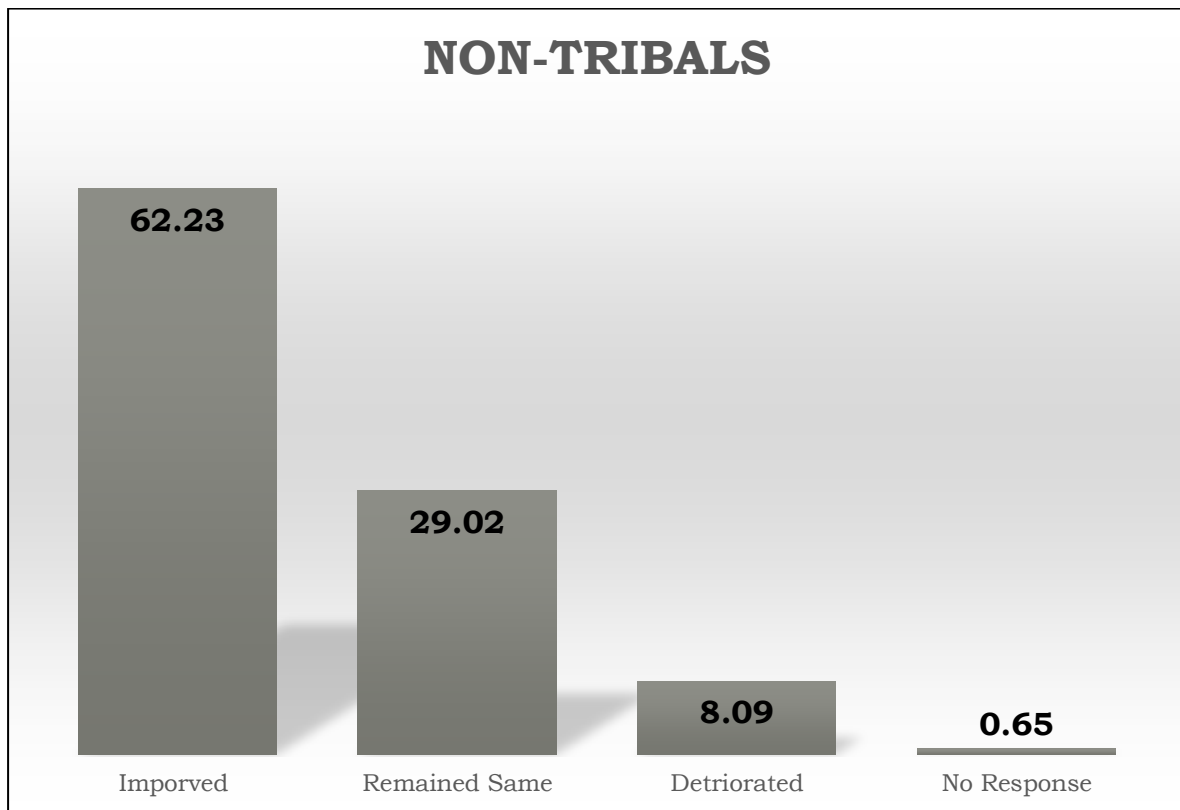
3. During the last five years BJP ruling in the state do you think that the following:

Have Improved, Deteriorated, Remained Same?

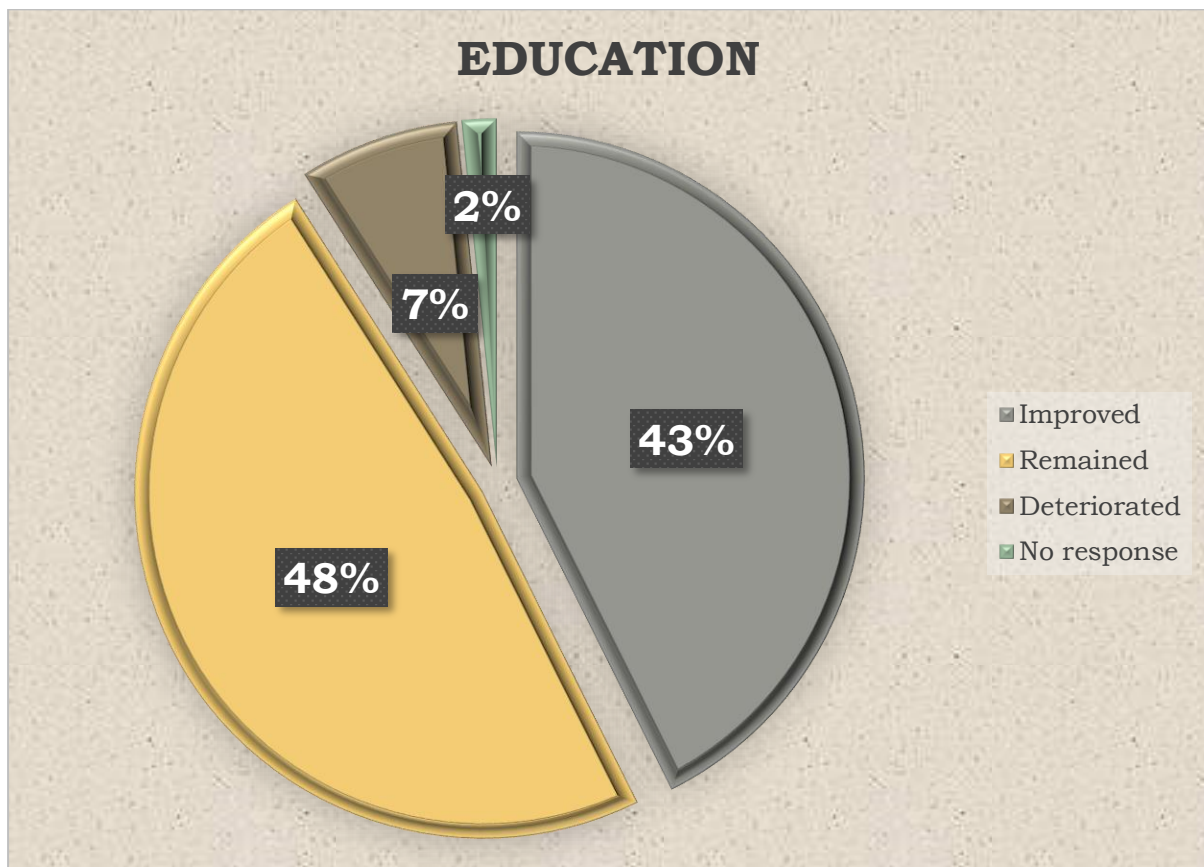
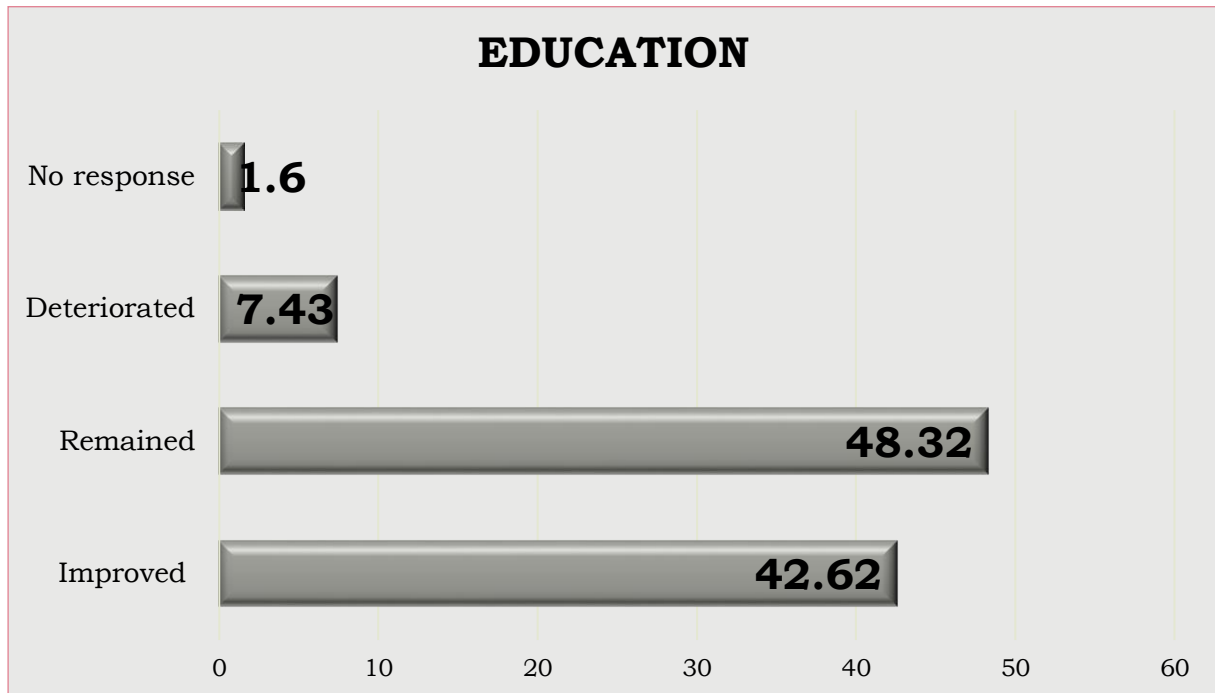
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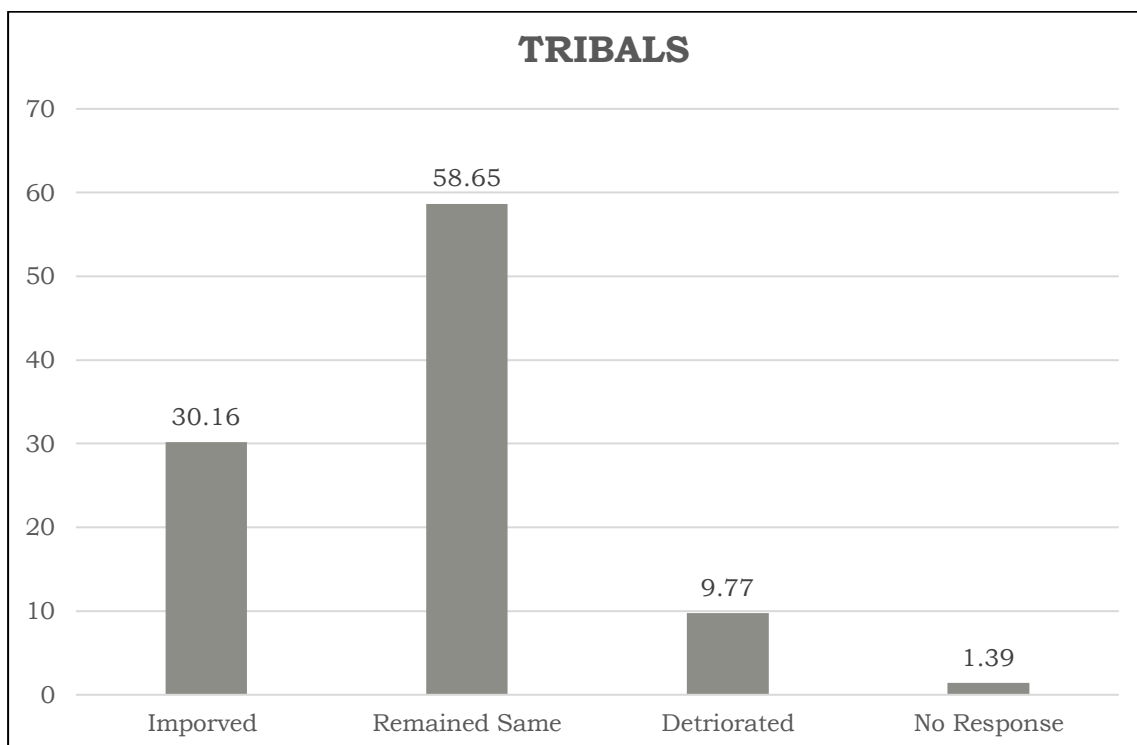
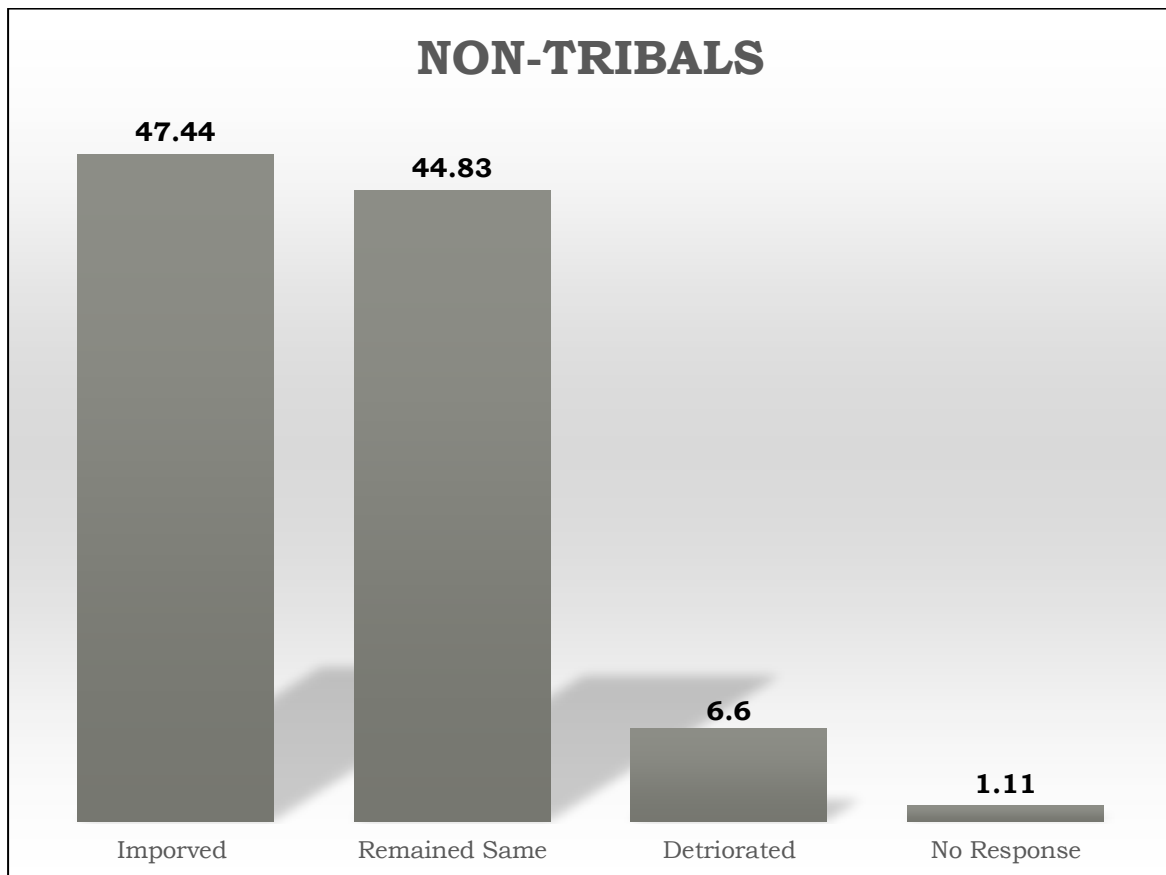
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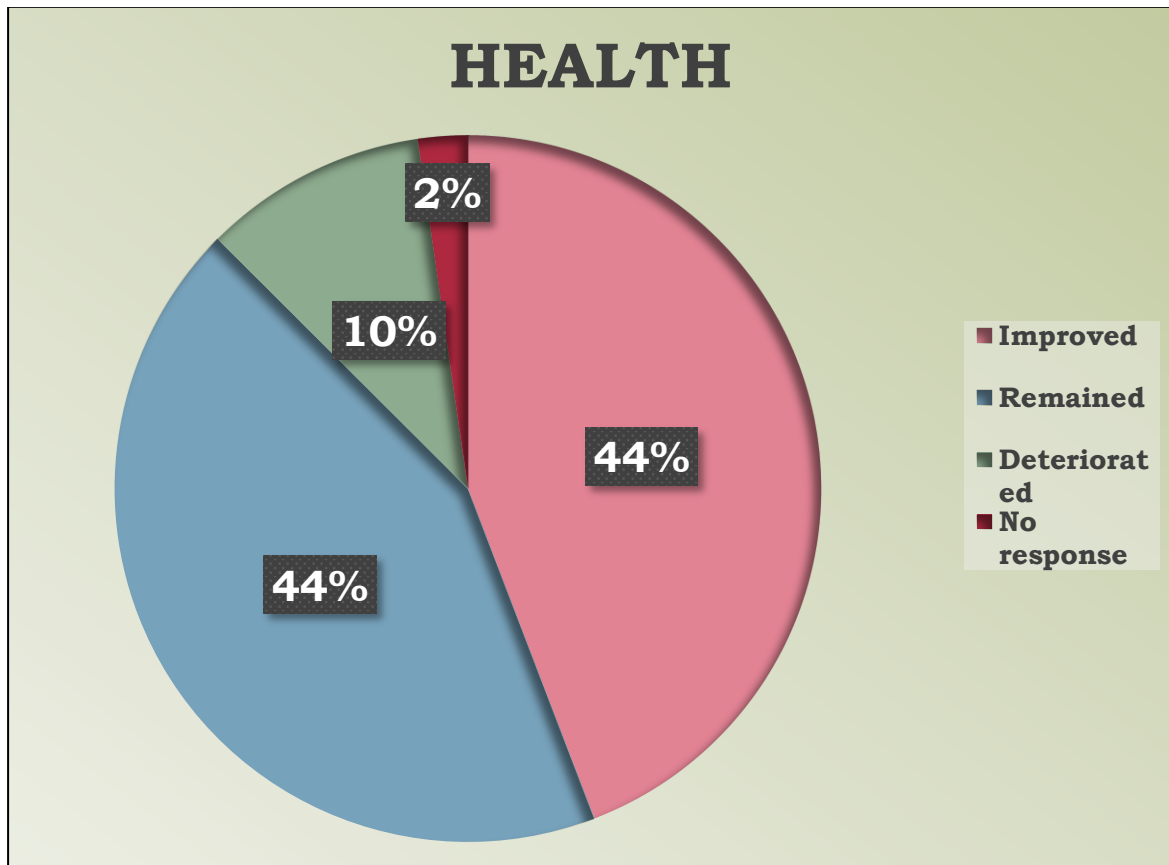
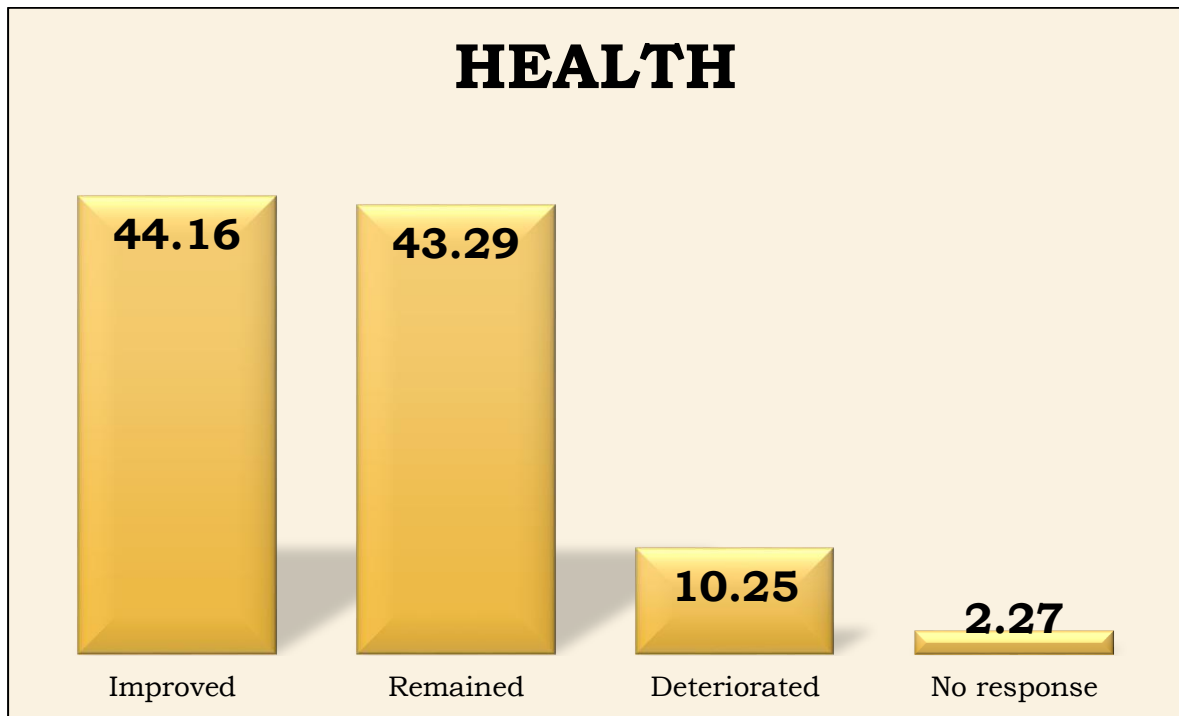
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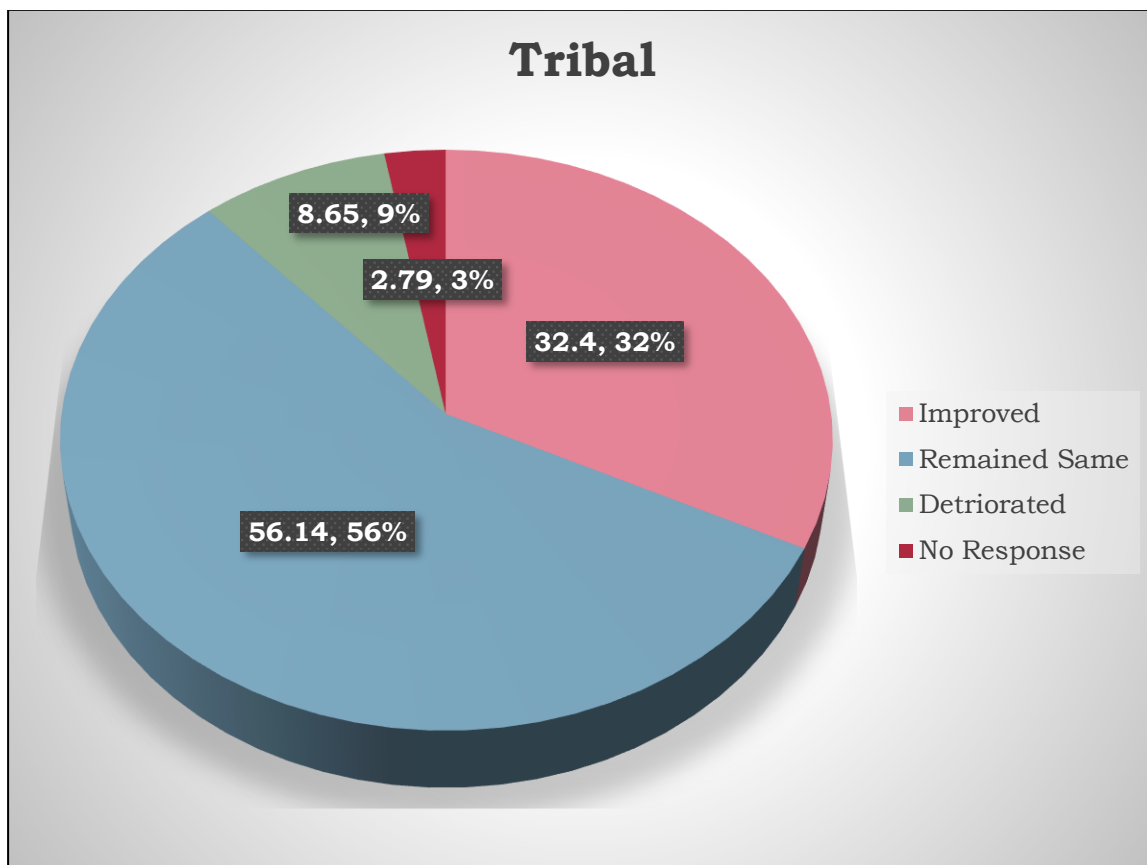
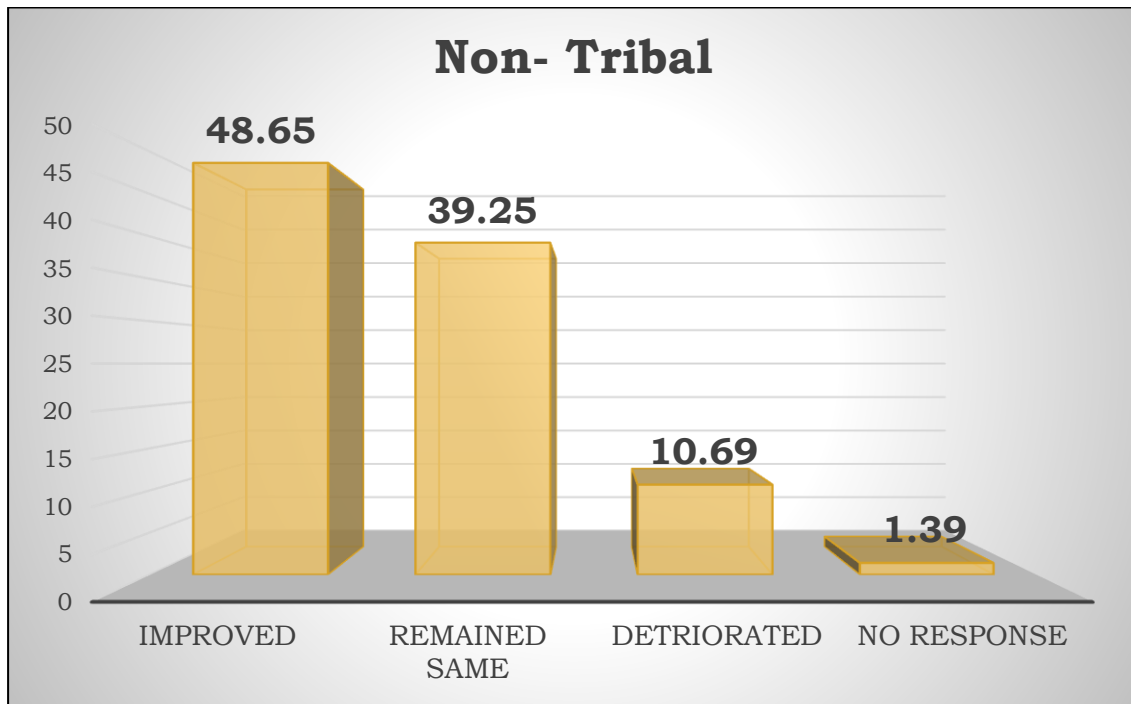
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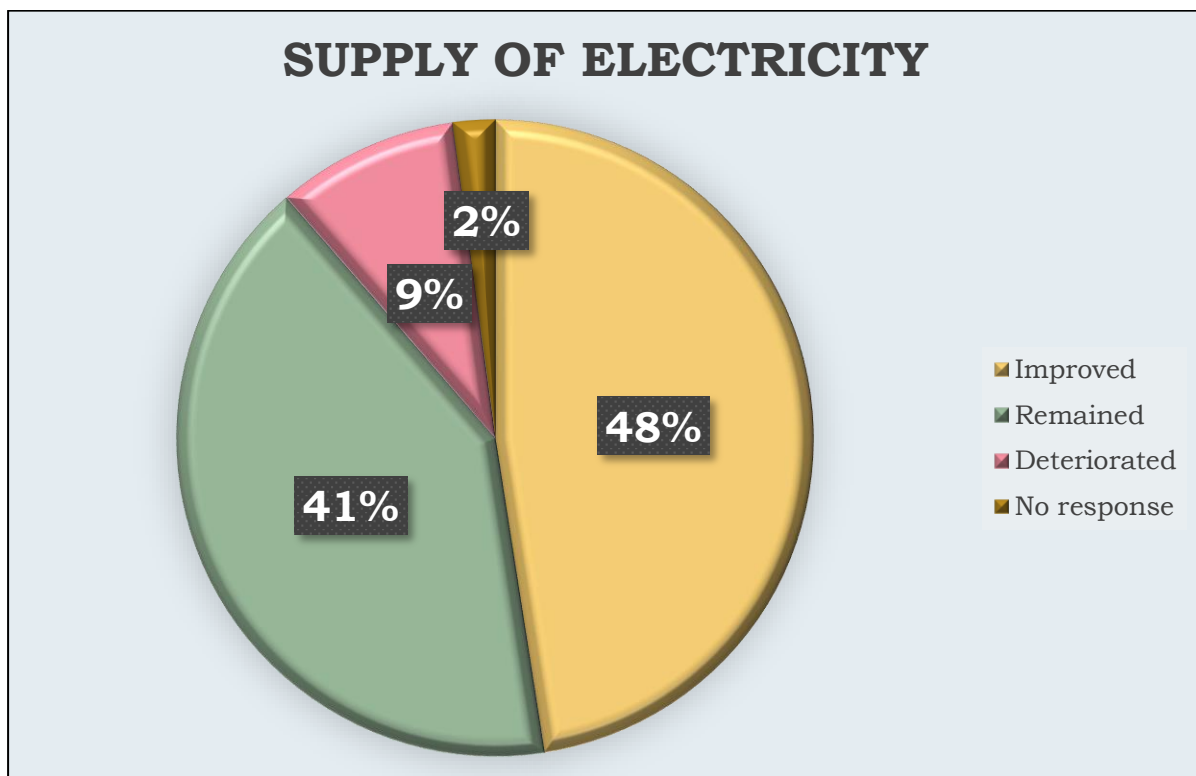
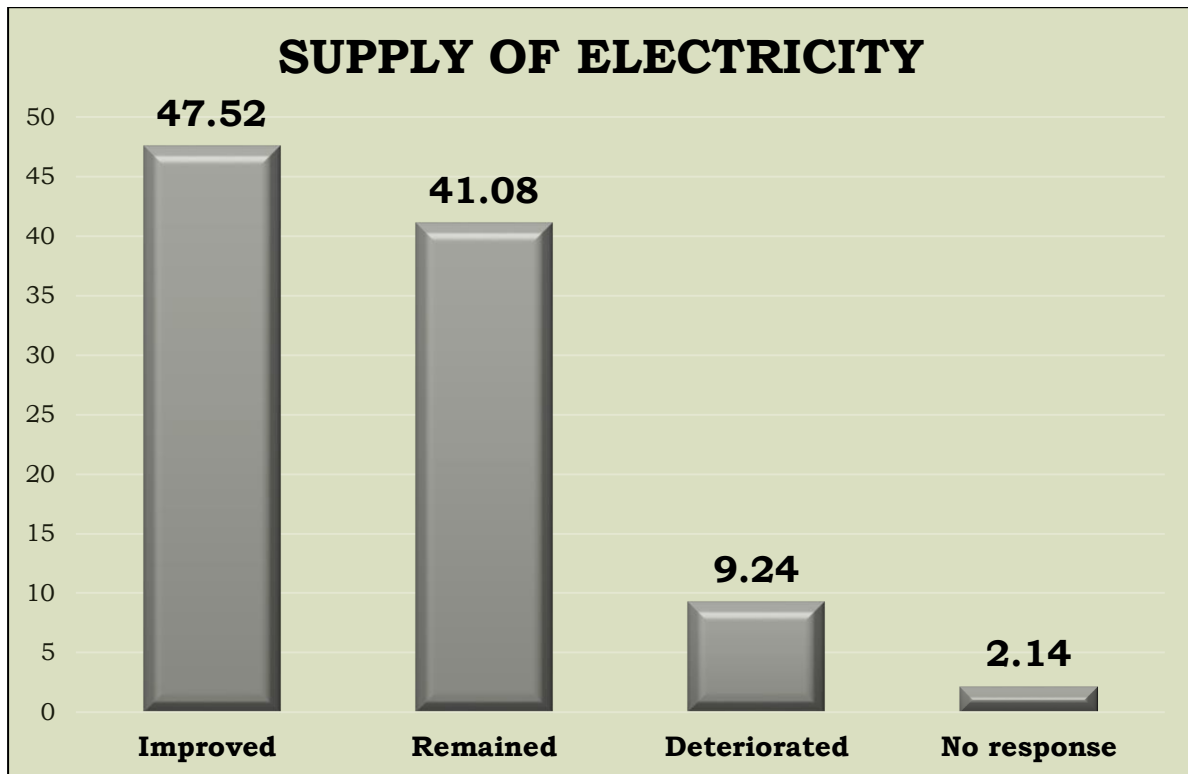
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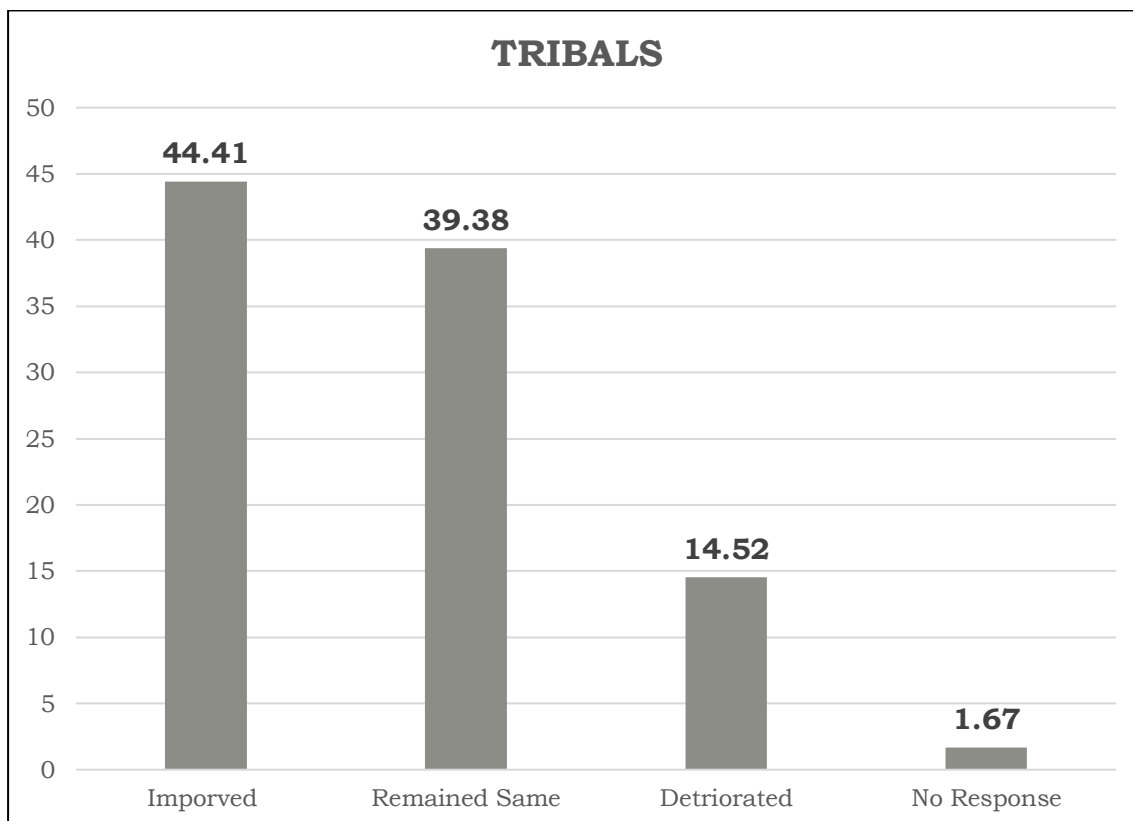
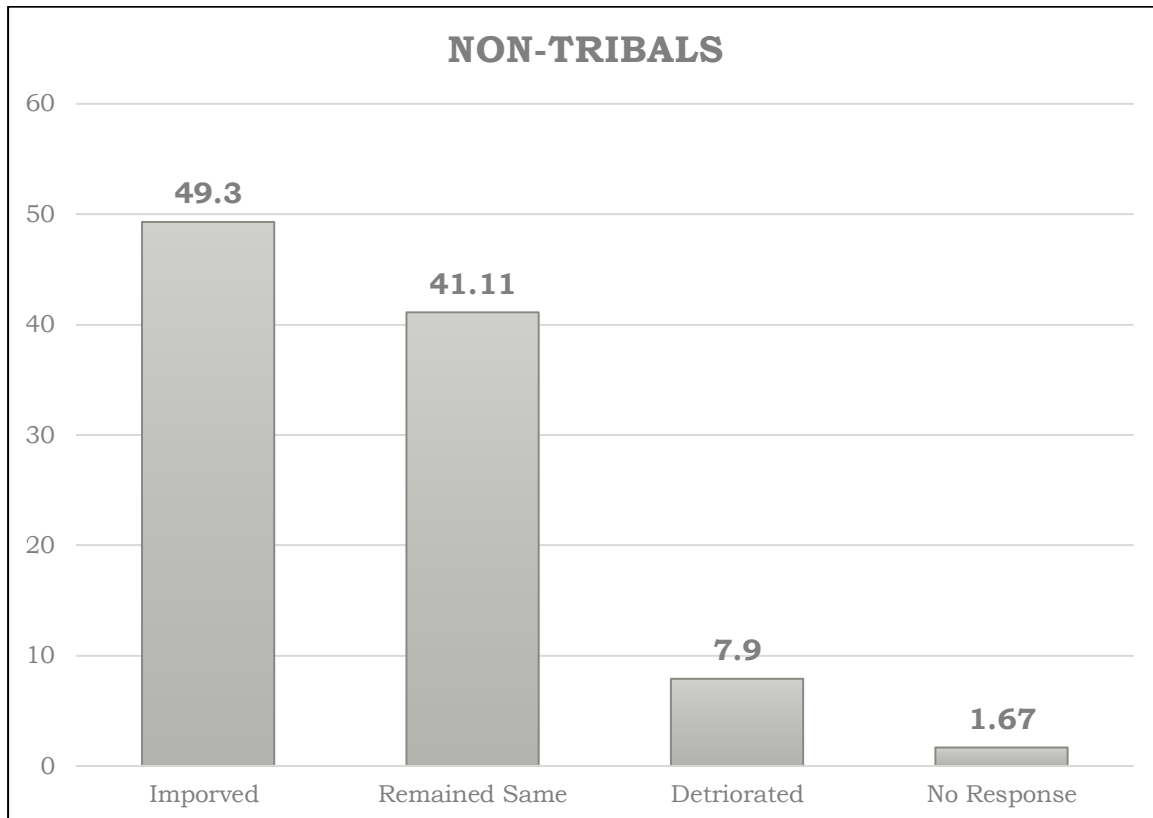
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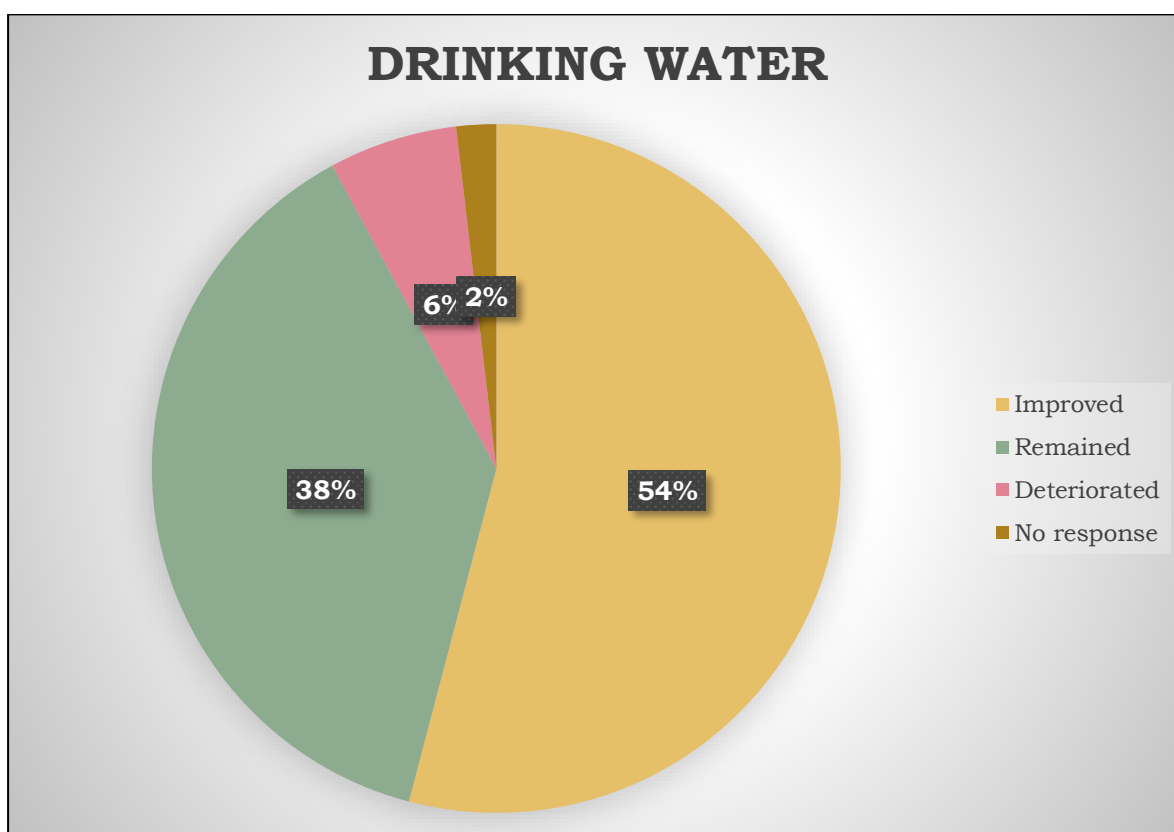
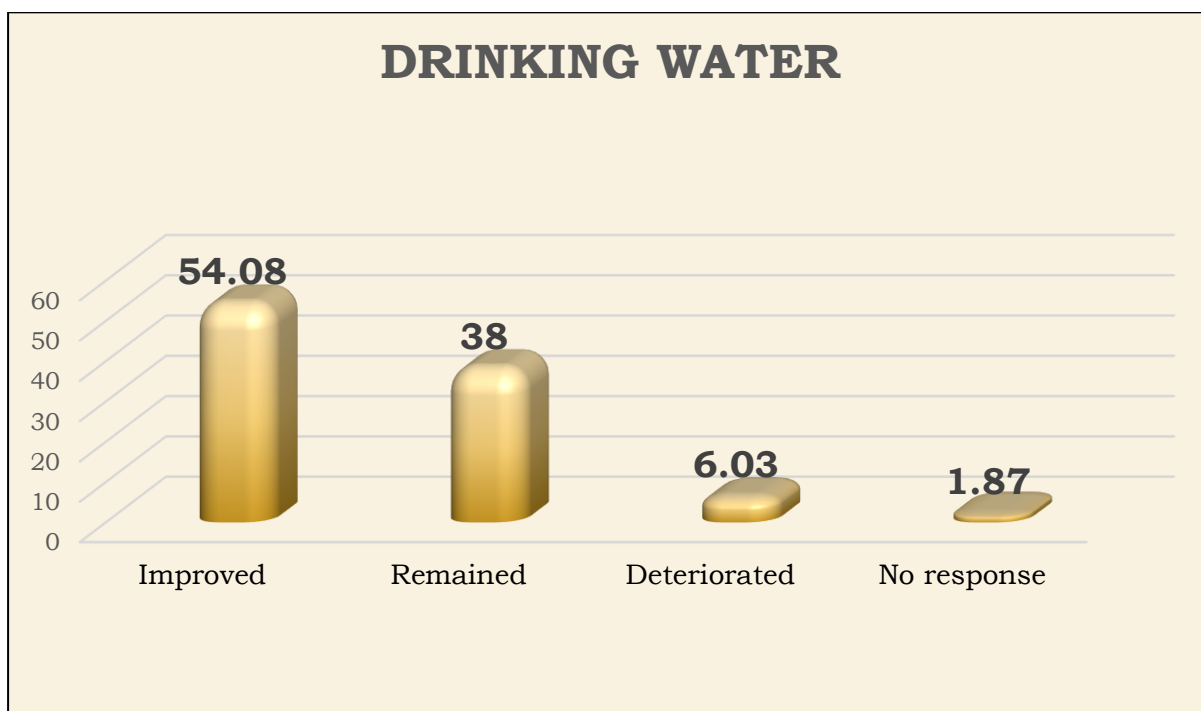
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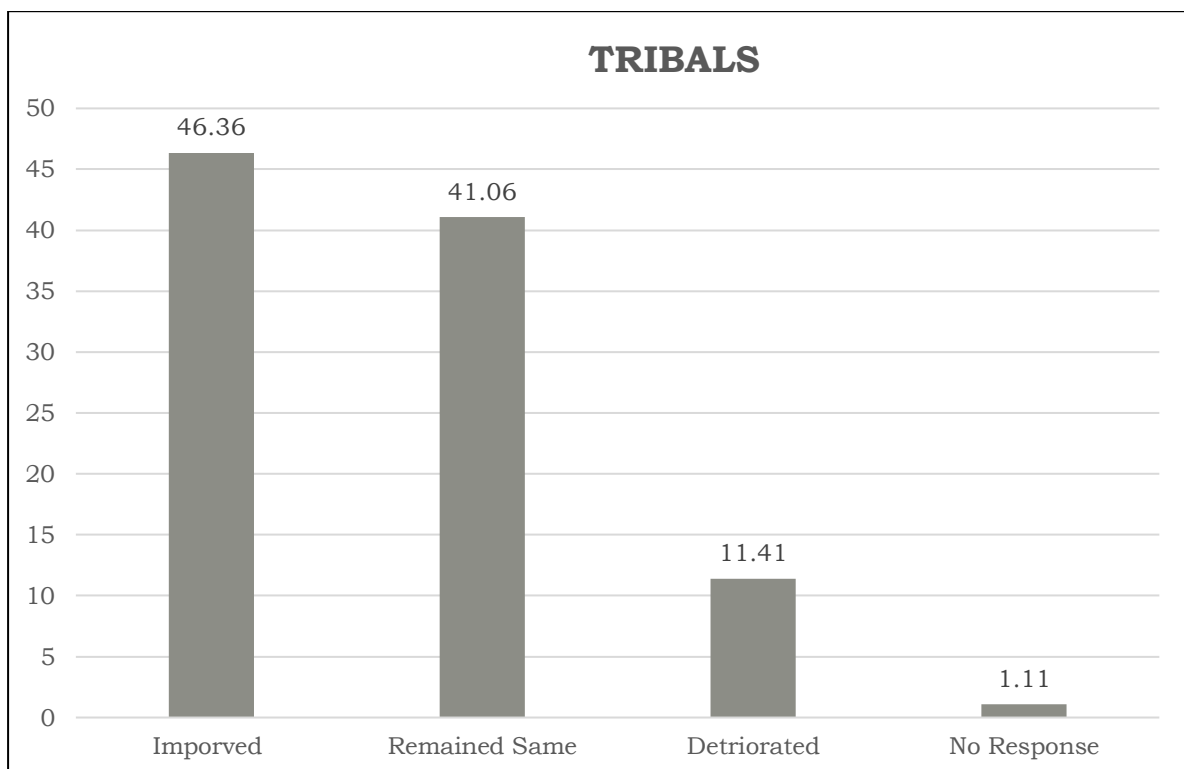
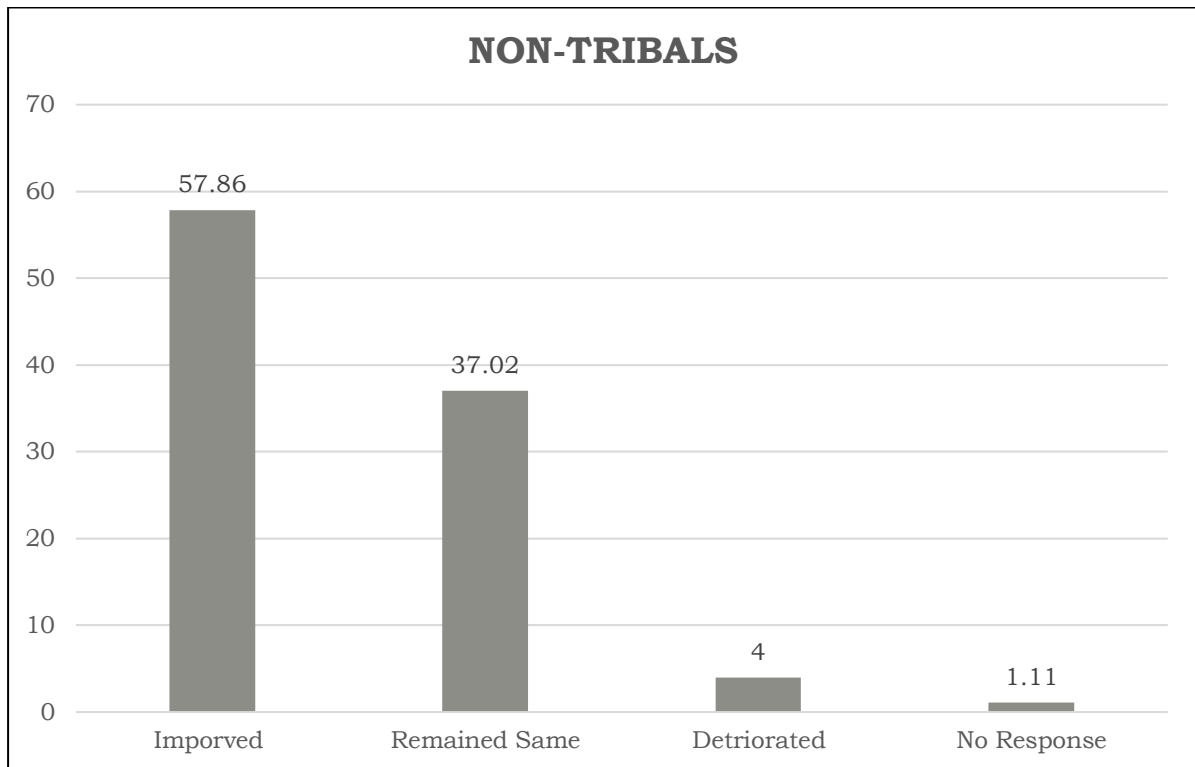
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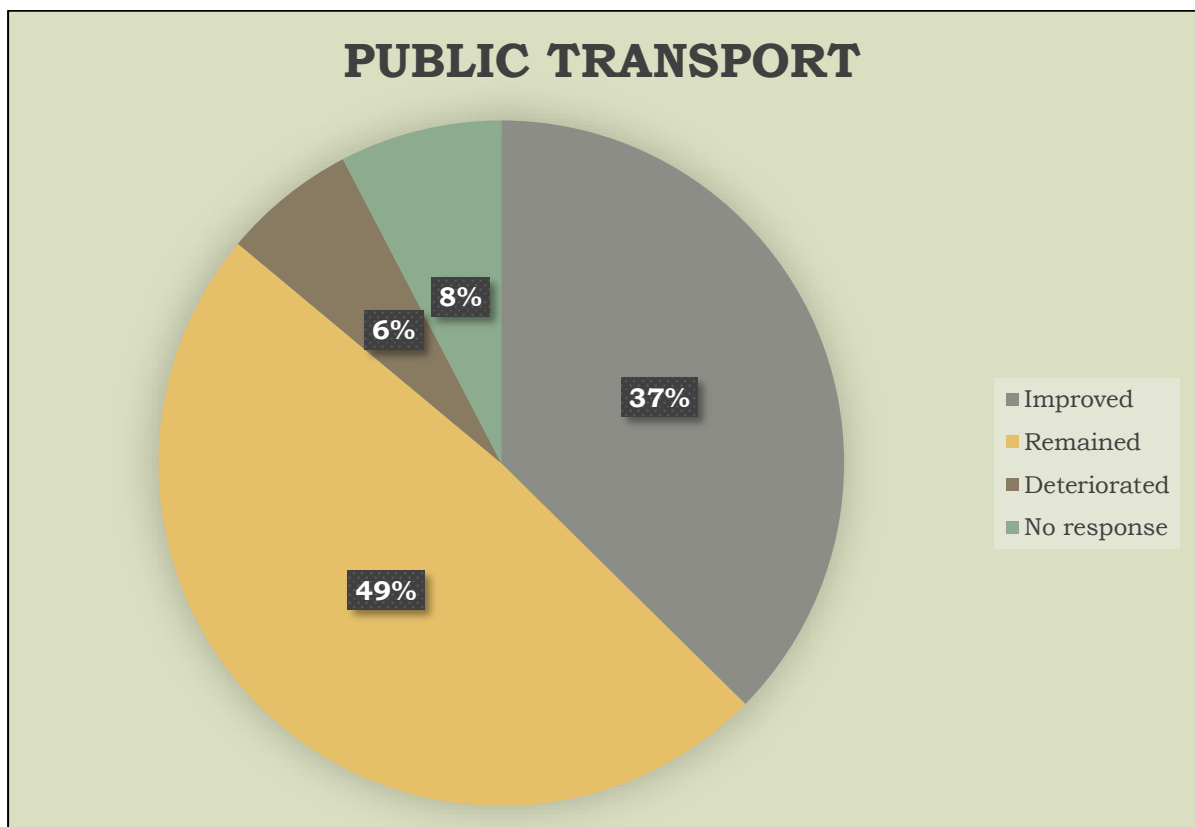
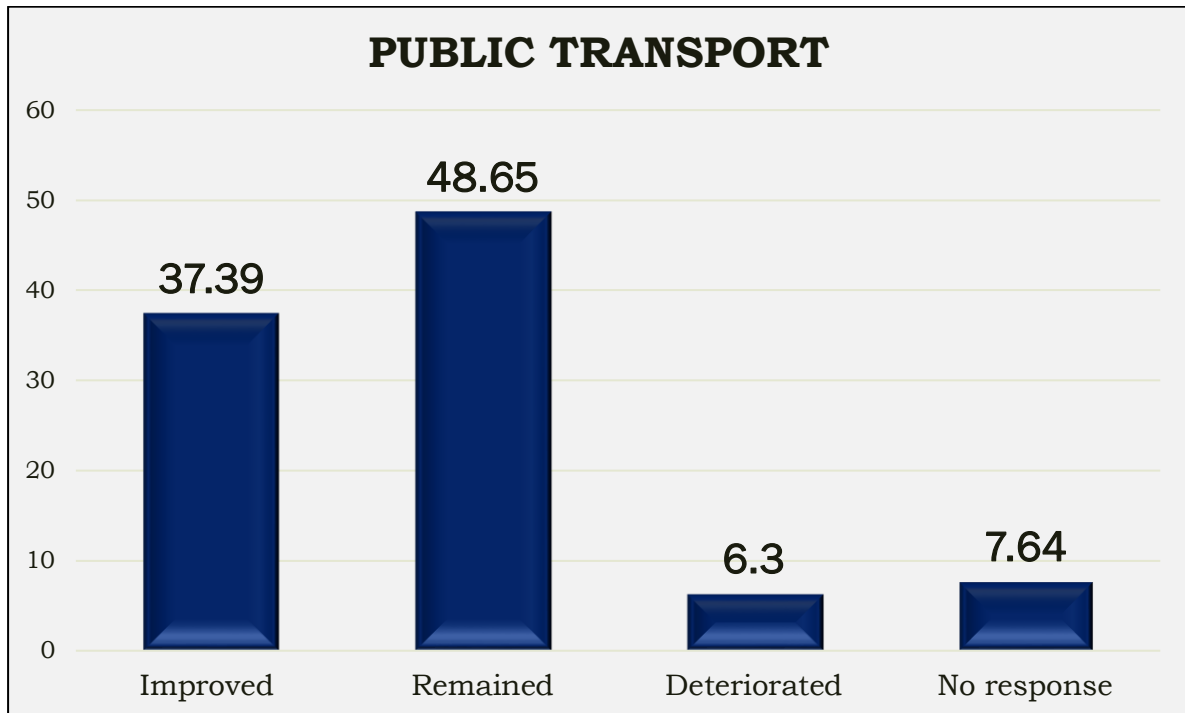
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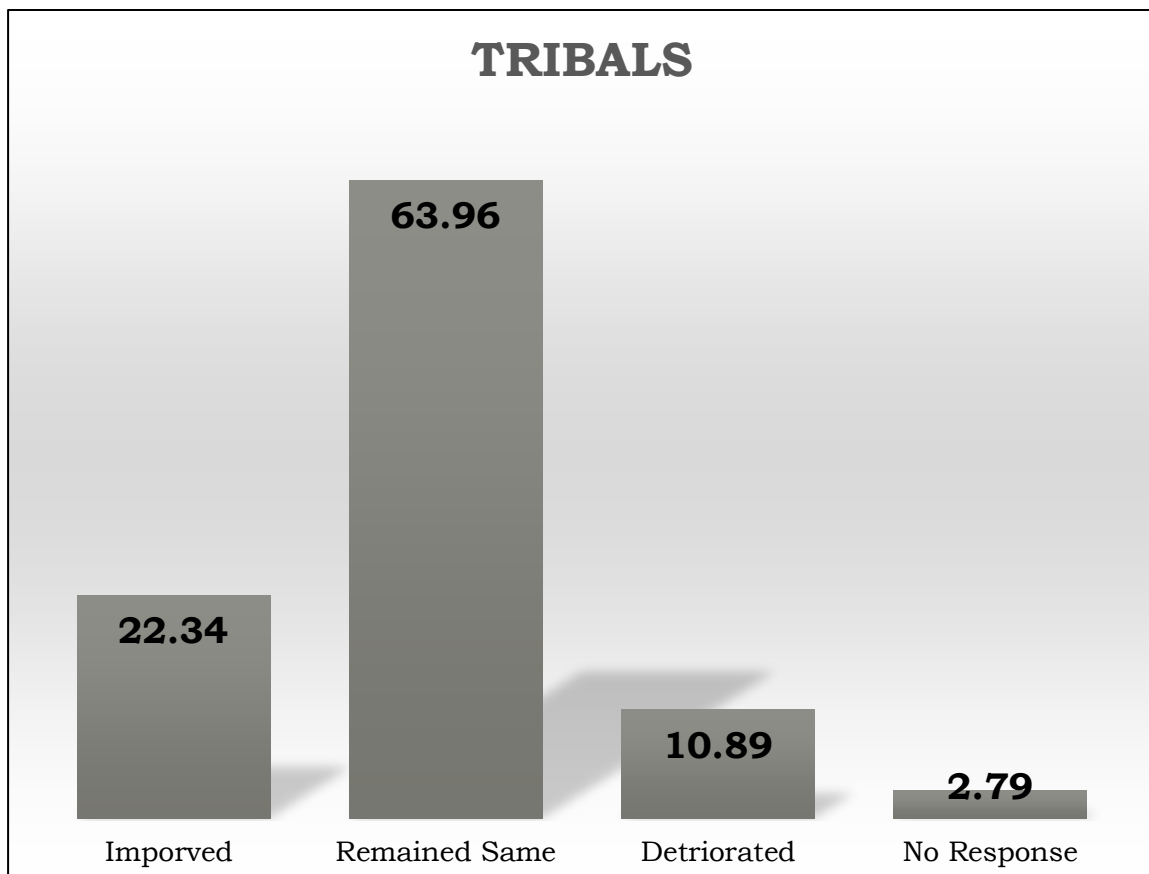
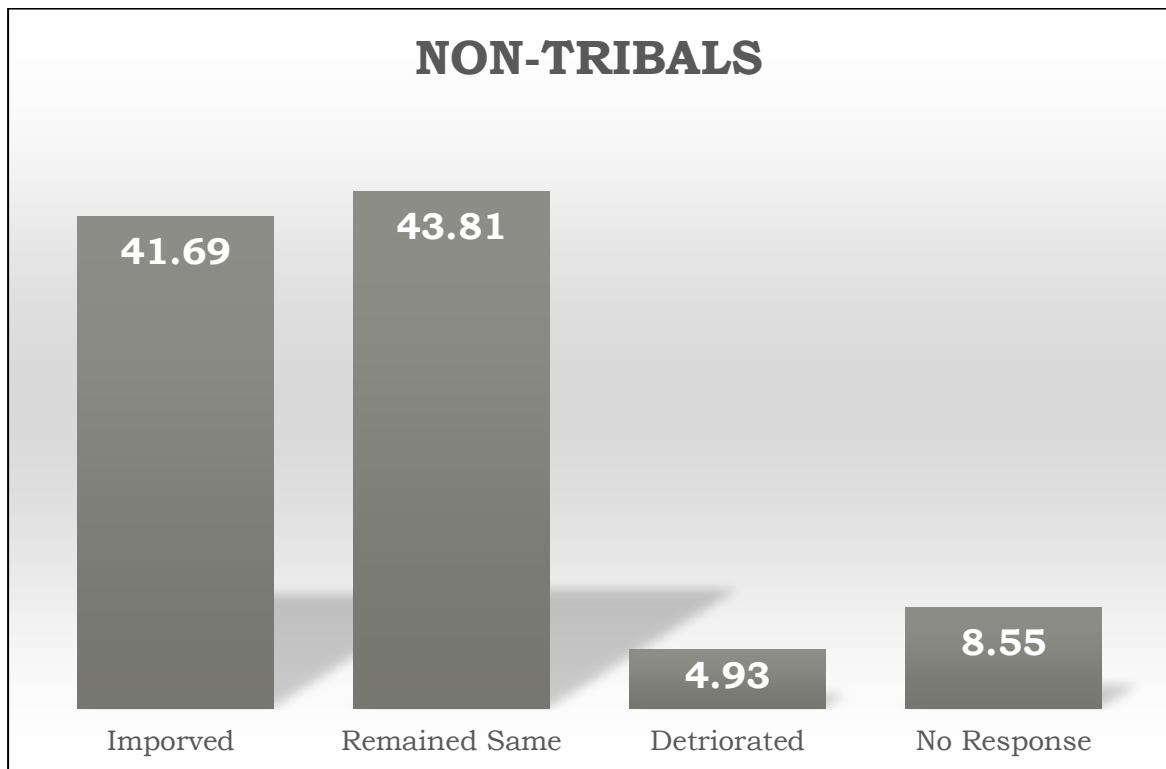
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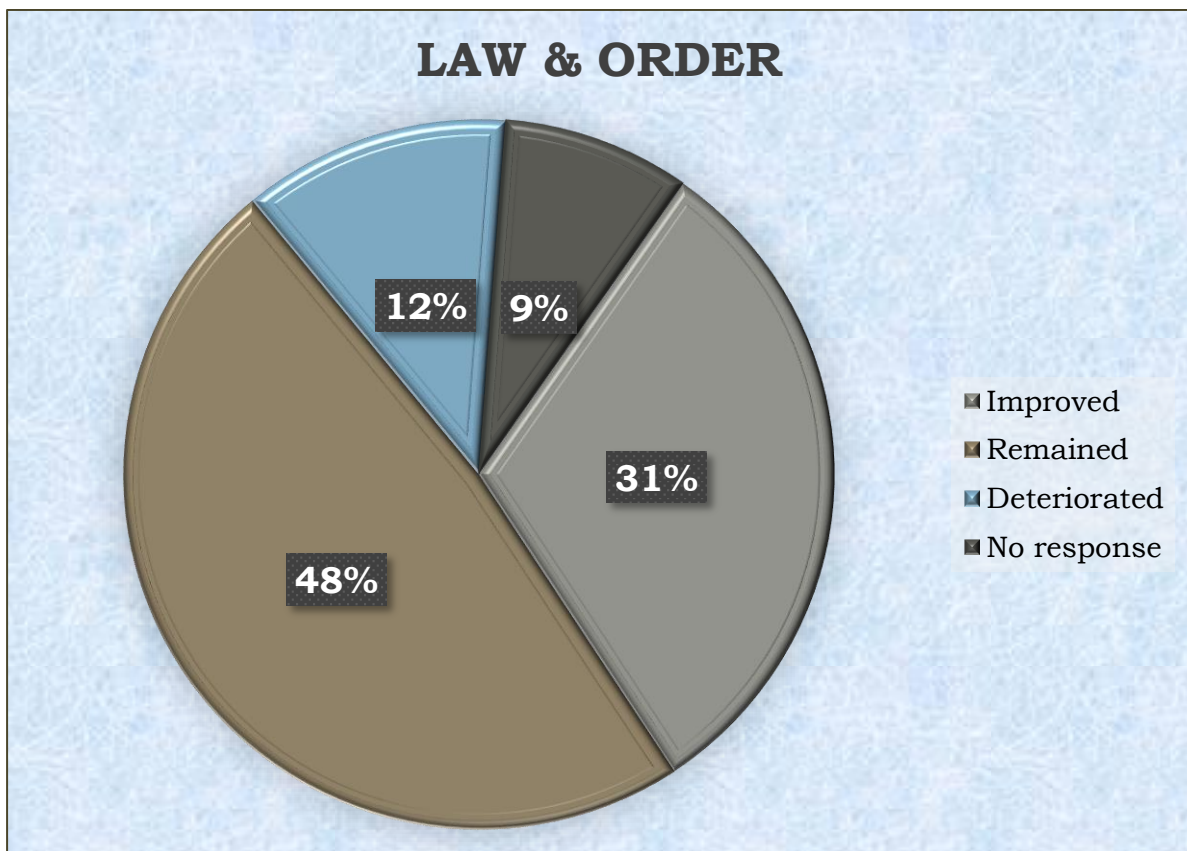
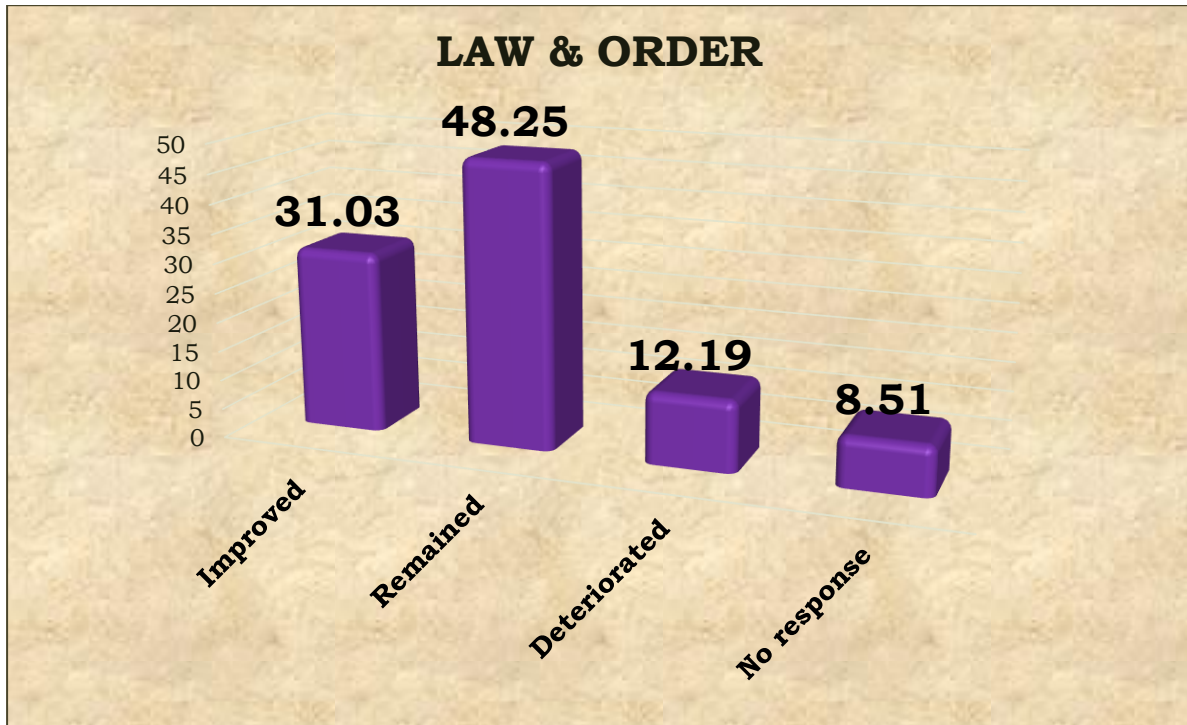
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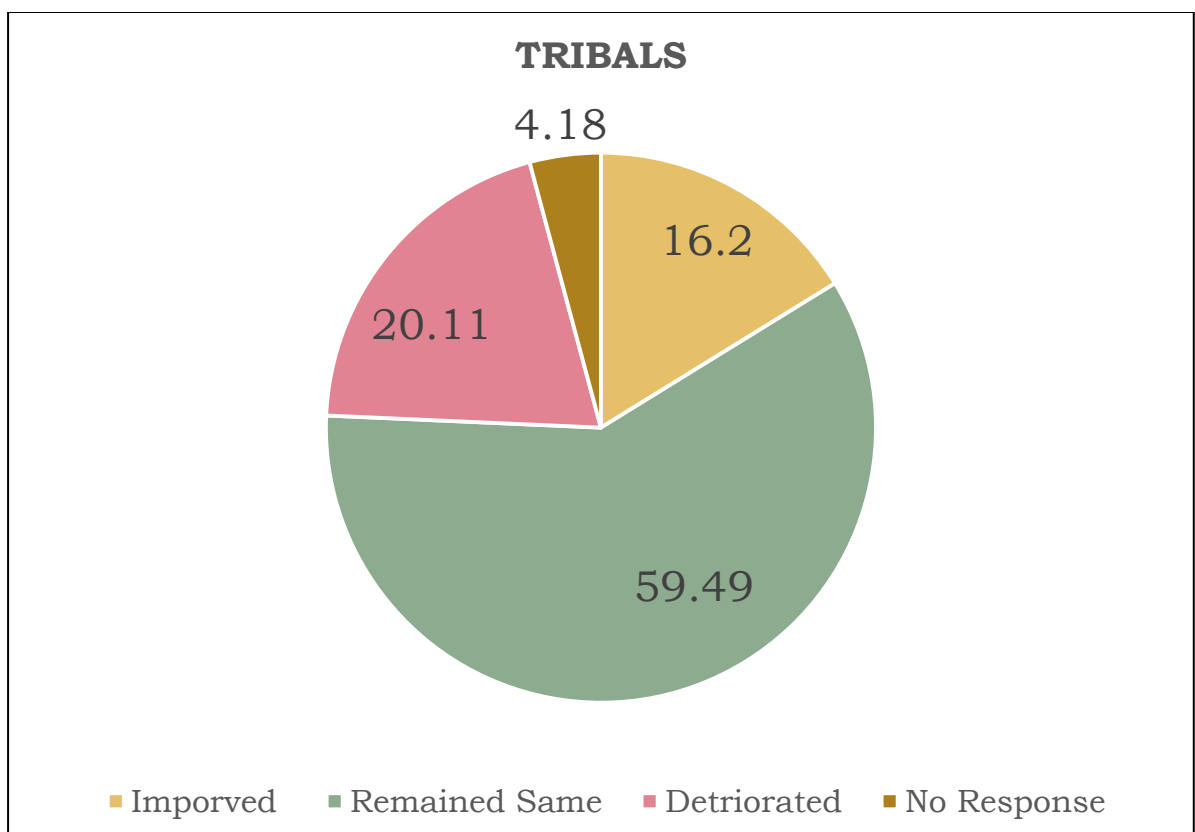
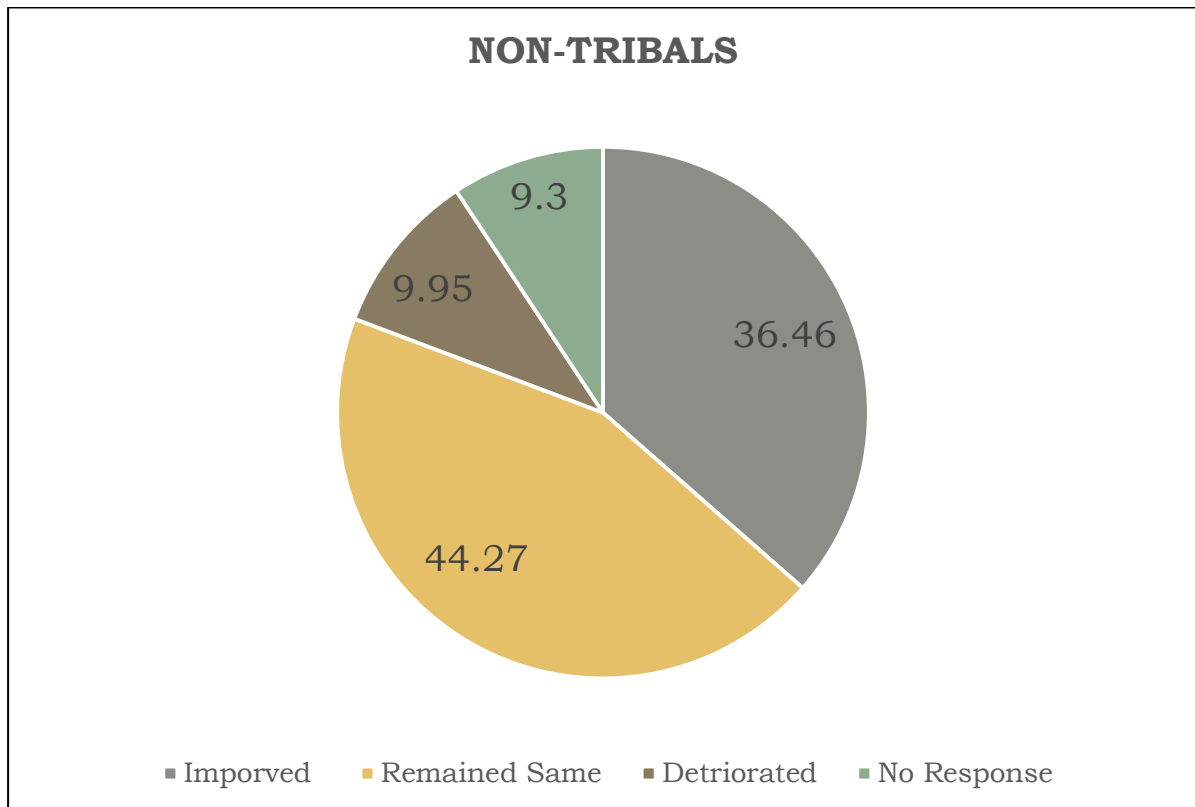
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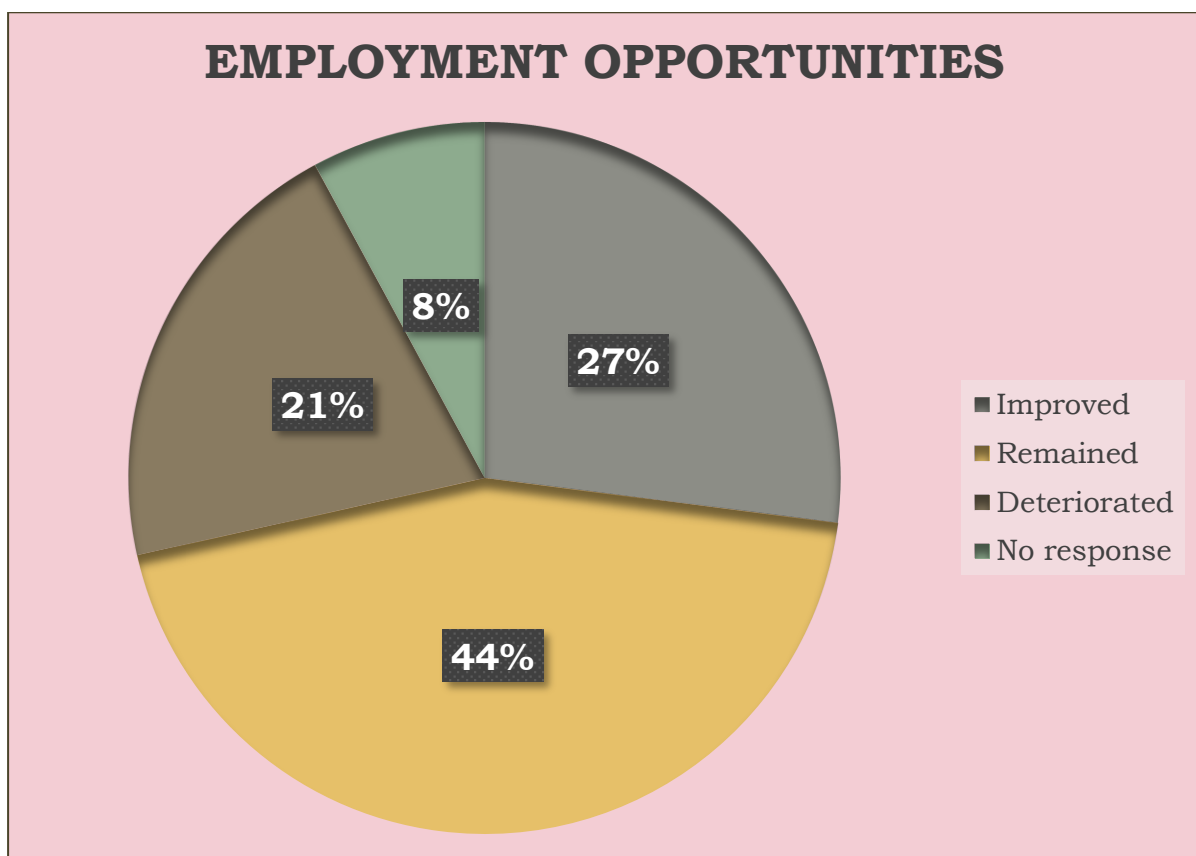
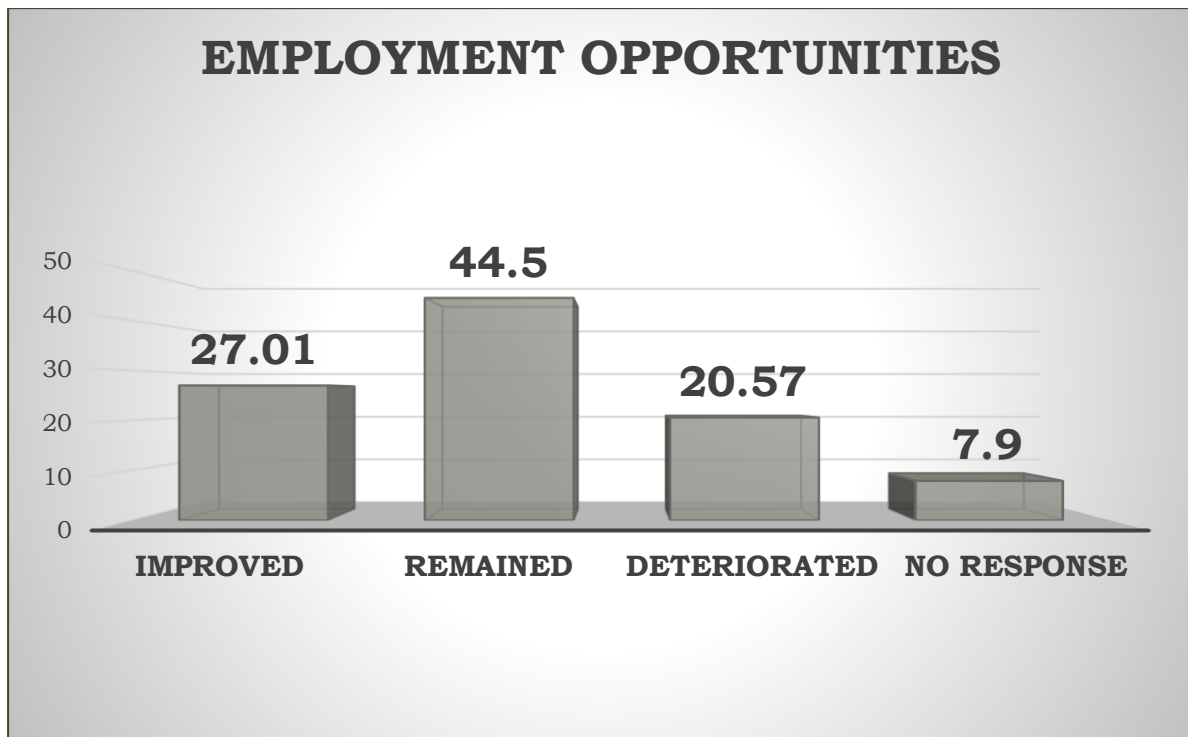
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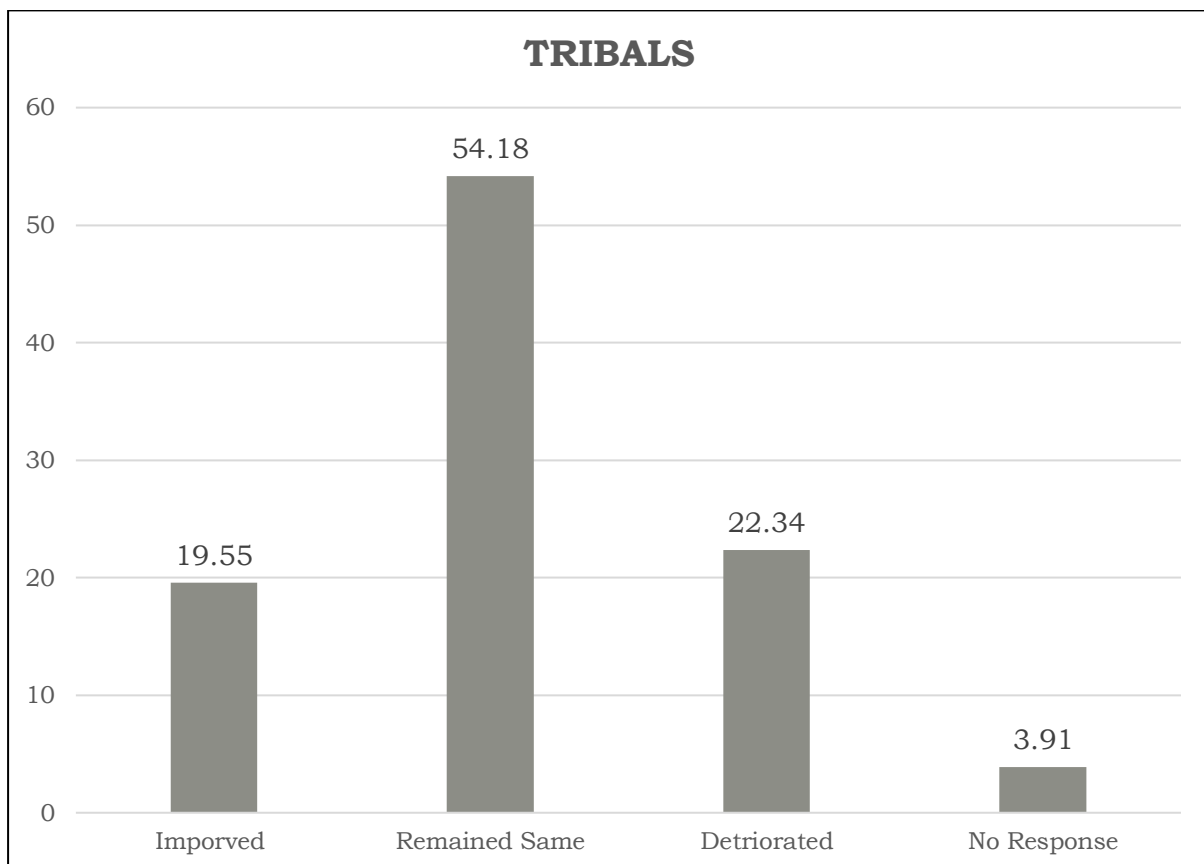
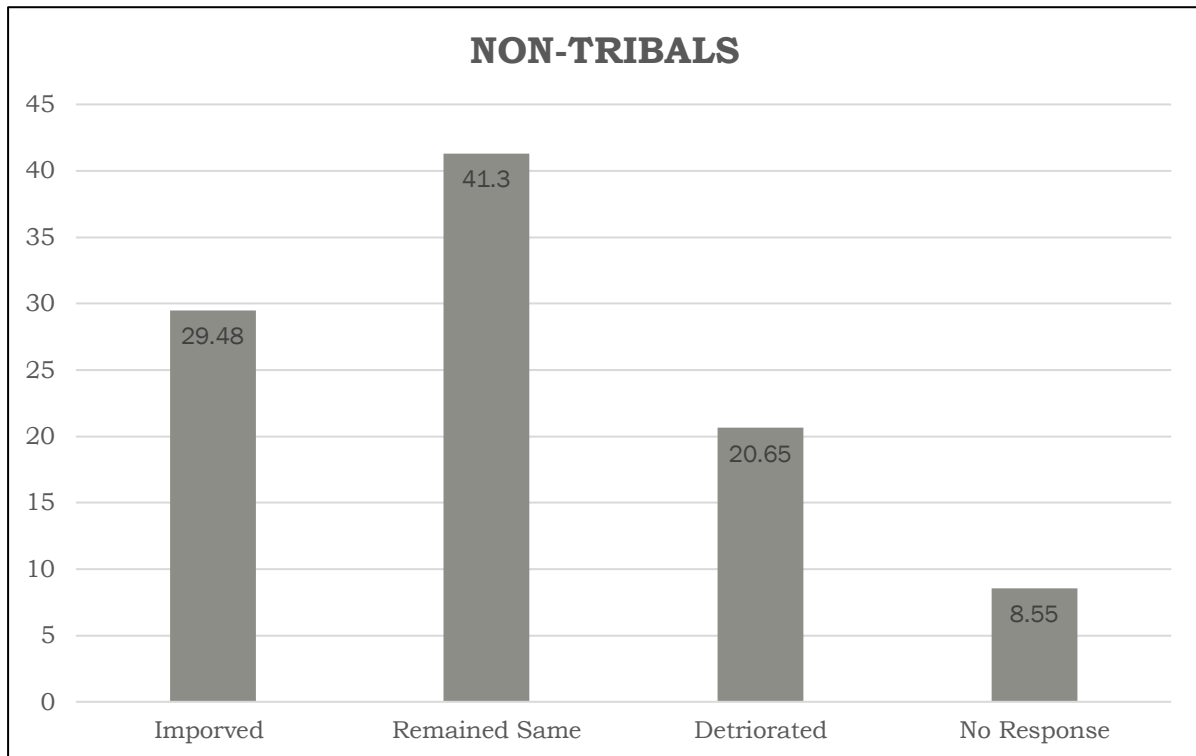
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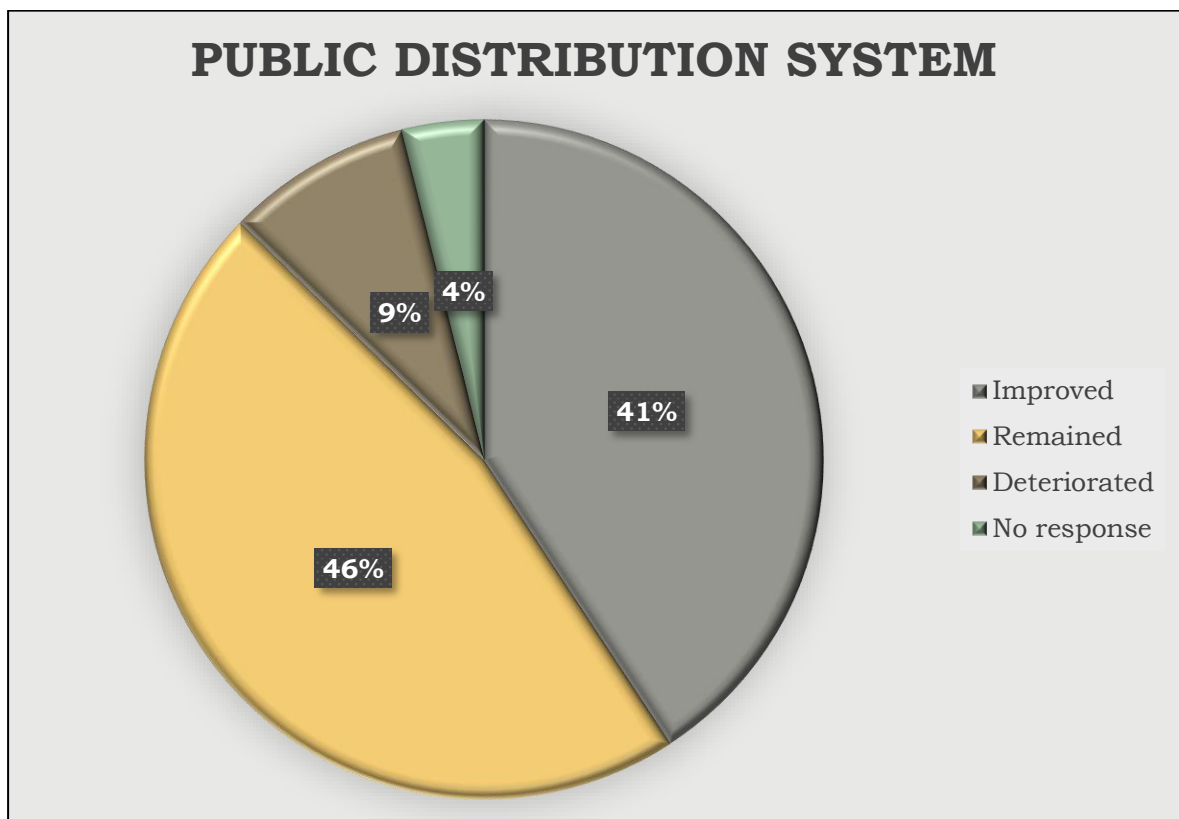
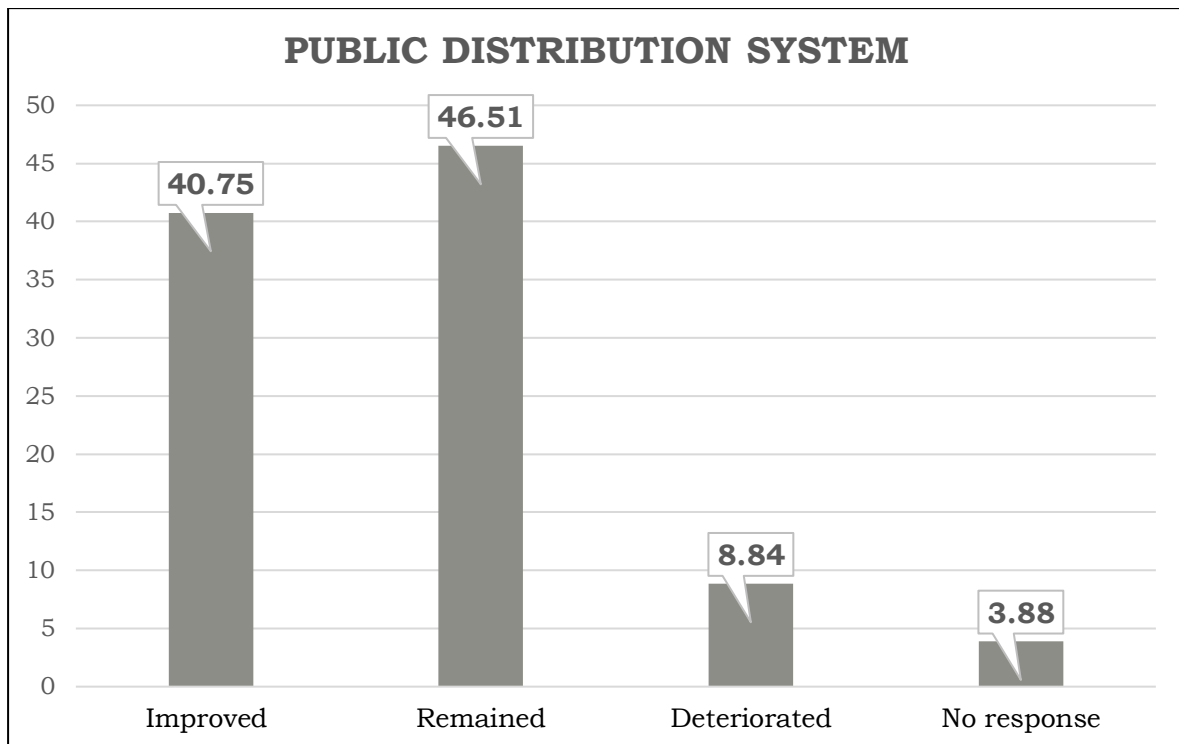
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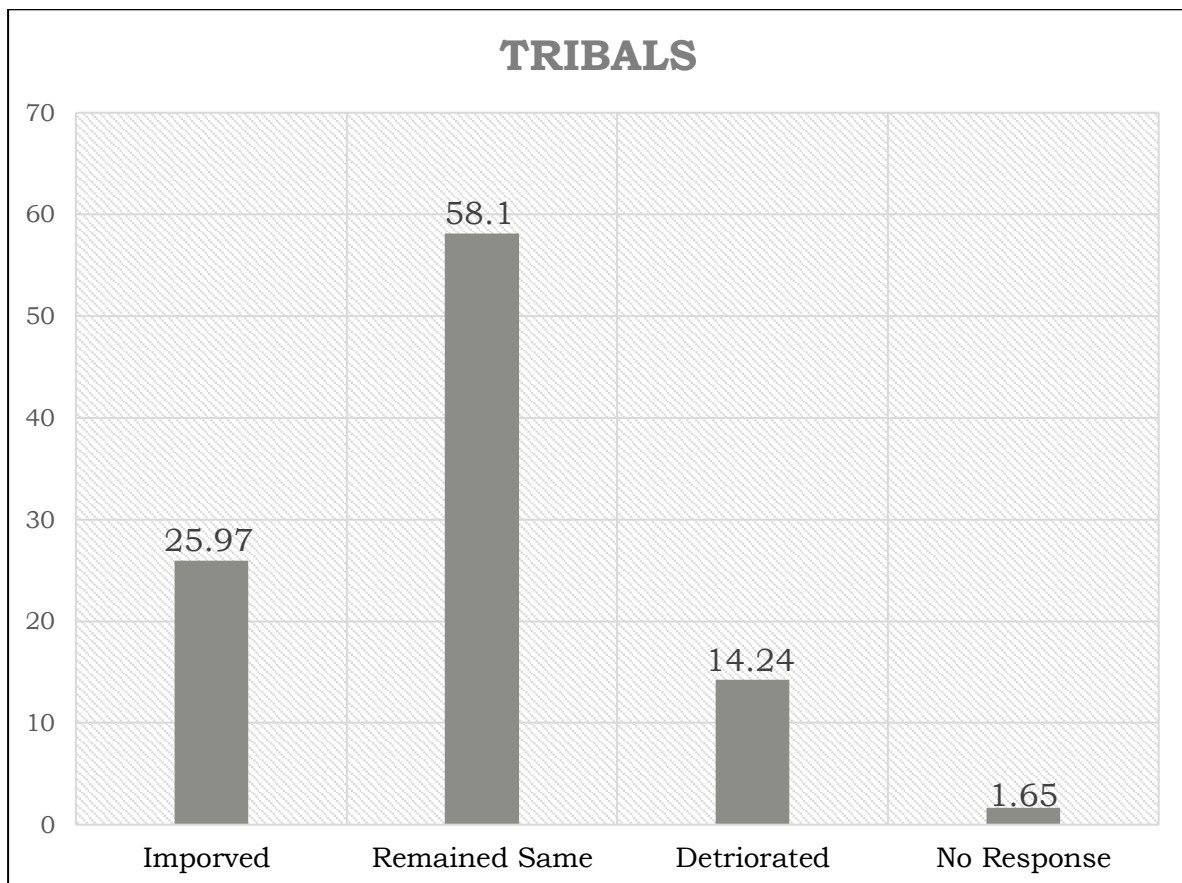
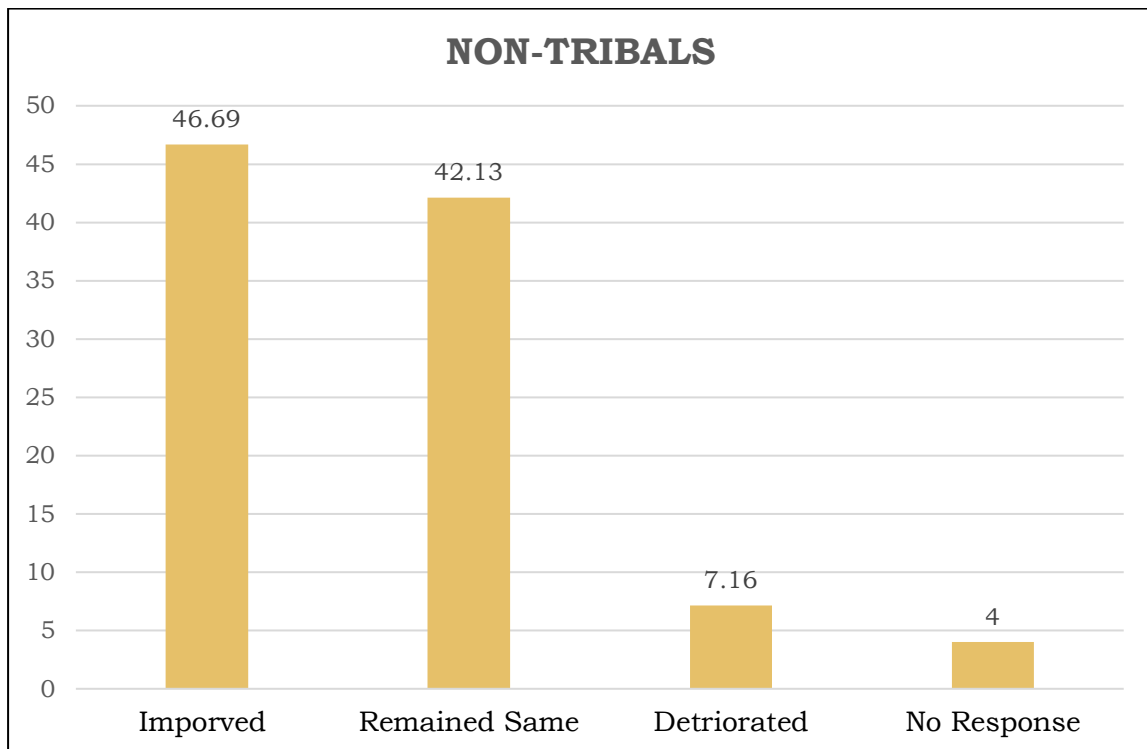
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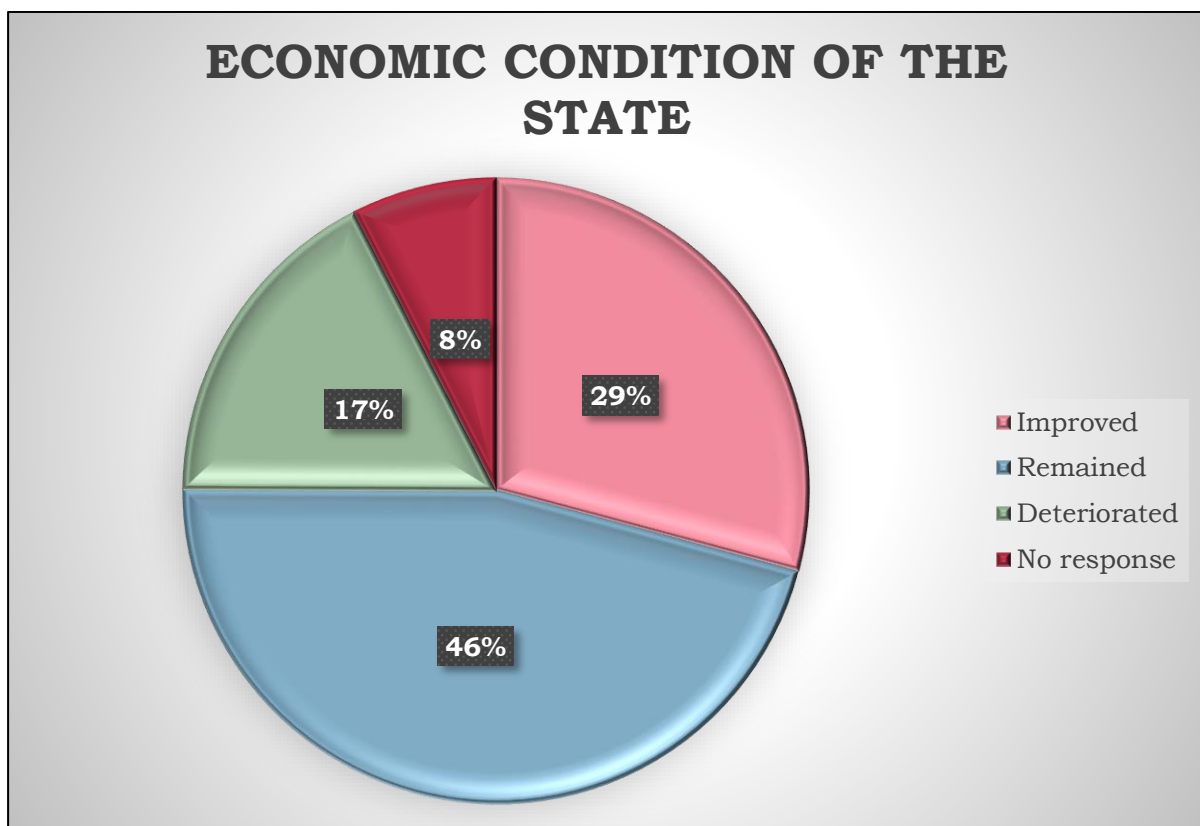
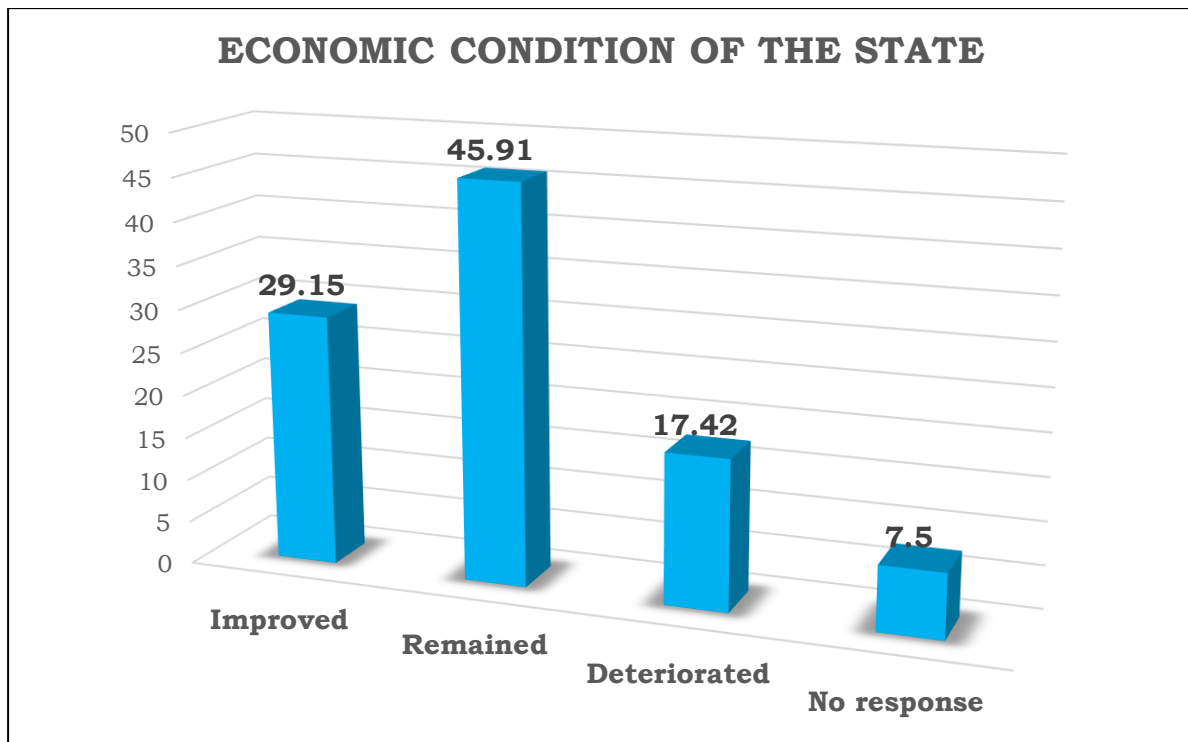
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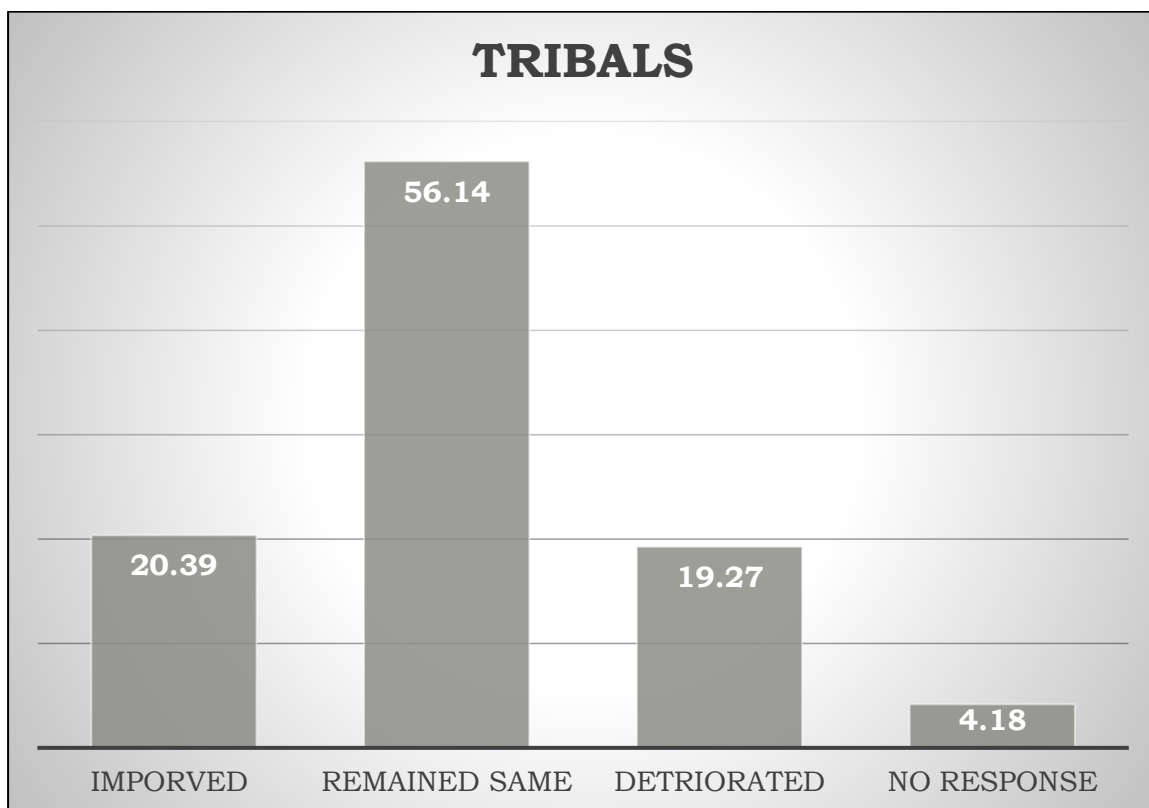
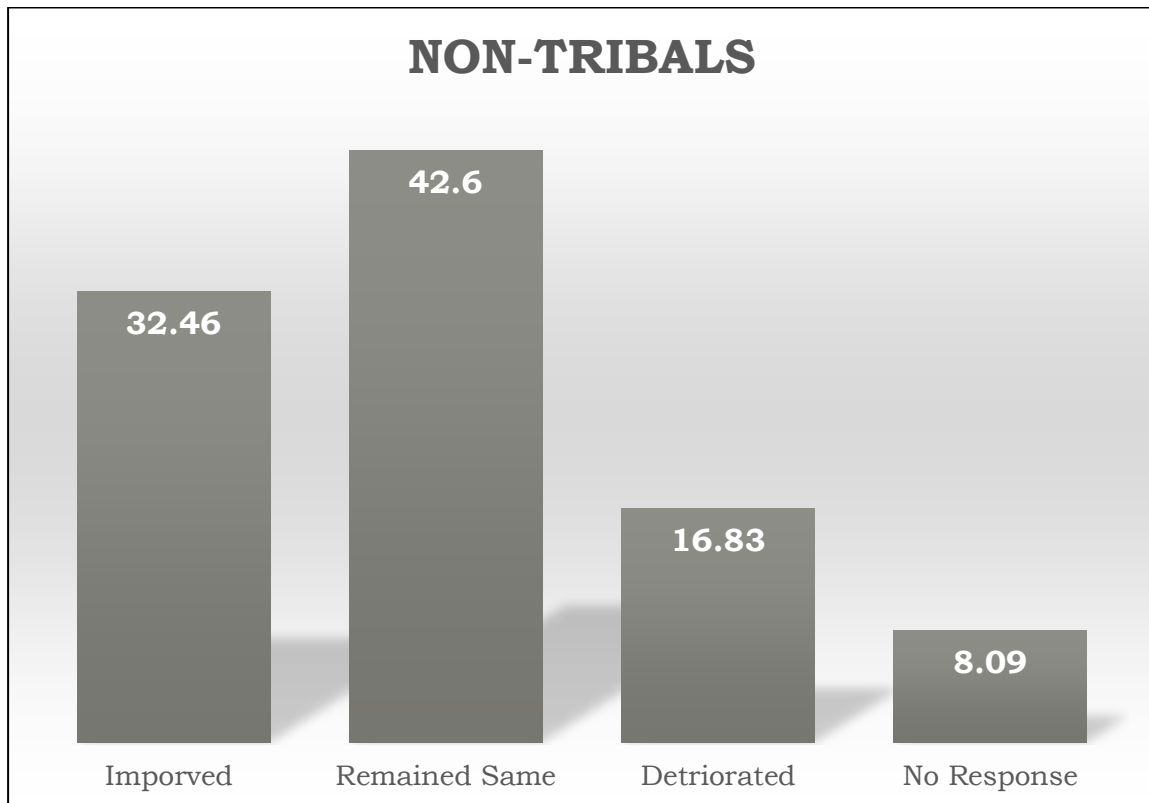
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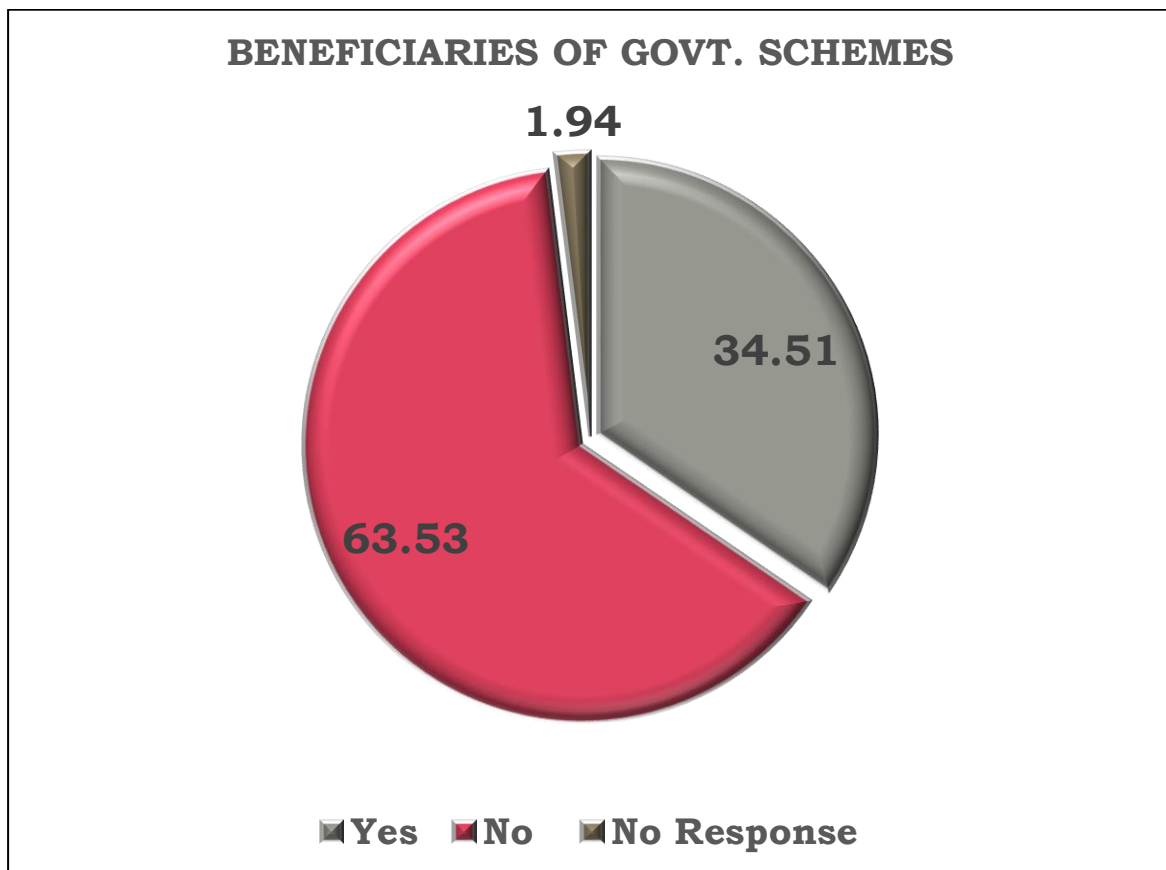
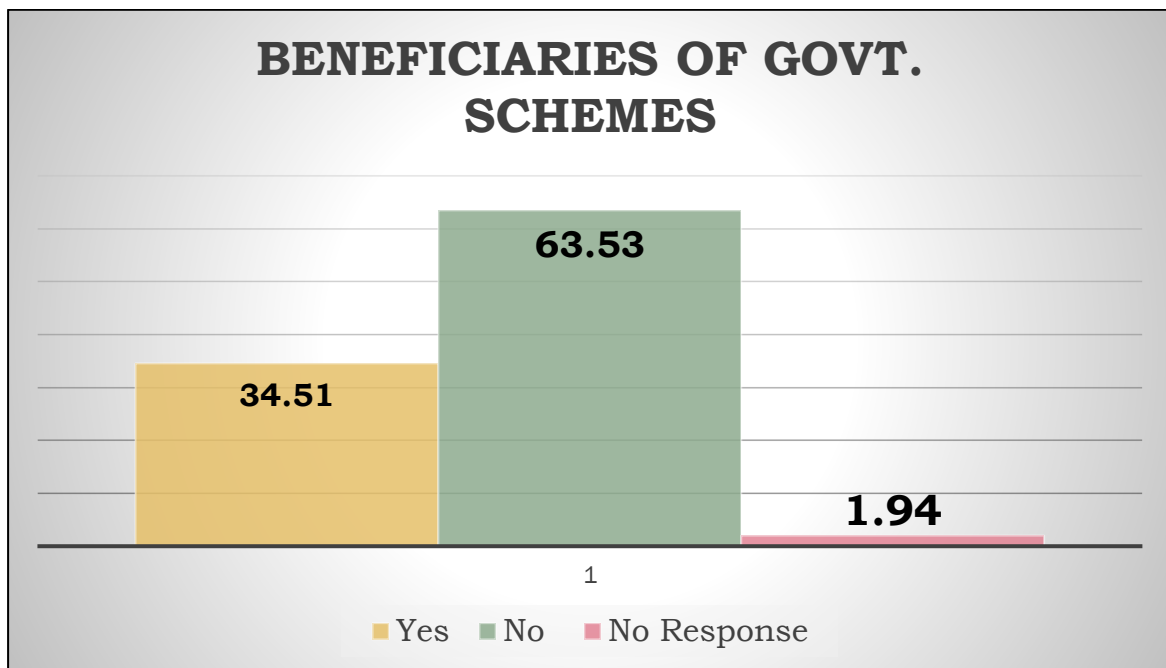
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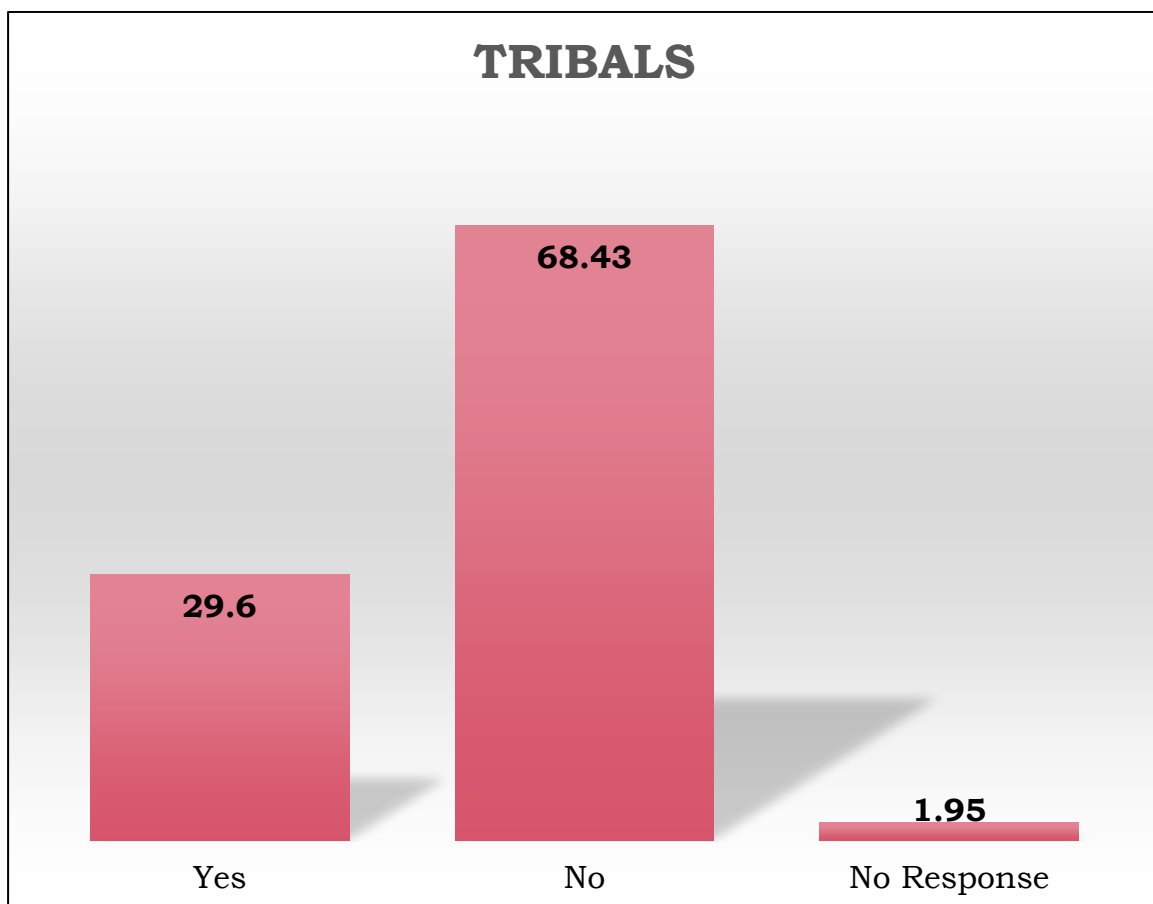
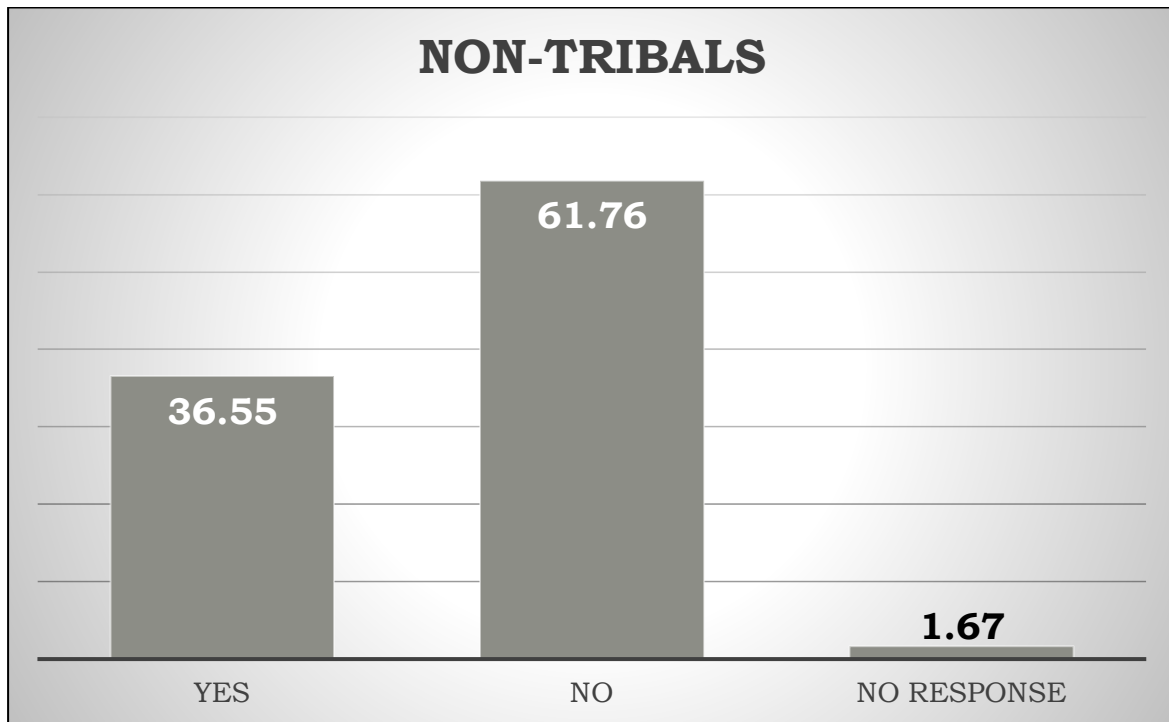
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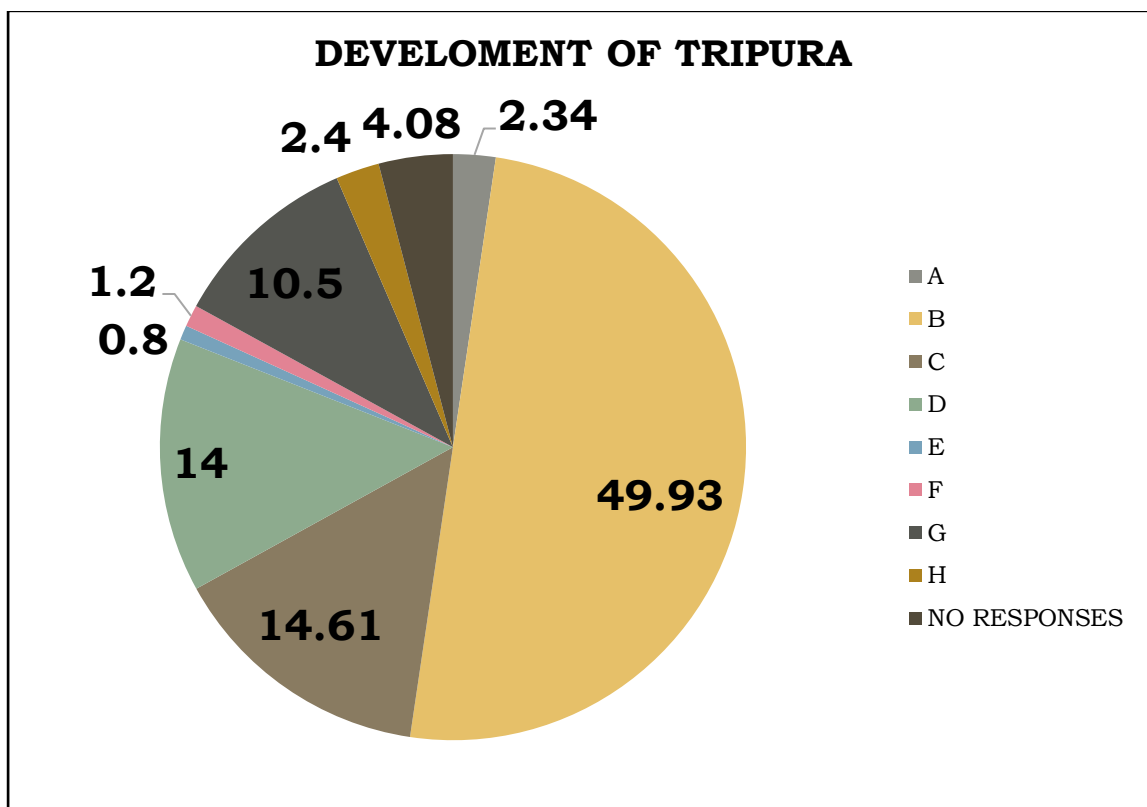
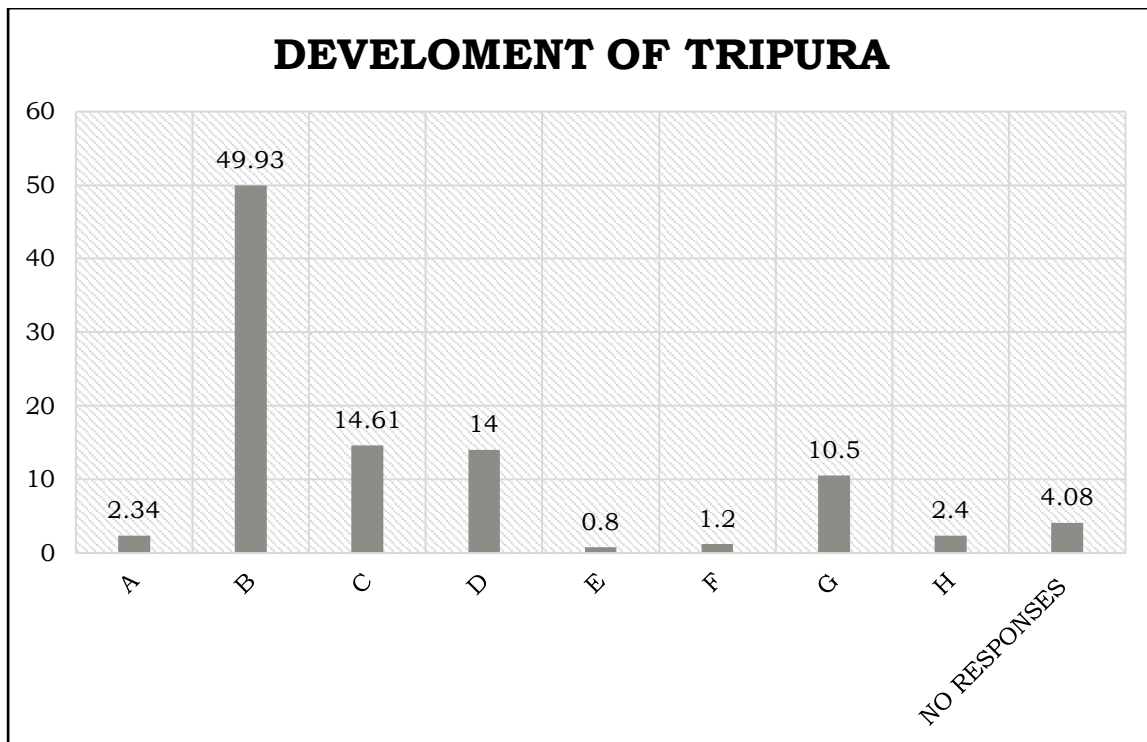
4. Have you or your family benefited by any Government scheme?



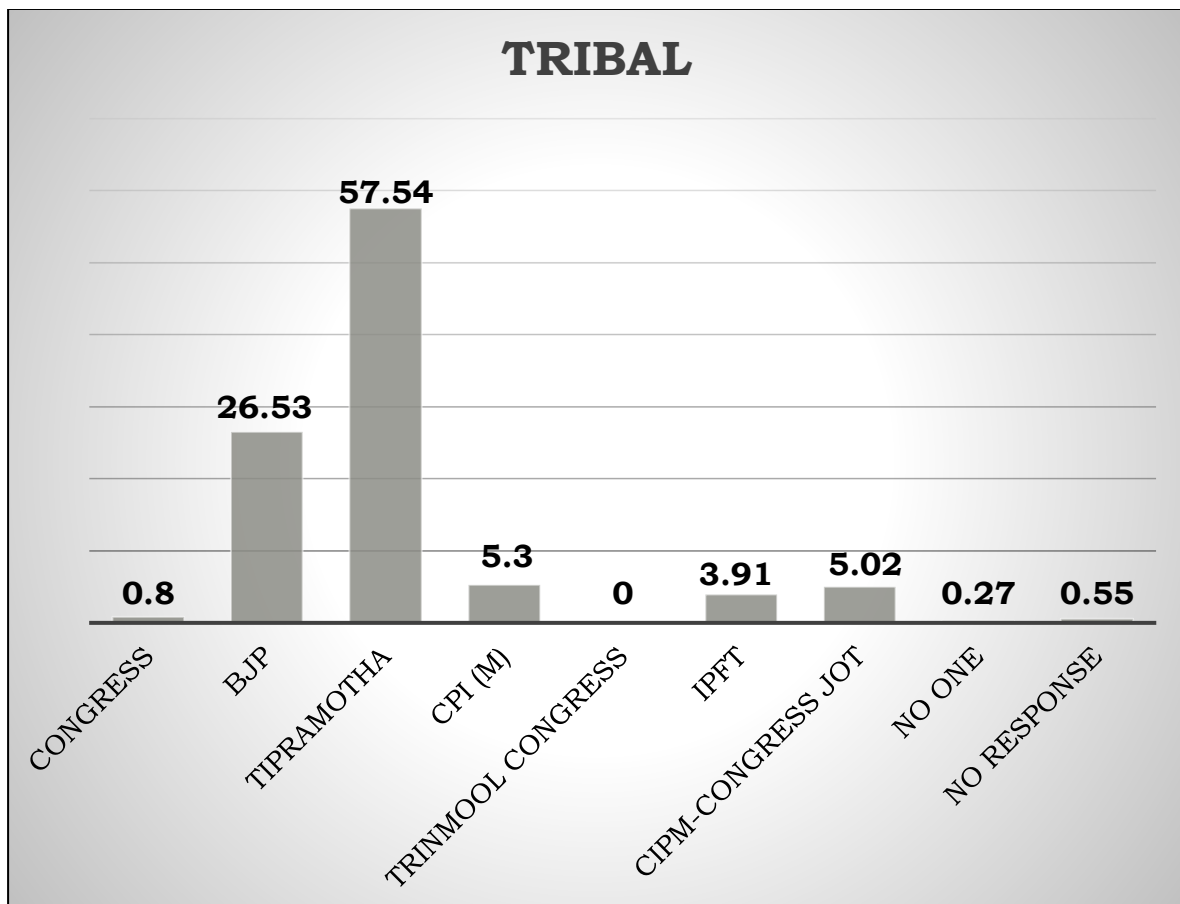
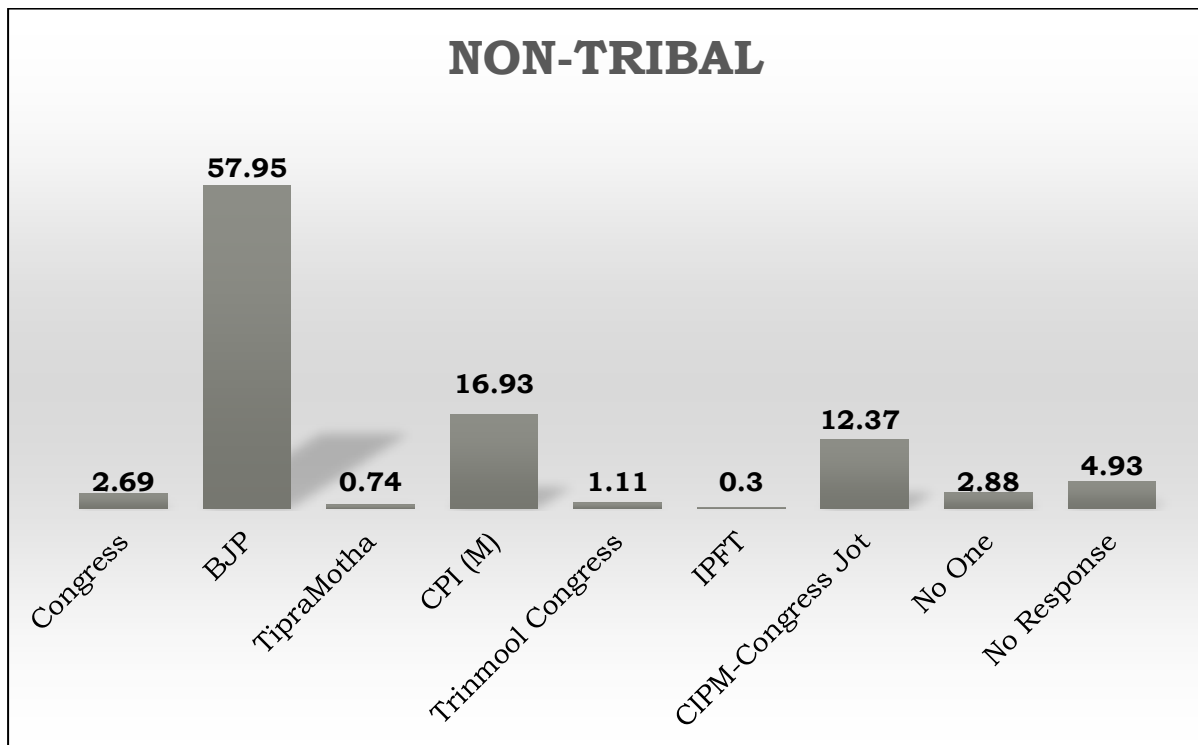
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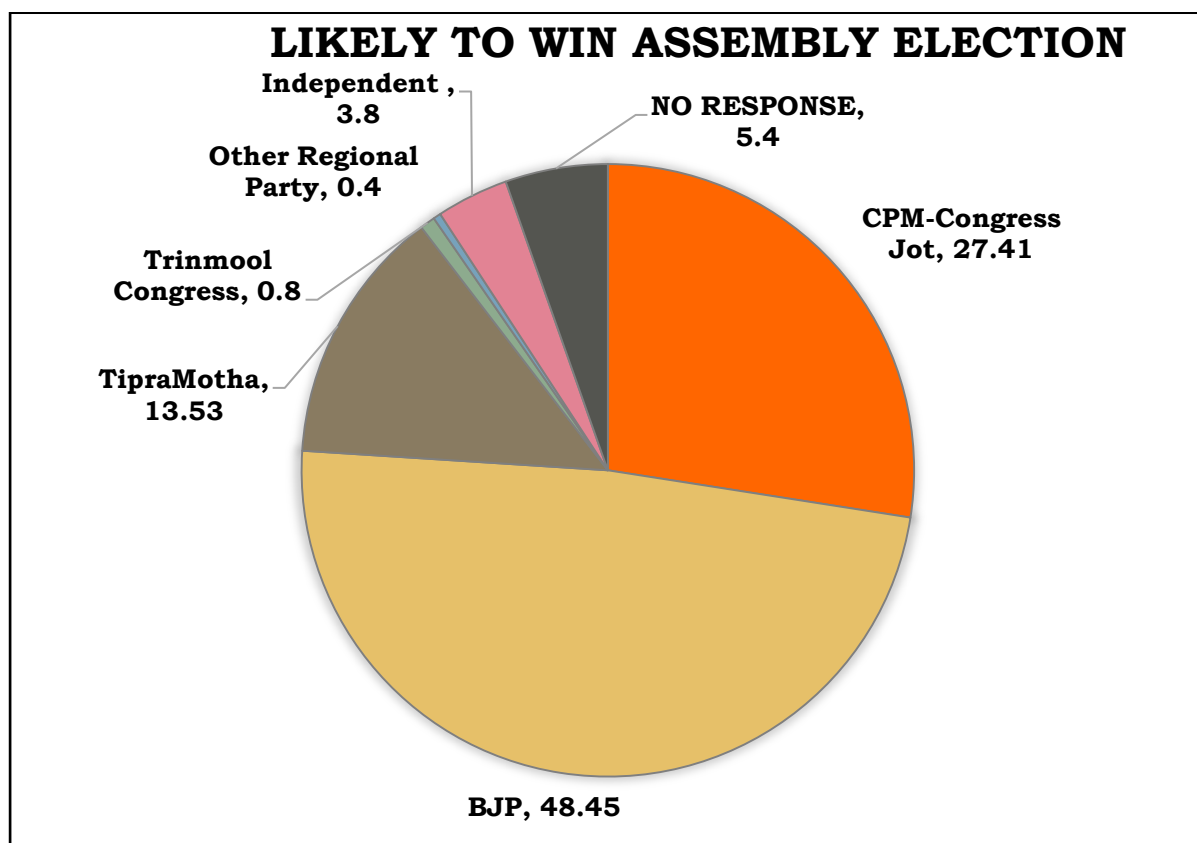
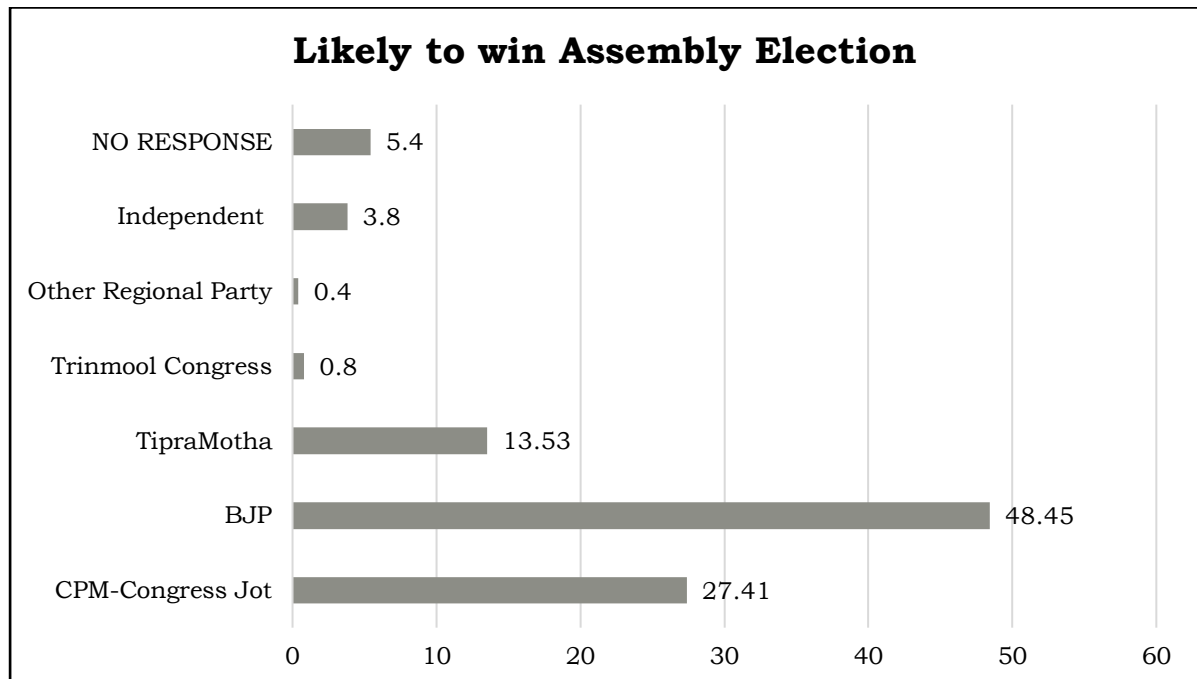
5. In your opinion which party is better for the development of Tripura?



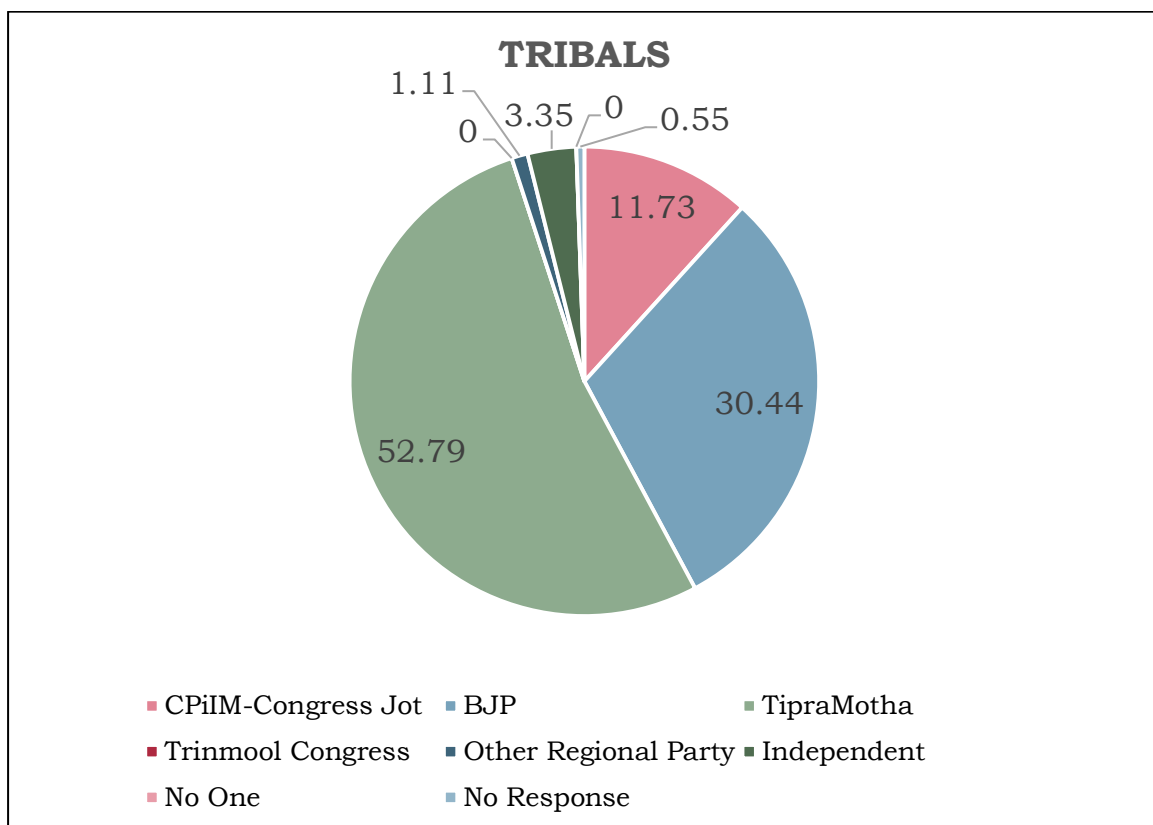
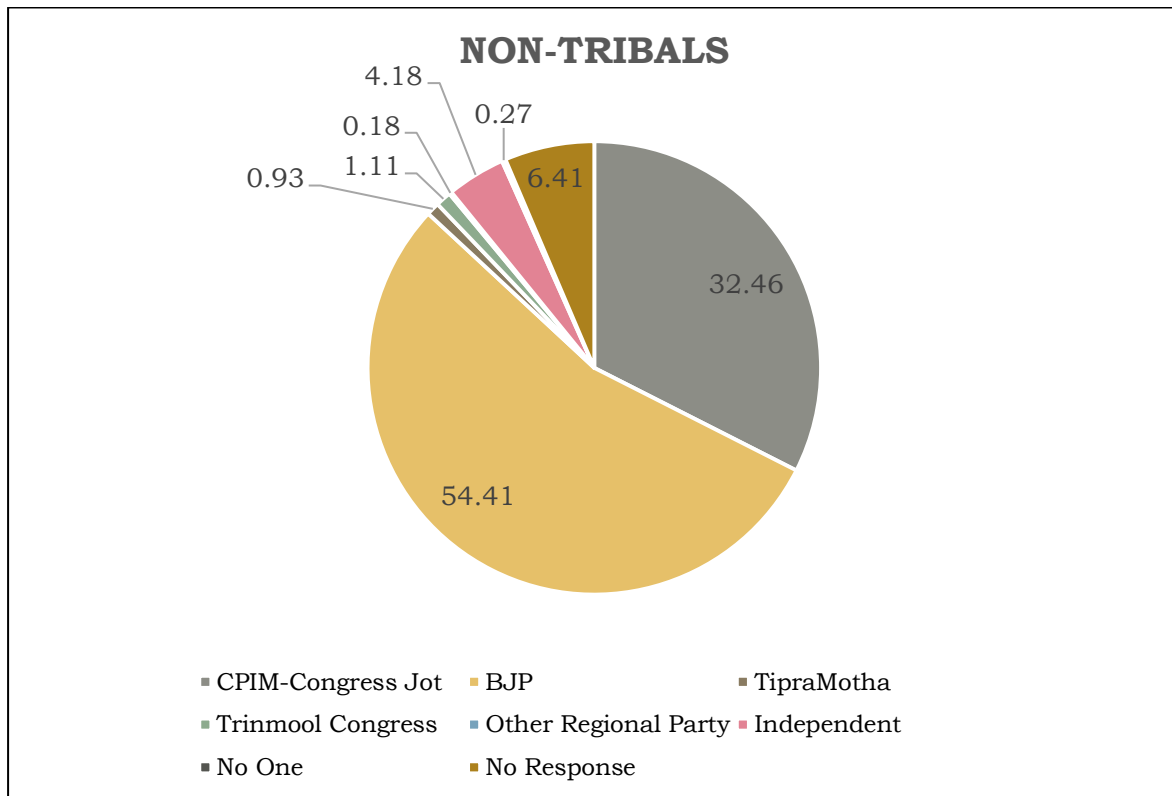
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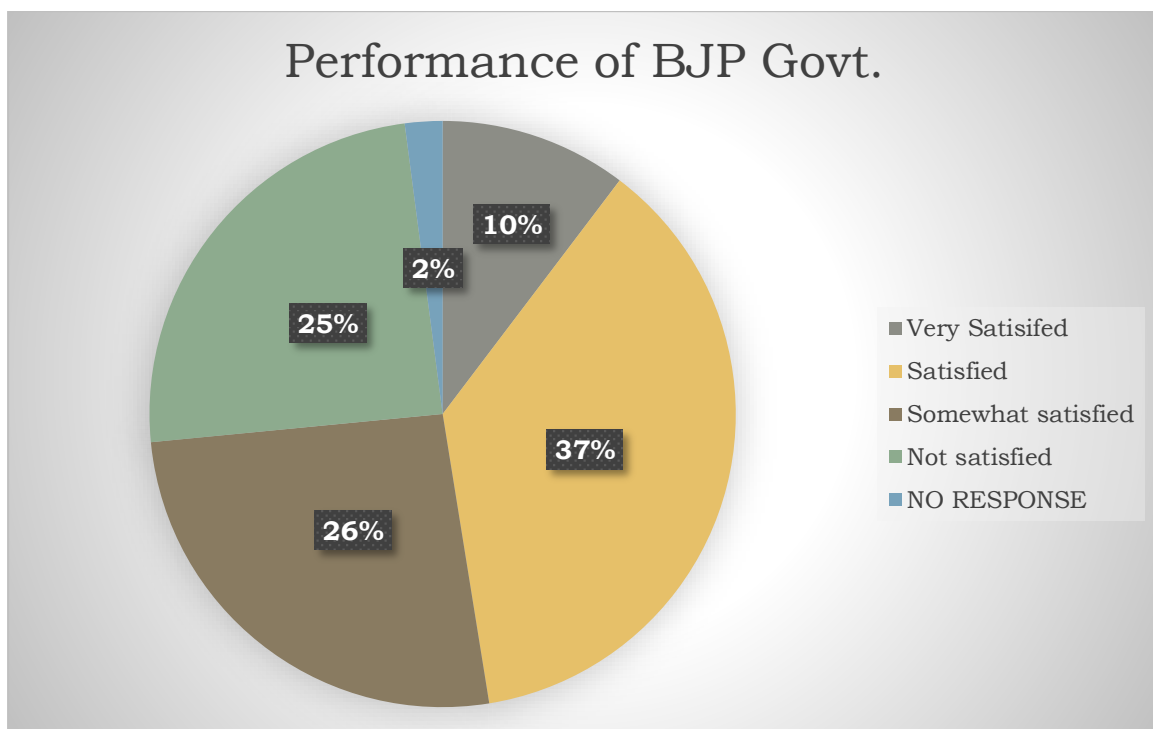
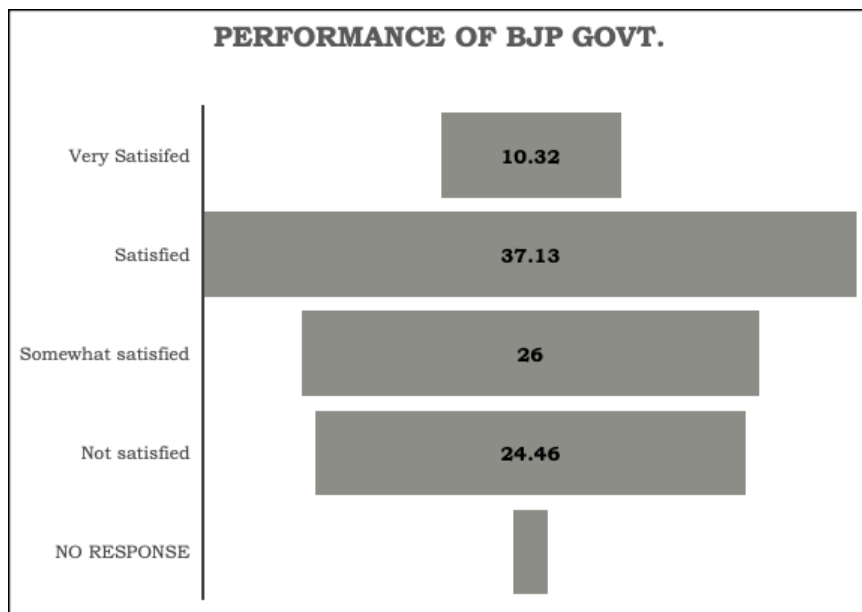
6. In your opinion which party is likely to win from your assembly constituency?



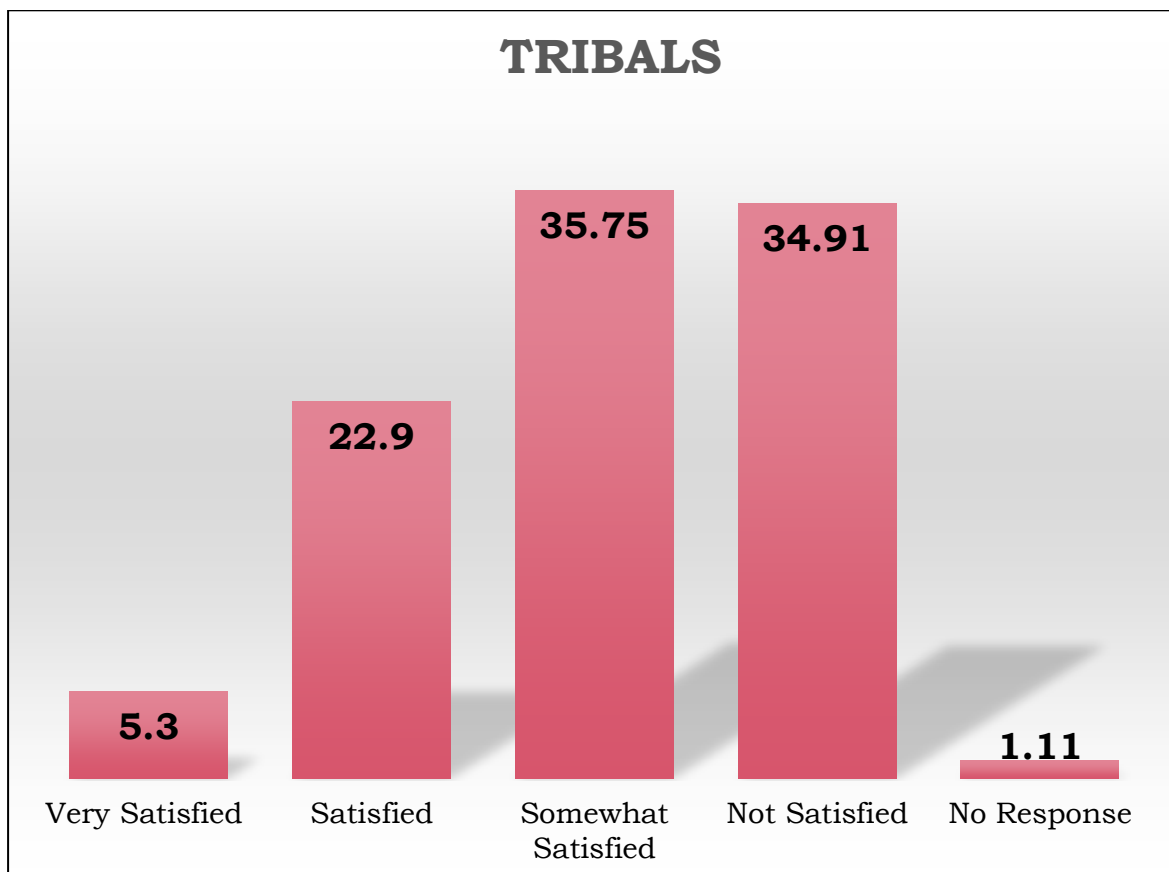
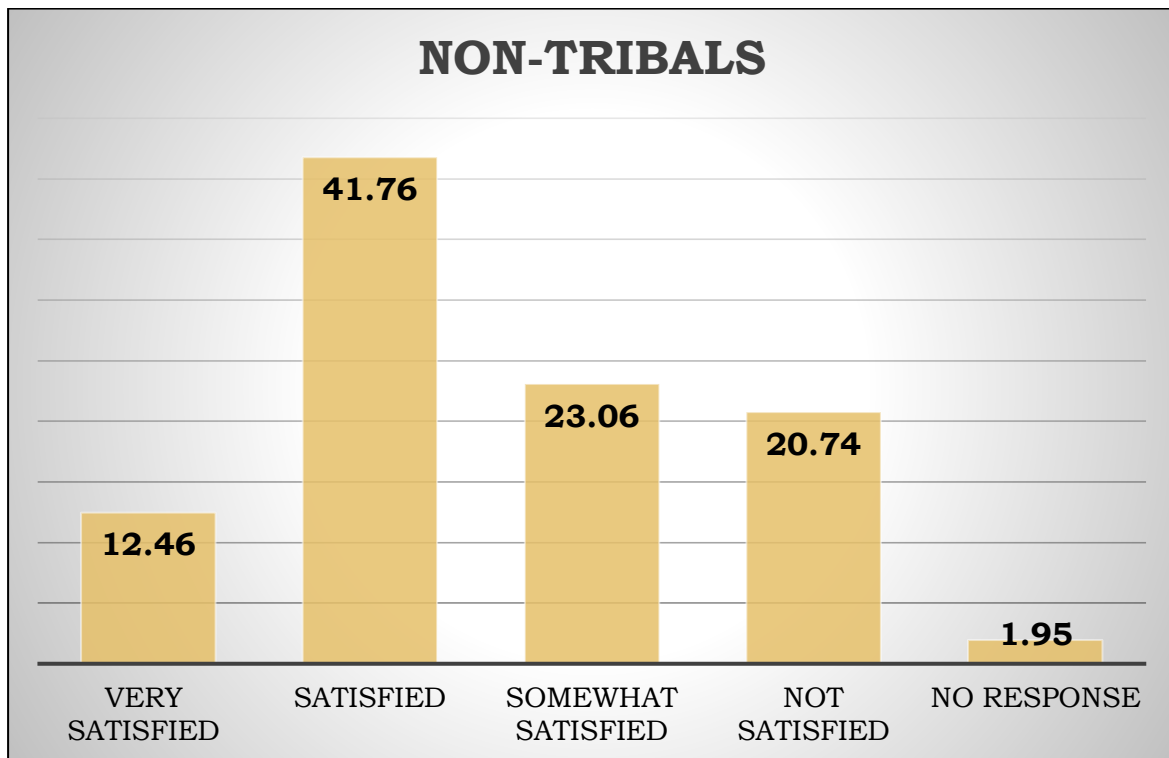
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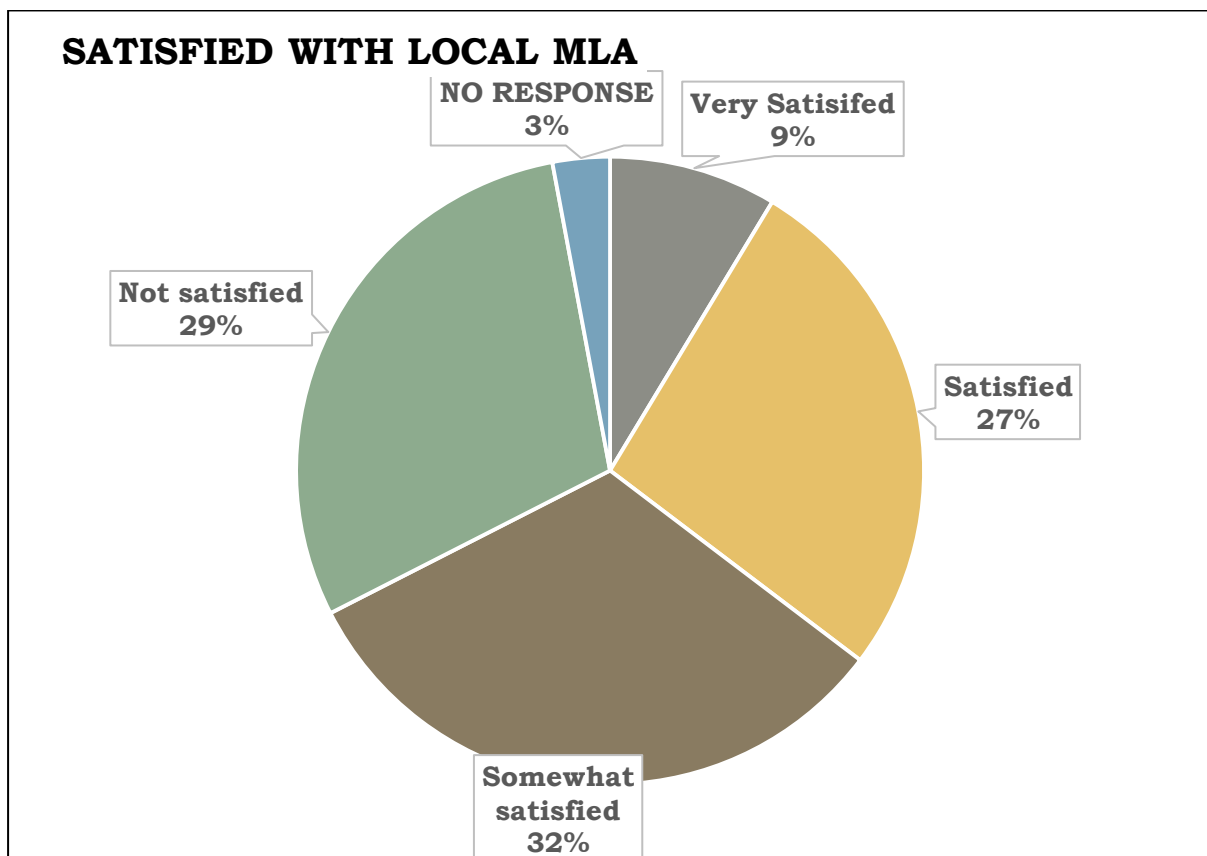
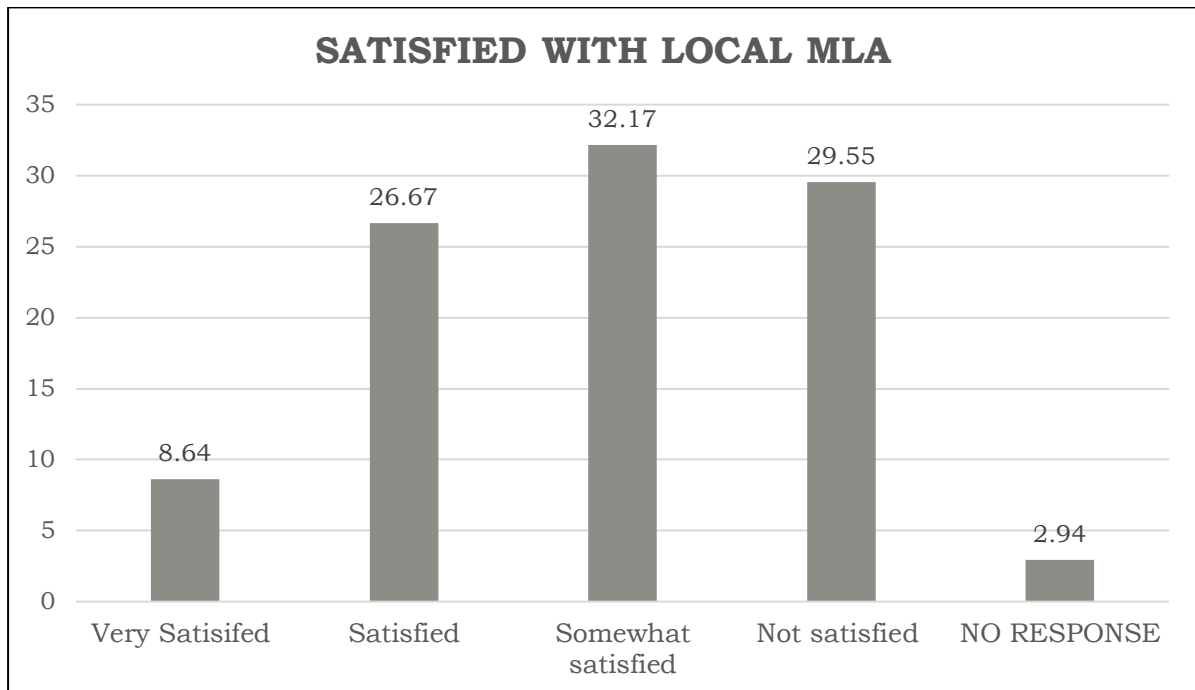
7. How satisfied are you with the performance of BJP government?



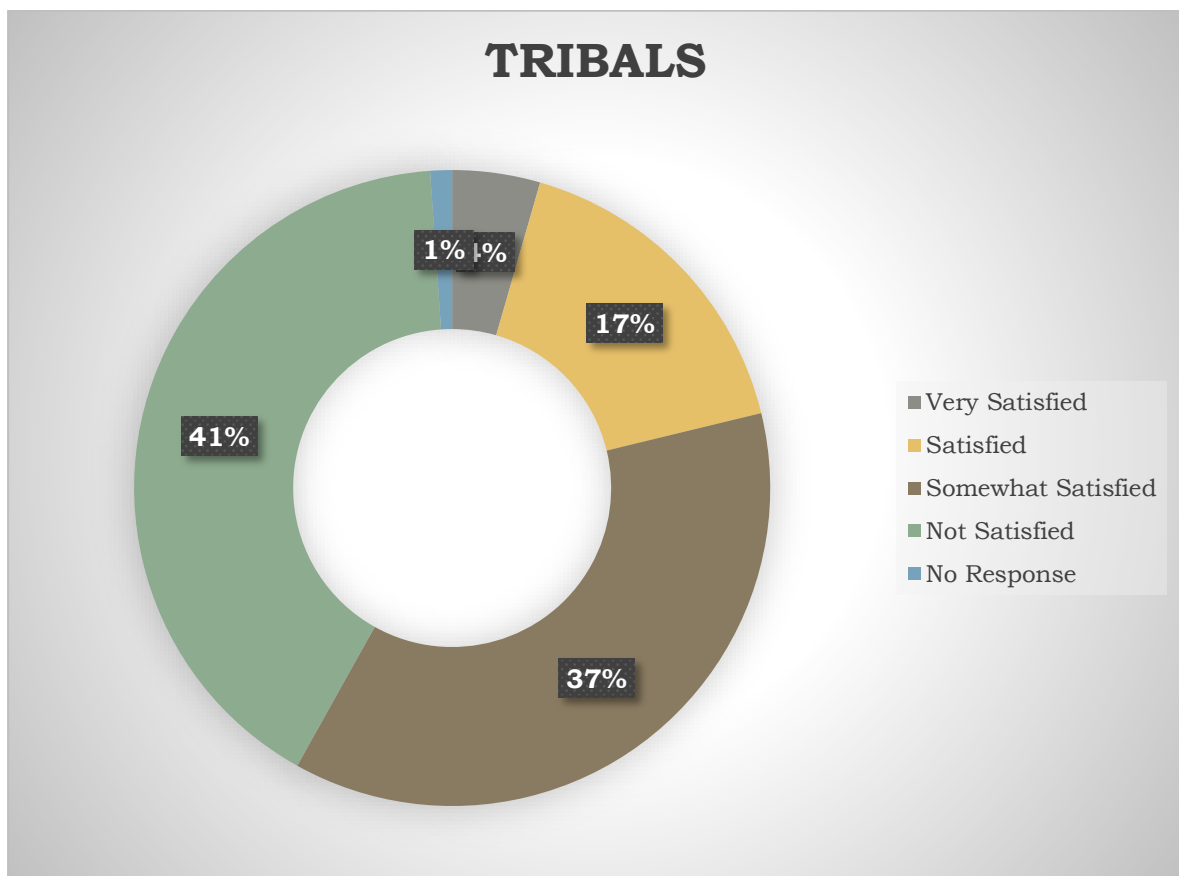
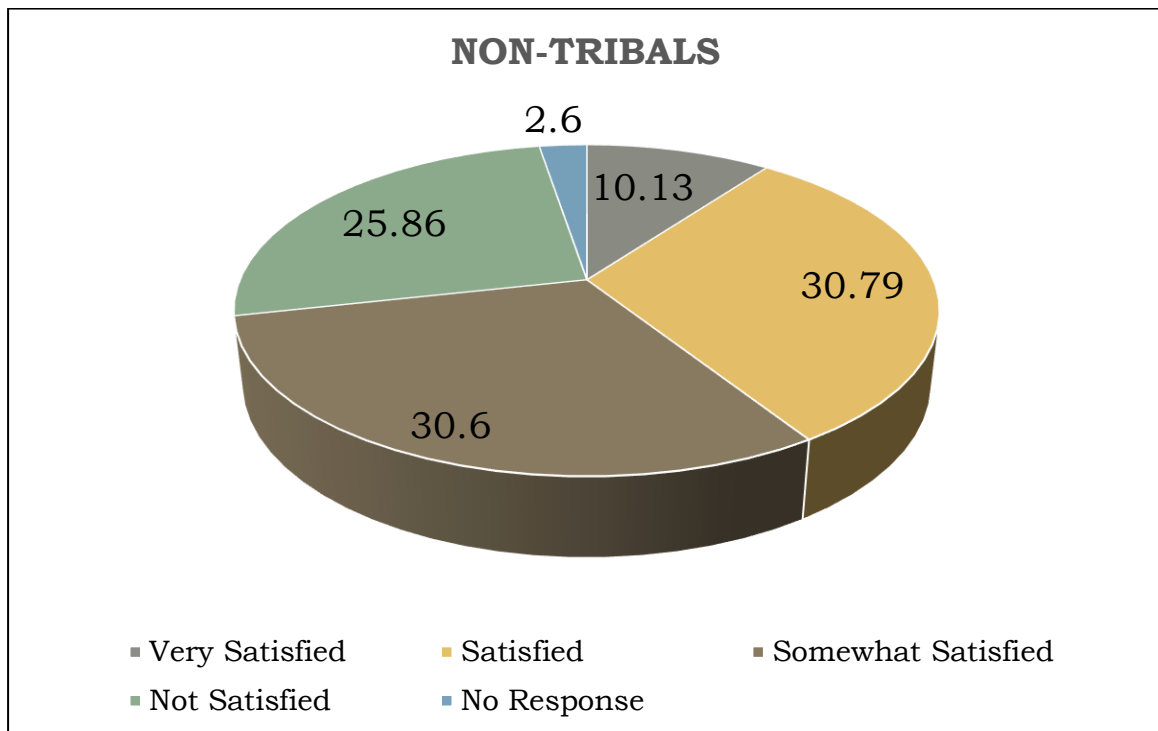
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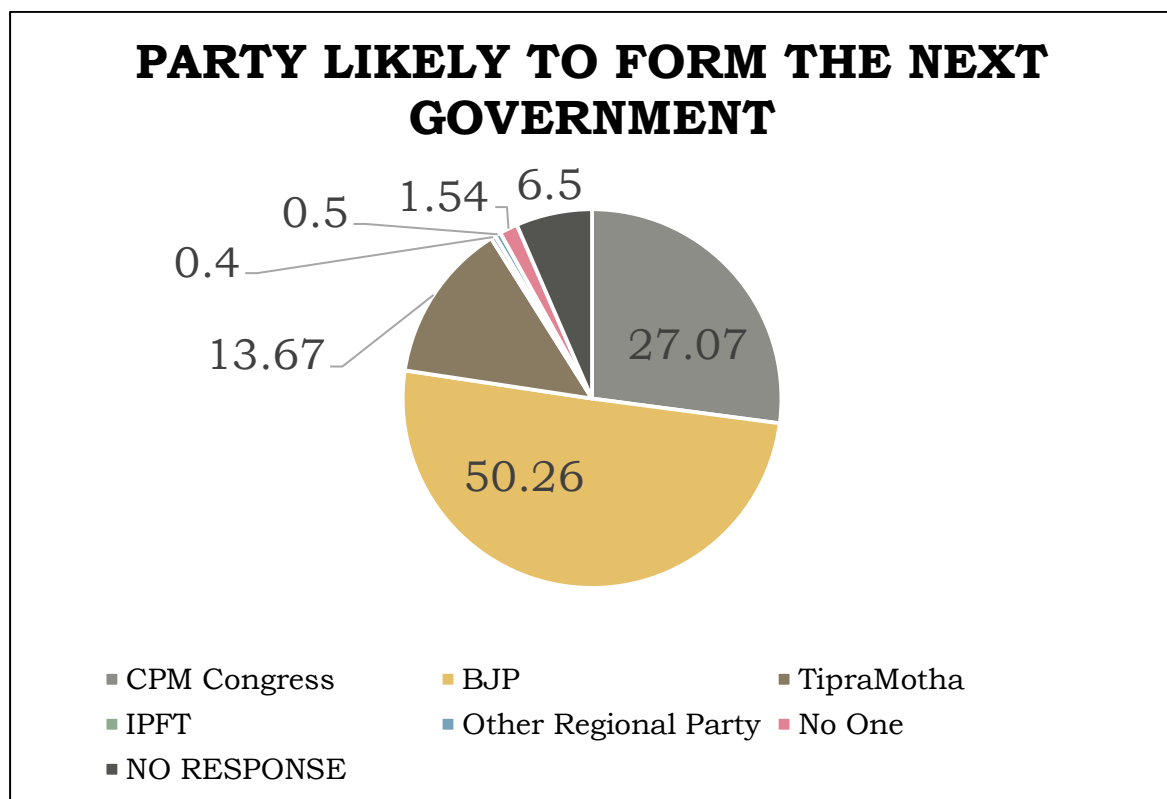
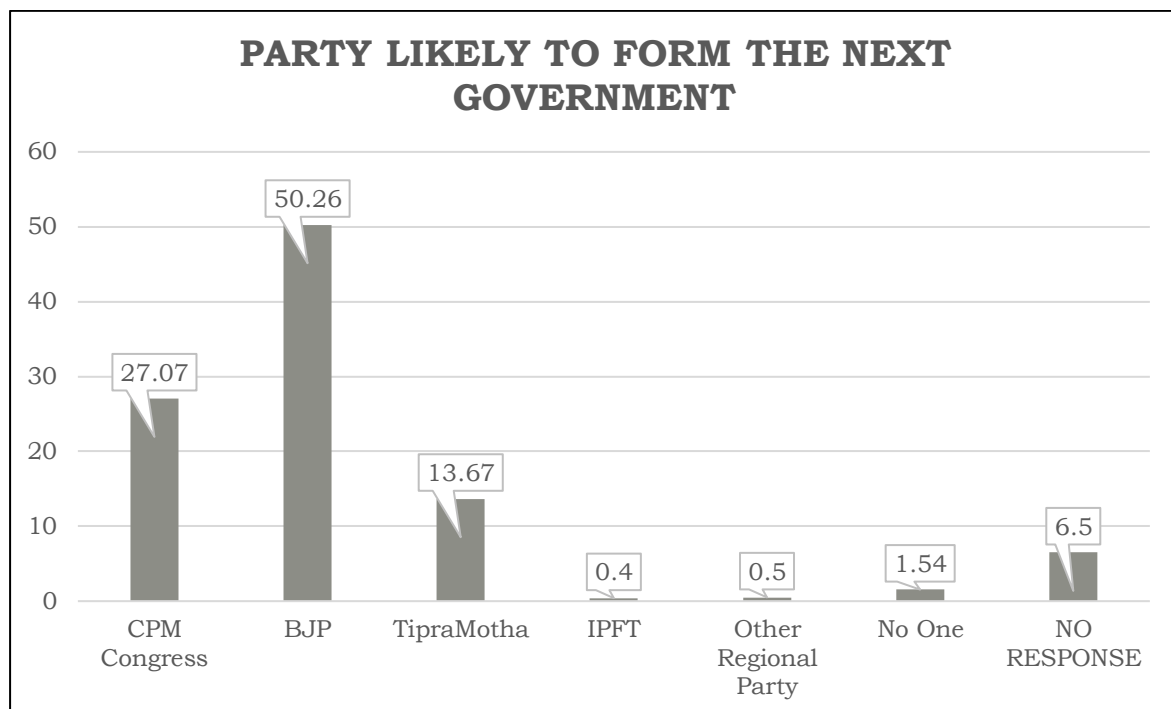
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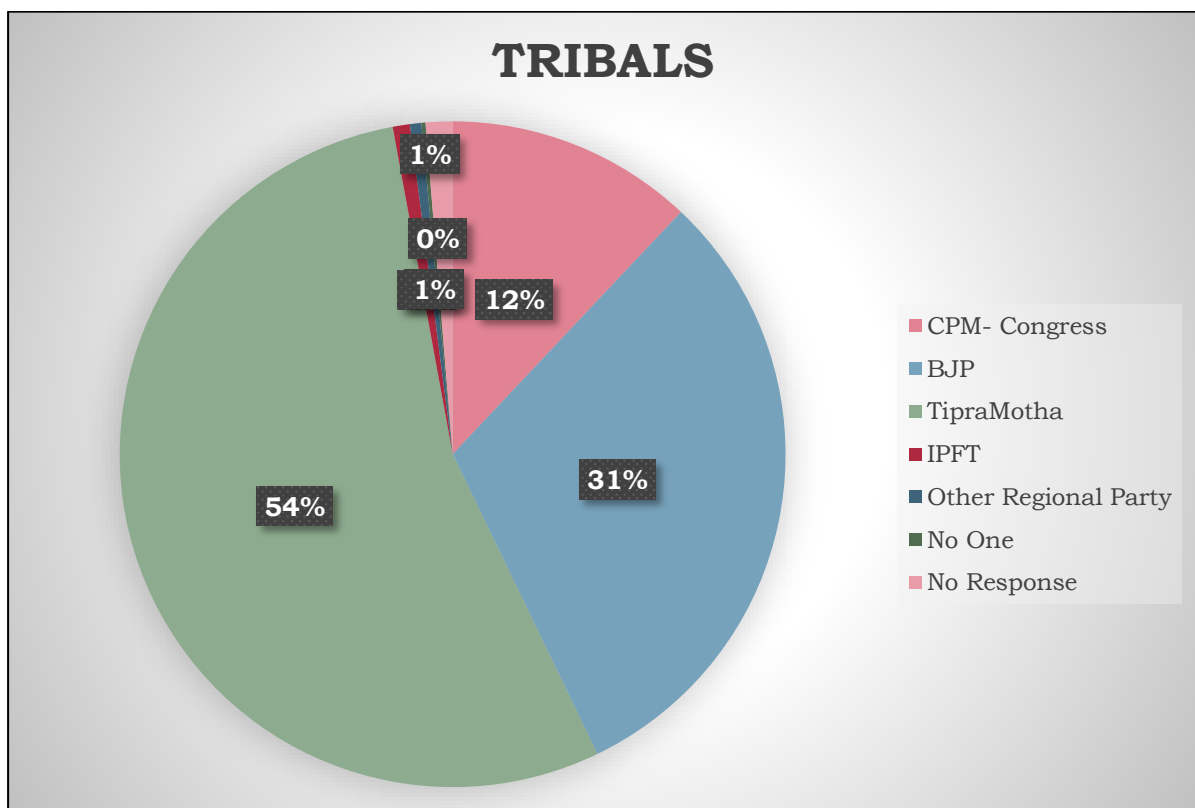
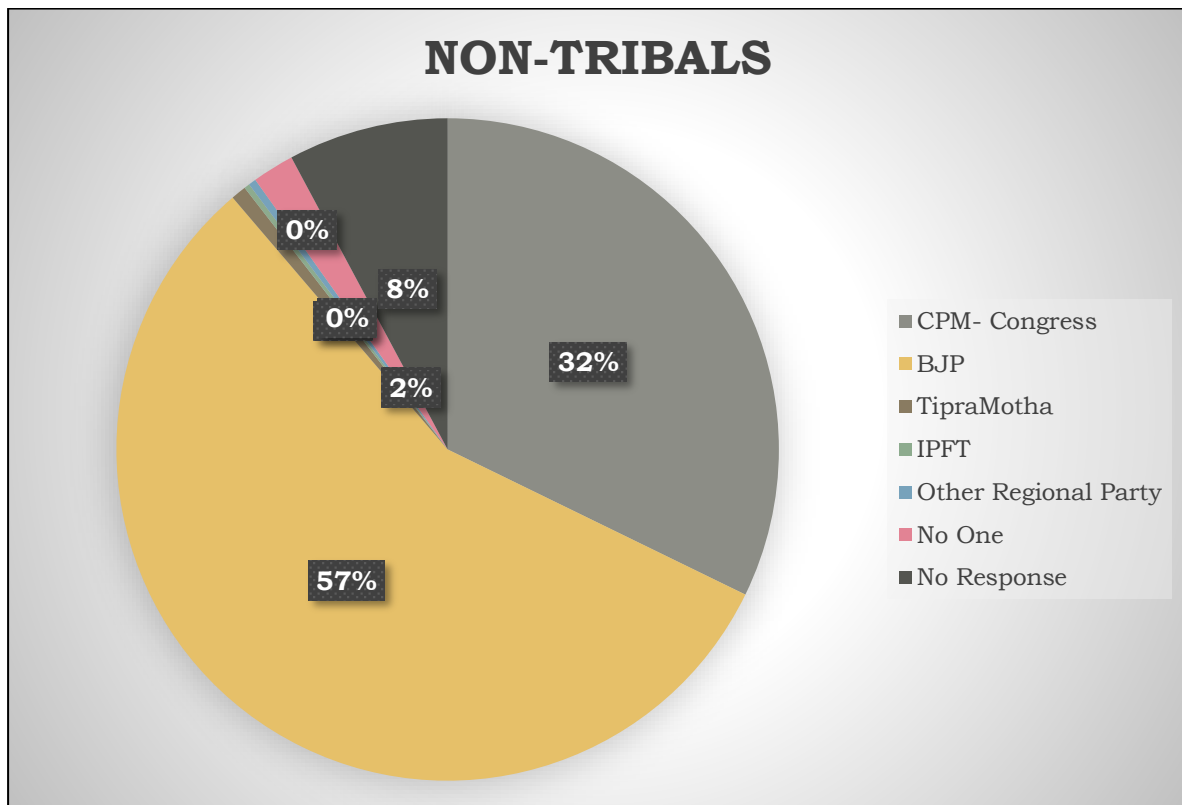
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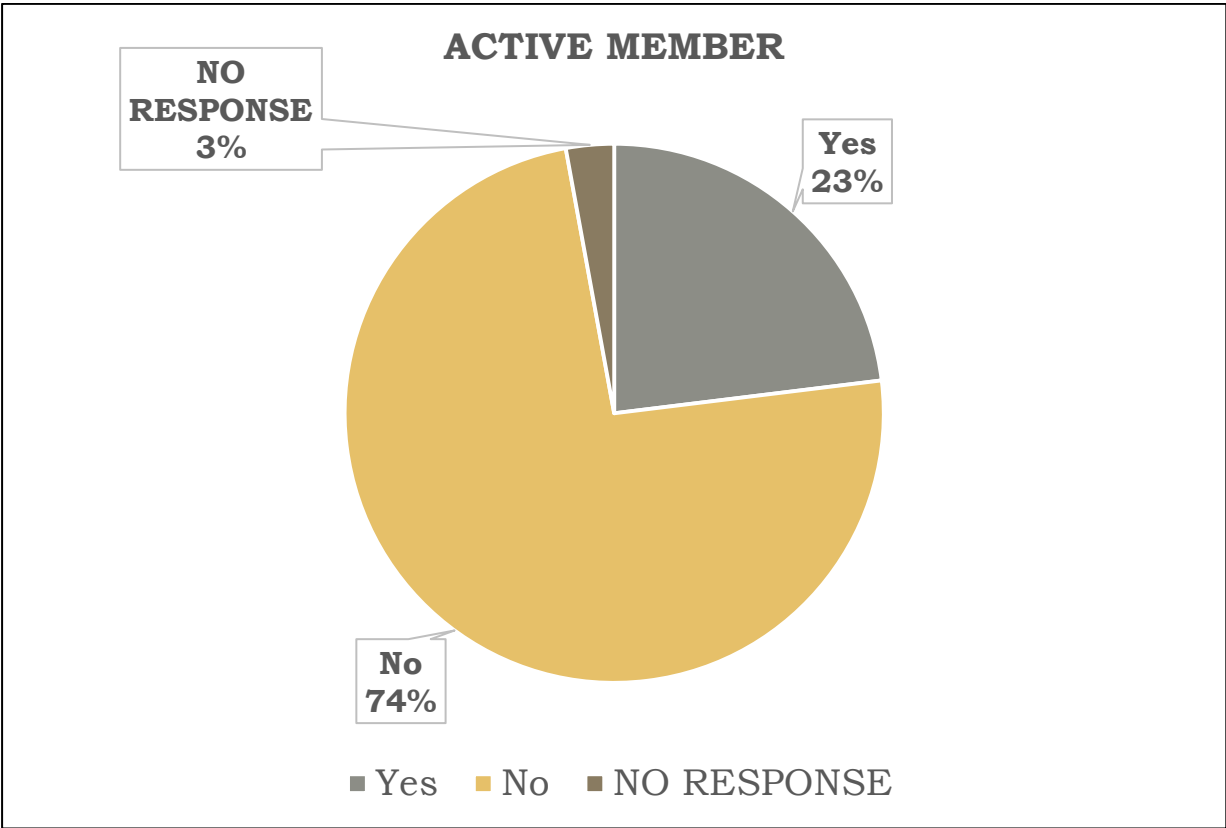
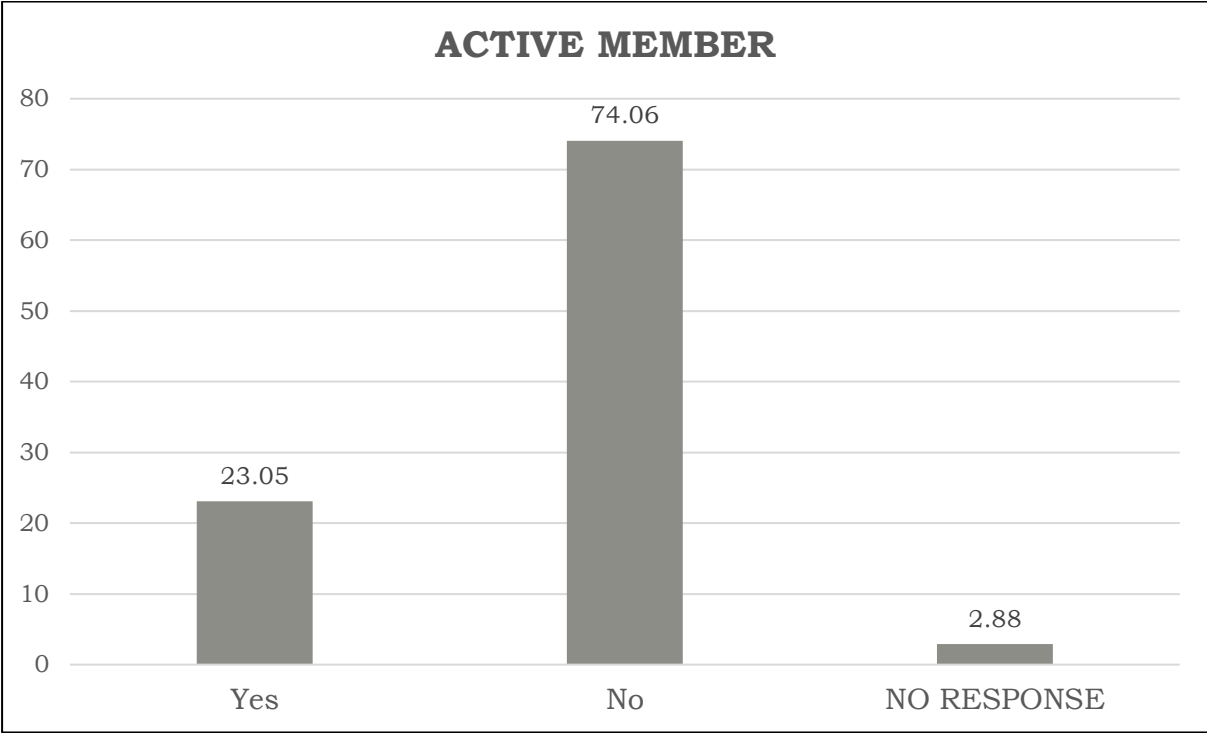
9. In your opinion which party is likely to form the next government of Tripura?



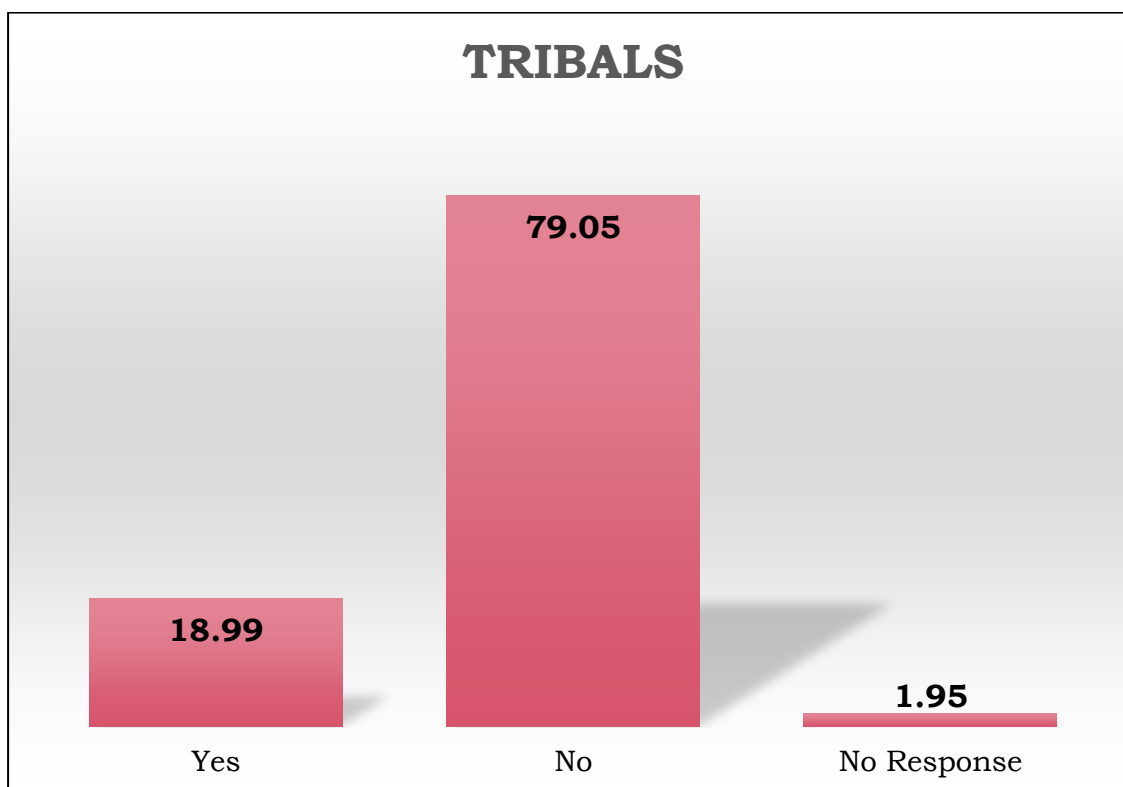
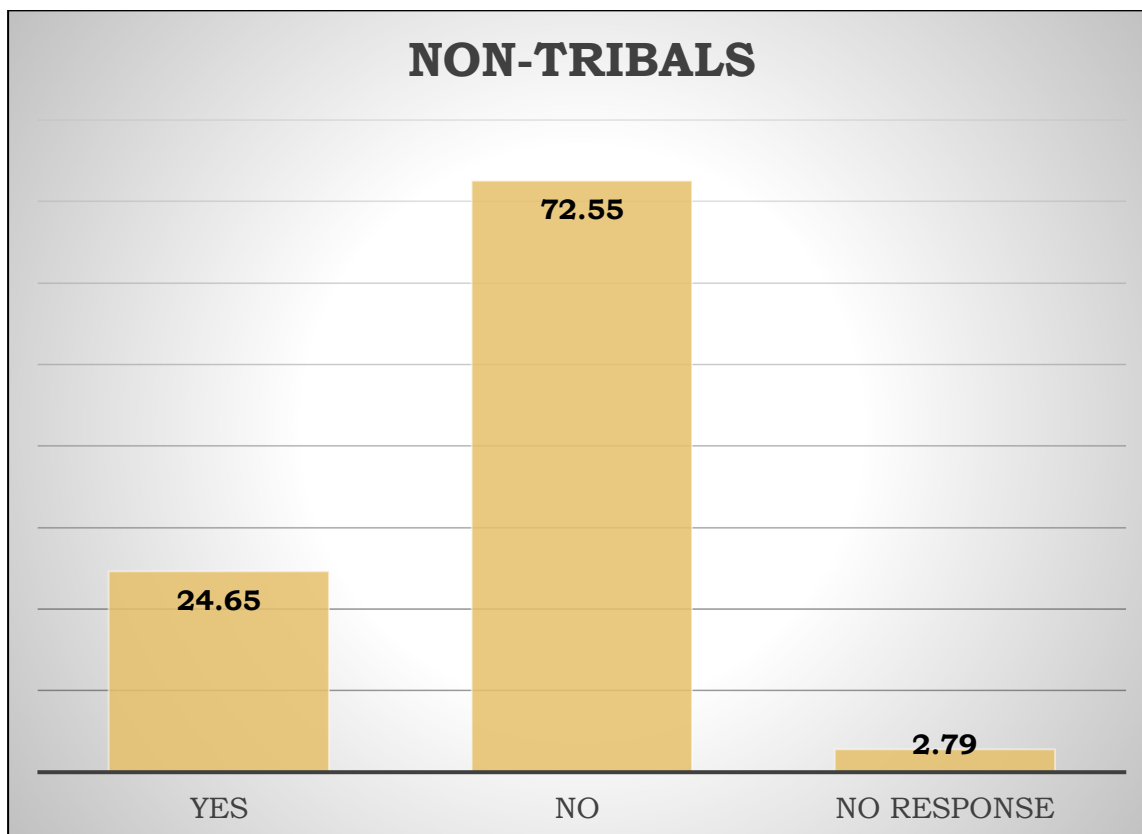
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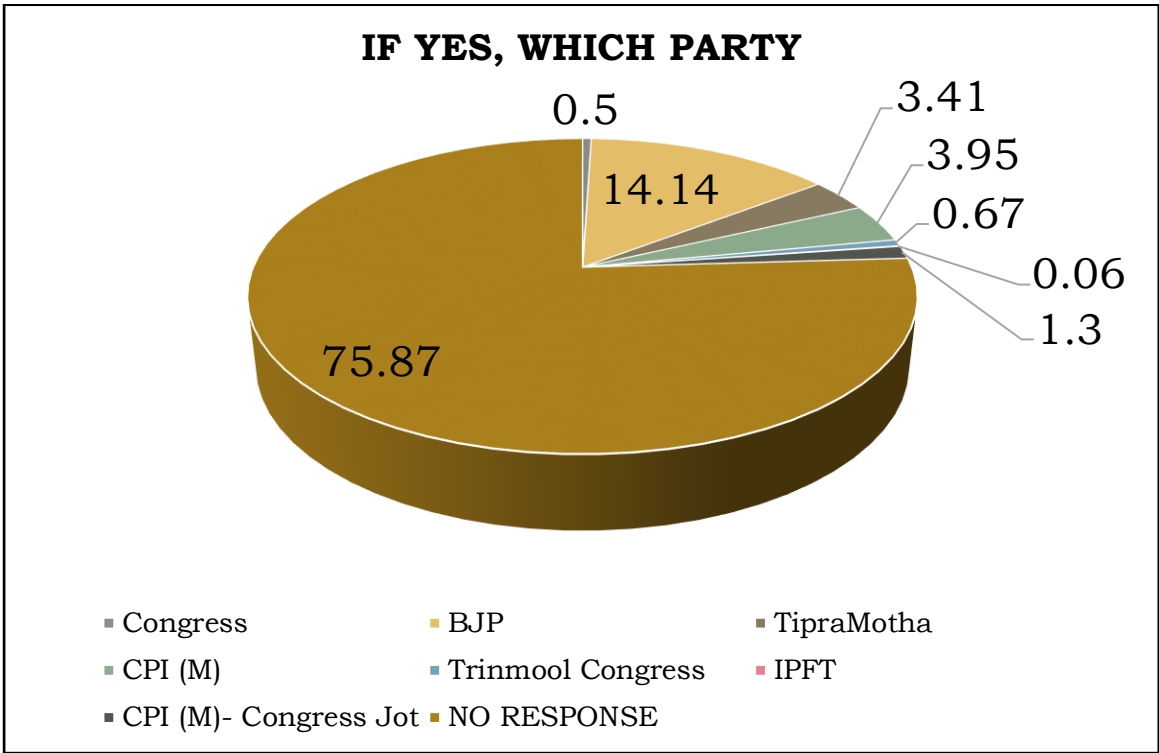
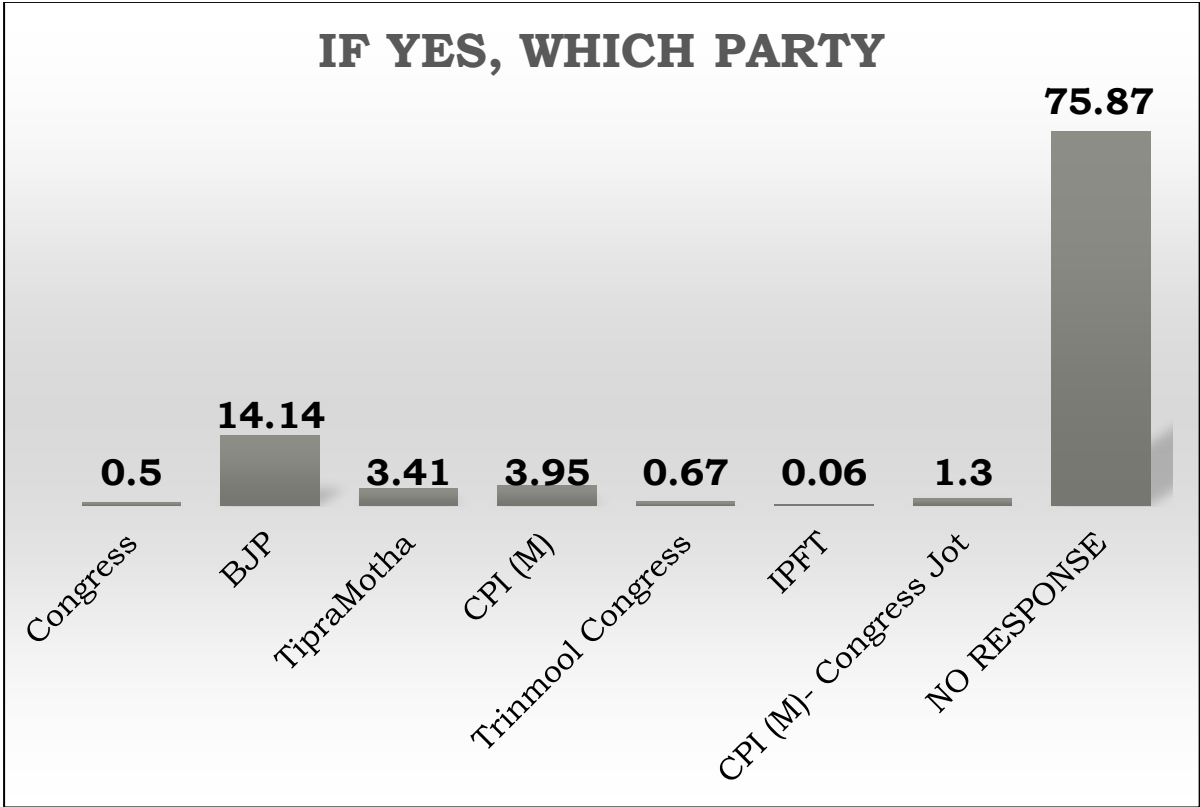
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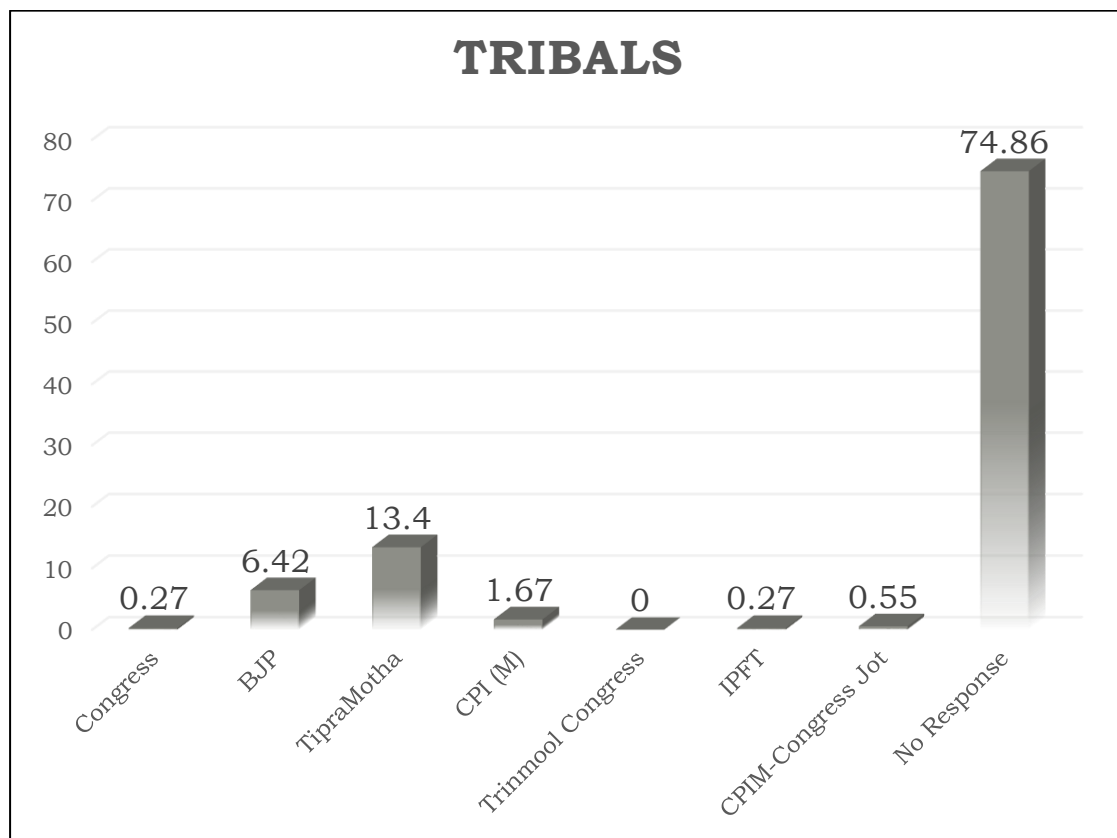
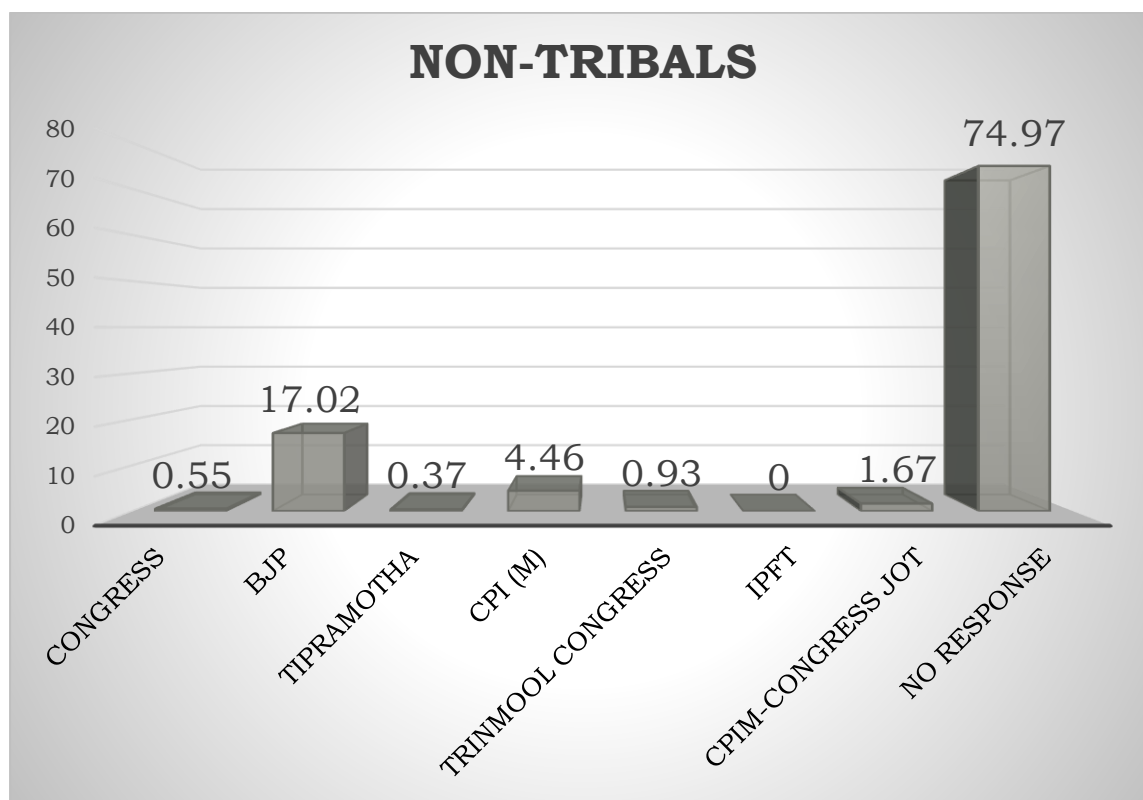
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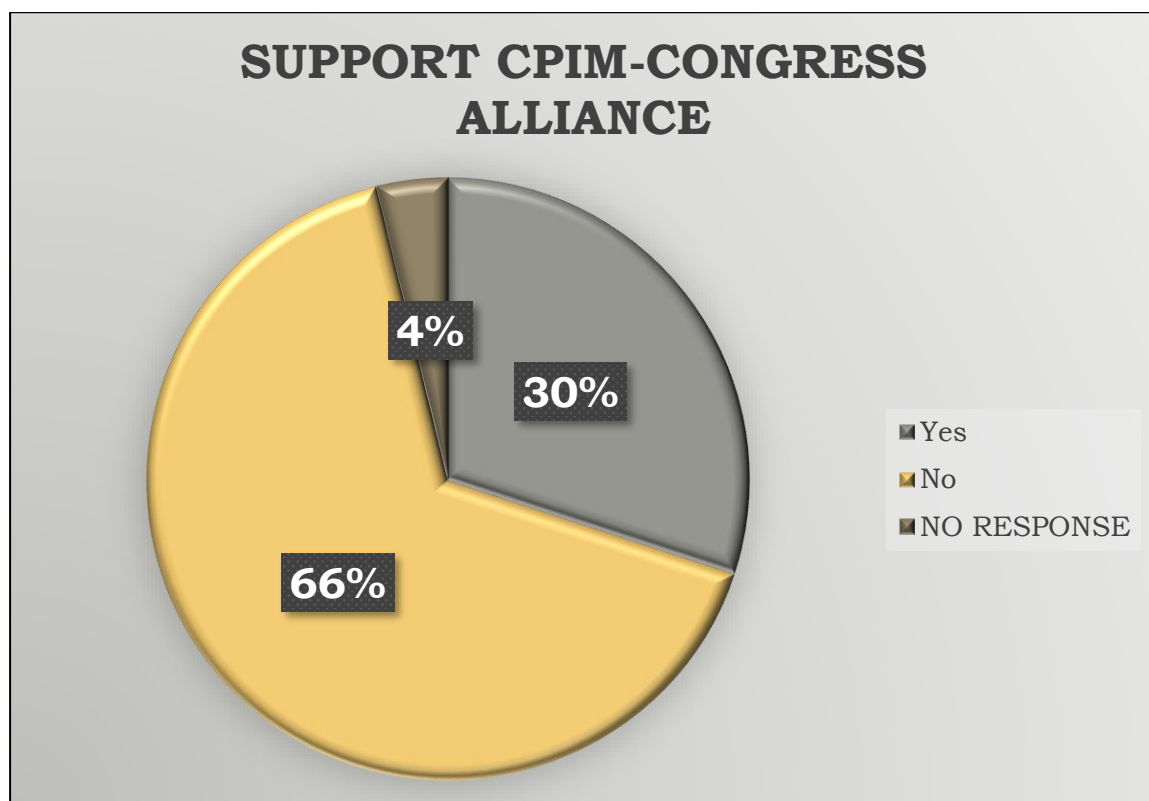
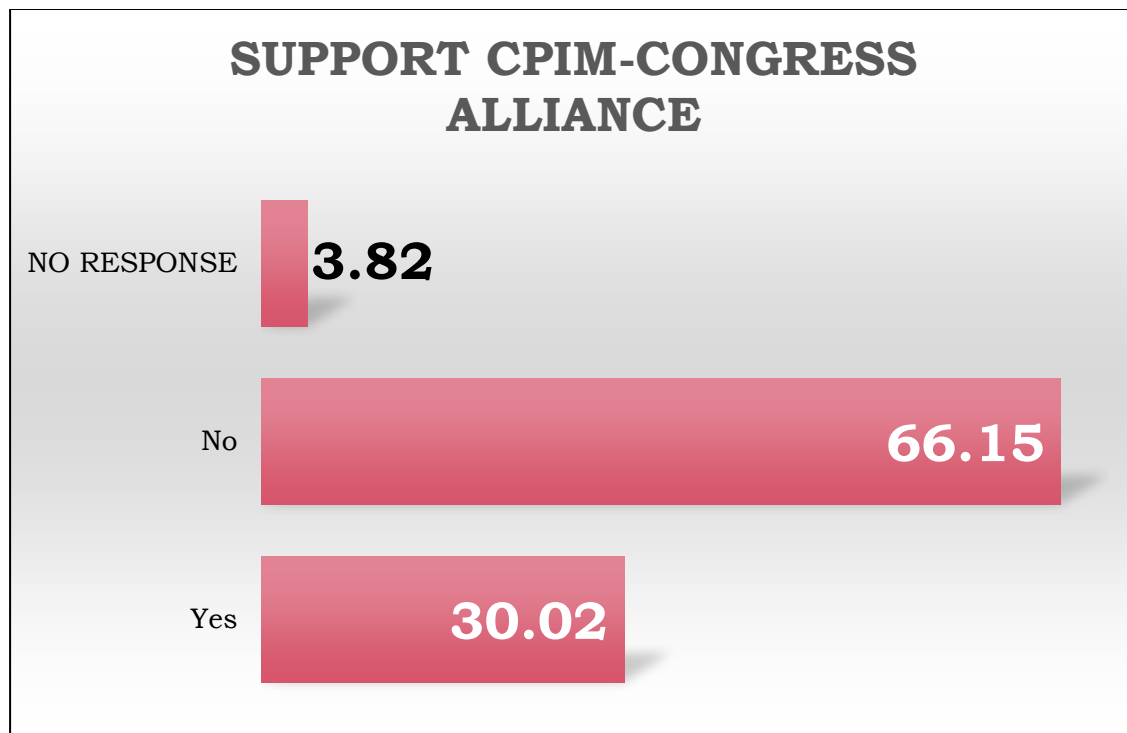
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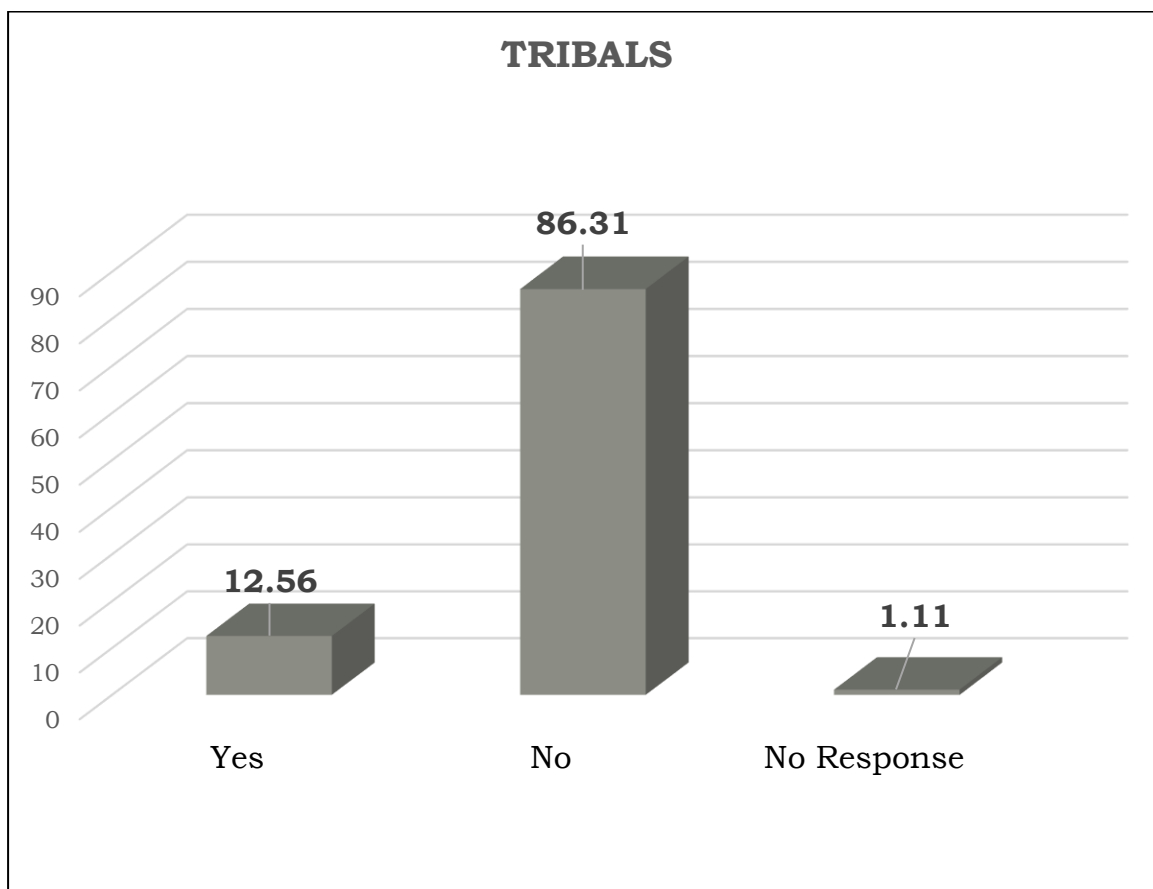
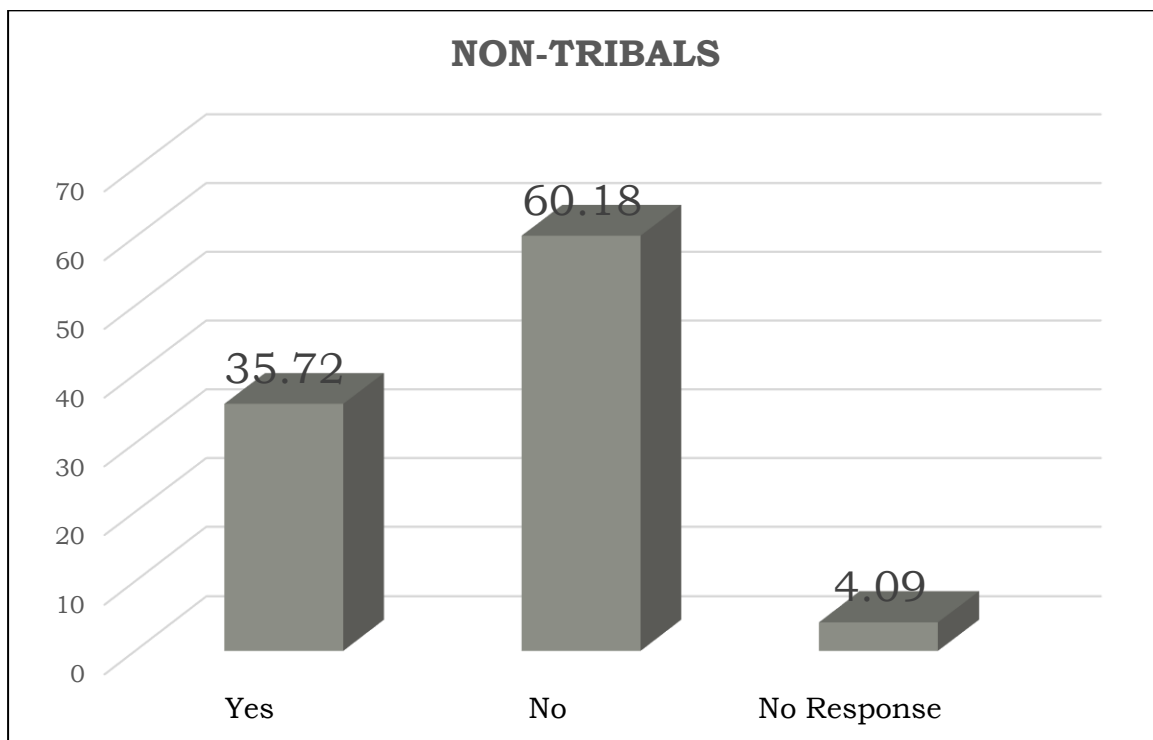
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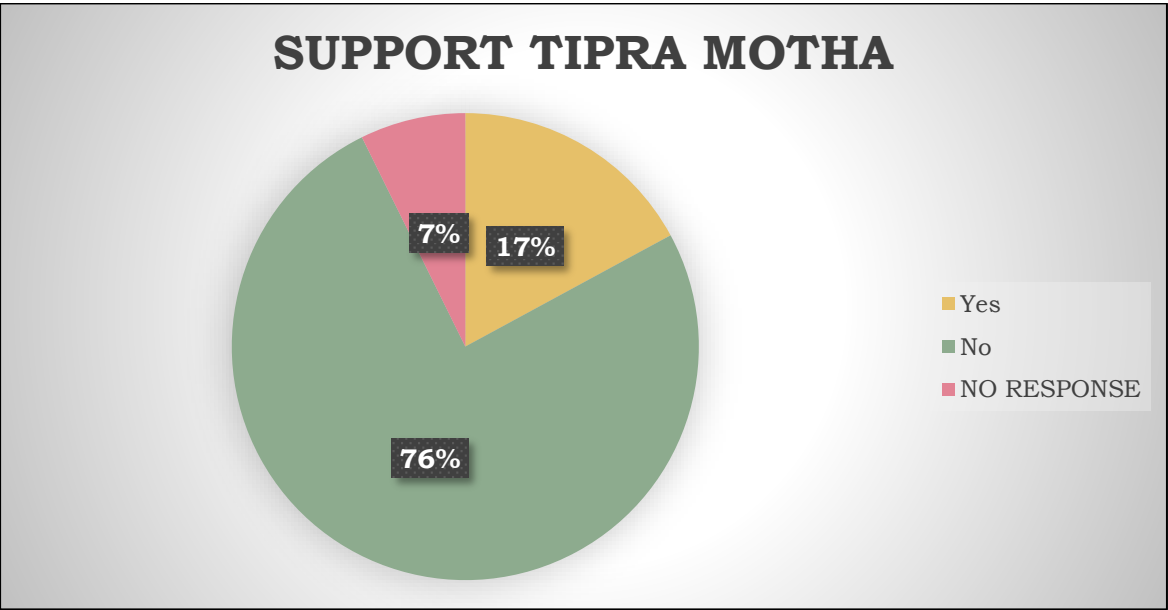
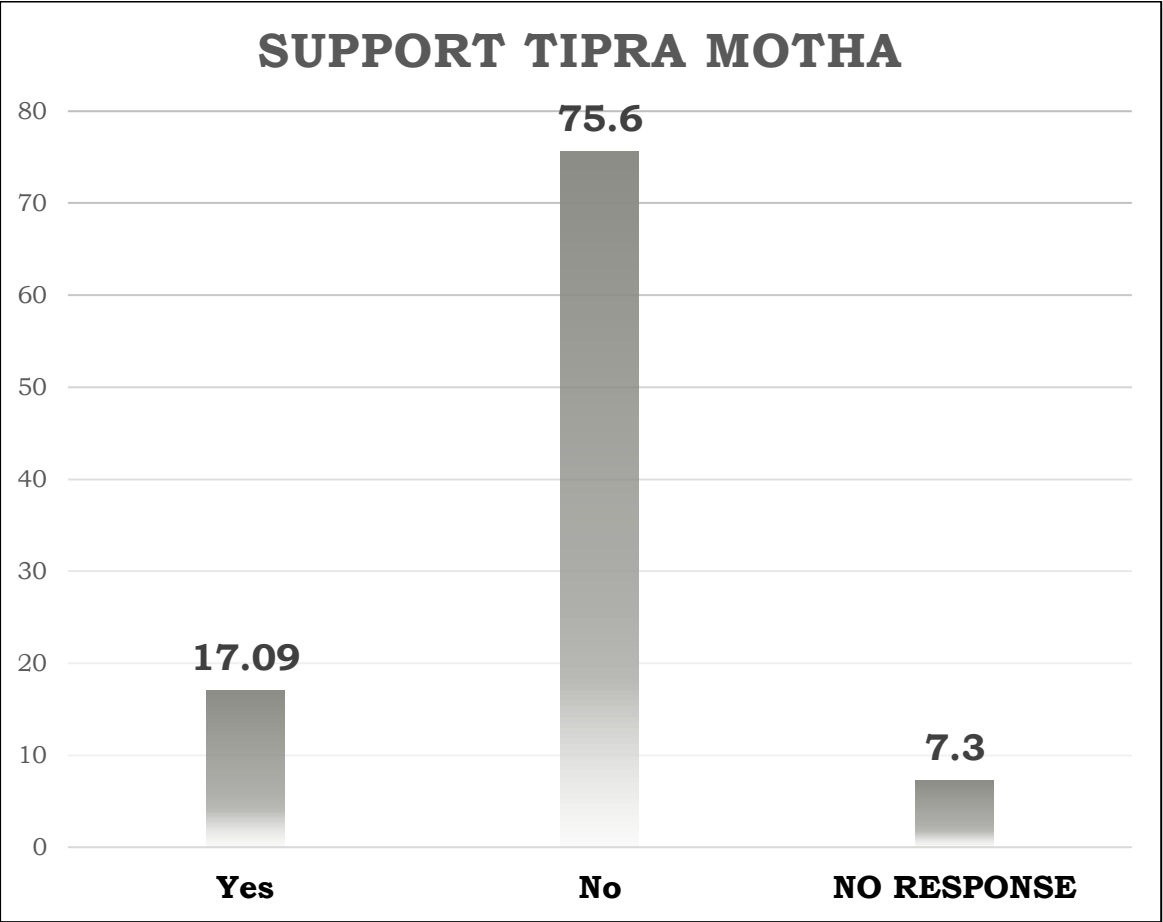
12. Do you support CPIM-Congress alliance for the next assembly elections?



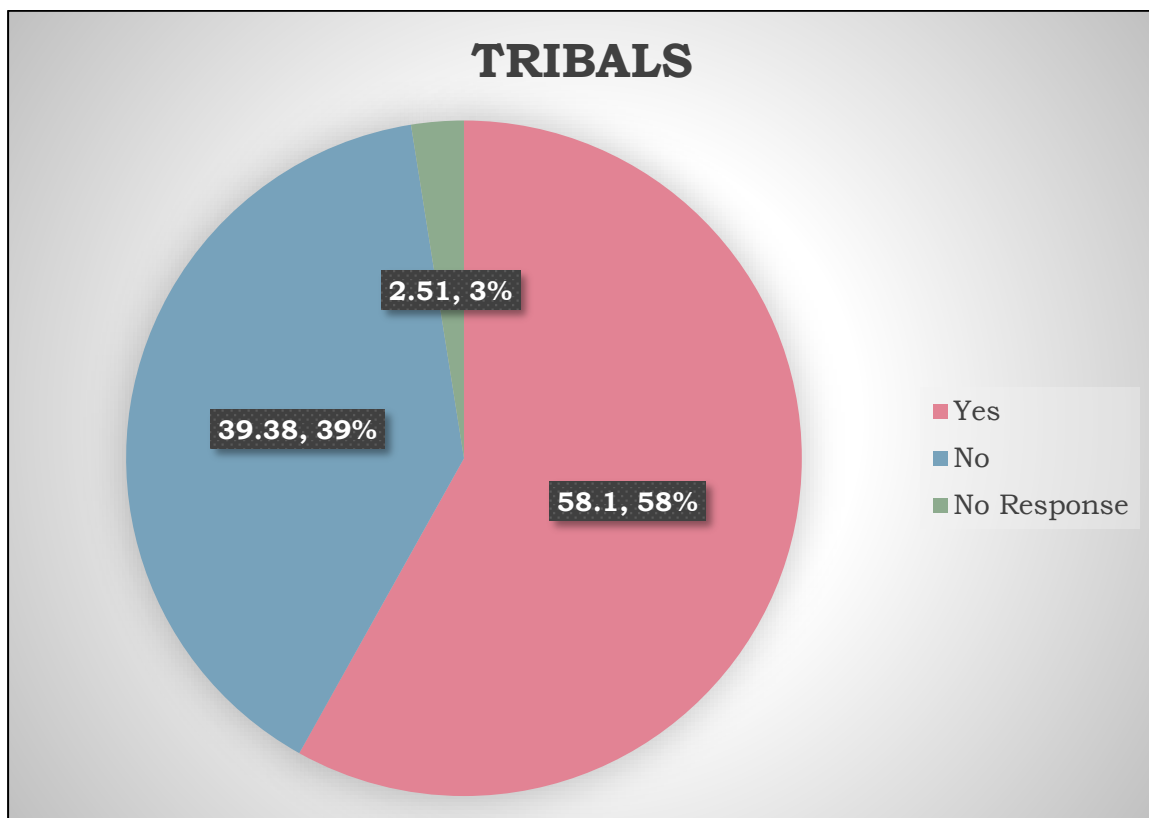
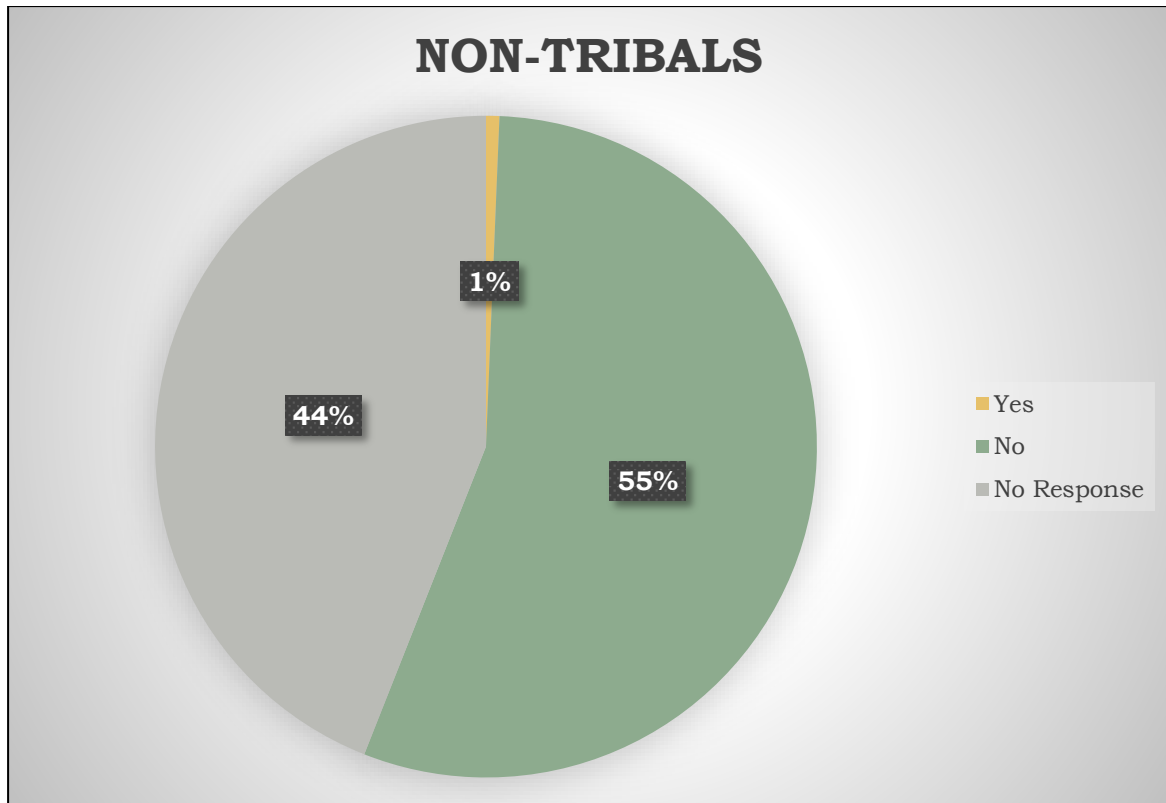
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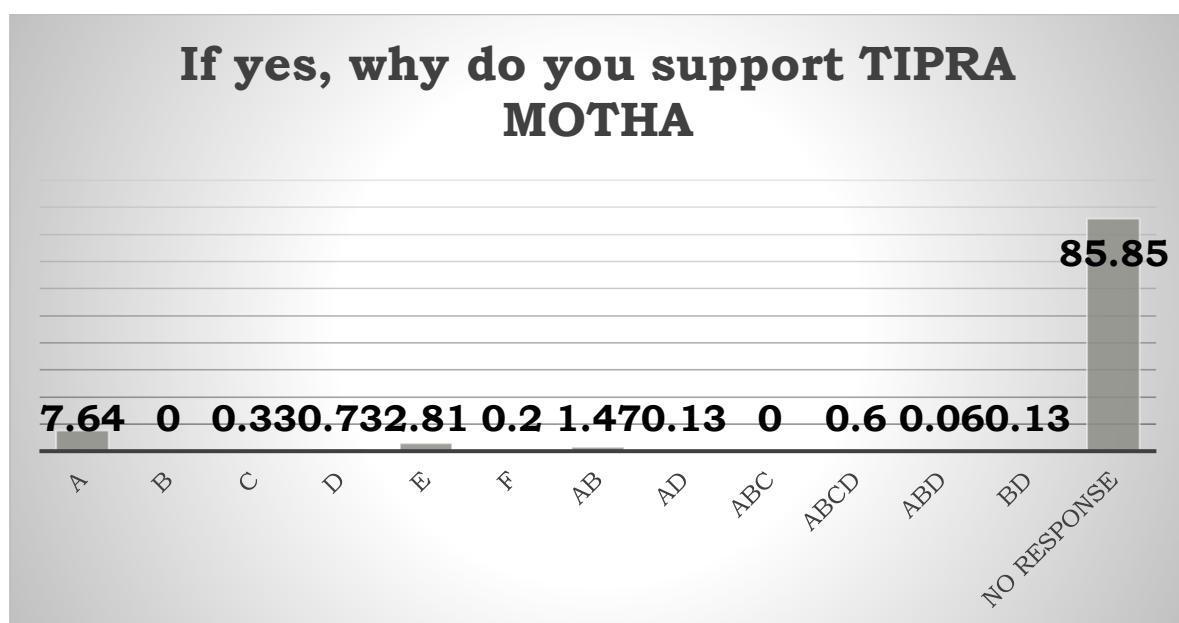
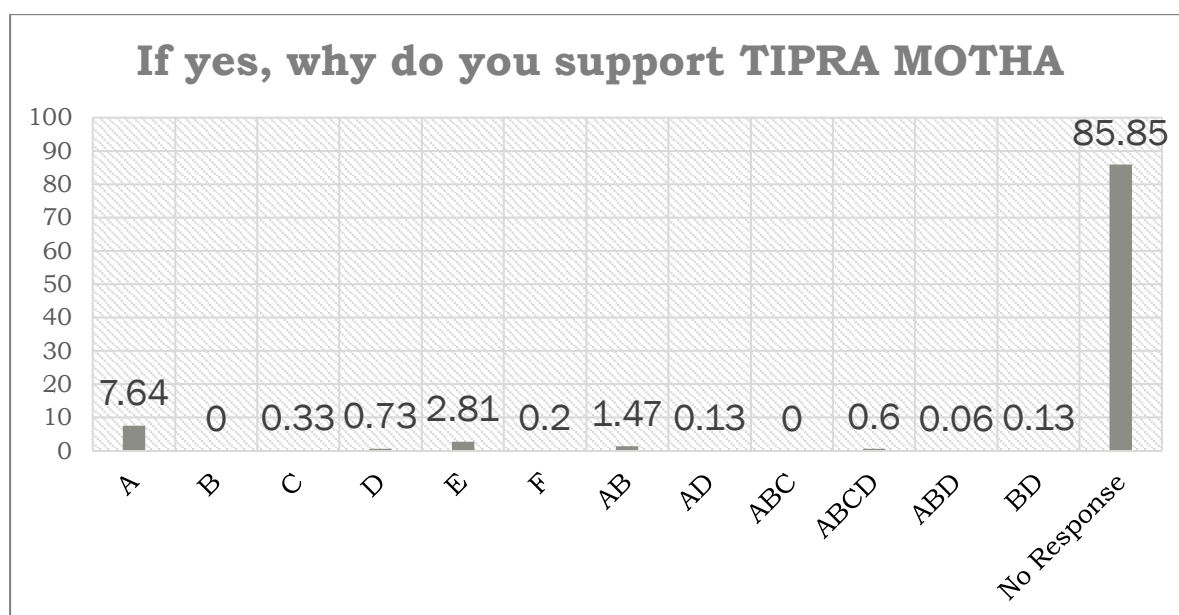
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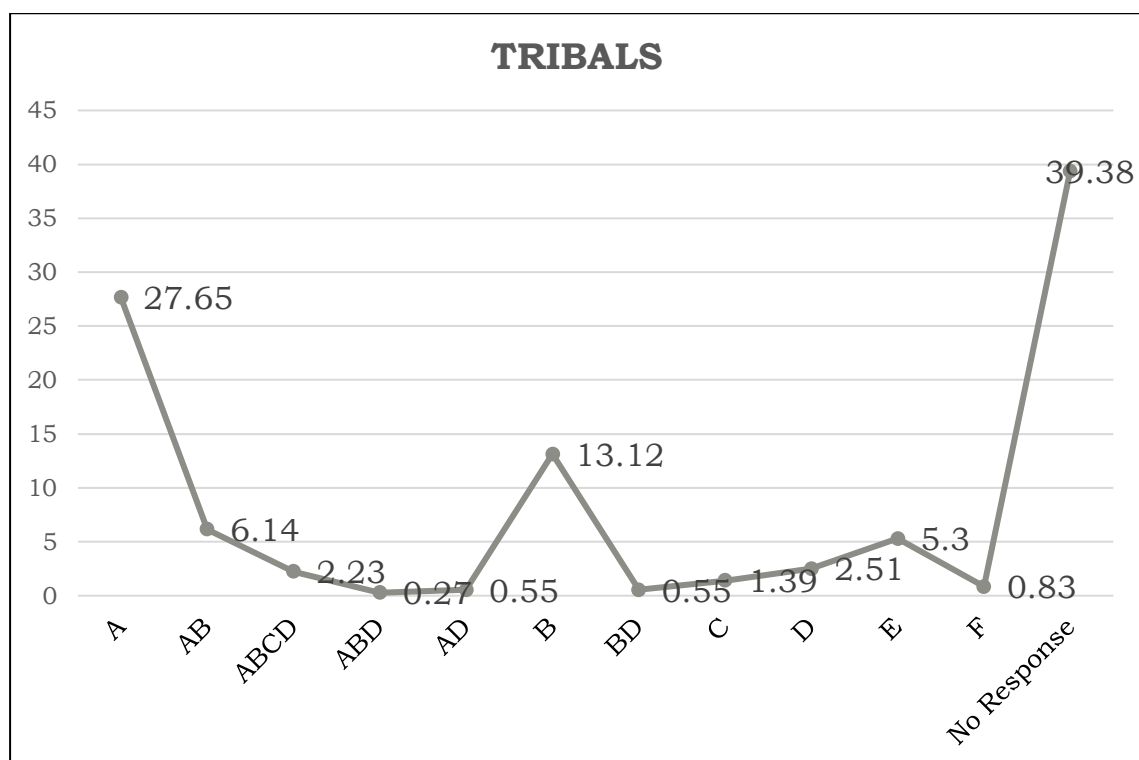
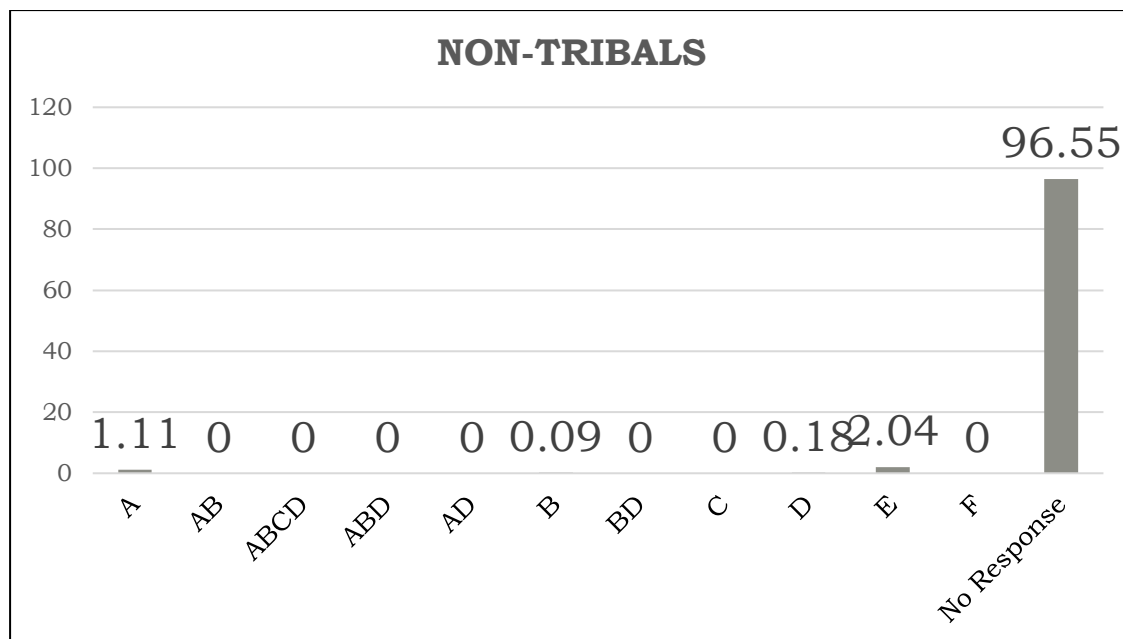


14. If yes, why do you support Tipra Motha? (More than one option allowed)



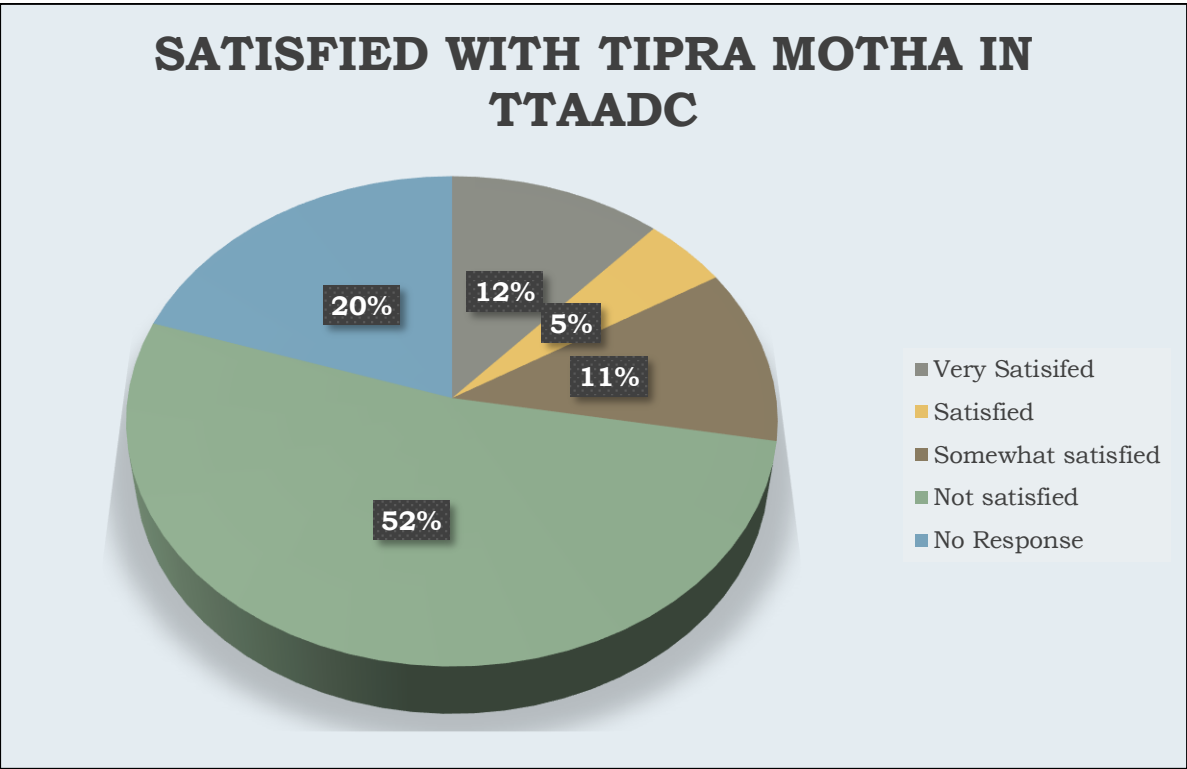
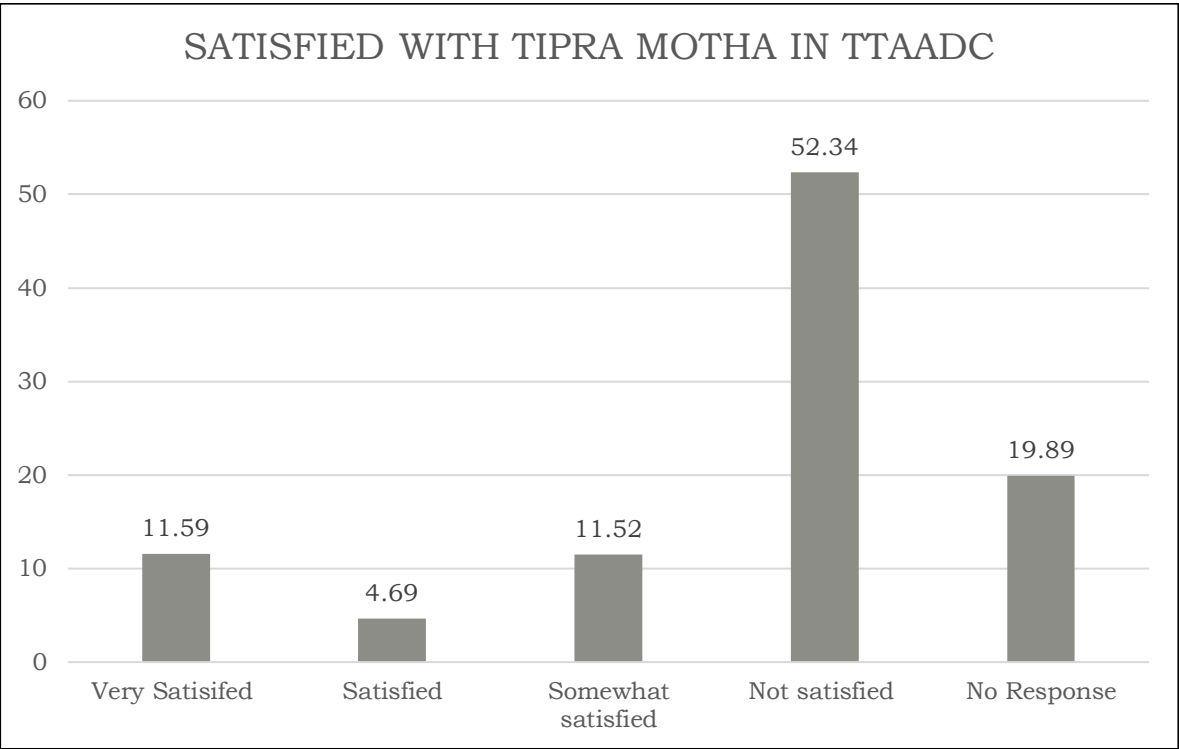
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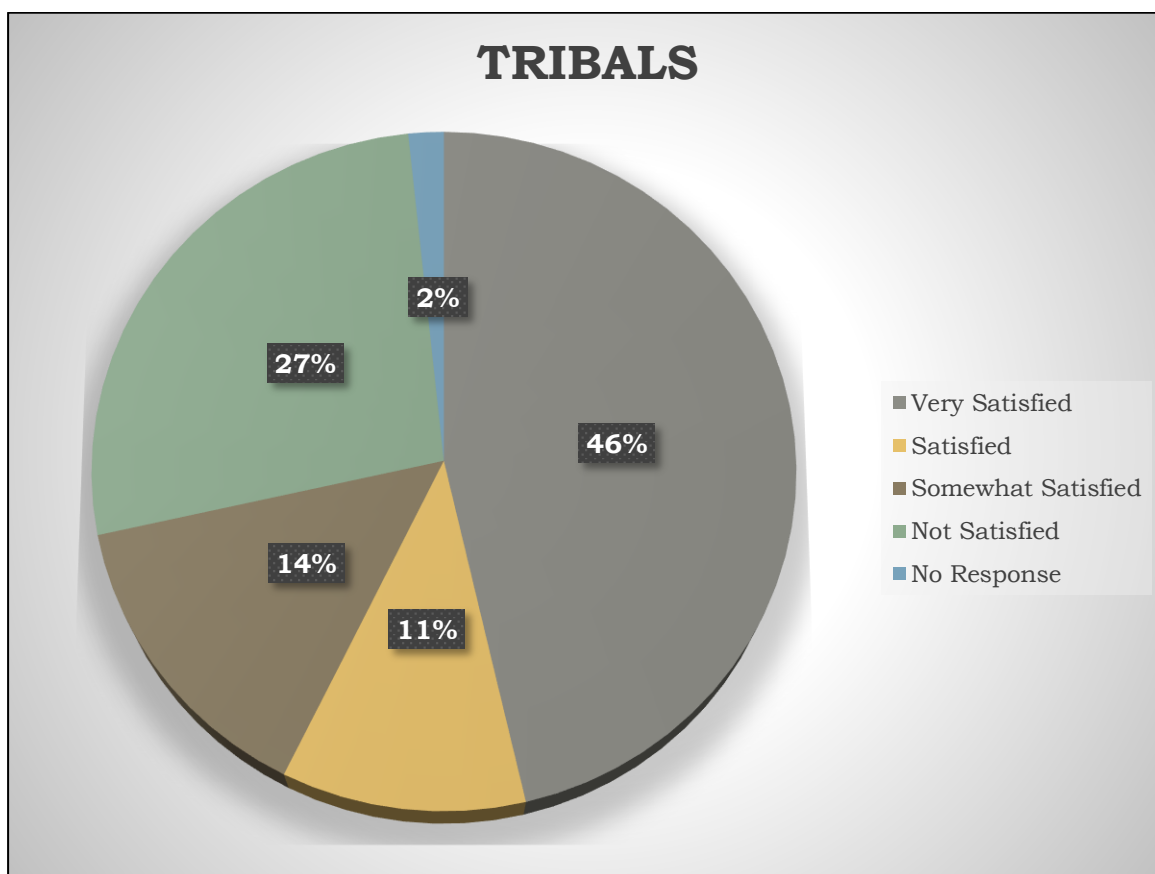
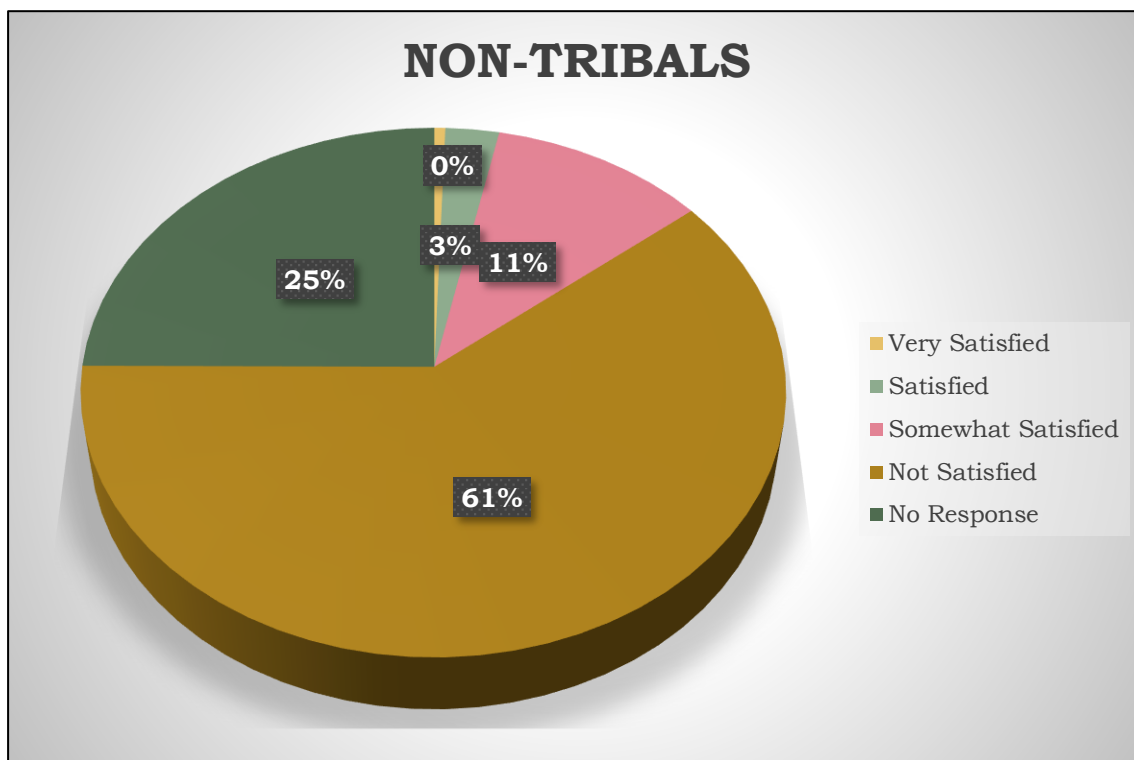


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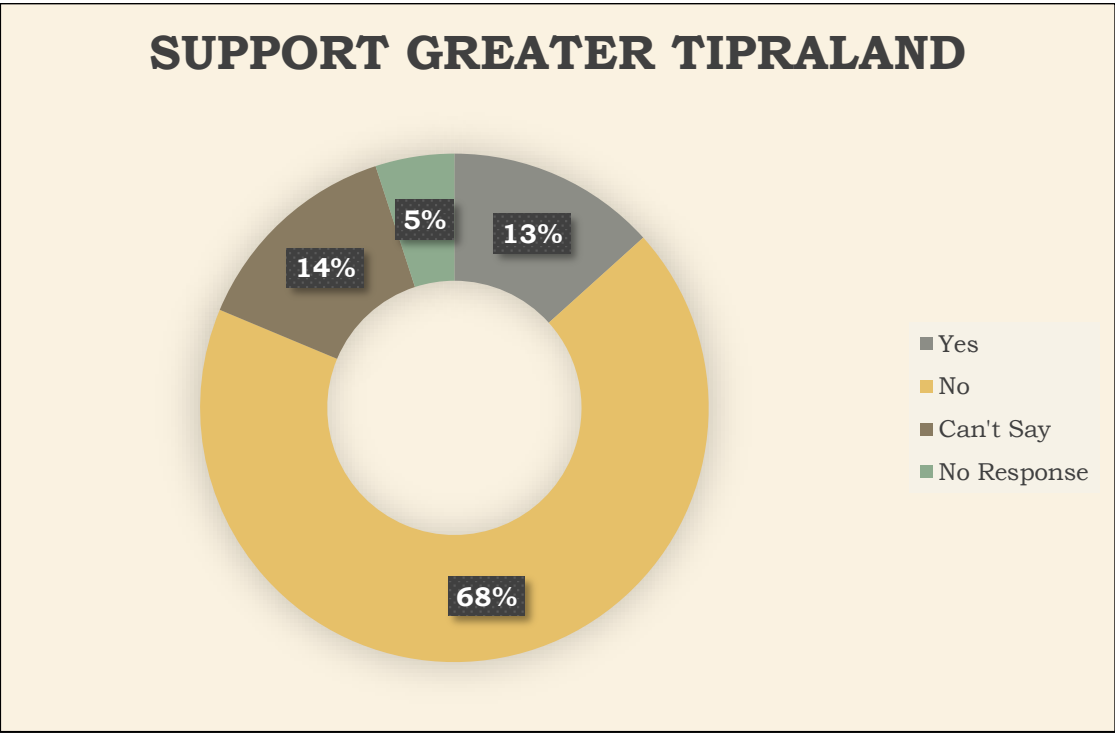
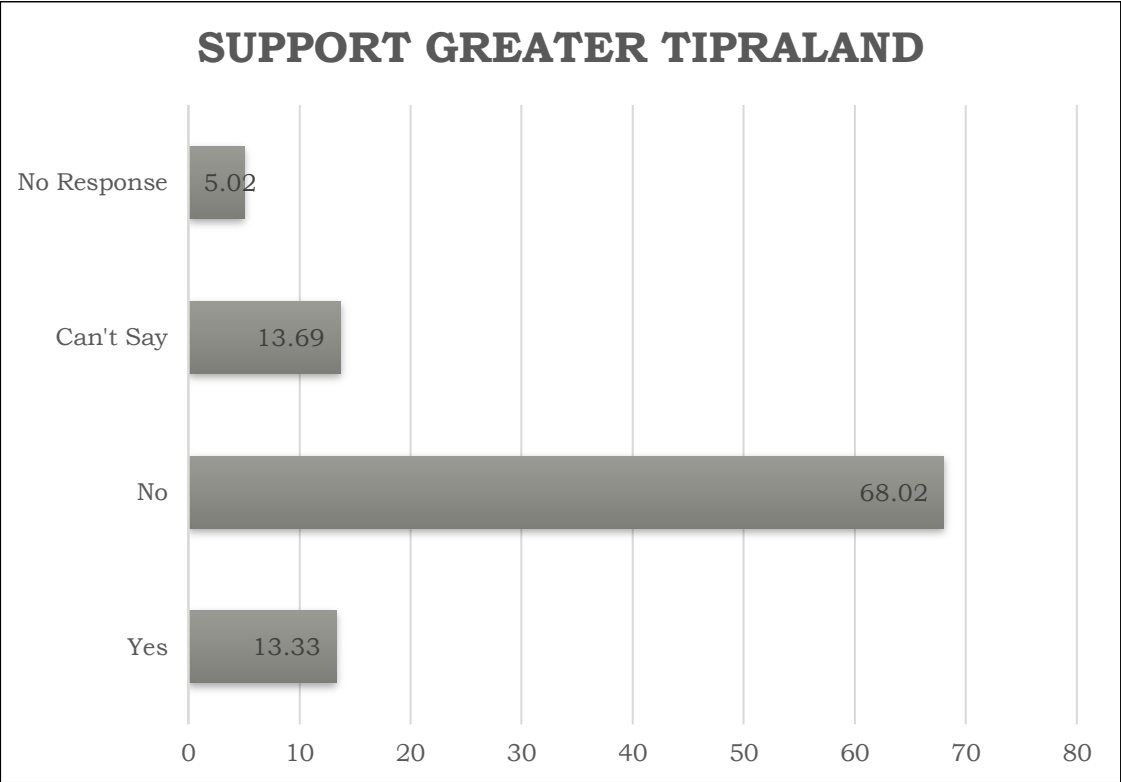
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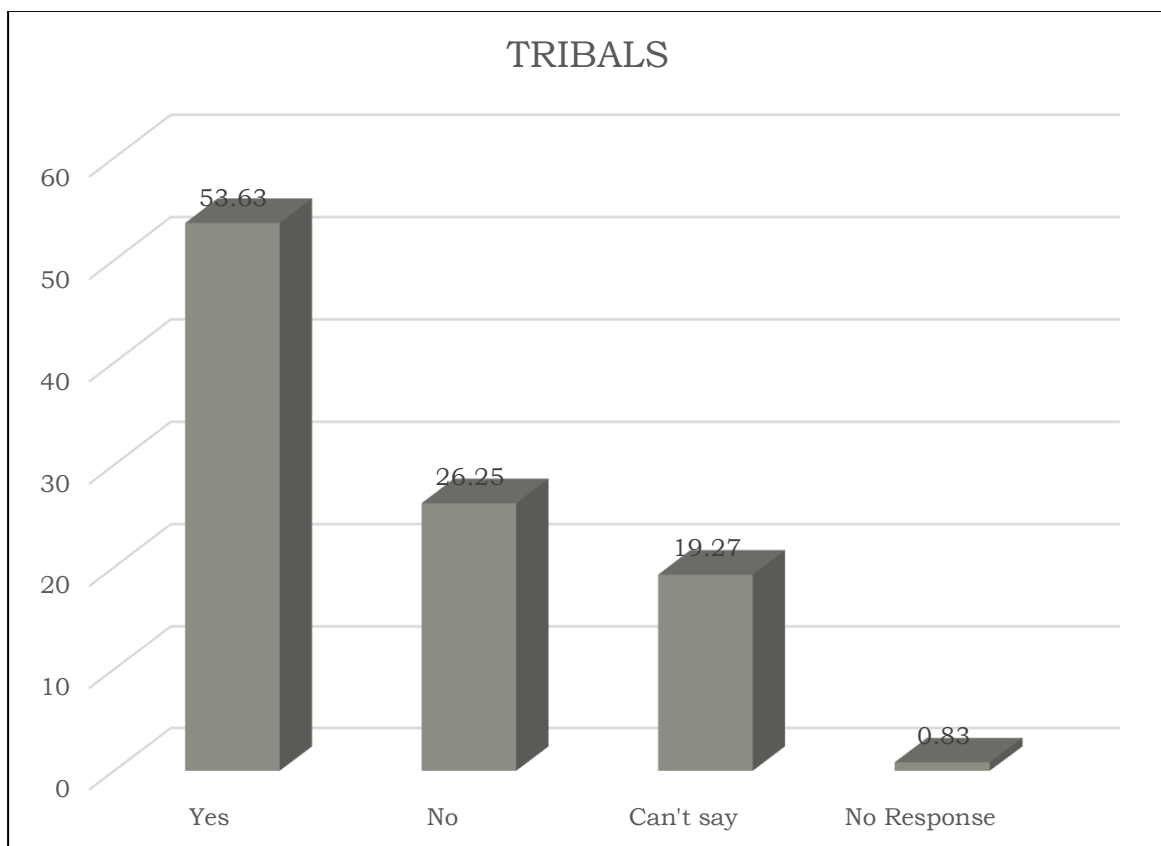
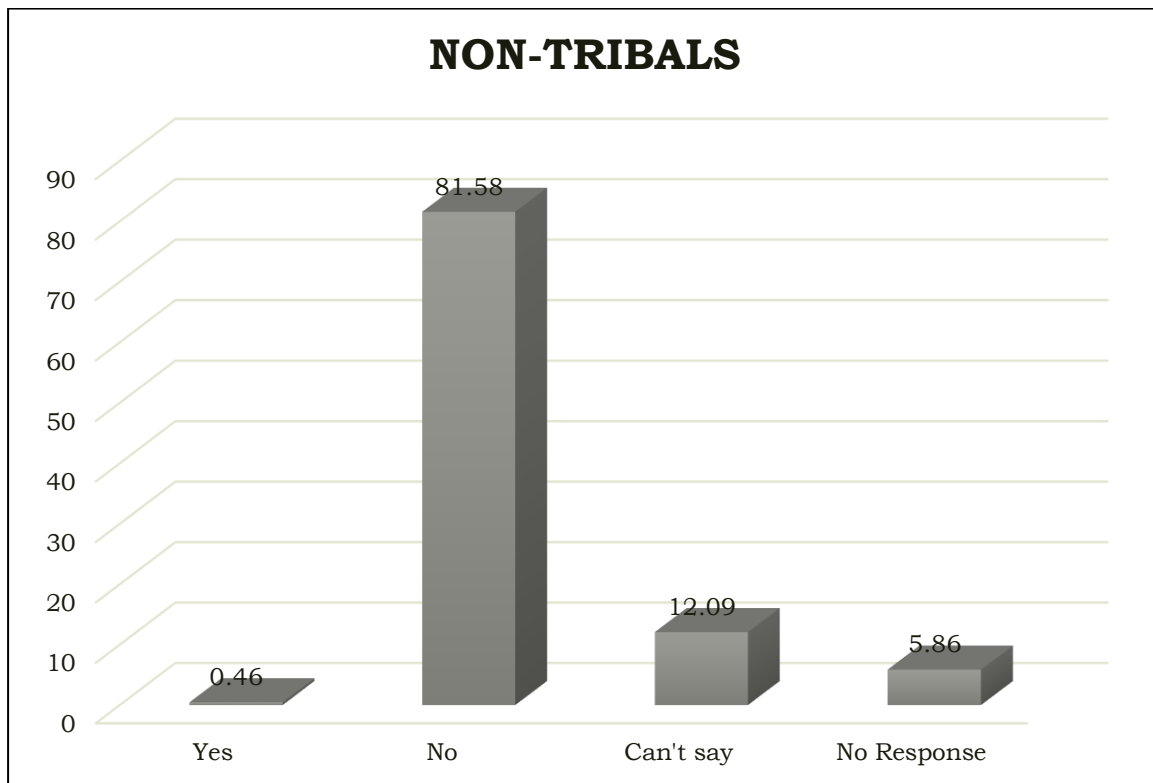
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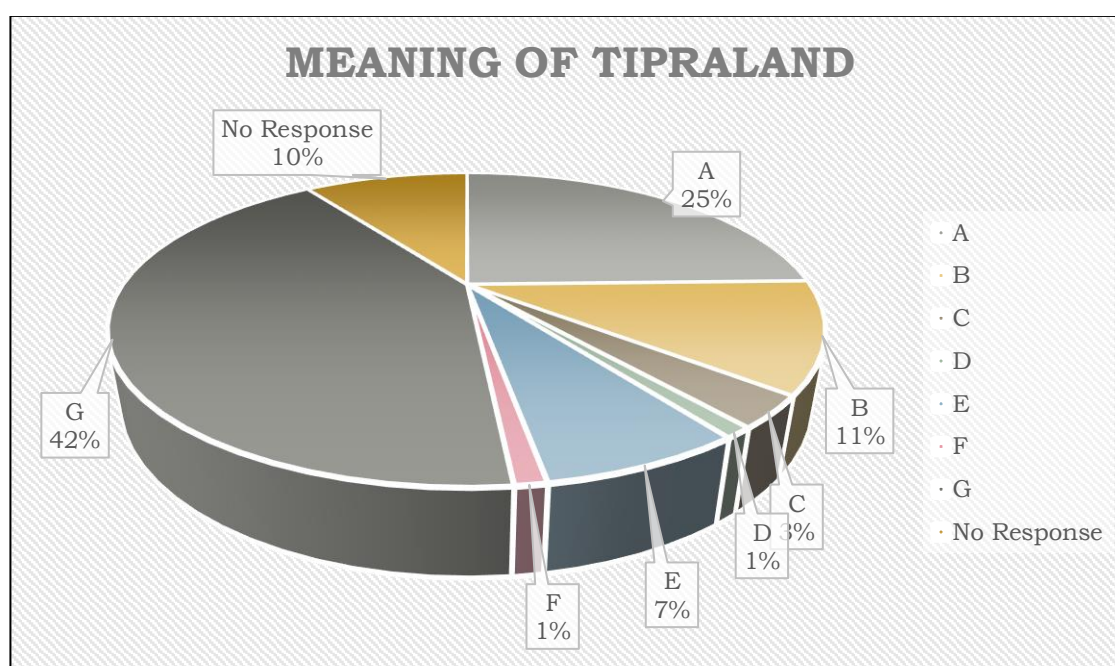
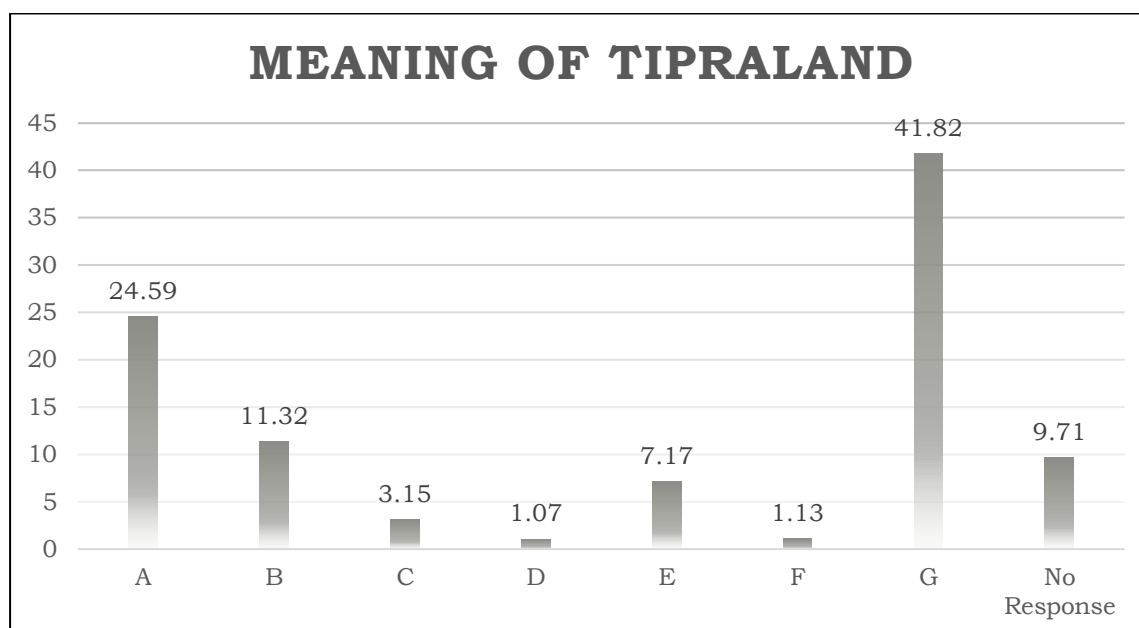
16. Do you support the demand for Greater Tipraland?



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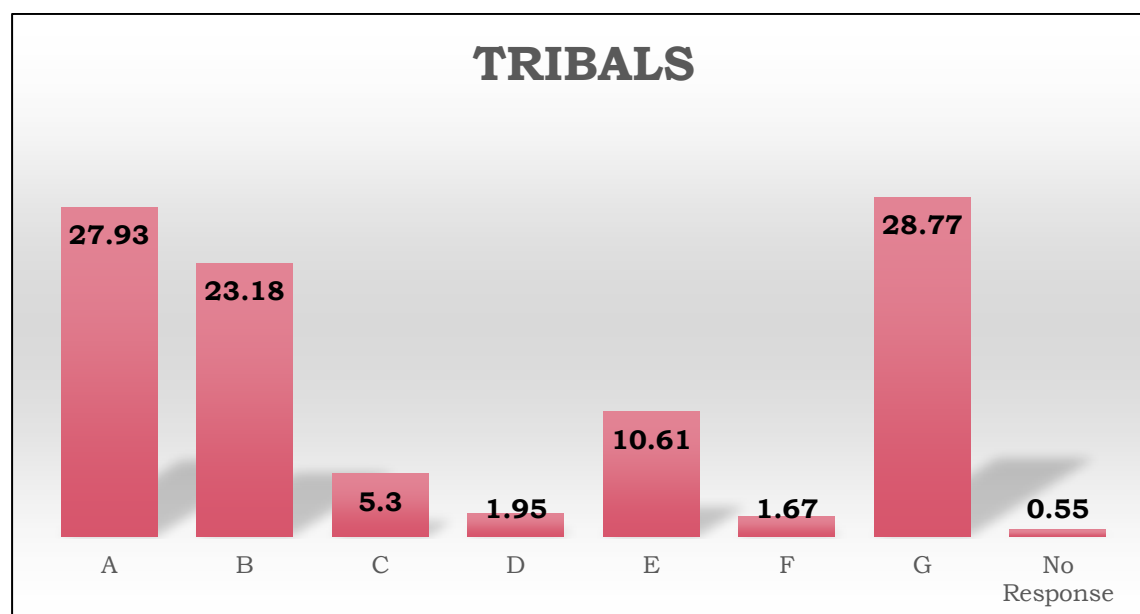
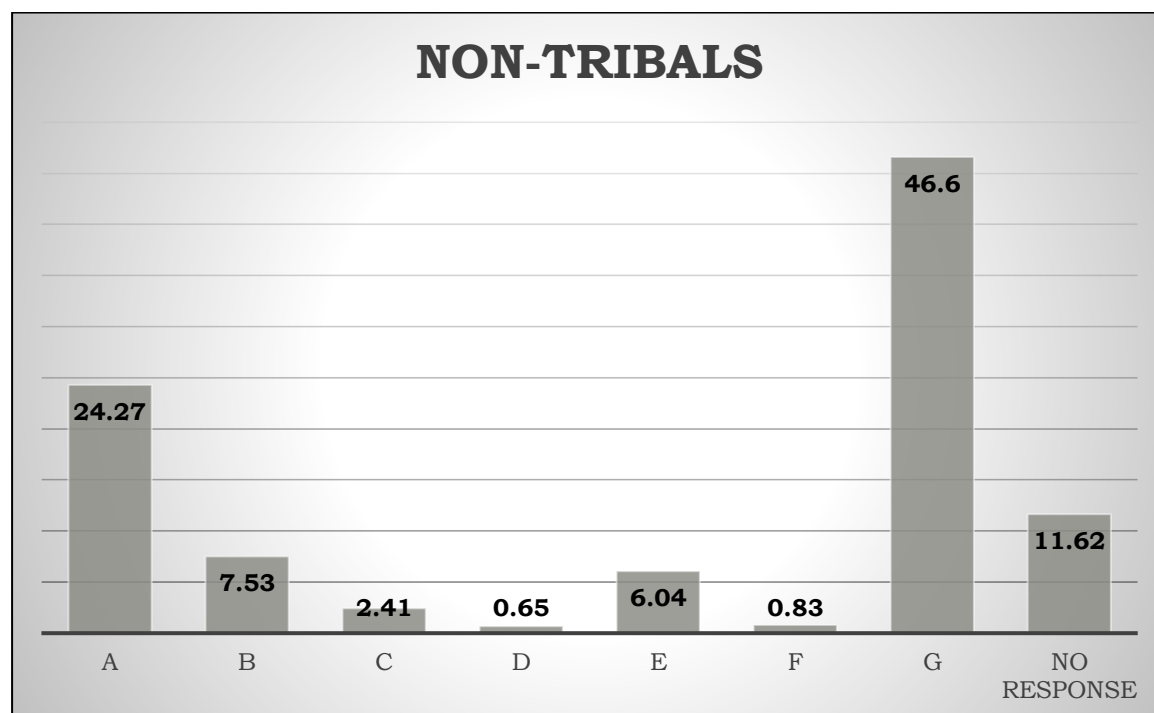


17. What do you understand by Greater Tipraland?



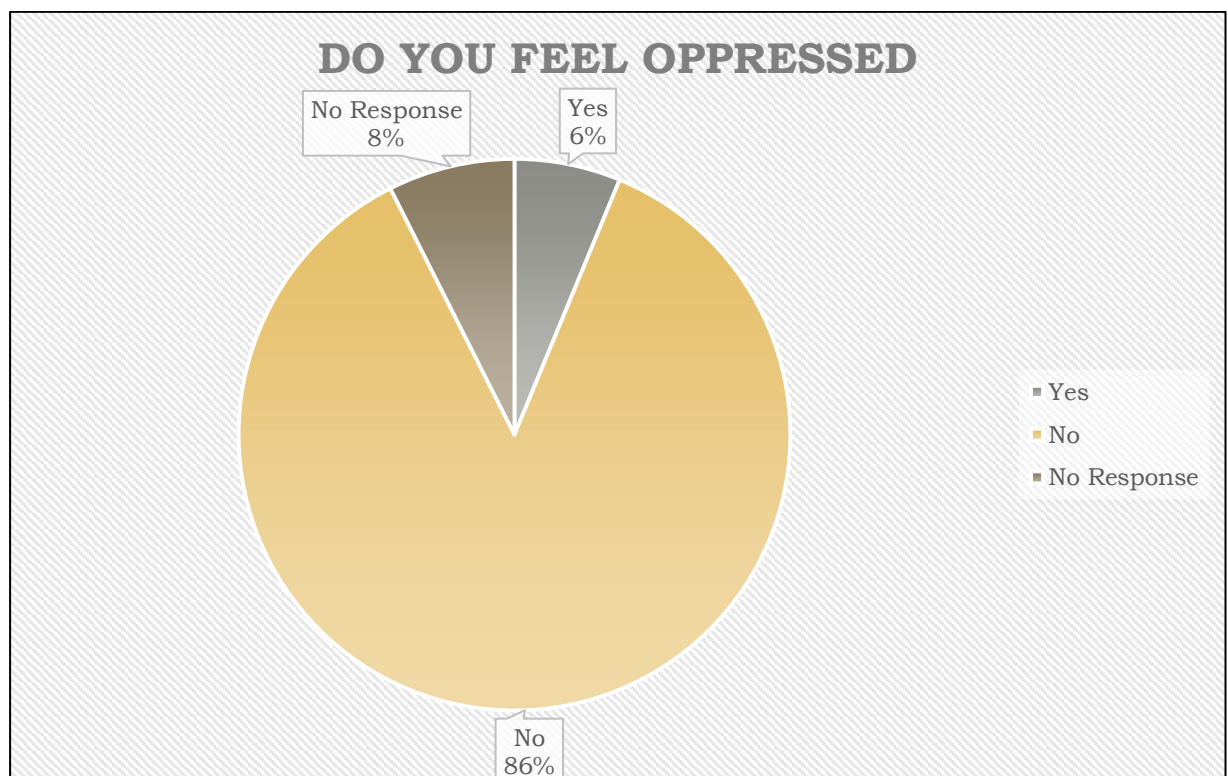
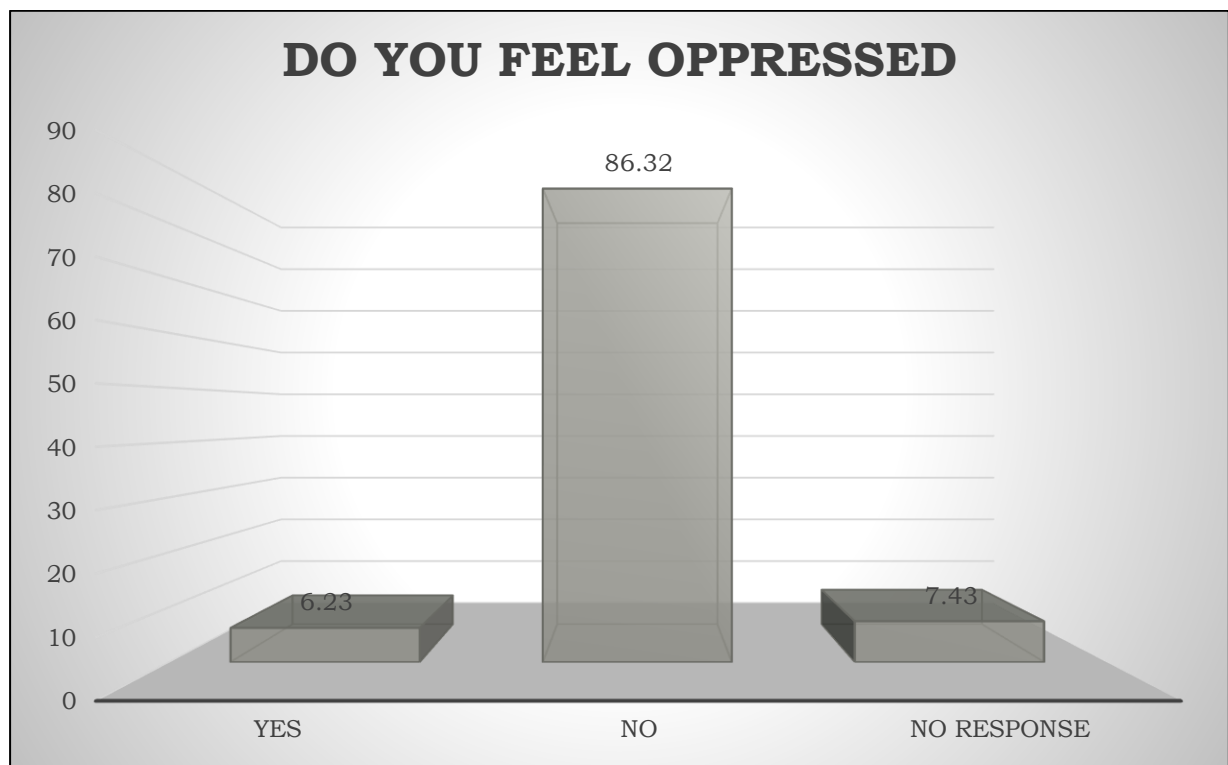
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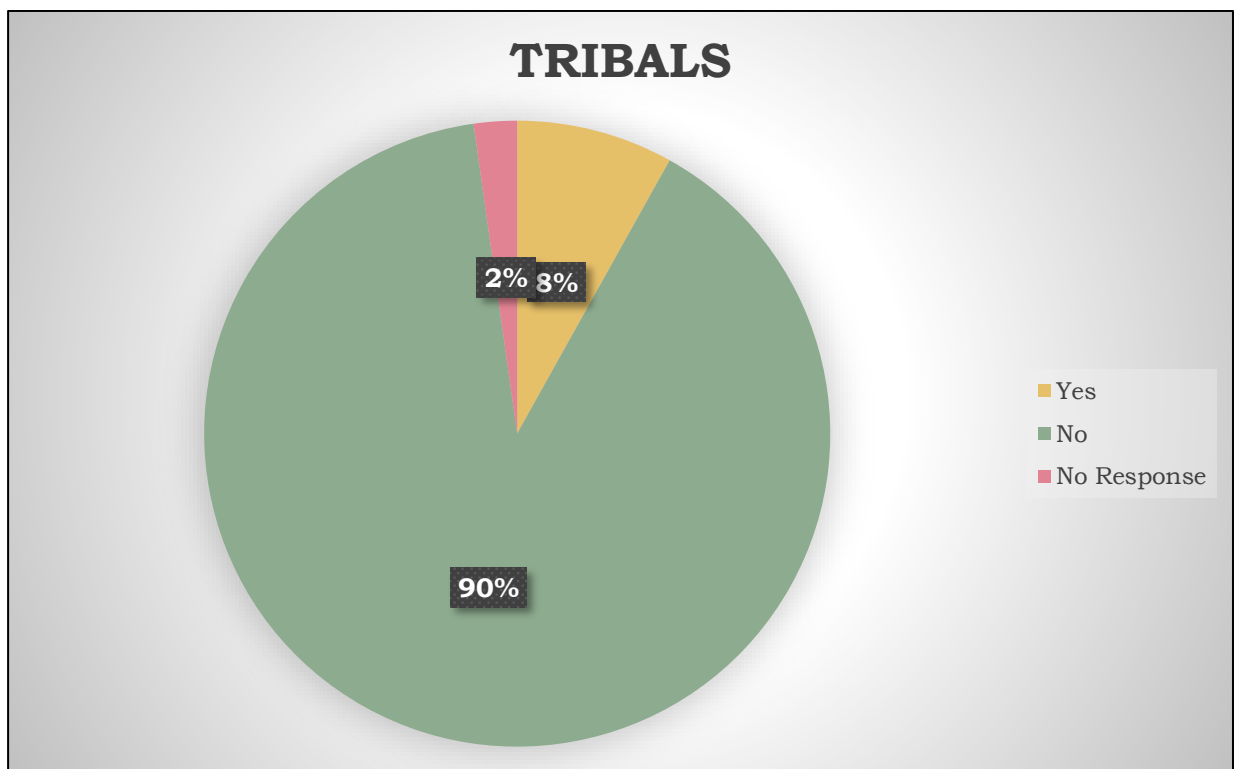
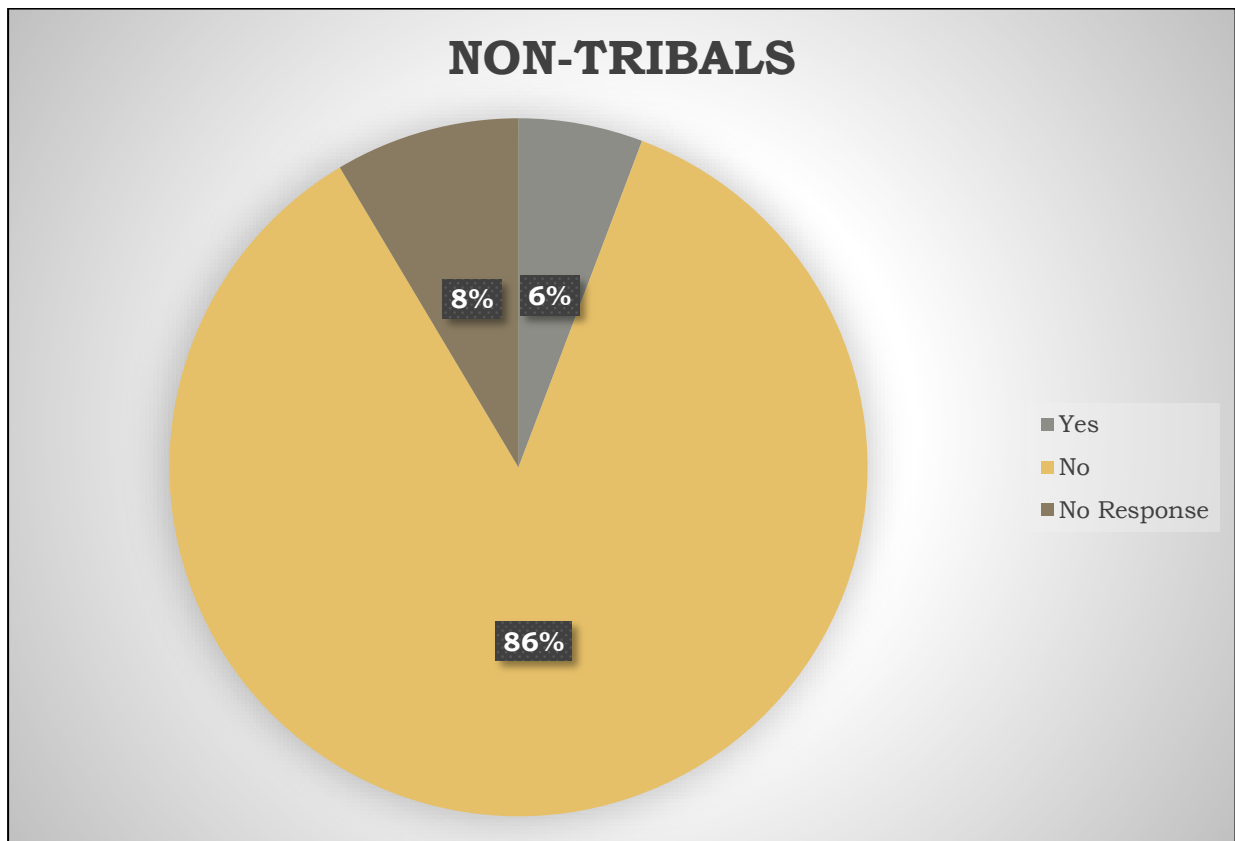


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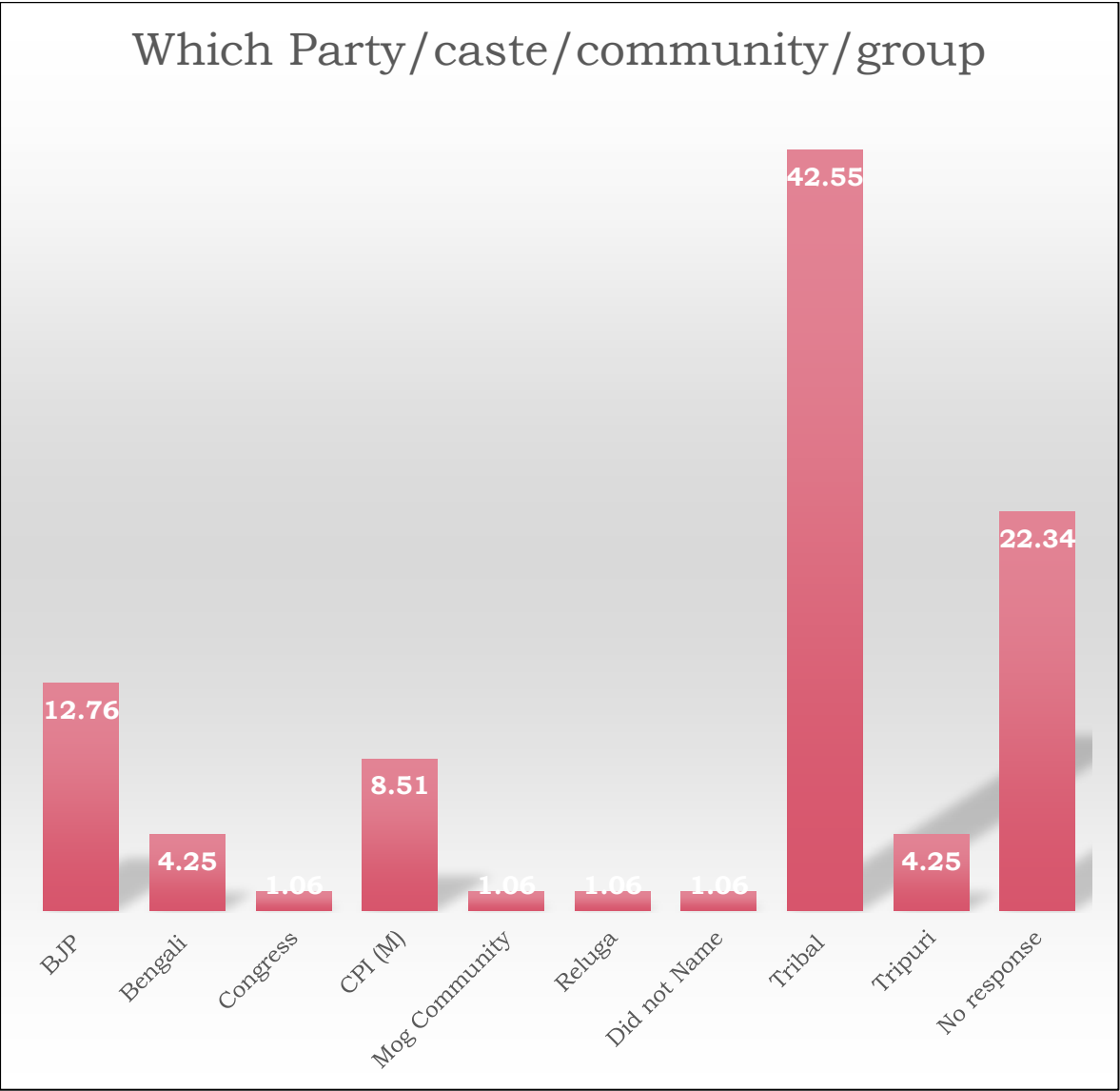
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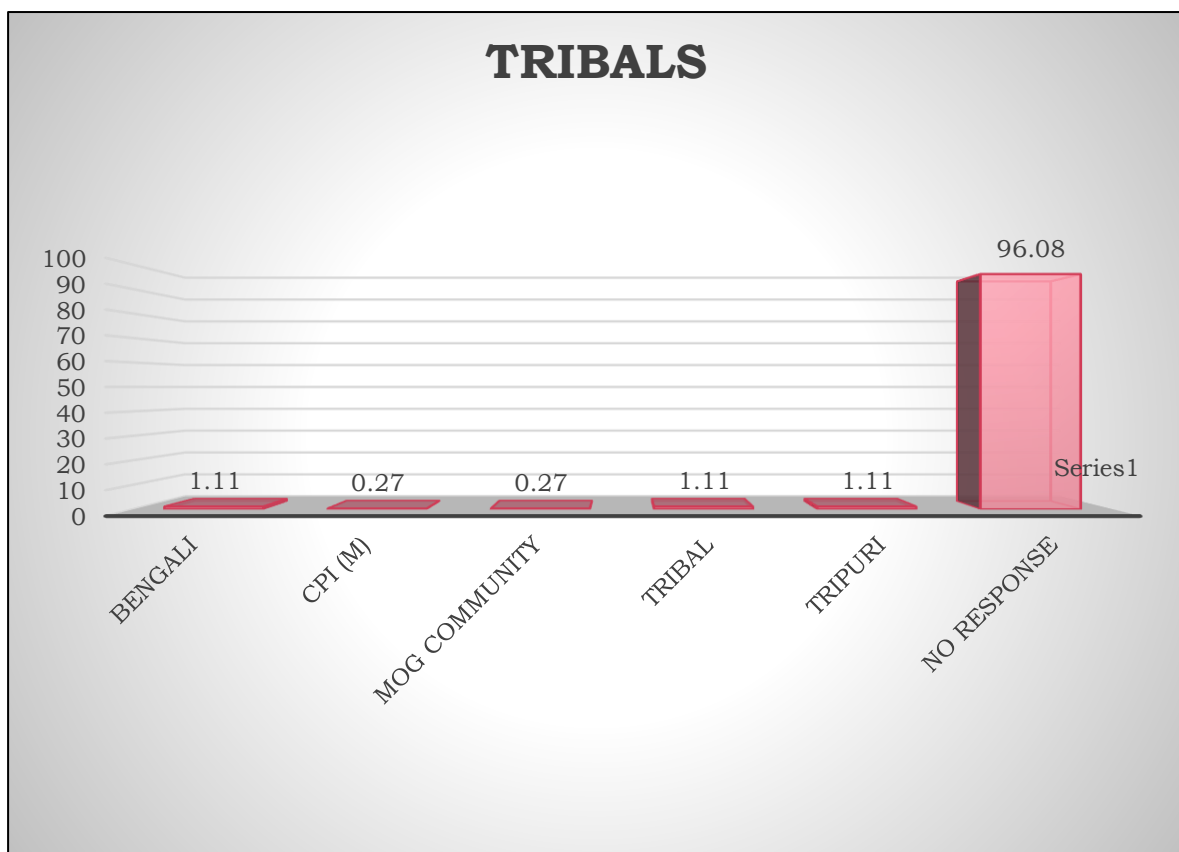
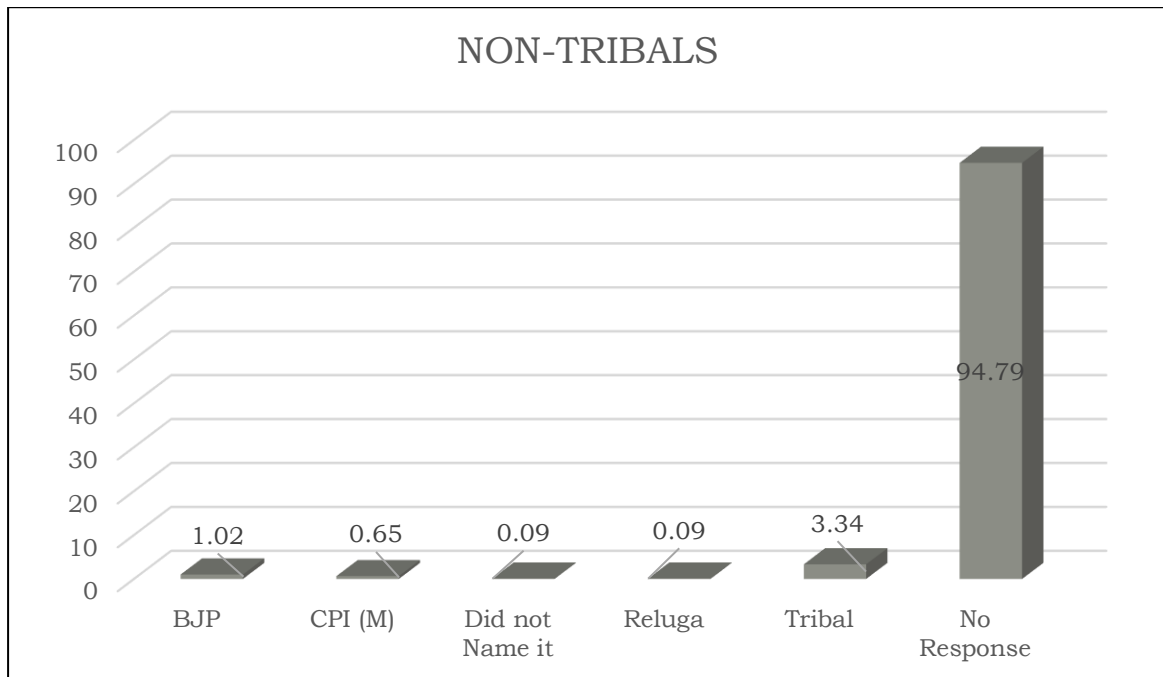
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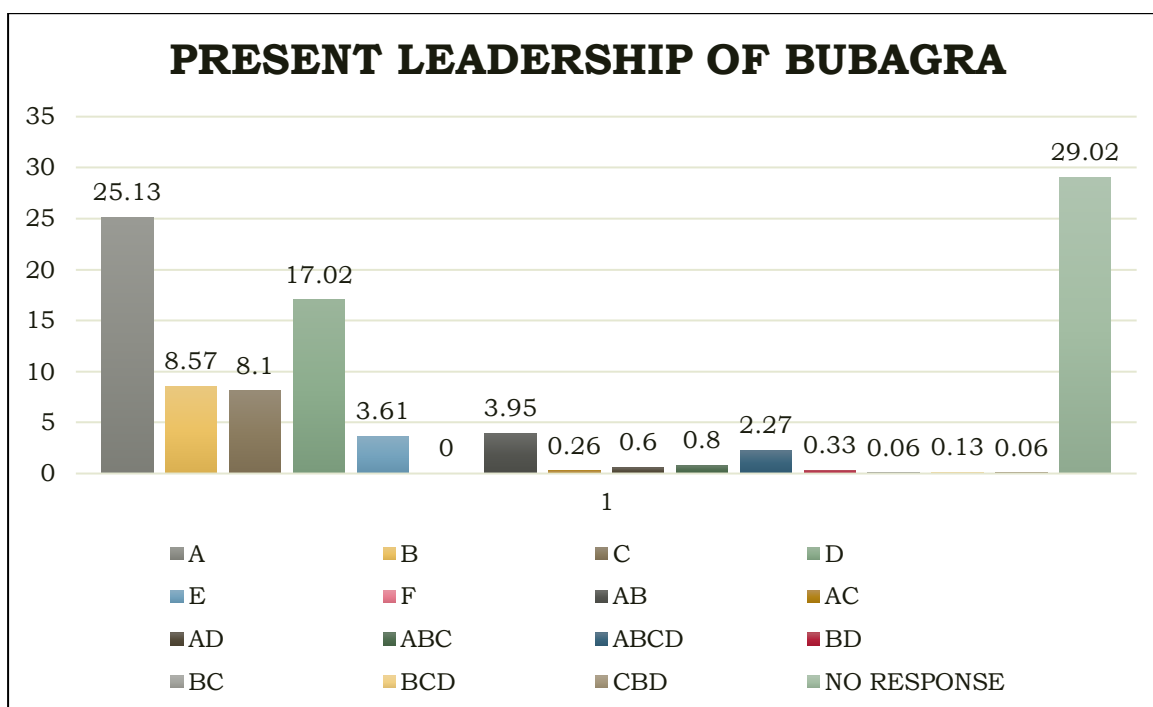
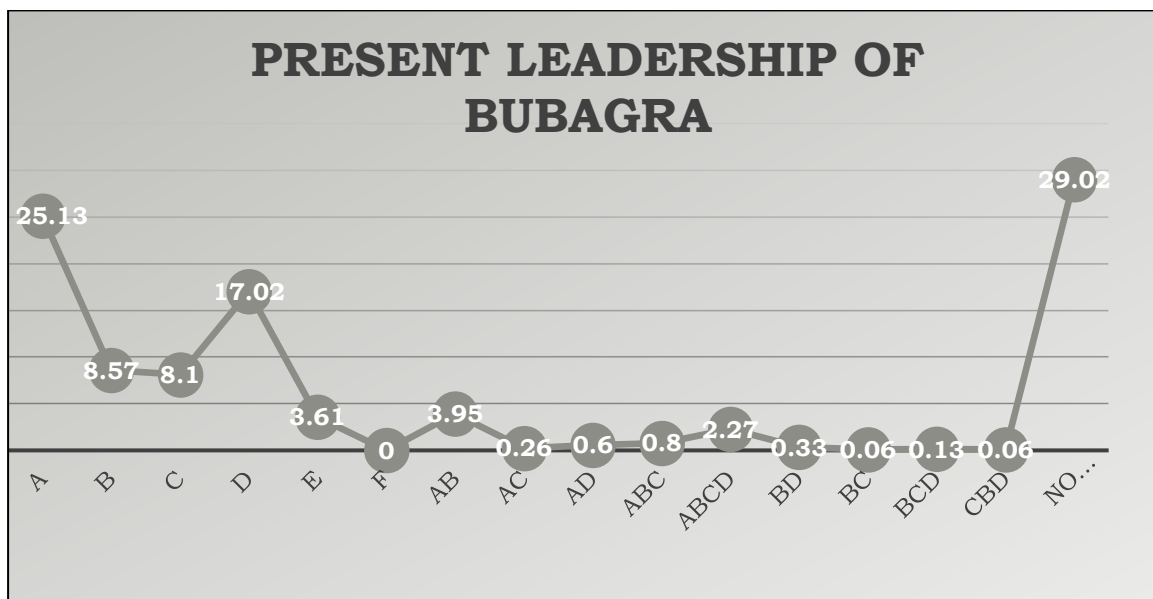
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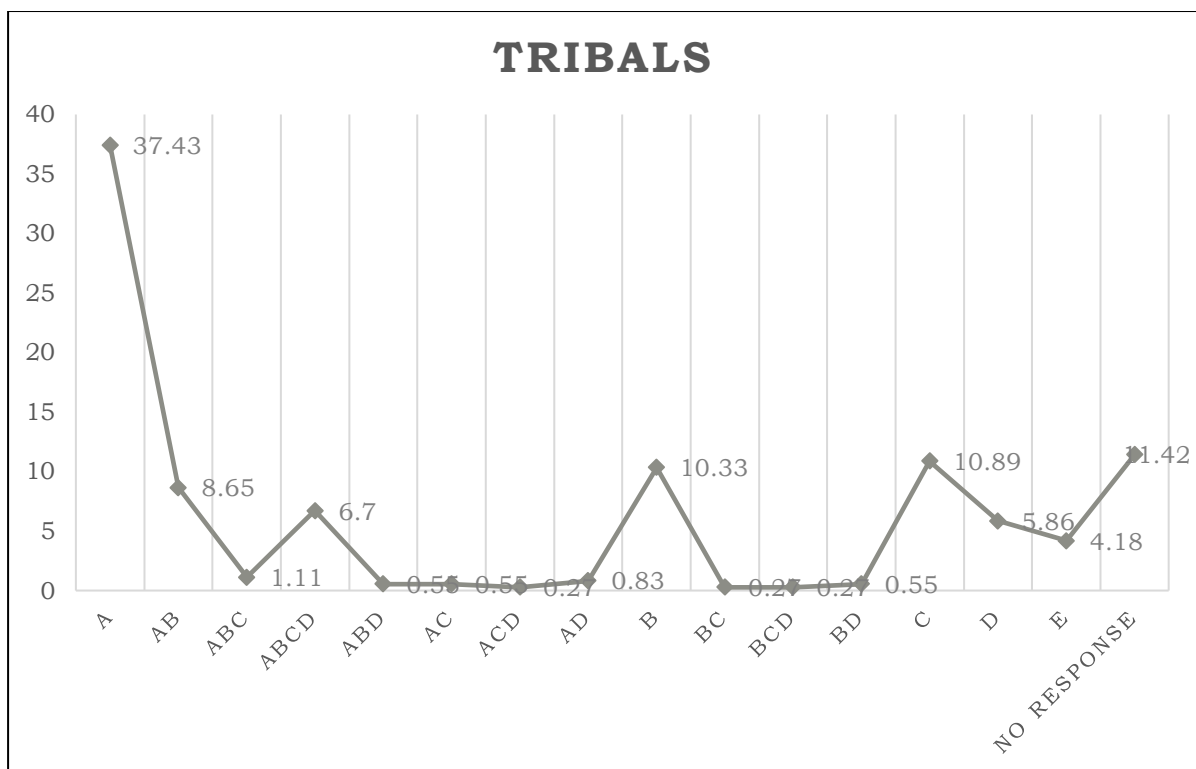
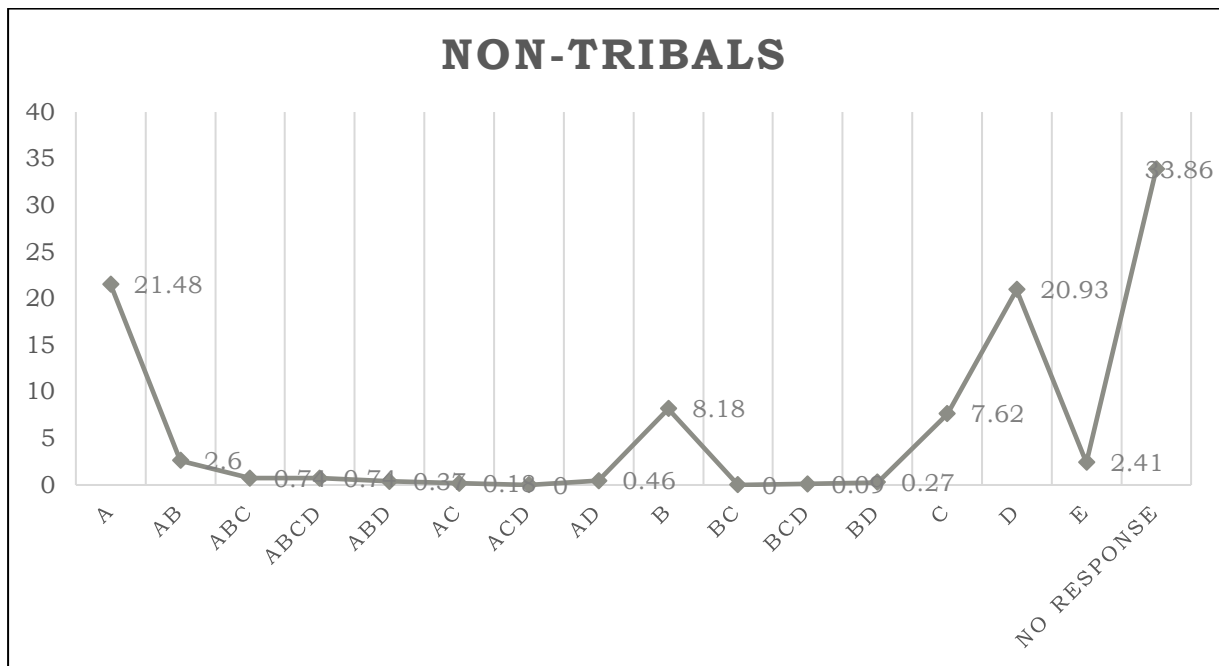


19. How do you see the present leadership of Bubagra (Maharaja)? (More than one options allowed)



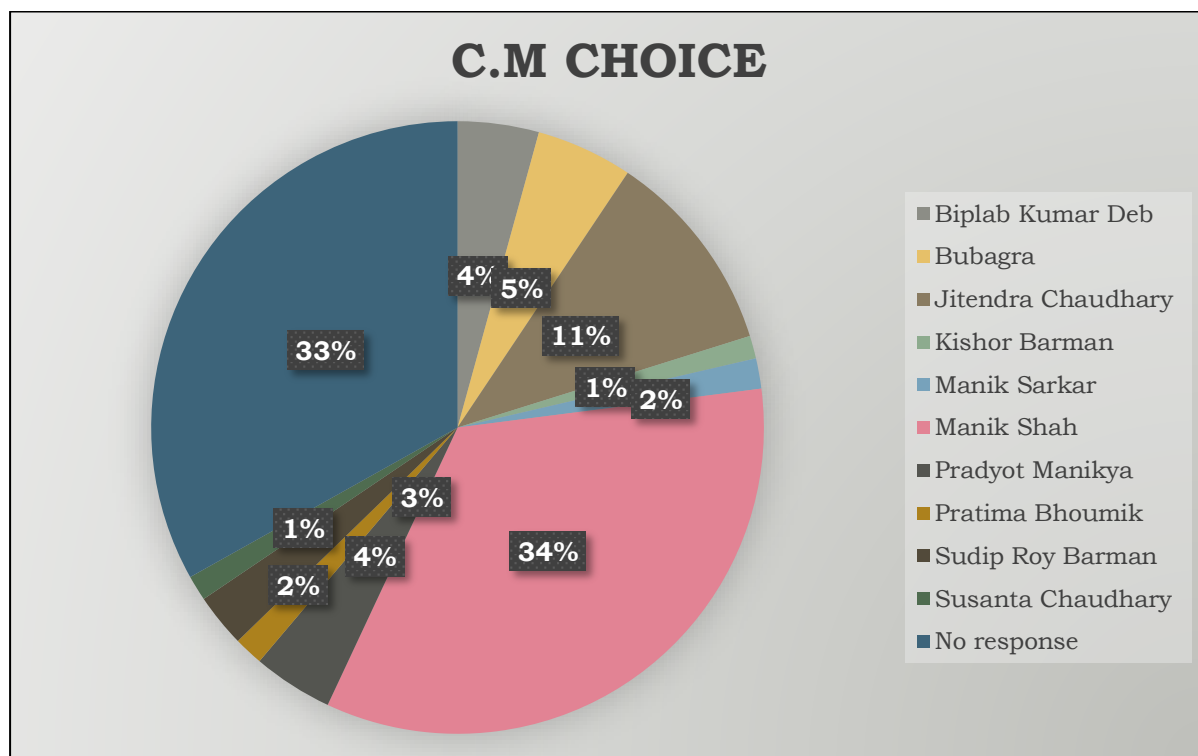
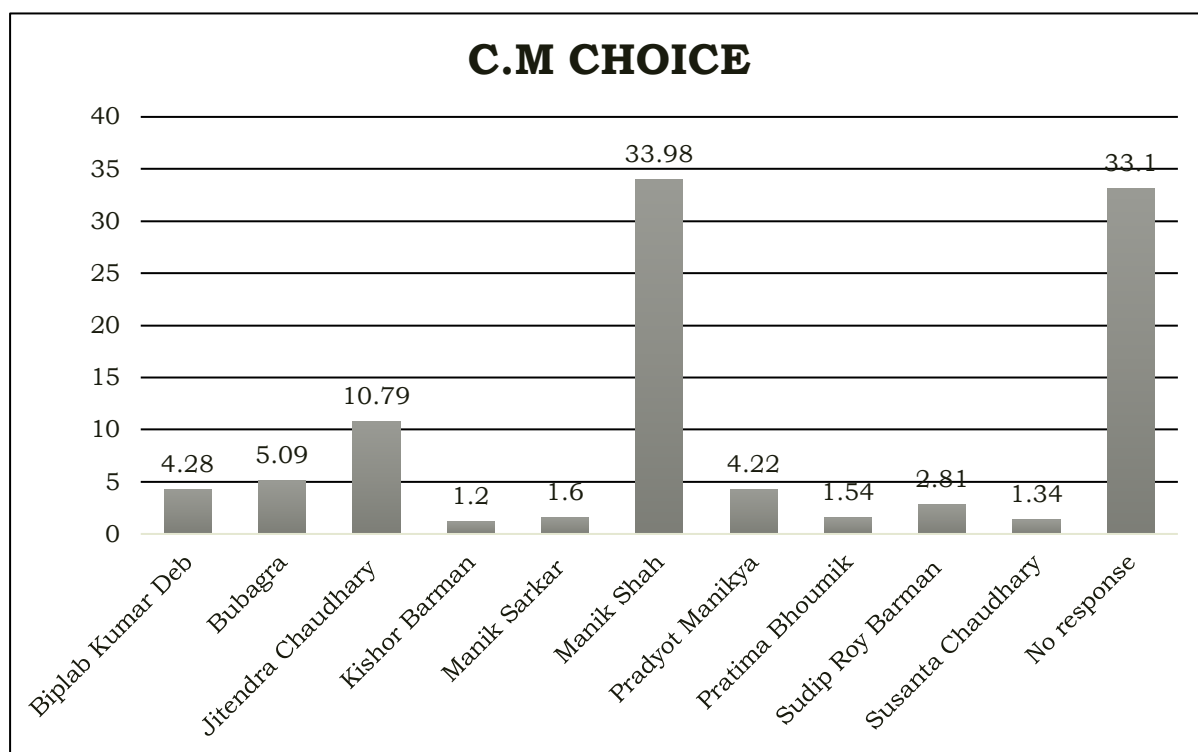
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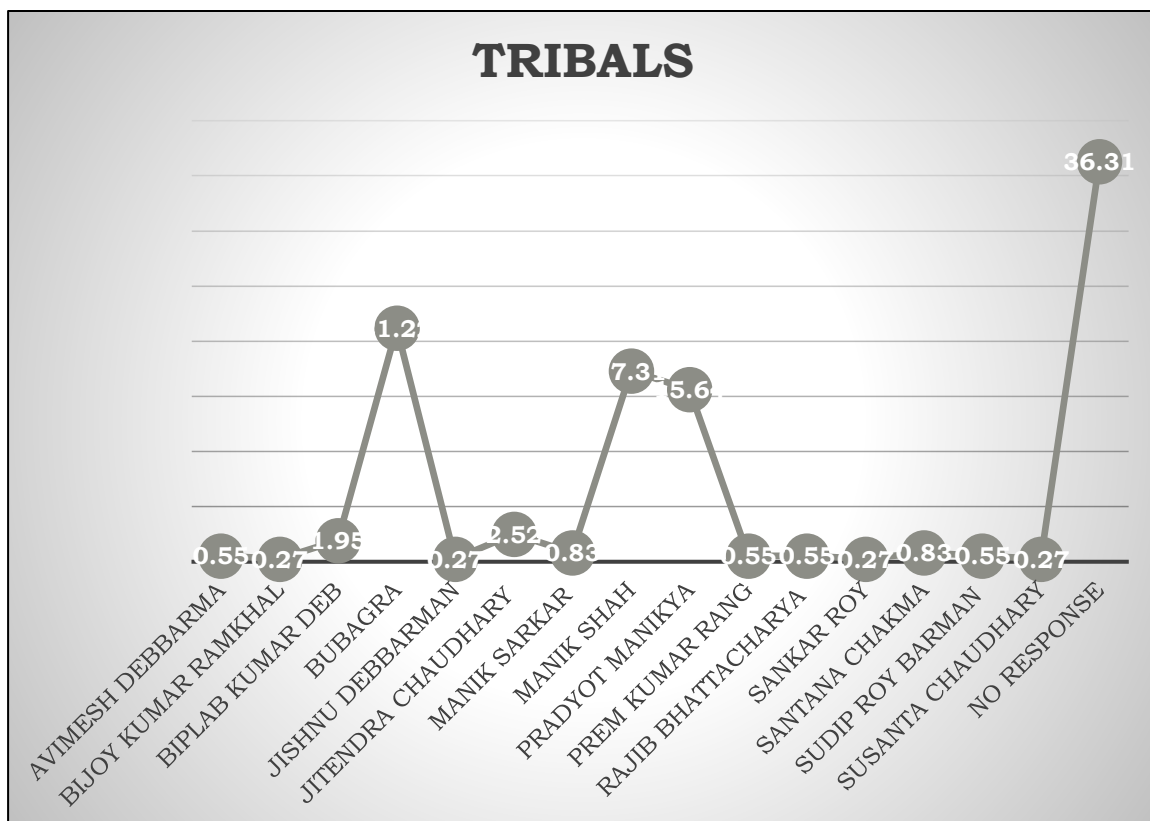
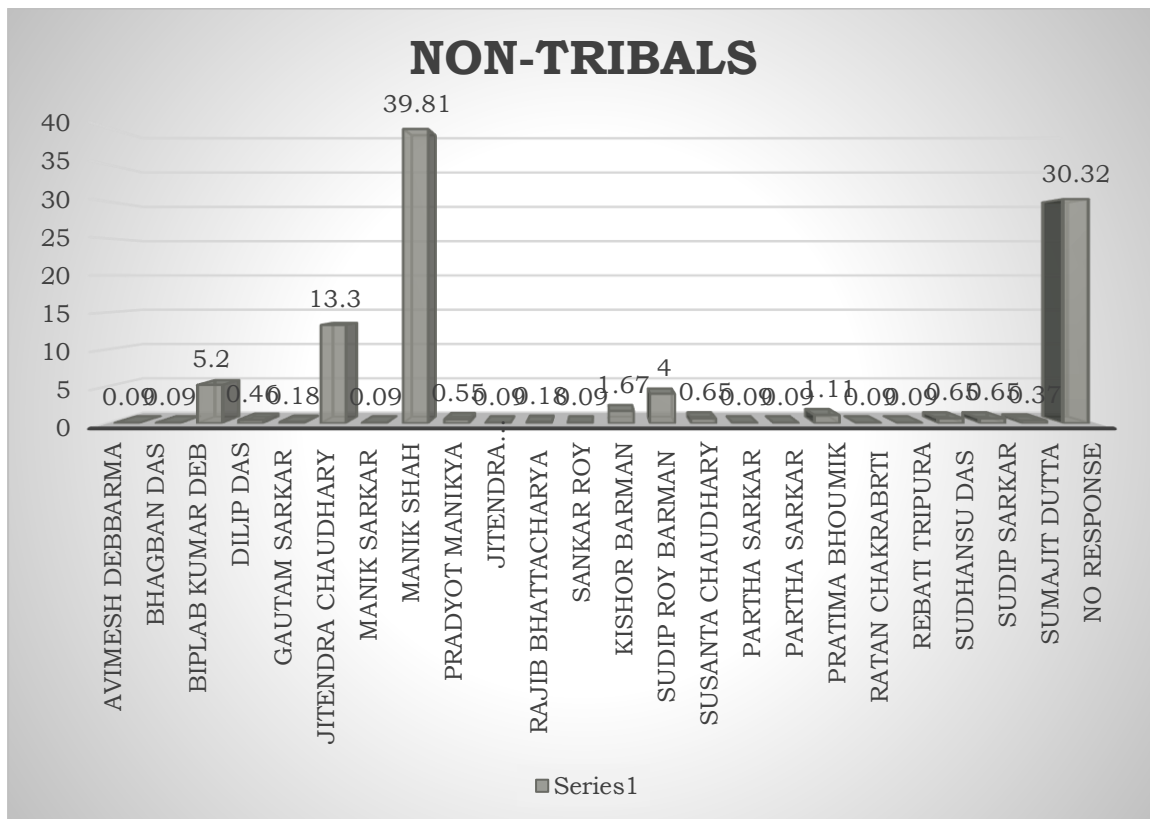


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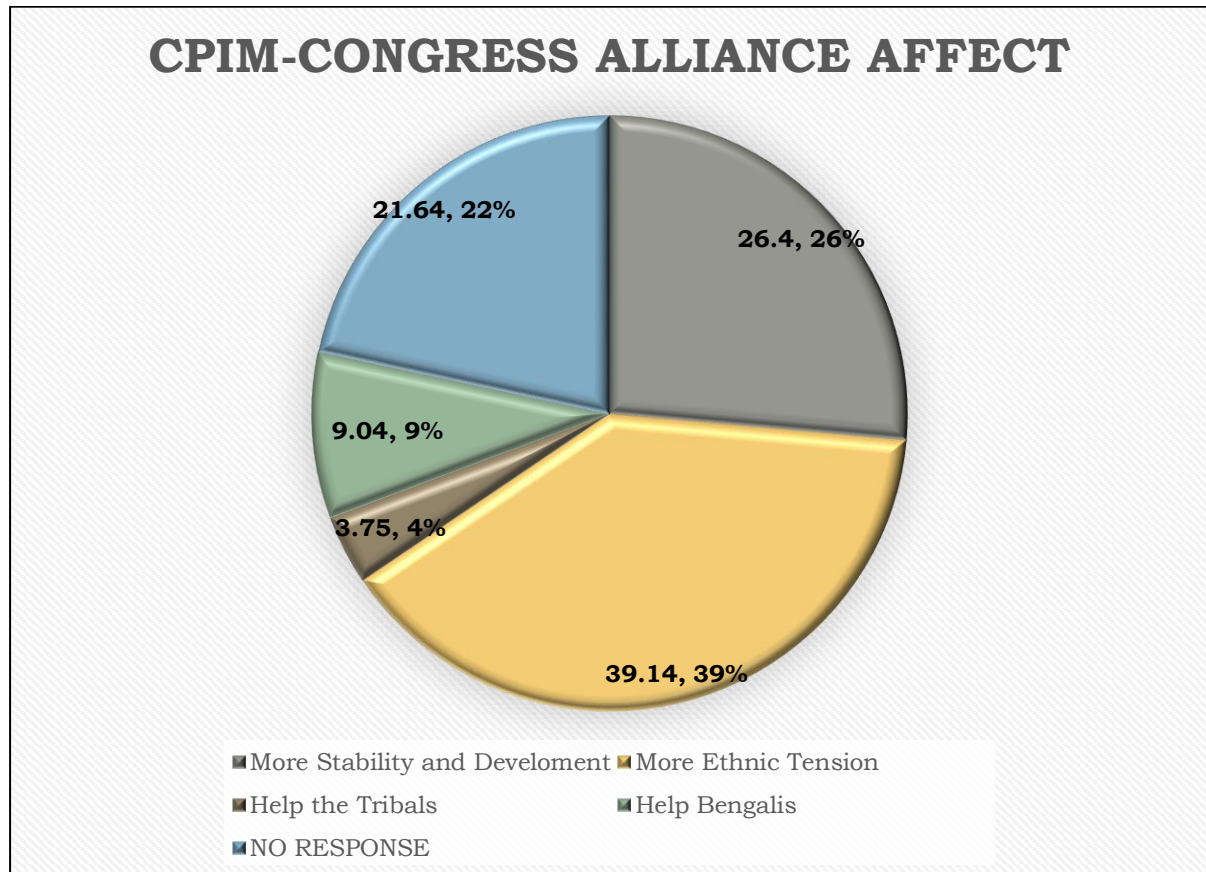
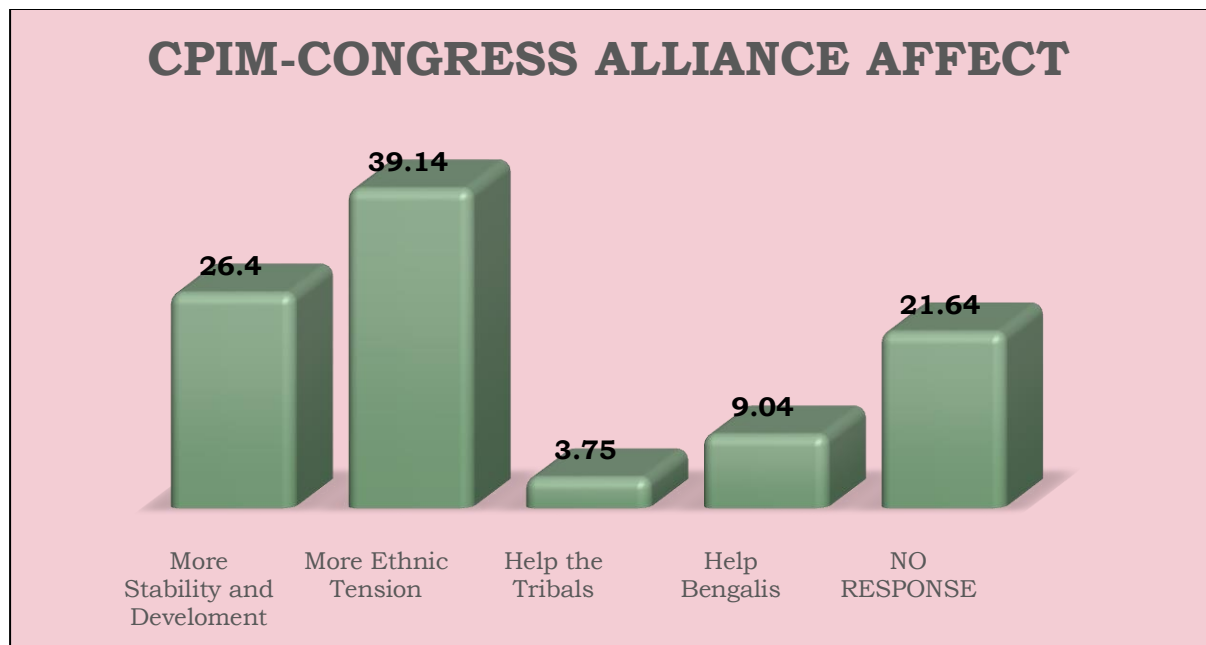
20. Who would you like to see as the C.M of Tripura?



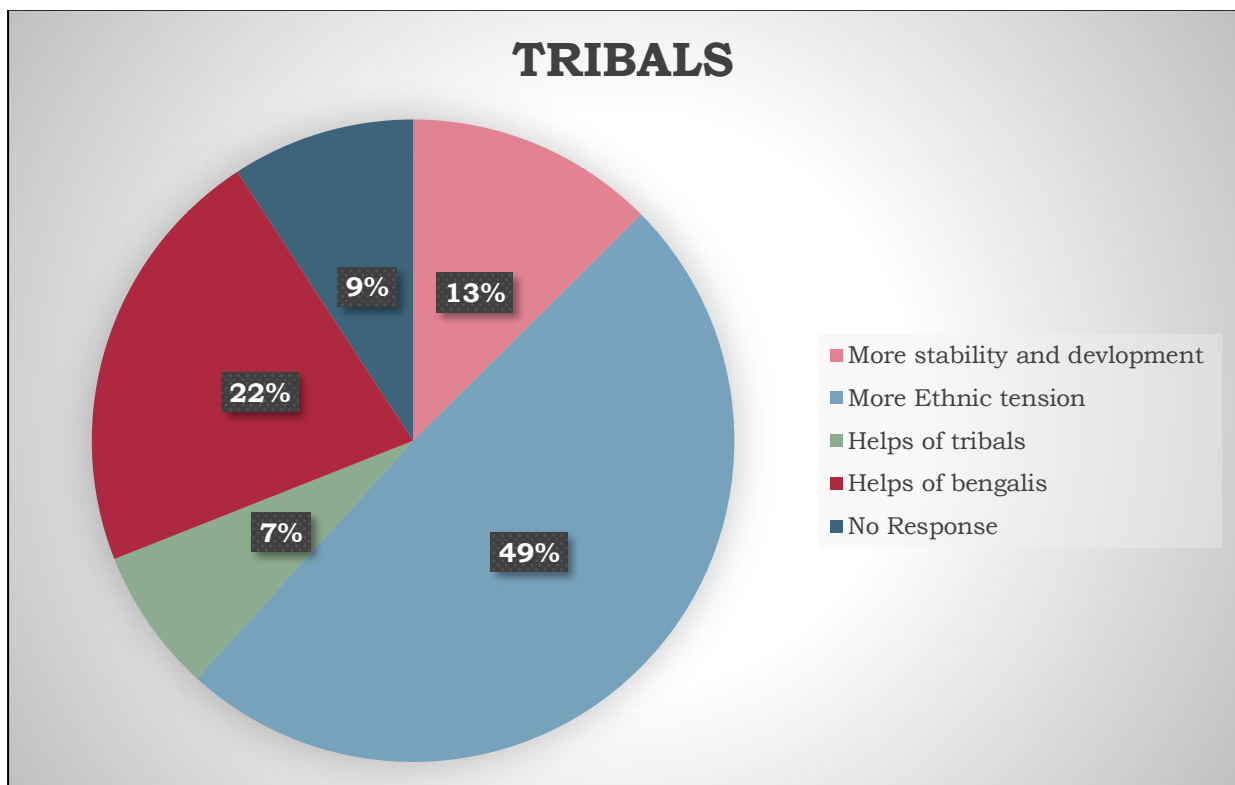
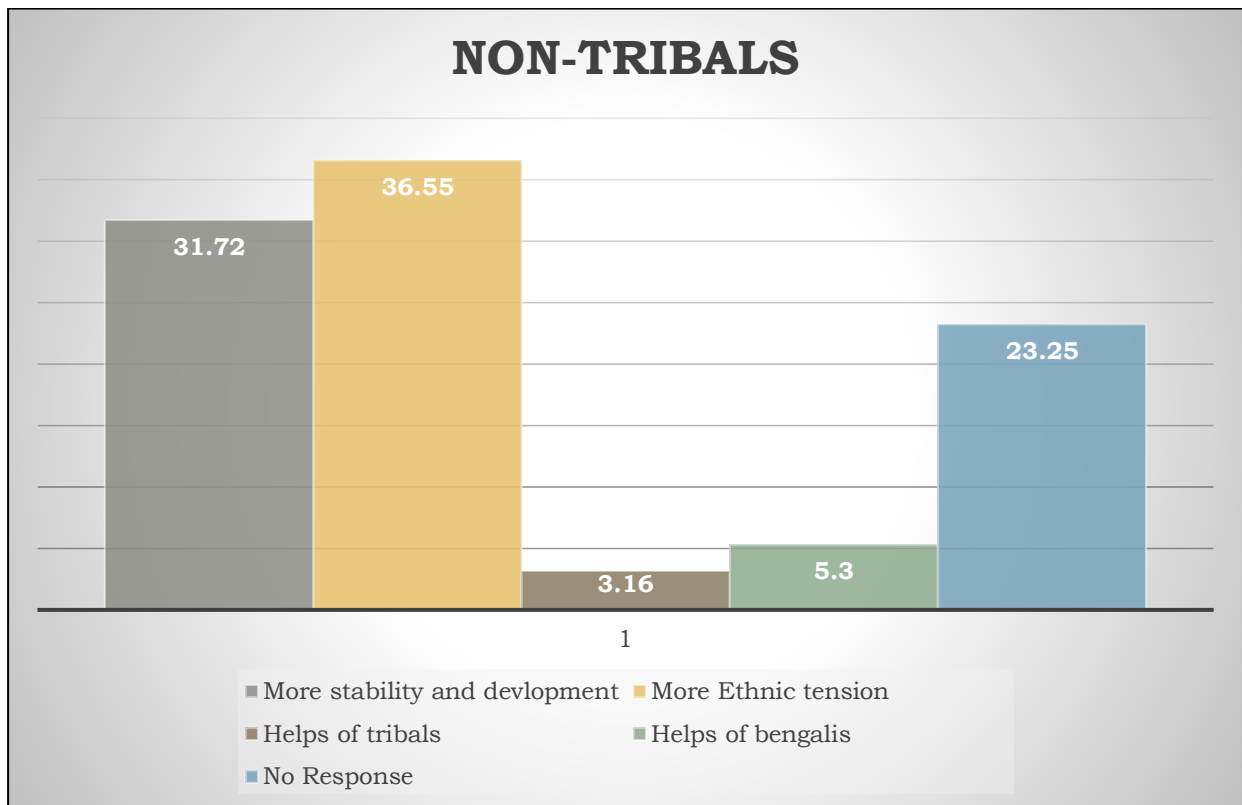
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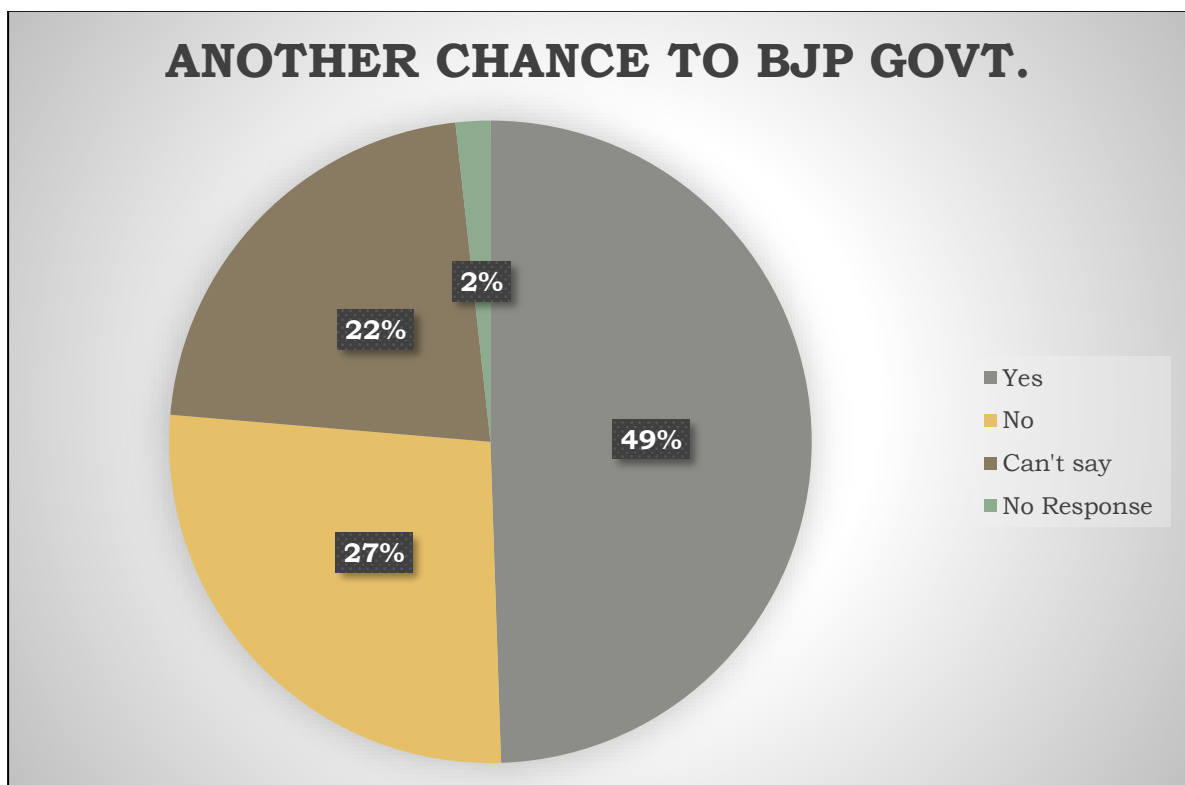
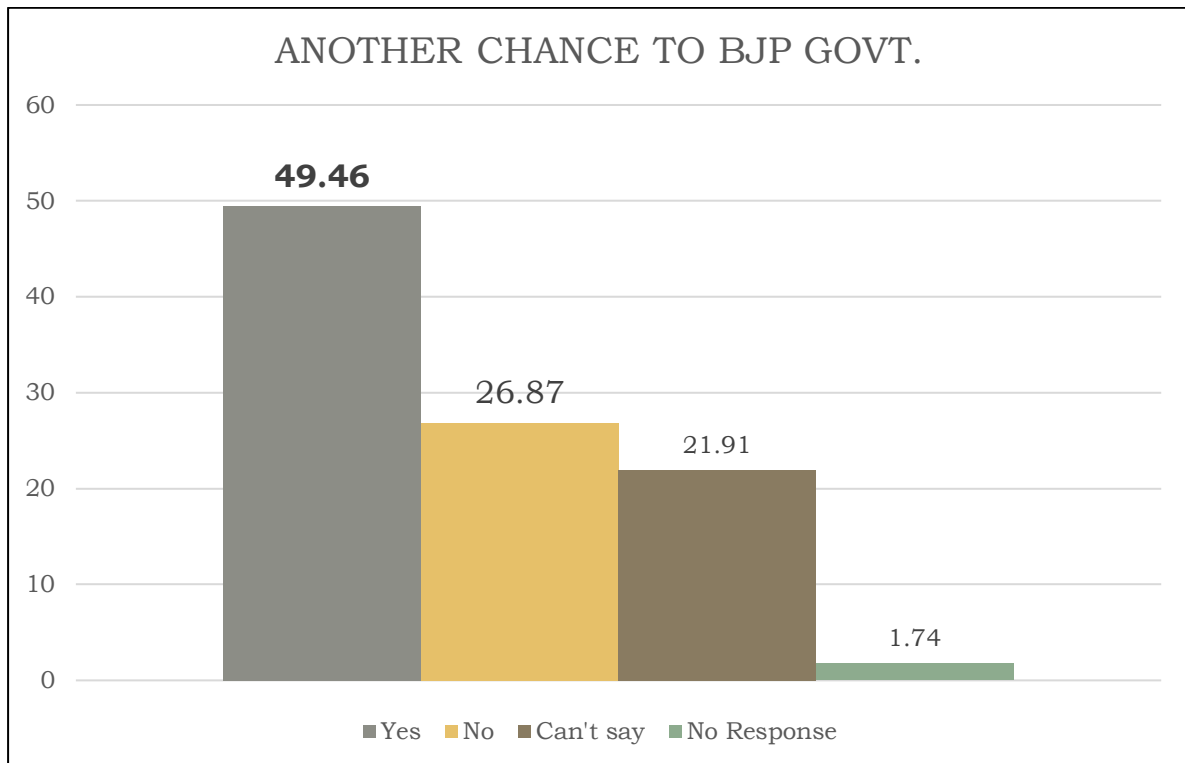
21. How would the CPIM-Congress alliance will affect Tripura?
(Choose any one of the following)



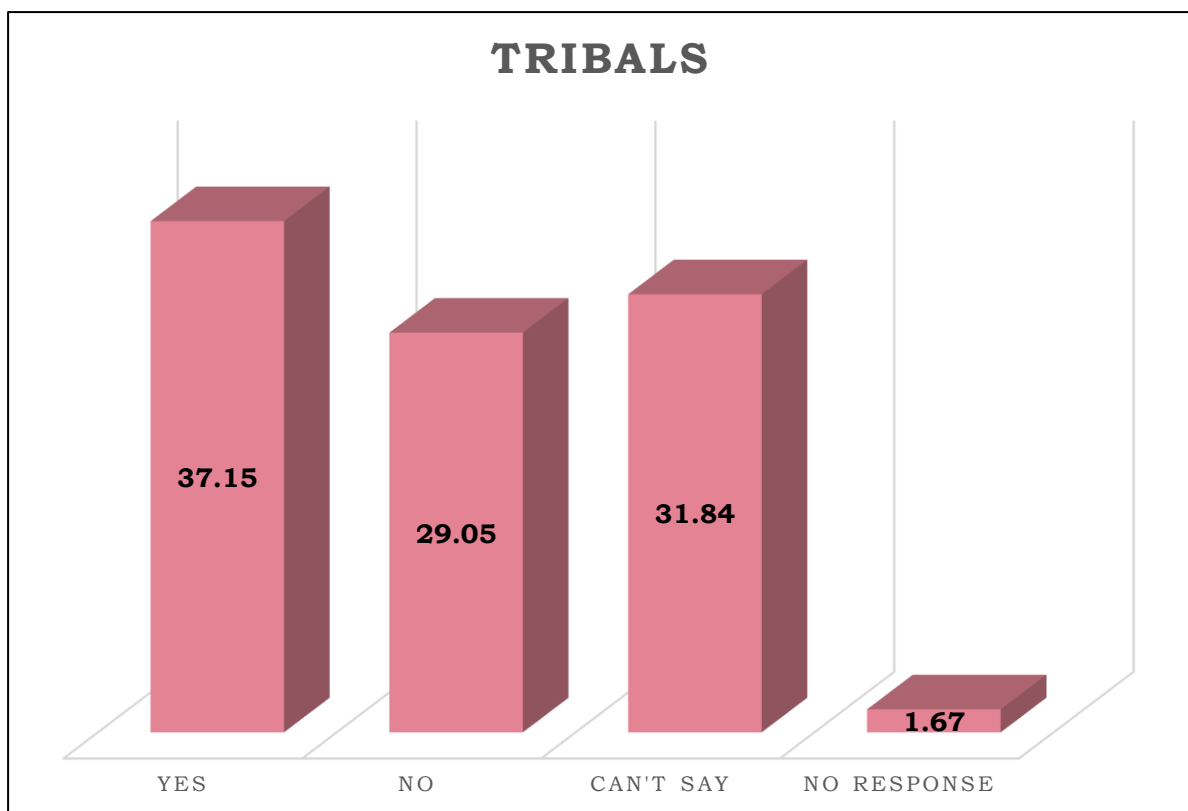
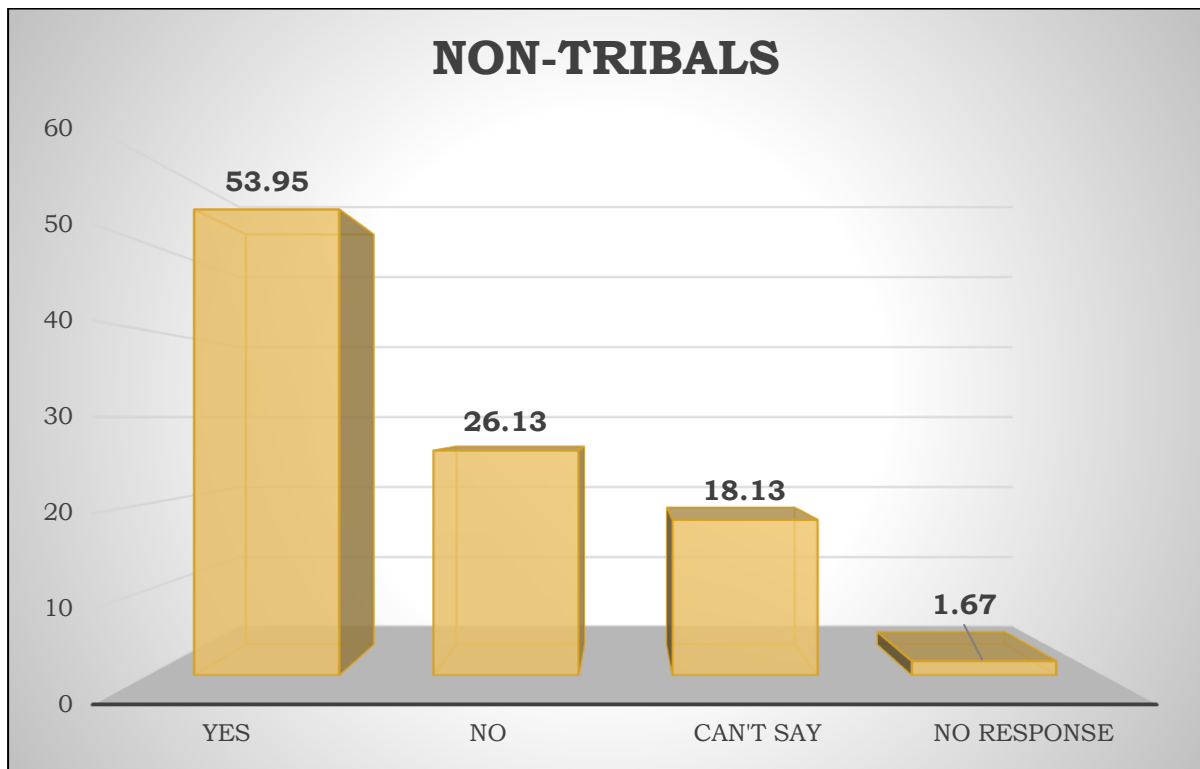
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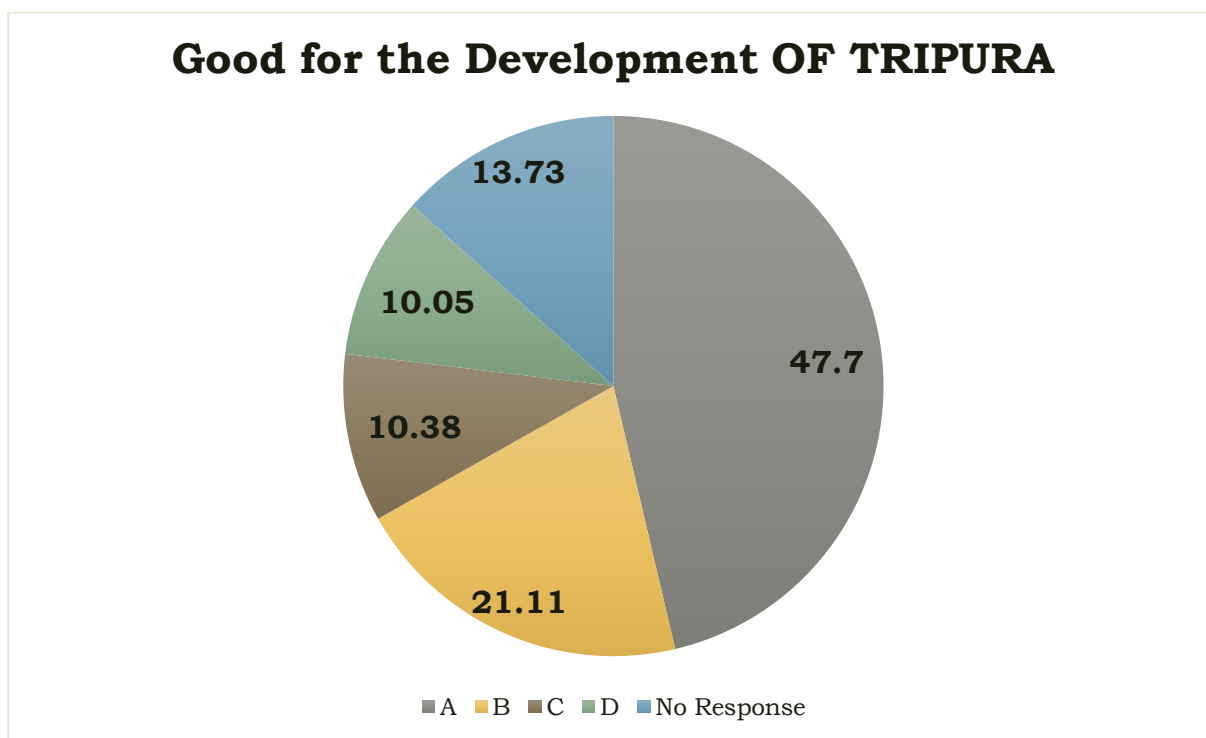
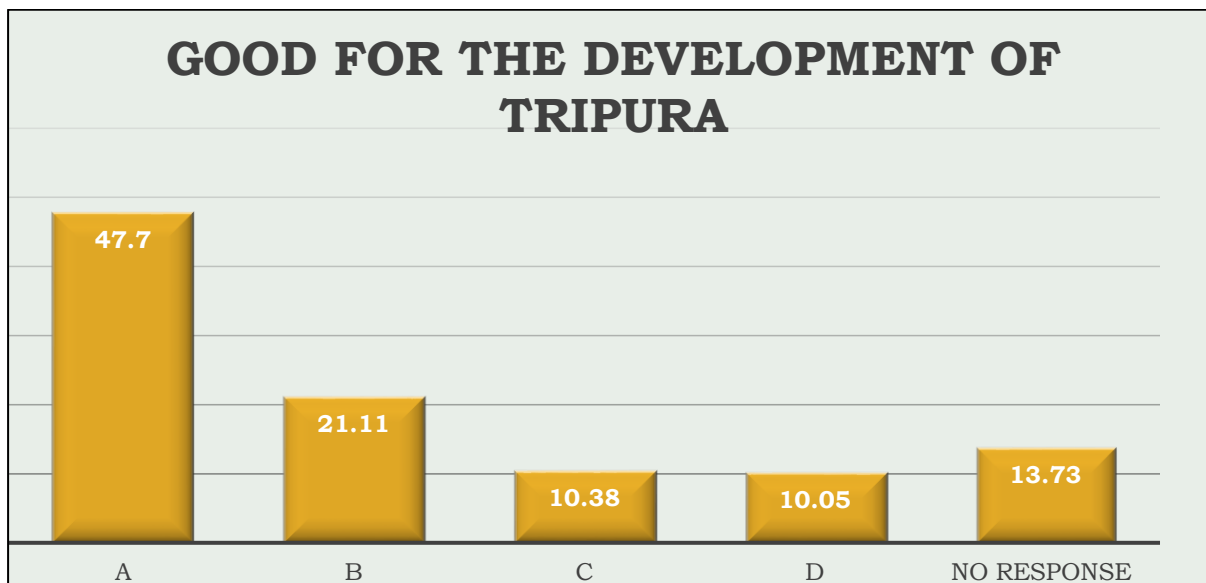
22. Would you like to give the BJP government another chance?



Response along ethnic lines



23. What would be good for the development of Tripura?



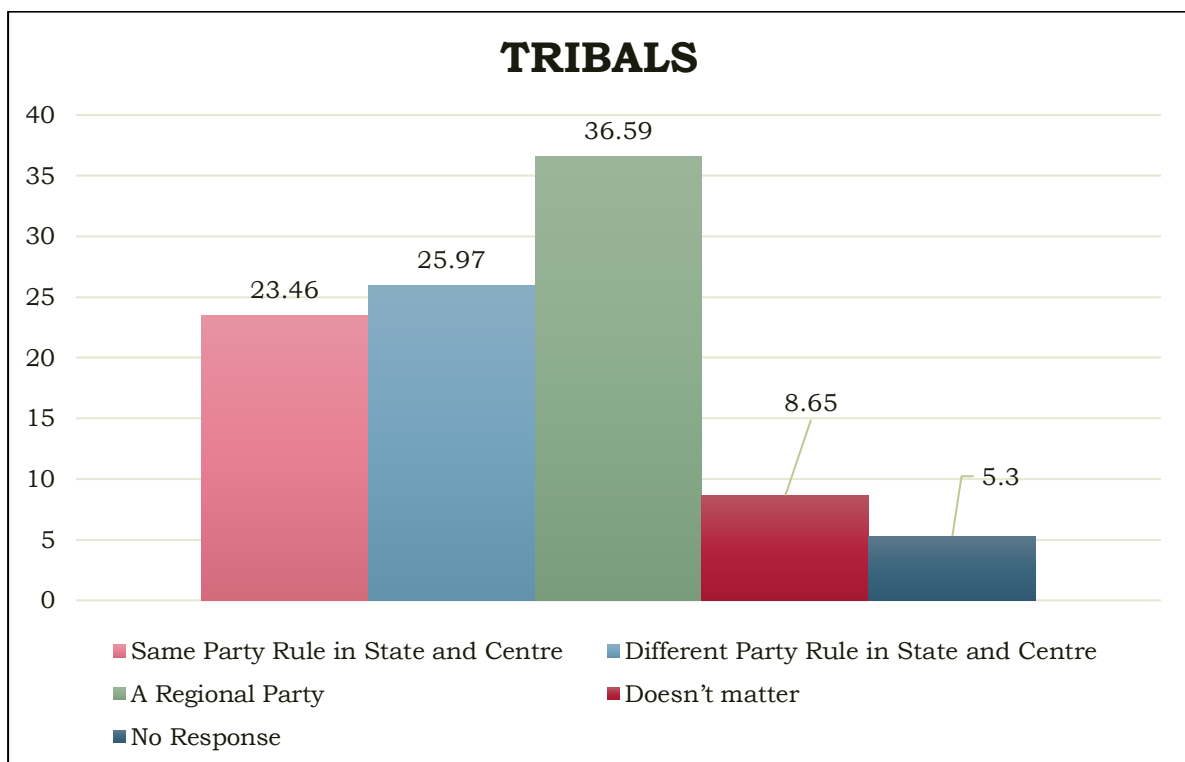
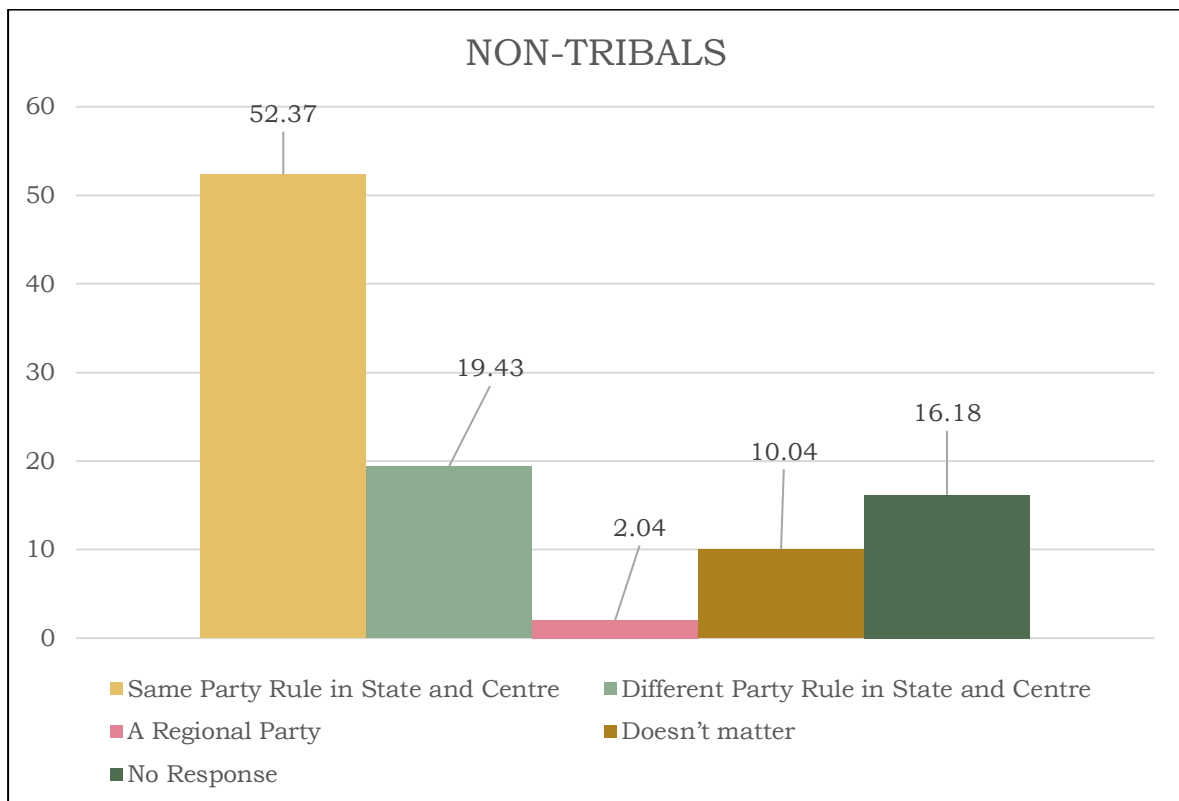
A: Same party ruling at the centre and the state

B: Different part ruling at the centre and the state

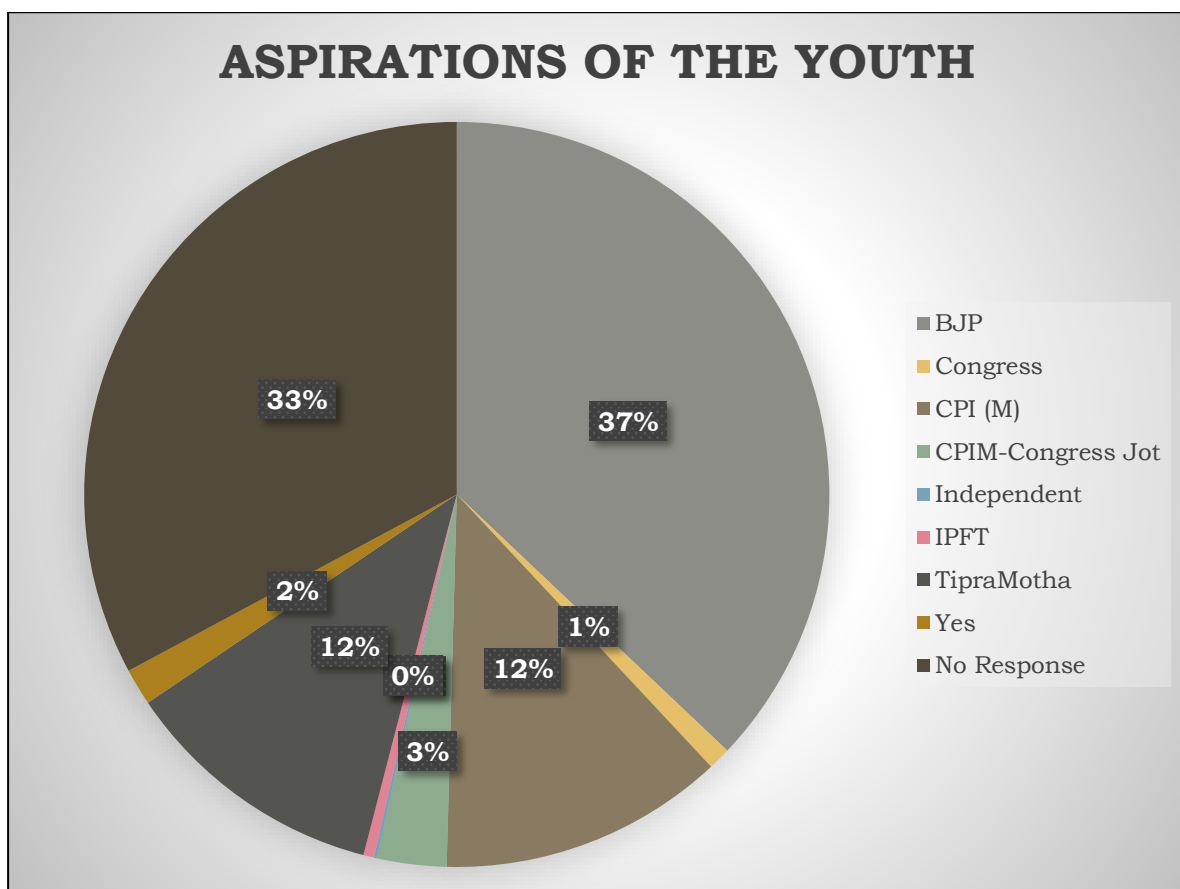
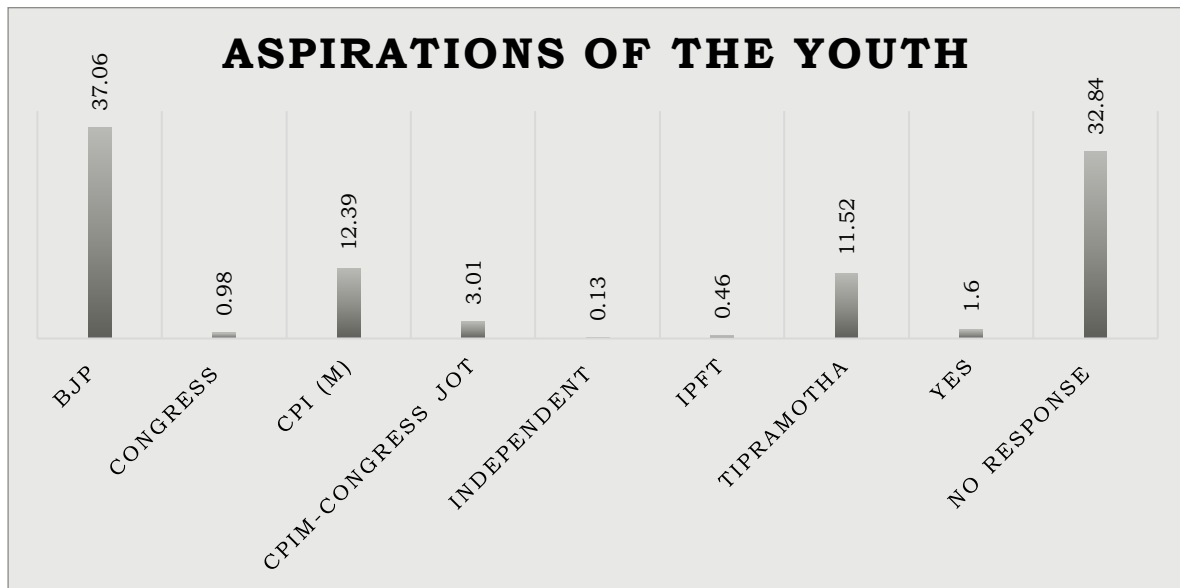
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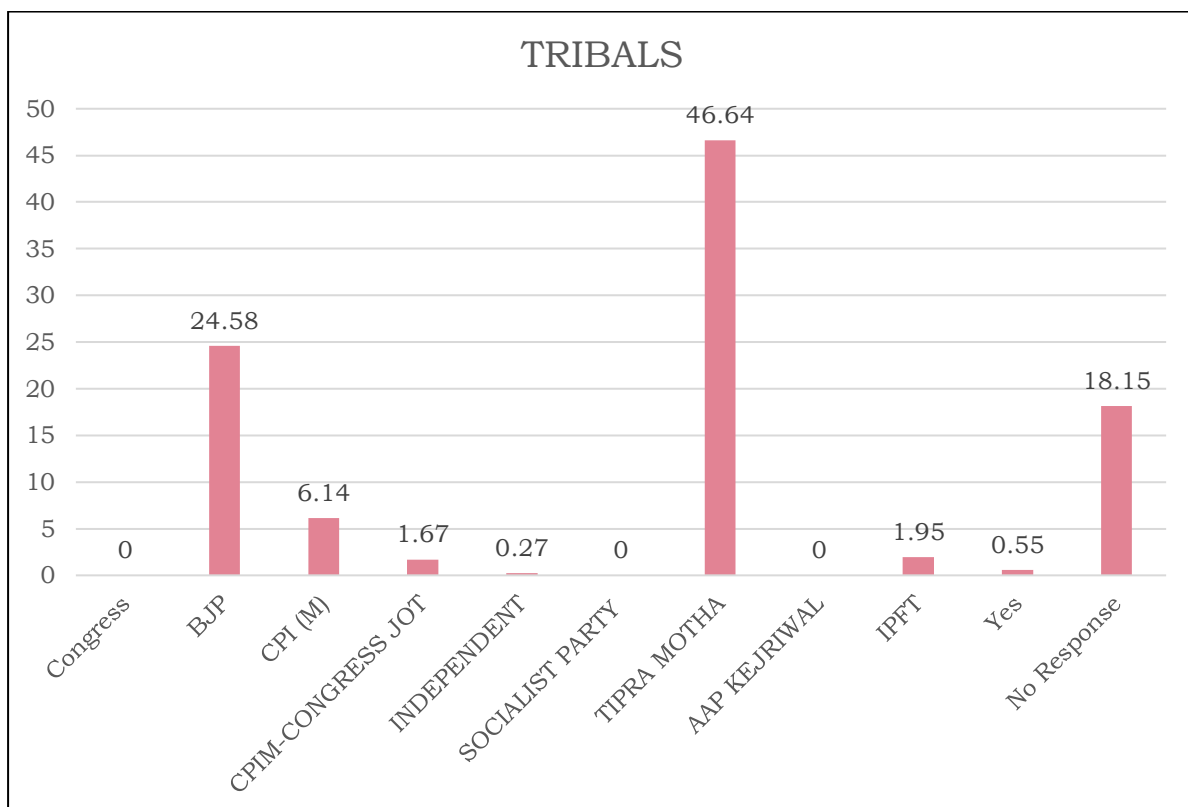
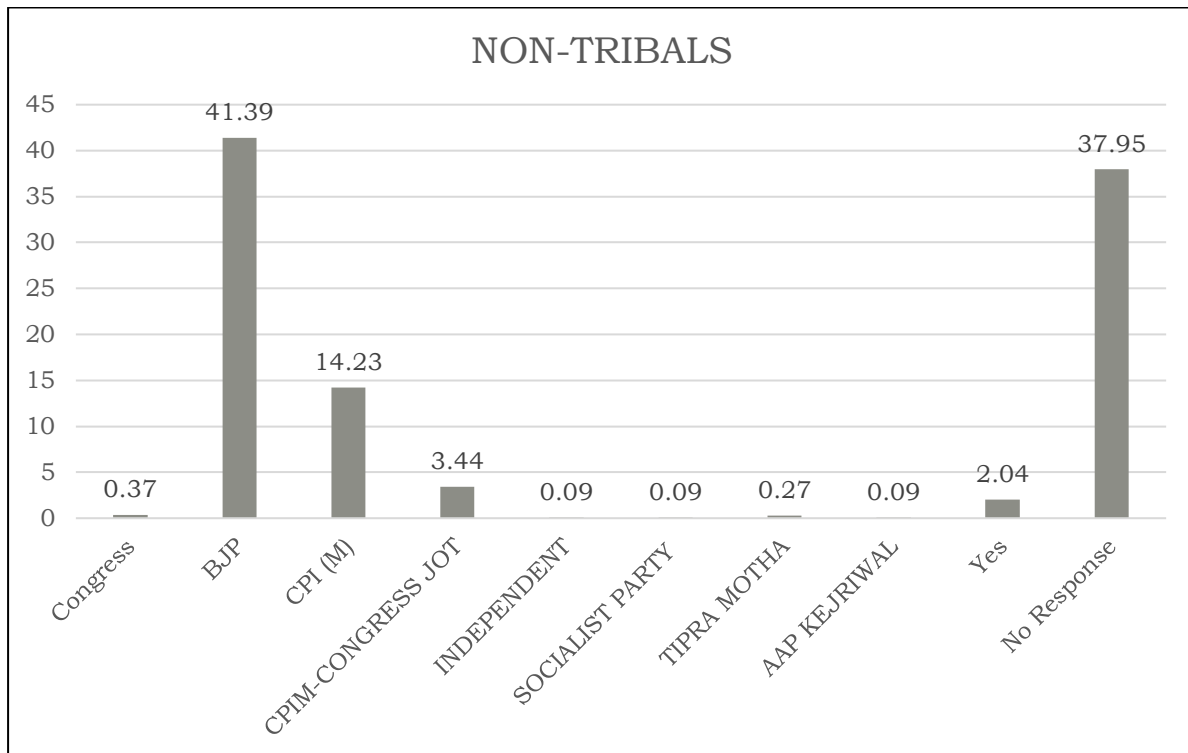
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24. In your opinion which party will work more the aspirations of the youths?



Response along ethnic lines



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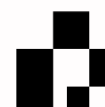
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