Hello,

I am talking on behalf of researchers based in the United States who want to study governance in panchayats in Rajasthan.  Am I talking to \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.  If name doesn’t match, ask them to transfer the call to the actual representative. If they do not want to transfer the call, say thank you and end the conversation and record their reason for not transferring the call.

(This is the main objective of the phone call, to understand who answers the phone. However, in order to collect some additional information we have a short survey below)

If the actual representative answers, and/or the phone call is transferred to the actual representative say the following:

 Am I talking to \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?  we obtained your phone number from the Rajasthan Election Commission’s website.

I am talking on behalf of researchers based in the United States who want to understand and study governance in panchayats in Rajasthan. We wanted to ask you a few questions about your experience as an elected representative, this will take 3-5 minutes of your time, and we will not share any of your personal information. We are not recording this phone call, but we will take notes based on your response. Would you be willing to talk to us?

We are happy to answer any question that you might have about the study.

Questions:

1 What are your primary responsibilities towards the Gram Panchayat

2) Do you take your family’s help when serving the Gram Panchayat

3) Are the bureaucrats helpful to you in your daily activities as a representative

Thanks,