Name: Siddharth Rao Gautam//date: 5th may, forenoon session// board: Manoj Soni sir//college: IIT Delhi (Textile Technology)//optional: Mathematics \\Hobbies: Music(singing, playing guitar, harmonica), Vipassana meditation, Street play(POR: director of institute street play team) NSS volunteering

Experience in an interview: the board was cordial

The mask was compulsory while a face shield was optional

Chairman:

- Q.1. What do you know about Siddharth Gautam? (expecting the spiritual point of view), follow up questions on the philosophy of Buddhism.
- Q.2. Didn't you go for the college placements?
- Q.3. You graduated from IIT Delhi. How and when did you decide to choose civil services?
- Q.4. did you get training for singing? do you sing Bollywood songs?
- Q.5. Mention any government policy after independence that you think was not good for India.(my answer: national population policy with coercive measures including forced sterilization)
- Q.6. Give 5 solutions in brief to control the population.
- Q.7. Do you think India is a patriarchal society?

Member 1(lady member):

- Q.1. some questions on women empowerment, women education (in the context of population control), women as decision-makers
- Q.2. why is that female contraceptives more prevalent in India than contraceptives for males?
- Q.3. questions on patriarchy, how financial independence alone is not enough for changing patriarchal mindset.

- Q.4. mention some places where you had performed street plays, asked about the themes of all those street plays.
- Q.5. problems of orphans in India?(one of the themes of the street plays I had performed)
- Q.6. asked about rendezvous(annual fest of IIT Delhi)

Member 2:

- Q.1. How would you teach me vipassana meditation if I am a beginner? Tell me about the procedure
- Q.2. Where did you attend the 10 days vipassana retreat?
- Q.3. asked about the WHO claiming more deaths in India than the official figures, how far do you think is this true? WHO's figures are how many times India's official figures on death?
- Q.4. The figures were intentionally shown wrong by the state government or is there any discrepancy in the data collection and identifying the cause of deaths. what do you think?
- Q.5. asked about the national association of blind where I had worked, what were the activities in which I had participated?
- Q.6. asked the name of the student for whom i had written the exam as a scribe.

Member 3:

- Q.1. some technical questions on textile technology(screen printing, dispatch printing, etc)
- Q.2. You said you got an interest in humanities subjects during your college days, why did you choose mathematics as an optional then?
- Q.3. you play harmonica too. what is that slide button on the side of the harmonica? How does it work?
- Q.4. when did street plays get prominence in India?
- Q.5. Name the most famous personality of street plays in India?

Q.6. Tell me something about Tripura?

Member 4:

- Q.1. Who was the leader of the East Pakistan liberation war in 1971, what were the causes?
- Q.2. asked about the Indus water treaty.
- Q.3. what is the capital of Manipur?
- Q.4. what is Imphal's significance in the freedom movement? (battle of Imphal)
- Q.5. Did INA win or lose against the British Indian army? what were the causes that it couldn't proceed further?