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Questionnaire reconstruction (SASD 1950003)

Note on reconstruction: The original questionnaire has not survived. SASD offers a reconstruction of the questions based on the final report prepared for state authorities and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Slovakia.

Archival source: SNA, fonds A-ÚV KSS (per the archival stamp on the scanned document).

The questions are transcribed in their original wording, without any changes.

I. Supply and the market

Question 1/A. Are you satisfied with the quality of the goods on offer, specifically: A/ on the rationed market:

1/A-a: with textiles

1/A-b: with footwear

1/A-c: with foodstuffs

1/A-d: with other everyday consumer goods

- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Partially satisfied
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

(The answer was recorded separately for each of the four goods categories a/-d/; see the Excel file, sheet "Otázka 1-A".)

Question 1/B. on the free market:

1/B-a: with textiles

1/B-b: with footwear

1/B-c: with foodstuffs

1/B-d: with other everyday consumer goods

- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Partially satisfied
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

(The answer was recorded separately for each of the four goods categories a/-d/; see the Excel file, sheet "Otázka 1-B".)

Question 2/a. With which goods have you been most satisfied recently?

- ☐ 1 — Foodstuffs
- ☐ 2 — Footwear
- ☐ 3 — Textiles
- ☐ 4 — On the free market
- ☐ 5 — Ready-made clothing
- ☐ 6 — Other:
- ☐ 7 — Nothing
- ☐ 8 — Don't know
- ☐ 9 — No answer

Question 2/b. With which goods have you been least satisfied recently?

- ☐ 1 — Textiles
- ☐ 2 — Footwear

- ☐ 3 — Foodstuffs
- ☐ 4 — Ready-made clothing
- ☐ 5 — Goods on the rationed market
- ☐ 6 — Other:
- ☐ 7 — Don't know
- ☐ 8 — No answer

II. Agriculture and delivery quotas

Question 3. Do you consider it correct that farmers, after fulfilling their delivery quotas (contingents), may freely sell their produce?

- ☐ Correct
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 4. Do you think it would be better if farmers sold all their produce for consumption through official procurement, or not?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 4/A. If yes, why?

- ☐ 1 — Everything would be cheaper at the official price
- ☐ 2 — It would eliminate profiteering
- ☐ 3 — Other:
- ☐ 4 — Don't know

Question 4/B. If not, why?

- ☐ 1 — Because of low prices
- ☐ 2 — Goods are obtained from the farmer more promptly and are better
- ☐ 3 — They would lose motivation to work
- ☐ 4 — It is their extra effort; they have no other income
- ☐ 5 — Other:
- ☐ 6 — Don't know

III. Work and remuneration

Question 5. Do you consider it correct for workers to be paid according to hours worked, or according to piece-rate performance (akord)?

- ☐ By hours
- ☐ By performance
- ☐ Don't know

IV. Household budget

Question 6. State approximately, in percent, how much you spend from your household's total income on the items listed below:

- ☐ 1 — housing
- ☐ 2 — food
- ☐ 3 — clothing
- ☐ 4 — beverages
- ☐ 5 — smoking
- ☐ 6 — cultural needs

☐ 7 — savings

☐ 8 — other

The respondent gave one percentage figure for each of the eight categories (the total, together with any "nothing" / "no answer", adds up to 100%). The detailed breakdown of answers into percentage brackets for each category is given in the Excel file, sheets "Otázka 6-1" through "Otázka 6-8"; the weighted average across all categories is on sheet "Otázka 6".

Sample description

Questionnaires processed: 1,258 (650 men, 608 women). Refused to answer: 329. Age groups: 18–29 (381), 30–49 (527), 50 and over (350). By occupation: workers (434, 71 refused), clerical staff (122, 35 refused), service staff (39), farmers (527, 197 refused), other occupations (136, 26 refused). By nationality: Slovaks (1,124), Ukrainians (50), Hungarians (78), other (6). By religious denomination: Roman Catholics (876), Lutherans (268), Greek Catholics (85), other / no denomination (29). By political affiliation: KSS members (485), SNO members (13), SS members (17), unaffiliated (723).