

Consultation on eCooking in India Participant Information Sheet

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We would like to invite you to take part in our study. Before you decide we would like you to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for you. One of our team will go through the information sheet with you and answer any questions you have. Talk to others about the study before making a decision if you wish.

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of this study is to gain information relating to electric cooking in India and what is most important to support its growth. The study aims to contribute to a stocktake being undertaken during 2025.

Who is doing this research and why?

This study is part of the Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS) Programme in India supported by Loughborough University. The study will be undertaken by Dr Nick Rousseau and supervised by Prof Ed Brown.

The study is funded by the UK Government.

Are there any inclusion or exclusion criteria?

You must be over the age of 18 and have the capacity to fully understand and consent to this research.

What will I be asked to do?

You will be asked to complete a short online survey and possibly attend an interview to discuss your views on the extent of eCooking in India and what is needed to increase this.

Will I be asked to attend any sessions and where will these be?

You may be asked to attend an interview at a time arranged with the investigator.

The interview will take place remotely.

How long will it take?

The interview will take no longer than 1 hour.

Once I take part, can I change my mind?

After you have read this information, asked any questions you may have and decided that you are happy to participate we will ask you to complete an Informed Consent Form. However, if at any time, before, during or after the study you wish to withdraw from the study please just contact the main investigator. You can withdraw at any time, for any reason and you will not be asked to explain your reasons for withdrawing.

Once the results of the study have been analysed (expected to be by September 2025 it may not be possible to withdraw your individual data from the research.

Is there anything I need to do before the sessions?

You do not need to do anything before the session.

Is there anything I need to bring with me?

You do not need to bring anything with you to the session.

Are there any disadvantages or risks in participating?

No disadvantages or risks have been identified.

Data Protection Privacy Notice

Loughborough University will be using information/data from you in order to undertake this study and will act as the data controller for this study. This means that the University is responsible for looking after your information and using it properly.

What personal information will be collected from me and how will it be used?

Identifiable personal information including your name and contact details will be collected. We need your name as part of the consent process and your contact details to arrange the interview.

What is the legal basis for processing my personal information?

Personal data will be processed on the public task basis. For further details on the data protection legislation see: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>

How long will my identifiable personal information be retained?

We will keep identifiable personal information about you until the study is completed and no longer than one year.

Will my identifiable personal information be shared with others?

In our report we will collate all responses and will only attribute specific contributions with the consent of those who gave them.

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

No identifiable personal information will be included in any of the project submissions or shared beyond the investigators unless you give explicit permission to be quoted.

How will the anonymised data/results collected from me be used?

Your anonymised data will be used in the report of our wider stocktake.

All information will be securely stored on the University IT systems (OneDrive).

How long will the anonymised data/results be retained?

Anonymised data will be retained until the final project marks have been verified and no longer than one year.

I have some more questions; who should I contact?

If you have any further questions, please contact Dr Nick Rousseau, n.rousseau@lboro.ac.uk

What if I am not happy with how the research was conducted?

If you are not happy with how the research was conducted, please contact the Secretary of the Ethics Review Sub-Committee, Research & Innovation Office, Hazlerigg Building, Loughborough University, Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3TU. Tel: 01509 222423. Email: researchpolicy@lboro.ac.uk

The University also has policies relating to Research Misconduct and Whistle Blowing which are available online at <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/internal/research-ethics-integrity/research-integrity/>.

If you require any further information regarding the General Data Protection Regulations, please see: <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/privacy/research-privacy/>.