Candidate: Pritam Shekade
Board: Purushottam Agrawal
Duration: 20-25 minutes

I was the second member to be interviewed. I was sitting outside the interview room waiting for my turn. When the bell rang, the attendant escorted me to the board room.

Me: May I come in Sir

Chairman: Please come in

Me: Good Morning Mam (looking at the lady in the board), Good Morning Sirs (giving a quick glance towards the Chairman and the other members)

Chairman: Please take your seat
Me: Thank you Sir.

(The chairman straight away asked the 1st member to ask questions)

M1: Can you tell us how has the lifebuoy brought transformation in rural India especially women?
M1: Tell me something about E-choupal.
M1: How has it resulted in rural transformation?
M1: Which politician from Latur is in news at national level?
M1: What is his portfolio?

M2: How does your MBA help you in civil services?
M2: What do you mean by people skills?
M2: What motivates people?
M2: Do you agree that politicians have excellent people skills?
M2: Then why don't you join politics instead of civil services?
M2: Given the fact that, we are growing quite decently, what do you think about our economy?
M2: What do you think is essential so that we can sustain the level of growth in services?
M2: Now you talked about agricultural growth, how can we go about it? We require 1200 litres of water for producing 1 kg of rice (I was nodding receptively while he was asking)

M3: Earlier Gujarat had a fiscal deficit of more than 7000 crore, now they are having a surplus budget. Can you tell what has happened there?
M3: Now they have done great development in Agriculture. What is the thing that has led Gujarat make such a great development in agriculture whereas rest of India could not achieve the same?
M3: Can it be replicated in other states as well?
M3: How did they separate the power in single and three phases?

M4: Can you tell me why is Latur known for?
M4: So can you tell us about the earth quake there? Do you remember it?
M4: Can you tell us what are the measures taken up there?
M4: Has the rehabilitation complete?
M4: What are special construction related measures taken up?
M4: Maharashtra was known for its efficient administration. But now, there are various problems that have crept up like farmers suicide, naxalism. Do you think administration has deteriorated?
M4: Are politicians in Maharashtra responsible for the situation? You see, Maharashtra is having such a high growth.
M4: You seem to have a teaching experience. Can you tell us what changes have taken place in education?
Experiences:

1. No questions asked by chairman
2. No questions on hobbies
3. Bluffing receives adverse reaction

Suggestions:

1. Keep your cool when some things go wrong in the interview
2. In case the members show blank face, don't worry, and don't let your bogged down.
3. Avoid bluffing to the extent possible.

Thanks

Pritam