Appendix-I

QUESTIONNAIRE

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Please answer the following question by choosing appropriate options. Ratings are from 0 to 5 where “0” is the lowest and “5” is the highest.

1. Do you believe in Intercaste Marriages?
   - 0  - 1  - 2  - 3  - 4  - 5

2. Have you experienced/seen an intercaste marriage around you?
   - 0  - 1  - 2  - 3  - 4  - 5

3. Was such an intercaste marriage readily accepted by the parents of the couple?
   - 0  - 1  - 2  - 3  - 4  - 5

4. Was such an intercaste marriage readily accepted by the relatives of the couple/society?
   - 0  - 1  - 2  - 3  - 4  - 5

5. Is casteism still prevalent in India?
   - 0  - 1  - 2  - 3  - 4  - 5

6. In your opinion, Intercaste marriages are a means to eradicate caste barriers in India?
   - 0  - 1  - 2  - 3  - 4  - 5

7. The couples who register under Special Marriage Act have to face resistance from the marriage registrar?
   - 0  - 1  - 2  - 3  - 4  - 5

8. Is the procedure under the special marriage act cumbersome?
9. Are you aware that State Government and Central Government has Incentives for the couple who register under special marriage act?

☐ YES ☐ NO

10. If Ans to Q.9 is Yes, is the quantification of incentive by the Appropriate government sufficient?

☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

11. Do you think succession for the children born out of the wedlock registered under the special marriage act is more complicated as compared those marrying within the castes?

☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

12. Do you think the Special Marriage Act should provide for the protection of the marrying couples?

☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

13. Are inter-caste couples and/or their children subject to discrimination or other forms of harm (including violence)?

☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

14. Can inter-caste couples live safely in an Indian city?

☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

15. Is the situation for inter-caste couples in urban areas better than rural areas?

☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

I thank you for your valuable time that you have spared for this questionnaire. Please be assured that the information that you have mentioned in this questionnaire will be kept confidential and will not used for anything else but my research work. I take this opportunity to understand and evaluate the factors that are very important for reforms in the special marriage act. The objective of this research is to be an eye opener for government and the society at large to accept and promote inter-caste marriage.

Regards

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