A STUDY ON EMPOWERMENT OF KERALA WOMEN
INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

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Name of District : Ward No :
Name of the Block : Street :
Name of Panchayat : House No :
Municipality/Corporation :

1) Name of the Respondent:
(Put tick mark(✓) wherever appropriate)

2) Age
   1 18 to 25 years
   2 26 to 40 years
   3 41 to 55 years
   4 Above 55 years

3) Religion
   1 Hindu
   2 Muslim
   3 Christian
   4 Others

4) Caste
   1 Forward Caste
   2 OBC
   3 SC/ST

5) Family type
   1 Nuclear
   2 Joint

6) Present Marital Status
   1 Married
   2 Widow
   3 Separated
   4 Divorced

7) Housing
   1 Family owned
   2 Rented
   3 Others

8) Land
   1 Family owned
   2 Leased

9) Employment Status of respondent
   1 Employed
   2 Unemployed

10) If employed, nature of employment
    1 Govt.
    2 Private
    3 Self employed
11) **Average monthly income of the respondent**

- 1 □ Upto Rs. 1,000/-
- 2 □ Rs. 1,001/- to Rs. 3,000/-
- 3 □ Rs. 3,001/- to Rs. 5,000/-
- 4 □ Rs. 5,001/- to Rs. 10,000/-
- 5 □ Rs. 10,001/- to Rs. 20,000/-
- 6 □ Above Rs. 20,001/-

12) **Education level of the respondent**

- 1 □ Below S.S.L.C
- 2 □ S.S.L.C
- 3 □ Graduate
- 4 □ Post Graduate
- 5 □ Professional Graduate

13) **Details of Family Members**

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14) **Women perform 70% of the world’s total work and they earn only 10% of the world’s income. Indicate whether the statement is true or false**

- 1 □ True
- 2 □ False
- 3 □ Don't know

15) **Sex ratio in India indicates that number of women for every thousand men is . . . . . . . . . .**

- 1 □ More than thousand
- 2 □ Less than thousand
- 3 □ Equal to thousand
- 4 □ Don't know

16) **The fall in sex ratio of women is mainly due to the atrocities against women. Indicate whether the statement is true or false**

- 1 □ True
- 2 □ False
- 3 □ Don't know
17) Which is the only state in India having a positive sex ratio? (which means number of women for every 1000 men is more than 1000)
   1. Tamil Nadu
   2. Karnataka
   3. Kerala
   4. Gujarat
   5. Don't know

18) What is the percentage of seats reserved for women in local bodies?
   1. No reservation
   2. 1/3 of the total seats
   3. 2/3 of the total seats
   4. Don't know

19) Have you heard about Dowry Prohibition Act?
   1. Yes
   2. No

20) If yes, which of the following punishments is prescribed by the Act for giving and taking Dowry?
   1. Imprisonment upto one year
   2. Fine upto Rs. 1,000/-
   3. Imprisonment not less than five years and fine
   4. Don't know

21) Have you heard about Indian Penal Code?
   1. Yes
   2. No

22) In Indian Penal Code there is mention about dowry death. What is dowry death?
   1. It is the murder of a woman after her marriage due to harassment by in-laws/husband
   2. It is the suicide of a woman after her marriage due to harassment by in-laws.
   3. It is the death of a woman within 7 years of her marriage by getting hurt or burnt and there is evidence that she was harassed by her in-laws/husband before death.
   4. Don't know

23) What is the punishment for causing dowry death?
   1. Imprisonment for 3 years
   2. Imprisonment not less than 7 years which may be extended upto life imprisonment
   3. Imprisonment for 5 years and fine
   4. Don't know

24) According to the existing law punishment for rape is:
   1. Fine upto Rs. 2,000/-
   2. Imprisonment not less than 7 years, but can be extended upto life imprisonment and fine
   3. Imprisonment upto one year
   4. Don't know

25) Have you heard about State Women's Commission?
   1. Yes
   2. No

26) Where is the State Women's Commission office situated?
   1. Ernakulam
   2. Thrissur
   3. Thiruvananthapuram
   4. Don't know
27) What is the legal marriage age for girls?
1  □  18 Years
2  □  16 Years
3  □  21 Years
4  □  Don’t know

28) What is the legal marriage age for boys?
1  □  25 Years
2  □  21 Years
3  □  18 Years
4  □  Don’t know

29) Put a tick mark(✓) wherever appropriate

   | The primary roles in a woman’s life should be that of a mother and wife |
   | Compared with the male counterpart woman should undertake more responsibility in looking after children, cooking and cleaning |
   | Some tasks can be performed only by men |
   | A woman should give up her job if the husband demands it |
   | Man should have a superior position in the family |
   | Marriage should not be the ultimate aim in a girl’s life |
   | It is better for every one in the family if man is the achiever outside the family and woman takes care of the family |
   | If opportunities are given women will be as competent as men in all spheres of life |
   | A good wife should be submissive to her husband |
   | There is nothing wrong in giving and taking dowry |
   | Higher education is not necessary for girls |
   | A girl is a burden to the family |
   | Only mothers can nurture children in an appropriate manner |
   | If there is only one child in the family it should be a male |

   | Strongly Agree | Agree | Undecided | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
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30) Do you find it difficult to express your opinions thinking that others may not approve them?
   1  □  Always
   2  □  Often
   3  □  Sometimes
   4  □  Never

31) Are you afraid to disagree with your husband because he will be angry with you?
   1  □  Always
   2  □  Often
   3  □  Sometimes
   4  □  Never

32) Do you let yourself down telling your incapabilities as a woman?
   1  □  Always
   2  □  Often
   3  □  Sometimes
   4  □  Never

33) Are you able to receive compliments without embarrassment?
   1  □  Yes
   2  □  No

34) Rate your ability in the following life skills:
   1  Organising Capacity
   2  Decision making
   3  Keeping relationships
   4  Public speaking
   5  Communication skills

35) Do you have a driving license?
   1  □  Yes
   2  □  No

36) If yes, how often you drive motor vehicles?
   1  □  Frequently
   2  □  Occasionally
   3  □  Rarely
   4  □  Never

37) Are you a computer literate?
   1  □  Yes
   2  □  No
   3  □  Is in the process of learning

38) Assess yourself in the following artistic skills:
   1  Dancing
   2  Music
   3  Painting
   4  Drawing
   5  Acting

39) Assess yourself in the following:
   1  Sports and Games
   2  Karate/Judo/Other self defense mechanism
40) Do the additional responsibilities as a woman prevent you from promoting your artistic/other skills?
1. Always
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Never

41) What is your share in the family income?
1. No share
2. Less than half share of the total income
3. Equal or more than half share of the total income
4. Sole earner

42) Do you have a bank account?
1. Yes
2. No

43) Do you operate your bank account?
1. Yes
2. No

44) If yes, how often do you operate your bank account?
1. Frequently
2. Occasionally
3. Rarely

45) Do you require permission from your husband/in-laws/parents to operate bank account?
1. Yes
2. No

46) Nature of participation in decision making process of transactions at various levels in the family:

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47) If you have income, what do you do with your income?
1. Keep the income under your control and use it as per your decision
2. Hand over the money to your husband and let him meet the expenses
3. Keep the income under your control and use it based on joint decision with your husband others

48) Do you have the freedom to spend the money to do something you enjoy like tours, cinema or parties with your friends?
1. Not at all
2. To some extent
3. To a great extent
4. Undecided

49) Do you own property?
1. Yes
2. No

50) What is the nature of property you own?
1. Land
2. Building
3. Ornaments
4. Others
51) Did you get due share of family (parents) property?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Likely to get due share later.

52) Who takes decisions about the transactions of property you own?
   1. Yourself
   2. Husband
   3. Joint
   4. Others

53) On an average how many hours you spend for household activities?
   1. 0-2 hours
   2. 2-4 hours
   3. 4-8 hours
   4. Eight hours and more

54) How many hours you get as leisure time every day?
   1. 2-4 hours
   2. 1-2 hours
   3. Almost nil

55) Do you read newspapers daily?
   1. Yes
   2. No

56) What type of news do you read more?
   1. News of Political importance
   2. News about accidents/calamities
   3. Gossips
   4. Informative articles on Science and Technology, Education, law etc.
   5. Sports

57) Do you watch TV daily?
   1. Yes
   2. No

58) What type of programme do you watch more?
   1. Serials
   2. Cinema
   3. Informative programmes like discussions on health education, law and news bulletins

59) Do you have a habit of spending time in libraries?
   1. Yes
   2. No

60) Do you listen to radio daily?
   1. Yes
   2. No

61) What type of programmes do you listen more?
   1. Entertainments like Dramas, Film songs etc
   2. Informative talks/news bulletin
   3. Sports commentary

62) Do you think that in sexual relationship woman should express her likes and dislikes openly?
   1. Yes
   2. No

63) In sexual relationships do you express your likes and dislikes openly?
   1. Always
   2. Often
   3. Sometimes
   4. Never
64) Does your body create a sense of insecurity within you?
1 Always
2 Often
3 Sometimes
4 Never

65) Who performs the following household activities?

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66) Who takes the following decisions in the family?

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67) What is your position in the family?
1 Dominant
2 Subordinate
3 Equal partnership
4 Undecided

68) Do you take exercise regularly?
1 Yes
2 No

69) Does your work load affect your health adversely?
1 Yes
2 No

70) If you are sick will you be able to take adequate rest?
1 Yes
2 No

71) In case of shortage of food in the family what will you do?
1 Divide the food in such a way that everyone gets an equitable share
2 You will sacrifice the food so that it can be shared among others
3 Undecided

72) Are you able to make your own arrangements to go to a doctor and discuss your Health problems?
1 Always
2 Often
3 Sometimes
4 Never

73) Do men in your locality manhandle women?
1 Yes
2 No
3 Undecided
74) Does your husband harass you in any manner?
   1 □ Yes
   2 □ No

75) If yes, what is the nature of harassment?
   1 □ Hit/kick
   2 □ Abuse
   3 □ Not respecting the dignity as a woman

76) How often does this happen?
   1 □ Always
   2 □ Often
   3 □ Sometimes
   4 □ Rarely

77) What is your reaction towards harassment?
   1 □ Ignore
   2 □ Discuss with your husband and get an assurance not to repeat it
   3 □ Analyse the seriousness of the harassment and resort to legal proceedings if required
   4 □ Undecided

78) Do you wear uncomfortable clothing because people expect you to wear it?
   1 □ Yes
   2 □ No

79) If Yes, how often do you wear uncomfortable clothing?
   1 □ Always
   2 □ Often
   3 □ Sometimes
   4 □ Never

80) Do you travel alone?
   1 □ Yes
   2 □ No

81) If Yes, how often do you travel alone?
   1 □ Frequently
   2 □ Occasionally
   3 □ Rarely

82) What is the maximum distance you have travelled alone?
   1 □ Not beyond the locality
   2 □ Beyond the locality but within the District
   3 □ Beyond the District but within the State
   4 □ Beyond the State
   5 □ Beyond the Country

83) Do you feel confident to travel alone to unknown places?
   1 □ Yes
   2 □ No
   3 □ Undecided
84) Do you vote in elections?
   1 [ ] Yes
   2 [ ] No

85) If yes, do you vote for the candidate of your choice?
   1 [ ] Yes
   2 [ ] No

86) Are you a member of any political party?
   1 [ ] Yes
   2 [ ] No

87) If yes, do you have any leadership role in the party?
   1 [ ] Yes
   2 [ ] No

88) How will you rate your willingness to contest an election?
   1 [ ] Willing
   2 [ ] Not willing
   3 [ ] Willing only if family members agree to it
   4 [ ] Undecided

89) Have you contested an election to local bodies/legislature?
   1 [ ] Yes
   2 [ ] No

90) Have you heard about Grama Sabhas/ward committee?
   1 [ ] Yes
   2 [ ] No

91) Have you attended Grama Sabha/ward committee meetings?
   1 [ ] Yes
   2 [ ] No

92) Do you attend Grama Sabha/Ward Committee meetings now?
   1 [ ] Yes
   2 [ ] No

93) If yes, how often do you attend Grama Sabhas/Ward Committee meetings?
   1 [ ] Always
   2 [ ] Often
   3 [ ] Sometimes
   4 [ ] Rarely

94) Do you participate in discussions in Grama Sabha/Ward Committee meetings?
   1 [ ] Yes
   2 [ ] No

95) If yes, how often do you participate in discussions?
   1 [ ] Always
   2 [ ] Often
   3 [ ] Sometimes
   4 [ ] Rarely

96) Have you heard about Ayalkootam?
   1 [ ] Yes
   2 [ ] No

97) Have you attended Ayalkootam meetings?
   1 [ ] Yes
   2 [ ] No
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<td>100) Do you have any leadership role in Ayalkootams?</td>
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<td>101) Do you take part in discussions in Ayalkootam meetings?</td>
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10) Are you satisfied with the present status of Kerala Women? Why?

111) What do you mean by Women empowerment?

112) What are the problems faced by Kerala Women in the process of empowerment?

113) What are the solutions?

114) What are the reasons for the invisibility of Kerala Women in politics even though they are educated?

115) Do you think that Kerala men are supportive of empowering women? Why?

116) What are the initiatives expected from the Government to enhance the empowerment level of Kerala Women?

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