APPENDIX
(Questionnaire)

This questionnaire is being used for academic purpose only. You are requested to spare some time for it.
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1. Which sect do you belong to?
   (1) Ahmadiyya      (2) Neel-dhari      (3) Bawa Lal    (4) Salvation Army

2. When did you become follower of your sect? ............... 

3. How old were you at the time of joining the sect? (in years) .............. 

4. By which aspect of the sect you were fascinated? .............. 

5. Did you fulfill your aspirations which you expected before becoming member of the sect? (1) Yes    (2) No 

6. What were the things you did not like in the mainstream religion? .............. 

7. Who inspired you to become follower?
   (1) Family      (2) Friend/ relative
   (3) Teaching of the Guru (4) Any other 

8. Which benefit did you get after becoming follower?
   (1) Social respect    (2) Financial assistance
   (3) Political benefit (4) Mental peace 

9. To which extent religious ritual practices are necessary for a follower?
   (1) Very much    (2) Some extent     (3) Not at all 

10. What contribution your sect performs for the society? ...................... 

11. What do you think that your sect should do to flourish a lot? .............. 

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12. What do you feel when respectable personalities participate in your ceremonies?
   (1) Good  (2) No effect  (3) Bad  (4) No opinion

13. What do you feel when government officers of different departments participate in your ceremonies?
   (1) Good  (2) No effect  (3) Bad  (4) No opinion

14. What do you feel when political leaders of different political parties participate in your ceremonies?
   (1) Good  (2) No effect  (3) Bad  (4) No opinion

15. What is the contribution of political leaders for your sect?
   (1) Social recognition increases  (2) Financial aid comes  
   (3) Due representation in Politics  (4) Don’t know

16. Leaders of which political parties visit more in your sect headquarter?  

17. People vote for that Party / Leader which visit frequently in the sect headquarter. 
   Do you agree or disagree?
   (1) Agree  (2) Disagree  (3) No opinion

18. What facilities Central and State governments are providing to the sect headquarter?  

19. Seats should be reserved for your community in Legislative Assembly / Parliament. Do agree or disagree?
   (1) Agree  (2) Disagree  (3) No opinion
20. What do you like to be called as a sect follower or mainstream religion follower?
   (1) Sect follower          (2) Mainstream religion follower
   (3) Any other . . . . . . . . . . (4) No opinion

21. How important the sect symbols are in your life?
   (1) Very much       (2) Some extent       (3) Not at all       (4) No opinion

22. What type of relations do you have with the mainstream religion?
   (1) Cordial               (2) Neutral              (3) Hostile              (4) No opinion

23. From whom do you face any type of exclusion / discrimination?

24. What type of relations do you have with sects of other religions?
   (1) Cordial               (2) Neutral              (3) Hostile              (4) No opinion

25. Which service do you perform in your sect?

26. There are a few persons at the top in your sect who decide everything. How much you are consulted?
   (1) Every time   (2) Some times   (3) Never   (4) No opinion

27. Do you want to become member of the core committee?
   (1) Yes   (2) No   (3) No opinion

28. Do you persuade others to become member of your sect?
   (1) Yes   (2) No   (3) No opinion

29. How much you donate to your sect in a year?
30. Where do you marry?
   (1) Within sect    (2) Outside sect but within religion
   (3) Caste no bar   (4) No opinion

31. Are you member of any association?
   (1) Yes, Specify. ..........................   (2) No

32. With whose advice do you vote for a particular political party?

33. If your community head suggests you to vote for a particular party or candidate, then would you agree or disagree with that?
   (1) Agree   (2) Disagree   (3) No opinion

34. Which political party do you like the most and why? ..........................

35. What are the things which people do not find in their religion but get in sect? . .
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36. How often do you visit the sect headquarter in a year? ............... .

37. How often do you visit religious places of other religions in a year? .............
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38. How much important a living guru is for a person/ sect?
   (1) Very much (2) Some extent   (3) Not at all   (4) No opinion

39. What do you think that who should look after the sect after the Guru? ............
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40. How much chances are there to give up your separate identity and assimilate in the mainstream religion?
   (1) Very much       (2) A few       (3) Not at all       (4) No opinion

**Background Profile**

41. Gender:       (1) Male       (2) Female

42. Age: ............

43. Religion:       (1) Hindu       (2) Sikh       (3) Muslim       (4) Christian

44. Caste: ............

45. Caste category:       (1) Scheduled Caste       (2) Backward Caste       (3) General

46. Education Level: ............

47. Occupation: ............

48. Monthly income: ............

49. Family type:       (1) Joint       (2) Nuclear

50. Your name: ............

51. Where do you live? ............

52. What is your grandfather’s name? ............

53. Where did your grandfather live? ............

54. What is the occupation of your father? ............

55. What is the name of your father? ............

56. Any thing else you want to share regarding your sect? ............

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Thanks a lot . . !