APPENDIX

INTERVIEW GUIDE

Views of the Traditional Fishworkers on the Effect of the Fishworkers' Movement in Kerala, and the Role of Kerala Swathantra Malsya Thozhilali Federation (KSMTF) as a Non-Party Political Organisation for Social Transformation.

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I. Name and Address of the Respondents.

II. It is said that only because of the fishworkers' movement that the fishworkers in Kerala were able to gain the following benefits. Specify to what extent you agree with them.

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1. Enactment of law by the government to ban night trawling and to regulate mechanised vessels in the sea.

2. Law to ban monsoon trawling.

3. Only because of the fishworkers' movement welfare laws to provide old age pension and lumpsum grant were enacted.

4. The government prepared a draft bill for the welfare of the inland fishworkers.

5. The government was pressurised to give compensation and free ration for fishworkers affected by the fish disease.

N.B. Please give 'X' mark for your answer in the relevant column. For the group, indicate the 'number' of people who have given the same answer for each question.
6. The government was forced to appoint three expert Committees to study about monsoon trawling.

7. The women fish vendors were given transport facilities by the government.

8. The legal cases regarding marine regulations were won by fishworkers in the high court and the supreme court.

9. The fishworkers in Kerala became an organised force and got an identity as a working class.

10. The fishworkers' movement made the government and the public aware of the problems of fishworkers in Kerala.

11. As a result of the movement, the fishworkers got rid of the fear of authorities like police, government officials and the boat owners.

12. Fishworkers has experienced a sense of equality and dignity with others.

13. The movement has helped to remove the fatalistic attitude of fishworkers and to solve their problems by themselves.

14. Fishworkers have acquired a critical approach to religious beliefs, practices and leaders.

15. KSMTF has positively influenced the trade unions and political parties in Kerala.

16. The fisherwomen were brought to the organisational work on par with men.

17. The fishworkers learned to cooperate with people's organisations in other sectors.
III. Some of the reasons which made the people participate in the fishworkers movement are the following. Please mark how far they are relevant in your case.

1. The issue of monsoon trawling

2. The non-party political character of KSMTF.

3. Economic benefits from the voluntary organisations.

4. KSMTF was constantly mobilising people around basic issues of the fishworkers.

5. The organisational and leadership style of KSMTF.

6. Liberation theology or religious faith.

7. The ideal of a classless society based on equality and justice.

IV. With regard to the cooperation of KSMTF with left parties in the election to the fish marketing cooperative societies, various opinions are expressed. To what extent do you agree with them.

1. The cooperation with left parties has helped the fishworkers to understand the intricacies of party politics.

2. KSMTF was not given seats in the societies proportionate to their strength.

3. KSMTF lost its credibility as a non-party political organisation.

4. KSMTF was unable to take a strong stand against the undemocratic approach of CPI(M) in the cooperatives.

5. Fishworkers understood the functioning of the cooperatives and gained many benefits from them.
V. What is your opinion about the role of social workers in KSMTF?

1. The social workers conscientised the fishworkers towards a strong organisational movement.

2. Proper leadership of fishworkers did not grow due to the social workers.

3. Due to the social workers the fishworkers' movement has not achieved financial independence.

VI. According to certain social work principles, the social workers are to withdraw from the scene once the people among whom they work are able to manage on their own. Do you think that it is time for the social workers to withdraw from KSMTF?

Yes...........
No............

VII. What is, according to you, is the present position of fishworkers' movement and KSMTF?

1. The movement is active and strong

2. It is stagnant without new policies and programmes.

3. Fishworkers are not active and interested in the movement.

4. Since the political parties are doing everything for the fishworkers, KSMTF has become irrelevant.
VIII. Please indicate your views on the following statements regarding the future of KSMTF. 

1. KSMTF should be dissolved and its members should be allowed to join the unions of political parties.

2. It should merge with other party unions.

3. It should keep its identity and collaborate with other unions and organisations on the issues of people.

4. KSMTF should be transformed into a political party.

IX. Please give views on:
   1. Leadership and organisation of KSMTF.
   2. Participation of women in KSMTF.

X. What, according to you, are the limitations of KSMTF as a non-party political organisation?

XI. Please give suggestions to make KSMTF and the fishworkers' movement active and relevant.

XII. Do you think that Non-party Political Organisations like KSMTF have a role to play in social transformation in India? If so what? 

   Yes...
   No....

   1. 
   2. 
   3. 

XIII. Any other remarks:

   1. by the respondents
   2. by the interviewer

Place............

Date ............ Signature of the Interviewer