TILAK MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY
Ph.D. Dissertation
Title: A sociological Study of the Status and process of empowerment of women among the major tribal and non-tribal communities of Manipur since Independence (1947)
QUESTIONNAIR/SCHEDULE

Dear ________________________________

I am working on my Ph.D. Dissertation in the above-mentioned university and I am in need of your valuable cooperation by answering this questionnaire. All information provided will be confidential and for research use only.

Thanking you

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Please Tick (√) wherever is applicable to you.

Section A. PERSONAL INFORMATION
1. Name of the respondent:__________________________________________
2. Address: __________________________________ District___________________
3. Place of residence: Rural/Urban
4. Age:_______________________
5. Marital Status: Single / Married / Separated / Divorced / Widow
6. What is your mother tongue:_______________________________________
7. Caste: SC / ST / Not known / Other Caste specify: _______________________
8. If ST, which tribe: (e.g. Any Kuki/Naga/Mizo etc.) _______________________
9. Religion: Hindu / Christian / Muslim (specify) _____________________________
10. Educational level: Illiterate / Primary / Secondary / Undergraduate / Graduate / Postgraduate / Vocational training like tailoring / Weaving / Artist / other
11. What is your occupation?: Housewife / Cultivator / Private school or College teacher / NGO worker / Social worker / Private business / Mission worker / Government worker (specify)__________________________

Section B. FAMILY INFORMATION
1. How many members in your family? ____________________________
2. What is the size of your house? _________________________________
3. If you are living in urban:
   (a) How many rooms in your home? ________________________________
   (b) Basic amenities and facilities available to you: Water / Electricity / T.V. / Toilet / Fridge / Vehicle
   (c) Cook food by using: Gas / Kerosene stove / Fuel / Other (specify) ________________
4. If you are living in a rural
   (a) How many rooms in your home? ________________________________
   (b) Basic amenities and facilities available to you: Food / Shelter / Drinking water / Fuel / Sanitation / Milk / Cattle / Security
5. Do husbands relations live with you?: Father / Mother / Brother(s) / Sister(s) / Cousins / Uncle / Children (not your own) / other ________________________________
6. Type of family: Only husband and wife / Husband, wife and children / Husband, wife, children and in-laws / other______________________________
7. Are your parents educated?: Yes / No
8. If married, is your husband educated?: Yes / No
9. Are all your sister/s and brother/s educated?: Yes / No
10. What is the age difference between you and your husband?: ____________
11. Your age at marriage: ________________
12. Would you like to live separately with husband and children?: Yes / No
13. After marriage, do you move to different place of residence?: Change from rural urban / From urban to rural / No change
14. If join family, do you have common kitchen and own all your properties in common?: Yes / No
15. Do you think that you are given due respect in your family (considering to your age, education, job etc)?: Yes / No
16. If married, are you allowed to keep contact with your parents and relatives: Always / Sometimes / Often / Rarely / Never
17. If not allowed, state the reason: __________________________________________
18. Do you feel that you are under controlled by husband and family?: Yes / No
19. If yes, by whom?: By Father / Husband / Brother(s) / Others __________________________
20. What do you feel of being under control? ______________________________________
21. How many meals do you eat per day?: One / two / three __________________
22. Do you eat food: After all family members have eaten / with family ______________
23. If married, do you discuss any of the following subjects with your husband?: (a) Household expenditure (b) Discipline at the house (c) Husband’s behavior outside (d) Education of the children (e) Behavior or problems with in-laws
24. How many children do you have / If not married, how many children would you like to have? (a) Son __________ (b) Daughter
25. Do you prefer a boy child?: Yes / No
26. If yes, why?: Once a daughter marries she belongs to another family / Girls are less capable than boys / Girls are less useful than boys / Any other __________________________
27. Have you yourself received a differential treatment from your parents?: Yes / No
28. Do you give preferential treatment to your son/s?: Yes / No
29. Does a daughter get support in case of neglect in the family?: Yes / No. If yes, how?: ________________
30. How do you settle differences of opinions in the family?: By keeping quiet / Executing my right / Allow them to settle / Articulating my view / Tribal council / Relatives
31. Is your husband faithful to you?: Always / Not always / Not all the times / Can’t say
32. Type of marriage in your community: Monogamy / Polygyny / Polyandry
33. If Hindu, is child marriage practice in your community?: Yes / No
34. What festival/s do you like the most?:
35. What is your hobbies?: Dance / Singing / Reading / Art & crafts / other ______________
36. What do you do (recreation) during your free time?" Witch TV or movie / Listening folk music / Sing songs / Gossiping / Swimming / other __________________________
37. Do you go out of the house for: Market / Work / Visit to relatives / Visit to friends / Parents, brothers, sisters / Visiting religious place / Learning some craft / Education of some type / Hospital or clinic
38. If you are divorced, does the society: Reject you / Support you / Criticized you / Respect you / other __________________________
39. Are you allowed to take part in any social activity?: Yes / No
40. If you are a widowed, do you?: Stay in the same house with your children / Go back to your parents / Other ________________________________
41. Do you have the power to control over the family property?: Yes / No
42. If no, who control?: Parents-in-law / Brother/s-in-law / any other ________________________________
43. How the society treat you?: Look-down upon / Reject / Supportive / Respect / No change
44. Is your social status change to?: Low / High / No change

**Section C. SOCIAL & ECONOMIC**
1. Do you feel that you are treated as unequal with men by your community?: Yes / No
2. If yes, how often?: Always / Occasionally / Sometimes only / Don’t know
3. Are you ill-treated in any way?: By use of abusive language / Beating / Mental torture / Any other ________________________________
4. By whom?: Parents / Husband / In-laws / Employer / Male co-workers / Male friends / Female co-workers
5. How do you react?: By keeping quiet / Protest your right / Report to the authority or police / Articulate your views / Taking help from Kin / NGOs
6. If you are living in rural, are you working on your own fare/land?: Yes / No
   (a) If yes, how big is your farm/land? ________________________________
   (b) If no, do you take it as a?: Leased / Daily wages basis
   (c) Do you need to get water/fuel from elsewhere?: Yes / No
   (d) If yes, how much time is spent to collect water?: ________________________________
   (e) How much time is spent to collect fuel?: ________________________________
   (f) Any joint (men & women) activity in farming?: Yes / No
   (g) What work you/women do on the farm?: ________________________________
7. If you living in urban, under which agency are you working?: Public / Private / Self employed / other ________________________________
8. Why did you choose to work?: So support my family / To be financially independent / To show my ability to ear / Because I am educated / Any other ________________________________
9. What are your daily working hours?: 1-3hrs / 3-5hrs / 5-8hrs / 9hrs and above / No fixed hrs.
10. Numbers of working days in a week: 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / 7
11. How many break times do you get during your working hours in a day?: One / Two / Three / Four / No break at all
12. What is your income?: 100-1,000 / 1001-3,000 / 3001-5,000 / 5001-10,000 / 10,001 and above / No fixed
13. Payment is done: Daily / Weekly / Monthly
14. Whether payment is made in terms of: Kind / Cash / Any other ________________________________
15. Do you get less wages than men?: Yes / No
16. If yes, why?: You work lesser / Less qualitative / Work slow / Less productive / It is the custom / Because you are a woman / Any other ________________________________
17. Distance of working place from your home/village: Walking distance / Less than 1km / 1-2 kms / 2-5kms / 6 and more kms
18. How do you go to the work site?: Bus bus / Bicycle / My own vehicle / On foot / any other (specify) ________________________________
19. Do you have equal facilities with men from your employer in times of accidents?: Yes / No
20. What difficulties have you faced during your past working life?: Cite a few incidents?: ________________________________
21. How fare are you dependent on the family for your economic needs?: Fully/Partly/Not at all.
22. Are you allowed to spend for yourself: Always / Sometimes / Never
23. Are you allowed to spend for your children?: Always / Sometimes / Never
24. If you are allowed, is it because you are earning?: Yes / No
25. Who spend money the most in the family?: Head of the family or husband / Yourself / Other members
26. Are you consulted before taking decision for any investment?: Always / Sometimes / Never
27. Are you consulted at the time of taking decisions regarding expenditure for important occasions such as marriage, etc.:? Always / Sometimes / Never
28. Do you consult your husband, elders before you spend your personal income?: Always / Sometimes / Never
29. If you are employed, how do you spend your income?
   (a) Hand it over to the head of the family: Partly / Fully
   (b) Spend it as I wish
   (c) Spend it according to wishes of elders
   (d) Cannot spend without the permission of my husband
   (e) Cannot spend without the permission of the head of the family (if other than husband)
   (f) Any other ____________________________
30. Do you have bank account in your own name?: Yes / No
31. Are there any Women’s Organizations, NGOs or local groups which encourage small savings schemes / rural credit / environment protection / water conservation?: Yes / No
32. Have your parents or relatives given any ornaments at the time of your marriage?: Yes / No
33. If yes, state its values: _______________________________________
34. Who is the custodian of such ornaments?: Myself / My husband / Head of the family (if other than husband) / Others (such as mother-in-law, etc.) ____________________________
35. Have your parents or relatives given dowry on your marriage?: Yes / No
36. If yes, state its value: _________________________________
37. Who is the custodian of such dowry?: __________________________________
38. Have your parents received bride price on your marriage?: Yes / No
39. If yes, state its value: ______________________________________
40. Is there any time you are criticized of being costly by your husband / in-laws because of bride price?: Always / Sometimes / Never
41. If Muslim, have you parents received ‘Mehr’ at the time of your marriage?: Yes / No
42. Do you feel ‘dowry’, ‘bride price’ and ‘Mehr’ should be discontinue?: Yes / No
43. Do you feel ‘dowry’, ‘bride price’ and ‘Mehr’ lowered the status of women?: Yes / No
44. Do you have a share in your parents’ property?: Yes / No
45. Are you aware about Indian/Hindu Law Code about property rights inheritance?: Yes / No
46. What do you fell that makes women strong and independent?: Education / Job / Income / Equal status with men / Freedom to decide no. of children / Men sharing burden of house work and child rearing / Decision to stay unmarried / Good health care / Political rights / Security from violence

Section D. HEALTH
1. Any hereditary sickness in your family?: Yes / No
2. How far is the hospital/clinic from you?: Walking distance / 1km / 1-5km / 6 and more kms
3. Do your girl child gets proper health care?: Yes / No
4. Do your girl child gets vaccinations?: Polio / Measles / Chicken pox / Hepatitis / Other ______
5. Do your girl child gets proper nutrition?: Yes / No
6. Do you indulge in any of these habits?: Smoking / Chewing tobacco / Drinking alcohol
7. Do you think these habits are injurious to your health and your child?: Yes / No / Don't know
8. Do you have regular medical check up during pregnancy?: Yes / No
9. At the time of pregnancy, were you worried about the sex of your child?: Yes / No
10. Did you make any special efforts for getting a male child?: Yes / No
11. Have you had any Sex Determination test during pregnancy?: Yes / No
12. If no, do you know anyone who undergone such procedures?: Yes / No
13. Did you eat proper meals during pregnancy?: Yes / No
14. Where did you deliver your child?: Home / Clinic / Hospital
15. Do you go to your parents for delivery?: Yes / No
16. Any health problems after delivery?: Yes / No
17. Have you undergone sterilization?: Yes / No
18. Have you adopted any family planning devices?: Yes / No
19. If yes, what type?: ____________________________
20. If no, state the reason/s ___________________________
21. Who persuaded you to adopt family planning?: My own decision / Husband / In-laws / Friends / Doctors
22. Do you consult doctor/anybody regarding this?: Once / Occasionally / At regular intervals / Not at all

Section E. RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS BELIEFS
1. Which religion did your grand-parents practice?: ____________________________
2. Which religion do you practice?: Tribal religion / Hindu / Christianity / Islam / Buddhist / Other ____________________________
3. Do you know your original tribal status?: Yes / No
4. If belonging to a tribe, which religion did you convert to?: Christianity / Hindu / Buddhist / Islam / Other ____________________________
5. Has your conversion changed your status and role in community?: Higher / Lower / Same / Don’t know
6. Are you religious?: Yes / No
7. Are you allowed to take part in all religious rituals and ceremonials?: Always / Sometimes / Never
8. Do you have a particular religious dress code?: Yes / No
9. If yes, specify ____________________________
10. Are you allowed to participate in the Mosque/Temple/Church?: Yes / No
11. If yes, in what ways?: Only in prayers / Leading prayer / Worship / Conducting prayer / Preaching / Chanting of scripture / Decision making / Priest / Ordained ministers / Religious teacher
12. Are you happy with the position of women in your religious activities?: Yes / No. If no, why and what should be done ____________________________
13. If Hindu, what caste, sub-caste do you belong? ____________________________
14. Do you perform Puja?: Always / Sometimes / Never
15. Do you believe in religious rituals?: Yes / No
16. Do you feel that you are honored when you are allowed to take part in religious activities?: Yes / No / No feeling
17. Are there any religious acts which are regarded incomplete without a women?: Yes / No
18. If yes, state the name of such rituals: _______________________________________
19. In religious functions sometimes women are regarded as untouchable. Do you agree?: Fully / To some extent / Not at all
20. If agree, give some examples: _______________________________________________
21. Are there any reasons as to why a woman is not allowed to participate in religious function? If so, state them. _____________________________________________________________
22. Do you/will you insist that your daughter/s follow these restrictions?: Yes / No
23. If Muslim, do you follow: Muslim laws / Native state laws / Tribal laws / Don’t know
24. Do you observe Purdah?: Yes / No
25. Do you marry within your own tribe, caste, sect, even if you are Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist etc.: Yes / No
26. Do different religious groups mix freely?: Yes / No
27. If yes, in what respects?: Economic activity / Social gathering / Festivals / Marriage / Political activities / Rallies / Protest movements

Section F. POLITICS
1. Do you support women’s involvement in politics?: Yes / No
2. Why? ________________________________________________________________
3. Are you involved in politics?: Yes / No
4. If yes, in what way?: Panchayat / Village authority / Voting / Candidature / Party workers / Decision making / other _____________________________________________
5. According to the sixth Schedule, the Local Governing Body are vested power for developmental program, how far is the work carried out?: Satisfactory / Not satisfactory / Not up to the mark / don’t know
6. Are you aware of the reservation for women in politics?: Yes / No
7. Do you know any woman political leader?: Yes / No
8. Is there any Women organization in your village/city?: Yes / No
9. If yes, specify __________________________________________________________
10. Supposing both your son and daughter are equally fit for politics and your were to choose one of them, whom will you prefer?: Son / Daughter
11. Why? ________________________________________________________________
12. Do you read newspaper/political new magazine/watch TV programs on political issues?: Yes / No
13. If faced with problem who do you approach?: Village panchayat / Police / Family / Kin

Section G. OPENED ENDED
1. What do you think you need to be free, secure and capable?
2. Do men in your family/community give your respect? Treat you as subordinate? Neglect you?
3. Do women themselves treat themselves as weaker and subordinate to men? Should men beat wives?
4. Do you feel that conversion to another religion has freed you from low caste, status or discrimination due to tribal status?
5. As converted tribes to Christianity/Hinduism/Islam etc. do you get government reservation facilities in education, jobs, and scholarships?

6. Are there political and religious organizations other than Christians who are trying to spread Hindu or Islam religious Ideas in your community? Yes / No. If yes, Name the organization and what work are they doing?

7. Did kinship bonds influence conversion and close blood relations in your family all convert to another religion? Do all family members practice one religion?
1.5. RESEARCH DESIGN

1.5.1. Problem of the study
Critics of the Indian family system say that the Indian women do not enjoy equal rights with men in social, political, religious and economic fields; they are ill-treated and cannot claim any share in the family property. The condition of rural women is far worse than that of the urban women. Women, as individuals, an autonomous political being, are treated unequally and unjustly by society. Their basic and fundamental rights are being constantly violated. They have been dehumanized and silenced for centuries and consequently have been unable to express their views. If this is the case, tribal women in Manipur are twice oppressed; firstly as women and secondly as tribal women. The condition of non-tribal women in Manipur is better as compare with the tribal women.

Nehru, the first Prime Minister of the Independent India, clearly contended that while women participation in the nationalist upsurge was crucial, the women of India have an additional task, and that is to free themselves from the tyranny of manmade customs and laws. They will have to carry on this second struggle by themselves for man is not likely to help them. It is true to Manipur women they have to bear the whole burden of struggle for women emancipation themselves.

1.5.2. Significance of the study
Women's empowerment is a crucial issue facing women as a whole and Manipur women in particular today as they themselves have become better aware of the need and as they struggle to reaffirm their indigenous identity, rights, values and dignity as human beings and have become determined to stand against the threat to their existence perpetrated by ideologies of sexism, colonialism, materialism and individualism. Thus, for Manipur women, the struggle for gender equality is to be launched not only within the confines of the home and the community but also at the state and national arenas and platforms where negotiations for socio-economic cooperation and understandings are accomplished. Women have no contribution as they have no control over their lives and natural resources. Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, clearly points out, if an ancestral treasure lying buried in a corner of the house unknown to the members of the family were suddenly discovered what a celebration it would be for the occasion. Manipur women's
marvelous power is lying dormant. If the women of Manipur wake up they will dazzle the Nation.

1.5.3. Objectives of the study
1. To study the concept of empowerment and its various dimensions among different communities in Manipur.
2. To study the Status and process of Empowerment of tribal and non-tribal women in Manipur.
3. To bring to light the reality and causes of the existing social inequality between men and women in Manipur with a view to challenge the structure of both the Hindus and tribal societies of the state.
4. To enhance self-esteem and confidence among the Tribal and non-tribal women.
5. To promote women-men equal participation in developmental processes in Manipur.
6. To create a room to encourage women of Manipur to fight for their rightful contribution in the society.
7. To educate men counter partner of Manipur regarding women empowerment in their societies.

1.5.4. Hypotheses
1. Customary laws like male inheritance and Religious factors are the root causes of inequality among men and women in tribal societies of Manipur.
2. The culture of Manipur society, the customs and patterns of behavior, are not different as far as tribal and non-tribal women are concern.
3. Status of tribal women is lower than that of the non-tribal women in Manipur.
4. Women's position and degree of empowerment is defined by gender and gender relations in both tribals and non-tribal societies in Manipur.
5. Level of literacy along with Education is a powerful and multi-pronged force in improving women's status in Manipur.
6. Inequality in gender relations is embodied in various societal institutions but is reproduced daily in the household of tribals and non-tribal communities of Manipur.
7. Conscientization with regard to gender equality is low among women as seen in their educational aspirations for girls and boys in Manipur.

1.5.5. Sampling design
A Stratified Random Sampling Framework will be adopted in this study in which the population will be first divided into a number of groups, which may be based on a single criterion or on a combination of two or more criteria. Participant and non-participant observation will be used in the study as well.

1.5.6. Tools for data collection
The study will be based on both primary and secondary sources. The secondary sources include both published and unpublished books, dissertations, and journals. There will be questionnaire and Interview Schedules. Besides these, reference will be made to stories, folktales, sayings and folklores of Manipur local folk-writings and literature for an in-depth understanding of the tribal and non-tribal culture and history of Manipur. The researcher shall try to have qualitative analysis along with quantitative analysis.

1.5.7. Limitation of the study
The population of the study is in Manipur, which is thousands of miles away from the place of study. Due to the limitation of time, distance and money, a large number of selecting sample will not be possible. Therefore, it will be a purposive study on a small sample. It is not a survey study. The researcher needs to contact women from both urban and rural areas, which will be a difficult and an expensive task. The researcher, therefore, will be concentrating only on four districts where all the ethnic class of people and religious groups are found.

1.5.8. The chapter scheme
Chapter 1  Introduction, background of the people, the problem and research design
Chapter 2  Review of literature
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