### APPENDIX I

TISS, MUMBAI

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

RESPONSES OF SYRIAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN ON INHERITANCE RIGHTS AND ALLIED ISSUES

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**1. Demographic and Socio-Economic Background**

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| 6. Household Income | Actual |

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II. Responses on Gender Empowerment Aspects

Education and Allied Issues

16. What do you think of your own educational status?

17. What was your parents’ attitude towards your education?


18. How do you rate the educational status of women of your locality?

1. Low level of education ☐ 2. High level of education ☐ 3. Do not know ☐

19. What is your perception of education of girls?

1. Up to school level ☐ 2. Up to college level ☐ 3. Maximum higher education ☐ 4. Any other ☐

20. Any reason for your responses?

Employment and Allied Issues

21. How do you feel about being an employed woman?


22. What has been your parents’ attitude towards your career?


23. What has been your husband and in-law’s attitude towards your career?


24. Who has the control over your earnings?


25. What is your opinion on married employed women’s control over their earnings?

1. Wives should have the control over their earnings ☐ 2. Jointly by husbands and wives ☐ 3. Other ☐

26. How do you perceive the role of married employed women and family life?

1. A married employed woman can efficiently manage job and family ☐ 2. A married employed woman cannot manage both job and family ☐ 3. Other ☐
27. What is your view regarding gender division of labour at home?
   1. Husband and wife should share the chores  
   2. Chores are not meant for Husband  
   3. Husband doing chores is voluntary  
   4. Other

28. What is your opinion on gender parity in employment sectors?
   1. There should be gender parity in employment sectors  
   2. There should not be gender parity in employment sectors  
   3. No comments  
   4. Other

29. What type of employment according to you is best suited for women?
   1. Teaching  
   2. Nursing  
   3. Any profession  
   4. Other

30. Any reason for your response?

**Decision Making Roles**

31. What is your role in decision making areas such as purchasing, food, health aspects, children’s upbringing, finance etc.?
   1. Active role  
   2. Passive role  
   3. No role  
   4. No comment

**Perceptions on Girl Children, Reservation for Women and Priesthood of Women**

32. What is your perception of girl child?
   1. A girl is as good as that of a boy  
   2. Girl is a liability  
   3. No comment

33. In which fields do you think there need to be reservation for women?
   1. In employment sector  
   2. In health sector  
   3. In politics  
   4. In all fields  
   5. No need for reservation for women  
   6. Other

34. What is your view regarding ordaining women as priests to head the Churches?
   1. Priesthood is religious profession designed for men  
   2. Women will find difficult to run the Church  
   3. Women can become priests  
   4. Other

35. Can you elaborate on your response?

**Participation in Women’s Programmes/ Organisations**

36. Are you associated with any women’s programme/ organisation
   1. Yes  
   2. No

37. If yes, can you explain about programme/organisation, activities etc..

38. If you have any role in Church activities mention.
III. Awareness, Knowledge and Attitudes of Syrian Christian Women towards Inheritance Rights and Allied Issues

39. Are you aware of the change in law regarding the inheritance rights among Christians in Kerala?

1. Yes □ 2. No □

40. Do you know the name of the Act which governs inheritance rights among Christians in Kerala now?

1. Yes □ 2. No □

41. If yes, then which is the Act

1. The Kerala Succession Act □ 2. The Indian Succession Act □ 3. The Christian Succession Act □
4. Don’t Know □

42. Do you know when the new Act on inheritance rights among Christians came into force in Kerala?

1. Yes □ 2. No □

43. If yes which year?


44. What is the right of a daughter in the parental property as per the Act?

1. A daughter can inherit one-third of the parental property □ 2. A daughter can inherit one-fourth of parental property □ 3. A daughter can inherit an equal share like son in the parental property □
4. Do not know □

45. What type of property can be inherited by the surviving spouse and children?

1. Property for which Will is documented □ 2. Property for which Will is not documented □
3. Any kind of property □ 4. Do not know □

46. Are you aware of the Retrospective Effect of the Indian Succession Act (1925) with regard to inheritance?

1. Yes □ 2. No. □

47. If yes, then what is your view on the retrospective effect?

1. Retrospective Effect should be maintained □ 2. It should be cancelled □ 3. No comment □
4. Other □

48. Any reason for your response?
49. What is your attitude towards equal inheritance rights for both sons and daughters in the intestate property?

50. If non-favourable, why? Any other view in this regard you want to share?

51. What is your view regarding parents writing Will including daughters as heirs along with sons?
   1. Favour 2. Do not favour 3. No comment 4. Other

51. Can you elaborate on your view point?

52. How did you come to know about the change of law regarding inheritance rights?

53. What according to you should be the wealth of women in connection with marriage?

54. How do you perceive dowry practice? Give your views

55. What do you think of the trend of dowry practice among the Syrian Christians after the implementation of Indian Succession Act (1925)?
   1. Dowry practice is same 2. Dowry practice has increased 3. Dowry practice has come down 4. Do not know 5. Other

56. What kind of economic transaction had taken place in connection with your marriage?
   1. Dowry 2. A share and dowry 3. A share in the property (equal or not) 4. Nothing 5. Other

57. How do you assess the wealth you received in connection with marriage?
   1. Less than the value of equal share in the property 2. Equal to the value of equal share in the property 3. More than the value of equal share in the property 4. Don’t Know 5. No comment 6. Other

58. What is your stand in considering an equal share in the property?
   1. Interested to propose for the share 2. Not interested 3. Not thought about it 4. Other

59. Can you elaborate on your stand point?
II. INTERVIEW GUIDE

Name
Age
Marital status
Education
Occupation
Family Income
Number of Children and their background
Number of siblings and their background
Syrian Christian Denomination
Address

Research Questions

1. What was the ground in which you approached the Court for your share
2. Can you narrate the background of the case and the process
3. What has been the outcome
4. What has been the experience (financial, emotional etc..)
5. What is your relationship with your sibling/siblings now?