APPENDIX-A

Interview Schedule: I

For the Heads of the Sample Families
(To assess the social status of the sample families)

Instruction:

Dear respondent, please answer the following questions. Please feel free to give correct and frank answers without hesitation. Your answers will be used for academic research purpose only and will be kept confidential. Your cooperation is highly solicited.

Thanking you.

Binita Das.

Information Blank

1. Name
2. Sex
3. Age
4. Educational qualification
5. Name of the village
6. Name of the caste
7. Whether the family is a joint family
8. Number of family members (male and female)
Questions:

1. Do you participate in any social work?

2. Have you got any recognition for your social work?

3. Have you ever been felicitated by any social organisation?

4. Have you ever been invited as a special guest to a meeting or a function?

5. Are you associated with any of the village level committees? Have you ever been the president or the secretary of such committees?

6. Are you a member of any self-help group?

7. Are you associated with any N.G.O.?

8. Do you know about Panchayati Raj?

9. Did you take part in Panchayat election?

10. Have you ever voted in Assembly election?

11. Do you know the minimum age for voting in India?

12. On what considerations do you vote a particular candidate? Is it because the candidate comes to your door to beg for vote or because the candidate is competent in your eyes?

13. Do you know about your political rights?

14. Do you know about the fundamental rights?

15. Do you face any problem when you visit a household of upper caste?

16. If yes, what kind of problem?

17. Do you think that your caste is socially backward? If yes, why do you think so?

18. In the present social system, do you see any social or caste discrimination? Do you want to suggest any remedy to abolish it?
19. What is your prime food?

20. What kind of food do you generally take in the morning, in the noon, in the evening and at night?

21. Do you give to your children milk, fruits or other beverages?

22. Who decides the menu in the household?

23. Who takes the decision regarding family planning matters?

24. Who takes the decision regarding the education of children?

25. Who pays attention to health and hygiene of the household?

26. Is your spouse educated?

27. Are all the members educated?

28. How many literate and illiterate male and female members are there in the family?

29. Do all the children go to school?

30. Who takes the decision regarding selling or purchasing of property, such as, land, vehicle, ornaments, utensils, etc.?
APPENDIX-B

Interview Schedule: II

For the Heads of the Sample Families
(To assess the economic status of the sample families)

Instruction:

Dear respondent, please answer the following questions. Please feel free to give correct and frank answers without hesitation. Your answers will be used for academic research purpose only and will be kept confidential. Your cooperation is highly solicited.

Thanking you.

Binita Das.

Information Blank

1. Name
2. Sex
3. Age
4. Educational qualification
5. Name of the village
6. Name of the caste
7. Whether the family is a join family
8. Number of family members (male and female)
Questions:

1. What is your source of livelihood? (service/cultivation/fishing/daily wage earning/others).

2. How many members of the family are engaged in earning for the family?

3. How many members of the family are engaged in traditional occupations, such as, fishing, weaving fishing nets, pottery making, floriculture and garland making, washing clothes, cleaning, etc.?

4. What is the yearly income of the family?

5. Is there any high ranked service holder in the family?

6. Has your educational qualification helped you in earning?

7. (If not educated) Do you think education would have helped you economically?

8. (If not highly educated) Do you think higher education would have helped you more economically?

9. Do you think the Scheduled Caste is economically backward? If yes, what do you think, are the reasons behind?

10. Do you feel the need of education for the socio-economic upliftment of the SC people?

11. Is there any member (male or female) who is engaged in earning for the family and at the same time getting education in a school or in a college?
12. What is your opinion on economically empowering the children by making them highly educated?

13. How do you spend your leisure time?

Signature of the Respondent.
APPENDIX-C

Information Sheet

For the Village Heads (Gaonburha)

Instruction:

Dear respondent, please answer the following questions. Your answers will be used for academic research purpose only. Your cooperation is highly solicited.

Thanking you.

Binita Das.

1. Name
2. Age
3. Educational qualification
4. Name of the village
5. How many families are there in the village?
6. Is there any family in the village belonging to SC?
7. If yes, how many families are there?
8. Are the families join families?
9. How many SC families are there in the village whose heads are service holders?
10. How many SC families are there whose heads are not service holders?
11. Are the family heads of all the SC families associated with social work?

Signature of the Village Head.

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APPINDIX-D

Inquiry Form
For the Heads of the Sample Families

(To Assess the Infrastructure Facilities)

Y=Yes
N=No

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