Appendix A

Questionnaire for Principals and Teachers

Hello I am conducting a study on sexism in lower level English language textbooks of standard VIII, IX, and X in vernacular medium schools in Vadodara city. I would be interested to know your views regarding gender-based discrimination and bias in schools. I will read out questions that I would like you to answer. I would be very grateful if you could spend some time answering these questions. Everything you tell me will be kept strictly confidential. Also, you are not obliged to answer any question you don't want to, and you may withdraw from the interview at any time. May I continue?

Name ________________________________

Name of the School. ________________________________

Age ___

Sex __________

Educational Qualification ________________________________

Subjects taught ________________________________

Experience ________________________________

1. Who should get more education?

Boys _______ Girls _______ Both according to their ability _______

Why?

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2. Who should get more facilities at the school to study?

Boys _______ Girls _______ Both according to their need _______

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Why?

3. Who should get more facilities at home to study?
Boys ________ Girls ________ Both according to their need ________

4. Who needs more attention at school?
Boys ________ Girls ________ Both ________

5. Who have more problem creating attitudes in the schools?
Boys ________ Girls ________ Both ________
Why do you say so?

6. Who have more problem solving attitudes in the schools?
Boys ________ Girls ________ Both ________
Why do you say so?

7. Who are found more co-operative in the school?
Boys ________ Girls ________ Both ________
Why do you say so?
8 Should girls get equal freedom as boys in the classroom?
Yes _______  No _______  Don't know _______

Why do you think so?

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9 On whom should teachers and principals have more control?
Boys _______  Girls_______  Both _______

Why do you think so?

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10 Who should be given more responsibility in the school?
Boys _______  Girls_______  Both, irrespective of sex _______

Why do you think so?

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11 Who should be given more responsibility for team work in schools?
Boys _______  Girls_______  Both according to their ability _______

Why?

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12. Who should be given more opportunities or chances in academic activities?
Boys_______  Girls_______  Both according to their ability_______

Why?
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13. Who should be given more non-academic task in schools?
Boys_______  Girls_______  Both_______

Why?
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14. Who should be given more tasks in school co-curricular activities?
Boys_______  Girls_______  Both according to their ability_______

Why?
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15. Who do you think is more competent in teaching?
A male teacher_______  A female teacher_______  Both_______

Why?
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16. Who should be the principal of a school?
A male_______  A female_______  A capable person of either sex_______

Why?
17 Who is more competent in school administration?
A male_______ A female_______ A capable person of either sex_______

Why?

18 Do you think that male teachers are more biased towards students of a particular sex?
Yes_______ No_______ Don't know
If yes, to which sex?
Boys_______ Girls_______
Why do you say so?

19. Do you think that female teachers are more biased towards students of a particular sex?
Yes_______ No_______ Don't know
If yes, to which sex?
Boys_______ Girls_______
Why do you say so?

20. Do you consider sex bias as a major problem in our schools? How?
Yes_______ No_______ Don't know
How
21. Do you think that gender bias prevails in our school education system?
Yes ______  No_______  Don’t know

22. Do you find the secondary English textbook is sex biased or neutral?
Sex biased _______  Neutral_______  Don’t know

23. What can be done to overcome sexism in the secondary school teaching-learning process?

24. Would you like to attend some programmes to develop sex neutrality in the school?
Yes ______  No_______  Don’t know

Thank you for your time and participation in this study!