Questionnaire:

"Domestic Violence Against Women and Human Rights—An empirical study, with special reference to West Bengal" — A part of the Ph.D work of Miss Sudarsana Mukhopadhyay, Research Scholar, Burdwan University.

History taken from a married woman who is victim of domestic violence.

Sl. No.–

1. Name:

2. Age: Religion:


4. Address:

5. Marital Status: Married / Divorcee / Separated

6. Educational Qualification:

   (i) Illiterate
   (ii) Class I - V
   (iii) Class VI - VIII
   (iv) Class IX - X
   (v) Intermediate
   (vi) Graduate
   (vii) Post - Graduate
   (viii) Technical Education

7. Victim's occupation and monthly income:

8. Family Status: Joint Family / Nuclear Family
9. Duration of marriage:

10. Details of the Family Members:

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11. Father's Name:

12. Husband's Name:

13. Husband's Occupation and Monthly Income:

14. Nature of Marriage:
   
   (i) Arranged Marriage or Negotiation Marriage
   
   (ii) Love Marriage
   
   (iii) Civil Marriage
   
   (iv) Marriage in temple before a God or Goddess.

15. When the harassment became intolerable for the victim:
   
   (i) 0 - 1 Years                                      (iv) 5 - 7 Years
   
   (ii) 1 - 3 Years                                     (v) 7 Years and above
   
   (iii) 3 - 5 Years
16. Was there any demand of dowry at the time of your marriage by your husband or in-laws?

17. If yes, then – what was the demand?

18. Was your father able to fulfill the total demand of dowry at the time of your marriage?

19. Have you any issue? Give Details.

20. Do you have any knowledge about Dowry Prohibition Act?

   (i) Having awareness  (ii) No awareness
   (iii) Having awareness but reluctant to approach the court.

21. What is your opinion about dowry system?

   Practice of dowry is—

   (i) Bad and should be stopped  (ii) Not bad if it is within one's capacity
   (iii) Social custom.

22. Nature of harassment or torture—

   (i) Verbal abuse  (ii) Physical violence
   (iii) Mental abuse  (iv) Both mental and physical abuse
23. Perpetrators of violence:
   (i) Husband only
   (ii) Mother-in-law
   (iii) Father-in-law
   (iv) Sister-in-law
   (v) Brother-in-law
   (vi) All the above persons

24. Frequency of harassment:
   (i) Daily
   (ii) Weekly
   (iii) Monthly once
   (iv) Monthly twice or thrice
   (v) Occasionally

25. What is the reason for such harassment or torture:
   (i) Demand for dowry
   (ii) Alcoholism
   (iii) Incompatibility
   (iv) Extra marital relationship
   (v) Ego conflict
   (vi) Unsatisfied sexual relation
   (vii) Without any reason
   (viii) Any other reason (mention)

26. After knowing the fact that you were often being tortured mentally or physically by your husband/inlaws what was the reaction of your parents and what was their opinion?

27. Did you ever protest when your husband/in-laws tortured you or you remained silent all the time?

28. a) Did you get any help from your neighbours?

   b) Do they know about the fact that you are being tortured by your husband/in-laws?
29. Did you file any complaint against your husband and in-laws to the local police station?

30. Did you want to file a case or move to the Court for Justice?

31. If Yes, then—At whose instance you or your relatives approached the court for relief—
   (i) Own initiative  
   (ii) Through friends or relatives  
   (iii) Voluntary organisation  
   (iv) Any other initiative

32. Your problem has settled with Court verdict / compromise.

33. If compromised, reason for such compromise—
   (i) In the interest of the children.  
   (ii) In the interest of the natal family members.  
   (iii) Lack of economic support.  
   (iv) For her social security.

34. If not compromised, reason for such tough stance :
   (i) Self esteem  
   (ii) Economic independence and self confidence  
   (iii) Parental support available  
   (iv) Women's organisations support  
   (v) Irreconcilable differences

35. Has it caused or affected the mental condition/personality development of your children?
   (i) Definitely not  
   (ii) To some extent  
   (iii) Unable to assess  
   (iv) Any other (please specify)
36. Reasons for not approaching the Court

(i) Wife battering / harassment is common

(ii) In the interest of children

(iii) lack of economic support.

(iv) In the interest of natal family members.

(v) social insecurity.

37. Do you have any knowledge about "The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005"?

38. (a) Do you have any idea about family counselling?

(b) Did you ever visit any family counselling center?

39. Do you want to divorce your husband?

40. Does your husband want to divorce you?

41. Do you want any maintenance from your husband after Judicial Separation/Divorce?

42. Do you think Domestic Violence is a gross human right violation? What is your opinion.
ANNEXURE – B

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History taken from a divorcee about her experience of domestic violence.

Sl. No.–

1. Name:

2. Age: Religion:


4. Address:

5. Marital Status: Married / Divorcee / Separated

6. Educational Qualification:
   (i) Illiterate  (ii) Class I - V
   (iii) Class VI - VIII  (iv) Class IX - X
   (v) Intermediate  (vi) Graduate
   (vii) Post - Graduate  (viii) Technical Education

7. Victim's occupation and monthly income:

8. Family Status: Joint Family / Nuclear Family
9. **Duration of marriage:**

10. **Details of the Family Members:**

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11. **Father's Name:**

12. **Husband's Name:**

13. **Husband's Occupation and Monthly Income:**

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16. Was there any demand of dowry at the time of your marriage by your husband or in-laws?

17. If yes, then – what was the demand?

18. Was your father able to fulfil the total demand of dowry at the time of your marriage?

19. Have you any issue? Give Details.

20. Do you have any knowledge about Dowry Prohibition Act?
   (i) Having awareness  (ii) No awareness
   (iii) Having awareness but reluctant to approach the court.

21. What is your opinion about dowry system?
   Practice of dowry is—
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22. Nature of harassment or torture—
   (i) Verbal abuse (ii) Physical violence
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23. Perpetrators of violence :
   (i) Husband only       (ii) Mother-in-law
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26. Did you ever protest when your husband/in-laws tortured you or you remained silent all the time?

27. a) Did you get any help from your neighbours?
   b) Do they know about the fact that you are being tortured by your husband/in-laws?

28. Did you file any complaint against your husband and in-laws to the local police station?

29. Did the local police take any action?

30. Did you move to the court for getting redressal?
31. At whose instance you or your relatives approached the court for relief
   (i) Own initiative  (ii) Through friends or relatives
   (iii) Voluntary organisation  (iv) Any other initiative

32. a) Are you getting any maintenance from your husband?
   b) Is your husband regular in paying you the maintenance?

33. On what ground your husband file the divorce case against you?

34. Do you have any knowledge about “The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005”?

35. Do you think Domestic Violence is a gross human right violation? What is your opinion.
ANNEXURE – C

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History taken from the relative/neighbour in case the victim has died of domestic violence.

Sl. No.–

1. Name of the Victim (deceased):

2. Age: Religion:


4. Address:

5. Duration of marriage:

6. What is your name and what was your relation with the victim?

7. When and how the victim died?

8. Educational Qualification:

   (i) Illiterate                     (ii) Class I - V
   (iii) Class VI - VIII             (iv) Class IX - X
   (v) Intermediate                  (vi) Graduate
   (vii) Post - Graduate             (viii) Technical Education
9. Family Status: Joint Family / Nuclear Family

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11. Nature of Marriage:
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12. Perpetrators of violence:
   (i) Husband only
   (ii) Mother-in-law
   (iii) Father-in-law
   (iv) Sister-in-law
   (v) Brother-in-law
   (vi) All the above persons

13. Frequency of harassment:
   (i) Daily
   (ii) Weekly once
   (iii) Monthly once or twice
   (iv) Occasionally

14. What is the name of the husband of the deceased?

15. What is his occupation?
16. Did inlaws and husband of the deceased demand dowry at the time of marriage? Details.

17. How the victim was tortured by them?

(i) Mentally  
(ii) Physically  
(iii) Both mentally and physically.

18. When you were aware about the fact that the victim was tortured by her husband and inlaws in her matrimonial home? Did you take any action against them?

19. Who first informed you that the victim was dead?

20. Did you go to the local police station and lodge F.I.R against them?

21. Did the local police take any action?

22. Do yor think that the accused will be punished?

23. Do you have any knowledge about “The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005” ?
24. Do you have any concrete evidence against the accused persons?

25. Do you have any knowledge about Dowry Prohibition Act?

(i) Having awareness (ii) No awareness

(iii) Having awareness but reluctant to approach the court.

26. What is your opinion about dowry system?

Practice of dowry is—

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