APPENDIX B
QUESTIONNAIRE ON PROBLEMS OF WIDOWS

Name: 
Age: 

How will you answer questions?

To investigate your socio-economic and personal problems and with the hope that this investigation will be beneficial to you, this series of questions have been constructed. Read carefully each statement given here one by one. After that indicate your answer by drawing a circle around YES NO ? given in the opposite of each statement as shown in the examples given below. Think each question carefully, whether it is really your problem or not and then you give the exact answer. Your answers will not be shown to anybody, so answer each questions without fear.

Examples
1. I have financial problems — YES NO ?
2. I attend social functions — YES NO ?

PROBLEM OF WIDOWS IN MONEY MATTERS
1. I experience problem in providing good food to my children — YES NO ?
2. I cannot provide good clothes to my children — YES NO ?
3. I face difficulty in paying school fees of my children — YES NO ?
4. I am worried about providing money
for marriage of children – YES NO?

5. I am in tension regarding providing
of dowry for daughters – YES NO?

6. I cannot pay back loans taken by my
husband – YES NO?

7. I am burdened by financial strain in
fulfilling the liabilities of my husband – YES NO?

8. I cannot maintain the previous
standard of living – YES NO?

9. I face difficulty in purchasing
items of luxury for the house. – YES NO?

10. I cannot keep up the "give and take"
with friends – YES NO?

11. I face difficulty of my spendthrift habit – YES NO?

12. I face financial difficulties in meeting
the expenditures in festivals – YES NO?

13. I experience problem in meeting
personal expenses. – YES NO?

14. I face hardship as my salary is inadequate
to meet the basic expenditure. – YES NO?

15. I depend wholly on my husband's pension – YES NO?

16. I face problem as pension provided to me
is not sufficient. – YES NO?

17. I face problem as payment of pension by
Government is very irregular – YES NO?

18. I face difficulty as I have to depend on
others for basic expenditure. – YES NO?
19. I am economically hardup and I do not get any economic help from my parents – YES NO?

20. I face financial difficulties as I do not receive any economic help from my husband's family. – YES NO?

**PROBLEM OF WIDOWS IN SOCIAL LIFE**

21. I am considered unlucky by the society – YES NO?

22. I am blamed by the society for my husband's death. – YES NO?

23. I face problem as my presence is not welcomed at auspicious functions. – YES NO?

24. Suspicion among family members about me becomes a problem for me. – YES NO?

25. I face difficulty due to the presence of old and conservative practices in the family regarding widow. – YES NO?

26. I encounter difficulties in social functions as society attributes a very low status to widows. – YES NO?

27. I face problem as I feel unwanted in my in-laws house after husband's death – YES NO?

28. I encounter difficulties as I have to face criticism and excessive restriction from my in-laws. – YES NO?

29. I face problem because my parents, and in-laws do not give me much importance because I am a widow. – YES NO?
30. I face problems because I cannot frankly discuss my problems with parents and in-laws. — YES NO'
31. I face difficulty as I cannot adhere to the rigid social norms such as discarding ornaments, flowers, coloured dress etc — YES NO
32. I face problem as I cannot change my mode of dress due to social objections. — YES NO
33. I dress up soberly as it is customary in our society. This causes problem. — YES NO
34. I apply no make up for fear of social criticism. This adds to my problem. — YES NO
35. I feel unhappy as I lack male escort for attending social functions like "Parents Day", "Parents Meeting" etc — YES NO
36. I face problem as I lack companionship. — YES NO
37. I cannot entertain male visitors at home — YES NO
38. I face problems in my working place regarding treatment from male colleagues. — YES NO
39. I fear sexual advance from men. — YES NO
40. I face problem as I am deserted by my children. — YES NO
41. I face problem as my daughter in-law does not want me to stay with them. — YES NO
42. I face immense problem as I am illtreated because of difference of opinion with my son and their spouses. - YES NO?

43. I face problem because of our large sized joint family. - YES NO?

44. I face problems in being a member of any club or social organisation for the fear of being exploited (by taking advantage of helplessness) - YES NO?

45. I have problem to do the regular essential outdoor activities like marketing paying electric bill, collecting gas/kerosene etc - YES NO?

PROBLEM OF WIDOWS IN CHILD REARING

46. I face problem as I cannot take care of my children properly - YES NO?

47. I feel unhappy as I cannot manage to make time to take my children for outing during vacations. - YES NO?

48. I experience difficulties in disciplining my children. - YES NO?

49. Being the sole bread winner of the family I am worried as I cannot devote enough time towards child rearing. - YES NO?

50. I encounter tension as I cannot take care of my children when they are sick. - YES NO?
51. I face problem as I cannot decide about the school for study. - YES NO
52. I have problem as I cannot help my children in choosing subjects for their higher studies. - YES NO
53. I face problem as I cannot help my children in their school assignments. - YES NO
54. I am worried about making decisions and taking responsibility and making arrangements for my children’s wedding. - YES NO
55. Choosing children’s marriage partners is/will be a problem for me. - YES NO
56. Attainment of puberty of my daughters cause me great problem and tension. - YES NO
57. I face problem as I cannot decide about the education of my children. - YES NO
58. I face problem when my children do not do well in examinations. - YES NO
59. I encounter immense problem in deciding the occupation of my children. - YES NO
60. I face problem as I have to make necessary efforts to compensate for the loss of father figure to my children. - YES NO
61. I face difficulty in bringing up and rearing small children. - YES NO
62. Absence of father adds to the problem in child rearing of the male child. — YES NO ?

PROBLEM OF WIDOWS REGARDING WIDOW REMARRIAGE

63. I have abstained from remarriage because society does not accept/uphold widow remarriages — YES NO ?

64. I do not want to remarry because I think that children will suffer as it will result in negligence of children by the first marriage — YES NO ?

65. I have abstained from remarriage as my children are grown up/too old. — YES NO ?

66. I have not remarried because my children did not give consent. — YES NO ?

67. I did not remarry as I did not find a suitable partner. — YES NO ?

68. Fear of death of my new partner prevented me from remarriage. — YES NO ?

69. The problem of age prevented me from remarriage because I regard myself too old to remarry. — YES NO ?

70. The saying that it is inauspicious for a young man to marry a widow was an obstacle to widow remarriage. — YES NO ?

71. Employment was an obstacle in widow remarriage. — YES NO ?
72. Fear of the loss of husband's pension, property etc. was a problem in getting remarried.  -  YES  NO ?

73. No body took interest in getting me married again, so I remained single and did not marry.  -  YES  NO ?

74. Lack of money was an obstacle in getting remarried.  -  YES  NO ?

75. Society treats remarried widow as an outcaste in the community, so I preferred to remain a widow.  -  YES  NO ?

76. I have not remarried because I have love and respect for my late husband.  -  YES  NO ?

77. I have not remarried because remarriage will mean injustice to maidens whose problem has already become a complex one.  -  YES  NO ?

78. I did not remarry because I feared that it will create many social problems.  -  YES  NO ?

79. I do not want to remarry because my conscience does not permit me to remarry.  -  YES  NO ?

80. Guilt associated with bereavement and subsequent feelings of loyalty for husband was an obstacle to widow remarriage.  -  YES  NO ?

81. Accustomed to independence, fear of control by second husband and in laws prevented me from remarriage.  -  YES  NO ?
82. Unwillingness to shoulder domestic responsibilities for a second time (looking after in-laws domestic chores) prevented me from remarriage. - YES NO?
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