APPENDIX
QUESTIONNAIRE
SECTION-1 : Socio-Economic Profile

1. Name of the Respondent:
   □ 1A. Village:
   □ 1B. Mandal:
   □ 1C. Revenue Division:

2. The position you are presently holding in the PRI ---------------------

3. Age: ----------------------

4. Educational Qualification: ---------------------

5. Religion: ---------------------

6. Caste: ---------------------

7. What is your own Occupation? ---------------------

8. Is there land in your name? 1) Yes 2) No
   □ 8a. If yes, the extent of the land you own ---------------------
   □ 8b. Give details of the land owned by your family-----------------------

9. Do you have children? 1) Yes 2) No
   □ 9a. If Yes, what is the number of Children? 1) Male 2) female

10. Do you earn any income on your own yearly? 1) Yes 2) No
   □ 10a. If Yes, What is the source of income-----------------------
   □ 10b. What is the extent of your own income (Per Annum)-----------------------

11. Give the details of your family income (Per Annum)-----------------------

12. Do you have own house? 1) Yes 2) No
   □ 12a. If Yes, What is the type of the house-----------------------

13. Are there all the necessary facilities in your House? 1) Yes 2) No

14. Give details of assets owned by your family-----------------------
SECTION -II : Political Profile

15. Are you in Politics?  1) Yes  2) No

15a. If Yes, since how many years

16. If you are in politics are you a member of any political party?  1) Yes  2) No

16a. If Yes, what is name of your party

17. Do you hold any position in your party?  1) Yes  2) No

17a. If Yes, give details

18. Have you contested in any elections in the past?  1) Yes  2) No

18a. If Yes, how many times you have contested

18b. Mention the position to which you have contested

19. Are any member of your family is in politics at present?  1) Yes  2) No

19a. If Yes, who is that member

19b. Is he/she a member of any political party?  1) Yes  2) No

19c. If yes, which party

20. Are they holding any position?  1) Yes  2) No

20a. If Yes, name that position

21. Are you a member of any local organization?  1) Yes  2) No

21a. If Yes, what is that organization

22. Are you actively involved in any political activities apart from your present official activities?  1) Yes  2) No

22a. If Yes, how

23. Are you participating in any social and cultural activities?  1) Yes  2) No

23a. If Yes, give details
SECTION -III : Political knowledge and Awareness

24. Do you know the type of democratic system presently existing in India?
   1) Yes               2) No

24a. If Yes, tell the name of the system-----------------------------

25. Do you have an idea about the Constitution of India?  1) Yes   2) No

25a. if yes, how many Articles and Schedules are there in the Constitutions at
      the time of draft? -------------------------------

26. Do you know about the working of parliament/ assembly?  1) Yes 2) No

27. Do you know how the political functionaries are elected?  1) yes  2) No

27a. how President? ---------

27b. How Prime Minister? ---------

27c. How Speaker of Lok Sabha/ State Assembly? ---------------

27d. How M.L.A.s / M.P.s? -----------

28. Do you know the names of important political parties working in India?
   1) Yes               2) No

29. Do you know the Ideology of Political parties in India? 1) Yes 2) No

29a. if yes, mention it: -------------------------------

30. Do you know the important political parties in Andhra Pradesh?
    1) Yes               2) No

31. Can you tell the names of some important regional parties? 1) Yes 2) No

31a. if yes, mention the names of some those parties -----------------

32. Do you know why the T.R.S. was formed?  1) Yes  2) No

32a. if yes, mention the reason -------

33. Can you tell the nature of party system in operation in India?
    1) yes               2) No

33a. if yes, tell the nature? -----------------------------

34. Among the following political parties which party is popularly referred to
    as a communal party?  --------------------------------
35. Do you know the name of Government presently in power at the Centre?
   1) Yes  2) No

35a. if yes, mention the name of the Government? ---------------------

36. Do you know the political rights granted to you by the constitution?
   1) Yes  2) No

36a. if yes, mention few of those rights ----------

37. Do you know the frequency of Elections held to the Lok Sabha State and Assemblies?
   1) Yes  2) No

37a. If yes, how many years will be needed for the each general election --------

38. Are you voting in the general elections regularly?  1) Yes  2) No

39. If no, state the reasons ------------------------

39a. if yes, to what extent? ---------------------

40. Can you tell the names of few Schemes which are initiated exclusively for the welfare of women by the Government?  1) Yes  2) No

40a. if yes, what are they? ------------------------

41. Do you know the name and party of your M.L.A.?  1) Yes  2) No

41a. if yes, furnish them --------------

41b. Do you know the name and party of your M.P.  1) Yes  2) No

41c. if yes, furnish them-------------------
SECTION -IV : Awareness about the Panchayat Raj System

42. Do you know when was the Panchayat Raj System introduced in the country?
   1) Yes  2) No

42a. If yes, mention the year? -------------------------------

43. Do you know the name of the Committee which recommended the introduction of Panchayati Raj System?
   1) Yes  2) No

43a. If yes, tell the name of the committee -------------------------------

44. Do you know the fundamental principle (aim) behind the creation of Panchayat Raj System in India?
   1) Yes  2) No

44a. If yes, mention it ---------------------------------

45. Do you know about the structure of Panchayat Raj System?
   1) Yes  2) No

45a. If yes, mention it----------------------------------

46. Do you know whose Government introduced the “Mandal System” in AP? ------

47. Can you tell the name of the State which first introduced the Panchayat Raj system?
   1) Yes  2) No

47a. If yes, mention the State -------------------------------

48. Do you know the names of Panchayat Raj Institutions at different levels?
   1) Yes  2) No

49 If yes, mention the levels -------------------------------

50. Do you know the system of Elections held to the various offices in the Panchayat Raj bodies at different levels?
   1) Yes  2) No

50a. If yes, mention it----------------------------------

51. Do you know the functions of panchayat Raj Institution at different levels?
   1) Yes  2) No

   if yes, tell those functions?

51a. Village Panchayat -----------------------------

51b. Mandal Parishad -----------------------------

51c. Zilla Parishad ----------------------------- 1
52. Do you know the present powers and functions of the office bearers of Panchayat Raj? 1) Yes 2) No
   If yes, give details:
   52a. Panchayat Sarpanch
   52b. President of Mandal Parishad
   52c. Chairman of Zilla Parishad

53. Do you have any idea about the present Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act? 1) Yes 2) No
   53a. If yes, when it was introduced

54. Do you know the basis of the existing Andhra Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act? 1) Yes 2) No
   54a. If yes, mention it

55. Do you know the main sources of finance of the Panchayat Raj bodies? 1) Yes 2) No
   If yes, mention that
   55a. Village Panchayat
   55b. Mandal Parishad
   55c. Zilla Parishad

56. Do you know which Panchayat Raj body were the powers to impose taxes? 1) Yes 2) No
   56a. If yes, give details

57. Do you know the purpose of Gram Sabha? 1) Yes 2) No

58. Do you know that the quorum for conducting the meetings of your respective Panchayat Raj body? 1) Yes 2) No

59. Do you know that the 33 percent of seats in various Panchayat Raj bodies are reserved for women? 1) Yes 2) No

60. Do you know the main aim behind providing reservations for women in Panchayat Raj Institution under the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act? 1) Yes 2) No
60a. If yes, can you state the main aim of these reservation ---------------
61. Do you discuss politics with your family members?  
   1) Yes  2) No
61a. If yes, which politics do you discuss? ---------------
62. Do you have the habit of reading newspapers daily?  
   1) Yes  2) No
62a. If no, what is the frequency of the newspaper? ---------------
62b. If yes, on which aspect do you concentrate mostly? ---------------
63. Do you view/ hear T.V/ Radio daily?  
   1) Yes  2) No
63a. If no, what is the frequency?  
63b. If yes, what are the programmes you mostly watch? ---------------
64. Are you aware of the enactment of 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act?  
   1) Yes  2) No
64a. If yes, do you have any knowledge about the Act?  
   1) Yes  2) No
64b. If yes, state the aspect to which it is related? ---------------
65. Do you identify that independent institutions are created for the smooth 
   functioning of PRI under the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act?  
   1) Yes  2) No
65a. If yes, mention their names------------
66. Can you tell the most important reforms introduced by the 73rd Amendment Act?  
   1) Yes  2) No
66a. If yes mention the reforms. ---------------
SECTION-V : Role Performance of the Women Panchayat Raj Leaders

67. Did you contest in Panchayat Raj elections in the past? 1) Yes    2) No
67a. If yes, how many times ---------------------------
67b. Do you win these Elections? 1) Yes    2) No
68. Have you held any political position in the PR bodies before the present position? 1) yes    2) No
68a. If yes, mention the position -----------------------
69. Which factor motivated you to enter into the Panchayat Raj politics? -------------------------
70. Have you contested the present election as a candidate of any political party? 1) Yes    2) No
70a. If yes, name the party -----------------------
71. In your opinion which factor helped you to win the elections? ------------------------
72. Do you think that you have sufficient powers to discharge your present responsibilities effectively? 1) Yes    2) No
73. Are you able to exercise your powers and discharge your functions according to the provisions in the Panchayat Raj Act? 1) Yes    2) No
73a. If no, state the reasons -------------------------
74. Are you able to conduct the meetings of your Panchayat Raj Institution regularly and effectively? 1) Yes    2) No
74a. If no, state reasons ---------------------------
75. Do you think that you are taking decisions independently? 1) Yes    2) No
75a. If no, state the reasons ---------------------------
76. Do you think that all the decisions taken by you are implemented in practice? 1) Yes    2) No
76a. If no, state the reasons ---------------------------
77. Are you sure that all the officials working in your Panchayati Raj body are obeying your orders and decisions perfectly? 1) Yes    2) No
78. Are you able to control and enforce discipline among all the officials working under you?
   1) Yes 2) No

79. Are you satisfied with the attitude of the male leaders functioning along with you?
   1) Yes 2) No

79a. If yes, to what extent

80. Are you allowed to carry out your official functions freely and smoothly?
   1) Yes 2) No

80a. If no, state the reasons.

81. Are you able to take decisions in the financial matters of your institution especially in spending money on different activities freely?
   1) Yes 2) No

81a. If no, state the reasons.

82. Are you getting necessary support from your family members in the Performance of your official activities?
   1) Yes 2) No

82a. If no, are they creating troubles?
   1) Yes 2) No

82b. If yes, what are those troubles?

83. Do you think that there is considerable increase in the activities taken up by your institutions for the development of your area after you have assumed the office?
   1) Yes 2) No

84. Are you paying more attention and giving more priority to solving the problems of Women and promote their development than the past?
   1) Yes 2) No

85. Can you say that you are able to get more grants from the state government and other Sources for the development of women when compared with the past?
   1) Yes 2) No

85a. Can you say that defiantly there is improvement in the conditions of women of your area after you have assumed the office?
   1) Yes 2) No

85b. If yes, to what extent

86. Are you able to run the administration of your body smoothly and effectively?
   1) Yes 2) No

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87. If no, state the reasons --------------------------

88. Do you think that there is considerable increase in your social status in the village after you assumed to this position? 1) Yes  2) No

89. Do you think that your political influence in your area has considerably increased after you have assumed this office? 1) Yes  2) No

90. Do you find any change or improvement in your economic position after you held this position? 1) Yes  2) No

90a. If yes, to what extent ---------------------------

91. Do you think that the male officials and non-officials with whom you interact in your official activities are giving respect which you deserve in view of your position? 1) Yes  2) No

92. Do you think that your family responsibilities are coming on the way of performing your official functions? 1) Yes  2) No

92a. If yes, to what extent ---------------------------

93. Do you think that there is change in your position in your own family after you assumed the present position? 1) Yes  2) No

93a. If yes, to what extent ---------------------------

94. What type of experience have you gained after assuming the present position? --

94a. Are allowed to take part or consulted by your male family members in taking decisions in family affairs such as children education marriages, disposal or purchase of property etc? 1) Yes  2) No

95. Do you want to continue as the leader of Panchayat Raj in the future also? 1) Yes  2) No

95a. If no, state the reasons --------------------------

96. Are you seeking the advice/help of others in making decisions and performing your official functions? 1) Yes  2) No

96a. If yes, who are they?-----------------------------

97. Do you think there is influence of others on you in performing your official responsibilities? 1) Yes  2) No
97a. If yes, to what extent

98. Are you provided with all the privileges and facilities that are attached to your present position? 1) Yes 2) No

99. Have you given any position in the party to which you belong after you assumed this office? 1) Yes 2) No

99a. If yes, Explain

100. Are you invited to preside over any meeting/functions/programmes conducted in your village after you have assumed this office? 1) Yes 2) No

101. Are you able to resolve the differences/conflicts that arise among the other political functionaries in your institution? 1) Yes 2) No

102. Are you able to get the approval of other non-official members easily whenever you take up or propose new programmes of your interest? 1) Yes 2) No

103. Are you able to punish the subordinate staff of your office if they do not carry out your order or neglect their duties? 1) Yes 2) No

104. Are you satisfied with the treatment given to you by the male higher level political and official functionaries? 1) Yes 2) No

105. In case you belong to SC/ST/BC category, do you think your caste has become a potential hurdle in the effective discharging of your functions? 1) Yes 2) No

106. If you belong to the SC, ST or BC category do you think that the women leaders who belong to Upper caste are more powerful and assertive in performing their roles when compared with women leaders of weaker sections? 1) Yes 2) No

107. If you belong to SC, ST or BC category do you think that male political leaders belong to upper caste or rich sections always try to dominate you or dictate terms to you? 1) Yes 2) No

108. Were you given any training in the discharge of your functions? 1) Yes 2) No

108a. If no, do you suggest that
109. The women Panchayati Raj Leaders should be compulsorily provided training in the discharge of duties?  1) Yes  2) No

110. Are you aspiring for higher political positions in the future?  1) Yes  2) No

110a. If yes, state reasons

111. Explain your overall opinion on the reservations for women in the political positions in the Panchayat Raj bodies?

111a. Do you think that women need reservation of seats in the lok Sabha and state assemblies along with local bodies achieving their political empowerment fully?  1) yes  2) No

112. In your opinion what are the main factors hindering the effective functioning of women Panchayat leaders including yourself?