Appendix – I

Questionnaire to the People’s Representatives

Decentralization and Local Development – A study of Grama Panchayat Institutions in Meenachil Taluk

Research Scholar: Noel Mathews, SGTDS, M.G. University, Kottayam

1. Name
2. Address
3. Position Held
4. Panchayat
5. Educational Qualification
6. Monthly Income
7. How long have you been working as a People’s representative?
8. Do you think that the Panchayatiraj Institutions are helpful in mobilizing developmental activities from the bottom level of the society?
9. Has the Panchayat been successful in fully utilizing the allotted funds for developmental activities for the people? Explain.
10. What are your major concerns as a member of the Panchayat when you owe allegiance to a Recognized Political Party? How can those issues be resolved?
11. Have any decision taken by the Panchayat Development Council regarding developmental activities been left unimplemented? If yes, give reasons.
12. Have excessive political concerns of the peoples representative been a serious hindrance in the organization of developmental activities?
13. Has Kudumbasree been functioning successfully in your Panchayat?
14. Are there any undue interventions from the part of the Central Government, State Government or State Planning Board when developmental projects are implemented in your Panchayat?
15. Are grants available within the scheduled time from the centre and state governments?

16. Do the interventions from the part of officials in the name of statutory pre-conditions and orders handicap developmental activities?

17. Do you think that the presence of women in Panchayatiraj institutions is helpful in reducing public corruption and for the coordination of developmental activities?

18. Do you think that MGNREGS has been successful in remedying the actual problems connected with rural unemployment and the pace of development?

19. Do you think that implementing the Right to Information upgraded the quality of the Panchayat institutions?

20. Are the gramasabhas regularly convened in your Panchayat? What are the important drawbacks of the same in your view?

21. Is the Ward Development Collective functioning successfully in your Panchayat? Can it make substantial contribution to the developmental activities in the Panchayat?

22. Do you think that frequent changes in the loyalties of the members of the local bodies cause instability to the administrative set-up?

23. Have the Panchayats been successfully towards the eradication of poverty and Prevention of Epidemics? Have issues like Housing Development and supply of drinking water been properly addressed?

24. Do you think that the Panchayats effectively function in the reconstruction of Panchayat Roads, waste management, giving assistance to the really poor and providing educational loans to the deserving students?

25. What are your suggestions for improving the functioning of Panchayatiraj institutions? Do you think they are functioning properly at the moment?
Appendix – II

Interview Schedule to the Local People
Decentralization and Local Development – A study of Gramapanchayat Institutions in Meenachil Taluk

Research Scholar: Noel Mathews, SGTDS, M.G. University, Kottayam

1. Name
2. Sex
3. Age
4. House name and Address
5. Name of the Panchayat
7. Educational Qualification
8. Average Monthly Income
9. Who formulated the concept of of Panchayatiraj?
10. How long age did you come to hear about the Panchayatiraj?
11. What do-you mean by Panchayatiraj?
12. What, in your opinion, are the objectives of the Panchayatiraj?
13. Do the Panchayats function effectively and transparently? Do the people react constructively to the functioning of these institutions?
14. Has the formation of three-tier Panchayats radically contributed to the Infrastructural development of the area?
15. Have the Members of these local bodies been successful in creative awareness among the people, about the Panchayatiraj?
16. Have you been participating in the meetings of the gramasabha?
17. Are the decisions taken in your gramasabha after due deliberations and based on majority vote?
18. Are you satisfied with the way in which the gramasabhas function? If not, give reasons.
19. What are the criteria for selecting the beneficiaries in the gramasabha’s schemes and programmes?

20. How can, in your opinion, we improve the functioning of the gramasabhas?

21. Do the interventions from the part of officials in the name of statutes handicap developmental activities?

22. Do you think that 50% reservation to women in Panchayatiraj institutions is helpful in reducing public corruption and in co-ordinating developmental activities?

23. Do the gramasabhas concentrate on women empowerment?

24. Do the gramasabhas take bold decisions for improving the status of women and children?

25. Do the activities of the Kudambasree help women work with confidence and collective mentality in society?

26. Does the Ward Developmental Collective function the desired way in your Panchayat?

27. Do you think that Panchayat Ward Development Collective can substantially contribute to Developmental activities?

28. Do you think that MGNREGS has been successfully functioning in your Panchayat?

29. Do you think that the divided loyalties on the part of the local bodies cause hinderance to the functioning of the Panchayatiraj?

30. Have the Panchayats been successful in the eradication of poverty and the Prevention of Epidemics? Have such issues as Housing Development and supply of drinking water been properly addressed?

31. Do you think that the Panchayats a positive role in the reconstruction of Panchayat Roads, waste management, helping the really poor and the providing educational loans to the deserving students?

32. What are your suggestions for improving the functioning of your Panchayat?
Appendix – III

Questionnaire to the Administrative Officials

Decentralization and Local Development – A study of Gramapanchayat Institutions in Meenachil Taluk

Research Scholar: Noel Mathews, SGTDS, M.G. University, Kottayam

1. Name

2. Address

3. Post Held

4. Panchayat

5. Educational Qualification

6. Monthly Income

7. How long have you been holding the present post?

8. Do you think that Panchayatiraj Institutions are helpful in organizing developmental activities from the bottom level of the society?

9. Should more areas of governance be provided for the Panchyaths, for their smooth functioning? If so, specify the areas.

10. Which are the most important problems that you face as a Government employee? What are your suggestions to improve the functioning of your office?

11. Does your office arrange training to the people and their representatives to improve the functioning of the Panchayats? If so, specify the areas.

12. Are the meetings known as (grama sabhas) properly convened in your Panchayat? What are the important drawbacks of the same as you think?

13. What are the formalities in connection with the convening of the grama sabha?

14. What are the criteria for selecting the beneficiaries of the various schemes implemented by the garama sabha?
15. Do you think that excessive political loyalty of the members of Panchayat affect the quality of developmental activities?

16. Do you think that implementing The Right to Information has helped to improve the quality of the Panchayatiraj institutions?

17. Do you think that political interventions from outside seriously affect your work?

18. Do you think that MGNREGS has been successful in remedying the actual problems connected with rural unemployment? What are the important drawbacks of the same in your view?

19. Do you think that Reservation of seats for women is helpful in the direction of women empowerment and the reduction of public corruption?

20. Do you think that the frequent shifts in the political loyalty of the members of the local bodies exchanging cause instability to administrative set-up?

21. Are there undue interventions from the part of the Central Government, State Government or State Planning Board?

22. Do the grants from the Centre and the State Governments arrive in time for the developmental activities undertaken by the Panchayats?

23. Has the office been successful in completely making use of the plan fund allocated to it? Can you explain the situation?

24. Are agencies like the Kudumbasree and the Panchayat Development Collective functioning successfully?

25. Are there instances of any major decisions taken by the Panchayat Committee not getting successfully implemented? If so, please mention the reasons for the same.

26. What are your suggestions for improving the overall functioning of Panchayatiraj institutions?
APPENDIX - IV

MAP OF KOTTAYAM DISTRICT
APPENDIX - V

MEENACHIL TALUK