APPENDIX-1

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

(For Elected Women Members of Gaon Panchayat /Anchalik Panchayat/
Zilla Parishad)

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: A
COMPARATIVE STUDY OF WOMEN’S PARTICIPATION IN RURAL AND
URBAN LOCAL BODIES IN SOUTH ASSAM

(The information collected is confidential and shall be used for academic
purpose only)

PART-1

Background of the Elected Women Members

1.1 Name:..............................................................................................................
1.2 Post held:.................................................................................................
1.3 Address:....................................................................................................
1.4 Age: (a)18-30(1) (b)31-45(2) (c)46-60(3) (d) 61 and above(4)
1.5 Religion: (a) Hindu(1)(b) Muslim(2)(c) Christian(3)(d) Any other……….(4)
1.6 Caste: (a) Gen(1) (b) SC (2) (c) ST (3) (d) OBC(4) (e) MOBC (5)
1.7 Educational qualification: (a) Illiterate(1) (b) Primary(2) (c) ME(3)
   (d) High(4) (e) Matriculate(5) (f) H.S(6) (g) Graduation and above(7) (h) Any other degree..............................
1.8 Occupation: (a) Cultivation (1) (b) Business (2) (c) Housewife (3)
   (d) Wage-earner (4) (e) Any other………………… (5)
1.9 Income (in Rs.) per month:
   i) Respondent’s- (a) Nil (1) (b) 1- 3000(2) (c) 3001-6000(3)
      (d) 6001-9000(4) (e) 9001 -12000(5) (f) 12001 and above (6)
   ii) Family’s- (a) Nil (1) (b) 1- 3000 (2) (c) 3001-6000(3)
      (d) 6001-9000(4) (e) 9001-12000(5) (f) 12001 and above (6)
1.10 Nature of the family: (a) Joint (1) (b) Nuclear (2)

1.11 Status of the respondent in the family: (a) Head (1) (b) Other (2)

1.12 Marital status: (a) Married (1) (b) Unmarried (2) (c) Widow (3) (d) Divorce (4)

1.13 Do your father/husband/any family member belong to any political party?
   (a) Yes (1) (b) No (2)

1.14 Do you belong to any political party? (a) Yes (1) (b) No (2)

1.15 If yes, name of the party: (a) Congress (1) (b) BJP (2) (c) AGP (3) (d) AIUDF (4) (e) Independent (5) (f) Any other …………………6)

PART-II

Functions and Working of the Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad

2.1 What according to you are the goals of Panchayati Raj Institutions?

2.2 What are the functions of a Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad?

   a) To prepare annual plans for area development (1)

   b) Agriculture including agriculture extension (2)

   c) To provide pure drinking water (3)

   d) To construct and repair road, culvert, drain, community hall etc. (4)

   e) Rural housing (5)

   f) Rural electrification (6)

   g) Education (7)
h) Women and child development (8)

i) Any other……………………………………………………………………(9)

2.3 What are the works normally taken up by your Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad?

a) …………………………………………………………………………… (1)

b) ……………………………………………………………………… (2)

c) ………………………………………………………………………… (3)

d) ………………………………………………………………………… (4)

e) ………………………………………………………………………… (5)

f) …………………………………………………………………………. (6)

2.4 Have you heard the name of different schemes which are introduced by the Government of India for rural development? Yes/No

If yes, name of the schemes:-

a) ………………………………………………………………………….. (1)

b) ………………………………………………………………………….. (2)

c) ………………………………………………………………………….. (3)

d) ………………………………………………………………………….. (4)

e) ………………………………………………………………………….. (5)

2.5 How many of these schemes are implemented in your Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad?

a) ………………………………………………………………………….. (1)

b) ………………………………………………………………………….. (2)
2.6 How did you help/contribute in getting different schemes implemented in your area?

a) By informing the people about the schemes (1)

b) By encouraging/motivating the people to come forward for the schemes (2)

c) By monitoring the implementation of the schemes (3)

d) By maintaining close contact with officials/persons responsible for the implementation (4)

e) Any other ……………………………………………………… (5)

2.7 What are the problems of your area?

a) Unemployment (1)

b) Shortage of pure drinking water (2)

c) Improper road conditions (3)

d) Problem of electricity (4)

e) Improper sanitation (5)

f) Proper housing (6)

g) Any other ……………………………………………………… (7)

2.8 Do you get enough support as a member from the people of the locality?

a) Yes (1) b) No (2)

2.9 If yes, what are the reasons for the support?

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a) They accept me as their leader (1)

b) They consider me as an honest person (2)

c) That my family has a good hold over the areas for many years (3)

d) That I have good relationship with the villagers (4)

e) That I have better education than others (5)

f) That I have more and more wealth than other (6)

g) Any other (Please specify): ………………………………… (7)

If no, please indicate the reasons? …..............................................................

2.10 How often do you attend the meetings of the Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad?

a) Always (1) B) Often (2)

c) Rarely (3) d) Any other (4)

2.11 How do you take the decisions in the meetings?

a) Consensus (1) b) Majority (2) C) Any other ………(3)

2.12 If there is division of opinion in the meeting how do you take the decision?

a) Majority principle (1) b) Convince for consensus (2) c) Deferred (3)

d) Drop the issue altogether (4) e) Any other …………..(5)

2.13 What are the main issue(s) taken up by your Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad in the meetings?

a) ………………………………………………………………………………. (1)

b) ………………………………………………………………………………. (2)

c) ………………………………………………………………………………. (3)
d) ……………………………………………………………………. (4)

e) ……………………………………………………………………. (5)

2.14 How often other members accept the ideas given by you?

a) Always (1)  b) Often (2)  C) Rarely (3)  d) Any other(4)

2.15 How do you rate your participation in the meetings?

a) Most active (1)  b) Active (2)  c) Keep silent most of time (3)  d) No answer (4)

PART- III

Role of Elected Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad Women Members

3.1 Are you the first timer as elected women member or were you earlier elected as the member in Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad?

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3.2 What are the circumstances/factors which motivated you to become Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad member?

a) To serve the people (1)

b) For all round development of the locality (2)

c) Interest in politics (3)

d) Women reservation (4)

e) Political family (5)

f) Compulsion of other (6)

g) For women empowerment (7)

h) Inspiration drawn from nation’s woman political leaders (8)
i) Influence of women’s organizations(9)

j) Any other…………………………………………………………………… (10)

3.3 Do you find any change in your individuality/personality after becoming the member of the Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad?

a) I get more respect from my family members (1)

b) I get more respect from society (2)

c) I can take steps to protest against women’s exploitation (3)

d) I can take steps to resolve some conflicts within my Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad area (4)

e) Any other, please mention…………………………………… (5)

3.4 Do you take part/ play any role in the decision making process of your family?

(a) Yes (1)  (b) No (2)

3.5 If yes, then how:

a) By giving opinion in sending children to school (1)

b) By giving opinion in framing budget of the family (2)

c) By giving opinion in the purchase of things in the family (3)

d) By giving opinion in resolving any dispute/conflict/quarrel within the family (4)

e) By giving opinion on any discussion involving the family interest (5)

f) Any other ………………………………………… (6)

3.6 What are the different functions that you expect to perform as a women member of Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad?

a)………………………………………………………………………………… (1)
3.7 Do you think you have been able to perform all these functions?
   a) Yes (1)                           b) No (2)                       c) To some extent (3)

3.8 Do you perform your allotted functions and duties by yourself or by someone else?
   a) Self (1)                           b) Other (2)                   c) Self and other (3)

3.9 If by others, who does it?
   a) By your husband (1)                
   b) By your father/father in law (2)   
   c) By your elder/younger son (3)      
   d) By any other……………. (4)         

3.10 How do the family members view your election to the Panchayat?
   a) They are happy (1)                  
   b) They take pride in it (2)           
   c) There was objection from the family but I insisted (3)  
   d) They do not like it as it interferes with family work (4) 
   e) Any other……………………………………….. (5)
PART-IV

Finances of Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad

4.1 What are the sources of income of your Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad?

(i) Tax: (a)…………………… (b)…………………… (c)…………………..
(d)…………………… (e)…………………… (f)…………………..

(ii) Government Grants: (a) Central Government (1) (b) State Government (2)
(c) Any other… …………………………………………………………….

4.2 Do you think that money received by you is sufficient?

a) Yes (1) b) No (2)

4.3 Do you get government grant regularly?

a) Yes (1) b) No (2)

4.4 Once you received the money how do you plan its expenditure?

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PART-V

Women Participation and Empowerment

5.1 Do you think that the ‘reservation of seats for women’ in rural local bodies i.e., 33% is a great step towards women empowerment?

(a)Yes (1) (b) No (2)

5.2 If yes, how do you associate reservation of seats for women in the rural local bodies with women empowerment?

a) It provides a space for women in family (1)

b) It provides a space for women in society (2)

c) It helps in women’s participation in politics (3)
d) It helps in bringing about women’s self confidence and self assessment (4)

c) Any other ………………………………………………………… (5)

5. 3 Do you think that your election to the Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad has helped in making you more self-confident?
   a) Yes (1)                     b) No (2)       c) To some extent (3)

5.4 How do you assess your work as a member?
   a) Active (1)
   
   b) Not active (2)
   
   c) Satisfactory (3)
   
   d) Do not enjoy, miss household work (4)
   
   e) Unable to assess (5)

5.5 What are the factors which hinders you to perform your tasks effectively?
   a) Control of husband/family members (1)
   
   b) Family responsibility (2)
   
   d) Lack of education (4)
   
   e) Lack of training (5)
   
   f) Socio- cultural limitations (6)
   
   g) Non-cooperation of officials in providing necessary information in time (7)
   
   h) Lack of money (8)
   
   i) No awareness about the functions to be performed (9)
   
   j) Humiliating and insulting behaviour of male members (10)
   
   k) Shyness/ outside exposure (11)
l) Any other problem (specify)………………………………………(12)

5.6 If you think you have achieved empowerment please mention the areas in which you feel empowered

a) Now I can equally participate with male in decision making process inside and outside the home (1)

b) Better care of health of myself and my children (2)

c) My self-reliance, self-respect and self assessment has increased (3)

d) Better consciousness of my rights (4)

e) I can take steps to protest against women’s exploitation (5)

f) Any Other……………………………………………. (6)

Rating of Respondents

1) Cooperation.
2) Non Cooperation.
3) Moderately responsive.
4) Reluctant.
APPENDIX-2

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

(For Elected Women Members of Municipal Board/ Town Committee)

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF WOMEN’S PARTICIPATION IN RURAL AND URBAN LOCAL BODIES IN SOUTH ASSAM

(The information collected is confidential and shall be used for academic purpose only)

PART-1

Background of the Elected Women Members

1.1 Name: ..............................................................

1.2 Post held: ..............................................................

1.3 Address: ..............................................................

1.4 Age: (a)18-30(1) (b)31-45(2) (c)46-60(3) (d) 61 and above(4)

1.5 Religion: (a)Hindu(1) (b)Muslim(2)(c)Christian(3)(d)Any other ............(4)

1.6 Caste: (a)Gen(1) (b)SC(2) (c)ST(3) (d)OBC (4) (e) MOBC (5)

1.7 Educational qualification: (a) Illiterate(1) (b)Primary(2) (c)ME(3)

(d) High(4) (e)Matriculate(5) (f) H.S(6) (g) Graduation and above (7)

(h) Any other degree ........(8)

1.8 Occupation: (a) Cultivation (1) (b) Business(2) (c) Housewife (3) (d)

Wage-earner(4) (e) Any other ......................(5)

1.9 Income (in Rs.) per month:

i) Respondent’s- (a) Nil (1) (b) 1- 3000(2) (c) 3001-6000 (3) (d) 6001-9000(4)

(e) 9001 -12000(5) (f) 12001 and above (6)

ii) Family’s- (a) Nil (1) (b) 1- 3000 (2) (c) 3001-6000(3) (d) 6001-9000(4)

(e) 9001-12000(5) (f) 12001 and above (6)

1.10 Nature of the family: (a)Joint(1) (b)Nuclear(2)

1.11 Status of the respondent in the family: (a) Head(1) (b)Other (2)
1.12 Marital status: (a) Married (1)  (b) Unmarried (2)  (c) Widow (3)  (d) Divorce (4)

1.13 Do your father/husband/any family member belong to any political party?
   (a) Yes (1)  (b) No (2)

1.14 Do you belong to any political party?  (a)Yes (1)  (b) No (2)

1.15 If yes, name of the party: (a) Congress (1)  (b) BJP (2)  (c) AGP (3)  (d) AIUDF (4)  (e) Independent (5)  (f) Any other... ............... (6)

PART -II

Functions and Working of a Municipal Board/ Town Committee

2.1 What according to you are the goals of Municipal Board/ Town Committee?
   ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

2.2 What are the functions of a Municipal Board/ Town Committee?
   a) To look after the health and sanitation of the area under its jurisdiction (1)
   b) To construct, repair and maintain road, culvert, drain etc (2)
   c) To provide pure drinking water (3)
   d) To look after the education of the children of the residents (4)
   e) To make provision for maternity and child welfare (5)
   f) To maintain and establish town halls, children parks, markets, street lighting etc (6)
   g) Registration of birth and deaths (7)
   h) Any other…………………………………………………………………………………………………… (8)
2.3 What are the works normally taken up by your Municipal Board/ Town Committee?

a) ……………………………………………………………………. (1)
b) …………………………………………………………………….. (2)
c) ……………………………………………………………………... (3)
d) ……………………………………………………………………… (4)
e) ……………………………………………………………………… (5)
f) ……………………………………………………………………... (6)

2.4 Have you heard the name of different schemes which are introduced by the Government of India for urban development? Yes / No

If yes, name of the schemes:

a) ……………………………………………………………………(1)
b) ……………………………………………………………………(2)
c) ……………………………………………………………………(3)
d) ……………………………………………………………………(4)
e) ……………………………………………………………………(5)

2.5 How many of these schemes are implemented in your Municipal Board/ Town Committee area?

a) ……………………………………………………………………(1)
b) ……………………………………………………………………(2)
c) ……………………………………………………………………(3)
d) ……………………………………………………………………(4)
e) ……………………………………………………………………(5)
2.6 How did you help/contribute in getting different schemes implemented in your area?

a) By informing the people about the schemes (1)

b) By encouraging/motivating the people to come forward for the schemes (2)

c) By monitoring the implementation of the schemes (3)

d) By maintaining close contact with officials/persons responsible for the implementation (4)

e) Any other…………………………………………………………….. (5)

2.7 What are the problems of your area?

a) Unemployment (1)

b) Shortage of pure drinking water (2)

c) Traffic problem (3)

d) Improper road conditions (4)

e) Lack of proper public toilets (5)

f) Lack of proper drainage system (6)

g) Any other ……………………………………………………………….. (7)

2.8 Do you get enough support as a member from the people of the locality?

a) Yes (1)                                b) No (2)

2.9 If yes, what are the reasons for the support?

a) They accept me as their leader (1)

b) They consider me as an honest person (2)

c) That my family has a good hold over the areas for many years (3)
d) That I have good relationship with the villagers (4)
e) That I have better education than others (5)
f) That I have more and more wealth than other (6)
g) Any other (Please specify):-----------------------------------------------

If no, please indicate the reasons-----------------------------------------------

2.10 How often do you attend the meetings of the Municipal Board/ Town Committee? a) Always (1) B) Often (2)
   c) Rarely (3) d) Any other (4)

2.11 How do you take the decisions in the meetings?
   a) Consensus (1) b) Majority (2) C) Any other ............(3)

2.12 If there is division of opinion in the meeting how do you take the decision?
   a) Majority principle (1) b) Convince for consensus (2) c) Deferred (3)
   d) Drop the issue altogether (4) e) Any other .............(5)

2.13 What are the main issue(s) taken up by your Municipal Board/ Town Committee in the meetings?
   a) ................................................................. (1)
   b) ................................................................. (2)
   c) ................................................................. (3)
   d) ................................................................. (4)
   e) ................................................................. (5)

2.14 How often do the other members accept the ideas given by you?
   a) Always (1) b) Often (2) c) Rarely (3)
2.15 How do you rate your participation in the meetings?

a) Most active (1)       b) Active (2)       c) Keep silent most of time (3)
d) No answer (4)

PART -III
Role of Elected Municipal Board/ Town Committee Women Members

3.1 Are you the first timer as elected women member or were you earlier elected as the women member in Municipal Board/ Town Committee?

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3.2 What are the circumstances/factors which motivated you to become Municipal Board/ Town Committee member?

a) To serve the people (1)
b) For all round development of the locality (2)
c) Interest in politics (3)
d) Women reservation (4)
e) Political family (5)
f) Compulsion of other (6)
g) For women empowerment (7)
h) Inspiration drawn from nation’s woman political leaders (8)
i) Influence of women’s organizations(9)
j) Any other……………………………………………………………………………… (10)

3.3 Do you find any changes in your individuality/personality after becoming the member of the Municipal Board/ Town Committee?

a) I get more respect from my family members (1)
b) I get more respect from society (2)
c) I can take steps to protest against women’s exploitation (3)

d) I can take steps to resolve some conflicts within my Municipal Board/ Town Committee area (4)

e) Any other, please mention……………………………………… (5)

3.4 Do you take part/ play any role in the decision making process of your family? (a) Yes (1) (b) No (2)

3.5 If yes, then how:

a) By giving opinion in sending children to school (1)

b) By giving opinion in framing budget of the family (2)

c) By giving opinion in the purchase of things in the family (3)

d) By giving opinion in resolving any dispute/conflict/quarrel within the family (4)

e) By giving opinion on any discussion involving the family interest (5)

f) Any other …………………………………………………………… (6)

3.6 What are the different functions that you like to perform as a women member?

a)……………………………………………………………………..(1)

b)……………………………………………………………………..(2)

c)…………………………………………………………………….. (3)

d)……………………………………………………………………..(4)

3.7 Do you think you have been able to perform all these functions?

a)Yes(1) b)No(2) c) To some extent(3)

3.8 Do you perform your allotted functions and duties by yourself or by someone else?
a) Self (1)  b) Others (2)  c) Self and others (3)

3.9 If by others, who does it?

a) By your husband (1)

b) By your father/father in law (2)

c) By your elder/younger son (3)

d) By any other…………………………….. (4)

3.10 How do the family members view your election to the Municipal Board/ Town Committee?

a) They are happy (1)

b) They take pride in it (2)

c) There was objection from the family but I insisted (3)

d) They do not like it as it interferes with family work (4)

e) Any other…………………………………… (5)

PART- IV

Finances of Municipal Board/ Town Committee

4.1 What are the sources of income of your Municipal Board/ Town Committee?

i) Tax:
   (a).................... (1)  (b)....................(2)
   (c)....................(3)  (d).................... (4)
   (e)....................(5)  (f)....................(6)

ii) Government Grant: (a) Central Government (1)  (b) State Government (2)
4.2 Do you think that money received by the MB/TC is sufficient to meet its requirements?
   a) Yes (1)   b) No (2)

4.3 Do you get government grant regularly?
   a) Yes (1)   b) No (2)

4.4 Once you received the money how do you plan its expenditure?
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PART-V

Women Participation and Empowerment

5.1 Do you think that the ‘reservation of seats for women’ in urban local bodies i.e., 33% is a great step towards women empowerment?
   a) Yes (1)   b) No (2)

5.2 If yes, how do you associate reservation of seats for women in the urban local bodies with women empowerment?
   a) It provides a space for women in family (1)
   b) It provides a space for women in society (2)
   c) It helps in women’s participation in politics (3)
   d) It helps in bringing about women’s self confidence and self assessment (4)
   e) It makes women politically more conscious (5)
   f) Any other…………………………………………………………… (6)
5.3 Do you think that your election to the Municipal Board/ Town Committee has helped in making you more self-confident?

   a) Yes (1)                 b) No (2)                c) To some extent (3)

5.4 How do you assess your work as a member?

   a) Active (1) 
   b) Not active (2) 
   c) Satisfactory (3) 
   d) Do not enjoy, miss household work (4) 
   e) Unable to assess (5) 

5.5 What are the factors which hinder you to perform your tasks effectively?

   a) Control of husband/family members (1) 
   b) Family responsibility (2) 
   c) Lack of education (3) 
   d) Lack of training (4) 
   e) Socio-cultural limitations (5) 
   f) Non-cooperation of officials in providing necessary information in time (6) 
   g) Lack of money (7) 
   h) No awareness about the functions to be performed (8) 
   i) Humiliating and insulting behaviour of male members (9) 
   j) Shyness/ lack of outside exposure (10) 
   l) Any other problem (specify)…………………. …………………………… (11)
5.6 If you think you have achieved empowerment please mention the areas in which you feel empowered.

a) Now I can equally participate with male in decision making process inside and outside the home (1)

b) Better care of health of myself/ and my children (2)

c) My self- reliance, self-respect and self assessment has increased (3)

d) Better consciousness of my rights (4)

e) I can take steps to protest against women’s exploitation (5)

f) Any Other……………………………………………. (6)

**Rating of Respondents**

1) Cooperation.

2) Non Cooperation.

3) Moderately responsive.

4) Reluctant.