Annexure 4

Sample of Questionnaire Given to Children: 13-19 Years

The questionnaire has been designed to analyze the reading habits of the young readers in India, studying in English medium schools. This qualitative survey was conducted in order to assess their likes and dislikes and the type of literature that needs to be produced by the writers, as a part of the problem of writing for young reader in India.

**Questionnaire**

1. Do you prefer reading to other hobbies? Yes / No
   a) Sports
   b) Television & Videos shows
   c) Other hobbies
2. Do you prefer fiction to non-fiction? Yes/ No
   a) Everyday at bedtime
   b) Weekend and holidays
   c) Rarely, when there is Nothing else to do
3. How much time do you spend reading?
   a) Libraries
   b) Buy books
   c) Borrow books from friends?
4. How often do you go to
   a) Adventure & Mystery
   b) Ancient tales & classics retold
   c) School – life of boys and girls
   d) Wildlife tales
5. What kind of books do you like most? Write 1, 2 and 3 in the order of preference.
   Give names of books and authors.
6. Among educational and informative books, name your favorites in an order of preference; also give names of famous books and authors.
   a) Science fiction
   b) Biographies of famous people
   c) Historical books.
7. Do you choose a book because you like
   a) The author
   b) The appearance of the book, e.g. Binding, Printing & Illustrations
   c) The type of story?
8. Do you wish to receive books as gifts to make a collection for your own library or prefer other gifts?  
Yes/No

9. Do you re-read old favorites sometimes?  
Yes/ No

10. Do you like (tick any one)  

11. Do you read translations of World-class authors?  
a) In English  
Yes/ No  
b) Do you read English translations of good regional Indian language books?  

12. Any marked preference for the following authors? Write 1, 2 and 3 order of preference  
a) Indian  
b) British  
c) American  
d) Any Other

13. Give the names and titles of any two good books which you have read in the last 6 months:  

14. What kind of books would you like as additions to your school library?  

15. Have you read any books published by Children's Book Trust or any other Indian Publisher?  

Please print in block letters the following:  
Your Name:  
Boy/ Girl.

Age:  

Class:  

School:  

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