Appendix. C Interview Schedule of the Small Tea Growers

I. Personal data
1.1 Name of the respondent.
1.2 Address of the respondent.
1.3 Gender. Male / Female.
1.4 Age.
1.5 Social Status FC / BC / MBC / SC / ST
1.6 What is your formal education status? Illiterate/Primary level/Middle level/ Secondary level/ Collegiate level.
1.7 What is the type of your family? Nuclear/ Joint.
1.8 Number of members.

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II Economic data
2.1 Are you a tea grower? Yes / No
   If yes, is it your primary occupation? Yes / No.
   How long you have been cultivating tea?
   How many acres of tea garden do you own?
2.2 Size of land holding (in acres)

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<td>4. Extent of operational holding (1+3-2)</td>
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2.3 What are other sources of income for your family?
   a) Dairy          b) Self employed   c) Government servant
   c) Agricultural labour d) Retired employee e) Small business
2.4. Cropping pattern (Annual)

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<th>Season</th>
<th>Name of the crop</th>
<th>Period of the crop</th>
<th>Area under cultivation (in acres)</th>
<th>Quantity produced (in kg)</th>
<th>Value of produce (in Rs.)</th>
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2.5 Details of Tea production

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<th>Area</th>
<th>Tea Production (in Kg)</th>
<th>Total</th>
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2.6. Do you raise any inter-crop in your tea garden? Yes/ No.

If yes, give details of the crops cultivated

2.7. Annual income of the family (amount in rupees)

a) Tea garden Rs.
   b) Other agricultural produce Rs.
   c) Other sources (mention the sources) Rs.

   Total annual income Rs.

2.8. What investments you have made so far to develop your tea garden?

2.9. Borrowings if any, for tea cultivation

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<th>Sources</th>
<th>Purpose of loan</th>
<th>Rate of interest</th>
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2.10. How much cash advance you get for supplying of tea leaves?

a) From Private bought leaf factories Rs.
   b) From INDCO tea factories Rs.
   c) From private agents Rs.

2.11. Do you prune your garden? Yes/ No.

   If yes, at what interval? Once in five years/ six years/ more than six years
   If no, why?

2.12. Do you prune your garden at regular interval? Yes/ No.

   Give reason for your answer (both for yes or no)

2.13. Are you aware of pruning subsidy schemes of tea board? Yes /No.

   If yes, are you enjoyed the subsidy? If so, amount in rupees.
   If no, why.

III. Tea Production.

   Details of green leaves harvested last year (in kg).

3.1 What was the yield per acre last year? In kg.

3.2 When and what were the minimum and maximum price received last year?
3.3 What was the total value of green leaves harvested last year?

3.4 Are you aware of grades of green leaves? Yes/No.
   If yes, what are they?

3.5 Whether your factory agents emphasized quality awareness? Yes/No.
   If yes, details.

3.6 What grade/grades of green leaves you are plucking?

3.7 What is the periodicity of plucking such grades?

3.8. Is there any seasonal pattern in plucking? Yes/No.
   If yes, what are the harvest months?

3.9 Did you face any problems of selling green leaves on those months? Yes/No.
   If yes, what was the problem.

3.10 How long the plucked leaves can be kept before sale?

3.11 Could you sell the plucked green leaves within the time? Yes/No

3.12 To which agency do you sell your tea leaves?

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<td>Others</td>
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3.14 Are you satisfied with the sale of green leaves? Yes/No
   If no, reasons.
   a) Under weighing
   b) Transportation cost or agency commission
   c) Indebtedness
   d) No procurement centre of INDCO tea factory.

3.15. What are your suggestions to overcome such problems in sale of green leaves?
   a) 
   b) 
   c) 

IV. Input Supply.

4.1 Extent and use of inputs (during last year)

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<th>Name of the input</th>
<th>Quantity (in kg.)</th>
<th>Value (in rupees)</th>
<th>Subsidy if any.</th>
<th>Agency</th>
<th>Reasons for the preference</th>
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4.2 Are you applying inputs adequately? Yes / No.
   If no, which input is inadequate?

4.3 What is the extent of inadequacy?

4.4 How many times you have manure your garden in a year?
   2 times / 3 times / 4 times
   Give the details of fertilizing and its time of application.

V Farm Guidance

5.1 Have you received any farm guidance services from any agencies?
   If yes, give details.

5.2 Have you received regularly? Yes / No.
   Are you satisfied with the guidance services? Yes / No.
   If yes, details. If no, why?

5.3 Whether your village has a farm science club? Yes / No.
   If no, how are you informed about the latest techniques?

5.4 Are there demonstration plots in your village or nearby? Yes / No.

5.5 Did you attend any quality up-gradation programme? Yes / No.
   If yes, was it useful? Yes/ No.

5.6 After attended the programme did you practice modern methods in your tea garden? Yes/ No.
   If yes, details. If no, why?

VI Membership in INDCO tea factory (applicable only to members)

6.1 Are you a member of INDCO tea factory?
6.2 When did you join as a member?
6.3 How did you join?
   a) own accord
   b) initiated by other members
   c) staff / office bearers of the factory
   e) through friends and relatives

6.4 Share capital

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6.5 Do you receive any input from INDCO Tea Factory?
   Yes/No
   If yes, give details_____________________

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6.6 Prior to the organization of INDCO Tea factory where you able to receive needed inputs for your tea garden?
   a) Cooperative agro sales units
   b) Private Agro centre's
   c) Private Green leaves agents
   d) Others

6.7 What benefits you received from INDCO tea factory?
   A. Economic benefits
      a) Correct weighing
      b) Free supply of gunny bags.
      c) Adequate input supply.
      d) Timely supply of fertilizers.
      e) Encourage savings habits
      f) Insurance
      g) Cash advance.
      h) Supply of household durables on credit.

   B. Social benefits
      a) Training
      b) Knowledge sharing
      c) Others

6.8 What are the other services received from the INDCO tea factory?
   a) Pledge advance.
   b) Festival advance.
   c) Provision of household durables on credit basis.

6.9 Is your INDCO Tea factory own tea nursery to supply tea clones?
   Yes/ No.
   If yes, details.

6.10 Is your factory own demonstration plot? Yes/ No.

6.11 How INDCO Tea factory inform the latest techniques on crop management and protection measures? Yes/ No

6.12 What is the distance of your tea garden to INDCO Tea Factory?

6.13 Is the INDCO Tea factory opened procurement centre in your area?
   Yes /No.
   If yes, are you supply green leaves regularly? Yes/ No.
6.14 What are your suggestions to improve the procurement centre further?

6.15 Are you satisfied with the weighing of green leaves by the INDCO Tea factory? Yes/No. If no, reasons.

6.16 Are you satisfied with the price paid by INDCO Tea factory? Yes/No. If no, what are the ways to get better price?

6.17 What is the periodicity of payment? Weekly / Monthly. Are you satisfied with that period? Yes/No. If no, reasons.

6.18 Is there any difficulty in getting your payment? Yes/No. If yes, details.

6.19 Is there any compulsory deduction at the time of your payment? Yes/No. If yes, for what?
   a) for fertilizer advance.
   b) for thrift deposit.
   c) for share capital subscription.
   d) others.

6.20 After the establishment of INDCO Tea factory, the price received for the green leaves had increased or not? Increased/not increased. If increased, to what extent?

6.21 Did you sale entire green leaves to the INDCO Tea factory? Yes/No. If no, give details.
   a) Absence of procurement of fine leaf.
   b) Absence of INDCO procurement centre.
   c) Presence of self help groups.
   d) Others.

6.22 Any time the INDCO Tea factory refused to purchase the harvested green leaves? Yes/No. If yes, when? How many times?

6.23 How INDCO Tea factory inform such information?

6.24 In such cases how you manage?

6.25 What are your suggestions to improve the INDCO Tea factory?

6.26 What are your suggestions to increase more arrival of green leaves to INDCO Tea factory?

VII Non member

7.1. Why you have not joined as a member?
   Reasons a) Not interested
b) Competitions among the agent to purchase the green leaves.


c) Get advance from the private agents.

d) Availability of private tea factory nearer to the tea garden.

e) Absence of INDCO Tea factory procurement shed nearer to the tea garden.

f) Supply green leaves to QLLPC sheds

g) Not approached by factory employees

7.2 Are you willing to join as a member? Yes/No. If yes, when?
If no, reasons
a) No problem in selling the green leaves.

b) Absence of INDCO tea factory procurement shed.

c) Owner of a private green leaves procurement shed

d) Others

7.3 Whether you have been a member previously? Yes/No
If yes, reasons for withdrawal.

7.4 Any suggestions for the improvement of the factory?

a)
b)
c)