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Topic : WOMEN ELITE IN THE PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS IN ORISSA : A STUDY OF NISCHINTKOILI BLOCK IN CUTTACK DISTRICT.

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INSTRUCTIONS

The present schedule aims at studying the women elite in the Panchayati Raj Institutions of Orissa with special reference to the elected women representatives of Nischintkoili Block of Cuttack District. Respondents are requested to read the questions carefully. In answering the questions, they are requested to put tick (✓) mark to the answers that appeared to them appropriate. In some cases, if the respondent does not feel to give answer she can write D.K. (Do not know). In some places, the respondent is required to give her views on open-ended questions in the specific space. Your cooperation is solicited and the answers will be kept in confidential and will be used only for academic purpose. So we seek your sincere cooperation.
QUESTIONS FOR WOMEN REPRESENTATIVE RESPONDENTS IN PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS OF NISCHINTKOILI BLOCK.

Q1. Please recollect and tell me at what age you first come to hear/know about the political phenomena?
   a) 6 - 18
   b) >18-30
   c) >30-42
   d) > 42 and above

Q2. Please tell me by whom you have been motivated most to take interest in politics.
   a) Parents
   b) Other family members
   c) Poor groups
   d) School
   e) Mass Media
   f) Political Parties

Q3. Please answer the questions on the following political objects?
   a) What is the name your country?
   b) What is the name of the President of India?
   c) What is the name of the Prime Minister of India?
   d) Who is your Chief Minister?
   e) Which party is ruling now in your state?
   f) Who is your Sarapanch?
   g) How many members are there in your Panchayat Samiti?

Q4. Please answer the questions on the following facts related to Panchayati Raj Institutions.
   a) Which Amendment Act has brought the present Panchayati Raj Institutions in India?
b) In which year was this Amendment Act enacted?
c) What is the status (constitutional / political / extra-constitutional) of the PRIs in India?
d) How is the Panchayat Samiti Chairperson elected?
e) What is the term of duration of elected PRIs?
f) How many women members are in your Panchayat Samiti?
g) How many SC/ST members are in your Panchayat Samiti?

Q.5 Have you any idea about the reservation of seats for the women in Panchayati Raj Institutions?
   a) Yes
   b) No

Q.6 If yes, from what sources did you become aware about this reservation? (Multiple choice)
   a) Through your husband
   b) Through your family members
   c) Through your neighbour
   d) Through your community leaders
   e) Through hearsay
   f) By some governmental officials
   g) By some NGO functionaries
   h) Through the media
   i) If any other source, please identify.

Q7. Here are stated certain provisions about the Panchayati Raj Institutions, Please tell me whether you know these provisions.
   a) Yes
   b) No

   a) Panchayats are institutions of self-Govt.
   b) There will be a Gram Sabha for each village or group of villages comprising all the adult members registered as voters in the Panchayat area.
c) There shall be a three-tier system of Panchayat at village, intermediate block/taluk and district levels. Smaller states with a population below 20 lakhs will have the option not to have an intermediate level panchayat.

d) Seats in Panchayats at all the three levels shall be filled by direct election. In addition, Chairpersons of village panchayats can be made members of the Panchayats at the intermediate level and at the district level.

e) Members of Parliament, M.L.A.s and M.L.Cs could also be members of Panchayats at the intermediate or district level.

f) In all the Panchayats, seats would be reserved for SCs & STs in proportion to their population. Offices of the Chairpersons of the Panchayats at all levels shall be reserved in favour of them.

g) One-third of the total no. of seats will also be reserved for women.

h) State legislatures have the liberty to provide reservation of seats and offices of Chairpersons in Panchayats in favour of backward classes.

i) Every Panchayat shall have a uniform five year term and elections to constitute new bodies shall be completed before the expiry of the term. In the event of dissolution, elections will be compulsorily held within six-months. The constituted Panchayat will serve for remaining period of the five year term.
j) If will not be possible to dissolve the existing Panchayats by amending any Act before the expiry of its duration.

k) A person who is disqualified under any law for election to the legislature of the state or under any law of the state will not be entitled to become a member of Panchayat.

l) Election to the Panchayat shall be conducted by the State Election Commission.

Q8. Do you know about the sources of finances for the Panchayats as provided in the 73rd Amendment Act of the constitution? Please state the different sources.

Q9. Have you any idea about the State Finance Commission? Please state its constitution and its functions.

Q10. Below are some of the responsibilities entrusted to the Panchayati Raj Institutions. Kindly indicate your knowledge about them?

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Q11. Have you taken any training to gain knowledge about the Panchayati Raj Institutions in detail?
   a) Yes
   b) No

Q12. Which of the following agencies have played a role in imparting training about the Panchayati Raj Institutions? (Multiple choice)
   a) Non-Governmental Organisations.
   b) State Institute of Rural Development.
   c) Any other Governmental Organisation.
   d) Political Parties.
   e) Any Research Institute
   f) None

Q13. How many times you have contested in the Panchayat Elections?
   a) Once
   b) Twice
   c) Thrice
   d) More than thrice

Q14. If you have contested more than once, then how many times you have been elected to Panchayat bodies.
   a) Once
   b) Twice
   c) Thrice

Q15. Before being elected to Panchayats, were you a member or office-bearer of any of the following organisations? (Multiple choice)
   Yes        No
   a) Cultural Associations
   b) Student Politics
   c) Governing Body of the Village School
   d) Cooperatives
   e) Political Parties
   f) Any other, please specify
Q16. Is any one of your family members associated in the Panchayati Raj Institutions or in politics?
   a) Yes
   b) No

Q17. How did you get elected to the Panchayats?
   a) Through Contest
   b) Un-contested

Q18. Who supported you to contest in the election? (Multiple choice)
   a) Husband
   b) Relatives
   c) Friends
   d) Members of your family
   e) Community Leaders
   f) Party workers

Q19. In what ways you have got the support from others for contesting in the election?

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<td>b) Preparation of your speech and manifesto.</td>
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<td>d) Man-power</td>
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<td>e) If any other type of support, please mention.</td>
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Q20. Do you get the full cooperation from other male members of Panchayat and village?
   a) Yes
   b) No
Q21. Do you think that the male people have lost their monopoly in this organisation after the election of women?
   a) Yes
   b) No

Q22. If no, give reasons for your statement.

Q23. To what extent reservation has raised the status of women representatives?
   a) Largely
   b) Moderately
   c) Not at all
   d) Decline

Q24. Do you mention the domain in which your status has been raised?
   a) In the family
   b) In the neighbourhood
   c) In the women community of your village
   d) In the village
   e) In the society

Q25. Which of the following goals do you perceive as the most important to implement in Panchayats?
   a) Social services
   b) Ventilation of grievances
   c) Ideological commitments
   d) Accomplishing party policies
   e) Development of women
   f) Development of village

Q26. Do you perceive any change in your role assigned to you after getting elected to panchayat?
   a) Yes
   b) No
Q27. If yes, please mention your views on certain statements?

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<td>a) It has increased political consciousness in you.</td>
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<td>b) It has created dynamic and responsive leadership for you.</td>
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<td>c) You have become very much sensible to women issues.</td>
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<td>d) You have become increasingly interested to implement various development programmes.</td>
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<td>e) You have developed a consciousness for capacity building and empowering the women.</td>
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Q28. Do you feel that women provide better representation than men?

a) Yes
b) No

Q29. If yes, please justify your arguments?

Q30. Do you attend the Panchayat meetings regularly?

a) Yes
b) No

Q31. Whether you are intimated about the meetings or not?

a) Yes
b) No

Q32. What you are actually intimated about?

a) Timing of the meetings
b) Agenda of the meetings
c) Proceedings of the meetings
Q33. If you do not attend the meetings, then who attends the meetings on your behalf?
   a) Husband
   b) Close relatives
   c) Local leaders of the village
   d) If any other, please specify, (Like father, brother or any other male members of the family)
   e) None

Q34. In what ways you participated most in the decision-making process in the Panchayat?
   a) By initiating a discussion.
   b) By taking part in the deliberation raised in the floor.
   c) By taking part in fund allocation, fund raising and fund utilisation discussion.
   d) By launching various campaigns.
   e) Taking a neutral stand by attending and listening and voting.
   f) Influence the co-members to voting on a particular issue.
   g) Discussing with the villagers about the decisions taken in Panchayat meetings.

Q35. How many times you have raised your voice in the Panchayat meetings?
   a) Once
   b) Twice
   c) Thrice
   d) More than thrice
   e) Not at all

Q36. On what issues you have raised your voice?
   a) Women issues like controlling dowry system, wife beating, domestic violence etc.
   b) Infrastructural development like road, drain, electricity etc.
   c) Agricultural development.
d) Security measures.
e) General sanitation and health care programme.
f) Education

Q37. By whom you are persuaded to raise such issues?

a) Through self
b) Through husband
c) Through youths of the village
d) Women community of the village
e) Local leaders of your village.

Q38. What are the major prohibitive forces that have been preventing active participation of women in Panchayati Raj Institutions?

a) Increase of violence cases against women.
b) It bring additional burden to domestic responsibilities for women.
c) Prevalence of patriarchal culture.
d) Lack of education and awareness among women.
e) If any other, please mention.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT RESPONDENTS

Q1. To which age group do you belong?
   a) 18 - 30
   b) >30 - 43
   c) >43 - 56
   d) >56 and above

Q2. Mention the nature of belongingness to the present village?
   a) Birth place
   b) In-laws place
   c) Migrant

Q3. To which Caste/Category do you belong?
   a) General Caste (Un-reserved)
   b) Backward Class Community (BCC)
   c) Scheduled Caste (SC)
   d) Scheduled Tribe (ST)

Q4. To which religion do you belong?
   a) Hindu
   b) Muslim
   c) Christian

Q5. What is your marital status?
   a) Un-married
   b) Married
   c) Divorcee
   d) Widow

Q6. What is your level of education?
   a) Very low (Just literate)
   b) Low (Under-matric)
   c) Middle (Matric-Graduate)
   d) High (PG & Technical)
Q7. What is the nature of your family?
   a) Nuclear
   b) Joint

Q8. What is your occupation?
   a) Government Job
   b) Private Job
   c) Private Business
   d) Cultivation
   e) Daily Wage Earner
   f) Housewife without any job

Q9. What is the amount of your annual household income?
   a) Below 18,000 (Poor)
   b) Rs.18,001 - 30,000 (Above poverty line)
   c) Rs.30,001 - 60,000 (Middle income group)
   d) Rs.60,000 and above (Rich income group)

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

Designation: ________________________________

Name of your village: ________________________________

Name of the Panchayat you have been elected for: ________________________________