APPENDIX

QUESTIONNAIRE

'POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN URBAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT: A CASE STUDY OF SUNDARGARH DISTRICT'

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(This is purely for academic purpose and the opinion of each respondent will be kept secret and will be statistically analyzed for research purposes only)

SECTION-1: BIO-DATA OF THE RESPONDENTS.

1. Name
2. Age
3. Martial status Married / unmarried
4. Religion:
   a) General
   b) S.C.
   c) S.T.
   d) O.B.C.
5. Caste:
   a) General
   b) S.C.
   c) S.T.
6. Educational Qualification:
   a) H.S.E.         b) Intermediate     c) Bachelor’s degree
   d) Post Graduate  f) Any other
7. Educational Qualifications of Family Members:
   a) Mother
   b) Father
   c) Husband
8. Occupation, if any before Municipal election
9. Occupation of Husband / Parents (if unmarried)
   a) Agriculture  b) business  c) government employee
   d) Employed in industries  e) Labourers  f) any other
10. Financial status of family
   a) Up to Rs. 20,000/- per annum   b) Rs. 20,001 to Rs. 24,000/- p.a.
   c) Rs. 24,001/- to Rs. 60,000/- p.a.   d) Above Rs. 60,001/- p.a.

11. Name of your urban local body and ward number.

SECTION -II: ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION

1. How many times you have cast votes in Municipal elections? .......times.

2. How many times you have contested in Municipal elections? .........times.

3. Whether your contest in the election is a voluntary / mobilized one?

4. Whether you are contesting from reserved constituency?
   a) Seat reserved for Women Yes / No.
   b) Seat reserved for SC/ ST Yes / No.
   Specify, if any other

6. What is your objective behind your contest in the municipal election?
   a) Social service  b) To build political career  c) Urge for power
   d) To promote the wish of family members/ community.

7. What was your political party basis in the contest?.........(party)

8. Are you in favour of party based nomination?.........Yes / No.

9. How many contestants were there for the seat? ? .........(no.)

10. Whether any member of your family has any political background? .......Yes / No.

11. Have you ever addressed people during your election campaign?........Yes / No.

12. Whether you will contest in the next election? .......Yes / No.

13. Will you contest against a male candidate in the next election?......Yes / No.
14. What are the obstacles faced by you while contesting in the Municipal election?
   a) No party affiliation   b) No political background of family members
   c) Difficulty in funding   d) Threaten by rival parties / character assassination.
   e) Lack of family support   f) Difficulty in addressing public during election

15. What are the reasons for your winning in the election?
   a) Personality   b) Community support   c) Support of family
   d) Support by political party   e) Can’t say.

SECTION III: PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN COUNCILLORS IN MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

1. Your special interest in council

2. Are you a member of any Municipal Committee? Yes / No. (If any, specify it.)

3. Do you have awareness or knowledge about following Municipal Council related matters?
   a) Reservation of seats for women
   b) Municipal Act after 74th amendment
   c) Your powers and responsibilities
   d) Resources of Municipal Councils
   e) Development schemes
   f) Planning and budgeting

4. What are your sources of awareness?
   a) Family members
   b) Friends/ neighbours
   c) Male colleagues
   d) Officials
   e) Media
   f) Training programs
5. What is your nature of participation in the meetings of council?

Participates... a) frequently  b) sometimes  c) rarely

6. Whether the male members or male Chair person allow you to speak?....Yes/ No.

7. Do you operate within a gender distinctive framework that dictates policy decisions?

...Yes/ No / Neutral

8. Have you ever resented the gender discrimination while performing your role as a councillor?

........Frequently/ sometimes/ never.

9. Do you think more importance is given to the male members in the Municipal Council?......

Yes/ No/ Neutral

10. Do you get cooperation of male colleagues and officials in the Municipal Council?

...Yes/ No.

11. What is the reason for non cooperation by male colleagues/ officials?

a) Lack of confidence in the capacity of women members
b) Party feeling
c) male attitude
d) corruption
e) no comments.

12. Do you raise and handle issues in the council meetings?

............Frequently / sometimes / never.

13. Do you fight for basic amenities of your municipality?

............Yes/ No

14. Your nature of participation in plans and programs:

a) Preparation of proposals—occasionally/ regularly
b) Initiation of activity

c) Implementation of proposals—
d) Supervising work and visiting sites——
15. What is your role in implementation of poverty alleviation program, slum improvement of the area and tribal development of the area?

16. Are you aware about various schemes of government in municipal affairs and about utilization of funds?

......Yes /No.

17. Do you feel women’s strength in council justifies women’s cause?

......Yes/ No

18. Do you support reservation of seats for women?

......Yes/ No

19. Do you think there have been improvement/ deterioration/ no change in status after winning in the election?

20. What is in your opinion most the important quality required to improve your role performance?

   a) Self-confidence
   b) awareness
   c) organizing skills
   d) ability to mobilize resources
   e) assertiveness
   f) experience
   g) initiative
   h) motivation.

21. Whether you have attended any training program of the government or non Government organization?

......Yes/No.

22. Whether you have addressed people after being elected?

....Yes/no.
23. Do you have enough confidence in influencing policy outcome in municipal affairs?

.....Yes ....No........Neutral

24. Suggest any more measures which you feel necessary to change the attitude and motivation in exercising political role in this male dominated society?

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