APPENDIX A
SOCIO ECONOMIC STATUS OF AUTO RICKSAHW OPERATORS IN
DINDIGUL DISTRICT

Interview Schedule for Auto Rickshaw Drivers

1. Name :

2. Age in years : Upto 20 ☐
   21 – 25 ☐
   26 – 30 ☐
   31 – 40 ☐
   41 – 50 ☐
   Above 50 ☐

3. Education : Illiterate ☐
   Elementary ☐
   Secondary ☐
   Higher Secondary ☐
   Degree ☐
   Diploma/Technical ☐

4. Religion : Hindu ☐
   Christian ☐
   Islam ☐
5. Community  : FC □  
                : BC □  
                : MBC □  
                : SC/ST □  

6. Marital Status : Married □  
                    : Unmarried □  

7. Total number of members in your family:

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8. Main reason for choosing this profession:
   : Family profession □  
   : To reduce the family burden □  
   : No other occupation □  
   : Self □  

9. How did you learn auto driving mainly:
   : Self taught □  
   : Through friends’ □  
   : Driving school □  

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10. Who suggested driving auto
   as a profession? : Friends and Relatives ☐
   Self Interest ☐

11. Type of holding of auto : Owned ☐
    Hired ☐

12. Type of fuel you use mostly : Petrol ☐
    Diesel ☐
    Gas ☐

13. What is the source of purchase
    of your auto? : Personal Fund ☐
    Banks ☐
    Finance Institutions ☐

14. Timing of work : Day ☐
    Night ☐
    Both ☐

15. How many hours actually are you
    engaged in your auto? : Up to 8 hours ☐
    8-10 hours ☐
    Above 10 hours ☐
16. How many years have you been in the present occupation? 
   - Up to 5 years □
   - 5 – 10 years □
   - Above 10 years □

17. Are you satisfied with this occupation? 
   - Yes □
   - No □
   If yes, give reasons
     - Earning is reasonable □
     - More trips □
     - Recognition from passengers □

18. How will you manage your time, if you do not have any trips? 
   - Rest □
   - Read newspapers □
   - Play games □
   - Visit cinema □

19. What is your earning per day? 
   - Up to Rs. 200 □
   - Rs.200 - 300 □
   - Rs.300 - 400 □
   - Rs.400 - 500 □
   - Above Rs. 500 □

20. When do you earn best? 
   - Holidays □
   - Festivals □
   - Muhurtham □
   - Rainey days □
21. Do you have any regular trips of passengers?  
   : Yes ☐  No ☐

If yes, what is the type of trips you have?  
   : School trip ☐  Office trip ☐  Both ☐

22. Mention the mode of charge of tips?  
   Daily charge ☐  Monthly charge ☐

23. What is your total expenditure per month?  
   : Rs.__________/-

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<td>Fuel and Lighting</td>
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<td>Ceremonies/guests</td>
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<td>Children’s Education</td>
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<td>Medicine/Health</td>
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24. Do you have the habit of saving?  
   : Yes ☐  
   No ☐  

   If yes, specify the nature of saving?  
   : Chit fund ☐  
   Bank ☐  
   Gold Rs. ☐  
   Post office Rs. ☐  

25. Do you own a house?  
   : Yes ☐  
   No ☐  

   If no, specify the nature of residence  
   : Rented House ☐  
   Tennant ☐
26. What type of house do you have?: Thatched □ 
Brick □ 
Concrete □ 

27. Give the particulars of assets you possess:
   - No Asset □ 
   - Vehicles □ 
   - Land □ 
   - Gold / Silver □ 

28. Have you availed of loan so far?: Yes □ 
   No □ 
   If yes, specify the source of debt:
   - Bank □ 
   - Unauthorized money lenders □ 
   - Co-operatives □ 
   - Financial Institutions □ 

29. Mention the purpose(s) for which you availed of loan:
   - Maintenance of vehicle □ 
   - Education of children □ 
   - Marriage □ 
   - Medical Expenses □ 
   - Ceremonies □ 
   - Others □
30. What is your opinion of the maintenance cost of your auto?
   - High [ ]
   - Moderate [ ]
   - Low [ ]

31. Have you been involved in any accident so far?
   - Yes [ ]
   - No [ ]

   If yes, specify the reason(s) for the accident(s):
   - Mechanical failure [ ]
   - Negligence in driving [ ]
   - High speed [ ]
   - Overtaking vehicles [ ]
   - Drunken mood [ ]

32. Have you ever paid fine?
   - Yes [ ]
   - No [ ]

   If yes, specify the reasons:
   - Wrong route [ ]
   - Overspeed [ ]
   - Overloading [ ]

33. What is your problem in auto maintenance?
   - Poor road condition [ ]
   - Poor quality of spare parts [ ]
   - High cost of lubricants [ ]
   - Police harassment [ ]
   - Traffic problems [ ]
34. Are you a member in the auto association? 
   - Yes ☐
   - No ☐

If yes, name of the association: 

35. If you are not a member of any union, given reasons:
   - No faith in Union ☐
   - Employer’s Opposition ☐
   - Politically Oriented Union ☐
   - No Confidence in Leaders ☐

36. Opinion of auto rickshaw drivers

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<td>Family members give due recognition to your job</td>
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<td>This profession helps you meet different types of people</td>
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<td>You will continue as an auto driver till the end your life</td>
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