Appendix - I

The Problems among the Scheduled Tribes of Theni District in Tamilnadu – A Sociological Study

Interview Schedule

I. Socio-economic background of the tribal respondents

1. Name :

2. Age
   1. Less than 30
   2. 31 – 40
   3. 41 – 50
   4. 51 – 60
   5. 61 and above

3. Sex
   1. Man
   2. Women

4. Religion
   1. Hinduism
   2. Christianity

5. Community

6. Marital status
   1. Married
   2. Unmarried
   3. Widow

7. Educational Qualification
   1. Illiterate
   2. Middle
   3. SSLC/HSC
   4. Graduate
8. Occupation
   1. Agricultural and agricultural coolie
   2. Hunting
   3. Street vendor
   4. Construction worker
   5. Petty shop
   6. Tailor

9. What are the primary occupations of the tribals?
   1. Hunting
   2. Gathering
   3. Agriculture

10. Monthly income of the respondent
    1. Rs. 0 – 2000
    2. Rs. 2001 – 4000
    3. Rs. 4001 – 6000
    4. Rs. 6001 – 8000
    5. More than Rs.8001

11. Family occupation
    1. Agriculture
    2. Agricultural coolie
    3. Business
    4. Private employee
    5. Others

12. Monthly income of the Family
    1. Rs.0 – 4000
    2. Rs.4001 – 6000
    3. Rs.6001 – 8000
    4. Rs.8001- 10000
    5. More than Rs.10001

13. Type of house
    1. Own
    2. Leased
14. Nature of house
   1. Thatched
   2. Concrete
   3. Tiled

15. Type of family
   1. Nuclear
   2. Joint family
   3. Extended family

16. No. of children
   1. 0–2
   2. 3–4
   3. 4 and above

17. Gender of children
   1. Man
   2. Women

II. Problems found among the tribals

Factors Affecting Tribal Education

18. What are the social factors affecting the tribal education?
   1. Lack of awareness
   2. Lack of parental education
   3. Lack of motivation

19. What are the economic factors affecting tribal education?
   1. Lack of money
   2. Lack of schools
   3. Remote Living

20. What are the lack of facilities towards the tribal education?
   1. Tribal language and dialects
   2. Poor standard
   3. Financial constraints
   4. Distance of schools

21. What are the environmental factors affecting tribal education?
   1. Parents are agricultural laborers
   2. Lack of knowledge over modern environment
3. Narrow mentality
4. Alcoholic addicted parents

**Poverty and Indebtedness Problems**

22. What are the reasons for the poverty of the tribals?
   1. Simple occupation
   2. Lack of technology
   3. Less surplus economy

23. What are the reasons for less production in the agriculture land of tribals?
   1. Lack of knowledge to adopt new technology
   2. Traditional agricultural practices
   3. More interest rates for mortgaging

24. What are the reasons for their indebtedness?
   1. Farm/ Business expenses
   2. Family expenses
   3. Medical expense
   4. Educational expenses

25. With whom are you pledging your lands?
   1. Money lenders
   2. Traders
   3. Landlords
   4. Not applicable

26. What are the years indebtedness of your land?
   1. 0 - 2 years
   2. 2– 4 years
   3. 4– 6 years
   4. 6– 8 years
   5. 8 and above
   6. Not applicable

27. What are the advantages in approaching informal sources to receive money?
   1. Fulfillment of urgent needs
   2. Access to credit at doorsteps
3. Access in time
4. Not applicable

28. What are the disadvantages of receiving money from informal sources?
   1. High rate of interest
   2. Short duration of repay
   3. Unhealthy practices during delay in the repayment
   4. No consideration of unexpected loss
   5. Not applicable

Land Alienation Problems
29. What type of lands are you having?
   1. Land under cultivation
   2. Land under irrigation
   3. Fallow land
   4. Not applicable

30. Have you your land under forest?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Not applicable

31. If yes, in what kind of forest have you your land?
   1. Reserved forest
   2. Protected forest
   3. Cultivable forest
   4. Not applicable

32. Have you been affected by Land alienation cases?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Not applicable

33. If yes, Who is the owner of your land?
   1. Landlords
   2. Money lenders
   3. Village Traders
   4. Not applicable
34. What type of land alienation have you faced?
   1. By sale
   2. Forcible occupation by money lenders
   3. Not applicable

35. What are the reasons for transferring lands?
   1. To redeem old debts
   2. Continuous drought
   3. Younger generation not interested in doing agriculture
   4. Not applicable

36. Is the Land acquired for public purposes?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Not applicable

37. If yes, For what purpose your land has been acquired?
   1. Irrigation dam
   2. Canal
   3. Industry
   4. Housing society
   5. Any other scheme

38. Have you received any compensation for the acquirement of your lands?
   1. Yes
   2. No

**Shifting cultivation problems**

39. What is the major problem in shifting cultivation?
   1. More expenses in clearing forest and pushes
   2. Lack of irrigation system
   3. Soil erosion
   4. Not applicable

**Housing problems**

40. In what way your house has been suffered?
   1. Heavy rain
   2. Animals
3. Soil erosion
4. Not applicable

**Drinking problems**

41. Are you aware of the problems of drinking?
   1. Yes
   2. No

42. If yes, what are the problems you faced?
   1. Poverty
   2. Sale and mortgage of land
   3. Health problems
   4. Family disorganization
   5. Not applicable

43. What is the reason for drinking?
   1. Cultural practices and values
   2. Psychological frustrations
   3. Increasing indebtedness
   4. Not applicable

**Communication problems**

44. As far as the tribal territories are concerned what is the barrier of communication?
   1. Lack of Radios
   2. Lack of Television
   3. Lack of print Medias
   4. Lack of Illiteracy

45. What are the problems of communication?
   1. Unaware of Several News
   2. Unaware of welfare programmers
   3. Unaware of natural calamities
   4. Unaware of health information

46. What are the main causes of communication problems?
   1. Illiteracy
   2. Poverty
   3. Lack of communicational means
4. Wandering economy
5. Cultural practice

Unemployment problems

47. What are the consequences of unemployment you faced?
   1. Poverty
   2. Labor migration
   3. Starvation
   4. Alcoholic addict

48. What is the reason for unemployment?
   1. Transfer of land to outsiders
   2. Acquiring land by the Govt.
   3. Sale of land
   4. Deforestation
   5. Lack of modern technology
   6. Lack of sufficient cultivable lands
   7. Recent forest policies

Health problems

49. What are the health problems frequently did you attain?
   1. Malnutrition
   2. Jaundice
   3. Typhoid

50. What is the reason for your ill-health problem?
   1. Poverty
   2. Poor sanitation
   3. Lack of Proper houses
   4. Unprotected water
   5. Lack of hospitals

III. Awareness of the Govt schemes and welfare programmers

51. Are you aware of the Special central Assistance and Grants scheme?
   1. Yes
   2. No
52. If yes, in what way have you benefited?
   1. Agriculture
   2. Horticulture
   3. Soil conservation
   4. Not applicable

53. Are you aware of the Development of Tribal Primitive Groups (PTGs)?
   1. Yes
   2. No

54. If yes, what way have you benefited?
   1. Housing and infrastructure
   2. Health
   3. Land distribution/development
   4. Cattle development
   5. Not applicable

55. Are you aware of the Vocational training centre’s scheme?
   1. Yes
   2. No

56. If yes, who promoted this to you?
   1. NGOs
   2. Forest Department
   3. Not applicable

57. What are the goals of VTC?
   1. Educational training
   2. Market potential training
   3. Self employment training
   4. Not applicable

58. Are you aware of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd (TRIFED)?
   1. Yes
   2. No
59. Have you received any benefit from the TRIFED?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Not applicable

60. Are you aware of the Janashree Bima Yojana?
   1. Yes
   2. No

61. If yes, have you insured under this scheme?
   1. Yes
   2. No

62. Are you aware of LAMP cooperative society?
   1. Yes
   2. No

63. If yes, are you a member of the LAMP society?
   1. Yes
   2. No

64. Are you aware of the Ashram School scheme?
   1. Yes
   2. No

65. If yes, whether your children are benefited under this scheme?
   1. Yes
   2. No

66. Are you aware of the Rajiv Gandhi national Fellowship scheme?
   1. Yes
   2. No

IV. Supportive system for tribal's

  SHGs role

67. Are you a member of the SHGs?
   1. Yes
   2. No
68. In How many SHGs you have been a member?
   1. 0 – 2
   2. 3– 4
   3. 5 and above

69. Your SHGs belongs to ……
   1. NGO
   2. Government

70. Do you have the habit of savings in your SHGs?
   1. Yes
   2. No

71. How much are you saving per month?
   1. 50-100
   2. 101 More then
   3. Not applicable

72. In what way are you using this savings amount?
   1. Educational purpose of the group members
   2. Medical purpose of the group members
   3. Not applicable

73. Have you received the loan?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Not applicable

74. In what way have you used this loan?
   1. Agricultural use
   2. Children’s education
   3. Medical purpose
   4. Not applicable

75. Whether can you increase the income level manifold and contribute to the Development of the family……. after joining the SHG ?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Not applicable
76. In what way are you contributing as a member of the group?
   1. Laying roads
   2. Providing electric connections
   3. Drainage
   4. Not applicable

NGOs Role

77. Are you aware of the NGOs working for the welfare of the tribals in Your village?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Not applicable

78. The NGOs are providing fruitful relationship with the village peoples.
   1. Agree
   2. Disagree
   3. Don’t know

79. In what way are you aware of the NGO?
   1. Educational awareness
   2. Health awareness
   3. Economical upliftment
   4. Government funding awareness
   5. Not applicable

80. What are the major roles played by NGOs in your village as far as you are concerned?
   1. To run bridge school for dropouts and non school going children’s
   2. To improve the status of girl children in the area
   3. To provide the health and education facilities
   4. To empower the tribal women

81. Have you formed the village education committee in your village?
   1. Yes
   2. No
82. What are the functions of VEC?
   1. Enrolment of dropout and non school going children
   2. Enrolment of girl children in the mainstream of education
   3. Regularization of meetings
   4. Ensuring teachers regular presence
   5. Not applicable

83. Have you attended the training programme provided by the NGOs?
   1. Yes
   2. No

**Forest Department’s Role**

84. For what purpose do you use the forest?
   1. Firewood
   2. Medicine
   3. Hunting
   4. Others

85. Are you engaged in any work related to forest?........yes / no
   If yes.
   1. Nursery
   2. Planting
   3. Weeding
   4. Soil worker

86. In what way the forest department is providing support to you?
   1. Providing employment
   2. Providing training
   3. Making awareness

87. Have you received the education assistance from the tribal welfare schools in the Primary level of the education as directed by the district tribal welfare officer?
   1. Supply of slates
   2. Supply of note books
   3. Supply of text books
   4. Supply of bicycles
   5. Supply of uniforms
88. Have you received the house site at free of cost provided by the state
government?
   1. Yes
   2. No

89. Have you received the Lands under LBS (Land Purchase Scheme)?
   1. Yes
   2. No

90. Have you received the house under (THADCO. Tamilnadu Adi -Dravidar
   Housing and Development Corporation..?
   1. Yes
   2. No

91. Have you received the Loan under IGP (Income generating Project)?
   1. Yes
   2. No

92. Have you received the fund from CDF (Collectors Discretionary Fund?)
   1. Yes
   2. No

93. Are you aware of the ITDP(Integrated Tribal Development Programme)?
   1. Yes
   2. No
Appendix - II

List of Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu
1. Adhiyan
2. Aranadan
3. Bravallan
4. Irular
5. Kadar
6. Kammara (excluding in Kanyakumari District and Shencottah Taluk of Trunelveli District
7. Kanikaran, Kanikkar (excluding in Kanyakumari District and Shencottah Taluk of Trunelveli District
8. Kaniyan, Kanyan
9. Kattunayakkan
10. Kochu Velan
11. Konda Kapus
12. Kondareddis
13. Koraga
14. Kota (excluding kanyakumari district and shencottah Taluk of Thirunelveli District
15. Kudiya Melakudi
16. Kurichchan
17. Kurumbas (in the Nilgris District
18. Kurumans
19. Maha Malasa
20. Malai Arayan
21. Malai Pandaram
22. Malai vedan
23. Malai Kuravan
24. Malasar
25. Malayali (in Dharmapuri, Vellore, Pudukkottai, Salam, Namakkal, Cuddalore, Tiruchirapalli, karur and Perambalur District.
26. Malayekandi
27. Mannan
28. Madugar, Muduvan
29. Muduvan
30. Palleyan
31. Palliyan
32. Palliyar
33. Paniyan
34. Shologa
35. Toda (excluding in Kanyakumari District and Shencottah Taluk of Tirunelveli District).
36. Uraly.