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Problems and Challenges of Scheduled Caste Women: A Sociological Study of Gulbarga District

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

1. Name :

2. Age :
   1. 18 to 25 Years [  ]
   2. 25 to 35 Years [  ]
   3. 36 to 45 Years [  ]
   4. 46 to 60 Years [  ]
   5. More than 60 Years [  ]

3. Religion :
   1. Hindu [  ]
   2. Muslim [  ]
   3. Christian [  ]
   4. Buddhist [  ]
   5. Any Other ________________________________ [  ]

4. Caste :
   1. Holeya/ Chaluwadi [  ]
   2. Madiga/ Dhor [  ]
   3. Bhangi/ Scavanger [  ]
   4. Any Other ________________________________ [  ]

5. Marital Status :
   1. Unmarried/ Single [  ]
   2. Married [  ]
   3. Widow [  ]
   4. Divorcee/ Separated/ Alienated [  ]

6. If married, type of marriage :
   1. Love Marriage [  ]
   2. Inter-caste Marriage [  ]
   3. Arranged Marriage [  ]
   4. Any Other ________________________________ [  ]

7. Educational Qualifications :
   1. Illiterate [  ]
   2. Primary [  ]
   3. Secondary [  ]
   4. Under-graduate [  ]
5. Graduate and above [ ]

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

8. Nature of Family :
   1. Joint [ ]
   2. Nuclear/ Single [ ]

9. Family Background :
   1. Rural [ ]
   2. Urban [ ]

10. Residential Status :
   1. Living in Own House [ ]
   2. Living in Rented House [ ]
   3. Living in Huts/ Sheds [ ]

11. Are there any Problem related to your Residential Environment?
   1. Yes [ ]
   2. No [ ]

12. If yes, mention the Problems associated to your residential environment:
   1. Poor Sanitation [ ]
   2. Scarcity of Pure Drinking Water [ ]
   3. Poor Roads/ Lack of Adequate Transportation [ ]
   4. Lack of Health Centre/ Schools [ ]
   5. Any Other____________________________________ [ ]

13. Decision Making Authority in Family:
   1. Parents [ ]
   2. Parents-in-Law [ ]
   3. Husband Only [ ]
   4. Husband and Self [ ]
   5. Self Only [ ]
   6. Any Other____________________________________ [ ]

14. Number of Children :
   1. None [ ]
   2. 1-2 [ ]
   3. 3-4 [ ]
   4. More than 4 [ ]
   5. Not Applicable [ ]

15. What is your status in your Family?
   1. Superior over Male Members [ ]
   2. Equal to Male Members [ ]
   3. Subjugated to Male Members [ ]

16. Did you follow any Sacraments?
   1. Yes [ ]
   2. No [ ]
17. If yes, mention the sacraments:_________________________
18. If No, why?
   1. Poverty [ ]
   2. Unaware [ ]
   3. Don’t Believe [ ]
   4. Any Other________________________________________ [ ]
19. Do you believe in the following social and religious practices?
   1. Yes [ ]
   2. No [ ]
20. If yes, mention the type of practice:
   1. Dowry Practice [ ]
   2. Devadasi/ Jogini/ Nude Service (Bettale Seve) [ ]
   3. Child Marriage [ ]
   4. Remarriage of Widows [ ]
   5. Animal Dedication to Deities [ ]
   6. Any Other________________________________________ [ ]
21. Marital Relations with Husband:
   1. Best/ Cordial [ ]
   2. Very Good/ Friendly [ ]
   3. Satisfactory [ ]
   4. Not Satisfactory [ ]
   5. Not Applicable [ ]
22. How your husband treat you in family matters?
   1. Violent, Abuse & Neglect [ ]
   2. Dominant & Suppress [ ]
   3. Co-operate & Equally treat [ ]
   4. Always give Importance [ ]
23. Are you facing the domestic violence in your family?
   1. Yes [ ]
   2. No [ ]
24. If yes, which type of domestic violence you are facing in the family by husband or other members of the family?
   1. Use of filthy language, abuse [ ]
   2. Physical Violence, attacks, etc. [ ]
   3. Mental Depression, Harassment and Exploitation [ ]
   4. Any Other________________________________________ [ ]
   5. None [ ]
   6. Can’t Say [ ]
25. If you are facing domestic violence, mention the reasons:
   1. Dowry/ Behaviour of Parents [ ]
   2. Alcoholism/ Gambling Habits of Husband [ ]
   3. Conflicts from other Family Members [ ]
   4. Poverty/ Illiteracy/ Negligence [ ]
5. Any Other________________________________________ [ ]
6. Not Applicable [ ]

26. If you are facing domestic violence in family, have you lodged any Complaint with Police?
   1. Yes [ ]        2. No [ ]        3. Can’t Say [ ]

27. If you have not reported on domestic violence, mention the reasons:
   1. Due to loss of respect in front of others [ ]
   2. Fear of Family disorganization [ ]
   3. It’s against the social custom to complaint against Husband [ ]
   4. Shy and can’t able to express [ ]
   5. Not Applicable [ ]

28. Attitudes of Society towards you:
   1. Co-operative and Sympathetic [ ]
   2. Equal and Helpful [ ]
   3. Feel Inferior and Neglect [ ]
   4. Untouchable and Deprivation [ ]
   5. Discrimination and Alienation [ ]

29. As a Women of Scheduled Caste, mention social problems, which you faced and facing in life:
   1. Untouchability [ ]
   2. Discrimination/ Alienation [ ]
   3. Exploitation/ Harassment [ ]
   4. Suppression/ Oppression/ Inferiority [ ]
   5. Any Other________________________________________ [ ]
   6. None [ ]

30. Are you facing any type of exploitation and harassment in society?
   1. Yes [ ]        2. No [ ]

31. If yes, which type of exploitation in society?
   1. Physical Violence, Attacks, etc. [ ]
   2. Mental Suppression and Depression [ ]
   3. Lower Treatment at Public Places [ ]
   4. Sexual Harassment & Exploitation [ ]
   5. Any Other________________________________________ [ ]
   6. None [ ]

32. If you are facing exploitation and harassment in society and family, mention the actions taken by you against the same:
   1. Lodged Police Complaint [ ]
   2. Brought to Notice of Panchayats & Social Welfare Dept [ ]
   3. Discussed in Community Meeting with Caste Leaders [ ]
4. Any Other ____________________________________________ [ ]
5. Did Nothing [ ]

33 Mention your Social Life Satisfaction:
1. Satisfied Very Much [ ]
2. Somewhat Satisfied [ ]
3. Not Satisfied [ ]

EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROBLEMS

34. Education of Family:

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35. Do you ever think that you are deprived and faced problems for getting education?
1. Yes [ ]
2. No [ ]

36. If yes to above, mention the reasons:
1. Due to Caste inequality in Society [ ]
2. Due to Gender inequality in Family [ ]
3. Schools are Far away [ ]
4. Unable to bear Expenses/ Poverty/ Negligence [ ]
5. Any Other_________________________________________ [ ]
6. Not Applicable [ ]

37. Education of your Children:
1. Completed Higher Education [ ]
2. Going to Schools/ Colleges [ ]
3. Drop Outs from Schools [ ]
4. Illiterate/ Not Sending to Schools/ Colleges [ ]
5. Any Other_________________________________________ [ ]

38. If your children are not educated and drop outs, mention the reasons:
1. Poverty/ Negligence [ ]
2. Social Inequality/ Caste based Discrimination [ ]
3. Children not interested in education [ ]
4. Schools are Far away [ ]
5. Any Other_________________________________________ [ ]
6. Not Applicable [ ]

39. Do you feel Education for women is necessary?
1. Yes [   ] 2. No [   ]

40. If yes, for what purpose?
   1. Essential to get good employment [   ]
   2. Essential to get better marriage prospects [   ]
   3. Essential to get Knowledge, read, write & Family aspects [   ]
   4. Any Other________________________________________ [   ]
   5. Not Essential [   ]

41. If Not Essential, Give Reasons:
   1. Girls are for Household Work & Don’t Need Education [   ]
   2. No Grooms are available for Educated Girls [   ]
   3. Any Other________________________________________ [   ]
   4. Not Applicable [   ]

42. Do you think there is essential need for internal reservation for women in scheduled castes?
   1. Yes [   ] 2. No [   ] 3. Can’t Say [   ]

43. If yes to above, mention the aspects in which scheduled caste women needed internal reservation:
   1. Higher Education/ Professional Education [   ]
   2. Employment [   ]
   3. Political Decision Making [   ]
   4. Schemes of Self-employment [   ]
   5. Any Other________________________________________ [   ]
   6. Not Applicable [   ]

44. Mention your health status:
   1. Always Fine [   ]
   2. Mostly Fine with minor health problems [   ]
   3. Always feeling ill health [   ]

45. Whenever there is ill health, mention the nature of hospitals which you normally visit?
   1. Government/ Civil Hospitals [   ]
   2. Private Hospitals [   ]
   3. Private Clinics [   ]

46. How far the hospitals from your residence?
   1. Less than 05 Kms [   ]
   2. 06 to 20 Kms [   ]
3. 20 to 40 Kms  
4. More than 40 Kms

47. Attitudes of Family Members towards your ill health:
1. Always Care  
2. Somewhat Care  
3. Don’t Care/ Neglect

48. Attitudes of Doctors at Hospital:
1. Discriminated and Hesitate to treat  
2. Sympathetic & Positive  
3. Equal with all other Patients

49. Express your opinion on reservation for achieving socio-economic, educational and political equality of scheduled caste women:
1. Present Reservation System is Satisfactory  
2. Need to Keep Creamy Layer outside reservation  
3. Reservation based on Individual Caste is needed  
4. Need to Increasing Reservation Percentage  
5. Any Other

50. Suggest to prevent atrocities and violence against the scheduled caste women in society:
1. Strong Legislations should be passed  
2. Higher Education for SC Women  
3. Awareness on Atrocities Law should be increased in society  
4. Quick Settlement of Cases & Punishment  
5. Any Other

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

51. Nature of Employment:
1. Agriculture/ Animal Husbandry  
2. Industry/ Business/ Self-employment  
3. Employment in Organized Sector  
4. Employment in Unorganized Sector  
5. Caste based Occupation  
6. Housewife/ Unemployed

52. If you are employed/ self-employed, mention the reasons for employment:
1. Educated/ Skilled  
2. To be Economically Independent  
3. To support Family economically  
4. Caste based Family Occupation  
5. Any Other  
6. Not Applicable

53. Family Occupation:
1. Agriculture/ Animal Husbandry  
2. Industry/ Business/ Self-employment
3. Employment in Organized/ Unorganized Sector [ ]
4. Caste based Occupation [ ]

54. Occupation of Husband:
1. Agriculture/ Animal Husbandry [ ]
2. Industry/ Business/ Self-employment [ ]
3. Employment in Organized/ Unorganized Sector [ ]
4. Caste based Occupation [ ]
5. Not Applicable [ ]

55. Average Annual Income of the Respondent:
1. None/ Not Applicable [ ]
2. Less than Rs. 24000 [ ]
3. Rs. 24001 to Rs. 36000 [ ]
4. Rs. 36000 to Rs. 60000 [ ]
5. More than Rs. 60000 [ ]

56. Average Annual Income of Family (From All Family Members including Respondent):
1. Less than Rs. 36000 [ ]
2. Rs. 36001 to Rs. 60000 [ ]
3. Rs. 60001 to Rs. 84000 [ ]
4. Rs. 84000 to Rs. 100000 [ ]
5. More than Rs. 100000 [ ]

57. Worth of Properties in Your Name:
1. Nil [ ]
2. Up to Rs. 1 lakh [ ]
3. Rs. 1 lakhs to Rs. 2 lakhs [ ]
4. Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs [ ]
5. More than Rs. 5 lakhs [ ]

58. Forms of Properties owned by you:
1. Agriculture Land/ Residential land [ ]
2. Residential Building [ ]
3. Bank Deposits/ Shares/ Stocks/ LICs [ ]
4. Gold/ Silver [ ]
5. Any Other ____________________________________________ [ ]

59. Worth of Properties owned by your family (Including Respondent):
1. Nil [ ]
2. Less than Rs. 2 lakhs [ ]
3. Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs [ ]
4. Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs [ ]
5. More than Rs. 10 lakhs [ ]

60. Do your Family Annual Income able to meet all of your family expenses?
   1. Yes [ ] 2. No [ ] 3. Can’t Say [ ]

61. If no to above, how you manage your family expenses?
   1. Borrow Loans [ ]
   2. Work for Overtime in Other Occupations also [ ]
   3. Reduce Unnecessary Expenses [ ]
   4. Any Other ___________________________ [ ]
   5. Not Applicable [ ]

62. If you are working outside, then mention the problems which you are facing in your family:
   1. Role Conflict, Frequent Quarrels, etc. [ ]
   2. Children, Husband and Elders are not Cared [ ]
   3. Stress, Anxiety, Fatigue, Ill Health, etc [ ]
   4. Any Other ___________________________ [ ]
   5. None [ ]

63. If you are employed/self-employed, what are the benefits from your employment to you and your family?
   1. Self Economic Independence [ ]
   2. Improved Economic Status and Standard of Living [ ]
   3. Achieved Gender based Equality [ ]
   4. Achieved Caste based Equality [ ]
   5. Gained Participation in Family Decision Making [ ]
   6. Any Other ___________________________ [ ]
   7. Not Applicable [ ]

64. Are you members to Self-Help Groups?
   1. Yes [ ] 2. No [ ]

65. If yes to above, mention the benefits you have gained from Self-Help Groups:
   1. Economic Independence/Security [ ]
   2. Socio-economic Equality in Family and Society [ ]
   3. Financial Gains to Start Income Generating Activities [ ]
   4. Any Other ___________________________ [ ]

66. If you are self-employed/employed, what is your feeling on your work?
   1. Feel Inferior as it is lower status work and job [ ]
   2. Feel Satisfied as getting Economic Status [ ]
   3. Feel Proud as you have status compared to others [ ]
   4. Any Other ___________________________ [ ]
67. If you are employed, attitudes of Society towards your work and job:
   1. Personally Recognized [ ]
   2. Appreciation and Cooperative [ ]
   3. Means to achieve Gender/ Caste Equality [ ]
   4. Hostile and Inferior Treatment [ ]

68. If you are unemployed housewife, mention your status in your family:
   1. Subjugated/ Dependent Status to Husband [ ]
   2. Significant Status to look after Family [ ]
   3. Neglected and Inferior [ ]
   4. Equal to all other Family Members [ ]

69. If you are unemployed housewife, mention the attitudes of society towards you:
   1. More Social Recognition [ ]
   2. Lesser Socio-economic respect and status [ ]
   3. Positive in Social relations [ ]
   4. Any Other________________________________________ [ ]

70. Mention whether you are beneficiary to the following social security schemes:
   1. NREGS [ ]
   2. Dr. Ambedkar/ Indira Awas/ Ashraya Yojana [ ]
   3. Streeshakti, MYRADA, Self-Help Groups, etc [ ]
   4. Yashaswini, Madilu, Bhagyalaxmi, etc. [ ]
   5. SGSY, JRY, etc. [ ]
   6. Any Other________________________________________ [ ]

**RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION**

71. Are you visiting to religious and holy places?
   1. Yes [ ]  2. No [ ]

72. If yes, frequency to visit Religious and Holy Places:
   1. Daily [ ]
   2. Weekly [ ]
   3. Monthly [ ]
   4. Occasionally/ On Festival Days [ ]

73. If not visiting to religious and holy places, mention the reasons:
   1. Don’t Believe in God and Religion [ ]
   2. Discrimination/ Restriction to enter into holy places [ ]
   3. Lack of Time [ ]
   4. Any Other________________________________________ [ ]
74. Do you believe and actively participate in the caste/religion based cultural activities?
   1. Yes [ ] 2. No [ ]

75. If yes to above, mention the following caste/religion based cultural activities in which you are participating actively:
   1. Beating Drums, Conventional Musical Instruments, etc. [ ]
   2. Folk Songs, Dance, Plays, Drama, etc. [ ]
   3. Religious Rally, etc. [ ]
   4. Encourage & Support to All Activities [ ]

76. If you are not participating in religion/ caste based cultural activities, mention the reasons:
   1. Not interested [ ]
   2. Lack of Time [ ]
   3. Gender Discrimination [ ]
   4. Any Other ____________________________ [ ]

77. Do you think there is gender equality in your religion and caste?
   1. Yes [ ] 2. No [ ]

78. Impact of Religion/Caste in Society:
   1. Give Social Recognition [ ]
   2. Help to extend Caste/Community Relations [ ]
   3. Maintain Harmonious Relations in Society [ ]
   4. Feeling of Unity in Religion/Community [ ]
   5. Divides the Society [ ]

79. Do you vote and elect your political representatives regularly in Elections?
   1. Always/Regularly [ ] 2. Somewhat Regular [ ] 3. Never [ ]

80. If you are not voting and electing your political representatives regularly, state the reasons:
   1. The Politicians have not done development of community [ ]
   2. Lack of Time/No interest in Politics [ ]
   3. Name not included in Voter’s List [ ]
   4. It is rewardless Work [ ]
   5. Any Other _________________________________ [ ]
   6. Not Applicable [ ]

81. What determines your Votes in Elections?
   1. Personal Character of Candidate [ ]
   2. Political Party [ ]
   3. Religion/Caste of the Candidate [ ]
   4. Developmental Contribution to Constituency [ ]
   5. Money [ ]
   6. Any Other _________________________________ [ ]
82. Have you contested in Elections in the last 25 Years?
   1. Yes [ ] 2. No [ ]

83. If yes to the above, which political party you belonged to?
   1. Congress (I) [ ]
   2. Bharatiya Janata Party [ ]
   3. Janata Dal (S) [ ]
   4. BSP/ RPI/Sarvodaya, etc. [ ]
   5. Independent [ ]
   6. Not Applicable [ ]

84. Do you think there is adequate and equal representation for scheduled caste women in politics?
   1. Yes [ ] 2. No [ ] 3. Can’t Say [ ]

85. If no to above, how to achieve equal and adequate representation for scheduled caste women in politics?
   1. Needed Women’s Party at Local & National level [ ]
   2. Reservation at State and Central Government [ ]
   3. Parties should give importance to Women Candidates [ ]
   4. Any Other________________________________________ [ ]
   5. Not Applicable [ ]

86. Do you think the Government is solving the problems of the backward scheduled caste women engaged in caste based occupations?
   1. Yes [ ] 2. No [ ] 3. Can’t Say [ ]

87. If no to the above, which measures the Government should initiate to protect and for the development of scheduled caste women:
   1. More Reservation and Compulsory Free Education [ ]
   2. Strict Enforcement of Legislations [ ]
   3. More Welfare Schemes on Education & Employment [ ]
   4. Gender & Caste based Reservation in Employment & Politics [ ]
   5. Any Other________________________________________ [ ]

88. Express your Suggestions for achieving socio-economic, education and political equality of scheduled caste women in Society:

_______________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________

Signature/ Thumb Impression
of the Respondent