Appendix II

COUNCILLORS' INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

1. How many years you have served as councillor?

2. a) Are you aware of the problems citizens face and their priorities?
   b) What, according to you are the major problems faced by the people in your town?

3. Do the people inform the municipal authority of their problems?

4. Whom do they approach generally?

5. How does the municipality deal with citizens' problems? (the institutional arrangement, for example)

6. How frequently the Board of Councillors meets?

7. What kinds of issues are normally discussed in the Board meetings?

8. Is there any special kind of problem in the ward you currently represent?

9. What steps would you take to solve that?

10. (a) How do you on your part try to know about the problems in your ward in particular or in your town in general?
    (b) On what kind of civic issues/problems you are interested in?

11. (a) How would you view your role as an elected councillor?
    (b) What factors/considerations motivate your activity?

12. What problems/constraints do you face in carrying out your responsibility as a policy-maker?
13. What, in your opinion, should be done to remove those?

14. Is, in your opinion, the institutional arrangement in your municipality adequate to deal with the civic problems?
   If not - (a) What are the inadequacies?
   (b) What modifications/reforms would you suggest in this respect?

15. Do you think that the civic issues and problems can be better managed by technical persons than elected people's representatives? Should urban management be left to the experts? Please explain.

16. Do you think that issues of higher level politics (state or national) should come into consideration in the arena of city politics?

17. Would you say that city politics is completely insulated from higher level politics? Is, in your opinion, city politics autonomous?
   If yes,
   (a) How that occurs?
   If no,
   (b) How it is intervened by higher level politics?

18. Do you face any such intervention – formal or informal – in your city?
   If yes,
   (a) Please elaborate the manner of such intervention.

19. You are in the city government as a member of a particular political party. Do you feel that if different political parties are at power at the city and at the state level that invariably leads to problems?

20. Do you think that your city-government has ever faced such problem?
21. A city-government has the responsibility to deliver goods and services — basic civic amenities — to the city dwellers. Do you think your city-government has adequate resource to fulfil the above task?

If not,
(a) What are the reasons for inadequacy of municipal finance?
(b) What, in your opinion, should be done to strengthen the municipality’s resource base?

22. Do you think that efficient management of urban problems depends upon active participation by the city people in the process?

23. What, according to you, should ideally be the role of the city-government?

24. Do you think that the local government in your city performs that role?

If not,
(a) Why, according to you, it fails in its task?

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02. AGE :
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05. OCCUPATION :
06. PARTY AFFILIATION :
07. WARD NUMBER :