Appendix

Questionnaire

For the degree of Doctorate of Philosophy

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PART-I

SL. No.-

Age-

Place of Birth-

State-

Occupation- Teacher/Office Worker.

Income- Up to Rs. 20,000/-, Rs. 20,000/---- Rs. 30,000/-, More than Rs. 30,000/-. 

Residential Status- Born in Shillong/ Migrated to Shillong.

If migrated, the reason for Migration.

What is your Educational Qualification?

Higher Secondary/ graduation/ Post Graduation/ Doctorate.

What type of Family you belong to?

Nuclear/ joint.

What is the Composition of your Family?

What is the Educational Qualification and Occupation of your family?
Relationship | Qualification | Occupation
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i. Grand Father-in-law
ii. Grand Mother-in-law
iii. Father-in-law
iv. Mother-in-law
v. Husband
vi. Children
vii. Others (if any).

What is the Educational Qualification and Occupation of your Parents?

Relationship | Qualification | Occupation
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i. Father
ii. Mother

What is the Occupation of your Husband?

a) Business  
b) Office Worker

What is the Income of your Husband?

a) Rs. 10,000/- ---20,000/-, b) Rs. 20,000/- ---30,000/-, Rs. 30,000/- and more.

What is the Educational status and Occupation of your Children?

Son/Daughter | Education | Occupation
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II
III
IV

When did you join your job?

a) Before Marriage, b) After Marriage.
How long have you been working?
   a) Less than 5 years, b) More than 5 years, c) Less than 10 years, d) More than 10 years, e) Less than 15 years, f) More than 15 years.

Why you have taken up a job?
   a) Self satisfaction, b) Economic compulsion, c) Economic independence, d) Any other.

If the financial condition of your family is more than satisfactory, will you still be working?
   a) Yes, b) No, Please specify the reason.

Who took the Decision regarding your service?
   a) Self, b) Father, c) Mother, d) Husband, e) Others.

Do you have freedom in spending your own income?
   a) Always, b) To a large extent, c) Never.

Who takes the decision regarding utilization of your income?
   a) Self, b) Husband, c) Both, d) Father-in-law, e) Buying clothes and ornaments, f) Others.

How do you utilize bulk of your earning?
   A) Education of Children, b) Giving Rent, c) Buying food items, d) Buying medicine, e) Buying clothes and ornaments, f) Others.

Are you staying in your own house? If yes, the house is under whose name?
   a) Parents, b) Father-in-law, c) Mother-in-law, d) Husband, e) Self, f) Others.

Do you have common family fund or own individual account? Please specify.

Do you want your daughter to get same education like your son?
   a) Yes, b) No Please specify the reason.
Do you have share in parent’s property?
   a) Yes, b) No. If yes, in what type of property?
Would you like to give share of your property to your daughter?
   a) Yes, b) No. Please specify the reason.
What is your opinion regarding claiming dowry in your son’s marriage?
   a) Claim, b) Do not Claim. Please specify the reason.
Do you feel that being an employed woman, you have the ability to participate with your husband in decision making process of your family?
   a) Yes, b) No. If yes, why?
Do you think that your family members feel the need of your participation in decision making process?
   a) Yes, b) No. Please specify the reason.

PART-II
What is the normal procedure followed to take a decision in your family?
   a) Planning, b) Discussion, c) Coalition formation, d) Execution, e) All of these, f) None of these.
What type of decision making process is followed in your family?
   a) Individual decision making, b) Joint decision making.
Do you participate in the decision making process of your family?
   a) Yes, b) No.
Do you participate in property related matters of your family?
   a) Yes, b) No.
What constitute the properties/income of the family, over which you are to make decision?

a) Movable property, b) Immovable property, c) Monthly salary, d) Any other.

Who takes the decision regarding buying or selling of property in your family?

a) Self, b) Husband, c) Both, d) Father-in-law, e) Mother-in-law, f) Others.

Do you participate in discussions regarding your children’s education and marriage?

a) Yes, b) No.

Do you have freedom in spending money without husband’s permission?

a) Yes, b) No. c) Sometimes.

Who takes the decision regarding family planning?

a) Self, b) Husband, c) Both, d) Others.

Do you participate in family budgeting?

a) Yes, b) No.

Who does the family budgeting?

a) Self, b) Husband, c) Both, d) Father-in-law, e) Mother-in-law, f) Others.

Who takes the decision regarding buying of food items?

a) Self, b) Husband, c) Both, d) Father-in-law, e) Mother-in-law, f) Others.

Who takes the decision regarding organizing religious functions in the family?

a) Self, b) Husband, c) Both, d) Father-in-law, e) Mother-in-law, f) Others.
Who takes the decision regarding vacations and outings?

a) Self, b) Husband, c) Both, d) Father-in-law, e) Mother-in-law, f) Others.

What are the important issues, in which your participation is considered compulsory?

a) Children Related Matters, b) Property Related Matters, c) Family Budgeting, d) Religious Functions, e) Any other.

What is your husband’s opinion regarding your participation in the decision making process?

a) Always required, b) Required in few cases, c) Not required.

What do you feel about your position in the whole process of decision making?

a) Important, b) Not important, c) Very important, d) comparatively less important.

**PART-III**

Do you feel that difference of income between you and your husband have any influence on decision making process?

a) Yes, b) No. Please specify the reason.

On which areas you have a better influence than your husband?

a) Purchase of consumer items, b) Schooling of children, c) Marriage of children, d) Buying of property, e) Any other.

To what extent, you had/have influence regarding family planning?

a) To a large extent, b) To some extent, c) Not at all.

In how many cases your decision was finally executed?

a) In majority cases, b) In few cases, c) Never.
What the important issues on which your decisions were actually implemented?

   a) Family budgeting, b) Buying and selling of property, c) Education and marriage of children, d) Buying of domestic items, f) Any other.

Do you encounter any conflict with your husband while making a decision?

   a) Yes, b) No. If yes, how do you come into consensus?

Do you feel that your decisions are given due respect and recognition?

   a) Always, b) Not always, c) Never.

In how many cases, your decisions when implemented got fruitful result?

   a) All most in all cases, b) In very few cases, c) Never.

Do you feel that being an educated and employed woman, you are able to influence others in your family more successfully?

   a) In most occasions, b) Not in all occasions, c) Never.

Have you ever thought that your husband has more capabilities to take appropriate decisions than you?

   a) Yes, b) No. Please specify the reason.

What is your opinion regarding the role of women in your family?

   a) Still very conservative, b) Very modern, c) Both.

Do you feel that in domestic matters women should not exercise authority over men?

   a) Yes, B) No. c) Can,t say.

Do you feel that patriarchal principles of your family have been relaxed to some extent due to your education and employment?

   a) Yes, b) No. if yes, in what way?
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