APPENDIX - III

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH VILLAGE LEVEL OFFICIALS AND NON-OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IRDP

1. What do you know about the different developmental programmes that are being implemented?

2. What are the general sources of information about the special developmental schemes of your area?

3. Have you heard about the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)? If so, what are its objectives, coverage, other modalities, etc.?

4. Have you ever encouraged any family to go for IRDP benefits?

5. What are the important schemes of IRDP in your village?

6. What is your opinion on the coverage of number of villages and families under the IRDP in your Block/Area?

7. Have you ever participated in any of the meetings conducted by the Block/District level agencies for the implementation of developmental programmes in your village?

8. What are the procedures for identification of potential beneficiaries? What is your opinion on the presently followed procedure?

9. Are you aware of the 'Credit Camps'? If yes, what is your opinion on the conduct of such camps?

10. Are the existing marketing and other infrastructural facilities sufficient to run the schemes given under IRDP?

11. What is your opinion on the implementation of IRDP in your village?

12. How many of the 'Poorest of the Poor' families are really getting assistance from IRDP schemes in your village?
13. What is your opinion on the inclusion of non-eligible members and big farmers for IRDP benefits in your village?

14. Under IRDP, the loan and subsidy amounts are generally distributed in kind but not in cash. What is your opinion in this regard? Has it reduced the extent of mis-utilisation of funds?

15. What are the difficulties faced by beneficiaries in getting the sanction of the scheme under IRDP?

16. What is the average delay in getting the scheme sanctioned by the applicants? What is your opinion on the working of the purchase committees in 'grounding' the scheme?

17. Are the beneficiaries able to get good assets, and livestock of graded variety from the loan given under IRDP?

18. Are there any cases of mis-utilisation of loans either by not purchasing the scheme assets or by selling away the assets soon after they are purchased? If so, state the rate of such cases in every term of the loan sanctioned in your area?

19. Are the beneficiaries able to utilise the assets properly? If so, what are the problems faced by them?

20. Do you perceive any incremental income for the beneficiaries under the given schemes?

21. If yes, how many are able to get substantial income from such assets? State the number.

22. If no, what are the reasons for the poor yields of the schemes?

23. What is your opinion on the subsidy-cum-loans in creating additional assets and incomes for the poorest of the poor of the society?
24. If the scheme is good, what more suggestions do you offer to improve the implementation modalities of IRDP to reach the poorest of the poor?

25. If the implementation is not upto the satisfactory level, what are the reasons for such a state of affairs? What suggestions do you offer in this regard?

- Officials and non-officials cover the VLWs, Village Committee President, Milk Collection Co-operative Society's President, President of Co-operative Credit Society, President of Yuvak Kendra, Local Politicians, Veterinary Doctor, Sarpanch, President of Mahila Parishad etc.