QUESTIONNAIRE-CUM-INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

PARTICIPATION OF THE SCHEDULED CASTES AT THE GRASS ROOT POLITICS: A CASE STUDY OF KANGRA DISTRICT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

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Note: All information given will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for Research purpose.

General Information

• Name of Zila Parishad/Panchayat Samiti/Village Panchayat.
• Name of the Respondent …………
• Age Below 30, Below 40, Below 50, Below 60 and Above
• Status Chairperson/Pradhan/Up-Pradhan/ Member
• Caste SCs, STs. OBCs, General
• Religion Hindu/Muslim/Sikh/Other
• Marital Status Married/Unmarried
• Occupation Agriculture/Horticulture/Labor/ Others
• Education Qualification Illiterate/Primary/Middle/Matric/Graduate/Post-Graduate/Above
  If yes, do you read regularly/occasionally?
• Size of Family Nuclear/Joint
• Annual Income Below 25,000, Below 50,000, Below 75,000,
  Below1,00,000 and above
• Size of land Holding Below 10/20/30/40/50 Bighas and above

POLITICAL CONDITION AND AWARENESS

1. Do you watch T.V.? Yes/No
2. Do you read Newspaper Yes/No
3. Affiliation with any political party
   Congress/BJP/HVC/CPI/ Others and none political party
4. Do you know that in our country that attained the age of 18 year has a right to vote? Yes/No/No Opinion
5. Do you cast your vote? Yes/No
6. How you cast your vote in elections?

1. Which Political Party you preferred the most?

2. Do you take part in the elections as per your wish?  Yes/No

3. Which factor inspires you to relate any party?
   1). Ideology  2). Leadership  3). Personality  4). Don’t Know

7. Are you satisfied with the existing structural arrangement of PRIs  Yes/No

8. Which of tier is more significant?  GP/PS/ZP

9. Are you satisfied with the existing powers of grass roots institutions?  Yes/No/No Opinion

10. Do you favor independent bureaucracy for PRIs?  Yes/No/No Opinion

11. Do you think that reservation of the rotation basis is right?  Yes/No/No Opinion

12. Do you think the poor participation of the Gram-Sabha members in the meetings indicates apathy of the rural masses towards PRIS? Yes/No/No Opinion

13. Which is the political party you got the more facilities?
   1). Indian National Congress  2). BhartiyaJantaParty  3). Other

14. Do you think the Constitution of UP-Gram Sabha in H.P. has increased the participation of every member of Gram-Panchayat?  Yes/No/No Opinion

**FINANCE**

1. Do you think that poor performance of PRIs is under financial paucity?  Yes/No/No Opinion

2. Do you think there is a partiality in the allotment of work under rural development schemes being implemented by the PRIs?  Yes/No/No Opinion

3. Do you think the poor performance of PRIs is due to lack of funds?  Yes/No/No Opinion

4. Do you think poor participation of the members of Gram-Shaba is due to non-availability of funds for the resolution passed in the meetings? Yes/No/No Opinion

5. Do you think the Pradhan of Panchayat spend funds arbitrary? Yes/No/No Opinion

6. Do you have your own vehicle  Yes/No
SUPERVISION AND CONTROL

1. Do you think state government still exercise effective control over the grass roots institutions?  Yes/No/No Opinion
2. Do you favour independent bureaucracy for the grass roots Institutions?  Yes/No/No Opinion
3. Do you in favour of minimum state control?  Yes/No/No Opinion
4. Do you think that the rural development schemes should be under the direct control of elected leaders of PRIs?  Yes/No/No Opinion
5. Do you find the transparency in the working of Panchayati Raj  Yes/No/No Opinion
6. Do you think the identification of beneficiaries by Gram_Sabha is a right forum?  Yes/No/No Opinion

ELECTION

1. Are you satisfied with the election system of PRIs in Himachal Pradesh?  Yes/No/No Opinion
3. Are you fully aware of the Panchayati Raj System under the HPPR Act 1994?  Yes/No/No Opinion
4. Are you satisfied with the reservation to the weaker section of the society under HPPR Act ?  Yes/No/No Opinion
5. Are you satisfied with the 50% reservation for women?  Yes/No/No Opinion
6. Are you favoring of party based election of PRIs?  Yes/No/No Opinion
7. Do you think unanimous elections of PRIs will encourage co-operation and brotherhood among the people of the rural areas?  Yes/No/No Opinion
8. Do you think election politics in the PRIs has resulted in factionalism in the rural areas?  Yes/No/No Opinion
9. Do you think that HPPR Act 1994 has strengthened the democratic process to the greater extent?  Yes/No/No Opinion

CASTE SYSTEM

1. In your area, is there any organization for SCs?  Yes/No/No Opinion
2. In your area, is there any Volunteer Organization for SCs?  Yes/No/No Opinion
3. Do you believe in Caste System?  Yes/No/No Opinion
4. Do you think cast system is still playing an important role in the elections of PRIs?  Yes/No/No Opinion
5. Do you think higher caste has monopoly in the rural power structure?  Yes/No/No Opinion
7. Have you changed your parental occupation? Yes/No
   If yes what is your present occupation  A. Employment  B. Individual occupation
8. Does there have caste discrimination in your society yet?  
   Yes/No/No Opinion
9. It has been observed that in the village caste discrimination is higher than cities? Yes/No/No Opinion
10. It is observed that last 10-20 years it has been seen huge change in respect of castism? Yes/No/No Opinion
11. How is your relation with higher Castes at present?  
    1). General 2). Abnormal 3). Don’t know
12. Do you thing that there has been marriage relation of your caste with higher caste? Yes/No/No Opinion
13. if yes, to whom  
    1). Brahmin 2) Rajput 3). Thakur
14. Do you think the economic policies made by the state government are benefitted to Harijans?  
15. What is your opinion regarding the present political system?  
   A). is present political system suits the Scheduled Castes.  B). do you feel safe in present system of governance  C). whether present political system ensure your participation adequately.
16. How is the relationship with upper caste in religious, festivals and fairs? Taking parts in equally/Run Separately/ Don’t Know
17. How is your relation with the other depressed classes?  
    1). Normal 2). Abnormal 3). No-Opinion
18. From what source you get the information of political activities? T.V./Radio/Any  
19. Are you facing untouchability problem in your area?  
    Yes/No/No Opinion
20. People think that leader of other do work only for their own caste people?  
    Yes/No/No Opinion
21. Do you think SCs quota taking benefit of all schemes implemented by the Government? Yes/No/No Opinion
22. Do you feel difficulty in formulating decisions inn Gram-Sabha?  
    Yes/No/No Opinion
23. Is there any policy in education field benefit table for Scheduled Castes children,  
    If yes,  
    Are the children are taking advantage of these policies?
24. Do you facing difficulty for going public places?  
    Yes/No/No Opinion