ANNEXURE

Urbanisation, Occupational Mobility and Changing Tribal Social Structure : A case study of the Sonowal Kacharis of Upper Assam

(Interview Schedule)

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AN APPEAL TO THE RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondents,

This is a research study (Ph. D) conducted from the Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University. As you are aware of the fact that sociological research a ways aims at acquiring field data collected from the selected respondents. I am a pleased in state you that your name has been selected as one respondent for the collection of my field data. I would therefore, earnestly request you to fill up this questionnaire and your replies are valuable data for my research work. You please feel free and give the information without any hesitation. It is rest assured that the information supplied by you will be kept strictly confidential and be used only for my research work.

Thanking you.

Yours Sincerely

(Laba Ram Sonowal)
### SOCIAL BACKGROUND OF THE RESPONDENTS:

1. Name : 
2. Age : 
3. Sex : Male / Female 
4. Marital Status : Married/Unmarried/Widow/Widower 
5. Tribe : 
6. Clan : 
7. Khel : 
8. Religion : 
9. Place of Birth : Rural/Semi-Urban/Urban 
10. Educational Qualification : Illiterate/Below HSLC/ HSLC Passed/ Below Graduate/ graduate/P.G./Technical education/ Other 
12. Monthly income (approx) : Rs. ......................... 
13. You are living in : Single family/Joint family 
14. Total members in your family :
B) FAMILY INFORMATION

1. Will you please give information about your spouse with regard to the following?
   a) Educational Qualification : 
   b) Post held (if employed) : 
   c) Department : 
   d) Tribe/Caste : 
   e) Monthly income : 

2. Will you please give information about your children with regard to the following?

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<tr>
<th>Children in order</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Sex</th>
<th>Education</th>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>Income</th>
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3. In this locality you are
   a) Native
   b) Migran

4. If you are migrant, since when
   You are residing here ? : 

5. For what reasons you have
   Selected this area for your
   Settlement ?
   a) I am a native here : 
   b) My fathers migrated to this place : 

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c) I am working in this town :

d) It is nearer to urban facilities :

e) Better place for children’s education :

f) Other reason (specify) :

6. Do you possess the cultivable land at present? : Yes / No

7. Do you possess the following?

   a) Land at town / city : Yes / No
   b) Rented house : Yes / No
   c) Side business : Yes / No

8. Do you possess the following of your own?

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<td>a) Car</td>
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<td>b) Scooter/Byke</td>
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<td>c) TV/Fridge/Inverter</td>
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<td>d) Electricity Connection</td>
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<td>e) Internet Connection</td>
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<td>f) Computer</td>
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<td>g) Modern Furniture</td>
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C) OCCUPATION AND ECONOMY

1. Please mention the occupation of your following:

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<th>Generations</th>
<th>Cultivation</th>
<th>Govt. Service</th>
<th>Business</th>
<th>Other service</th>
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<td>Grand Father</td>
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2. Please mention the education of your following generations:

   a) Grandfather :
   b) Father :
   c) Mother :

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3. If you are a service holder or retired, how did you get this job?
   a) Through interview 
   b) Through reserved quota 
   c) Through friends and relatives 
   d) Hereditary 
   e) Other means 

4. Who encouraged you to get this job?
   a) Parents 
   b) Relatives and friends 
   c) Self 
   d) Others 

5. What is your idea about your present occupational status in comparison to your forefather’s status?
   a) Superior 
   b) Almost equal in status: 
   c) Inferior in status: 
   d) Cannot ascertain: 

6. Do you think that you have achieved your present status because of you:
   a) Family background 
   b) Educational qualifications 
   c) Present occupation 
   d) Shifting from village to urban area 
   e) Wealth and property: 
   f) Any other (in order of preference) 

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7. Will you please give information about your family expenditure with regards to the following items?

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<td>2. Clothes and Garments</td>
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<td>3. Children’s education</td>
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<td>4. Medicines etc.</td>
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<td>5. Festivals and Rituals</td>
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<td>6. Leisure &amp; Amusement</td>
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<td>7. Electricity, TV etc.</td>
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<td>8. Books and Newspaper</td>
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<td>9. Public Donation</td>
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<td>10. Miscellaneous etc.</td>
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8. What type of education you prefer for your children? (In order)
   a) General :          
   b) Medical :          
   c) Engineering :     
   d) Civil Service :   
   e) Agricultural :   
   f) Legal Education : 
   g) Management :     

9. What type of occupation you prefer for your children?
   a) Agricultural :     
   b) Business :         
   c) Govt. Service (Official) : 
   d) Govt. Service (Teaching) : 
   e) Civil Service :   
   f) Defense Service : 
   g) Legal Service :   
   h) Management :
D) **SOCIAL CHANGE**

1. What is your opinion towards family system?

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<td>Joint family</td>
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2. Do you visit your native village? : Regularly / Frequently / Occasional / Never

3. Do your kin members from your native visit you? : Regularly / Frequently / Occasional / Never

4. What sort of connection you maintain with your native family members?
   a) Just visit :
   b) Help financially :
   c) Share land property :
   d) Take part in decision :
   e) Advise in time of trouble :
   f) Any other :

5. How do you prefer your children’s marriage?
   a) Arranged by parents :
   b) Couples’ choice :
   c) By traditional customs if any :

6. Do you prefer your children’s marriage
   a) With in your own tribe : Yes / No
   b) With other tribe : Yes / No
   c) With other caste : Yes / No
   d) With other religious group : Yes / No

7. Do you pray to God : Daily / Frequently / Occasional / Never
8. In average how many religious festivals you perform in your family in a year? : 1/2/3/4 more in a year

9. Are you a member of:
   a) Baitho celebration committee : Yes/ No
   b) Namghar Committee outside your own tribe : Yes/ No
   c) Local Panchayat : Yes/ No
   d) School management committee : Yes/ No
   e) Village club/Library etc. : Yes/ No
   f) SonowalKachariSangha Political Party : Yes/ No
   g) Business/Management Committee : Yes/ No
   h) Any other association : Yes/ No

10. In near future, do you desire for any change in your present occupation: Yes/ No

11. If so, why do you want to change? (Please mention two causes)
   1. ..........................................................................................................
   2. ..........................................................................................................

12. In your opinion what should be the number of children in a family now-a-days? : 1/2/3/4/more

13. On what bases you generally cast your vote in election? (in order of preference)
   a) Tribe / Caste consideration :
   b) Language :
   c) Religion :
   d) Merit and efficiency of the candidate :
   e) Education :
   f) Party ideology :
   g) Any other :

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