Appendix

QUESTIONNAIRE

I. Socio-economic-cultural background of the Respondents.

1. Name………………………………
2. Age………………………………
3. Gender : M………….F………………
4. Religion………………………..caste………………
5. Profession………………………………
6. Qualification……………………………
7. Income of family/spouse : Lower Income Group………
   Middle Income Group………
   Higher Income Group………
8. Type of family : Joint /Nuclear
9. Background : Rural/Urban
10. Marital Status: Married/Divorced/ Separated/Single
11. Years of marriage…………………………
12. Age at the time of marriage………………
13. No. of children from marriage………………
II. Thoughts of the Respondents regarding marriage and status of women

1. Do you think:

*Men and women are equal I men are supervisor/women are superior?*

2. Will you marry a spouse of your own choice or your family’s choice? ..................................................

3. Marriage is:

   a. A sacrament
   b. An agreement/contract
   c. A relationship of many lives between two individuals
   d. Others (specify) .................................................................

4. Purpose of marriage is:

   a. Re-production
   b. Sexual satisfaction
   c. Mutual co-operation
   d. Fulfillment of social responsibilities
   e. Others (specify) .................................................................

5. Marriage is essential because (rank 1,2,3….. in order of merit):

   a. According to religion it is essential
   b. Social relationship is excepted

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c. For social balance  
d. For company  
e. For moral/social life  
f. Because women are dependent on men  
g. Others (specify)…………………………………………

6. Do you think a couple has a right to divorce if the marriage fails?..............Yes/No

7. Is dowry essential for marriage?..................Yes/No

8. What are the advantages of dowry system if yes?

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9. Do you think women have a right to decide the number of children and the spacing between them?..................Yes/No.

10. Is beating of wife justified on any ground whatsoever?.......  
    Strongly agree/agree/neutral/strongly disagree/disagree

11. Do you think violence against women has religious or cultural sanction?.............  
    Strongly agree/agree/neutral/strongly disagree/disagree
12. Has physical violence or verbal abuse occurred in your matrimonial home/anyone known to you?

Never/atleast once/3-4 times/8-10 times/daily

13. Have you/anyone known to you faced domestic violence during pregnancy?..............Yes/No.

14. Do you think marital rape or forced sex by husband with wife should be made punishable?.............Yes/No.

15. Do you cast vote during elections:

(i) On the advise of husband
(ii) Independently
(iii) Don’t cast because of household chores

16. Do you own property:

(i) In your own name
(ii) Jointly with husband/wife
(iii) Don’t own at all
(iv) Only husband owns

III. Thoughts of the Respondents regarding law on domestic violence and state protection.

1. Should perpetrators of domestic violence be punished?...................... Yes/No
2. Should there be a law to prevent domestic violence at home? Yes/No

3. Are you aware of the existing law on domestic violence i.e. “The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005”? Yes/No


5. Have you or anyone known to you made a complaint under the “The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005”? Yes/No

6. What was/is the result of the said complaint, if yes?

   (i) Still pending
   (ii) NO relief provided to the victim
   (iii) Withdrawn as compromised
   (iv) Dismissed for non-prosecution

7. Do you think a woman has a legal right to reside in her matrimonial home and monthly maintenance from her husband even if she is thrown out of the house by the husband/in-laws? Yes/No
8. Do you think women need protection of law even within the four walls of their house?.........................Yes/No

9. Are you aware of your rights under “The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005” or in general in situations of violence within home?..........................Yes/No

10. Do you think the present justice system is gender sensitive and easily accessible to women?..........................Yes/No

11. Do you think the Indian State has done enough to combat violence against women?..........................Yes/No

12. According to you what are the three most common grounds on which violence occurs against women?

   (i) ........................................................................................................
   (ii) ........................................................................................................
   (iii) ........................................................................................................

13. Do you think there is more violence among:

   (i) a. Educated       b. Uneducated
   (ii) a. Working      b. Non-working
   (iii) a. Urban       b. Rural
   (iv) Same in both categories

14. Does domestic violence have any effect on other political and civil rights of women?..........................Yes/No
15. Mention three most common effects if the answer to above question is yes?

(i) .................................................................
(ii) .................................................................
(iii) .................................................................

16. What are your suggestions for combating domestic violence?

(i) .................................................................
(ii) .................................................................
(iii) .................................................................