APPENDIX

(i) ATTitudinal Scale

Name of the respondent
Age
Caste
Father's occupation and income
Education
Sex
Marital status

Below are the statements please tick in order of preference where you think correct.

1. In India the status of an individual is determined by the social status or by the caste of the group in which he is born.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided

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2. Caste system made it possible for the Indian society to be stable by incorporating the various groups with different customs, religious, beliefs, social habitats.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided

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3. High class Hindus had illtreated the Harijans for centuries, therefore they must make amends for their wrong doing.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided

1  2  3  4  5
4. When some one meets a person he should ask his caste and creed.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree strongly disagree, undecided
1 2 3 4 5

5. Reservation is not the solution of bringing educational equality.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1 2 3 4 5

6. Due to reservation policy the distance between lower castes and upper castes has increased.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1 2 3 4 5

7. One may have normal family relations with a scheduled caste neighbours.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1 2 3 4 5

8. To eradicate the feelings of untouchability there should be a common hostel for all the students irrespective of their caste.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1 2 3 4 5

9. On special occasions common dinners and parties should be arranged for all the students of all castes.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1 2 3 4 5

10. Nicknames like 'Dhobi or Chamar' should not be used for all the scheduled caste students.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1 2 3 4 5
11. Caste is a social institution which is an extension of family and so it caters to the need of people who are not yet politically integrated.

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12. Caste provides the sense of security and fulfillment which the individual requires to bear the burden of life and its responsibilities.

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13. Passing an act is not enough to alter the social practice of untouchability and religious dogmatism.

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14. There should be a new social movement educating the people through propaganda.

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15. High class Hindus had ill treated the Harijans for centuries, therefore they must make amends for their wrong doings.

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16. Students belonging to scheduled caste/tribe are not well behaved and are unable to cope with the society.

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17. Students belonging to scheduled caste should be helped by other students in every sphere so that the feelings of inferiority can be removed.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided

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18. Schooling should be compulsory for scheduled caste students in the childhood.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided

1 2 3 4 5

19. Some education regarding social manners and habits should also be given in primary schools.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided

1 2 3 4 5

20. There should be no hesitation in changing things with scheduled caste friends.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided

1 2 3 4 5

21. When some one of the upper caste marries to a girl or boy who belongs to scheduled caste tribe, one should do nothing about it or feel nothing about it.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided

1 2 3 4 5

22. Though in urban areas, the Harijans to day do not suffer from any severe disability. However in the villages there is a considerable hostility towards them.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided

1 2 3 4 5

23. Due to reservation policy there remains a great difference of intelligence between upper caste group and lower caste group.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided

1 2 3 4 5
24. Special aid should be given to the untouchable students so that they can live like others.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
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25. Special scholarships and books aid should also be given to untouchable students.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
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26. Economic aid should not be given only to those who are untouchables, to those also who are poor irrespective of their caste.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1  2  3  4  5

27. The difference of occupation can be abolished if all the menial work is done by machines.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1  2  3  4  5

28. In comparison to mental work preference or recognition should be given to mental work.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1  2  3  4  5

29. Very high salary should be paid to the workers doing manual work so that every one try to occupy that occupation.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1  2  3  4  5

30. Caste system should be abolished.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1  2  3  4  5
31. Democracy is a form of government under which the weakest should have the same opportunity as the strongest.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1  2  3  4  5

32. All men are equal before law and that the nature of wrong is not affected by the caste.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1  2  3  4  5

33. There should be no disability for an individual on the ground of his caste.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1  2  3  4  5

34. One should not be victimized in any way because of his caste and creed.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1  2  3  4  5

35. If a schedule caste family comes to reside in our colony where we live. We should treat them equally.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
1  2  3  4  5

36. The facilities and privileges which are given to the scheduled caste students are politically motivated.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
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Questions regarding religion.

1. Religion implies relationship amongst the people of one religion or we may say it creates a feeling between individuals of the common religion.

   Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
   1  2  3  4  5

2. One's religious ideals and beliefs should not interfere in general, social, economic and political field.

   Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
   1  2  3  4  5

3. While freedom to practice one's religion is guaranteed his right as a citizen are not affected by the religion which he practices.

   Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
   1  2  3  4  5

4. Teachings of religion are of very little social significance.

   strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
   1  2  3  4  5

5. On the basis of religion people of one nation become united.

   Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
   1  2  3  4  5

6. Though faith in religion is necessary sometimes it seems paradoxical to the dynamism of society.

   Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided
   1  2  3  4  5
7. Religion is a parasite on society and innocent people are exploited on account of religion.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

1 2 3 4 5

8. Religion is a hinderance to the advancement of the country as it still depends on superstition myths, legends.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

1 2 3 4 5

9. Religion is an enemy of science.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

1 2 3 4 5

10. Religion is full of hypocrisy and shallowness.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

1 2 3 4 5

11. Actually there is no difference in different religions, but this difference seems very great because of their different names.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

1 2 3 4 5

12. Everyone should have faith in religion.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

1 2 3 4 5

13. Religion prescribes rules of conduct, and it gives the idea of moral conduct.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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14. Belief in any religion provides a fixed pattern of behaviour.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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15. Religion implies relationship not only between man to man but between man and super power.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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16. Religion is a hinderance to the rational outlook.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

1 2 3 4 5

17. God is everywhere.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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18. If someone believes in god it is not necessary that he should go to the temple very often.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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19. Visit to a religious places gives some useful facts which give right directions to the thinking of mind.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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20. Religious teachings and morals are taught since very childhood of a person so he becomes accustomed of them.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

1 2 3 4 5
21. There should be a flexibility in one's religious ideas and they should be modified according to time.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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22. Religious ideas can not cope with modern ideas and modern style of life.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

1 2 3 4 5

23. In temples one can enjoy fine rituals with good music.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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24. Religion is too much related with fichion, that it can not be strong force for rightousness.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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25. Religion has always been related with man's deepest feelings and highest values.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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26. Religious ideas can not be judged right and wrong on the logical basis.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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27. All religious institutions are the sources of income.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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28. The belief in religion enunciates the principle of moral responsibility of man for his own deeds.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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29. Priests exploit uneducated masses on the name of religion.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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30. Temples are the houses of politics than the real worshipping of god.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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31. Collected money is being wasted in Temples, Churches, Masjid and Gurudwaras.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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32. Though one may have faith in religion but it is not necessary that he should be very consistent in his daily prayer.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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33. If some one is very consistent in his daily prayer, it regulates his/her life.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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34. One should believe in religious rituals and performances not blindly but with some mental reservations.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.
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35. Modern generation do not like the paternal and benevolent religious ideas.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.
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36. Religion becomes point of dispute and quarreling over matters that are of little significance.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.
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37. Most of the people do not give serious thought to the religious matters.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.
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38. Religion is necessary for living at its best.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.
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39. Temples are needed to the development of religious feelings.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.
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40. Everybody likes the religious ceremonies of his house, but do not miss them when he stays away.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.
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41. Religion develops self confidence to the man.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.
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42. When human resources fail persons start having faith in ultimate reality.

Strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, undecided.

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(ii) Some other questions were formulated which were not included in the scale. They were asked during interviewing procedure.

These questions were related with specific areas of inquiry, and it was expected that the respondents will not be able to follow them, only by reading in the scale, as they needed elaboration. They were as follows:

1. Whether it is correct to say that from the very beginning the Indian social system has been described by social scientists as a unique system inequality sustained by religious and ritual conception of purity and pollution.

2. Does the religious sanctity which is in the base of social relations keep them neutral to the forces of change from without.

3. Do they think that the concept of ritual purity and pollution still operates.

4. Do they believe that the description given in the shastras about the origin of the caste system is an orthodox myth.

5. Do they believe in the doctrine of Karma? Is caste system is related to the doctrine of Karma?

6. Has Indian marriage system constituted a religious factor for strengthening the caste system and religious dogmatism.
7. Do they think that the hereditary adoption of occupation is one of the economic factors which have strengthened the base of religious dogmatism and untouchability.

8. Is economic dependance of scheduled caste is the cause of exploitation of untouchables by the higher castes.

9. Do they believe that in comparison to rich people poor people are more orthodox.

10. Is Indian caste system and religious dogmatism persisting due to the faulty circle of social, economic and political exploitation of the schedule caste by the higher caste.

11. Whether the faulty circle of social, economic and political exploitation of the scheduled caste is strengthened by the wrong implementation of the governmental as well as of the welfare agencies.

12. In the past was it due to some religious factors that Brahmin caste was considered superior in respect to others.

13. Did the privileged class try to maintain the caste system for their own benifits?

14. Is it correct to say that the lower caste people did not make any effort against the injustices done by higher caste because of their dependance on the upper caste.

15. Have they any hesitation in mixing with members of the sweeper caste.
16. Whether dress and food habits are the indicators of caste.

17. Whether the policy of reservation had actively helped people of the scheduled caste to secure jobs.

18. Whether the policy of reservation fulfilled a useful purpose.

19. Whether the persons of scheduled caste are aware of their privileges and reservation of posts in education and jobs.

20. Is education a factor of change in the attitudes towards untouchability and religion.

21. Whether a change in the system of education is needed to restructurize the occupational system.

22. Whether the people learn new ways of interaction and inter caste relations by mixing with the people of different castes and religions in urban centres.

23. Whether many untouchables have taken up the household work job and kitchen work, because there is no fear of their locally being recognized.

24. Whether higher caste persons have also started to adopt those occupations which were not originally meant for them such as tailoring, running tea stalls, etc.

25. Does Industrialization provide various occupational opportunities and also give the vision that people of any caste have chances to take better and highly paid jobs?