Appendix I

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE
FOR WOMEN PANCHAYAT MEMBERS

1. General Particulars
1.1 District
1.2 Block
1.3 Panchayat

2. Particulars about the Respondent
2.1 Name :
2.2 Address :
2.3 Age : 20-30 [ ] 31-40 [ ] About 40 [ ]
2.4 Marital Status : Married [ ] Unmarried [ ] Separated [ ] Widow [ ]
2.5 Occupation : House wife [ ] Other [ ]

3. Other Particulars
3.1 Position in Panchayat : Ward member [ ] President [ ]
3.2 Nature of Seat : General [ ] Reserved [ ]
3.3 Party Connection : Party Candidate [ ] Independent [ ]
3.4 Number of times Election Contested : Once [ ] Twice [ ]
3.5 Elected : First time [ ] Second time [ ]

4. Family Particulars
4.1 Type of the Family : Nuclear [ ] Joint [ ]
4.2 Size of the Family : Small [ ] Medium [ ] Large [ ]
### Particulars of Family Members

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4.3 Annual Income of the Family:
- Rs.25000
- Rs.25000-50000
- Rs.50001-75000
- Rs.75001-100000
- Above Rs.100000

4.4 Monthly Income of the Respondent:
- Rs.1000
- Rs.1001-2500
- Rs.2501-5000
- Above Rs.5000

4.5 Land Ownership:
- Nil
- Leased
- 5-10 cents
- 11-50
- 51-1 acre
- Above one acre

### Other Particulars (Political)

5. Reason for opting political field?
   - Personal interest
   - Reservation
   - Party compulsion
   - Influence of the family
   - Others

6. Do you have previous experience in political / social work?
   - Yes
   - No

6.1 If yes, how long?
   - 1 year
   - 2 years
   - Below 5 years
   - Above 5 years
7. Whether any member of your family is in politics?
   Yes  [ ]  No  [ ]

7.1 If yes, who?
   a. Mother/Father  [ ]
   b. Brother  [ ]
   c. Husband  [ ]
   d. Others  [ ]

8. Which political party supported you in the election?
   a. Congress  [ ]
   b. Communist  [ ]
   c. BJP  [ ]
   d. Others  [ ]

9. Do you go late in Panchayat Committee meeting?
   Yes [ ]  No [ ]

10. Do you attend Panchayat Committee meetings regularly?
    Yes [ ]  No [ ]

11. Do you face opposition in Panchayat activities?
    Yes [ ]  No [ ]

11.1 If yes, from where?
    a. Public  [ ]
    b. Family  [ ]
    c. Opposition pasties  [ ]
    d. Govt. agencies  [ ]
    e. Party  [ ]
    f. Others  [ ]

12. Do you try compromise on public issues?
    Yes [ ]  No [ ]

12.1 If yes, in which fields?
    a. Litigation  [ ]
    b. Family issues  [ ]
    c. Labour problems  [ ]
    d. Other problems in Panchayat (please specify)  [ ]

12.2 Whether there was party interference in such problems?
    Yes [ ]  No [ ]

12.2.1 If yes, cite an example?
13. Whether the party interferes in the activities of the Panchayat?
   - Yes [ ]
   - No [ ]
   - Sometimes [ ]

14. Have you ever acted against any party decision?
   - Yes [ ]
   - No [ ]

14.1 If yes, cite an example?

15. Which are the Committees that you are a member in?
   - a. Finance [ ]
   - b. Welfare [ ]
   - c. Development [ ]

16. Are you a Chairperson?
   - Yes [ ]
   - No [ ]

16.1 If Yes, in which Committee?
   - a. Finance Standing Committee [ ]
   - b. Welfare Standing Committee [ ]
   - c. Development Standing Committee [ ]

17. Are you aware of all the activities in the Panchayat?
   - Yes [ ]
   - No [ ]

18. Whether the Panchayat implement activities without your knowledge?
   - Yes [ ]
   - No [ ]

19. Do you think that you play an important role in Panchayat activities?
   - Yes [ ]
   - No [ ]

20. Do you express your opinion fully in committee meetings?
   - Yes [ ]
   - No [ ]

21. Do you face difficulties in implementing development activities in your Ward?
   - a. Yes [ ]
   - b. No [ ]
21. If yes why?
   a. Lack of funds
   b. Opposition
   c. Delay
   d. Others
22. What is the position you hold in the local Committee of your party?
   a. Only a member
   b. Secretary
   c. President
   d. others
23. Whether there are special Considerations for holding party positions?
   Yes □
   No □
23.1 If yes, what are they?
   a. Religion/caste
   b. Family connection
   c. Heritage
   d. Gender
   e. Influence
   f. Other
24. Are you desirous of contesting elections again?
   Yes □
   No □
25. Are you confident that the party will support you to contest in next election?
   Yes □
   No □
26. Will you contest without party support?
   Yes □
   No □
26.1 If no, why?
   a. No chance of success
   b. Financial difficulties
   c. No future without party support
   d. All the above
Appendix II

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE
FOR THE NHG MEMBERS AT PANCHAYATS

I. General Particulars
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1.2 Block:
1.3 Panchayat:

II. Particulars about the Respondent
2.1 Name :
2.2 Address :
2.3 Age : 20-30 □ 31-40 □ Above 40 □
2.4 Education : LPS □ HS □ PDC □

Degree □ Above degree □

2.5 Marital Status : Married □ Unmarried □
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4. How long have you been in the Ayalkootam?
   a. 1 Year
   b. 2 Year
   c. above 2 years

5. Do you participate in Ayalakoottam meetings regularly?
   Yes
   No

5.1 If no, when?

6. Generally what are the household works you do?
   a) Taking care of children
   c) Washing Clothes
   e) Farm related Works
   f) Caring for the Elderly
   b) Cooking
   d) Cleaning House
   e) Animal Husbandry
   g) Other

7. Do you think the knowledge about new things increased your family expenditure?
   Yes
   No

7.1 If yes, in which way?
   a) Travel
   c) Clothes
   e) Educational expenditure
   h) Any other
   b) Commodities
   d) Electrical goods
   g) Health
8. Do you believe Ayalkoottam will help empowerment?
   Yes [ ]  No [ ]

8.1. If yes, in which way?
   a) By discussion in the group
   b) Through employment and economic benefit
   c) By getting knowledge about the rights of women
   d) By participating in the planning process of the nation
   e) Any other (please specify)

9. Do you believe that the economic assistance you receive through Ayalkoottam will lead to economic independence?
   Yes [ ]  No [ ]

10. Which is the project implemented currently in your area?
    a) Micro credit [ ]  Other Welfare Programmes [ ]
    b) Do not know [ ]

10.1. Whether the projects benefit all the members of the Ayalkoottam?
    Yes [ ]  No [ ]

11. Whether your Ward member participates in all the meetings regularly?
    Yes [ ]  No [ ]

12. Do you discuss the problems of your locality in Ayalkoottam meetings?
    Yes [ ]  No [ ]
    If yes, mention a few.

13. Did you present any of your problems to the Panchayat as decisions of Ayalkoottam meetings?
    Yes [ ]  No [ ]
14. Do you participate in Gram Sabha meetings?
   Yes □ No □ Casually □

14.1. If yes, mode of participation?

15. Do you project your problems in the Gram Sabha?
   Yes □ No □

16. Are you aware of the programme allotments to your Ward?
   Yes □ No □

17. Do you think that the Panchayat activities are being run according to common decisions of your Ayalkoottam?
   Yes □ No □

18. Being a member, do you think that, Ayalkootham take decisions in order to solve the problems of your area?
   Yes □ No □ not aware □

19. Whether the resources of the Panchayat are utilised by the committees (samithies) including your self?
   Yes □ No □ Not aware □

20. Are you interested in doing social work?
   Yes □ No □

20.1. If Yes, in which area?
   a) Welfare of women and Children □ Education □
   c) Health □ d) Others □

22. Are you inclined to contest in the next Panchayat election?
   Yes □ No □

22.1 If no, why?
   a) No permission from family □
   b) Not interested □
   c) Lack of time due to household works □
   d) Affect daily income □
   e) No permission from family □
   f) Any other □
# PROBLEM CHECKLIST PREPARED FOR THE RESPONDENTS

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<td>The dictum that household work comes first and any other work as secondary</td>
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<td>Insistence to keep the good name of the family</td>
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<td>Responsibility to manage the whole affairs of the family as the husband is busy</td>
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