Interview Guide
A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY OF MOTIVATIONS, PROBLEMS AND CHANGES IN THE LIFE STYLE OF SINGLE WORKING WOMEN OF ALIGARH

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1. Educational qualification -

2. Place of birth – Rural/Urban -

3. Residence during High School-

4. Residence after completing High School -

5. Residence during higher education -

6. Desired level of education that was to be attained - whether or not achieved -

7. Factors that significantly affected educational pursuit –

8. Role of education to enkindle desire to be gainfully employed -

9. Extent of gender differences between boys and girls with regard to educational or career pursuit in the family –

10. Father’s and Mother’s educational qualification –

11. Role of parents' educational qualification in educational or career pursuit –

12. Present occupation with grade, cadre –
13. Role of parents' or other family members' life circumstances like level of education, economic status, occupation, health etc. on educational or occupational goals –

14. Ways in which formal education affected occupational goals –

15. Reasons for necessity to take up employment –

16. Preferential occupation –

17. Reasons, if any, for taking alternative employment –

18. Reaction of family members/friends/relatives on taking up employment –

19. Members living in the same house. Describe relationship and occupation –

20. How was the first salary spend –

21. What about subsequent salaries –

22. Any self-acquired property or savings like Bank balance, land, houses, etc. –

23. Bank account – Joint/Independent –

24. Independence to spend salary –
25. Any change in the life style like dress pattern, speech style, food
habits, reading habits, exposure to mass media, interaction with
outside world, sources of entertainment, leisure time activities,
hobbies etc.

26. Degree of freedom to spend time on your own –

27. Role in performing household chores –

28. Role in decision making process in the family with regard to
matters concerning yourself and others –

29. Any change in attitudes towards woman’s employment after
getting involved in gainful employment –

30. Level of satisfaction with present occupation –

31. The most and least gratifying effect of gainful employment –

32. Plan with regard to getting married in future –

33. Reasons for not getting married till now – Any regrets?

34. Role of education and employment with regard to marriage –

35. Ways in which the present social position affected being a single
working women –

36. Any problems in the family and society as a single working
women –
37. Ways if any, in which single working status found equal unequal to men –

38. Ways, if any, in which differences found in the problems faced by married working women and single working women –

39. Kind of differences found –

40. Opinion regarding the factor instrumental in affecting the social position of women – Education, Employment or Marriage ? -