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Respondent ID:
Date:

A. GENERAL PARTICULARS

1. Name

2. Sex
Male/Female

3. Age
in completed years

4. Educational Attainment
Liberal Education: in years

5. Specialisations
Technical
Professional
Others (Specify)

6. Religion
Hindu/Christian
/Muslim/Others
7. Family Size
   Adult       Male
   Female
   Children    Male
               Female

8. Family Type
   Joint / Nuclear

9. Occupation
   Rubber Related
   Other than Rubber

10. Occupation Type
    Plantation
    Industry
    Both

11. Alternative/Subsidiary Occupation
    (Specify)

12. If rubber plantation, how many acres? in acres

13. How many trees?
    Number

14. Location of plantation:

15. Details on plantation
    Big/Small

16. Your involvement in it:
    Full/To a certain extent

17. Related to rubber latex?
    Yes/No

18. Related to rubber sheets?
    Yes/No

B. PARTICULARS ON THE PLANTATION/ESTATE

19. Size / Nature of trees
    Small/Big/Ready for felling

20. How many workers?
    Number:

21. Supervisors
    Number:

22. Field/Estate Workers
    Number:

23. Is plantation under your direct management? Yes/No

24. How many plantations/estates?
    One/Two/More than two
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<td>Production of latex at your estate?</td>
<td>Quantity:</td>
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<td>Value of production</td>
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<td>Initial investment on estate</td>
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<td>Loan for estate</td>
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<td>Interest on loans</td>
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<td>Any subsidy?</td>
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<td>If subsidy, for what?</td>
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<td>Value of subsidy?</td>
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<td>How many of your family assist?</td>
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<td>Their job descriptions:</td>
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<td>What benefit from your family because of involvement in estate?</td>
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Rank the following:

a. Good management
b. Low expenditures
c. Increased yield/returns
d. Prestige in village risen
e. Growth and development
f. Ability to solve problems
g. Involvement in other occupations

41. The problems you have faced and the solutions you have adopted in the last 5 years:

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42. Your approximate production and income in the last five years:

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43. A few words about the state of the estate at present (take down verbatim):

44. What are your clear ideas for improving estate? (State)

45. What do you expect from government for improvement in your work and management? (Specify)

46. What are your future plans and projects for your estate? Arrange in order of importance.

47. Any other information?

C. RUBBER FACTORY/INDUSTRY RELATED DETAILS

48. Factory/Company Name:
49. Company’s Products:
   1.
   2.
   3.
   4.

50. Do you produce in accordance with demand? Yes/No

51. How do you learn of demands? (Give details)

52. Where do you get the raw materials from?
   1. Your own estate
   2. Other estates
   3. Market

53. Your production

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54. Where do you sell your products? Places:

55. How do you sell?
   Yourself
   Through middlemen
   Directly in market

56. Initial Investment in your company? In Rs.

57. Annual Expenditures on:
   a. Raw materials Rs.
   b. Company management Rs.
   c. Machinery maintenance Rs.
   d. Production Rs.
   e. For marketing Rs.
   f. Workers’ wages Rs.
   g. Workers’ welfare Rs.
58. Factory’s Worth, according to current market situation:
   a. Machinery	 Rs.
   b. Other materials	 Rs.
   c. Factory land/ surroundings	 Rs.

59. Expenditures towards marketing your products:
   a. Materials transport	 Rs.
   b. Commission for middlemen	 Rs.
   c. Advertisement for products	 Rs.
   d. Improved marketing of products	 Rs.

60. Credits/Loans for the factory:
   a. Private individuals	 Rs.
   b. Banks	 Rs.
   c. Your own	 Rs.
   d. Shareholders	 Rs.

61. Interests on all loans for a year?
   Rs.

62. How many workers in your factory?
   Adult Male
   Adult Female
   Girl children
   Boy children

63. Their status of employment:
   a. Executives	 Number
   b. Intermediate workers	 Number
   c. Workers (low level)

64. Do you provide facilities for workers?
   Yes/No

65. What facilities?
   a. Share of the profit
   b. Facilities for families
   c. Education of children
   d. Workers’ welfare fund
   e. Bonus
   f. Medical facilities
66. Arrange in order the facilities provided by you for the workers to perform well in their work

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67. What is the role of workers in your factory management?

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68. The problems and solutions you faced in the last five years.

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70. Tell us something about the current nature of rubber production

71. The help you expect from the government
72. To improve production levels in your factory, what are your considered ideas?

73. What are government's activities?

74. Your future plans (arrange in order of priority)

75. Any other information.
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An Interview Schedule
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A. GENERAL PARTICULARS

1. Name
2. Sex
3. Age
4. Educational attainment
5. Your occupational status
   Male/Female
   in completed years
   in years
   Estate worker
   Tapper
   Watchman
   Factory worker

6. Place of your work
   Private estate
   Government estate
7. Is your work permanent/temporary?

8. Family size and other details
   - Adult Males
   - Adult Females
   - Boy children
   - Girl children

9. Family type
   - Joint/Nuclear

10. Give us some information about your work place (write down verbatim)

11. Your daily wages in Rs.

12. You get wages or salary
   - Every week
   - Monthly

13. What is your salary? Approximate in Rs.

B. ACTIVITY RELATED ANSWERS

14. Time spent on work in a day in time

15. Are you a member of the association? Yes/No

16. If you are a member, give the name of the association?

17. Is your association politically connected? Yes/No

18. If yes, which political party?

19. The gains from the association because you are a member?
   - Salary increase
   - Improvement in facilities
   - Increase in Bonus
   - Good environment

20. Does any of your family members work with you? Yes/No
21. If yes, who? Specify

22. How many? Number

23. Are they members of your association, too? Yes/No

24. Have you participated in any agitation? Yes/No

25. If yes, what kind of agitation?
   a. Public meeting
   b. Picketing
   c. Fast
   d. Procession

26. What was the purpose of agitation?
   a. For increase in salary
   b. For increase in bonus
   c. Better conditions of work
   d. Workers’ demands

27. Number of days of leave of absence?

28. How many days are your earn leave, which can be surrendered for full wages / salary?

29. Do you take leave often from work? Yes/No

30. Did you ever stay back from work without actually applying for leave of absence? Yes/No

31. Did you ever take leave because of your health? Yes/No

32. How many days do you take leave in a year? Number:

33. What are the steps you have taken to safeguard your future?
   a. Small savings
   b. Life insurance
   c. Other savings

34. Is your house/residence your own? Yes/No
35. If no, what type is it?
   a. Rented
   b. Factory/Estate quarters

C. INCOME AND EXPENDITURES DETAILS

36. What is your income? In Rs.
37. Your expenditures

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38. Telecommunication equipments in your house?
   a. Telephone
   b. Radio
   c. Television

39. Transport vehicles available with you?
   a. Bicycle
   b. Two wheelers

40. Your savings in percent of your income? in %

41. Your debts? In Rs.
42. What type of loan?
   a. From individuals
   b. Banks

43. Your problems with indebtedness? Low/High

44. Problems and solutions you have faced in the last 5 years

45. What would you like to do to improve your socio-economic conditions (in order of importance)

46. Any other information you want to give?