Interview - Schedule
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INTERVIEW – SCHEDULE

I. Personal Information
1. Name of the Respondent :
2. Father/Husband/Guardian Name :
3. Age :
4. Caste :
5. Sub-Caste :
6. Religion :
7. Qualification
   a) Illiterates  b) Primary  c) Upper Primary  d) High School  e) College
8. Occupation :
9. Annual Income :

II. Family Members Information:

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III. Social Conditions:

10. Do you have a house?  
   Yes/No

11. If yes, what is the type of the house?
   a) Round hut  
   b) Rectangular hut  
   c) Tiles house  
   d) Slab house

12. If you don’t have house where do you live?

13. Have you built your house by your own?  
   Yes/No

14. Who built your house?
   a) Elders  
   b) Govt.  
   c) NGO’s  
   d) Village Heads

15. Do you have electricity facility in your house?  
   Yes/No

16. If yes, who gave you that?
   a) Own  
   b) Govt.  
   c) Village heads

17. How did you become Mathamma?
   a) Because of my parents owe  
   b) in the middle  
   c) After Marriage  
   d) Other reasons

18. What are the reasons for your conversion into Mathamma?
   a) As your parents did not have a child after marriage and they decided to convert you a Mathamma.
   b) Due to ill health your parents decided to practice you as Mathamma.

19. Did any of ancestors practice this occupation?  
   Yes/No

20. When did they leave you as Mathamma?
   a) By birth  
   b) After started understanding

21. In which age did you practice this occupation?

22. What was your position and occupation prior to your conversion to Mathamma?

23. What are the reasons to be a Mathamma?
24. Who are responsible for your conversion into Mathamma?
   a) parents  b) Village heads  c) relatives  d) others

25. Do you accept this occupation wholeheartedly?  Yes/No

26. How many children have you?

27. Do you want your children to continue to same occupation or do you want to give your children respectable position in the society?

28. What kind of education do you want to provide to your children?

29. What are the expectations regarding your children's status in the society?

30. After your conversion what is the effect from the society when you are continuing Mathamma cult?

31. Do you want to continue the same occupation till the end?  Yes/No

32. Were you converted into Mathammas due to inheritance?  Yes/No

33. Is there any condition that there must be Mathamma in every village made by village heads?

34. Do your family members support and show affection after your conversion  yes/No

35. If not yes, what are the reasons?

36. Do the residents of the village support?  Yes/No

37. If not yes, what are the reasons?  Yes/No

38. Do you want to marry?

39. Is there any condition regarding your marriage?

40. What are the conditions?

41. Are there any village conditions?  Yes/No

42. If yes, what are they?

43. What type of work do you involve in village Jataras?
44. During Jataras are you allowed to sing and dance?

45. Do you get possessed in Jataras?

46. If yes, what matters do villagers discuss?

47. If you get possessed do you give relevant suggestions to peoples?

48. Do they practice your suggestions and instruction given by you? If yes, will they discuss them among themselves?

49. If they follow the same do they experience any good things?

50. Who will look after yourself after your conversion?
   a) Parents  b) Village people  c) husbands.

51. What are your Health problems?

IV. Economic Conditions:

51. Financially what type of income do you possess?

52. What are the other sources of income?

53. Being Mathamma, has any land been reserved for you?  Yes/No

54. Is there any arrangement by the villagers for compensation year wise?  Yes/No

55. If so, how much annual income?

56. Other than you how many of your family members are earners?

57. In the time of Jataras do village people give gifts or money?  Yes/No

58. What is your annual income?

59. Where do you save your money after a year’s expenditure?
   a) Bank       b) post office       c) Podupulakshmi

60. What are your savings in Rupees?

61. Do you have debts?

62. If so, what is the amount?

63. From whom do you borrow?

64. Why do you get debts?
V Rehabilitation Programmes:

65. Do you want to continue this occupation?  
Yes/No

66. What do you do if you want to stop this occupation?

67. If you want any responsible life in society are you aware of the social welfare programmes of government?

68. Has the government given any help after your stopping of this occupation?  
Yes/No

69. Who made you aware of social welfare programmes?

70. Has the government given financial help?  
Yes/No

71. Is the help given by government available to you properly within time?  
Yes/No

72. Why do you accept the governments financial help?

73. If at all you want self-employment what amount of free loan does government give?

74. If so, what is the financial help for amount?

75. If you want to marry what is the amount does the government give?

76. Does the society respect you after marriage when you are leading life with the help of self employment?

77. What kind of help does the government provide for your children?