APPENDIX: 11:

SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCALE

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Instructions

This is only research attempt to understand an individual in his or her social environment. Simply for research purpose, we have prepared a socio-economic scale in order to assess the level of social and economic status of a person. The data collected with this scale are meant to be utilised in connection with finding out any relation between socio-economic level and a number of other characteristic aspects of the individual. The aim is purely for research use, and as such the material will be kept strictly confidential and will never be misused for any other purpose. Though it is personal, kindly be frank and without any reservation, make a tick mark (/) before the items in the scale below, wherever applicable to you or to the person whose socio-economic level is to be studied.

Below are listed a number of items which either describe directly the individual or refer to the household conveniences and things possessed by the individual. Read each item, think carefully and make a tick mark (/) in the bracket before each of those which apply to the person studied; keep blank in case not applicable or not known. (Figures in brackets after the item are only the code numbers of each item, not meant for you). Please be honest in your markings.

Thank you for your co-operation.

This is just to study the socio-economic level of (a name) Shri/Smt. __________________________

(N.B.: This name includes the family or the family head)
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RESEARCH WORK
ON
SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCALE

It is advisable to administer this scale to three persons for same data, namely (1) to the person whose socio-economical level is to be studied, (2) to the neighbour of the person and (3) to the friend of the person.

Scoring

Total up all numerical figures given in bracket after each item marked by the three persons. Average the total scores by these three persons. This is the score of the person on socio-economic scale.

Interpretation

Above 60 - Very high socio-economic status
45 to 60 - High
30 to 45 - Above Average
15 to 30 - Average
10 to 15 - Below Average
5 to 10 - Low
Below 5 - Very low

N.B.: If needed scores on social (A, B, C, D items) and economic (E and F items) Status may be separated.
A. Occupation

( ) Doctor (5)
( ) Engineer (4)
( ) Lawyer (4)
( ) Professor (4)
( ) Higher Ranking Officer (5)
( ) Social Worker (4)
( ) Manager (3)
( ) Big Business (3)
( ) Teacher (2)
( ) Average Businessman (1)
( ) Supervisor or Superintendent (1)
( ) Clerk, Account or Office work (0)
( ) Service of average type (0)
( ) Working in some shop as Gumasta (-1)
( ) Factory worker (-1)
( ) Manual, Domestic Worker (-2)
( ) _________ (Mention if anything special)

B. Status

( ) Family, etc. esteemed high (3)
( ) Family etc. esteemed average (0)
( ) Family etc. esteemed lower (-2)
( ) Highly educated (4)
( ) Average education (1)
( ) Little or no education (0)
( ) Highly respected character (5)
( ) Usually good character (2)
( ) Doubtful character (-5)
( ) Has been associated with some low rumours (-5)
( ) Has always many visitors (2)
( ) Hardly any visitors (0)
( ) Has visitors as usual (1)

C. Other Particulars

( ) Very social and hospitable (4)
( ) Donates for public welfare (4)
( ) Generally obliging and helpful (4)
( ) Takes much interest in social worker (4)
( ) Very extravagant (-1)
( ) Thrifty and economical (1)
( ) Miserly (-3)
( ) Has Bank Account (3)
( ) Very attractively dressed and fashionable (3)
( ) Commonly dressed (0)
Poorly dressed (-3)
Spending for visiting shows of some sorts (1)
Spending for traditions, customs etc. (0)
Loves Fine Arts, Music or sports (2)

D. Environment
House in open, society (3)
Well Ventilated, good looking house (2)
Little airy and much congested locality (-2)
Locality coveted by many (2)
Average locality (0)
Poor locality (-2)

E. Income
Has income above Rs. 1000/- p.m. in all (5)
Has income between Rs. 501 & 1000/- in all (4)
Has income between Rs. 301 & 500 in all (2)
Has income between Rs. 101 & 300 in all (1)
Income below Rs. 100 p.m. in all (0)

F. Household Conveniences
Own well furnished bungalow with garden (4)
Own well furnished house (2)
Own just or hardly sufficient house (0)
House with rent above Rs. 100 p.m. (3)
House with rent between Rs. 71 and 100 (2)
House with rent between Rs. 51 and 70 (1)
House with rent between Rs. 25 and 50 (0)
House with rent below Rs. 25 (-2)
Almost new house with all up-to-date conveniences, fittings, etc. (3)