APPENDIX

QUESTIONNAIRE
A STUDY OF THE WORKING OF THE VILLAGE PANCHAYATS IN THE NILGIRIS DISTRICT.

AIM: To Study the interaction between traditional and elected (Statutory Panchayat) leaders in the administrative and decision making processes at the Panchayat level.

1. Are you a member of the P.B. (Panchayat Board)? Yes/no
2. If 'yes', what is your position? President/Vice Pre./Men.
3. Are you acknowledged as an 'ELDER' in the village? yes/no
4. What is your educational qualification?
5. What is the educational level of your family?
   Fri......./Sec........./Col........
6. What is your occupation? Agri./
7. How many are earning in your family?
8. What is the extent of your landed property in the Village? House/Lands
9. What is the extent of landed property you possess out side the village? House/Lands
10. What is the approximate annual income of your family?
11. Do you own any vehicle? yes/no
12. How long have you been a resident of this village? Since birth/
13. NAME: S/O
   AGE: CASTE:

14. What is your party affiliation?

15. Are you a member of any social organization? yes/no

16. If 'yes', name the Organization and its location:

17. What is your position in that Organization?

18. How long have you been a member of the PB?

19. Has the PB executed any development programmes? yes/no

20. If 'yes', name them:

21. Are you satisfied with your own performance in the implementation of such programmes of the PB? ...yes/no

22. Where do you think you can be placed on the scale based on your performance? ...... POSITIVE

                                ...... NEUTRAL

                                ...... NEGATIVE

23. Name the other leaders according to your preference: 1
    2
    3
    4

24. What are the qualities you attribute to leaders? (like understanding local problems, cooperating with other villagers on common interest etc.)
25. Do people approach you for settling their problems? yes/no

26. If 'yes', how often? Frequently/Rarely/Never

27. How often were you able to provide solutions? F/R/N

28. How often were your suggestions accepted? F/R/N

29. How often do you provide audience to your electorate? F/R/N

30. How often do you meet your electorate as a group? F/R/N

31. How often would you have used your leadership for meeting the requirements of your electorate? F/R/N

32. When you have some suggestions about development activities will you consult other members of the P.B? ........... yes/no

33. If 'yes', will you modify your views on the basis of suggestions given by others? ................. yes/no

34. GIVE REASONS:

35. Will your suggestions be usually accepted by other leaders? yes/no

36. If 'yes', are 'ELDERS' more in your favour than the elected leaders?...... yes/no

37. DO 'ELDERS' oppose you more than the elected leaders? yes/no

38. When certain suggestions are given by the 'ELDERS' on development activities, will they be accepted by the P.B? yes/no

39. GIVE REASONS:
40. Before decisions are made by the P.B on development activities, are 'ELDERS' normally consulted? .... yes/no

41. GIVE REASONS:

42. Can you give any instance where there was a disagreement between the P.B. and the 'ELDERS' on decisions relating to development activities? CASE STUDIES (CONFLICT)

43. Can you give any instance where the 'ELDERS' cooperated with the decisions taken by the P.B. on development activities? CASE STUDIES (COOPERATION)

44. Can you take decisions ignoring the 'ELDERS' on matters relating to the village .................. yes/no

45. GIVE REASONS:

46. Do people approach you for settling their local disputes? yes/no

47. If 'no', give reasons:

48. If 'yes', name the types of disputes:

49. Do you feel that there is an increase in the land disputes after the introduction of the various land reforms? .... yes/no
50. Can social tensions at the village be effectively solved through cooperation between the 'ELDERS' and the P.B? ................. yes / no

51. GIVE REASONS:

52. What is the role of the opposition parties in the process of decision making at the P.B. meetings: cooperative/ non coop./

53. Can the Traditional Panchayat be abolished? yes/ no

54. GIVE REASONS:

55. INVESTIGATOR'S COMMENTS:

NAME OF THE INVESTIGATOR:
AIM: To ascertain from the villagers the areas of conflict and convergence in the effective functioning of the Traditional Panchayat and the Panchayat Board in the Nilgiris District.

1. Name the local village leaders according to your preference:
   1
   2
   3
   4

2. According to you, what are the positive qualities of the leaders? (like initiative, ability to handle problems etc.)
   1
   2
   3
   4

3. What are their negative qualities? (like impoliteness, non cooperative attitude etc.)
   1
   2
   3
   4

4. Out of the leaders you have listed, who possess the positive qualities? (Note the corresponding Nos. in question 1.)
   1
   2
   3
   4
5. Name the local leaders whom you will approach for ventilating your grievances: 1.
2.
3.
4.

6. Name the leaders whom you will NOT approach for ventilating grievances: 1.
2.
3.
4.

7. GIVE REASONS:

8. What are the problems for which you usually approach them? 
   .1
   .2
   .3
   .4

9. Do you normally accept the advice given to you by them? 
   yes / no

10. GIVE REASONS:

11. Name the development activities which have been carried out for the village community through the initiative of your leaders: 
   .1
   .2
12. Are you satisfied with the performance of your leaders? yes/no

13. What is your opinion about the relationship between the 'ELDERS' and the members of the P.B.? .......... CORDIAL/ NOT CORDIAL

14. Are the 'ELDERS' a hinderance to the development activities of the P.B.? .......... yes/no

15. Do the members of the P.B. and the 'ELDERS' come into conflict on decisions relating to development activities? .........................yes/no

16. If 'yes', give instances: CASE STUDY.

17. Do 'ELDERS' take active interest in local affairs? yes/no

18. Do 'ELDERS' have the authority to represent your needs to P.B.? yes/no

19. Whom will you approach for settling local disputes? Elds/ PB/ Pol / Court

20. GIVE REASONS:

21. Name the usual types of disputes which occur in the village:
   .1
   .2
   .3

22. When you are involved in a dispute, will you accept the decision even if it is not in your favour?........yes/no
23. If 'no', what is the penalty? Social boycott/

24. What is your view about social boycott? a must/not a must

25. Do members of PB take active interest in local affairs? yes/no

26. When you go with some problems are they easily approachable? yes / no

27. Are they able to provide you with solutions? yes / no

28. Whom will you approach for obtaining local needs? ELDERS / PB

29. Have you ever given any suggestion to the PB regarding development activities? .... yes / no

30. If 'yes', explain the purpose:

31. Where they accepted? yes / no

32. In your opinion has there been any increase in disputes over lands after the introduction of land reforms?.... yes / no

33. If 'yes', explain the types of land disputes:

34. If you are involved in such land disputes to day, whom will you approach for settlement? .... Elders/PB/Pol/Court
35. Can the PB or 'ELDERS' by themselves solve such disputes?  
   
   yes / no

36. If 'no', can they be solved more effectively through cooperation between the 'ELDERS' and the PB members?  
   
   yes / no

37. Do 'ELDERS' and the elected leaders work in cooperation?  
   
   yes / no

38. What are the activities over which they come together?

   CASE STUDIES

39. What is your opinion about the working of the PB?  
   
   Good / Satisf./ Bad

40. What is your opinion about the working of the Traditional Pan?  
   
   G / S / B

41. NAME:  
   
   AGE:  
   
   CASTE:  
   
   S/o  
   
   NAME OF THE HAMLET:  

42. What is your educational level?

43. What is the size of your house hold?

44. What is the educational level of your family?  
   
   Pri......./Sec......./Col

45. How many are earning in your family?

46. What is your occupation? Agriculture/

47. What is the approximate annual income of your family?

48. What is the extent of your landed property in the village? House...../ Lands ...../
49. What is the extent of landed property outside the village? House .... / Lands ....

50. Who is your favourite political leader?

51. Which political party do you like most?

52. Can a cordial relationship between the TP and PB solve local problems effectively? ....... yes / no

53. GIVE REASONS:

NAME OF THE INVESTIGATOR:

COMMENTS: