Appendix-II

Questionnaire/Schedule For Panchayat Members Who Had Contested, Won/Lost

1. Name of Panchayat and District: 

2. Status of Panchayat: Open Reserved

3. When did you contest election for the first time under the new Panchayati Raj Act: 

4. Office which the respondent holds: 
   - Member Vice-President/
   - Vice Chairman
   - President/
   - Chairman

5. Institution in which the respondent holds the office: 
   - Gram Panchayat
   - Panchayat Smiti
   - Zila Parishad

6. Are you a member of any political Party: No

   If yes, which political party: 

7. Do you know about the 73rd constitutional amendment: To a great extent To some extent Not at all

8. Do you know about the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act of 1994: To a great extent To some extent Not at all

9. Do you consider the system of reservation of seats and offices in Panchayati Raj Institutions as appropriate: Yes No

10. Are the meetings of Gram-Sabha held regularly: Regularly Irregularly Not at all

11. When was the last Gram-Sabha meeting held: 

12. Did you attend this meeting? Yes No

13. What percentage of people participate in Panchayati Raj has increased considerably after the 73rd amendment? Yes No

14. Do you feel that people's participation in Panchayati Raj has increased considerably after the 73rd amendment? Yes No

15. Do the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) really represent all sections of the rural society? To a great extent To some extent Not at all

16. Even after the provisions of reservation for SCs/STs/OBCs and Women, power is still with the higher castes. Do you agree with it?

17. What are the main factors which motivated you to contest election to the local body? __________________________

18. While canvassing did you go to people with any agenda of development. If yes, what was the agenda? __________________________

19. Can you specify some achievements in your ward/village due to your participation? __________________________

20. Do you satisfied with it? Yes No

21. If not, what were the factors that hampered the development of

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22. At the Panchayat meeting would you plead for the development of your own area or would you prefer development of all areas?

23. Do you feel that corrupt practices are still prevalent in Panchayati Raj politics? Yes No
   If Yes, give instances.

24. Was money and muscle power used by your rivals during elections? Money Muscle Both

25. Were there any incidents of violence during the Panchayat elections in your area? Yes No
   If Yes, of what kind.

26. While voting which one of the following do you consider important?
   i. Caste
   ii. Area
   iii. Efficiency of Candidate
   iv. Any other, please specify

27. Did you get ample support of your caste group during the elections? Yes No

28. Did the voters of your village fully support you? Yes No
29. Is voting in Panchayat elections based on caste factor? 
   If yes, how?  

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30. Do you feel that your Panchayat is divided into groups?  

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31. Are there any factions in your village?  

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32. If yes, on what patterns do these factions work.  

33. Is there any interference by state government in the functioning of Panchayat?  

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34. Does the bureaucracy interfere in Panchayati Raj Institutions?  

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35. It is said that the historical cohesiveness of society is being adversely affected by the process of democratization. Do you agree with it?  

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36. Some people say that grass-root democracy is developing conflicts among the individual, group and communities. Do you agree with it?  

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37. Is there any polarization in your Panchayat?  

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If yes, on what basis.  

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38. Is there any intra-caste struggle for power? Yes  No
   If yes, how? ____________________________________________

39. Name of the Respondent. : 
40. Gender : 
41. Age : 
42. Qualification : 
43. Occupation : Land Holdings 
44. Annual Income : 
45. Religion : 
46. Caste : 

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