Appendix-III

Questionnaire/Schedule for The Officials of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs.)

1. Office of the Respondent: 

2. Do you notice any change in the functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs.) after 73rd amendment? 
   Yes  No
   How?

3. Is there any instances of complaints against the office bearers of PRIs by the people? 
   Yes  No
   If yes, what is the nature of such complaints. ____________________________________________

4. Do you receive enough cooperation from the representatives of PRIs? 
   Yes  No

5. People say that Panchayati Raj system has created factionalism in the rural society? 
   To a great extent  To some extent  Not at all
   Do you agree?

6. Sometimes it is said that there is lack of proper coordination between three tiers of PRIs. 
   To a great extent  To some extent  Not at all
   Do you agree?

7. Are you satisfied with the performance of Panchayati Raj Institutions and their representatives? 
   To a great extent  To some extent  Not at all
8. Do you think that powers given to these institutions by the government are adequate?  
Yes  
No

9. Do you think PRIs get enough finances from the government to carry out the development of the area?  
Yes  
No

If no. What method would you suggest to give more finances to the Panchayati Raj Institutions. _______________________________________

10. Sometimes it is said that bureaucracy does not fully support these institutions. Do you agree?  
To a great extent  
To some extent  
Not at all

11. Is it correct that grass-root democracy has increased political consciousness of the people?  
Yes  
No

12. It is said that gram-sabha does not function in an effective manner. Do you agree?  
To a great extent  
To some extent  
Not at all

13. Has the political participation of SCs/STs/OBCs and women in Panchayati Raj Institutions increased due to reservation after 73rd amendment?  
Yes  
No

If yes, please elaborate.

14. It is said that the members of PRIs belonging to SCs/STs/OBCs categories are not able to perform their role independently and are forced by the leaders of upper caste to work according to their wishes. Do you agree?  
To a great extent  
To some extent  
Not at all
15. Are you satisfied with the extent of reservation given to SCs/STs/OBCs and women by the 73rd amendment

If no, what suggestions do you have?

16. Do you think that after the provisions of reservation for SCs/STs/OBCs and Women, power is still with the higher castes.

17. Have the higher caste people monopolised the rural power structure?

18. Do the women representatives perform their role independently and effectively?

19. Does the caste system still dominate the village politics or power structure?

How?

20. Does the caste play any role in village politics?

How?

21. What are the reasons of the lower castes poor representatives in Panchayati Raj Institution?

22. Is it correct to say that the Panchayati Raj system has helped in politicization of rural masses?

23. It is said that Panchayati Raj system or grass-root democracy have fragmented and disintegrated the rural society through favoritism, nepotism, groupism and factionalism.

Do you agree?
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<td>30. Should the elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions be contested on the party lines?</td>
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33. Sometimes it is said that To a great extent money and muscle power influence the Panchayat elections. Do you agree?

34. Sometimes it is said that To a great extent state government exerts excessive control on PRIs through grants and through the bureaucracy? Do you agree?

35. Some people say that Yes No political process at grass-root level has introduced divisive politics in the society. Do you agree with it?

36. Name of the Respondent. :
37. Gender :
38. Age :
39. Qualification :
40. Designation : Years of Service
41. Religion :
42. Caste :
43. Permanent place of residence : District/State