APPENDIX I

A SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY OF SEX-SELECTION AND SEX RATIO AMONGST THE PEOPLE OF GURDASPUR DISTRICT OF PUNJAB

Q1: What type of family are you living in?  
   a) Nuclear b) Joint c) Extended

Q2: What was your age at the time of marriage?  
   a) Below 18 b) Between 18 and 24 c) Above 24 and below 30 d) Above 30

Q3: Is yours an arrange marriage?  
   Yes/No

Q4: How educated are you?  
   a) Under metric b) Matriculate c) S.S.C.  
   d) Under Graduate e) Graduate f) Any Other qualification

Q5: Are you / your wife working?  
   Yes/No

Q6: Do you think a woman should be working?  
   Yes/ No

Q7: What profession do you think is good for female?  
   a) Professional (Doctor, Engineer, Lawyer, MBA, etc)  
   b) Education (teacher, lecturer)  
   c) Administration (working in office, I.A.S., I.P.S. etc.)  
   d) Vocation (beauty parlour, boutique)  
   e) Any other

Q8: Do you want that women of your family should go out and work?  
   Yes / No  
   Reason

Q9: How do you think financial independence can help women in their lives?  
   a) Monetary help for family b) Increase in self esteem  
   c) Help in growing as an individual d) Gives liberty to take decision for herself  
   e) All of above

Q10: Have your education benefited you by anyhow in your life?  
    Yes / No

Q11: Do you think education plays an important part in the growth of an individual?  
    Yes/ No  
    What ways?
Q12: Education for women, what do you think is an?
   a) Advantage       b) Disadvantage
   c) Both
   Explain

Q13: Do you want your partner should be educated?
   Yes/ No

Q14: Do you want your kids to be educated?
   Yes/ No
   Give reason

Q15: Who takes decision in the family regarding financial and other family matters?
   a) You       b) Your spouse   c) Both   d) Elders of family (explain)
   e) All members of the family

Q16: Who takes fertility decision in the family?
   a) You       b) Your spouse   c) Both   d) Elders of family

Q17: Do you use contraceptives to control fertility?
   Yes/ No
   Give reason

Q18: What contraceptive do you / your spouse use?
   (F) a) Oral contraceptive   b) Tubectomy   c) intra uterine device
   d) Safe days (told by Doctor or traditionally doing it)
   (M) a) Condoms   b) Vasectomy   c) Withdraw method
   d) Depending on safe days   e) any other method

Q19: Have you ever adopted any method to have desired sex of the child?
   Yes / No
   If yes? Then what from the following?
   a) Modern technology   b) Jhar-phunk / Sadhu’s   c) Dai’s / Pandits
   d) Vaid hakims   e) Eating any particular food after consulting Dai’s/ Pandits
   f) Wearing stones/ tawiz after consulting Pandits / Sadhu’s

Q20: Have you ever aborted a child?
   Yes/ No

Q21: What method did you use to abort/ miscarriage the child?
   a) M.T.P. (medical transition of pregnancy)
   b) Taking pills or injection
   c) By any home made remedy
d) Medicine given by dai's/ Pandits
e) Any other method/ Miscarriage

Q22: What was the sex of the child you aborted?
   a) Male       b) Female       c) No idea

Q23: Did you know the sex of the child before going for abortion?
   Yes / No

Q24: What was the reason for abortion?
   a) No need for another child       b) Wanted male/female
   c) Any medical problem       d) any other problem

Q25: How did you detect the sex of the baby?
   a) Ultrasound       b) Amniocentesis       c) Foetal Biopsy
   d) Any other method       e) did not go for detection test

Q26: Who decided to go for abortion?
   a) You       b) Your spouse       c) Elders of family
   d) Anyone else       e) both

Q27: Was it easy to take decision of abortion?
   Yes / No       reason

Q28: Did that abortion left any mark on you?
   a) Psychologically       b) Physically       c) Socially
   d) Any other way       e) Nothing

Q29: Whom do you prefer the most?
   a) Daughter       b) Son       c) Both

Q30: Have you ever noticed discrimination in your family between daughters and sons?
   Yes / No
   Give reasons

Q31: Do you discriminate between your daughter and sons?
   Yes / No
   If yes, in the matter of:
   a) Food       b) Clothes       c) Education       d) Liberty to stay out
   e) Spending money       f) All of the above

Q32: What do you think a girl is?
   a) Burden       b) Liability       c) Difficult to brought up
   d) Brings dishonour to the family       e) Boys and girls are equal

Q33: What do you think a son is?
   a) Support to the family       b) Economic support
   c) Importance for family lineage       d) Only can carry rituals
   e) All of the above       f) Any other
Q34: Does the birth of a daughter bring dishonour to the family?
   Yes / No
   Give reason

Q35: Does the birth of a son elevate the status of the family?
   Yes / No
   Give reason

Q36: Do you celebrate such festivals in which male are given preference and females are neglected?
   Yes/ no
   Give reason

Q37: What are those festivals?

Q38: Do the women of your family keep fast for the well being of their husbands and sons?
   Yes/ no
   Give reason

Q39: Do you celebrate any festivities in which females are given importance and males do not?
   Yes/ no
   Give reason

Q40: Do you feel that females are neglected in your religion and males are given preference?
   Yes/ no
   Give reason

Q41: Do you think that a girl can do the last rites of the parents?
   Yes/ no
   Give reason

Q42: Who do you think can do the last rites of the father/ mother in the family having no son?
   a) Daughter    b) Brother / Brother in law    c) Nephew
   d) Son in Law   e) Any other male member of the family
   f) Any one from b, c, d, e

Q43: Why daughter are less wanted than sons?
   a) They are considered burden    b)'Paraya Dhan'
   c) Can bring dishonour to the family
   d) Have to collect money for her marriage/dowry
   f) All of the above
Q44: Is dowry major reasons behind the psyche of the parents to have no daughters in the family?
   Yes/no

Q45: Is violence against women in society and tortures by in-laws are also reason for parents disliking for daughters?
   Yes/no

Q46: Have you ever seen any women around you tortured for bringing fewer dowries?
   Yes/no

Q47: Do you think that daughters can support the family financially?
   Yes/no

Q48: What are the numbers of sons you want in your family?
   a) 1  b) 2  c) 3  d) More than 3

Q49: What are the numbers of girls should be there in your family?
   a) 1  b) 2  c) None

Q50: Do you celebrate birthday of your daughter?
   Yes/no
   Give reason

Q51: Do you celebrate your son’s birthday?
   Yes/no
   Give reason

Q52: Is there any dietary difference when a daughter or a son is born?
   Yes/no
   Give reason

Q53: What type of diet do females get when she is pregnant?
   a) Balanced Diet  b) Nutritious / rich in fat
   c) After consulting the Doctor  d) Diet prescribed by Dai’s
   e) Any other  f) Nothing special

Q54: Is there any dietary difference in the care of mother and child in case of different sex of child?
   Yes/no
   Give reason

Q55: If a male child is born what kind of attention does a mother gets?
   a) Good food, rest and care  b) Normal food, rest and care
   c) Nothing special

Q56: Did a mother get abuses from the family in case of a female child is born?
   Yes/no
   Give reason
Q57: To have a son in the family is?
   a) Personal choice  b) Family or social pressure
   c) Partner’s choice  d) All of the above

Q58: Daughter’s can give better emotional support than sons?
   Yes/ no
   Give reason

Q59: Have you ever thought that if there would be no female what would be the world like?
   Yes/ no
   Give reason

Q60: Do you feel that having only sons and no daughters you will be happy?
   Yes/ no
   Give reason

Q61: Are you aware of the feel that females are less in number than males and their numbers are decreasing day by day?
   Yes/ no
   Give reason

Q62: Have you ever given it a thought that if the ratio of less females in the society is going to continue then from where will boys get their brides from?
   Yes/ no
   Give reason

Q63: Does parent’s education effects high sex ratio in the family?
   Yes/ no

Q64: If parents are educated they do not go for abortion?
   Yes/ no
   Give reason