APPENDIX -1

CHRISTIANS IN PUNJAB A STUDY OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONDITIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN PUNJAB

QUESTIONNAIRE

PART - A

Name: ____________________________
Place: ____________________________
Region/ and District Malwa/Majha/Doaba (Tick Mark)
Sex: Male/Female (Tick Mark)
Age: ____________________________
Martial Status: ____________________________
Education: ____________________________
Occupation/ Status: ____________________________
Annual income from all sources: ____________________________
Urban /Rural: ____________________________

PART - B

1. From how many generations is your house hold Christian? (TICK MARK)
   a) From the time of great grandfather
   b) From the time of grandfather
   c) From the time of father
   d) From my own generation
   e) I do not know about it

2. The house where you live
   a) Your own
   b) Belongs to Government
   c) Belongs to others
3. What type of house do you have?
   A. Pacca  B. Kacha

4. Do you own agricultural land?
   Yes/No

   If yes, then how much?

5. Exposure to media:

   1. Newspaper ___________________________
   2. Radio/T.V. ____________________________________________
   3. News Bulletin ____________________________________________

   Regular    Irregular    Never

6. Are you discriminated against by the government because you are a Christian?
   Yes/No

   If yes, then why?

7. Is there a change in your social status as a result of following adoption of
   Christian religion?
   YES/No

   If Yes, of what type:

8. Do you have Electricity / Radio / TV/ Bicycle/Scooter/Car/Cooler/AC etc. at
   home.

9. From where do you get drinking water?
   a) Family hand pump.
   b) Government tap
   c) Common well/Water tap
   d) Any other source

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10. Do you celebrate Diwali Dussehra/Gurupurab like Christmas and Easter?
   Yes/No
   If no, then why not

11. Do you participate in different types of functions of Hindus or Sikhs?
    Yes/No
    If no, then why:

12. Name two castes/communities/sub-castes which are socio economically at the lowest level in your town/village:
    1. 
    2. 

13. Are you willing to allow your son/daughter/brother/sister to marry non-Christian?
    Yes/No
    If no, then why:

14. Do you believe in Jadu Tona/Magic/Dhaga Taveej?
    Yes/No

15. Do you worship Muslim Faqir/Baba Peer/Devi Mata?
    Yes/No

16. What is the most immediate socio-economic problem of the Christian community in your town/village?

17. Do the Sikhs and Hindus attend the religious function/marriage ceremony of Christians in Punjab?
    Yes/No
    If no, then why?
18. Does any member of your family work in the house of landlords?
   Yes/No
   If yes, what he/she does?

19. In your opinion, what is the main reason for the backwardness of Christian community?

20. Do you feel that like SC/ST there should be reservation for the Christian on SC basis in jobs?
   1. Yes/No
   2. If yes on what basis (Tick mark)
   3. If no, then why:

   PART - C

21. Among the following political parties which one do you prefer?
   Cong (1)/ Akali Dal/ BJP/ BSP/ CPI & CPM/ Other/non of these
   What are your reasons for preferring this party:
   1. Due to policy & programmes of this party
   2. Due to the positive attitude towards minority
   3. Due to the good leadership
   4. Being a member of that party
   5. Any other reason

22. What benefits do you draw from the Punjab Government for being a Christian?

23. In your opinion, what should be the steps which the Church and community leadership should take for the upliftment of the Christian community in Punjab:

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24. Do you believe that the Centre & the State Governments discriminate against the Christian community as compared to other people?
   a) Yes
   b) No
   c) Cannot say
In case the answer is yes, then what, in your opinion, can be the reasons?

25. Would you name the political party which takes special care of interests of the minorities especially of the Christians?

26. Did you ever caste the vote in the elections?
   (Write 1 for Never, 2 for once, 3 for more than once)

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27. Have you ever been pressurised to caste the vote during the election?
   Yes/ No.
   If yes, then what kind of pressure you had to face:

28. What factors influenced your choice during election?
   a) On the advice of the head of the family
   b) On the advice of Pastor/Rev/Father of the Church/ Bhaiji of the Church/Mission
   c) On the advice of the head of the community
   d) On the advice of landlord
   e) On the advice of Sarpanch/ Councillor
   f) Self decision
   g) Any other pressure

29. Suppose the Christian leader is contesting election, do the people from higher castes caste their vote in favour of Christian leaders? Yes! No.
   If no, then why:
30. Are you a member of any organisation such as:
   a) Employees association
   b) Trade union
   c) Christian Organization.
   d) Political Parties
   e) None of these.

31. Are you a member of any political party?
   Yes/No.
   If Yes, name the party?

32. In what manner did you take part in election activities:
   a) By canvassing
   b) Participation in party rallies
   c) Attending party meetings
   d) Collecting fund
   e) Putting up a party flag on the house top.
   f) Any Other
   g) All the above.

33. Do you know the names of the political parties/organizations which are working against the interests of the minorities especially of the Christians?
   Yes/No
   If Yes, then name:

34. In your opinion, which govt. did a good job for the protection of minority interests.

35. Here is the list of few prominent political leaders, out of the following names give the performance in order to liking choice. 1,2,3

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36. Did you ever contest the election? Yes/No If yes, at what level? Panch/Sarpanch/Block Samiti/Zila Parishad/Municipal Committee/Corporation/MLAIMP/None of these

37. Why do the Christians hesitate to contest election at different level? a) Due to economic condition b) Social status c) Political apathy e) Less number of the Christians f) Any other reason g) All the above

38. What facilities have been provided to the Christians by the ruling government of the State? Congress or non-congress governments.
(1) By Akali--BJP government:
(2) Not at all.
(3) By Congress government
39. Do you know anything about the atrocities being committed against the Christians in various states?
   Yes/No
   If yes, then give details and give your suggestions:

40. Did you participate in the rally/protest against atrocities committed against Christian in recent years?
   Yes/No
   If no, why?

41. Do you feel the need of a strong Christian political party or front to organise the community in India?
   Yes/No
   If no, then why?

42. Do you think the Vidhan Parishad (Second House) should be revived for proper representation to minority community in Punjab?
   Yes/No
   If no, why?

43. What are the reasons of lack of good Christians leadership in Punjab? and why they are not successful in political field?