APPENDIX I
INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

1. Name of the Head of the Household ________________________________
2. Age (in specific years)____________________________________________
3. Sex Male/female ________________________________________________
5. Education – Primary/matric/Higher Secondary/Graduate/Post Graduate/ Professional degree/Anyother
6. Occupation-Main/Subsidiary _______________________________________
7. Total Income of the Household ____________________________________
8. House Type –Kaccha/Pucca/Mixed
9. Family Type – Joint/Quasi-Joint/Nuclear
10. Land owned ______________________________________________________
11. What is your main source of income? _________________________________
12. Are there any changes in the source of income over the years? Yes/No. if yes then what are those changes ___________________________
13. What factors are responsible for these changes? _______________________

FAMILY AND MARRIAGE STRUCTURE

1. Do you think it is advantageous to live in a joint family? Yes/No. Give reasons for your reply _______________________________________________________________________
2. If you had your own choice, would you like to live in a nuclear family or joint family? give reasons for your reply _______________________________________________________________________
3. What should be the ideal size of a family for a good living? ________________
4. Are there any changes in the structure and function of the family? Yes/No.
5. What changes have taken place in the structure and function of family? ________________
6. What are those features in the family structure that have shown continuity over a period of time? _______________________________________________________________________
   What are the factors responsible for these changes? _______________________________________________________________________
7. Attitude towards joint family

i
a) As long as possible, one must try to live within a joint family
b) One must set up a separate household immediately after marriage
c) Children cannot be brought up properly in a nuclear family
d) Joint family hinders the personal development

8. What is the general age at which the boy and girl are married in your community?
   Boys __________ Girls __________

9. What factors are kept in view, while selecting a marriage partner?
   Sr No. Factor Most Important Important Less Important Least Important
   1 physical appearance
   2 family status
   3 horoscope matching
   4 caste/religion consideration
   5 education of partner
   6 economic standing of family
   7 good temperament
   8 parental choice


11. What are the common ways of acquiring mate/types of marriages?

12. Do you approve of inter-caste/inter-religion marriages? Yes/No. give reasons for your reply

13. Will you allow your children to marry in the other caste/religion than yours? Yes/No. give reasons for your reply


15. Do you approve of giving/taking of dowry? Yes/no


POLITY AND RELIGION

1. Are you interested in political activities? Yes/No

   If yes, at what level- village/block/district/state/ nation.
2. Are you affiliated to any political party? If yes, which are __________________________

3. Have you ever participated in the voting during the panchayats/state assembly/parliament election?

4. On what basis do you cast your vote?
   A) Political party affiliated. B) Caste. C) Individual merit D) Regional basis E) any other (please specify)

5. How are the panchayat elections held in your village?

6. Are you aware of the any policies/programmes/developmental activities of the government being implemented? Yes/No

7. Are you satisfied with the developmental activities of the government? Yes/no. If yes, give reason for your reply:

8. Do you believe that development activities started by government are helping Ladakhis to improve their economic status? Yes/No. If yes, give reason for your reply:

9. What kind of panchayat do you have in your area? Traditional/elected/LADHC
   If traditional, is it still continuing? Yes/No. If yes, give reason for your reply:

10. Do you believe that traditional panchayats did more just than the elected one? Yes/No. If yes, give reason for your reply:

11. Do you think Leh being cut off from the rest of the country has barred itself from exposure and proper representation?

12. There have been many voices from many quarters, who demand a special status for Leh, do you think it is justified?

13. Are there any changes in the political system of Ladakh? Yes/No. If yes, what are those changes?

14. Are inter-caste/intercommunity individuals allowed to preside over the ceremonies/festivals? Yes/No.

15. Is it compulsory to send one child from family to monastery? Yes/No.

16. Attitude towards religion Most Important Important Least Important
   A) One must believe in particular religion
B) one cannot be moral without being religious
C) Religion is the cause all communal disputes
D) Would not mind eating in the company of a follower of another religion.

17. Do you sit and eat together with other caste group individuals? Yes/No. Give reasons for your reply:

18. Do you allow caste group individual to enter your house? Yes/No. Give reasons for your reply:

19. Do you participate in the festivals/functions along with other caste groups? Yes/No. Give reasons for your reply:

20. Are you in favour of caste system? Yes/No. Give reasons for your reply:

21. Do you think that changes have taken place in the caste structure during the past decades? Yes/No. Give reasons for your reply:

22. What are the factors responsible for changes in religion? Give reasons for your reply:

WOMEN

1. Who plays a leading role in decision making of family affairs? Husband/Wife/Both/ any other

2. Are there any leisure time activities for the women outside the house? Yes/No. If yes, types of activities:

3. Are you in favour of employment of girls? Yes/No. If No, give reasons:

4. Has any member of your family taken employment? Yes/No. If yes, nature of job:

5. Do you think that education is necessary for all? Yes/No. Give reasons for your reply:

6. Decision making Always Sometimes Never

A). Do you consult your wife while making Decision about the education of children?

B). How often do you consult your wife while
taking decision about the occupation of children?

C). How often do you consult your wife while
taking decision about the marriage of children?

D). How often do you consult your wife while
taking decision regarding family disputes?

E). How often does your wife participate in the
family budgeting?

F). How often do you consult your wife
in political participation?

7. Who in your family decides voting behavior of your wife?
(A) You (B) Your family members (C) Wife (D) Any other (Please specify):____________

8. Will you allow your wife to contest elections? Yes/No

9. Do you think that the status of women has changed? Yes/No

10. If yes, what are the factors that have led to these changes?________________________
Pangong Lake

A scenic sight of Ladakh

Pangong Lake

A scenic sight of Ladakh
Leh Town

A monastery
Ladakhi Bride and Bridegroom

A Marriage Party
Man and Women at the Dance Party of Marriage

Foreigners (at extreme right) in Ladakhi Wedding Party
Monks reading book with candles

Inside view of a Monastery
Nuns in deep meditation

A young monk reciting prayers with old ones
Monks and public in Hemis Festival

Mask Dance (Cham) display at Ladakh festival
A woman rotating the prayer wheel (*Mane*)

An old woman with a Mala
Men and women working together

Farmers harvesting the ripe crop
Herdswoman taking her animals to high pasture land

Cutting wools from Dzo (hybrid of Yak and Cow)
Traditional House

A Modern House-cum-Hotel
Heavy presence of Military personnel; with civilians in front of an ATM

Indian Air Force Helicopter dropping foods and other items during the Flash flood disaster
A Woman in Agricultural Field

Women Vendor at street side selling vegetables
An old woman taking care of cattles

Ladakhi women in their traditional dress
Women Group Parachute Cafe

Woman weaving shawl
A Sadhu with a foreigner in Ladakh

Contemplating tradition and modernity
Monks with mobile

Foreigners participating in Ladakh festivals
Leh Market

Traffic jam at Leh market
Researcher with local Ladakhi women

Researcher approaching a house for interview
Researcher trekking with Ladakhis to reach a village

Researcher interviewing farmers