Questionnaire-cum-Interview Schedule
(for JUDGES)

Introduction: Questions are given with answers thereunder, please tick the relevant answers.

Title: Role of Lok Adalats in Administration of Justice - A study on Lok Adalats in Kurnool District (Andhra Pradesh)

PART - A (General Information)

1) Name : 
2) Designation : 
3) Educational Qualifications : 
4) Sex : Male / Female
5) Age : 
6) Address : 

PART - B

1) What are the organizational problems encountered by you while operating the Lok Adalats?
2) Explain the various types of financial problems faced by you in conducting Lok Adalats?
3) Did you come across any procedural problems in the operation of Lok Adalats?
4) What are the other problems you experienced in organizing Lok Adalats?
5) What is the criteria followed to constitute the benches of Lok Adalat?
6) What criteria is kept in mind to prepare a panel of judges of Lok Adalat?

(a) Person conversant with the court procedure
(b) Person with Social Legal Background
(c) Retired Judges and Government Officers having judicial experience
(d) Professors of Law
(e) Any other

7) What significance is given to the legal formalities, if any, during the settlement of dispute by the judges of Lok Adalat?

(a) Very high significance (b) Low significance
(c) No significance

8) Are the advocates of the disputants allowed to argue case before Lok Adalat?

(a) Yes (b) No

9) What opportunity is provided to the clients to establish their case before the compromise is arrived at?

(a) Arrangement of Advocates
(b) Arguments of the Parties
(c) Persuasion by the Judges
(d) Witnesses

10) Do you feel that advocate of the respective parties created obstacles with the result that the Lok Adalat failed to persuade the parties for the settlement of the dispute?

(a) Yes (b) No
11) What are the reasons for less reference of cases to the Lok Adalat?
   (a) Parties non-awareness about the Lok Adalat
   (b) Lack of initiative by the Advocates
   (c) Lack of initiative by the Judge
   (d) Disbelief in the working of Lok Adalat
   (e) Any other

12) Do you think that the Village Panchayat can play a vital role in promoting the functioning of the Lok Adalats by way of creating awareness of the existence of Lok Adalat scheme in rural areas?
   (a) Yes      (b) No

13) Whether Lok Adalat have brought about any attitudinal changes in the people?
   (a) Yes      (b) No

14) Is the popular faith in Lok Adalat is the result of the fact that Nyaya Panchayat at village level, and regular courts at different levels have badly failed to provide justice at cheaper rate?
   (a) Yes      (b) No

15) Has the disputants exhibited pleasure during the settlement of disputes by the Lok Adalat?
   (a) Yes      (b) No

16) In which category of cases the Lok Adalat has shown more encouraging performance?
   (a) Compensation Cases (b) Marriage Cases
   (c) Criminal Cases    (d) All of them

17) What steps do you suggest to make the Lok Adalat popular at the village level?
   (a) Effective Awareness campaign
   (b) Active participation of Panchayat members in the process of Lok Adalat
   (c) Holding of Lok Adalat at Panchayat Level
18) Do you agree that the functioning of Lok Adalat in Andhra Pradesh has really lessened the burden of regular courts and saved them to crumble because of massive pendency of cases before them?

(a) Yes  (b) No

19) At what stage cases are referred from the regular court to the Lok Adalat?

(a) At the filing stage  
(b) At the stage of initial learning  
(c) When the case is ready for final disposal after arguments

20) Please give your suggestions to improve the functioning of Lok Adalats in Kurnool District.

'Thanking you'