APPENDIX - D
A Study on Socio-Economic Conditions of Scheduled Castes under the Panchayat Raj Institutions in Bellary District of Karnataka

Questionnaire No. Date:

[Questionnaire for elected representatives and Government officials of Panchayat Raj Institutions in the study area]

1. Name of the respondent:
2. Name of the Village Panchayat:
3. Name of the Panchayat Union:
4. Name of the District:
5. Designation:
6. Age:
7. Sex:
8. Religion:
9. Community:
10. Educational Status:
11. Marital Status:
12. Occupation:
13. Annual Income:

Knowledge of Panchayat Raj System

1. Are you aware of the year of origin of Panchayat Raj in India? Yes / No
2. Are you aware of Balwant Rai Mehta Committee's initiative on Panchayat Raj System? Yes / No
3. Are you aware of the year of the implementation of the Panchayat Raj system in Karnataka? Yes / No
4. Are you aware of the Constitutional Provision of Panchayat Raj system? Yes / No
5. Are you aware of the Schedule and the subjects of Panchayat Raj Institutions? Yes / No
6. Are you aware of Article 40 of Panchayat Raj system?
7. What are the sources through which you are aware of Panchayat Raj system, Constitutional Provision, XI Schedule and Article 40?
Journals/Television/Radio/Training/Contact with Govt. Officials/Contact with Political leaders/Non-Governmental organisations.

8. Do you know the subjects entrusted to Panchayat Raj institutions?

Yes / No

9. If yes, mention the subjects entrusted to Panchayat Raj institutions?


10. Whether the copy of Panchayat Raj Act is given to the Panchayat Raj Institutions?

Yes / No

11. Have you ever read and discussed on the Act in the meetings?

Yes / No

12. If yes, whether the discussion on the Act is helpful?

Yes / No

13. If yes, in what way it is useful-specify in brief....


14. Do you understand Panchayat Raj Act of 1993?

Yes / No

15. If yes, what does the Panchayat Raj Act on 1993 provide to Rural Local self-government?


**Power and Resources of Functioning of Panchayat Raj Institutions?**

16. Whether the devolution of power, resources, decision making etc., as per the 73rd Amendment Act of 1993 is sufficient?

Devolution of power: Sufficient/Insufficient
Money Sanctioned: Sufficient/Insufficient
Independent decision-making: Given/Not given
Having responsibility of
implementing the schemes as instructed by the State Government: Yes/No

Government schemes based on needs of the people: Yes/No

17. If not, give your suggestions for devolution of power, resources, decision-making as per 73rd Constitutional Amendment?

18. Is there any difference of opinion among the Panchayat Raj officials in coordinating the functioning of the Panchayat Raj system effectively?

Yes/No

19. If yes, give your suggestions for coordinating functioning of Panchayat Raj system?

20. Do you feel that the Panchayat Raj institutions are functioning as Units of local self-government, permission required from government for decision making, responsibility of State Government and power to modify Government schemes to suit local conditions?

21. If no, specify the reasons?

22. Have you attended training programme?

Yes/No

23. If yes, mention the place and the period of training?

24. Do you find that the undergone training on Panchayati Raj system is useful?

Yes/No

25. If yes narrate the use
26. If no, state the reasons?

27. Do you think that training on Panchayat Raj system is given to the Secretaries of feeder organisations?
   Yes/No

28. If yes, how to say?

Needs Assessment and Fulfilment

29. Do you try to understand the expectations of the people?
   Yes/No

30. If yes, list out their expectations?

31. Are you able to fulfil people’s expectations through these welfare Schemes?
   Yes/No

32. If no, state the reasons?

Qualities of Leadership

33. Do you think that the leadership qualities are influencing the effective functioning of Panchayat Raj system
   Yes/No

34. If yes, how?

35. What are the factors determining leadership?

36. Whether the influence of religion, caste and politics affects the performance of Panchayat Raj Institutions?
   Yes/No

37. If yes give your suggestions to prevent this?

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38. Have you attended any leadership training programme?
   Yes/No
39. If yes, mention the training institutions?
   
   
40. Do you find that the undergone programme is useful or not?
    Yes/No
41. If yes how?
   
   
42. What are the methods/techniques adopted for becoming a leader?
   
   
**Reservation policy for Scheduled Castes**

43. Whether the reservation policy is required for Scheduled Castes?
   Yes/No
44. State the reasons if the reservation is not required for Scheduled Castes.
   
   
45. Do you think that the chances of winning election by a Scheduled Caste is possible with out reservation?
   Yes/No
46. If yes, explain.
   
   
47. If no, why?
   
   
48. Do you feel that the reservation policy helps to improve the socio-economic conditions and political life of the Scheduled Castes?
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49. If yes, state the nature of improvement.

Yes/No

50. Did you receive co-operation from other elected representatives and Government officials?

Yes/No

51. If no, specify the reasons.

Obstacles faced and Means of solving them

52. What are the obstacles that you faced while implementing the schemes and means of overcoming them?

Yes/No

53. Do you discuss with the Scheduled Castes about the programmes meant to them?

Yes/No

54. If yes, state the reasons for discussion?

55. If no, describe the reasons.

Participatory democracy in Panchayat Raj Institutions

56. Do you participate in the discussion related to planning/decision-making, programme implementation monitoring and evaluation?

Yes/No

57. If yes, explain the nature of participation.
58. Explain the level of participation by the Scheduled Caste related representatives in discussion, decision-making and implementation of schemes?

Low ( )  Moderate ( )  High ( )

59. Whether the Government officials have cordial/strained relations with the elected Panchayat Raj officials?

Cordial/Strained

60. If cordial, specify the nature of relations.

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61. If strained-state the reasons.

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62. Do you have any idea that the NGO's participation is useful and significant in Panchayati Raj institutions development programmes?

Yes/No

63. If yes, enlist the nature of participation.

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Opinion on the role of Gram Sabha/Village Panchayat/Taluka Panchayat/Zilla Panchayat by the elected representatives

64. Do the Gram Sabha/Village Panchayat/Taluka Panchayat/Zilla Panchayat members (Adult Voters) participate in Gram Sabha meetings?

Yes/No

65. If yes, state the nature of participation.

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66. Mention the percentage of the attendance of Gram Sabha/Village Panchayat/Taluka Panchayat/Zilla Panchayat Members.

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67. Specify the role of Gram Sabha/Village Panchayat/Taluka Panchayat/Zilla Panchayat members in Panchayati Raj system.

68. List out the nature of development programmes implemented after you assumed charge as the leader in Panchayat Raj institutions.

69. Give your valuable suggestions for effective, efficient and transparent functioning of Panchayat Raj system.