A SOCIO-LEGAL STUDY OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN INDIA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO FEMALE FOETICIDE AND INFANTICIDE IN THE STATE OF HARYANA

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE*

I. INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESPONDENT

a) Name
b) Age
c) Caste
d) Religion
e) Village/Town
f) Literacy
g) Language
h) Occupation Housewife/Service
i) Income
j) Age at marriage
k) Total number of children

II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAMILY

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<th>Family type (Joint/ Nuclear)</th>
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* The names and the information provided herein will be kept strictly confidential and the information will be used only for analysis purposes for the research work – Shipra Kaushal.
### III  DETAIL OF LIVING CHILDREN

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### IV.  FERTILITY HISTORY

1. Have you ever gone for sex determination during any pregnancy?  
   Yes/No
2. Who accompanied you for ultrasonography? _________________________
3. Have you ever gone for abortion?  
   Yes/No
4. If yes, in which month.  
   ______
5. If yes, for what reasons :
   (a) Miscarriage
   (b) Family pressure
   (c) Contraceptive failure
   (d) Any other.
6. Number of abortions you have undergone. ________ nos.
### IV. POST NATAL HISTORY OF ALL LIVE BORN CHILDREN

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<th>Sex</th>
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V. FAMILY PLANNING

a) Are you aware of the family planning methods to control your family size? Yes/No

b) Do you and your spouse use any family planning method? Yes/No If Yes, then
   - Intra uterine device
   - Oral pills
   - Condom
   - Withdrawl
   - Abstinence
   - Sterilization

VI. GENERAL VIEWS AND PREFERENCES ABOUT MALES AND FEMALES

a) Do you and your husband have the desire for having more children? If yes, which sex
   Male or Female ________________

b) Who has the say in matters of children in the family?
   Husband/Mother-in-law/Father-in-law/own parents/brother/sister/ social and peer pressure/Any other family member

c) How do you evaluate the status of girls versus boys in the society?
   (i) Less    (ii) Equal    (iii) More
d) What do you think are the factors for son preference -

(i) Vansh
(ii) Inheritance of property
(iii) Social/family status
(iv) Old age support
(v) Family dominance
(vi) Status of mother
(vii) Earning hand
(viii) Religious necessity
(ix) Brings in dowry
(x) Any other.

e) What do you think are the reasons for not wanting daughters -

(i) Huge dowry
(ii) Heavy wedding expenses
(iii) Lack of safety
(iv) Violence against women
(v) Ill treatment
(vi) Pampering at son's birth (mother)
(vii) Girls leave home (Paraya dhan)

f) Gender equality perceptions

(i) Do you think that both the boys and the girls -
    - Be given equal education
- Need equal food
- Be given equal health care
- Can be assigned same duties
- Be given same freedom
- Be given equal time to play
- Can perform all tasks equally well

(ii) Do you think that the males and females-
- Can have similar occupations
- Have same intelligence and abilities
- Should get equal wages for equal work

(iii) Do you think-
- Husband and wife should take all decisions jointly
- Household work must be shared by all members of the household
- Family assets should be jointly owned by husband and wife
- Girls should receive equal share in family property

VII. AWARENESS ABOUT THE LAWS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

- Are you aware of the abortions laws? Yes/No
- Do you know female foeticide is a crime? Yes/No
- Are you aware of the grounds of seeking abortion under Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971? Yes/No
- Are you aware of the pre-natal diagnostic techniques that make it possible to know sex of the foetus? Yes/No
- Are you aware of the pre-conception methods to opt the desired sex of the foetus. Yes/No
- Are you aware that PNDT Act bans both the pre-conception and pre-natal diagnostic techniques for the purpose of sex-selection and sex determination? Yes/No
- Can you get to know the sex of the child through ultrasound? Yes/No
- Have you undergone any such test? Yes/No
- Do you know of anyone convicted for such an act? Yes/No
- Where did you come to know about these laws?
- Are you aware of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961? Yes/No
- Are you aware that the child marriage is banned under Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 and is punishable under law? Yes/No

VIII. AWARENESS ABOUT DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
- Integrated Rural Development Programme
- Development of Women and Children in Rural Area.
- Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment.
- Jawahar Rozgar Yojana.
- Mahila Cooperative Development Bank
- Girl to girl approach.
- Balika Mandal.
- Ladli.
- Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Vivah Shagun Yojana.