Appendix 7

Adolescent interview

This interview tries to gain a greater insight into the areas that are crucial for you:

Emotional

1. Who are the people who are "most" important to you (people who have had the greatest effect on you)?

2. What is it about these people that make them the most important to you?

3. Are there people whom you sometimes don't get along with? People who may sometimes make things hard for you (you may disagree or be in conflict with these people)?

4. What do you think causes the conflict or disagreements?

5. Every one of us goes through emotional ups and downs in our daily lives. What are some of the worries, tensions, and daily hassles that you might have experienced?

6. When you are upset or worried about other things do you have anyone on your list with whom you can talk to?
   Yes [ ]  No [ ]

7. If yes, who?
   Name  Relationship
   ___________________  ___________________
   ___________________  ___________________
   ___________________  ___________________
8. Do you ever have disagreements with your mother/father? About what?

9. When you disagree with your mother/father, what do you do about it? Do you express it? Do you let her/him know that you disagree?

10. Do you ever argue? If yes, describe?

11. Would you like to have more time with your mother/father or less?
   Yes [ ] No [ ]

12. If so, why does it not happen?

13. Are you happy with your relationship with your mother/father? What do you get that you value? Are there things that you would want to change if you could?

14. Has the relationship that you share with your mother/father changed after your mother/father became a single parent?

15. Let's talk a little more about your personality traits: How would you describe yourself as a person (Give cues if necessary: outgoing, shy; friendly, reserved; extrovert, introvert)?

16. Have you felt a noticeable change in your personality after the demise/separation of your mother/father? Elaborate?
17. Who are the relatives with whom you are in contact from time to time?

18. Among your relatives who do you turn to for advice, information, help?

19. We now have a few questions regarding the relationship that you share with siblings (brothers/sisters). How do you get along with your brothers and sisters?

20. Are there special things that you do with them? Describe.

21. How often do you have conflicts with them?
   - More than once a week  
   - Once a week  
   - Once a month  
   - Rarely

22. How do they get resolved?

23. Have you noticed a change in the relationship that you share with your siblings after the demise/separation of your mother/father? Elaborate.

24. Who is the more dominating sibling in your family? Why?

25. Another area that we are interested in understanding is whether you feel that your household responsibilities have increased after the demise/separation of your mother/father? Elaborate.

**Academic and vocational aspirations**

26. Are you satisfied with the academic progress that you are making at your school/college (Or were satisfied when you were in school)?
27. Do you ever feel pressure for academic excellence (Or felt when you were in school)?
   Yes [ ] No [ ]

28. Is there any specific area that you face academic problems in? (Or faced when you were in school)? Elaborate.

29. What were the main reasons for your dropping out of school (skip question if not applicable)?

30. What are the main areas that you have interests in? Are you able to fulfill your interests?

31. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future? Why?

32. What aspirations do you have for your future?

33. Do you think it is likely that you will achieve your goals? Why or why not?

34. Do you feel that your academic training will assist you in finding your chosen vocation?

35. Is India going to be the place where you can live the life you want?

Friends
36. How much time do you spend with your friends?

37. What activities do you do with your friends?
38. Given a choice between spending time with your friends or your family, which would you choose? Why?

39. Do you find it easy to make new friends?

40. Do you prefer meeting your friends at a your/their residence or outside? Why?

41. Do you ever feel any kind of restrictions from your parent regarding the choice of friends, particularly with the opposite sex?

42. How easy is it for you to interact with opposite sex friends?

43. Do you have a boy/girl friend? Since when?

44. How much time do you spend together?

45. Social relationships
   The following statements will help us gain a greater insight into the social relationships that you share with people. Below are listed a few traits. Please tell us who does and does not have these traits. This might be your parent, sister, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends, anyone you spend time with.
   (i) Is fun to be with. (Who most? who least? Explain)
   (ii) Listens to me. Is sensitive to me?
   (iii) Relates to me as an equal
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