ANNEXURE – V

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE:
TEA-GARDEN WOMEN LABOUR OF SONITPUR, ASSAM (1983-2008)

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name: ________________________________________________________________
2. Age: _________________________________________________________________
3. Gender: Male/Female
4. Signature/Left thumb impression_________________________________________
5. Nationality: __________________________________________________________
6. Place of origin: _________________________________________________________
7. How have you come? _____________________________________________________
8. On contract basis? ______________________________________________________
9. What was the name of contractor? _________________________________________
10. Do you remember any stories related to your journey to Assam? If yes, narrates the story _____________________________________________________________

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11. Do you remember any stories related by your parents or grandparents about their journey to Assam? If yes, narrates the story _____________________________________________________________

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12. Marital status: Married/Unmarried/Divorced/Separated/Widow/other
13. Highest level of education: Illiterate/Primary/middle/HSLC/HS/ graduation and above.
14. Household size (total number of family members): _________________________
15. Do you possess any land/ personal property? _______________________________
16. Name of tea garden where employed: ______________________________________

17. Facilities provided by Tea Estate authority: ___________________________________

18. Tasks assigned to you: ______________________________________________________

19. Working hours in the Tea Estate: _____________________________________________

B. PHYSICAL SURROUNDINGS

1. Household Characteristics
   I) Roof of dwelling unit:
      a) Thatch/Grass b) Tarpaulin/Plastic c) Wooden D) Tin
      E) Cement
   II) Floor:
      a) Earthen b) Bricks c) Cement
   III) Sanitations:
      a) Open Defecation b) Toilet in residence
   IV) Water:
      a) Pipe line in yard b) Hand pump in yard
      c) Public taps d) Well water

2. Health Status

C. ECONOMIC INFORMATION

1. Daily wage _________________________________________________________________

2. Service Terms ____________________________________________________________

3. Remuneration and Benefits _______________________________________________

4. Retirement and other amenities___________________________________________

5. What amount of rice/ wheat (kg/month) do you get?
   a) 25 kg b) 25 kg to 35 kg c) Less than 25 kg
   d) Nothing
6. Are you getting rice/wheat timely?
   a) Monthly   b) In every 2 months
   c) Irregularly   d) In every 6 months

7. If no, What are the reasons according to you?
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

8. Electricity Consumption

9. Payment of any tax?

10. Subsistence or household garden (Veg/poultry/cattle rearing etc)?

11. Any other means of subsistence (selling of poultry/eggs/shops etc.)?

12. Whose income is more in the family?
   a) Male   b) Female

13. Who controls the income?

14. Does your husband drink or do drugs?

15. Very often women are beaten up by alcoholic spouses to get out the money earned by the women. In such cases, where do they hide the money?

16. Any savings per month?

17. Status of children in a Household
   A) Working children and not attending any school/literacy classes
   B) Children not working as well as not attending any classes
   C) Children attending school

18. Are you satisfied with your income?
D. POLITICAL INFORMATION

1. Do you cast vote_____________________________________________

2. Do you have BPL card? Yes/No

3. Have you got anything from government?

4. Do you have any role in Trade Unions?

E. SOCIO-CULTURAL INFORMATION

1. Religion: _______________________________________________________

2. Caste __________________________________________________________

3. Role in religious rituals __________________________________________

4. Dress and food habits

5. What are social welfare measures undertaken by Tea Estate Authority?

6. Is Alcoholism/ drugs a problem?

7. If yes, what steps are taken?

8. What do they do in the hours when not at work. Narrate a day in your daily life.

9. What is the type of family?
   a) Nuclear       b) Joint

10. Who plays an important role in decision making in the family
    a) Male       b) Female

11. Whose birth is most favored in the family?
    a) Son       b) Daughter      c) Both

12. Who performs the following activities in the family?
    i) Cooking and kitchen activities:
        a) Husband b) Wife c) Both
ii) Washing clothes and utensils:
   a) Male b) Female c) Both

iii) Collecting firewood and carrying water:
   a) Husband b) Wife c) Both

13. Who looks after the children?
14. Who looks after the old parents?
15. When family members fall sick, who does the nursing?
16. What about medicine? Do they go to dispensaries or they rely on traditional medicine?
17. Traditional medicine is given by men or women?
18. Do they have any say in reproduction?
19. Do they have midwives?
20. What are their hobbies? Like singing, writing, tailoring, weaving etc.
21. Do you have television? If not, do you go to your neighbour’s house to see movies or serials?
22. Do they wear tattoos? If so, what do they symbolize?
23. Are you mentally satisfied with your life?
24. If no, what are the reasons according to you?
25. What kind of life do you envisage?

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