Appendix I

INTERVIEW INFORMATION FORM FOR THE TOPIC
ON THE MEMBA OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH: A
HISTORICAL STUDY (Upto 1947)

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Appendix II

QUESTIONAIRES FOR THE TOPIC ON THE MEMBA OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH: A HISTORICAL STUDY (Upto 1947) ON THE FOLLOWING CONTENTS

QUESTIONAIRES

1. Do you know about the meaning of the nomenclature Memba?

2. Is there any similarity between the Memba of Tuting and the Memba of Menchuka?

3. Do you know anything about the origin and migration of the Memba in Menchuka Valley? If yes, then please narrate the information you know. Or is there any myth of the origin of Memba?

4. Who was Lama Lorde Gyatso?

5. What was the main reason for the migration of Memba into Menchuka?

6. Do you have any member of your community in Tibet?

7. How many villages were there in Menchuka before 1947? Name them.

8. What type of dresses and ornaments are worn by the Membas?

9. Do you know anything about the genealogy of any clan of your community?

10. What are the materials used by the Memba for construction of their houses?

11. What are the different forms of marriage system practiced by the Memba?

12. Is there any education system existed in Menchuka before 1947?

13. Do Memba have their own script to write and read? How many people can write and read it in present day?

14. What was the condition of women during those days?

15. How Memba cremates the dead body?
16. What are the different types of amusement followed by Memba?

17. How many types of song are sang by Memba? If know any of this song then kindly sing it for recording and explain the meaning.

18. What was political condition of Menchuka before 1947 A.D.?

19. Do Memba have any political relation with Tibet or India during those days?

20. Do Memba have any organised administrative system? If yes then what do you know about the administrative system?

21. Have you ever heard or listen the word Deb? If so, from where and from whom?

22. What was the Deb system and their power and function?

23. Whether Deb was appointed for certain term of year? If so, then for how many year? Can you tell me the numbers and names of the Deb administrated in Menchuka?

24. Have you ever heard or listen the word Chim? If so, from where and from whom?

25. What were the Chim System and their power and function?

26. Whether the Deb and Chim were paid any salary or perk and allowances by the Tibetan authority?

27. Do Memba have any organised revenue system? If yes, then what was the most important feature of their revenue system?

28. What was the most important feature of legal system of Memba? What are the various method of dispensing justice?

29. Do you have any document in relation to political activity of Memba? If so, then please translate me what is written in the document?

30. What was the Memba attitude towards their neighbouring tribes?
31. What was the reason for occurrence of Memba-Ramo conflict in early 19th century A.D.?

32. Why the slaughter of Deb Tamden by Pailibo regarded as one of the most decisive event of Memba history?

33. What was the economic system followed by the Memba during those days?

34. How many types of agricultural method do Memba follow?

35. Besides agriculture, what are the other alternatives sources of subsistence?

36. Do Memba practice slave trade during those days? If yes, then what was the most important feature of slave trade in Memba? And what were the status of the slave and their position in a Memba society?

37. Do Memba follow any regular trade route? If yes, then from where?

38. Do you know about the various items they used for trade? What are the mediums of exchange they follow while doing trade?

39. What are the factors responsible for the ruin of Memba trade relation with Tibet after 1951?

40. Tell me something about the inheritance system prevailing among the Memba. Do women have also equal right in inheritance of property?

41. How Buddhism became religion of Memba community and from where it came?

42. What was the significance of the introduction of Buddhism among the Memba?

43. Before the introduction of Buddhism, what was the religion or belief followed by the Memba?

44. What was the *Lama* system and what major role it play in the Memba society?
45. What was most important feature of Lamas of Memba from which it can be differentiate from the other Lama institution of the state?

46. Besides worshipping Buddha, do they worship other gods and deity?

47. Which is the oldest Gomp in Menchuka and tell me something about the history of the Gomp in Menchuka?

48. What are various type of Mani used by the Memba for chanting or remembering Buddhist gods?

49. Do you know about the meaning of Chorten? Was was the important significances for the construction of Chorten?

50. What are the various types of prayer flags used by Memba in Menchuka?

51. How many pilgrimage places are there in Menchuka and the belief associate with it?

52. Beside visiting pilgrimages in Menchuka, do they also visit pilgrimage outside Menchuka? If so, where are these pilgrimage is located?

53. What are the various musical instrument used by the Lama while performing rituals?

54. What are the religious festivals celebrated by the Memba?

55. What are the various ritual practice by Memba?

56. Do Memba practice sacrificial ritual?

57. What are the important object they use while performing ritual and their significance?