INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

INSTRUCTIONS

Enclosed here are few questions about your views on the Role of Women Legislators of Orissa Legislative Assembly. With most of the questions you will find several alternatives such as: a,b,c,d, etc. Please put a tick (✓) mark on the right side of the alternative which applies to you and when you are asked to record your opinion, please record it briefly in the specified space. The responses will be kept absolutely confidential and will be used for academic purpose only. So your sincere cooperation is solicited.

Research Project for Ph.D. Degree : Role of Women Legislators of Orissa Legislative Assembly.

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1. Can you recollect and tell me at what age had you first been aware of politics?
   a) 6 - 14
   b) 15 - 20
   c) 21 - 30
   d) 31 - 50
   e) 51 and above.

2. How did you become aware of politics?
   a) Through your family members
   b) By participating in discussion in the friend circle/Community Club/Peer Group
   c) Through school education
   d) By Mass Media: Radio, Newspapers/Magazine
   e) Through political participation/Freedom struggle, etc.
   f) By the influence of State/National leaders
   g) Personal Inclination
   h) Any other, please specify.

3. Can you tell me as to how were you related to the following political objects during these years of your life?
   a) Discussion of political topics at home
   b) Discussion of political topics in Peer Groups
   c) Discussion of political topics in the school with teachers
   d) Reading newspapers/magazines
e) Listening to Radio News Bulletins
f) Attendance in Public meetings
g) Working as Social Worker
h) Working as political worker.

4. Did you have any pre-legislative experience before your entry into the State Legislature?
   a) Yes
   b) No

5. Will you please indicate whether you were a member or Office bearer of any of the following organizations before you contested in the elections for the Assembly?

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6. Will you please say as to what extent did you rely on the following for mobilisation of voters in elections?
   a) Women Population: To a great Extent To some Extent Not at all
   b) Caste
c) Family/relations
d) Students
e) State leaders
f) Political Parties.

7. Will you please describe the circumstances which led to your becoming, for the first time, a candidate in the election to the State Legislative Assembly?

8. Why did you become interested in legislative politics?
   a) To bring about socio-political reforms, and necessary changes in the political system, and to root-out corruption and eradicate injustice from the political, economic, and social spheres.
   b) To protect and promote the interests of the people
c) To bring about economic development for all-round improvement of the people and, thus, be in service of the people
d) For your own livelihood and gains
e) For your own enjoyment, glory and gratification
f) As a result of the desire of your husband or other near relations
g) To keep yourself occupied and to pass time
h) Any other, please specify.
9. Will you please specify your orientation to service?
   a) To serve the needs and interests of your constituents
   b) To serve the interests of your own caste
   c) To serve the interests of your own religion
   d) To represent and serve the issues and interests of the women
   e) To serve the interests of the people of the State in general
   f) Any other, please specify.

10. Are you interested to run for election to the Assembly in future?
    a) Yes
    b) No
    (If your answer to this question is 'No', please answer the next question:-)

11. You are not willing to continue in the State Legislature because
    a) Politics has become corrupt
    b) You have no personal gain
    c) You were not able to achieve any socio-economic objective
    d) Age factor
    e) Family disinterestedness
    f) Any other, please specify.
12. Is the Legislator's job a whole-time one?
   a) Whole time
   b) Part time

13. How do you define your job of a legislator in the law-making process of the Legislature?
   a) To strictly follow the plethora of rituals of floor debate and the procedural rules of law-making
   b) To articulate and defend the popular demands, and people's interests.
   c) To formulate public welfare policies
   d) To integrate the conflicting interests
   e) Any other, please specify.

14. Which one of the following statements comes closest to describe how a legislator should act when making decisions on legislative matters?
   a) The legislator should make his/her own decisions as a 'free agent' in accordance with his/her own convictions and judgement even if a lot of people disagree
   b) The legislator ought to make up his/her mind upon the basis of what the people went even if he disagrees
   c) The legislator should find a compromise between his/her own enlightened judgement and instructions of his/her clientele, or rely on any one of these at a time depending on the situation one faces for making up his/her mind.
   d) Any other, please specify.
15. Which one of these would you rate as the most important in leading you to see and act upon a particular problem in the Legislature?
   a) Interests of your electoral constituency
   b) General interests of the State
   c) Interests of both the State and your constituency
   d) Any other, please specify.

16. Do you think yourself as having an Ombudsmanic role in relation to your constituents?
   a) Yes
   b) No

17. As a representative of your people, what types of requests or demands do you receive from your constituents?

18. What steps do you take to solve the problems brought to you by your constituents?

19. What do you think your constituents want you to do about their grievances?
   a) A legislator may be loyal to his/her party, but not at the cost of his/her constituents' interests.
   b) A legislator should only explain and justify to the people the policies and programmes approved by the Legislature
   c) A legislator should hold regular constituency surgeries
   d) A legislator should not interfere in the working of the government offices
e) A legislator should intervene in the government offices if his/her constituents express grievances about those offices.

f) A legislator should engage only in legislative business.

g) A legislator should work both in and outside the Legislature for the redress of his/her constituents' grievances.

20. Do you get any special request from the womenfolk to support their cause?

a) Yes

b) No

21. What kinds of requests do you get from the women?

22. What have you done in the Legislature to promote women's rights and progress?

a) Sponsor a Bill

b) Work for your solution in Committee

c) Speak for your solution on the floor

d) Offer any amendment for favouring your solution

e) Try to convince other members in private

f) Seek support outside the Legislature

g) Any other thing, specify

h) Nothing.

23. What steps have you taken towards the promotion of the women's interest?

a) Articulating and integrating women's issues and demands leading them to suitable solutions.
b) Mobilisation of the womenfolk for liberating them from social torture and injustice

c) Growth/furtherance of women education

d) Formation and/or effective functioning of women's organisations and associations

e) Promoting women's participation in politics

2) Any other, please specify

3) Nothing at all.

24. Do you perceive yourself specifically representing women's interests and women's cause?

a) Yes

b) No

25. How would you behave?

a) If a bill comes from the Opposition bench in context to women's rights and progress -

i) Support it

ii) Oppose it

iii) Abstain from voting

iv) Don't know

b) If a bill containing women's interests is found to be opposed to the interests of your constituents -

i) Support it

ii) Oppose it

iii) Abstain from voting

iv) Don't know.

26. What do you think about the following?

a) There should be reservation of seats in Orissa Legislative Assembly for women:

i) Yes

ii) No
b) Orissa Legislative Assembly does not represent all sections of citizens very well: -  i) Yes
   ii) No

c) There should be reservation of an adequate number of organizational posts for women in political parties: -  i) Yes
   ii) No.

d) There should be reservation of a definite percentage of candidates political parties sponsor in elections to the Legislature: -  i) Yes
   ii) No.

e) There should be reservation of a fixed number of posts for women in the State Cabinet: -  i) Yes
   ii) No.

27. Do you take the advice of your husband and/or any other member of your family in taking a decision with regard to an issue in the Legislature?
   a) Yes
   b) No.

28. Retrenchment of women from jobs should be made only when there are serious reasons for it:  
   a) Yes
   b) No.

29. Do you feel the necessity of more stringent laws to deal with the problem of inequality in wage paid to women workers for similar works for which men workers are paid more?
   a) Yes
   b) No.
30. what, in your opinion, would be the suitable measure for dealing with the Dowry problem?
   a) Making more stringent laws
   b) Raising the women's economic status to secure to them economic independence
   c) Mobilising public opinion against the practice

31. Do you feel the urgency of bringing all citizens of India under one uniform civil code?
   a) Yes
   b) No

32. Don't you feel that a woman should have equal rights over family assets?
   a) Yes
   b) No

33. Should not women enjoy equal rights over family fund?
   a) Yes
   b) No

34. For how many days, in your considered opinion, the State Legislature should meet in Session, annually?
   a) At least for about 100 days
   b) More than 100 days, but less than 150 days
   c) No need of increasing the annual meeting days more than the present

35. Bills do not sufficiently represent women's interest -
   a) Yes
   b) No
36. The State Legislature is a forum for converting the divergent interests into public policies -
   a) Yes
   b) No

37. What in your opinion should be the best way to face a formidable opponent in the Legislature?
   a) Aggressive attitude
   b) Compromising attitude
   C) Evasive attitude
   d) Don't know

38. Do you believe in pursuing your opposition to your opponents in the legislature beyond the limits of the rules which preserve the decency and decorum of the House?
   a) Yes
   b) No.

39. Do you feel the necessity of an increase in the salary and allowances you receive at present?
   a) Yes
   b) No

40. What do you think about it - The Government officer must comply with the demands of the people's representatives:
   a) Only when compliance of the demands is consistent with the official rules and procedures
   b) Even when compliance of the demands is inconsistent with the official rules and procedures.
41. To which party do you belong? Please specify:

42. Did your father register to any political party?
   a) Yes
   b) No
   If 'Yes' please specify the party.

43. Has your father been elected to:
   a) Local body
   b) State Assembly
   c) Parliament
   d) No public body
   e) Any other.

44. What is your father's education?
   a) No education at all
   b) Primary
   c) Secondary
   d) University
   e) Technical.

45. What is your father's job?
   a) Landless labourer
   b) Agriculturist
   c) Government Service
   d) Private occupation
   e) Business
   f) Industrial worker
   g) Industrialist
   h) Any other
46. What is your father's income per month?
   a) Below Rs. 300/-
   b) Between Rs. 300/- to Rs. 500/-
   c) Between Rs. 500/- to Rs. 1000/-
   d) Between Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 1500/-
   e) Above Rs. 1500/-

47. Did your mother register to any political party?
   a) Yes
   b) No.
   If 'Yes' please specify the party.

48. Has your mother been elected to -
   a) Local body
   b) State Assembly
   c) Parliament
   d) No public body
   e) Any other.

49. What is your mother's education?
   a) No education at all
   b) Primary
   c) Secondary
   d) University
   e) Technical

50. Has your mother held any job?
   a) Yes
   b) No.
   If 'Yes' please specify.

51. What is your mother's income per month?
   a) Below Rs. 300/-
   b) Between Rs. 300/- to Rs. 500/-
   c) Between Rs. 500/- to Rs. 1000/-
d) Between Rs. 1000/- - Rs. 1500/-
e) Above Rs. 1500/-
f) No income at all.

52. Has your husband registered to any political party?
   a) Yes
   b) No
   If 'Yes' please specify the party.

53. Has your husband been elected to -
   a) Local body
   b) State Assembly
   c) National Parliament
   d) No public body
   e) Any other.

54. What is your husband's education?
   a) No education at all
   b) Primary
   c) Secondary
   d) University
   e) Technical.

55. What is your husband's job?
   a) Landless labourer
   b) Agriculturist
   c) Government service
   d) Private occupation
   e) Business
   f) Industrial Worker
   g) Industrialist
   h) Any other.

56. What is the income of your husband?
   a) Below Rs. 300/-
   b) Between Rs. 300/- - Rs. 500/-
57. What is your education?
   a) Primary
   b) Secondary
   c) University
   d) Technical
   e) No education at all.

58. What was your occupation before entering to politics?
   Please specify.

59. What is your birth place?
   a) Rural area
   b) Urban area

   Where have you grown up?
   a) Rural area
   b) Urban area
   c) Some period in rural area
   d) Some period in urban area

60. What is your marital status?
   a) Married
   b) Unmarried
   c) Divorced
   d) Widow

61. What is your hobby apart from politics, please specify.

Name:
Address: