Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University  
Department of Applied Research  

A Study on Inter-group Relations  
Among the Scheduled Castes in Dindigul District  

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE  

I. Basic Data  

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<th>Village:</th>
<th>Block:</th>
<th>Sample No.</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Name of the Respondent</td>
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<td>Community</td>
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<td>Pallar/Paraiyar/Sakkiliar</td>
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<td>Occupation</td>
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<td>Main</td>
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<td>Subsidy :</td>
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<td>House: Type</td>
<td>:</td>
<td>Kutcha / Pucca / Hut</td>
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<td>Roofing Pattern</td>
<td>:</td>
<td>Thatched / Tiled / Concrete</td>
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<td>Electrification</td>
<td>:</td>
<td>Electrified / Not Electrified / one bulb</td>
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<td>13.</td>
<td>Type of family</td>
<td>:</td>
<td>Nuclear / Joint</td>
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14. Family Particulars

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<th>SL No.</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Relation to head</th>
<th>Sex</th>
<th>Age</th>
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<th>Marital Status</th>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>Income</th>
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15. Total No. of family members : 
16. Annual Family Income : 
17. Debts (if any) : 
18. Savings (if any) : 
19. Assets-
   - Land : 
   - House : 
   - Jewels : 
   - Cattle : 
   - Vehicles : 
   - Others : 

II. Social Relations

20. Do you visit the house of the other SC groups? Yes/No

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<th>Visits</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Treatment</th>
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21. Do you use to invite the members of the other SC groups to your family functions? Yes/No

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<th>SC groups invited</th>
<th>Functions (Occasions)</th>
<th>If not (reasons)</th>
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22. Do the members of the other SC groups invite you to their family functions? Yes / No
23. Please state the reasons.
24. Do you attend the family functions of the other SC groups? Yes/No
25. If 'Yes' what type of functions?
26. If 'yes' what is the nature / type of participation?
27. If do not attend, why?
28. Do you share the family matters with the members of the other SC groups? Yes/No
29. If 'Yes' what type of matters?
30. If 'No' Why?
31. Do you allow your children to play with the children of other SC groups? Yes/No
32. If 'Yes' please explain.
33. Have you faced any problem outside the village from the other group members? Yes/No
34. If 'Yes' please explain

III. Commensal Relations

35. Do you exchange food with the families of other SC groups? Yes/No

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<th>Community</th>
<th>Type of food</th>
<th>Occasion</th>
<th>If no reason</th>
<th>Food taken by you</th>
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IV. Marital Relations

36. What is your opinion about inter-group marriage?

37. Whether any inter-group marriage has occurred?  Yes/No

38. If ‘Yes’ describe the circumstances that led to inter-group marriage

39. Please state the nature of the inter-group marriages?  
   Spontaneous / Arranged

40. If 'No' why ?

41. Reaction about inter-group marriages.

   from you...  
   form your family...  
   from your group members...

42. Have you had any marriage relationship with the member of the other SC groups?  Yes/No

43. If 'Yes' please give details

44. Do you like to have marriage alliance with the families of the other SC groups in future?  Yes/No

45. Please state the reasons

46. Do you favour inter-group marriage?  Yes/No

47. If 'Yes' reasons

48. If 'No' why?

49. If any of your family members like to have inter-group marriage, what will be your reaction ?
V. Celebrations

50. State the celebrations of your family.

51. Do you have a common temple or separate temple for each group?

   Common temple / separate temple

52. If separate temple, will you be allowed to enter the temple of the other SC groups? Yes/No

53. If 'No' why?

54. If you have a common temple for all the three SC groups, will the festival be a combined one? Yes/No

55. If combined festival which group takes the initiative/lead role?

56. What is the contribution of each group?

57. Is the contribution by all the families of the three groups equal? Yes/No

58. Give details

59. What is the role of each group members in the celebration?

60. Have you ever faced any problem in celebrating the village festival along with the other SC groups? Yes/No

61. If ‘Yes’ what was the problem?

62. How was it solved?

63. Do you celebrate the village functions along with the families of the other SC groups? Yes/No

64. If 'Yes' what type of functions?

65. If 'No' why?
VI. Occupational Relations

66. Do you help each other in finding employment opportunities? Yes/No

67. If 'Yes' describe.

68. If 'No' why?

69. Do you work in a common workspot? Yes/No

70. In the workspot who/which group member takes the lead role in
   a. Supervision
   b. Wage distribution
   c. Negotiation with employer
   d. Other (specify)

71. What type of occupational relations you maintain with the members of the other SC groups?

72. Whether it affects your work or income?

VII. Financial Relations

73. In case of need, do you use to borrow money from the members of the other SC groups? Yes/No

74. If 'Yes' will they lend money without any hesitation? Yes/No

75. If do not borrow, why?

76. If any needy member from other SC groups approach you for financial help, will you lend money to them? Yes/No

77. If 'yes' will you collect interest or lend interest free?

78. Do you lend money by accepting mortugage or not?

79. If do not lend what is the reason?
VIII. Use of Public Amenities

80. Do you share the common tap for taking water along with the other SC groups? Yes/No

81. If 'No' why?

82. Do you take tea/coffee in a common tea shop? Yes/No

83. If 'No' why?

84. Whether there is the practice of separate tumbler for SC groups?

85. Whether the following facilities are available exclusively for each group or available common?
   - Temple
   - Burial ground
   - Drinking Water Facility
   - Tea shop/Hotel
   - Others (Specify)

86. Was there any problem in using the above amenities among the members of these SC groups? Yes/No

87. If 'Yes' what was the problem?

88. How was it solved?

89. Do you think the common use of the above facilities will help to maintain/improve the good relation among the SC groups? Yes/No

90. Please explain your answer
IX. Change in Relationships

91. What type of relationship you had with the members of the other two SC groups in the past?

92. What are the reasons for such a relationship?

93. What type of relationship you have with members of other groups at present?

94. Mention the change in the relationship compared to the past?

95. Give the reason?

X. Unity and Inter group conflict

96. Type of relationship exists between the SC groups?

97. Do you think all these three group maintain unity among them? Yes/No

98. Give details regarding inter-group conflict that occurred in this village?

99. How was it solved?

100. Do you feel the three SC groups must come together for a better future?

Yes/No

101. If ’Yes’ how would it help?

102. If ’No' why?

103. Do you think it is possible to bring together all these three SC groups?

Yes/No

104. If ’Yes' how?

105. If ’No' why?

106. Do you join together to fight against the social harassment? Yes/No

107. If ’Yes' please explain?
108. If 'No' why?

109. What is the role to be played by the following to bring unity among these SC groups?
   
   Caste leader
   Group members
   Youths
   Politicians
   Teacher
   Women associations
   NGO
   Govt.
   other (specify)

110. What are your suggestions to improve the relationship between these three groups?

111. Do you feel the three SC groups enjoy the same, equal social status?
       Yes/No

112. Please state the reasons for your answer.

113. Please explain the social/hierarchical status of each group?

114. What is your position in the SC groups? Yes/No

115. Each group claims its superiority. What is the reason for such claim?

116. Are you aware of the Govt. programmes implemented for the welfare of the SC? Yes/No

117. If 'Yes' have you availed as the benefited any programme? Yes/No

118. Please explain?
119. Which group of the SC has availed more benefit of the Government programme?

120. Please explain the reason for your answer?

121. Do you join hands with the members of the other the SC groups to get the benefits of the govt, programmes? Yes / No

122. If ‘No’ why?

123. Which group is well of among to three groups?
   - economically
   - educationally
   - social status
   - employment oriented
   - others (specify)

124. Please state the reasons

XL Associations

125. Is there any association in your village? Yes/No

126. What type of association-
   - Political
   - Village Organisation
   - Welfare / Fans association

127. Is there a caste association in your village? Yes/No

128. If ‘yes’ are you a member?

129. What is your position in the association?
130. Membership in other levels -
   District
   Block
   Panchayat

131. Is there any village association (youth club, Mahalir Mandram, etc.) in your village? Yes/No

132. Whether the members of all the three SC groups have enrolled as member in such organisations?

133. If 'yes' please give details?

134. If 'no' why?

135. Which group members or more in number in those organisations?.

136. Whether the organisation has taken any steps to bring these three SC groups together? Yes/No

137. What are your suggestions to improve the relationship between these three groups?