Interview Schedule

I Personal Data:
1. Name of the Gram Panchayath Member: ________________
2. Age
   [ ] Less that 20 years
   [ ] 21-30 years
   [ ] 31-40 years
   [ ] 41-50 years
   [ ] 51 & above
3. Marital Status
   [ ] Single
   [ ] Married
   [ ] Divorced
   [ ] Widow
   [ ] Separated
   [ ] Any other
4. Level of Education
   [ ] Illiterate
   [ ] Primary
   [ ] Middle
   [ ] High School
   [ ] College
   [ ] Post Graduate
   [ ] Professional Education
5. Which place originally you belong to
   [ ] Village ________________
   [ ] Taluka ________________
   [ ] District ________________
   [ ] Not applicable __________
6. State the distance of the place from where you have come
   [ ] Less that 25 Kms
   [ ] 26-50
   [ ] 51-75
   [ ] 76-100
   [ ] Over 100 Kms
   [ ] Not applicable
7. State the reason of migration
to this village
[ ] Moved with family
[ ] Due to marriage
[ ] Due to work
[ ] Any other ___ Pl. sp
[ ] Not applicable

8. Total length of residence in this place
   Less than 5 years
   [ ] 6-10
   [ ] 11-20
   [ ] 21-30
   [ ] 30-50
   [ ] More than 20

9. To which Sub-Caste do you belong?
   [ ] Madar
   [ ] Holer / Chalawadi
   [ ] Dohara
   [ ] Samagar
   [ ] Waddar / Bhovi
   [ ] Lamabani
   [ ] Bhajantri
   [ ] Dasara
   [ ] Harijan

10. If Harijan, Please Specify
    Your sub caste ______
    [ ] House wife
    [ ] Teacher
    [ ] Doctor / Engineer
    [ ] Clerical job
    [ ] Nurse
    [ ] Lawyer
    [ ] Social Worker
    [ ] Agriculture
    [ ] Landless Agriculture
        labour
    [ ] Any other

11. What is the occupation of your husband (parents in case unmarried)
    [ ] Business / Contract
[ ] Teaching / Nurse
[ ] Government job
[ ] Doctor / Engineer
[ ] Lawyer
[ ] Agriculture
[ ] Landless Agriculture labor
[ ] Any other __ Pl. specify

12. Type of dwelling unit
[ ] Thatched
[ ] Tiled
[ ] RCC / Tiled
[ ] RCC
[ ] Janata House
[ ] Ashraya House

13. Whether the house in which you leave is
[ ] Owned
[ ] Rented

14. What is the source of drinking water?
[ ] Tank Water
[ ] Bore well
[ ] Tap water
[ ] River water
[ ] Any other __ Pl. specify

15. What is (are) electricity facilities availed by you
[ ] Lights only
[ ] Lights and Fans
[ ] AEH
[ ] All the above
[ ] None of the above

16. Have you been the beneficiary of Bhagyajyoty scheme?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

16. If yes, for how long
[ ] 0-5 years
17. Do you have following consumer durables in your home?

- [ ] Fridge
- [ ] Electric/Gas stove
- [ ] Mixed Grinder
- [ ] Water heater
- [ ] Electric/Gas stove
- [ ] Mixed Grinder
- [ ] Water heater
- [ ] Bicycle
- [ ] Motor Bike
- [ ] Car / Jeep
- [ ] Any other ___ Pl. spe

18. Do you have following modern electronic gadgets in your house?

- [ ] Radio
- [ ] TV
- [ ] Tape Recorder
- [ ] Telephone
- [ ] VCD / VCR
- [ ] Computer
- [ ] Any other___ Pl. sp

18.1 Do you read regularly

- [ ] News paper
- [ ] Magazines
- [ ] Novels
- [ ] All the above
- [ ] I cannot read
- [ ] I do not read

II Family background of the Respondent:

1. Composition of your family

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[ ] 6-10
[ ] More than 10 years
2. Nature and size of your family
   [ ] Elementary
   [ ] Joint family

3. With whom do you reside normally?
   [ ] With husband
   [ ] With Parents
   [ ] With other relatives
   [ ] Institutional arrangement
   [ ] Any other ______ Pl. sp

4. What is your family income per month from all sources?
   [ ] Less than 2000
   [ ] 2001-5000
   [ ] 5001-10000
   [ ] 10001-20000
   [ ] 20001-50000
   [ ] Above - 50000

III Perception of Respondents on Female Education:

1. Do you think education for female is necessary?
   [ ] Yes
   [ ] No

1.1 If yes, how far would you like them to be educated? (Put (√) only one)
   [ ] Primary
   [ ] High School
   [ ] College
   [ ] University
   [ ] Till marriage
2. What do you think the aim of education should be for Dalit girls? (Put (√) only one)
[ ] To become better house wife
[ ] To develop the ability to read write
[ ] To make them capable of educating their children
[ ] To prepare them to face any eventuality in life
[ ] To prepare them to manage household activities without anybody’s help
[ ] To know about their health problems
[ ] To treat Dalit women on par with the other communities
[ ] To work in organization
[ ] Any other___ (please mention)

3. Do you think the status of Dalit Women will improve due to education?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

4. Are you in favor of educating your daughter?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

4.1 If yes, give the reasons: It enable them to become (Put (√) only one)
[ ] Independent
[ ] Provides pleasure of learning
[ ] Helps in cultural enrichment
[ ] Better marriage relations
[ ] Better employment status
[ ] Helps in empowerment (Decision making)

4.2 If no, give reasons (Put (√) only one)
[ ] Lack of separate institution
Economic problems
For girls
Male members objection to female education problems of getting suitable marriage partner
Problems of untouchability
Lack of facilities
Less scope for female education among the Dalit Community

5. Do you feel upper caste men oppose the education of Dalit women?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

5.1 If yes, please provide your reasoning (Put (√) only one)
[ ] Due to untouchability
[ ] Due to economic dependency
[ ] Due to suppression of their own women education
[ ] Due to general trend that girls should not be encouraged
[ ] To go out of house
[ ] Any other ___ Pl. specify

6. Do you prefer job oriented technical education for girls?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

6.1 If yes, mention the type of education for girls (Put (√) only one)
[ ] Training in household maintenance
[ ] Tailoring and Embroidery etc.,
[ ] Teaching profession
[ ] Nursing profession
[ ] Engineer
[ ] Doctor
[ ] Lawyer
[ ] Not Applicable

7. What is the attitude of upper caste women towards the education of Dalit women
8. What is the attitude of teachers towards Dalit women’s education?
[ ] Favorable
[ ] Discouraging
[ ] Indifferent
[ ] I don’t know
8.1 If they discourage, in what way?
[ ] They don’t encourage the girls
[ ] They tease them by caste
[ ] They make Dalit girls to sit separately
[ ] They comment about Dalit girls
[ ] Any other ___ Pl specify
9. Does education help women to participate in effective decision making process?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
9.1 If yes, in what way?
(Put (√) only one)
[ ] Men consult them while deciding economic matters
[ ] By taking care of the health of the family
[ ] By taking responsibility in matters like house keeping and food etc.,
[ ] By taking full responsibility in the absence of men
[ ] Any other ___ Pl specify
10. From the Socio economic point of view, how could education help Dalit women?
[ ] By getting the men to change their attitude towards Dalit women
[ ] By employment
[ ] By better world view
[ ] Helps in maintaining equality
11. Do you think your caste identity is a hindrance in achieving your goals?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
11.1 If yes, in what way? (Put (√) only one)
[ ] No equal opportunities
[ ] No equal access to facilities
[ ] Inferiority complex due to untouchability
[ ] Socially inferior caste position is a social reality

12. Have you ever experienced the practice of Untouchability?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
12.1 If yes in what way? (Put (√) only one)
[ ] Prohibition to enter village temple
[ ] Prohibition to draw water from the public well
[ ] Prevention of entry to public toilet / hotel etc.,
[ ] Maltreatment
[ ] Any other ___ Please mention

13. Have you ever experienced the discrimination as a Dalit woman?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
[ ] To some extent
13.1 If yes, in what way? (Put (√) only one)
[ ] While attending socio-religious rituals
[ ] While participating in the decision making
[ ] While participating in the public function
[ ] In getting work opportunities
[ ] Any other ___ Pl. specify

IV) Perception of Respondents on Reservation:

1. Do you think reservation is necessary for development of the weaker section?
   [ ] Yes
   [ ] No
   [ ] To some extent
1.1 if yes, in what way (Put (√) only one)
   [ ] Improve the socio-economic position
   [ ] To empower the weaker section
   [ ] To enable them to participate in decision making
   [ ] To help them to overcome social handicaps and improve their lot
   [ ] Any other ___ Pl. specify

2. What in your opinion are the attitudes of the upper caste about reservation? (Put (√) only one)
   [ ] They encourage reservation for Dalits to improve their lot
   [ ] Enable them to go out of village
   [ ] They hate reservation policy as it enable them to go out of village
   [ ] They don’t like reservation because it helps them to achieve social equality.
   [ ] Neither they criticize nor they encourage the reservation policy
   [ ] Any other Pl. Specify

3. Has reservation policy practically helped the Dalits?
3.1 If yes, how? (Put (√ ) only one)
[ ] It helped access physical facilities
[ ] It helped become economically independent
[ ] It helped develop socially
[ ] It helped access to educational opportunities
[ ] Any other __ Pl. Specify

3.2 If no, why? (Put (√ ) only one)
[ ] Due to inclusion of many caste the original untouchables do not get their share
[ ] Facilities are being over utilized by educated Dalits in urban areas
[ ] Inaccessibilities of larger masses of Dalits to facilities available
[ ] Benefits extended are inadequate
[ ] Any other ___ Pl. Specify

3.3 If no, why? (Put (√ ) only one)
[ ] Reservation facilities are urban oriented
[ ] It helped them to overcome their socio-economic problems partially
[ ] Reservation has not changed the attitude of Dalits and upper castes
[ ] Upper castes do not wish to bring change through the reservation
[ ] Any other ___ Pl. Specify

4. Do you think Political reservation for Dalits is necessary?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

4.1 If yes, why? (Put (√ ) only one)
[ ] It helps air their grievances
[ ] It helps organize politically and become a political force.
[ ] It is necessary for Dalits to emerge as a political pressure groups
[ ] It provides social space for Dalits in public domains of society
[ ] Any other _____ Please specify

V Socio - Economic Participation

1. Do you participate in the following activities?
   [ ] Public Function
   [ ] Dharana
   [ ] Marriages other than the relative
   [ ] Religious congregation
   [ ] Films
   [ ] Picnics
   [ ] Any other ____ Pl. Specify

2. Does your husband allow you to participate in the following activities?
   [ ] Public Function
   [ ] Dharana
   [ ] Meetings / Trainings etc at district place
   [ ] Films
   [ ] Competitions (Sports / Cultural)
   [ ] Not applicable

3. Do you go to market for shopping consumer goods?
   [ ] Yes
   [ ] No

3.1 If yes, State how frequently do you visit
   [ ] Once in a week
   [ ] Twice in a week
   [ ] Daily
   [ ] Not applicable

4. You go to shandy?
   [ ] Regularly
[ ] Not regularly
[ ] As and when possible
[ ] I do not go at all

5. Do you decide purchases required by yourself?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
[ ] Not applicable

5.1 If yes, what are the items?
[ ] Consumer durables
[ ] Grocery
[ ] Vegetables
[ ] Any other ___ (Please mention)

5.2 If no, whom you consult mostly?
[ ] Father
[ ] Husband
[ ] Other in the family
[ ] Mother
[ ] Other relatives
[ ] Any other ___ Pl. Specify

6. With whom do you go for shopping?
[ ] Alone
[ ] With other female members
[ ] With husband
[ ] With father
[ ] With mother
[ ] With children
[ ] With others
[ ] Any other ___ Pl. Specify

7. How far is the shopping place is away from your residence?
[ ] 0-1 Km
[ ] 1-2 Km
[ ] 2-3 Km
[ ] 3-4 Km
[ ] 4 and above Kms
[ ] Other village / Town

8. Are you a member of following
[ ] Streeshakti Groups
[ ] Self Help Groups
[ ] Youth Club
[ ] Bhagini Samaj
9. What position you have occupied?
[ ] Chair Person
[ ] Vice Chair person
[ ] Secretary
[ ] Organizing Committee Member
[ ] Member
[ ] Treasurer
[ ] Not applicable

10. How often you participate in the activities of the organization?
[ ] Once in a week
[ ] Once in a month
[ ] As on when meetings arranged
[ ] Not applicable

11. Does your husband / Parents support your activities?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
[ ] Not applicable

11.1 If yes, how do they support?
(Put (√) only one)
[ ] They allow participation without any restrictions
[ ] They allow participation with a restriction to return home early
[ ] They help monetarily if required
[ ] Any other ___ Please specify

11.2 If no, how are you prevented?
(Put (√) only one)
[ ] Parents / Husband do not allow
[ ] They restrict activities / movements to household activities
[ ] They wish that the women should be confined to household activities
[ ] Any other ______ Please specify

12. Who among the following support your activities most?
[ ] Father / Husband
VI Political Career and Participation

1. Are you a member of any political party?
   [ ] Yes
   [ ] No

2. Since when your casting your vote in election?
   [ ] Since I attained 18 yrs
   [ ] Since I attained 21 yrs
   [ ] Only last few years
   [ ] Only in last election

3. Did you vote in your own?
   [ ] On my own
   [ ] According to my husband’s suggestion
   [ ] Community members influenced
   [ ] Other relatives influenced
   [ ] Other cost people influenced
   [ ] Political workers influenced
   [ ] Any other Please specify

4. How do you come to know about political activities?
   [ ] Through TV
   [ ] Radio
   [ ] News Paper
   [ ] Oral discussions / messages
   [ ] Any other please specify

5. Are you first person from your family to contest election?
   [ ] First person contest
   [ ] Husband was elected member
   [ ] Father was elected member
[ ] Mother was elected member
[ ] Other relative elected member

6. Did you contest election voluntarily
[ ] Husband influenced
[ ] Parents influenced
[ ] Children influenced
[ ] Other relatives influenced
[ ] Caste leaders influenced
[ ] Party workers influenced
[ ] Other influenced (Specify)

7. How many times you have contested election to any organization?
[ ] First time
[ ] Second time
[ ] Third time
[ ] Fourth time
[ ] Fifth time
[ ] Do not remember
[ ] Any other ___ Pl. specify

8. How many times were you member of any elected body?
[ ] This is first time
[ ] Two times
[ ] Three times
[ ] Four times
[ ] Five times
[ ] More than five times

9. Were you a nominated member of any organization?
[ ] Only once
[ ] Twice
[ ] Thrice
[ ] More than three times
[ ] Never

10. Did you occupy any position in your earlier membership with any organization, elected or nominated?
[ ] Only once
[ ] Twice
[ ] Thrice
[ ] More than three times
[ ] Never
11. Presently as a member of Panchyath what different positions you have (had) to your credit?
[ ] _________________
[ ] _________________
[ ] _________________

12. Would you like continuing further your political activities?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

12.1 If yes, how?
[ ] Contest election
[ ] Work for party
[ ] Get nominated
[ ] Sustain politics by being active participant
[ ] Not applicable

13. What is the highest position you deserve to achieve in politics?
[ ] To be GP President
[ ] To be TP Member and President
[ ] To become ZP President
[ ] To become MLA
[ ] To become MP
[ ] Membership in PR is enough
[ ] Any other __ Pl. specify
[ ] Not applicable

14. As a member of Panchyath are you aware of the powers and functions of Panchyath?
[ ] To a larger extent
[ ] To some extent
[ ] Not at all
[ ] Don’t know
[ ] No response

15. Enlist different positions you held in Panchyath?
[ ] A_________________
[ ] B_________________
[ ] C_________________
[ ] D_________________
16. Do you visit village school?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

16.1 If yes how often?
[ ] Once in a month
[ ] Twice in a quarter
[ ] Not at all

17. Did you observe the practice of untouchability in school Where MMS is in force?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

17.1 If yes, how do they practice?
(Put (√ ) only one)
[ ] They keep separate utensils for untouchable children
[ ] The untouchable children are made to sit separately
[ ] Food is served separately
[ ] Any Other Please specify

18. How do you react in such situation?
(Put (√ ) only one)
I take matter to the GP Meeting
I advise the concerned not to allow such things
I take cognizance of the issue
It irritates me
I am helpless I can’t do anything
Any other ___ Pl. specify

19. Do you feel that untouchability is a sensitive issue?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

19.1 If yes, What way it is sensitive?
(Put (√ ) only one)
[ ] Talking of untouchability in GP forum attracts the wrath of the Member / Villagers
[ ] Other members may not support the issue
[ ] It encourages group clashes/
conflict between Dalits / Non-Dalits
[ ] Any other (Please specify)

20. Did you notice untouchability practiced openly in public places?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

20.1 If yes, prominently where?
(Put (√) only one)
[ ] Village’s hotels / motels
[ ] Temples
[ ] Tanks / Bore wells
[ ] Any other (please specify)

21. If Untouchability is practiced in hotel in what way? (Put (√) only one)
[ ] They keep cups / saucers separately
[ ] They do not allow untouchables inside hotel
[ ] They make untouchables to sit separately
[ ] Any other _____ (Pl. specify)

22. If untouchability is practiced in temples in what way
(Put (√) only one)
[ ] Untouchables are not allowed inside sanctum sanctorum
[ ] Untouchable are not allowed even to enter the premises of the temple
[ ] The feeling of defilement is strong
[ ] Any other _____ (Pl. specify)

23. If untouchability is observed at village tanks in what way?
(Put (√) only one)
[ ] Untouchables are not allowed to Draw water directly from tank
[ ] Untouchables are prevented to use Bore wells
[ ] Untouchables are made to wait till some one to draw water and
pour into the pots into the pots

[ ] Any other __ (please specify)

24. Did you notice such situations in the past?
   Yes
   No

24.1 If yes, where? (Put (√) only one)
   [ ] At hotels / motels
   [ ] At temples
   [ ] At tanks / Bore wells
   [ ] At any other place
   [ ] At any other place_(Pl specify)

25. To what extent GP Secretary inform the schemes and programs for SC community development to SC women members?
   [ ] To a large extent
   [ ] To some extent
   [ ] Not at all
   [ ] Don’t know
   [ ] No response

26. Are you satisfied with GP Secretary about implementation of development programs for SC’s
   [ ] To a large extent
   [ ] To some extent
   [ ] Not at all
   [ ] Don’t know
   [ ] No response

27. What is the GP Secretary’s attitude towards SC women members
   [ ] Favorable
   [ ] Non favorable
   [ ] Indifferent
   [ ] No response

28. To what extent GP Secretary cooperate with SC women members?
   [ ] To a large extent
   [ ] To some extent
   [ ] Not at all
   [ ] Don’t know
VII Respondents in decision making in Gram Panchayat

1. Before becoming member of Gram Panchayat have you ever participated in the following activities.
   - [□] Public function
   - [□] Political party meeting
   - [□] Gramasabha
   - [□] Any other pleases specify

2. Why did you contest the elections for Gram panchayat membership?
   - [□] Because ward is reserved for SC woman
   - [□] Because I was forced by my husband / parents as seat is reserved for SC woman
   - [□] Because I was aware of the power and functions of GP members
   - [□] Any other ___ (Please specify)

3. Had any member in your in your family was a member of ZP, TP, GP and MLA etc.,?
   - [□] Yes
   - [□] No

3.1 If yes, who among the following
   - [□] Father
   - [□] Mother
   - [□] Husband
   - [□] In-law please specify
   - [□] Brother / Sisters

3.2 What was the official position they held?
   - [□] Member  ZP
   - [□] Member  TP
   - [□] Member  GP
   - [□] Any other Please Specify

4. Are you the first in your family to become the GP member?
   - [□] Yes
   - [□] No

4.1 If yes, which of the factors are responsible? (Put (√ ) only one)
[ ] Influence of local leaders
[ ] Because the seat was reserved for SC category
[ ] Influence of social workers
[ ] Any other, (Please specify)

5. Does your father / Husband supported you wholeheartedly?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

5.1 If yes, in what way?
[ ] By the way of advise & guidance
[ ] By the way of advise, guidance & Monetarily
[ ] Hardly husband takes any interest
[ ] He is not at all interested in my Career as member of GP
[ ] Any other (Please specify) ___

6. Do you regularly attend the meetings?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

6.1 If yes, what is the frequency?
[ ] Once in a month
[ ] Once in a month
[ ] As and when necessary
[ ] Not regularly
[ ] Any Other Please specify ___

7. Do you agree that women members are being proxily represented by male members in the Gram Panchayat meetings?
[ ] To a large extent
[ ] To some extent
[ ] Not at all
[ ] Don’t Know

8. If there is proxy representation, who is the proxy representative?
[ ] Husband
[ ] Son
[ ] Father-in-Law
[ ] Others
9. Do you think Panchayats need finance to carry out development plans?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
[ ] Don’t know
[ ] No response

10. Do you think Panchayats have sufficient autonomy for initiating development works in their area?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
[ ] Don’t know
[ ] No response

11. Do you agree that Gram Panchayat misuse its own resources i.e.

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12. How do you get meeting notices?
[ ] By a messenger
[ ] By a written notice
[ ] By personal communication
13. Do you sit in meeting hall on par with other members?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
13.1 If no, how do you sit?
[ ] I sit at the corner of hall on floor.
[ ] I hesitate to sit on a par with others
[ ] Voluntarily I sit at the corner of the Meeting hall
[ ] I am forced to sit separately at a corner
14. Have you objected to such treatment?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
14.1 If yes, how did you object? (Put (√) only one)
[ ] I have given representation to the Authorities to set right
[ ] I strongly protest in the meeting
[ ] I discuss this issue and insist that i must be given equal treatment
[ ] Any other (Pl. specify)
15. Do you participate in the discussions?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
15.1 If yes, in what way? (Put (√) only one)
[ ] Participate in discussions on the issues concerning SC’s/ST’s
[ ] Participate in discussions on various issues
[ ] Participate in discussions about various development works
[ ] Any other (Pl. specify)
16. Do you feel that your opinion is overlooked while taking decision
[ ] Yes
[ ] No
[ ] No at all
[ ] I do not give opinion

16.1 If yes, how do you react to that?
(Put (√) only one)
[ ] Put note of dissent & insist that it should be recorded in the proceedings
[ ] Walkout from meeting hall as a protest
[ ] Write to reconsider the decision
[ ] Any other (Pl. specify)

17. What is the distance between your village and the Headquarters of the GP (in case of group of villages)
[ ] 0-2 Kms
[ ] 2-3 Kms
[ ] 3-4 Kms
[ ] 4 & above Kms

18. How do you go?
[ ] By walk
[ ] By cart
[ ] By bus
[ ] By two wheeler
[ ] By four wheeler
[ ] Any other mode (Pl. specify)

19. Who among the following accompany you to attend the meeting
[ ] Alone I attend
[ ] With father / husband
[ ] With Brother / Sister
[ ] Any other (Pl. specify)

20. Do you think political reservation has helped women in coming into the public space?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

20.1 If yes, in what way it helps?
(Put (√) only one)
[ ] It empowers women politically
[ ] Enabled us socially
[ ] It helps them to assert their rights
[ ] It will not help in any way
[ ] Any other (Pl. specify)

21. Do you get the support of Dalit male members Panchayat?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

21.1 If yes, in what way? (Put (√ ) only one)
[ ] They support when such issue put to vote
[ ] They do not support
[ ] They supports because I support them
[ ] Any other (Pl. specify)

22. Have you participated in capacity building programmes?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

22.1 If yes, training conducted by whom?
[ ] Govt. agencies
[ ] NGO’s
[ ] Any other (Pl. specify)

23. Duration of training
[ ] Crash course
[ ] One week
[ ] Two weeks
[ ] Any other (Pl. specify)

24. Does training help you to understand the Functioning of GP system
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

24.1 If yes, in what way (Put (√ ) only one)
[ ] It helped to under the PRI system Better
[ ] It helped to understand the functions & duties of GP Member
[ ] It helps to perform our duties as members better
[ ] It helps understand the schemes of GP
[ ] Any other (Pl. specify)

25. Do you think training in necessary?
26. Where did you get your training?
[ ] Office premises
[ ] Training Institute
[ ] TP / ZP Office
[ ] Any other (Pl. specify)

VIII Attitude of Respondents

1. Education to Dalit women is impotent for their leverage
   [ ] Strongly Agree
   [ ] Agree
   [ ] Strongly disagree

2. Professional education is the need of the day for Dalit women for their social and economic enhancement’
   [ ] Strongly Agree
   [ ] Agree
   [ ] Strongly disagree

3. Higher education provides better economic avenues to Dalit women consequently to have quality of life
   [ ] Strongly Agree
   [ ] Agree
   [ ] Strongly disagree

4. Upper caste people have favorable attitude towards education of Dalit women
   [ ] Strongly Agree
   [ ] Agree
   [ ] Strongly disagree

5. Dalit children in schools are better treated by non-Dalit teachers and students’; and
   [ ] Strongly Agree
   [ ] Agree
   [ ] Strongly disagree

6. Education providing Dalit woman a scope for her empowerment
7. Politics is not women’s tea-cup in our society
   [ ] Strongly Agree
   [ ] Agree
   [ ] Strongly disagree

8. Present day politics is tailor made to suit men-folk
   [ ] Strongly Agree
   [ ] Agree
   [ ] Strongly disagree

9. Women are not properly politically socialized in Indian society
   [ ] Strongly Agree
   [ ] Agree
   [ ] Strongly disagree

10. Dalit women suffer lack of political exposure
    [ ] Strongly Agree
    [ ] Agree
    [ ] Strongly disagree

11. Dalit women have been the worst affected by patriarchic polity
    [ ] Strongly Agree
    [ ] Agree
    [ ] Strongly disagree

12. Education is the essential need of Dalit women to succeed in grass root politics
    [ ] Strongly Agree
    [ ] Agree
    [ ] Strongly disagree

13. Women cannot decide to contest elections on her own
    [ ] Strongly Agree
    [ ] Agree
    [ ] Strongly disagree

14. Electoral political in India is never favorable to Dalit women
    [ ] Strongly Agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Strongly disagree
15. Political reservation is the only way which Dalit women can expect to find political space at all levels
[ ] Strongly Agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Strongly disagree
16. Dalit women were never given scope to exercise their power in democratic politics
[ ] Strongly Agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Strongly disagree
17. Indian electoral politics in more suitable to men than women”
[ ] Strongly Agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Strongly disagree
18. Caste plays an important role in electoral politics
[ ] Strongly Agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Strongly disagree
19. Caste is a hindrance to Dalit woman in her political life
[ ] Strongly Agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Strongly disagree
20. Dalits still suffer untouchability practices even in modern organizations
[ ] Strongly Agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Strongly disagree
21. Dalit women are always discriminated against in Gram Panchayat in the matters of varying importance
[ ] Strongly Agree
[ ] Agree
[ ] Strongly disagree
22. Reservation is panacea for Dalit owes
23. Non Dalits have anti feelings towards Dalits due to advantages of reservation provided to them
   [    ] Strongly Agree
   [    ] Agree
   [    ] Strongly disagree

24. Dalit women representatives suffer a lot in men dominated Panchayat Raj Institutions
   [    ] Strongly Agree
   [    ] Agree
   [    ] Strongly disagree