

## **APPENDIX II (QUESTIONNAIRE)**

### **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**1. Name-**

**2. Village-**

**3. Age-** 01. 25-35      02. 36-45      03. 46 and above

**4. Marital status-** 01. Unmarried      02. Married      03. Widowed      04. Divorced

**5. Qualification-**

**6. Occupation-**

### **II. STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE FAMILY**

**7. Who is the head of your family?**

01. Self      02. My father      03. My husband      04. My mother      05. My son

06. Any other

**8. Who makes decision on the children's upbringing in your household?**

		Men	Women	Both
1	Children's education			
2	Children's health			
3	Disciplining children			

**9. What type of work do men and women do in your house?**

Men-

Women-

**10. Do you think that both men and women should share household reproductive works equally?**

01. Yes      02. No.

**11. Why?**

**12. What type of work do men and women do in agricultural activities?**

Men-

Women-

**13. Do you think that there is a wage disparity between men and women when it comes to agricultural work or wage earning?**

01. Yes          02. No

**14. Why?**

**15. Has there been any changes in the last few decades regarding the above practices?**

### **III. WOMEN AND INHERITANCE**

**16. According to the customary law, who inherits ancestral property in your family?**

01. Men          02. Women

**17. Do you think that the laws of inheritance should change?**

01. Yes          02. No

**18. If yes, what changes do you suggest?**

01. Equal share of ancestral property for both men and women          02. Women also should inherit ancestral property though not equal share with men          03. Any other

**19. If no, why?**

01. Customary laws do not allow women to inherit ancestral property          02. It affects the tribal identity          03. Any other

**20. Do you think that women should have equal rights on acquired property?**

01. Yes          02. No

**21. Why?**

**22. Is there any change taking place regarding the law of inheritance in the last few decades?**

01. Yes          02. No

**23. If yes, what are the changes?**

### **IV. WOMEN AND RELIGION**

**24. Which religious affiliation would you associate yourself with?**

01. Traditional religion      02. Baptist      03. Revival      04. Roman Catholic      05. Any other

**25. Does your religion assign any role to women in religious rituals and ceremonies?**

01. Yes      02. No

**26. Why?**

**27. Do you appreciate the role played by women in religious affairs?**

01. Yes      02. No

**28. Is there any taboo against women?**

01. Yes      02. No

**29. If yes, what are they?**

**30. Does your religious belief treat women as equal to men?**

01 .Yes      02. No

**31. What is the impact of your religion on customary law?**

**32. What changes have occurred since the last few decades in religious activities with regard to the status of women?**

## **V. WOMEN AND MATRIMONY**

**33. What marriage customs do you follow in your family?**

01. Monogamy      02. Polygamy      03. Any other

**34. Does your community practice bride price in the society?**

01. Yes      02. No

**35. If yes, is it paid in cash or kind?**

**36. What are the changes in the bride price in recent years?**

**37. What changes have occurred in marriage customs since the time of your parents/grandparents?**

**38. According to the customary law what are the provisions that protect the rights of widows/divorcees?**

## **VI. WOMEN, EDUCATION AND MODERN INPUTS**

**39. Do you think that both boys and girls should be given equal opportunity for education?**

01. Yes      02. No

**40. Do you agree that both boys and girls are getting quality education equally from school?**

01. Yes      02. No

**41. What changes have occurred since the last few decades regarding education? What is the impact of education in your society?**

**42. Do you think that women should take up salaried jobs?**

01. Yes      02. No

**43. Why?**

**44. Does your society accept women as entrepreneur, leader, officers, etc.?**

01. Yes      02. No

**45. Why?**

**46. Do you support the view that economic empowerment of women by being a bread winner will make them have more say in the society?**

01. Yes      02. No

**47. Why?**

**48. What changes have occurred regarding the career of women in your society?**

## **VII. WOMEN AND ADMINISTRATION/POLITICS**

**49. Are there women members in the village council, VDB etc.?**

01. Yes      02. No

**50. If yes, which one? (more than one answer possible)**

01. Village council    02. VDB      03. Any other

**51. If no, why?**

01. It is against the customary laws    02. Women should be at home and not in decision making  
03. Patriarchal society does not allow women

**52. If there are women members, how many?**

**53. How are they elected?**

**54. Do they have equal voice as men in decision making?**

01. Yes      02. No

**55. Why?**

**56. Can women become the chairperson of village council?**

01. Yes      02. No

**57. Why?**

**58. What is the role of women in decision making in your community?**

**59. Can women decide on disputes?**

01. Yes      02. No

**60. Why?**

**61. Is there any reservation for women in the council of your community?**

**62. Do you agree with the 33% reservation of seats for women?**

01. Yes      02. No

**63. Why?**

**64. Do you think that women should become members of political parties or contest in election?**

01. Yes      02. No

**65. Why?**

**66. Would women in decision making improve delivery of basic services?**

01. Yes      02. No

**67. Why?**

**68. Has there been any changes regarding the status of women in the village administration/politics?**

## **IX. GOVERNANCE AND CUSTOMARY LAWS**

**69. Would you like your tribe to be governed according to customary laws?**

01. Yes      02. No

**70. If yes, why?**

01. It preserve our culture      02. It has easy conflict resolution mechanism  
03. It fosters unity of the community      04. Any other

**71. If no, why?**

01. It is not gender sensitive    02. It does not cover all areas of life    03. It is outdated and out of touch with the present time    04. Any other

**72. Do you think that customary laws favours men and discriminates women?**

01. Yes    02. No

**73. Why?**

**74. What are the changes that have occurred in the last few decades regarding the customary laws in your tribe?**

**75. Is there anything in the customary laws that need change?**

01. Yes    02. No

**76. Why?**

## **X. CUSTOMARY LAWS AND GENDER EQUALITY**

**77. Are there any norms in the customary laws that protects the right of women?**

01. Yes    02. No

**78. Why?**

**79. What changes have been introduced in the customary laws to strengthen the rights of women?**

**80. What changes are required in your customary laws in order to ensure gender equality?**

**81. Do you think that the government is doing its best to uplift the status of women? 82. Do you have any other information?**