

APPENDIX- III
INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

**'INTER-CASTE MARRIAGES IN KOLHAPUR CITY:' A
SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY**

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[Interview schedule]

(I) Introduction:

- 1) Name
- 2) Age :
- 3) Gender :- (i) Male (ii) female
- 4) Address :-
- 5) Marital status : (i) Married (ii) Widow (iii) Divorced
- 6) Household size :-
- 7) Caste :-
- 8) Religion:-
- 9) Mother tongue :- (i) Marathi (ii) Hindi (iii) English
(iv) Kannada (v) Gujarati (vi) Marwadi
(vii) any other (please specify)
- 10) Back ground Rural / Urban:-
- 11) What is your educational status ?
(i) Illiterate (ii) Primary (iii) Secondary (iv) Higher secondary
(v) Diploma (vi) Graduation (vii) Post graduation
(viii) Professional degree (ix) Professional diploma
- 12) What is your fathers educational status?
(i) Illiterate. (ii) Up to primary (iii) High school
(iv) Diploma (v) Graduation (vi) Post graduation.
- 13) What is your mothers educational status?
(i) literate (ii) primary (iii) High school (iv) Diploma
(v) graduation (vi) post graduation

- 14) What is your fathers occupation ?
 (i) Agriculture (ii) Salaried job./government service,
 (iii) Business (iv) Not working.
- 15) What is our mothers occupation ?
 (i) Agriculture (ii) Salaried job / government service
 (iii) Business (iv) Domestic work
- 16) What is the average monthly income of your family?
 (i) 1000-5000 (ii) 5001-10000 (iii)10001-15000
 (iv) Above 15001.
- 17) Previous instances of inter caste marriages in your family,
 yes /no.
- 18) What are the reactions of your family members at the
 time of previous inter caste marriages.
 (i) positive (ii) negative (iii) neither positive and negative
- 19) What was your economic position at the time of your marriage
 (i) Employed (ii) unemployed (iii) Business
- 20) What is your present occupational status?
 (i) Agriculture (ii) salaried job / government service
 (iii) self employed (iv) Business (v) Domestic work.
- 21) What is your present average monthly income?
 (i) 1000-5000 (ii) 5001-10000
 (iii) 10001-15000 (iv) Above 15001.
- 22) What was your age at the time of your marriage :-
 (i) 18-20 (ii) 21-30 (iii) 21-30 (iv) 31-40 (v) 40 Above
- 23) where did you meet first :-
 (i) college (ii) office (iii) social get together (iv) any other.
- 24) Whether Premarital love only led to take a decision to marry
 outside the caste? Yes / No

25) If no, what are the reasons ?

(i) Nature (ii) Riches of your partner (iii) Beauty / personal charm
(iv) Family Background (v) to abolish caste (vi) hatred of ones own
caste (vii) Dowry Problem (viii) late marriages (ix) second
marriage/remarriage (x) Physical or mental defect.(xi)
encouragement from friends (xii) poverty (xiii) educational
achievements (xiv) Broken home (xv) any other

(II) Marriage related experiences

Before marriage.

- 1) What was the duration of your courting?
(i) Up to 6 months (ii) 6 months-1 year (iii) 1-2 years
(iv) 2 years and above
- 2) When did your parents came to know about your love affair? (i)
Immediately within 3 months (ii) within 6 months
(iii) within 9 months (iv) did not come to know till you told them.
- 3) What were their reaction?
(i) agreed to your marriage even knowing the caste differences?
(ii) tried to dissuade you? (iii) accepted your inter caste marriage
as unavoidable? (iv) opposed your marriage up to the last moment.
- 4) Did your parents tried to divert your attention and forced you to
marry Someone else?
Yes/no.
- 5) If yes / why ?
(i) Because of caste difference (ii) Because of societal pressure
(iii) pressure from nearby relatives (iv) any other.
- 6) Did your parents oppose your marriage up to the last moment?
Yes / no.

- 7) If yes, why?
(i) Orthodox mind set (ii) pressure from caste members
(iii) No relatives from other caste (iv) any other
- 8) Did your parents tried to explain you the risks in marrying outside the caste?
Yes / no.
- 9) Did your parents emotionally pressure you in the name of Family's prestige?
Yes / no
- 10) Did your parents:-
(i) Physically abuse you (ii) verbally abuse you.
(iii)restricted you from moving anywhere outside
(iv)restricted your mobile or phone calls
- 11) Did they threaten /pressurize you to get out of their house?
Yes / no
- 12) Did they threaten you to exclude you from the family's property?
Yes / no.
- 13) Did you come under any of your parents pressure?
Yes / no
- 14) Did they-put pressure on your partners family to reject you?
Yes/no

(III) After marriage:-

- 1) Where did you get married?
(i) vedic marriage i.e. with the presence of priest or in temple,
(ii) Registered marriage.
- 2) Who helped / supported you at the time of your marriage?
(i) Relatives (ii) friends (iii) kins (iv) any other.

- 3) What were your parental reactions after marriage?
 - (i) warmly welcomed you "(ii) did not accept you
 - (iii) accepted because it is unavoidable
 - (iv) any other reactions.
- 4) What were relatives reactions and kins after your marriage?
 - (i) accepted you both (ii) accepted as it is unavoidable.
 - (iii) did not accept at all (iv) any other.
- 5) After getting married, when did you return home?
 - (i) immediately on the same day (ii) within 2 months,
 - (iii) Between 2-4 months (iv) 6 months & above.
- 6) After returning home, what were the parental reactions?
 - (i) accepted by both the families
 - (ii) rejected by both the families
 - (iii) accepted by only one family
 - (iv) accepted by the family of your spouse.
- 7) Then when did your parents accept you?
 - (i) After 6 months (ii) After 1 year (iii) After 2 years,
 - (iv) did not accept you still.
- 8) How did your parents treat you?
 - (i) affectionately (ii) formally (iii) with indifference
 - (iv) any other.
- 9) Why did you visited your parents?
 - (i) getting acceptance of parents (ii) mixing with the caste people
 - (iii) avoid the conflict between new partner and family members.
- 10) When did both of your families come together and accepted each other?
 - i) after 6 months (ii) after 1 year (iii) after 2 years
 - (iv) not yet accepted.

(IV) Problems faced in Married life:

1) Are you happy in your married life?

Yes / no.

2) Do you have any children?

Yes / no.

3) If yes / how many?

(i) 1 (ii) 2 (iii) 3 or more.

4) Whether disputes/conflicts take place between both of you?

(i) Never (ii) very often (iii) sometimes (iv) rarely

5) Are there any quarrels regarding caste between both of you?

(i) Not at all (ii) occasionally (iii) almost always

(iv) Every time.

6) If you commit a mistake, your partner (because of your different caste) mentions your castes with ridicule?

(i) Never (ii) occasionally (iii) almost always (iv) every time.

7) Does your partner force you to follow his/her cultural practices?

(i) Never (ii) occasionally (iii) always (iv) every time,

8) What do you do?

(i) agree (ii) disagree (iii) occasionally disagree

(iv) always disagree

9) Do conflicts create a trouble to your relations?

Yes / no.

10) If yes /why? (i) Because of ego (ii) because of behavioral differences, (iii) Because of cultural differences (iv) any other.

- 11) Being a vegetarian, do you allow your partner to take non vegetarian food?
Yes / no.
- 12) Is he / she allowed to cook and have non vegetarian food at home?
Yes / no.
- 13) Does your spouse interfere in your personal daily activities?
(i) Never (ii) occasionally (iii) almost always (iv) every time.
- 14) Do you interfere in your spouses daily activities?
(i) Never (ii) occasionally (iii) almost always (iv) every time.
- 15) Do you have daily interaction about daily activities with your partner?
Yes / no.
- 16) Do you have freedom in taking small decision [for eg inviting relatives or friends]?
Yes /"no.
- 17) If no/why?
(i) spouse does not like (ii) you don't like to take such decisions
(iii)You are too busy (iv) any other.
- 18) What does your spouse do?
(i) Never give freedom (ii) at times give freedom (iii) always give freedom (iv) Any other.
- 19) Do you attend festivals, ceremonies, social functions together?
Yes / no.
- 20) Have you changed your likes and dislikes after marriage?
Yes / no.

- 21) After marriage, which of your dislikes have you accepted as tolerable on account of your spouse?
 (i) regarding to food (ii) regarding to culture
 (iii) regarding to habits(iv) any other.
- 22) Do conflicts take place for different temperament?
 (i) Never (ii) occasionally (iii) almost always (iv) every time.
- 23) Do conflicts occur on money matter?
 Yes / no.
- 24) As there conflicts about maintaining relations with relatives?
 (i) Never (ii) occasionally (iii) almost always (iv) every time.
- 25) As there conflicts regarding practicing religious ceremonies?
 Yes / no.
- 26) If no, why?
 (i) you are busy (ii) you one not interested (iii) you do not have faith (iv) any other.
- 27) Are there conflict on following social traditions customs?
 i) Never ii) occasionally iii) Almost always iv) Every time .
- 28) Does the idea of divorce come to your mind?
 i) You never think about it. ii) You think over it occasionally,
 (iii) You feel it most of the time,
 iv) You feel it would be a good decision.
- 29) Do you think divorce system prevailed in earlier times?
 Yes /No.
- 30) Do you think that number of divorce today is increasing?
 Yes /No.

- 31) If yes/why?
- i) Females independence over economic matters,
 - ii) Females education about their rights,
 - iii) Impact of westernization,
 - iv) Impact of modernization.
- 32) Are you satisfied with your married life?
- Yes /no.

Views regarding inter caste marriage.

- 1) Do you think that inter caste marriage prevailed in pre independence period?
- Yes/no.
- 2) If yes / why?
- i) hypogamy & hypergamy marriage existed,
 - ii) No child from first wife.
 - iii) Maternal mortality rate was high, iv) Any other
- 3) If no / why?
- i) Because of rigid caste rules,
 - ii) Endogamy was the only one form of marriage.
 - iii) Because of traditional orthodox attitude, iv) Any other.
- 4) In post independence period .what were the reaction of the common people on inter caste marriage?
- i) Ex-communicated the couple from the society, ii) Social boycott.
 - iii) Thrown out of the village, iv) Any other.
- 5) Why do you think they were not accepted?
- i) Because of social tradition, ii) Because of rigid caste system,
 - iii) Because of orthodox outlook of people, iv) Any other.

- 6) What do you think was the view of couples for inter caste marriage?
- i) They had modern values and education,
 - ii) They had forward outlook towards life.
 - iii) They had ideas of individualism, iv) Any other.
- 7) Do you think that inter caste marriage today is still an issue before society?
- Yes /no.
- 8) What is the attitude of common people towards inter caste marriage?
- i) positive ii) negative iii) neither positive or negative iv) Any other
- 9) Do you agree that such marriages create problems for the society?
- Yes /no.
- 10) Do you think inter caste marriage affect the society?
- Yes / no.
- 11) If yes/why ?
- i) Because caste rules would decline
 - ii) Because it will bring out the modern value of individualism and freedom.
 - iii) Because it will help in modernization of society,
 - iv) Any other.
- 12) Do you think today inter caste marriage couples are accepted whole heartedly?
- Yes/ no.
- 13) Are you worried about the marriage of your siblings?
- Yes / no.

- 14) Will you give freedom to your siblings to marry outside the caste ?
Yes / no.
- 15) If no /why?
i) Your negative experiences ii) because of caste differences
iii) Because of society iv) Any other.
- 16) Do you think is there still discrimination between caste married couples and inter caste married couples?
Yes / no.
- 17) If yes/why?
i) Traditional mentality ii) lack of modern education
iii) Traditional mindset iv) any other.
- 18) What do you think is the status of inter caste married couples today?
i) higher status ii) lower status
iii) status as that of caste at is your opinion about the caste institution married couples iv) Any other.
- 19) What is your opinion about the caste institution?
i) Rigid in nature ii) Caste difference should be changed
iii) Flexible in nature
- 20) What according to you needs to be changed in our society to make progress?
i) Mentality of the common people
ii) Outlook of the common people
iii) Rigid caste rules iv) any other