INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Title of the study: “Identity Assertion of the Garden Labourers: A Study of the Tea Gardens of Upper Assam”

A. Background information of the respondents:

1. Name: ………………………………………

2. Age ……….

3. Sex……

4. Name of the Tea Garden: …………………

5. Occupation……………


7. Education: Illiterate/Primary/Below Metric/Higher Secondary/Graduation/Others.

B. Socio-Economic aspects of the respondents:

8. Caste: ……………………………

9. Religion: ……………………………

10. Nature of family: Joint / Nuclear

11. Total members of the family: ……………………………

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12. Information about family members:

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<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Name of the members (in order of birth)</th>
<th>Age</th>
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13. What is your usual pattern of marriage?
   i. Arranged by parents.
   ii. Self arrange.
   iii. Arranged by a mediator.
   iv. Arranged by a matchmaker.

14. Do you have inter-cast marriage in your society? yes/no.

15. Daily income: .................. monthly income: ..................

16. Total monthly income of the family: ..................

17. Do you think that the income earned by your family is sufficient to run the family?

18. Do you save money?

19. Do you burrow money? Yes/no.

20. What are the sources of burrowing money?

21. What is the mode of repayment of your loan?
   i. From salary/Income.
   ii. By selling cow, goat, land or other property.
   iii. Taking another loan from other sources.
   iv. Doing excess work.
   v. Any other mode.
22. Do you get rations from the garden authority? yes / no.


24. Do you posses agricultural land? yes/no.

25. If yes, mention the total areas:............

26. Are you satisfied with the job in the garden: yes/no.

27. Do you prefer your children to work in the garden: yes/no.

28. Do you like to work outside the garden: Yes/No.

29. How long are you living in this garden?

30. From which place your fore father hailed: .........................

31. Have you ever gone to your fore fathers’ original place? yes/no.

32. Do you have any relation with the people of your original place? yes/no.

33. Do you get time to engage yourself in other activities other than garden works? yes/no.

34. If yes, what type of activities are you engaged with?
   i. Busy with profit making or money earning business.
   ii. Engage with social activities.
   iii. Political activities.
   iv. Engaged with S.H.G., Society or Women’s Organization.
   v. Not engaged.

35. If no, what is the reason behind not relating with other activities?
   i. Poor economic condition of the family.
   ii. Busy with garden activities round the clock.
   iii. Lack of interest.
   iv. Lack of proper guidance
   v. Any other reason.
D. Level of participation and awareness in organisational and political aspect.

36. Are there any organizations inside the garden? If yes, then what are those organizations?

37. Do you know about the students’ organizations like ATTSA, AASSA? Yes/No.

38. Do the members or the leaders of these organizations visit your place?
   i. Frequently.
   ii. Occasionally.
   iii. Never.

39. Do you know about the activities of these organizations? Yes/No. If yes, what are those activities?

40. Do you vote regularly?

41. How do you select your candidate?

42. Do you know the names of the political parties contesting election?

43. Do you join in the campaigning activities during election? If yes, then how do you involve in these activities.

44. Did you ever join in any demonstration of tea garden labourers, demanding for preservation of your rights? (i) If yes why? (ii) If no, why?

45. Do you receive any assistance from the government? If yes, then what type of assistances you have received?

46. Do you want more facilities from Govt.? Yes/No.

47. What are your basic demands to elevate your status in the society? (according to your preference)
   i. Demand for wage hike and other economic assistance.
   ii. Demand for educational rights.
   iii. Demand for better social condition
iv. Demand for political share.

v. Demand for constitutional safeguard.

vi. Demand for employment of educated youths of the community

vii. Any other demands.

E. Perception of the respondents on ethnic identity

48. What is your mother tongue? ..................................................

49. Do you use your mother tongue at home? yes/no.

50. How do you communicate with your relatives?
   i. In your own language.
   ii. In Assamese.
   iii. In Sadri language.
   iv. Any other language

51. How do you communicate with your neighbours?
   i. In your own language.
   ii. In Assamese.
   iii. In Sadri language.
   iv. Any other language.

52. Do you have any differences among yourself on basis of caste, religion, race and so on? Yes/no.

53. If yes, then mention the reasons.(on basis of preference)
   i. On the basis of caste : Upper Caste/Lower Caste.
   ii. On the basis of Religion.
   iii. On the basis of Sex
   iv. On the basis of Illiterate/Literate.
   v. On the basis of rich and poor.
   vi. On the basis of rites and rituals.
54. Do you feel that the members of other communities look down upon you in a manner that embarrass you? yes/no. If yes, in what ways?

55. Do you think that your community is culturally rich? yes/no. If yes, how?

56. Do you think that tea garden labourers have united under one culture irrespective of their castes and creeds? Fully united/ partially united/not united.

57. Are the ways of celebration of ceremonies of tea garden labourers similar for all irrespective of their caste and creed? yes/no.

58. What type of dresses you wear during the festivals?

59. What are your common festivals?

60. Do you have any festival that you celebrate only with the people of your own community? yes/no.
   If yes, name them.

61. Do you like to accept Assamese culture? yes/no

62. If yes, how and why?

63. By what name you prefer to identify yourself and your community?
   i. Tea garden labourer
   ii. Tea Tribebs
   iii. Adivasi
   iv. Bagania
   v. any other.

63. Do you feel that you all are united and live like one community? fully united/partially united/not united.

64. Do any one of your family living outside the garden? yes/no.

65. Do you have any relatives who are living outside the gardens? yes/no.

66. If yes, do they visit your place? Frequently/Often/Rarely/Never.

67. Do you know about the constitutional safeguards for scheduled tribes and scheduled castes?

68. How do you prepare yourself to assert your identity?