

APPENDIX - II

Part - A

Questionnaire for Census survey

1. Name of District .....
2. Name of Block .....
3. Name/Number of the Panchayats .....
4. Name of the selected village(s) .....
5. Population of each village .....
6. Total Number of Households in  
each village .....
7. Name of the person who is  
heading/cheif provider of  
the family .....

PART - B

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Title : Female Headed Households of Rural North Bihar : An  
In-Depth Analysis of Status of Women.

Section - I Socio-Eco-Demographic Profile

1.1. Name of the Respondent/Head :

1.2. Marital Status :

1. Single----1
2. Married---2
3. Widows----3

1.3 Age of the Respondent (actual): Completed Years

1. Up to 25 Years -1
2. 26-35 Years -2
3. 36-45 Years -3
4. Above 46 Years -4

1.4 Educational level of the Respondent Completed Years

1.5 If not sure, may I know whether you  
can read and write in your mother  
tongue i.e. Maithili

1. Illiterate - 0
2. Can read - 1
3. Can read and write - 2
4. Primery - 3
5. Middle - 4
6. High School - 5
7. Graduate - 6
8. Above - 7

1.6 Will you please tell me your occupation

1. Labour - 1
2. Cast occupation - 2
3. Business - 3
4. Self employment - 4
  - a. Handicrafts
  - b. Spinning of khadi  
yarn by 'Charkha'
  - c. Mithila painting
  - d. Animal rearing
  - e. Any other

- |    |                        |   |
|----|------------------------|---|
| 5. | Farming -              | 5 |
| 6. | Service -              | 6 |
|    | a. Semi Govt.          |   |
|    | b. Private Sector      |   |
|    | c. Govt.               |   |
| 7. | Any other (pl specify) | 7 |

1.7 Caste of the family Name of actual caste-

- |    |                  |   |
|----|------------------|---|
| 1. | Sceduled caste - | 1 |
| 2. | Sceduled Tribe - | 2 |
| 3. | O B C -          | 3 |
| 4. | General -        | 4 |

1.8 Religion of the family

- |    |             |   |
|----|-------------|---|
| 1. | Hindu -     | 1 |
| 2. | Muslim -    | 2 |
| 3. | Christian - | 3 |
| 4. | Sikh -      | 4 |

1.9 Type of the family

- |    |            |   |
|----|------------|---|
| 1. | Nuclear -  | 1 |
| 2. | Joint -    | 2 |
| 3. | Extended - | 3 |

1.10 Size of the family

- |    |                   |   |
|----|-------------------|---|
| 1. | Up to 5 members - | 1 |
| 2. | 6 - 8 members -   | 2 |
| 3. | Above 8 members - | 3 |

1.11 Will you please tell me information about type of house

- |    |                |   |
|----|----------------|---|
| 1. | Hut -          | 1 |
| 2. | Katcha house - | 2 |
| 3. | Mixed house -  | 3 |
| 4. | Pacca house -  | 4 |
| 5. | Bengala -      | 5 |

1.12 Will you please tell me information regarding farm power

- |    |                        |   |
|----|------------------------|---|
| 1. | No draught animal -    | 0 |
| 2. | One draught animal -   | 1 |
| 3. | Two draught animal -   | 2 |
| 4. | Three draught animal - | 3 |
| 5. | Four draught animal -  | 4 |
| 6. | Five draught animal -  | 5 |
| 7. | Tractor etc.           | 6 |

1.13 Will you please tell me  
information regarding  
material possession

- |    |  |   |
|----|--|---|
| 1. | None -   | 0 |
| 2. | Bullock cart -   | 1 |
| 3. | Cycle / Radio /T.V. -                                      | 2 |
| 4. | Improved agro<br>implements -<br>(Pump set, Thresher etc.) | 3 |
| 5. | Any other -<br>(Please specify)                            | 4 |

1.14 Will you please tell me your  
participation in social  
activities as a

- |    |   |   |
|----|---|---|
| 1. | N A -                                     | 0 |
| 2. | Member of one<br>organisation -           | 1 |
| 3. | Member of more than<br>one organisation - | 2 |
| 4. | Office bearer -                           | 3 |
| 5. | Public leader -                           | 4 |

1.15 Will you please tell me the  
approximate monthly total  
income of the family

- |    |   |   |
|----|---|---|
| 1. | Low income level<br>up to Rs.500 -            | 1 |
| 2. | Medium income level<br>Rs.501 to 1100 -       | 2 |
| 3. | Medium high income level<br>Rs.1101 to 2000 - | 3 |
| 4. | High income level<br>Rs.2001 and above -      | 4 |

1.16 Will you please tell me the  
condition under which you  
have taken up the  
responsibility of heading  
the household

- A Where adult male are  
not present
- |    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 1. | Wives of outmigrant          |
| 2. | Widowhood                    |
| 3. | Divorce\separation\desertion |

B Where adult are present

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 4. | women's more able and<br>competent than male |
| 5. | adult male physically<br>hadicapped          |

6. adult male able to work  
but not contributing to  
family fund
7. too old and males to take  
care of family

1.17 Will you please tell me how long you  
have been heading the family

- |                    |   |  |
|--------------------|---|--|
| 1. Below 5 years - | 1 |  |
| 2. 5 and above -   | 2 |  |

## Section - II    Awareness and Participation Towards Developmental Programmes

2.1 Are there any developmental  
programmes running in your  
community ?

	Yes	No
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2.2 If yes, are you aware of those  
programmes ?

- |                             |     |    |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| 1. Mahila Mandal            | Yes | No |
| 2. D W C R A                | Yes | No |
| 3. T R Y S E M              | Yes | No |
| 4. HANDICRAFT               | Yes | No |
| 5. Adult Education Programs | Yes | No |
| 6. Any Other                | Yes | No |

2.3 Who organises these programmes ?

- |                              |   |  |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Government                | 1 |  |
| 2. Semi govt.                | 2 |  |
| 3. Voluntary<br>organisation | 3 |  |

2.4 Are you participating any of these  
programmes which are listed in Q.4

	Yes	No
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2.5 If yes, name the programme\s

	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	

2.6 How did you know about the  
programme\s

- |               |   |  |
|---------------|---|--|
| 1. Gramsevaka | 1 |  |
| 2. Sarpanch   | 2 |  |
| 3. Mukhia     | 3 |  |

- |    |                           |   |
|----|---------------------------|---|
| 4. | Media                     | 4 |
| 5. | Any other<br>(Pl specify) | 5 |

2.7 Are you aware of the main objectives of the the programme\s ?      Yes      No

2.8 Will you please tell me the objectives of the programme\s ?

- |    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| 1. | To improve the conditions of women                      |  |
| 2. | To make them aware of their rights and responsibilities |  |
| 3. | To make them literate                                   |  |
| 4. | To remove social evils                                  |  |
| 5. | To provide recreational facility                        |  |
| 6. | Any other   |  |

2.9 What is the duration of the programme\s

- |    |          |   |
|----|----------|---|
| 1. | 6 months | 1 |
| 2. | 1 year   | 2 |
| 3. | 2 years  | 3 |

2.10 How often do you visit the programme\s?

- |    |           |   |
|----|-----------|---|
| 1. | Always    | 3 |
| 2. | Sometimes | 2 |
| 3. | Never     | 1 |

2.11 What position do you hold if parcipating ?

- |    |                 |   |
|----|-----------------|---|
| 1. | Ordinary member | 1 |
| 2. | Excutive member | 2 |
| 3. | Treasurer       | 3 |
| 4. | Secretary       | 4 |
| 5. | Any other       | 5 |

2.12 What is your role in the meeting?

- |    |                                  |   |
|----|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Attend meeting as a member       | 1 |
| 2. | Participating in discussion      | 2 |
| 3. | Participating in decision making | 3 |
| 4. | Participating in its activities  | 4 |

2.13 What prompted you to participate in the programme\s?

1. To get money 1
2. To get benifit in kind 2
3. Any other (pl specify) 3

2.14 If you are not participating the programme(s) what are the reasons ?

1. Employed outside
2. Can earn more outside
3. Programme are not interesting
4. Busy in field work
5. Busy in handicraft
6. Children are small
7. Busy in animal rearing
8. Relatives does not like it

### Section - III Extent of Problems

Following statements are related to the problems which can be faced in different situations. You please indicate the extent to which you face the same.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS		to great extent(3)	to some extent(2)	not at all(1)
3.1	Lack of fund gives rise to difficulty in running the home.		<input type="text"/>	
3.2	scarcity of fund comes in the way of providing adequate food for your children		<input type="text"/>	
3.3	scarcity of fund limits purchasing suitable clothes for your children.		<input type="text"/>	
3.4	To spare money to pay school fee is very difficult.		<input type="text"/>	
3.5	Scarcity of fund is an obstacle to purchase luxirious items.		<input type="text"/>	

	to great extent (3)	to some extent (2)	not at all (1)
3.6 Saving money for the marriage of children is very difficult.		<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.7 Getting regular work is vary difficult because of being woman.		<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.8 Sexual harassment compels to change employment frequently.		<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.9 Collecting wages\salary from the employer is vary difficult becасue of being woman.		<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.10 Money lender charges extra interest on debt becасue of being woman.		<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.11 To repay debt is very difficult.		<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.12 A number of liabilities left by husband and\or inlaws give rise to shortage of fund.		<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.13 Pressures of survival make women depressed and suicidal.		<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.14 Scarcity gives rise to difficulty in maintainting relationship.		<input type="checkbox"/>	

#### FAMILY PROBLEMS

3.15 To spare time for care of children is very difficult.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.16 It is difficult to take care for children because of tiredness due to overwork.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.17 Absence of active male member(s) in the family gives rise to difficulty in making arrangement for the marriage of children.	<input type="checkbox"/>



	to great extent (3)	to some extent (2)	not at all (1)
3.18 To impart discipline to your children is difficult due to absence of husband.			
3.19 Marriage negotiations of children is quite problematic due to absence of male member(s)			

#### PERSONAL PROBLEMS

3.20 A lot of criticism faced from inlaws.	
3.21 Insecurity at night is felt due to absence of husband.	
3.22 Wearing clothes according to your choice is difficult due to social restrictions.	
3.23 To maintain personal and social life is difficult due to lack of support of companion.	
3.24 Cannot entertain male vistors at home due to social restrictions.	
3.25 Fear of sexual advances from male gives rise to tension from time to time.	
3.26 On ritual ceremonies there is a lot of social pressure to spend beyound capacity.	
3.27 To arrange labour for farming is very difficult.	
3.28 To get subsidy for agricultural purposes extended by the State Govt.\ other govt. organisations is very difficulty.	
3.29 Purchasing livestock is very difficult due to absence of male members.	
3.30 To market the product is very difficult due to absence of male members inthe family.	

**Section - IV Support Structure and Survival Strategies Adopted by Respondents.**

4.1 Will you please tell me the sources from which you got support at the time of economic problems Generally(2) Emergency(1)

1. Neighbours
2. Relatives
3. Friends
4. Bank
5. Money lender
6. Shopkeeper
7. Employer
8. Any other

4.3 Will you please tell me who supports at the time of emotional problems Generally(2) Emergency(1)

1. Relatives
2. Friends
3. Neighbours
4. Any other

4.3 Will you please tell me the strategies which you adopted at time of crisis Always Some times Never  
(3) (2) (1)

1. Bank loan
2. Using Bank savings
3. Using P O savings
4. L I C claims
5. Borrowing money from money lender
6. Borrowing money from relatives
7. loan from employer
8. Borrowing from neighbour
9. Selling of personal belongings (jewellery etc.)
10. Selling land property
11. Pledging of land property
12. Pledging of personal belongings (jewellery etc.)

**Section - V Opinion on Discrimination Against Women**

The following statements are related to the opinion regarding socio economic discrimination against women. There is no right or wrong answer. Keeping this in mind indicate your agreement or disagreement in relation to each statement.

STATEMENTS	AGREE (3)	UNCERTATION (2)	DISAGREE (1)
5.1 Female headed households are generally viwed as poorest among poor.			
5.2 Being head of the family the women have to assume responsibility for survival of the family.			
5.3 Women as the head of family have negative self image about the future.			
5.4 Women in femaleheaded households are generally living under great emotional pressure than those in male haeded household.			
5.5 Single mother and thier children experience higher level of physical stress than mothers in male headed household			
5.6 People feel that family life gets disturbed in female headed households due to absence of husbands.			
5.7 Female headed households are objects of pity by the society.			
5.8 Female headed households are exploited by family and society.			
5.9 Children of femaleheaded households have to assume responsibility of earning or looking after family at early age.			
5.10 Children of femaleheaded households are likely to be exploited as there is no control of father on them.			
5.11 Govt. should encourage participation of women in community activities.			
5.12 Traditional and cultural constraints restrict the upper cast women to work outside in rural areas.			

STATEMENTS	AGREE (3)	UNCERTATION (2)	DISAGREE (1)
5.13 Female heads of households face economic discrimination against women.			
5.14 Female headed households generally gets emotional support from their parental family.			
5.15 The parents of women generally support them at the time of crisis.			
5.16 Widowed women are involved in major decisions within house.			
5.17 Widowed women working outside are not liked by the society.			
5.18 The presence of widowed women at all kinds of social functions and festivals are not considered to be auspicious.			
5.19 Widowed working women are helped by the family members.			
5.20 Widowed women donot have hold over their earnings.			
5.21 Widowed women are harassed at their work place.			
5.22 Widowed women donot face any problem in securing loan from bank.			
5.23 Widowed women face problem in maintaining give and take relationship.			
5.24 Land and property owenership right is given to widowed women.			
5.25 It is young widows who are most vulnerable to mistreatment unless they have the support of their parents or brothers.			
5.26 Widowed women without children face a lot of difficulties in exercising their property rights.			
5.27 Wives of outmigrated husbands get financial support from the family members and relatives.			

STATEMENTS	AGREE (3)	UNCERTATION (2)	DISAGREE (1)
5.28 Wives of outmigrated husbands get emotional support from the famaily members and relatives.			
5.29 Wives of outmigrated husbands do not have access to obtain institutional credit.			
5.30 Wives of outmigrated husbands soulder entire responsibilities of the familiy.			
5.31 Wives of outmigrated husbands have difficuties in discharging responsibilities due to interference of their inlaws.			
5.32 Wives of the outmigrated husbands receiving remittance from their husbands appear to be more economically dependent than others.			
5.33 Wives of the outmigrated husbands donot get support by the society.			
5.34 Wives of the outmigrated husbands are viewed as object of pity by the society.			
5.35 Women are always held responsible in case of divorce/separation.			
5.36 Women are subject of social criticism if they are divorced by husbands.			
3.37 It is thought that divorced women lack virtue.			
3.38 Divorced women are neglected and dominated by family members.			
3.39 Character of divorced/separated women are suspected/blamed by the family members and the society.			
3.40 Divorced women are deprived of the privileges which they have as respectable housewives in the society.			

## Section - VI (A) Extent of Participation in Decision Making

Indicate the extent of decision making in various household, farm, livestock and income generating activities in the columns given below :

HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITIES		Independently	Jointly
6.1	<b>FOOD</b>	(2)	(1)
1.	Amount of money spent on food		
2.	Quality of food stuff to be purchased		
3.	Quantity of food stuff to be purchased		
4.	From where to purchase foodstuff		
5.	Who does the purchasing of food stuff		
6.	When to purchase		
7.	The duration of purchase i.e. yearly/monthly/weekly/daily.		
8.	Storage of raw food		
	<b>CLOTHING</b>		
9.	amount of money to be spent on clothing for family.		
10.	Types\Qualities of clothing purchased for self		
11.	Types\Qualities of clothing purchased for others		
12.	Place from where to purchase		
13.	seasonal care of clothes		
14.	Rennovation of clothes		
	<b>HOUSING AND FURNISHINGS</b>		
15.	Amount of money to be spent to repay housing loan if taken.		
16.	Quality of utensils to be purchased		
17.	Amount to be spent on repair		
	<b>MEDICAL CARE</b>		
18.	Money to be spent on medical care		
19.	Taking care of ill person		

Independently	Jointly
(2)	(1)

#### CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

20. Amount of money to be spent on children's education.
21. In which school your children is sent.
22. The selection of subjects in higher classes.

#### RECREATION

23. Amount of money to be spent on recreational activities
24. Selecting the recreational activities for all the family members

#### SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

25. Amount of money to be spent on such activities.
26. Visting relatives home
27. Purchasing gifts for different occasions.
28. How often to celebrate such avtivities at home.

#### SAVING AND INVESTMENT

29. How much money to be saved
30. where to save, in PO, in Bank, at Home.
31. Insurance
32. Purchase of land
33. Paying debts

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

34. Fetching water
35. Bringing fuel
36. Performance of household chores
37. Cleaning and dusting of House

### 6.2 FARM ACTIVITIES

1. Amount of money to be spent on farm activities
2. Ploughing
3. Harrowing
4. Selection of crop varieties

	Independently	Jointly
	(2)	(1)
5.	Sowing	
6.	Irrigation	
7.	Applcation of fertilisers and pesticides, if required.	
8.	Weeding	
9.	Harvesting	
10.	Tyeing and carrying of crop bundles	
11.	Threshing and winnowing	
12.	Storage of grains	
13.	Selelction of markets to sell products	

### 6.3 LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES

1. Amont of money to be spent on livestock
2. Purchase of animals
3. Making shelter for cattles
4. Buying fodder for animals
5. Giving medicines to animals if required
6. Milking
7. Selling milk and milk products
8. Amount of milk to be kept for household consumption
9. Selling of animals
10. Deciding rates to sell milk.
11. Utilising animal waste
12. Cultivation of fodder for animals

### 6.4 AREAS OF INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

1. Amount of money to be spent on these activities
2. Purchasing of equipments if required any
3. Purchasing of raw materials
4. Quality of raw materials
5. Processing of ready products
6. Marketing products to local market.
7. Marketing products to distant market
8. Deciding about the rate of selling the products
9. Estimation of future production



## Section - VI (B) Extent of Freedom to Spent Family Income

(PURPOSE)	To great extent (3)	some extent (2)	Not at all (1)
1. Food for the family			
2. Clothing for the family			
3. Maintenance of the house			
4. Buying of the furnishing			
5. Education for the children			
6. Religious ceremonies			
7. Health of the family members			
8. Recreation of the family			
9. Farm management.			
10. Buying of land			
11. livestock management			
12. To start income generation work			
13. Paying of debt			
14. Purchasing gifts for different occasions\social activities			
15. Any other (pl specify)			