

## Appendix I - Interview Schedule

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# A Study of Lifestyle of Prostitutes Social work Perspective 1997

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Dt. of Interview :

Respondent No. :

**A Personal Information :**

A1. Name :

A2. Address :

A3. Age:

A4. Education : \* Illiterate \* Primary \* Secondary  
\* H.Secondary \* Graduate \* Post Graduate

A5. Marital Status : \* \* \* \*

A6. Caste :

## A7. Religion

A8. Mother tongue :

A9. Knowledge of other Languages : \* Spoken / \* Written

A10. Native Place                      \* Village                      \* Dist  
   \* State

A11. Registered with : \* Rationcard \* Voters' list \* Census

**B. Family Background :**

**B1. (Parental Home)**

1. Type of family
2. Sibling order of Respondent
3. Total no. of family members (give details )

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Sr. No.	Relation with Respondent	Age	Education	Occupation	Income
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4. Did the family own any immovable property ?  
If Yes, Specify

- 1.
- 2.
- 3
- 4.

**B2. (Matrimonial Home)**

1. Type of family
2. Total no. of family members

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Sr. No.	Relation with Respondent	Age	Education	Occupation	Income
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B3. Did the family own any immovable property ?  
If Yes, Specify

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

B4. R's Age at Marriage : \_\_\_\_\_ years

B5. \* Whether she married with her choice ? Yes / No.  
Whether she married with parent's / guardian's consent ? Yes/No.

- \* If Arranged marriage, was it
- Forced
  - With her consent

B6. Probe about her past & present relationships with

- \* Her husband : Cordial - Fair - Indifferent - Poor
- \* Inlaws
- \* Parents :
- \* Siblings :

B7. \* Are her family members aware of her having accepted this mode of income ? Yes / No.  
\* If yes, how did they come to know about it ?

- B8. Are there any relatives / family members who are Fully / Partly dependent on her ? Yes / No. (If yes, give details).
- B9. Does she visit her family ? Yes / No.  
If yes (Specify frequency of visits per year).  
\* Regularly  
\* Some times  
\* Never
- B10. Does she maintain contact with her family through Correspondence ? Give details Yes / No.
- B11. Do her family members visit her here ? Yes / No. If yes, how often in a year ? Yes / No.
- B12. Is she being invited for Social / Religious family functions ? Yes / No.

**C. Occupational History :**

- C1. How long has she been in this Trade ? \_\_\_\_\_ Years
- C2. Has she been operating from the same city since beginning ? Yes / No  
\* If yes, has she been operating through the same brothel/gharawali ? Yes / No give details.  
\* If no, give details about the places she has moved from, alongwith the duration of her stay and reasons for shifting.
- C3. What factor led her to accept this trade ?  
\* Personal \* Social \* Economic \* Any other (give details)
- C4. Did any specific event compel her to accept this trade ? Yes / No ( If Yes, give details ).

- C5. Was she physically forced / tortured to accept flesh trade ?  
Yes / No ( Give details)
- C6. Before entering flesh trade, did she try to look for any other (socially acceptable) mode of earning ? Yes / No ( Give details)
- C7. What were the factors that compelled / motivated her to continue with flesh trade ?

#### **D Religiosity**

- D1. Does the respondent believe in God ? Yes / No (give details)
- D2. Does she worship everyday regularly ? Yes / No (give details)
- D3. Does she visit temple / religious place on special occasion?  
Yes / No (give details)
- D4. Does she observe fast on certain days ? Yes / No (give details)
- D5. Does she observe any Vrat etc ? Yes / No (give details)
- D6. Does she gain support from religion in times of stress ?  
Yes / No (give details)
- D7. Does she believe in performing rituals ? Yes / No (give details)
- D8. How much faith she has in God/ Religion  
- Full  
- Partial  
- No faith at all

#### **E. Health Profile :-**

- E1. Height
- E2. Weight

- E3. Old Sickness
- E4. Asthma
- E5. Cold/ Cough
- E6. Allergy
- E7. Major Sickness in family
- E8 Health Complaints Concerning
- \* Back
  - \* Neck
  - \* Shoulders
  - \* Hands
  - \* Feet
  - \* Chest
  - \* Head
  - \* Nerves
  - \* Stomach
  - \* Eyes
  - \* Ears
  - \* Skin
  - \* VD/STD
- E9. Pregnancy / Miscarriage / Abortion (Specify the number)
- E10. Major sickness in recent past ( last 2 yrs.) : (Specify)
- E11. Minor / Major Surgery undergone (Details) :
- E12. Treatment usually taken from : \* Allopathic / Homeopathic  
\* Private / Govt. hospital Ayurvedic / Yunani
- E13. Is she aware of STD / AIDS? Yes / No
- E14. Does she take any precautions for preventing the same ? Yes / No  
If yes, give details.
- E15. Does she have any health complaints mainly because of the  
nature of her work ? (give details)

**F. Clients / Customers**

F1. On an average how many clients does she receive every day ?

F2. Mostly clients are her regular visitors / Not so

F3. Mostly what is the age group of her clients ?

- \* teenage
- \* youth
- \* adults
- \* middle aged
- \* elderly

F4. Mostly which socio economic class do they come from ?

- \* Rich Class
- \* Middle Class
- \* Lower Middle Class
- \* Poor Class

F5. Mostly they are : \* Married \* Unmarried \* Not known

F6. What type of services are demanded by the clients ?

	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Avg. Time Spent</u>	<u>R's Reactions</u>
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- |    |   |   |  |
|----|---|---|--|
| 1. | Normal Sex                                    |   |  |
| 2. | Oral  |   |  |
| 3. | Anal  | - |  |
| 4. | Masturbation                                  |   |  |
| 5. | Any other type of<br>Sex Variation ( specify) |   |  |

F7. How often does the respondent come across rude / violent customers ?  
How does she handle them ?

F8. Is she emotionally attached to any of the clients ? Yes / No

F9. Has any client made an offer to marry her ? (Probe about her response)

F10. Do her clients use Condom ?

- |          |              |             |
|----------|--------------|-------------|
| * Always | * Frequently | * Sometimes |
| * Rarely | * Never      |             |





- \* What is the amount of rent paid to the gharawali ? \_\_\_\_\_Rs.p.m.
- \* What is the mode of fixing rent
  - Fixed amount p.m. (Specify amount)
  - Certain Fixed % of R's earning :  
Per day / p.m. (Specify amount)
  - Inclusive of food / Excludes food expenses

G2. How much does she charge per customer ?  
(Probe if the rates depend on the nature of service demanded)

G3. On an average what is her daily income ?

G4. Is she able to save money ? Yes / No  
If Yes - How much p.m.

G5. Does she have a bank / Post SB A/c. Yes / No

#### H. Children :

H1. No. of Conceptions \_\_\_\_\_

H2. No. of   
       \* Miscarriages \_\_\_\_\_  
       \* Abortions \_\_\_\_\_  
       \* Still Births \_\_\_\_\_  
       \* Live Births \_\_\_\_\_

H3. 1. No. of living children (At present)

No. of Child- ren	Age	Sex	Birth Place	Immunized Full/Part/ No	Education -	Legal Status Legi/ Illegi.	Presently Stay at
_____							
_____							

H4. Where do the children generally stay during business hours ?

H5. How do they pass their time ? (Daily routine)

H6. Do the older children help the respondent in business ? Yes/ No

H7. If Yes, how ?

- earn by working independently (details)
- running errands for her / gharwali
- taking care of younger child
- serving wine / eatables to customers
- cleaning etc.
- Any other (specify)

H8. Do they know about the nature of her business ? Yes / No

H9. Does the respondent like them to know about the nature of her work ? Yes / No

H10. Have the children ever expressed their opinion about (Like / Dislike)

- Place of stay                      Recreation/ Entertainment Facilities
- Food                                  Clothing      Education
- Clothing                              Mothers occupation ? (details)

H11. Do they have any stigma for R's occupation ?

H12. How many hours is the respondent able to spare exclusively for her children in a day ?

H13. How do they spend this time together ?

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Quantum (hrs )</u>	<u>Quality</u>
- Lunch / Dinner		
- Bathing etc.		
- Bed time		
- Any other		

H14. What is the attitude of the following persons towards the children ?

- |                            | <u>Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Negative</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| * Self (R)                 |                 |                |                 |
| * Customers                |                 |                |                 |
| * Gharawali                |                 |                |                 |
| * Pimps                    |                 |                |                 |
| * Colleagues (Fellow S.Ws) |                 |                |                 |

H15. How are the children treated by

- |   | <u>Accepted</u> | <u>Indifferent</u> | <u>Rejected</u> |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| * The other neighborhood people         |                 |                    |                 |
| * (Who are not in flesh business)       |                 |                    |                 |
| * The school / Balwadi Teachers         |                 |                    |                 |
| * Their classmates                      |                 |                    |                 |
| * Other children from normal families   |                 |                    |                 |
| * Worker of play centres ( Govt. / NGO) |                 |                    |                 |

H16 Probe about about adult issues / children ( if any)

- \* Stay
- \* Marital status
- \* Occupation
- \* Income

H17 Is the respondent willing to admit her children to hostel /  
institution - Play - day care center ? Yes/ No

I. - **Occupational Adjustment Scale**

- I1. Do you any time feel fed up with your present work ?  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Hardly e) Never
- I2. Do you think you have to exert too much in your present work ?  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Hardly e) Never
- I3. Do you plan to take up any other type of work/ job ?  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Hardly e) Never
- I4. Are you required to work with people whom you dislike in your work ?  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Hardly e) Never
- I5. Do you think you earn enough out of your work ?

- a) Always   b) Frequently   c) Sometimes   d) Hardly   e) Never
- I6. Do you like your colleagues and gharawali ?  
a) Always   b) Frequently   c) Sometimes   d) Hardly   e) Never
- I7. Could you progress in this trade as you desired ?  
a) Always   b) Frequently   c) Sometimes   d) Hardly   e) Never
- I8. Do you get irritated by any of your clients peculiar behaviour ?  
a) Always   b) Frequently   c) Sometimes   d) Hardly   e) Never
- I9. Do you think that you are a misfit in your business set up ?  
a) Always   b) Frequently   c) Sometimes   d) Hardly   e) Never

**J. Personality Scale :**

Sr. No.	Traits	Rating				
1.	Achievement oriented	"	"	"	"	"
2.	Adventurous	"	"	"	"	"
3.	Affectionate	"	"	"	"	"
4.	Affinity oriented	"	"	"	"	"
5.	Athletic	"	"	"	"	"
6.	Aware of feeling of others	"	"	"	"	"
7.	Chaste	"	"	"	"	"
8.	Chivalrous	"	"	"	"	"
9.	Commanding	"	"	"	"	"
10.	Compassionate	"	"	"	"	"
11.	Courageous	"	"	"	"	"
12.	Daring	"	"	"	"	"
13.	Delicate	"	"	"	"	"
14.	Discreet	"	"	"	"	"
15.	Dominating	"	"	"	"	"
16.	Enterprising	"	"	"	"	"
17.	Feminine	"	"	"	"	"
18.	Firm	"	"	"	"	"
19.	Independent	"	"	"	"	"
20.	Individualistic	"	"	"	"	"
21.	Magnanimous	"	"	"	"	"
22.	Nurturant	"	"	"	"	"
23.	Motherly	"	"	"	"	"
24.	Practical	"	"	"	"	"
25.	Resourceful	"	"	"	"	"
26.	Self-confident	"	"	"	"	"
27.	Self-sacrificing	"	"	"	"	"
28.	Sensitive	"	"	"	"	"
29.	Soft-spoken	"	"	"	"	"
30.	Steady	"	"	"	"	"
31.	Supportive	"	"	"	"	"
32.	Sweet tempered	"	"	"	"	"
33.	Sympathetic	"	"	"	"	"
34.	Tender	"	"	"	"	"
35.	Trusting	"	"	"	"	"
36.	Versatile	"	"	"	"	"
37.	Vigilant	"	"	"	"	"
38.	Vigorous	"	"	"	"	"
39.	Warm	"	"	"	"	"
40.	Masculine	"	"	"	"	"

**K. Self Esteem Scale**

- K1. I feel that I am a person of worth, at least on an equal basis with others.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- K2. I feel that I have a number of good qualities.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- K3. All in all I am inclined to feel that I am a failure.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- K4. I am able to do thing as well as most other people.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- K5. I feel I do not have much to be proud of  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- K6. I take a positive attitude toward my self  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- K7. On the whole, I am satisfied with myself  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- K8. I wish I could have more respect for myself.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- K9. I certainly feel useless at times.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- K10. At times, I feel I am no good at all.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never

**L. Purpose in life scale ( Simplified)**

- |      |                                 |   |
|------|---------------------------------|---|
| L1.  | I am usually                    | - completely bored /<br>- enthusiastic  |
| L2.  | Life to me seems                | - completely routine /<br>- always exciting   |
| L3.  | In my life, I have              | - no goals at all /<br>- very clear goals, aims   |
| L4.  | My personal existence is        | - very meaningful /<br>- without meaning  |
| L5.  | Everyday is                     | - Constantly new & different /<br>- Exactly the same  |
| L6.  | If I could choose, I would      | - prefer never to have been born /<br>- Like more lives like this                           |
| L7.  | In achieving life goals         | - I made no progress at all /<br>- progressed to complete fulfillment                       |
| L8.  | With regards to suicide, I have | - thought to do it seriously as a way out/<br>- never given it a thought.                   |
| L9.  | My life is                      | - in my hands and I am in control of it<br>- Out of my hands in control of external factors |
| L10. | I am a                          | - Very irresponsible person /<br>- Very responsible person                                  |

**M. Stress Scale :**

- M1. I feel very lonely when I think of my profession.  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Hardly    e) Never
- M2. I get depressed when I see other having good family & relative as I am deprived of it.  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Hardly    e) Never

- M3. ( Some times) I feel very tired but then I can not afford it.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- M4. I can not afford much expense on tasty food .  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- M5. Aging is a curse for our profession.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- M6. I get in to tension when I think of the future of my children.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- M7. I am often disturbed by the pimps.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- M8. I feel insecure when I see younger girls joining the flesh market .  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- M9. I am often disturbed by the police.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- M10. I feel sick of my customers when they hurt me.\_  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- M11. I hate my gharawali when she forces me to entertain more number of customers then I can.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never

**N. Projective test of individual & social values :**

- N1. I am by and large tolerant.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never
- N2. I would love to have good deal of money and property.  
a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Hardly      e) Never



- N3. I like to exercise power over others (colleagues).  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Hardly    e) Never
- N4. I believe that one should live with others with understanding and adjustment.  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Hardly    e) Never
- N5. I care a lot about my relatives, friends and others.  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Hardly    e) Never
- N6. I believe that one should be earnest and sincere in his work.  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Hardly    e) Never
- N7. I believe that one should be brave and bold.  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Hardly    e) Never
- N8. I have a strong will and I manage to get what I want.  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Hardly    e) Never
- N9. I like to help others even when I personally do not gain anything out of it.  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Hardly    e) Never
- N10. I hate picking up quarrels with others.  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Hardly    e) Never

**O. Attitude towards customers :**

- O1. My customers are by and large good and gentle.  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Rarely    e) Never
- O2. Customers always pay me less than what they ought to.  
a) Always    b) Frequently    c) Sometimes    d) Rarely    e) Never

- O3. As a women, I hate my customers as they are not faithful to their spouses  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- O4. Customers never care for my feelings  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- O5. Customers are responsible for giving us deceases like STD/ AIDS.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- O6. Most customers are kind and sympathetic.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- O7. I see every customers as an insult to my womanhood.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- O8. It is only because of my customers that I am self dependent.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- O9. Customers come to me not only for seeking sexual pleasure but also for emotional relief.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- O10. I feel like killing the customer when he behaves rudely with me.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never

**P. Attitude towards Gharawali (Brothelkeeper) :**

- P1. My Gharawali does not allow me to spend my money as I like.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- P2. The Gharawali insists upon taking away her share even when I do not earn enough to satisfy my own needs.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- P3. If I make less earnings than Gharawali's expectations, she behaves rudely & at times cruelly with me.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- P4. The gharawali is very supportive & sympathetic to me.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- P5. The gharawali does not allow me to have any say in accepting / refusing to any customer  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never

- P6. The gharawali does not give me enough food.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- P7. The gharawali does not allow me to have food of my choice.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- P8. The gharawali compels me to wear clothes of her choice against my wish.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- P9. The gharawali compels me to solicit for customers outside the premises.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- P10. The gharawali takes care of me / my children when I am sick.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never

**Q. Attitude Towards Police And Legal Authorities :**

- Q1. Policemen always harass us.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- Q2. Policemen are never around when their help is needed.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- Q3. Policemen visit this area only to collect their 'installments' (bribe).  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- Q4. The presence of police in this area adversely affects our business.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- Q5. Policemen sexually exploit us and use our service without making any payment.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- Q6. The legal authorities never give us an opportunity to be heard.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- Q7. The court staff is corrupt.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never
- Q8. We can never hope for justice from the law.  
a) Always b) Frequently c) Sometimes d) Rarely e) Never

- Q9. The judges are mostly sympathetic to us as they understand our problems.  
 a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Rarely      e) Never
- Q10 Police always save us from violent customers.  
 a) Always      b) Frequently      c) Sometimes      d) Rarely      e) Never

**R. Coping Strategies In Times Of Crisis/Stress :**

- R1. After taking up flesh trade has the respondent experienced any major crisis ? 2  
Yes / No

R2. If yes, how often ? give details of :

- a)      \* physical / health related crisis  
          \* major health problem
- b)      \* emotional crisis  
          \* guilt feeling during the initial period  
          \* rejection by spouse /parents /family  
          \* death of family members  
          \* ill treatment by gharwali/colleagues  
          \* betrayal by customer  
          \* Any other (specify)
- c)      Monetary crisis  
          \* could not earn enough for food  
          \* could not afford medical treatment in times of illness  
          \* could not afford rent  
          \* could not provide for dependent family members  
          \* any other (specify)
- d)      Legal crisis  
          \* arrested in police custody / Judicial custody  
          \* court case  
          \* convicted for any offense  
          \* any other (specify)

R3. How did she cope with the crisis ?

- a)      failed to cope
- b)      could manage by herself

- R4. a)      In case of health crisis .  
          \* resorting to home remedies

- \* consulting quacks
- \* getting treatment from private/Govt. hospitals/ clinics
- b) In case of emotional crisis .
  - \* by rationalizing - Justifying her acts
  - \* by consciously desensitizing herself/developing indifference
  - \* by blaming her destiny
  - \* by seeking emotional support from :
    - colleagues
    - gharwali
    - family members
    - children
  - \* by any other method (specify)
- c) In case of monetary crisis :
  - \* by compromising with her needs
  - \* by seeking help from ;
    - gharwali
    - colleagues
    - pimps
    - relatives
  - \* by getting things on credit
  - \* by borrowing from money lenders
  - \* any other (specify)
- d) In case of legal crisis :
  - \* by undergoing due legal procedure
  - \* by bribing the Police/Judiciary
  - \* by paying regular installments to police
  - \* by seeking legal help from lawyers - on payment/ - free legal aid

**S. Future Aspirations :**

- S1 What does the respondent aspire in respect of
- a) her children ?
    - \* Male child
    - \* Female child
  - b) her own self
    - \* Owning a house
    - \* Settling down by having her own home & family
    - \* Going back to her home town.
    - \* Owning a brothel
    - \* Any other (Specify)

**T. Rehabilitation Potential :**

T1. Is the respondent ready to leave flesh trade ? Yes / No

T2. If yes , when ?

- \* Immediately
- \* After some time (Specify)
- \* Not in near future
- \* Never

T3. If conditionally, what are her conditions ?

T4. What kind of alternate job would she prefer ?

T5. If required, Is she ready to take vocational Training ?

T6. Where would she like to settle if she leaves flesh trade ?

(Name the town, & place (i.e. Family / Relative's home or govt. institution).

**U. Researcher's Observations/ Remarks :**