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Dear Friends,

We are currently engaged in a study to understand how people feel about and adjust to misfortune or crisis. All of us know that somebody sometimes becomes a victim of misfortune such as loss of any part of the body due to injury etc. We hope that in talking about it with a number of co-workers like you, we would understand better what such a misfortune means to the recipient and how adjustment is brought about in the long run.

We thought that you are the right person to enlighten us on the issue and we trust that you would not mind sharing with us your views, and thus helping us in getting better and more systematic understanding of the problem. In this connection we would like to know your attitude towards life and how you feel about different situations, those related to home, health, social, emotional and occupational adjustment. We also know that such a joint venture will help us in our individual as well as institutional efforts at often and in organizing welfare and rehabilitational programmes for those of us who have experienced such injuries. We would like to assure you that we are not testing your ability or intelligence and that the results would be used only for research purpose and will of course be strictly confidential. In case you would like to add something please feel free.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Manjit Kaur

1. Would you mind telling me how you lost your limb ?
2. Do you remember how you felt when you came to know about the loss of your limb ? (or any body part)
 - (a) Could you explain it little more ?
 - (b) Remember how you felt at that time ?
3. Do you feel differently about the whole situation now ?
Could you describe how your feelings changed since the accident happened ?
4. Do you mind telling me what life seems to you now ?
5. Do you think that now you could stand more painful experiences than before and that you are stronger than before ?
6. Do you know that there is an expression, time is the best healer ? Do you believe in it ?
7. Do you feel your progress has been affected by this injury ?
8. Do you know anybody who was injured in the same way as you were ?
9. Do you think that non-injured people are uncomfortable when they are with you ?
 - (a) How they react to you ?
10. How do you think people should treat those who have been injured ?
11. Do you wish to be treated with sympathy by others ?
12. Do you think there is something, which is positive about being hurt ?
13. How do you know who understand your problems and can really help you ?

14. Are you satisfied with your slump ?
 - (a) Some people say that they get mad at the stump and try to hurt it. What do you think the reason might be ?
 - (b) Have you ever felt that way ?
15. Do you think that after being injured (disabled) a man gets more interested in new things that did not interest him before ?
16. What have you learned to do since you were wounded ?
 - (a) What do you think still you have to learn ?
17. Are there some words you object to ?
 - (a) How about the word, 'stump' ?
18. Did you ever go through rehabilitation course ?
 - (a) Is it beneficial in any way ?
 - (b) Do you think that every injured (disabled) person should go through rehabilitation course?
19. Any suggestions ?