

# **Appendix I**

## INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

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Subaltern Consciousness of the Tea Garden Labourers: A Sociological Study of Adivasis  
in Assam

1. Name of Respondent:
2. Category:
3. Clan:
4. Lineage:
5. Religion:
6. Mother tongue:
7. Since when and how many generations do your family lived in this tea garden?
8. In which year do your family migrated to this tea garden?
9. Who was the first migrant in your family? Your father/ Grandfather /or others relatives in your family.
10. Who was the person encouraged you to migrate in Assam?
11. What was the experience you gathered during your Migration?
12. After reaching Assam what was the scenario during that time?
13. What type of job has been provided to you during that time?
14. Who was your supervisor during that time? Thikadar/ Sardar/Arkathi or other, please mention the name?
15. How many hours did you work in a day during that time?
16. At present, what is the time schedule to start your work in the garden? Morning / Afternoon i.e., after 12 P.M or If morning then at what time?

17. At what time do you leave the working place?
18. In which sector you are engaged in the garden?
19. At present how much you get as wages per day?
20. Can you say something about Britishers/East India Company/tea garden Managers, who brought you here?
21. Did they (Britishers/owners) torture you? If yes, then, state in which way.....
22. What is the actual condition of your housing/living room condition at present?
23. What types of house at present: 1. Semi pacca            2. Bamboo mud wall with tin roof
24. Did they (tea garden Company) give you any facilities like ration, medicine, car, education, etc? If yes, then, please explain.....
25. Do you have songs, poetries, riddles, folk stories related to migration and on present work situation? If yes then, name and explain.....
26. In which way you are an Adivasi? Please explain .....
27. What is your feeling as you belong to Adivasi community? State any Adivasi feelings that reflect on cultural practices of resistance like practices of mother tongue or worshipping which is being proud of an Adivasi community?
28. Do you feel that Adivasis are weak and helpless? If yes, then, how, can you express it?.....
29. Whom you think actually responsible for your weak and helplessness? Owner/ Govt./or others.....
30. Is there any organization like INTUC/ AASA in your garden? Yes/ no
31. Are you a member of any organization? Yes/ No. If yes, when and why did you take the membership?

32. What is your position in the particular organization?
33. How is your relation with the tea garden manager?
34. How much do you get wage/salary in a month?
35. Are you satisfied with your present wage/salary? Yes/No
36. If no, then, what actions do you want to take up by you?
37. Who is/are responsible for your less amount of wage/salary?
  - a. Tea garden authority/ Government authority
  - b. any other.....
38. Do you take any action against them? Yes/ no
39. If yes, then, specify .....
40. What is/are the reason(s) of wages differences in Brahmaputra valley (Rs.115/- per day) and Barak valley (Rs.75/- per day)? Give comment.....
41. What should be the wage per day according to you?
42. Did you organize any movement to increase your wages? If yes, then where and when?
43. Do you belong to Scheduled Tribe? Yes/no If no, then, what status you belong SC /OBC/MOBC or other .....
44. What action/movement do you take to achieve ST status?
45. Do you know the reason why the govt. of Assam did not provide ST status to you?
46. Do you know the objectives and ideology of the ST demand movement?
47. Is there any change of the movement objectives and ideology since of its inception? Comment .....

48. Could you mention some of your leaders who actively participated in your demand?
49. Do you know about the incident took place in Guwahati on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2007?  
Yes/No. If yes, then, what is it? .....
50. Do you know about Bhuvan valley starvation death incident? Yes/No. If yes, then, specify on it. ....
51. Do you know about the 'Tea Tribe'?
52. Do you feel that tea tribes are subjugated and exploited?
53. Do you feel tea tribes are alienated or oppressed?
54. How does the tea garden owner/manager/thikadar exploit you?
55. What is your view about the exploitation?
56. Do you encounter any opponent groups during organizing any movement? If yes, then, who are they? Tea garden owner/Assam govt./or other please specify it.
57. What are the roles played by the political parties/panchayat/village panchayat/state of during the course of Adivasi movement?
58. Do you get any support from other organizations during your movement? Yes/No. If yes, then, which organization?
59. Do you have any idea to solve the problems of Adivasi in Assam? Specify.....

**Date:**

**Place:**

**Signature of Investigator**