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APPENDIX 1

Questionnaire 1 on the Nature of Disputes and Mode of Dispute Settlement Existing in the Villages of India

I. Name of the Village:

II. Nature of the Village:

- Interior
- Coastal
- Tribal

III. Location of the Village

Gram Panchayat	Taluk	District	State

IV. Demography

Population	Caste/ Tribe			Religion				Occupation of People	Literacy	Size of the Village	Distance from the District Head Quarters
	SC	ST	Others	Hindu	Muslim	Christian	Others				

V. Village Administrative Head

Name of the Sarpanch:
Caste/Tribe:
Sex:
Age:
Educational Qualification:
Period of Service as Sarpanch:
Method of Selection:

VI. Nature of disputes in the village during the years 2010 - 2015

Total Nuber of Disputes	Land Disputes	Domestic Violence	Water Disputes	Family Disputes	Conflict with Neighbours	Inter Caste/Tribe / Religion Disputes	Inter-Village Disputes	Other Disputes

VII. General Questions:

1. Who is in charge of settling disputes in the village?
2. How do you settle disputes in the village?
3. How many disputes came up for settlement during the period 2010 -2015?
4. How many disputes were settled in the village?
5. What is the alternative step/method of settlement if the disputes are not settled in the village?
6. How many disputes have gone in for settlement by making use of the alternative mode of settlement during the period of 2010 – 2015?
7. What could be the second alternative, if the dispute is not settled in the first alternative?
8. Are there any disputes that have been taken to the Civil Court? If Yes, how many?
9. Do the differences in caste/tribe/religion influence the dispute mechanism in the village?
10. Do those in charge of settling disputes use any threats or force on the parties related to the dispute to settle it?
11. Are the villagers happy and satisfied by the decision of dispute settlement mechanism prevailing in the village?

APPENDIX 2

Questionnaire 2 on People's Perception of Dispute Settlement Mechanisms Existing in the Villages in India

1. Name of the Respondent:
2. Name of the State:
3. Name of the District:
4. Name of the Panchayat:
5. Name of the Village:
6. Sex.
 - Male
 - Female
7. Age.
 - < 30
 - 31 to 40
 - 41 to 50
 - 51 to 60
 - > 61
8. Occupation.
 - Farmer
 - Labourer
 - Service
 - Ex. Service
 - Self Business
 - House work
 - Any other (specify)
9. Education.
 - Illiterate
 - Primary
 - Middle
 - Metric

- 10+2
- Graduate
- Post Graduate

10. Caste

- General
- SC
- ST

11. Religion

- Hindu
- Muslim
- Christian
- Others

12. Have you been involved in any dispute during the years 2010 -2015?

- Yes
- No. (If no, skip to question no.-18)

13. If yes, which type of disputes?

14. Did you approach the mode of the dispute- settlement mechanism existing here in the village?

- Yes
- No (If no, skip to question no.-18)

15. If yes, did the dispute settlement mechanism existing here solve your dispute?

- Yes
- No

16. If yes, are you satisfied with the decision of the dispute settlement mechanism which you approached?

- Yes
- No

17. If no, why? Give reason/s

18. Are you aware that the government is trying to establish Gram Nyayalayas for the purpose of dispute settlements?

- Yes
- No

19. Do you think women are getting justice from the dispute -settlement mechanism existing here, when they approach it for the settlement of a dispute?

- Yes
- No

20. If no, why?

21. Do you think the dispute- settlement mechanism existing here is fair, and considers democratic values when giving decision about any dispute at village?

- Yes
- No

22. If no, what are the reasons?

APPENDIX 3

Questionnaire 3 on Parallel Judiciary Systems existing in India

1. Name of the Respondent:
2. Name of the State:
3. Name of the District:
4. Name of the Panchayat:
5. Name of the Village:
6. Explain the features of the Parallel Judicial System followed here

7. How old is this system?

8. Who is in charge of administering this system?

9. Nature of disputes in the village during the years 2010 - 2015

Total Number of Disputes	Land Disputes	Domestic Violence	Water Disputes	Family Disputes	Conflict with Neighbours	Inter Caste/Tribe / Religion Disputes	Inter-Village Disputes	Other Disputes

10. Is there any provision for the proceedings of meeting between the disputants?

- Yes
- No

11. Is there any written agreement between both parties?

- Yes
- No

12. What is the reason for introducing the Parallel Judicial System here?

13. Are the parties happy and satisfied about the functioning of this system?

APPENDIX 4

Questionnaire 4 on People's Perception on Parallel Judiciary System

1. Name of the Respondent:
2. Name of the State :
3. Name of the District:
4. Name of the Panchayat:
5. Name of the Village:
6. Sex.
 - Male
 - Female
7. Age.
 - < 30
 - 31 to 40
 - 41 to 50
 - 51 to 60
 - > 61
8. Occupation.
 - Farmer
 - Labourer
 - Service
 - Ex. Service
 - Self Business
 - House work
 - Any other (specify)
9. Education.
 - Illiterate
 - Primary
 - Middle
 - Metric
 - 10+2
 - Graduate

- Post Graduate

10. Caste

- General
- SC
- ST

11. Religion

- Hindu
- Muslim
- Christian
- Others

12. Have you involved in any dispute during last one year?

- Yes
- No. (If no, skip to question no.-18)

13. If yes, which type of dispute?

14. Did you approach this forum for settling the disputes?

- Yes
- No (If no, skip to question no.-18)

15. If yes, did this forum solve your dispute?

- Yes
- No

16. If yes, are you satisfied with the decision of this forum?

- Yes
- No

17. If no, why? Give reason/s

18. What is the reason for introducing this kind of Parallel Judicial System here?

19. Do you think, this forum is fair and adheres to democratic values when giving decision to any dispute at village?

- Yes
- No

20. If no, what is the reason/s?

APPENDIX 5

Questionnaire 5 on the Administration of Justice among Tribes of India

I. Name of the Respondent:

II. Name of the Tribe:

III. Location of the Tribe:

- District
- State

IV. Demography

Name of the Tribe	Population	No. of Clans	Number of Villages	Law of inheritance and succession	Occupation of People	Distance from the District Head Quarters

V. Judicial Administration System

Judicial Head	Selection Procedure	Eligible Members of Judicial Council	Filing the Petition	Court Fee/ Admission Fee	Judicial Procedure	Time Duration to settle a dispute	Mode of Judgement	Presence of Oath/ Ordeal	System of Ordeal	Highest Appeal

VI. Main Crimes and Punishments

Crimes & Punishment							

VII. General Question:

- i. How many disputes came up for settlement during the period 2010 – 2015?
- ii. How many disputes could you settle?
- iii. What will be the alternative if the disputes are not settled?
- iv. Are there any disputes that are taken to the Civil Court? If Yes, how many?
- v. Are the villagers happy and satisfied by the decision of the dispute-settlement mechanism prevailing in the village?

APPENDIX 6

Questionnaire 6 on People's Perception of Dispute Settlement Mechanisms in the Tribe in India

1. Name of the Respondent:
2. Name of the Tribe:
3. Name of the District:
4. Name of the Village:
5. Sex.
 - Male
 - Female
6. Age.
 - < 30
 - 31 to 40
 - 41 to 50
 - 51 to 60
 - > 61
7. Occupation.
 - Farmer
 - Labourer
 - Service
 - Ex. Service
 - Self Business
 - House work
 - Any other (specify)
8. Education.
 - Illiterate
 - Primary
 - Middle
 - Metric
 - 10+2
 - Graduate
 - Post Graduate

9. Have you been involved in any dispute during the years 2010 -2015?

- Yes
- No. (If no, skip to question no.-15)

10. If yes, which type of dispute?

11. Did you approach the Dispute Settlement Mechanism existing here for this?

- Yes
- No

12. If yes, did the Dispute Settlement Mechanism existing here solve your dispute?

- Yes
- No

13. If yes, are you satisfied with the decision of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism existing here?

- Yes
- No

14. If no, why? Give reason/s

15. Do you think women are getting justice from the Dispute Settlement Mechanism existing here, when they approach for settlement of dispute?

- Yes
- No

16. If no, why?

17. Do you think the Dispute Settlement Mechanism existing here is fair and adheres to democratic values when giving decision to any dispute of the tribe?

- Yes
- No

18. If no, what are the reasons? _____

APPENDIX 7

Questionnaire 7 on the Functioning of Gram Nyayalayas

1. Name of the State:
2. Name of the District:
3. Name of the Block:
4. No. of villages in the Block:
5. Population of Block:
6. Percentage of SC:
7. Percentage of ST:
8. Percentage of Other Communities :
9. Is r the Nyayadhikari a judge in a regular Court?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
10. Is there a Panel of Conciliators?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
11. Is the process of Conciliation happening?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
12. Has the Plea Bargaining System been adopted in the Nyayalaya?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
13. Is there a presence of advocates during the process?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
14. Are regular village visits made by the Mobile Court?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
15. What is the system adopted in Court Proceedings?
 - a. Formal
 - b. Informal

16. Does the Gram Nyayalaya have a separate building?

- a. Yes
b. No. If No, where is it functioning?

17. How many days does it function in a week?

18. How many days does it take to dispose of a case?

19. The Number and nature of disputes during the years 2011- 2015

Total Number of Disputes	Land Disputes	Domestic Violence	Water Disputes	Family Disputes	Conflict with Neighbours	Inter-Caste/Tribe / Religion Disputes	Inter-Village Disputes	Other Disputes

20. Processes and procedures followed for hearing of appeals and decision making by your Gram Nyayalaya

11. Type of disputes (2010 - 2015)

Sl. No.	Type of dispute	No. of cases	Time taken to settle cases	No. cases registered/heard		No. cases settled in Gram Nyayalaya	No. cases referred to	
				Registered	Hearing verbally		Police	Court
1	Land dispute							
2	Family dispute							
3	Domestic violence							
4	Water Disputes							
5	Conflict with Neighbours							
6	Inter Caste/Tribe / Religion Disputes							
7	Inter- Village Disputes							

8	Other Disputes							
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21. In your view, are Gram Nyayalayas effective in solving the disputes at the village level?

22. What is the approach of Gram Nyayalayas while dealing with disputes related to women?

23. If there any problem that the Gram Nyayalaya faces while solving a dispute case.

- Yes
- No
- If yes, which type?

24. Is there any written agreement between both parties?

- Yes
- No

25. Does the Gram Nyayalaya take any signature of a witness?

- Yes
- No

26. Is any provision of imposing fine to dispute parties prevalent?

- Yes
- No
- If yes, how much (in Rs.) _____

27. Give your suggestions to improve the function of Gram Nyayalayas

28. What type of power should be given to Gram Nyayalayas?
