

## ANNEXURE-I

### Questionnaire for random samples: Any member of the household who is a voter

[Choose any one response from the following : *(Yes/ No/ No Comment/ Don't Know)*]

1. Name : \_\_\_\_\_

2. (a) Gender : 1. Male 2. Female:

(b) Age of Respondent : \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Caste/primordial affiliation :

(i) Scheduled Caste

(ii) Scheduled Tribe

(iii) OBC

(iv) MOBC

(v) Any other .....

3. Religion

(a) Hindu

(b) Muslim

(c) Christian

(d) Any other

4. Educational Qualification:

(a) Illiterate

(b) Education up to Class X

(c) Matriculate

(d) Passed Higher Secondary Examination

(e) Graduate

(f) Post-graduate

(g) Ph. D

5. Occupation:

(1) Unemployed

(2) Agriculture

(3) Business

(4) Teaching

(5) Engineer

(6) Doctor

(7) Lawyer

(8) Government employee

(9) Any other .....

6. Monthly income (approximate):

- (i) Nil
- (ii) Below Rs.5000
- (iii) Rs. 5001-10,000
- (iv) Rs.10,001-15,000
- (v) Rs.15,001-20,000
- (vi) Rs.20,001-50,000
- (vii) above Rs.50,000

7. Are you holding an office bearer of any organization? 1. Yes 2. No

7.a If yes, please state .....

8. Are you a member of any political organization? 1. Yes 2. No

- 8.a If yes :
- 1) National Political Party
  - 2) Regional Political Party
  - 3) Tiwa/ Rabha Organisation

### **Part-A** **(General Political Awareness)**

9. Did you ever cast vote any elections? 1. Yes 2. No

9.a If yes, in which elections, ever since you

- (a) Lok Sabha
- (b) Assembly
- (c) Autonomous Council
- (d) All

10. As a citizen of India, are you aware of your Fundamental Rights? 1. Yes  
2. No

12. Name the present Prime Minister of India? (a) Correct answer (b) Wrong answer

14. Do you know the name of the MLA of your constituency? 1. Yes  
2. No

15. Do you know the name of the name of the MP representing your constituency? 1. Yes  
2. No

16. Name the Chief Minister of Assam (a) Correct answer (b) Wrong answer

17. Do you know the name of the Chief Executive Member of your Council?  
 1. Yes  
 2. No
18. Do you know that the Constitution of India under its Sixth Schedule provides some political autonomy to certain tribal groups of the North East India?  
 1. Yes  
 2. No
19. Are aware that the Constitution of India provides some special privileges to the tribal people of India?  
 1. Yes  
 2. No

**Part-B**  
**(Awareness about the factors of autonomy demand)**

20. Do you think that in Assam the Tiwa/Rabha tribes are losing their distinct ethnic identity?  
 1. Yes  
 2. No
- 20.a If yes, give reasons .....
21. Are you aware of the contention held by some leaders of your community that the cultural hegemony of the greater Assamese nationality has resulted in the extinction of the distinct cultural identity of the Tiwa/ Rabha tribal community of Assam?  
 1. Yes  
 2. No
- 21.a If yes, do you agree to it ?  
 1. Yes  
 2. No
- 21.b If yes, please explain .....
22. Are you aware of the allegation levelled by some leaders of your community that the Government of Assam have failed to protect and preserve the Tiwa/Rabha language, which is regarded as a symbol of distinct cultural identity?  
 1. Yes  
 2. No
- 22.a If yes, do you agree to this contention?      1. Yes      2. No
23. The Tiwa/Rabha people are very backward in socially and economically, as compared to the non tribal peoples of Assam. Do you agree?  
 1. Yes      2. No
24. Are you aware of the allegation that the Tiwa/Rabha people have been deprived from the basic facilities of education, health, communication etc. in Assam.  
 1. Yes  
 2. No

- 24.a If yes, is it really true? 1. Yes  
2. No
25. Some people say that the Government of Assam has failed to make the Tiwa/Rabha peoples economically self-sufficient. Are you aware of this contention?  
1. Yes 2. No
- 25.a If yes, would you subscribe to this criticism. 1. Yes  
2. No
26. There is a criticism that despite the fact that the Tiwa/Rabha people are mostly cultivators, the Government of Assam has failed to provide necessary support in the agricultural sector to make them economically self-reliable. Are you aware of this criticism?  
1. Yes 2. No
- 26.a If yes, do you think that this is a justified criticism? 1. Yes 2. No
27. It is argued by some section of your community that they are losing their land ownership in Assam. Have you heard of this criticism? 1. Yes  
2. No
- 27.a If yes, do you consider that this is a valid criticism? 1. Yes  
2. No

**(Part – C)**  
**About Autonomy Demand**

***Strongly Agree – SA, Agree – A, Disagree – DA, Strongly Disagree – SDA, No Comment – NC***

Sl.No.	Statements	SA	A	DA	SDA	NC
28	Political autonomy is essential for the socio-economic development of the Tiwa/Rabha people. Do agree?					
29	Autonomy for the Tiwa/Rabha people in Assam is necessary for the protection and preservation of their ethnic identity, language and culture. Do you agree?					
30	It is argued that almost all the people of your community participated in the various agitational programmes demanding autonomy to the Tiwa/Rabha people organised by the Tiwa/Rabha organisations. Do you agree?					
31	The leaders of the autonomy movements have been successful for bringing ethnic consciousness among the Tiwa/Rabha people. Do you agree?					

**(Part-D)**  
**Functioning of Autonomous Council**

Sl.No.	Statements	SA	A	DA	SDA	NC
32	The Tiwa/Rabha Accord of 1995 is a historic achievement for the Tiwa/Rabha communities of Assam for their allround development.					
33	The Accord inserted all the necessary provisions in order to ensure the socio-economic development and to protect the distinct ethnic identity of the Tiwa/Rabha community of Assam.					
34	The Accord provides sufficient powers to the Autonomous Councils for the all round development of the Tiwa/Rabha people.					
35	The Chief Executive Member and other Officials of the Tiwa/Rabha Autonomous Council are efficient and committed to the development of the Tiwa/Rabha people.					
36	The Tiwa/Rabha Autonomous council have been succesfull for bringing economic development of the Tiwa/Rabha people.					
37	The income generating schemes of the Autonomous Councils have made the Tiwa/Rabha people economically self-sufficient.					
38	The Tiwa/Rabha Autonomous Councils, through its various schemes, improved the infrastructures of the educational institutions within its area, and thereby, succeeded to bring educational development of the people living in the Council area.					
39	The Tiwa/Rabha Autonomous Councils have improved the communication facilities and infrastructure development in the Councils area and thereby benefited the people living in that area.					
40	The Tiwa/Rabha Autonomous Councils have benefited the common Tiwa/Rabha people by proper utilisation of allotted funds.					
41	More powers should be entrusted to the Tiwa/Rabha Autonomous Council for the sake of proper development and to protect and preserve the distinct ethnic identity of the Tiwas/Rabhas.					

## **ANNEXURE-II**

### **Interview schedule to be administered to the leaders**

1. Name:
2. (a) Male/ Female: (b) Age:
3. Educational Qualification:
4. (a) Occupation:  
(b) Monthly income (approximate):
5. Official Designation, if any:
6. Political affiliation if any: (Give tick mark)
  - a) National
  - (b) Regional Political Party
  - b) Tiwa/ Rabha Organisation

### **Part-I (about general political perception of the leaders)**

1. How are you associated with the organization that representing the Tiwa/ Rabha communities of Assam?
2. Are you a member of any political party of Assam?
3. Do you think that the privileges enjoyed by the Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the political process of India provided under the Constitution of India are sufficient?

Give reasons

4. In your opinion why the Panchayati Raj Institutions are sufficient or not sufficient for the welfare and protection of their ethnic identities of the Plain tribes of Assam?

Your views please

5. Do you think that the provisions of the Sixth scheduled of the Constitution of India have benefited the tribal communities of the North East India?

Your comment please

### **Factors of Autonomy Demand**

1. In your opinion what is the necessities of political autonomy for the Tiwas/ Rabhas?
2. How the system of political autonomy is going to protect the ethnic identity of the Tiwas/ Rabhas?
3. What is the social and political basis of the autonomy demand for the Tiwas/ Rabhas in Assam?
4. In your opinion how will the Autonomous Administration for Tiwas/ Rabhas protect the rights of the non- Tiwas/ Rabhas living in the Autonomous Council area?
5. How far it is justified to provide separate Autonomous Administration to all the tribal groups living in the plains of Assam?
6. In your opinion is there any possibility of endangering the unity and integrity of Assam from the political autonomy provided for the tribal ethnic groups of Assam?

Or

Does the system of Autonomous Councils to the tribal ethnic groups will endanger the unity and integrity of Assam?

### **About the Organizations**

1. Do you think that the Tiwa/Rabha organizations are able to place the demand for autonomy to the community very strongly before the Government?
2. Do you think that the Tiwa/Rabhas organizations are able to involve the general Tiwa/Rabha peoples in their demand for autonomy?
3. Are these organizations able to make them aware about the autonomy demand?

### **About the Accord**

1. Do you think that the Tiwa/Rabha Accord of 1995 covers all those important aspects which will fulfill all the aspirations of development and protection of ethnic identity of the Tiwa/Rabha Community?
2. How does the Tiwa/Rabha Accord of 1995 benefit the Tiwa/Rabha peoples of Assam?
3. Do you think that the Autonomous Councils as provided in the Accord of 1995 will be able to bring the actual development to the Tiwa/ Rabha people?
4. Do you think that the powers of the Autonomous Councils are sufficient for the development of the Tiwa/Rabha communities?

### **Functioning of Tiwa/Rabha Autonomous Councils**

1. Is the Tiwa/Rabha Autonomous Councils successful in bringing expected development of the Tiwa/Rabha peoples in the last 18 years?
2. In your opinion what are the factors behind the success or failure of the Tiwa/Rabha Autonomous Council?
3. Are you satisfied about the role and activities of the Chief Executive Members, Executive members and other Officials of both the Autonomous Council of your community?
4. Do you think that the Autonomous Council constituted through the direct elections will be more responsible for the development of the people than the nominated Autonomous Councils?
5. Do you think about any alternative system to the Tiwa/Rabha Autonomous Councils for the development of the Tiwa/Rabhas in Assam?

Your comment please



## **ANNEXURE-III**

### **List of Leaders/renowned personalities Interviewed:**

- Sri Tankeswar Rabha, Former President of ARSU, Convener of RHJMC, present CEC of RHAC, Dudhnoi, Goalpara, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2014
- Sri Kushadhwaj Rongkho, Former President of Sixth Schedule Demand Committee, Dudhnoi, Goalpara, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014
- Sri Gauri Sankar Rabha, former President of ARSU, Dudhnoi, Goalpara, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2014
- Sri Maneswar Dewri, Advisor to the ALDDC and renowned scholar of Tiwa Language, Morigaon, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014
- Sri Seniram Malang, Secretary, ATSU, Morigaon, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014
- Bidyut Bikash Senapati, former Secretary of Tiwa Mathonlai Tokhra, Baropujia, Nagaon, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014

## ANNEXURE -IV

### Some Photos during Field Work

**Photo:1**



**Ambulance Service and other social work provided by the Tiwa Autonomous Council**

**Photo:2**



**Historical JonBeel Mela Gate constructed by Tiwa Autonomous Council and Charon Beel in Morigaon having potential of revenue generation by the Tiwa Autonomous Council**

**Photo-3**



**Historical Deka Chang of the Tiwas at JonBeel which lost its Traditionality**

**Photo-4**



**In the Last Tiwa Autonomous Council Election in August,2015**

**Photo-7**



**During Interview in the Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council area**

**Photo-8**



## Funding of Village Road Construction and Rural Community Hall by Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council

Photo-12



A Local ARSU office at Rani area, in Kamrup District



## ANNEXURE-V

**Assam Map Highlighting the Districts within which the Tiwa and the Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council is constituted.**

