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Appendix-I

Questionnaire for Stakeholders

The researcher asked the following questions during the interview-

Personal Details:

Q. Name of the Area:

Q. Interview Location:

Q. Interview Date:

To Priest:

Q. Why do people offer animal sacrifices in this temple?

Q. When performing Durga Puja in this temple, have you ever noticed that animal sacrifice is not practised?

Q. Who kills or sacrifices the animals?

Q. What happens to animals or meat after a sacrifice is made?

Q. Do you think it should be stopped?

Q. Do you think animal sacrifice for praising a deity is mandatory/necessary?

Q. What alternatives can be explored to replace the ceremony of animal sacrifice for the satisfaction of the worshippers?

To Maulvi:

Q. What does Qurbani (Sacrifice) mean?

Q. Why is an animal sacrificed during Bakrid?

Q. Do you think sacrificing an animal to praise Allah is mandatory/necessary?

Q. We have heard that the most lovely things should be sacrificed to Allah; however, it has been seen that animals were brought shortly before the sacrifice day. So in your opinion, is it justified?

Q. How many people can have a share in an animal to be sacrificed?

Q. What can be done instead of animal sacrifice?

Q. Do you think it should be stopped?

To Activist:

Q. What is your perception of animal sacrifice in the name of religion?

Q. Is animal sacrifice in the name of religion bad?

Q. Did your organization take any steps to prevent this practice?

Q. What effects do animal sacrifices have on society?

Q. Why the practice of animal sacrifice is mainly for female deities?

Q. What can be done instead of animal sacrifice?

Q. What can be done to stop animal sacrifice? (Recommendation)

To Academicians/Lawyers/Professionals:

Q. What is animal sacrifice in the name of religion refer to?

Q. What effects do animal sacrifices have on society?

Q. What is the legislative protection against animal sacrifice in the name of religion?

Q. When we are concerned about animal sacrifice, what has been the approach of Indian courts to resolve the conflict between religious freedom and animal welfare?

Q. Can animal sacrifice fall under the protection given by Article 19? Can it be regarded as a form of free speech and expression?

Q. What are the factors/considerations the court considers when matters involving animal rights and religious animal sacrifice are presented to them?

Q. Whether a welfare-based approach towards animals bother a human right-based approach?

Q. Do you think the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act 1960 should be amended?

Q. Whether animal sacrifice mainly for female deities promotes gender discrimination.

Q. What can be done instead of animal sacrifice?

Q. What can be done to stop animal sacrifice?(Recommendation)

Appendix- II

Photo Gallery



Figure 1: Mohabhoirobi Temple



Figure 2: Place where animal sacrifice is performed in the Mohabhoirobi Temple



Figure 3: At the time of the animal(goat) sacrifice

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