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Appendix I

Preliminary Questionnaire for Namasudra Refugees

Identifiers

Name

Place of residence

Approx. age

Occupation

Details of family members

Migration History

Place of origin in East Bengal

Occupation and property ownership in East Bengal

Memory of ancestral home

Date of leaving East Bengal

Reason for Migration

If any movable assets brought at the time of migration

Persisting connection with Bangladesh

Struggle for rehabilitation

Memory of migration

Experience of taking shelter in government camps

Description of the physical camp area

Organisation of the camps and camp committees

Local leadership

Assistance from government regarding rehabilitation

Relation with political parties and welfare organisations

Relation with middle class refugee movement

Relation with the police

Modes of protest

Occupation and income

Organisation the squat and housing condition

Materials used for building homes

Access to public spaces (like temples, clubs etc) in the camp area

Celebration of different pujas in the camps and other social functions Struggle for legalisation of the dwellings

Rights and entitlements

Access to identification documents

Access to caste certificates

Access to road, water, electricity and other amenities

Education and healthcare

Access to government schemes for urban poor

Social identification and sense of belonging

Participation in politics and citizenship

Demands regarding citizenship

Views on CAA and NRC

Participation in political meetings and rallies on citizenship

Strategy of alliances with other refugee organisations

Preliminary Questionnaire for Peripatetic Rural Migrants

Identifiers

Name

Place of residence

Approx. age

Occupation

Details of family members

Migration History and Rural ties

Place of origin

Family occupation

Memory of ancestral home

Property ownership

Time of migration from the village

Reason for Migration

Contacts for migration to urban areas

Persisting connection with villages

Visits to villages

Housing condition and evictions

Materials used for building homes

Experiences of eviction

Promise of rehabilitation

Contacts for retuning after evictions

Formation of committees for organising to fight for their rights

Relation with neighbouring slum dwellers

Work and income

Nature of work

Contact for work

Location of work

Income

NGO activism

Work done by NGOs

Participation in NGO work

Rights and entitlements

Access to identification documents

Access to government welfare schemes

Access to basic urban amenities including food, shelter, health care and education

Participation in politics and citizenship

Role of political parties and political mobilisation

Alliances with political parties, NGOs, other groups

Franchise

Relation with the local police

Relation with the Calcutta corporation and town planning bodies

Views on CAA and NRC

Social identification and sense of belonging

Appendix II

Interviews

List of semi-structured, recorded interviews with dalit East Bengali refugees, and leaders of dalit refugee organisations.

Respondent	Date
Kartik	December 2015
Ganesh	December 2015
Guruchand	February 2016
Pramatha	February 2016, April 2019, June 2019
Shyam	February 2016
Sobhanath	February 2016
Sunil	February 2016
Naren	February 2016
Jogen	February 2016
Anukul	February 2016
Shibdas	January 2017
Bishnu	February 2017
Rajan	February 2017
Laxmi	February 2017
Rina	November 2017
Bindu	December 2017
Nitai	June 2019
Shyamal	June 2019
Deben	December 2019

Bipul	October 2020
Shantanu	January 2021
Prasanta	January 2021
Anupama	January 2021
Samiran	January 2021
Kakoli	February 2021

List of semi structured, recorded interviews with 'homeless' families in Calcutta and their local leaders, councillors, activists and NGO workers.

Respondent	Date
Anwar	December 2017, January 2018
Tanjum	December 2017
Amina	December 2017
Joush	December 2017
Monirul	December 2017, January 2018
Rinki	December 2017
Imran	December 2017
Nusrat Bibi	December 2017
Hasina	December 2017
Tamanna	December 2017
Marina	December 2017
Sanjib	December 2017
Suman	December 2017
Sabir	December 2017
Sobha	January 2018
Parimal	January 2018, February 2018
Monali	January 2018
Sarmistha	January 2018
Ratna	January 2018

Kanak	January 2018
Roma	February 2018
Ratan	February 2018
Simanta	February 2018
Kainat	January 2018
Shirin	January 2018
Rabia	January 2018
Umra	January 2018
Nurul	January 2018
Sukumar	January 2018
Nirman	January 2018
Sayan	January 2018
Ashis	February 2018
Madhuri	February 2018
Sabita	March 2018
Gaur	February 2018

Apart from these voices, informal conversations and semi-structured, non-recorded interviews with other community actors also took place.

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