

Section C: Caste Ranking
(General perception version)

[Note to users: see the end of document for alternate versions of the instruction]

We know that there exists a caste hierarchy in the society due to tradition or occupation in historic times. That is, some castes are ranked higher in the society as compared to some other castes. Now I will show you a sheet with numbers on it – 1 to 7 in order from the highest, 1, to the lowest, 7. I will also give you 7 cards with caste names that we just discussed.

With the cards I have given you, I want you to take the caste card that you think is ranked at the top in the society, and place it next to the number 1 on the sheet. This means that, amongst the given list, this caste is above the other castes. There is no right or wrong answer, we only want to know your opinion regarding which caste you think is ranked higher than the others, or if two or more castes are ranked equally.

Similarly, take the caste card that you think ranks the lowest in the society, and place it next to the number 7. This means that, amongst these castes, this caste is ranked the lowest in the society. There is no right or wrong answer, we only want to know your opinion regarding which caste you think is ranked higher than the others, or if two or more castes are ranked equally.

Continue to place the remaining castes in the same way.

Note to surveyors: If two castes are ranked the same, then the rank of the next caste should be skipped by one count. For example, if caste X and Y are ranked 2, then the next caste, Z, will be ranked 4.

C 1 : Tier – 1

	Caste	Rank Assigned	Remarks
(a)	Kaibarta		
(b)	Mochi		
(c)	Pana		
(d)	Dhoba		
(e)	Sundhi		
(f)	Kela		

(g)	Hadi		
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Now, I will give you another set of cards with different castes written on them. Once again, I will ask you to rank them in the hierarchical order you think they belong to as compared to the castes you have already ranked in the previous exercise.

There is no right or wrong answer. I just want to know your opinion regarding which caste you think is ranked higher than the others, or if two or more castes are ranked equally.

Note to surveyors:

- 1. If two castes are ranked the same, then the rank of the next caste should be skipped by one count. For example, if caste X and Y are ranked 2, then the next caste, Z, will be ranked 4.**
- 2. Castes belonging to Tier 1 (marked as T1) will be ranked as 1, 2, 3, and so on.. The castes belonging to Tier 2 (marked as T2) will be marked as 1.1, 2.1 and so on. For example, if Mali is ranked 1 and the respondent ranks Brahman after Mali, then the rank of Brahman will be 1.1**

C 2 : Tier – 2

	Caste	Rank Assigned	Remarks
(a)	Mali		
(b)	Brahman		
(c)	Gokha		
(d)	Kandara		
(e)	Tanla		
(f)	Bhoi		
(g)	Bauri		
(h)	Ghusuria		
(i)	Chamar		

Section D: Demographics

Lastly, I would like to ask you about your background such as your age and education, and so on.

D 1	What is your age?	__ __ __ years
D 2	What is your marital status?	1 [] Currently married 2 [] Never married 3 [] Widowed 4 [] Divorced / separated 5 [] Engaged
D 3	What is your social category?	1 [] General 2 [] Scheduled Castes (SC) 3 [] Scheduled Tribes (ST) 4 [] Other Backward Classes (OBC) -97 [] Others, specify _____
D 4	What is the name of your caste?	
D 5	What is the highest level of education you have completed?	1 [] No education 2 [] Class __ __ 3 [] Some undergraduate: __ __ years 4 [] Finished undergraduate 5 [] Some graduation
D 6	What is the type of dwelling you reside in?	1 [] Pucca house (strong structure) 2 [] Semi-pucca house 3 [] Kutch house (weak structure) -97 [] Other, specify: _____

D 7	What is your primary occupation? (Select the occupation which has the highest share in your total annual income)	1 [] Casual wage labourer in agriculture 2 [] Casual wage labourer in non-agriculture 3 [] Self-employed in agriculture work 4 [] Self-employed in non-agriculture work 5 [] Shop or stall owner 6 [] Salaried employee 7 [] Auto or taxi driver -97 [] Other, specify _____
D 8	How much land do you own?	0 [] No land owned 1 [] Acres _____ 2 [] Guntas _____ -98 [] Don't know
D 9	Do you own any livestock and how many?	0 [] No livestock owned 1 [] Cows _____ 2 [] Sheep _____ 3 [] Goats _____
D 10	How many adults and children are in your household?	___ ___ adults ___ ___ children
D 11	How many household members are actively engaged in paid work? (i.e regularly took up work when work was offered during the previous year)	___ ___ members
D 12	How many of your household members migrate for work?	___ ___ members

(Food-sharing version)

We know that there exists a caste hierarchy in the society due to tradition or occupation in historic times. Due to the caste hierarchy, people belonging to a higher caste refuse to eat cooked food like dal - chawal from those belonging to a lower caste. Is this a common practice in this region?

Now I will show you a sheet with numbers on it – 1 to 7 in order from the highest, 1, to the lowest, 7. I will also give you 7 cards with caste names that we just discussed.

With the cards I have given you, I want you to take the caste card that you think is ranked does not eat cooked food from any other castes, and place it next to the number 1 on the sheet. This means that, amongst the given list, this caste is above the other castes. There is no right or wrong answer, we only want to know your opinion regarding which caste you think is ranked higher than the others, or if two or more castes are ranked equally.

Similarly, take the caste card that you think ranks the lowest in the society and no other caste in the society would be allowed to eat cooked food belonging to that lowest caste, and place it next to the number 7. This means that, amongst these castes, this caste is ranked the lowest in the society. There is no right or wrong answer, we only want to know your opinion regarding which caste you think is ranked higher than the others, or if two or more castes are ranked equally.

(Water-sharing version)

We know that there exists a caste hierarchy in the society due to tradition or occupation in historic times. Due to the caste hierarchy, people belonging to a higher caste refuse to drink water from those belonging to a lower caste. Is this a common practice in this region?

Now I will show you a sheet with numbers on it – 1 to 7 in order from the highest, 1, to the lowest, 7. I will also give you 7 cards with caste names that we just discussed.

With the cards I have given you, I want you to take the caste card that you think is ranked does not drink water from any other castes, and place it next to the number 1 on the sheet. This means that, amongst the given list, this caste is above the other castes. There is no right or wrong answer, we only want to know your opinion regarding which caste you think is ranked higher than the others, or if two or more castes are ranked equally.

Similarly, take the caste card that you think ranks the lowest in the society and no other caste in the society would be allowed to drink water from that hands of this lower caste, and place it next to the number 7. This means that, amongst these castes, this caste is ranked the lowest in the society. There is no right or wrong answer, we only want to know your opinion regarding which caste you think is ranked higher than the others, or if two or more castes are ranked equally.