

**COMMUNICATION FOR HEALTH EDUCATION KNOWLEDGE AND PERCEPTION
OF ARMY PERSONNEL ABOUT AIDS & HIV INFECTION**

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Interview Schedule

SECTION – I

(Personal Background of the respondent)

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| 1. Civil Qualification | – | | | | | |
| Rank/Grade | – | | | | | |
| Years in present service | – | | | | | |
| Native state | – | | | | | |
| Basic salary | – | | | | | |
| 2. Age (in complete years) | – | | | | | |
| 3. Mother tongue | – | Read | – | Write | – | Speak |
| Other languages known | – | | | | | |
| 4. Religion (specify) | – | | | | | |
| 5. Caste – (Specify) | – | Schedule Caste / Schedule Tribe | | | | |
| | | Backward Class | | | | |
| 6. Marital status | – | Married/unmarried | | | | |
| 7. Type of marriage | – | Love/arranged | | | | |
| 8. Inter caste marriage/Endogamous | – | | | | | |
| 9. Age at marriage | – | | | | | |
| 10. No of children | – | | | | | |
| 11. Age of the spouse | – | Education of spouse | | | | |
| 12. Age of latest child | – | | | | | |
| 13. type of family | – | Nuclear/joint | | | | |
| 14. Size of the present household unit | – | | | | | |
| (No. of Family Members) | | | | | | |

15. Whether the respondent is living with the spouse and/or children or alone —
16. If alone then specify number of visits made to the family in a year —
17. Occupation of father —
18. Places of preceding posting (Mention State) —
19. How long posted in present contingent
In North Bengal — Years
20. Transfer due on —
21. Type of living accommodation given/chosen — Married / Single
22. Hobby (if any) —
23. Ownership / possession of mass media —
- (a) Owing or subscribing —
- (b) Radio / Transistor —
- (c) News paper (specify) —
- (d) Magazines (Specify) —
- (e) Book (Name Major Books) —
24. Media Exposure, Frequency of Exposure, How often do you :
(i) Never (ii) Sometimes (iii) Regular
- (a) Watch TV, Video
- (b) Listen to radio
- (c) See movies
- (d) Read books
- (e) Read magazines
- (f) Read Journals
25. What time, do you watch ? — Evening – Night – Anytime
- (a) TV, Video
- (b) Cinema Shows
- (c) Listen to radio
- (d) Read books
- (e) Read magazines
- (f) Read journals

SECTION – II

(Questions relating to way of life of Army personnel)

26. In a military unit do you have a disciplined Life aways ? Yes / No / Don't know
27. Do you have physical training and games
Program daily to keep you physically fit. Yes / No
28. What is the type of job you do ? (i) Physical (ii) Chair bound
29. There is medical routine examinations and
regular (as due) immunization program
to keep a soldier free from infections and
develop immunity. Yes / No / Don't know
30. Ration and other consumable are available
in cheap price Yes / No / Don't know
31. How is your personal family relationship with
other members of the unit ?
Senior, Junior and colleagues of the same rank ?
(i) conflicting ?
(ii) Intimate
(iii) Restricted
(iv) Non existent
- (a) Senior –
- (b) Junior –
- (c) Colleagues –
32. In a unit and in family quarters what social – Yes / No
Life do you lead,
- (a) Interaction pattern is regulated more by
Status/rank position in the organisation.
- (b) Meet all personnel from various status
every moment and can socially interact with them.
- (c) Visit each others family
- (i) Never –

- (ii) Regularly —
- (iii) Occasionally —
- (iv) Almost non-existent —

(d) Unit life gives beautiful social mosaic Yes/No/ Don't Know

- (i) Through cultural heterogeneity
- (ii) It is rather an organized community
- (iii) Life in small society.
- (iv) Social life in camp is absolutely lonely
- (v) In addition, dull because of its heterogeneity.
- (vi) There is healthy community consciousness in the Army.

33. How many times you had to stay separated from your Family in your service life ? Never / Several times
A few times / Not applicable

34. Do you ever like to stay separated for employment reasons ? Yes / No

35. Do have restrictions to go out ? Yes / No

36. Prolonged separation from family members and restrictions to go out develops adverse effect in the mind of a soldier.
Is it correct ? Yes / No / Don't know

37. Do you assemble regularly for chit-chat-or gossip at your leisure ? Yes / No

38. What type of mass communication system is more prevalent in army camp life ? Yes / No / Don't know

- (a) Inter personal channels
- (b) Contacts
- (c) Connections through verbal communication
- (d) Daily briefing in roll call
- (e) TV in Recreation Room
- (f) News papers periodicals in the unit Information Room.
- (g) Any other (specify)

39. Through which channel the important social educative / health related messages are normally conveyed to you in your unit ? (Tick the correct one)

- (a) Radio
- (b) TV
- (c) Periodical lecture by unit medical officers
- (d) Lecture by own officers
- (e) Lecture demonstration to ladies in ladies meet
- (f) Special lectures
- (g) Sainik Sammelans
- (h) Any other (Specify)

40. What are your occupational hazards ?

(Tick correct one, may be more than one)

- (a) Less pay
- (b) Life risk
- (c) Frequent movement
- (d) Monotony in barrack life
- (e) Over exposure to various climates and diseases
- (f) Frequent and prolonged separation from family
- (g) Restriction on many personal freedom

41. Do you drink ?

Yes / No

- (a) If 'Yes' after drinking how do you feel Sick / happy / bold / Desperate / withdrawn
- (b) Does consumption of liquor make any additional feeling towards sex ? Yes / No / Don't realize

42. Everyone has worries, worries drive tension in mind.

How do you release tension / boredom / fatigue ?
gossip with friends see movie / read pornography consume liquor enjoy sex with prostitute spend aimlessly

43. As a military personnel what (out of the following) entertains you most?
- reading magazine thinking about
family listening to good songs
through radio / tape watching TV
consuming liquor enjoying extra
marital sex any other (specify)
44. What are the community recreational avenues open to you to take part ?
- (a) TV at Unit Recreation room
 - (b) Video show
 - (c) Cinema at Defence cinema hall
 - (d) Indoor games like carom, Table Tennis, Cards etc.
 - (e) Sports competitions at various levels in the unit
 - (f) Recreational tours, picnics
 - (g) Drama/cultural program
45. Do you consider TV as an essential part of our life today ? Yes/No
46. Do you think TV program of educative nature Yes / No / Don't know
can teach us important social messages and those
are essential for military personnel ?

SECTION – III

(Questions relating to communication/media messages, exposure and knowledge, attitude and behaviour of the respondents about AIDS and HIV infection)

47. Have you heard about a disease called AIDS ? Yes/No
If 'Yes' from where did you first hear about this disease?
(Tick the right one)
- (a) friends/colleagues
 - (b) TV
 - (c) News papers
 - (d) Radio
 - (e) Posters
 - (f) Leaflets/pamphlets
 - (g) Slides and film strips
 - (h) Physician/Doctor
 - (j) Senior Officer
 - (k) Seminars/Lectures
48. Since when you have heard about this disease ? How long ?
49. With AIDS there is one more word which is commonly heard as HIV (+)
Are these two words same ? Yes / No / Don't know
50. Do you know exact meaning of the term HIV and AIDS ? Yes/No
51. Is there any known AIDS infected person, in or outside the unit? Yes/No
(a) inside (b) outside Yes/No
52. Tick the correct answer :-
- (a) AIDS is caused by virus (germ)
 - (b) It is a killer virus
 - (c) Person infected with HIV (+) is a carrier of AIDS virus.
 - (d) HIV (+) is a pre warning of AIDS
 - (e) There is no treatment of AIDS

- (f) HIV (+) person can infect others
- (g) Person with HIV(+) does not show any symptom of AIDS for a long time.
- (h) An HIV (+) infected person becomes a formal AIDS patient when he reaches the
full-blown stage.
- (j) Only special blood test can detect HIV infection.
- (k) The infected person requires regular medical assistance, counselling and follow up.

53. A person with AIDS has the following symptoms Correct/Incorrect

- (a) Frequent vomiting
- (b) Prolonged Diarrhoea
- (c) Heavy bleeding during menstruation of women
- (d) Repeated attacks of fever
- (e) Deafness
- (f) Extreme weight loss
- (g) Swollen glands in the neck
- (h) Joint pains
- (j) The person dies in minor sickness because there is no defence mechanism in his body.

54. AIDS virus communicate through (Tick the right)

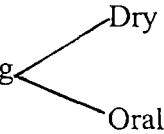
- (a) Blood
- (b) Saliva
- (c) Sweat
- (d) Breast milk
- (f) Vaginal fluid
- (g) Urine
- (h) Tears
- (j) Spit
- (k) Bite of insect
- (l) Utilized utensils
- (m) Contaminated water
- (n) Simple body contact
- (o) Used garments

(p) Any other (specify)

55. AIDS may be transmitted/spread through

Correct / incorrect / Don't know

(a) Protected sexual intercourse

(b) Kissing 

(c) Infected pregnant woman to foetus

(d) By using public toilets/sharing toilets

(e) sharing infected needle

(f) blood transfusion

(g) mosquito bite/bed bugs/other insects

(h) sharing shaving razors

(j) being sneezed by an infected person or face to face conversation

(k) sharing cups and plates

(l) sharing same room/bed

(m) embracing

(n) shaking hands

(o) casual contact

(p) through air

(q) swimming pool

56. Grade the following groups according to their chance of getting infected by AIDS as :

(Tick the grade)

High risk	Low risk	No risk

(a) Men having sex with men

(b) Men having sex with women

(c) Women having sex with women

(d) Prostitutes

(e) Intravenous drug addicts

(f) Doctors/nurses

(g) Dentists

- (h) Blood donors and recipients
- (j) Foreigners
- (k) Soldiers
- (l) Truck drivers
- (m) Slum dwellers

High risk	Low risk	No risk

57. Do you think AIDS is a problem in India ? Yes/No
58. If adequate preventive measures are not taken, do you think AIDS is likely to increase in India ? Yes/No/Don't Know
59. Will you undergo screening for AIDS ? Yes/No
60. Will you allow your family members to undergo screening for AIDS? Yes/No
61. Is there any arrangement for the same in your contingent ? Yes/No
62. Answer the following :- Yes/No
- (a) Do you consider HIV (+) person as a guilty man.
 - (b) Police should put an AIDS patient in a lock up.
 - (c) An AIDS victim may be creation of circumstances and not by default.
 - (d) One should not be scared to interact socially with an AIDS victim.
 - (e) Any knowledge about AIDS is to be shared and communicated among family members irrespective of age and sex.
 - (f) Sex education in school classes will increase knowledge about the disease complex.
 - (g) One should not hesitate sharing room with an AIDS patient.
 - (h) One should not involve in Homo or hetero sexuality.
 - (j) HIV screening of prospective spouses before marriage should be done.
 - (k) Pre marital sex is quite common and medically it is not harmful.
 - (l) After marriage better to be a faithful partner.
 - (m) A carrier of AIDS should avoid sexual contact with wife and others.
 - (n) A person who has been tested HIV (+) needs counselling not social boycotting.
63. Do you agree or disagree with the following observations : Agree/Disagree
- (a) Sex hunger is more among army personnel
 - (b) Sex perversion is more among army personnel

- (c) In a barrack life and without family, marital sex relation (pre or extra) is unavoidable.
- (d) Some stray personnel visit prostitute (Red light areas) more frequently.
- (e) Habit of drinks increases the urge for sexual pleasure among army men.
- (f) Supply of subsidized hard drinks to army be stopped.
- (g) There should be special approved brothel only meant for army personnel near each unit.
- (h) Army personnel require more health/AIDS related education.

64. One uses 'Cond om' for (tick the correct)

- (a) protection against pregnancy
- (b) protection against AIDS
- (c) protection against other venereal diseases
- (d) to make sex more enjoyable
- (e) easy available
- (f) it is a cheap family planning device.
- (g) Sex partner insists to use

65. The 'condom' is not used because (tick the right)

- (a) Do not know how to use it
- (b) It reduces sexual pleasure
- (c) Creates vaginal disease
- (d) Increases discomfort
- (e) Sex partner does not like it
- (f) Against religious belief
- (g) Difficult to get it and dispose after use
- (h) Other forms of contraceptive are used
- (j) Hesitate to purchase it

66. What are your sexual preferences ? (tick as applicable)

- (a) sex with females only
- (b) sex with both males and females

(c) sex with males only

67. Do you fall in any of the following categories ?

- (a) frequently visit prostitutes
- (b) have sexual relations with others than own wife
- (c) none of the above

68. After knowing about AIDS I will : (tick the right)

- (a) Avoid donating blood
- (b) Avoid social intercourse with HIV (+) infected persons
- (c) Get myself and my wife immediately tested for HIV
- (d) Use disposable syringes and needles
- (e) Avoid touching bleeding persons without gloves
- (f) Avoid going to quack dentists
- (g) Avoid going to 'red light' areas.
- (h) Ensure getting blood tested when blood is to be transfused to own kith and kin,
friends and vice versa
- (j) Avoid multiple sex partners
- (k) Avoid transfusing unscreened blood donated by professional donors
- (l) Avoid purchasing blood from private nursing homes
- (m) Avoid mating without 'condom'.

69. What would you do if your wife is infected with HIV (+) : (tick as applicable)

- (a) get yourself tested
- (b) avoid pregnancy/intercourse
- (c) avoid total sexual relations
- (d) ask divorce or separation
- (e) send her to natal home
- (f) send her to 'Home' meant for social victims.
- (g) seek regular medical assessment, counselling and following up.

70. What would you do if a close relative other than your

spouse is infected with AIDS?

(tick as applicable)

- (a) Continue normal relationship as before
- (b) Talk to her but avoid touching her or eating with her
- (c) Stop talking and other social intercourse with her
- (d) Stop all contacts with her

71. What would you do when you are required to give blood sample to any laboratory for routine investigation?

Yes/No/Don't Know

- (a) Will you Check whether disposable syringe and needle are being used ?
- (b) Will you let the blood be drawn without HIV screening?
- (c) Will you attend all other testing but not HIV screening?
- (d) If none available or granted, will you refuse blood sample?

72. Have you learnt anything about AIDS/HIV from the following communication channels/ media in the last one-year?

- (a) Radio
- (b) TV
- (c) News Paper
- (d) Posters
- (e) Hoarding
- (f) Magazines/Books
- (g) Slide Show
- (h) Pamphlets/Hand Bills
- (j) Sainik Sammelan
- (k) Ladies Meet
- (l) Special Lectures
- (m) Regular gossip centre in camp.

73. Regarding knowledge about AIDS what is the extent to which you are exposed to be benefited from your contacts with following persons :

Personnel

Nature of benefit in terms of information received

- (a) Doctor
- (b) Nurse
- (c) Teacher
- (d) Family members
- (e) Senior officials
- (f) Senior officials
- (g) Relatives
- (h) Neighbours
- (j) NGO workers
- (k) Other (specify)

74. Have you come across any publicity material and by the health workers/NGO/Govt. publicity mass communication department about AIDS? Yes/No

If 'Yes' specify the exact message context of the same.

75. In your judgement what communication channels could effectively disseminate information about AIDS among the army personnel. (Name five channels/media in order of priority communication channel/media) – with reasons for preference.

Total time taken with the respondent

Date of interview.

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