

APPENDIX III

CATEGORIES USED IN THE PRESENT STUDY

1. Extent of Disability.

- i) Severely disabled - The disabled person scoring above the mean score were classified as severely disabled.
- ii) Slightly disabled - The disabled person scoring below the mean score were classified as slightly disabled.

2. Growth and Development.

A. Physical Development

- i) Not affected - If the growth and development of the body parts appeared normal, the physical growth was reported to be as not affected.
- ii) Slightly affected - If the growth and development of the body parts appeared abnormal and partially affected.
- iii) Badly affected - If the growth and development of the body parts was abnormal, completely affected and visible.

B. Mental Development

- i) Not affected - If the disabled persons could be educated in special school and were normal in intelligence, their mental growth was reported normal.
- ii) Slightly affected - The disabled person whose mental growth was 2-3 years less than their chronological age but who could be educated with special help were classified as slightly affected.
- iii) Badly affected - The disabled person who could not be educated and taught to read or write were classified as badly affected.

3. Problems Faced by the Respondents

- i) Psychological problems - The statements describing psychological problems faced by the respondents were grouped and presented under seven categories; understanding the needs of disabled, feelings of embarrassment, unhappiness, frustration, worry, anxiety and fear by the respondents.
- ii) Social problems - The statements describing the reactions of parents, siblings, class-mates, relatives and friends were grouped, the behavioural problems in the presence of others were also combined as well as problems restricting

the socialization of the homemaker were also grouped together.

- iii) Employment problems - The statements describing the problems faced by respondents with regards to employment of disabled family member were grouped under four categories; unemployment problem, adjustment problems at work, scarcity of jobs and problems in self-employment.
- iv) Marriage problems - The statements describing the problems with regards to difficulties in adjustment were grouped together while problems of getting a suitable marriage partner and that of finding a physically fit partner were considered separately.
- v) Financial problems - The statements describing various aspects of financial problems grouped together were related to strain on budget, cutting expenses, lack of funds, difficulties in saving, use of credit and financial help received.
- vi) Management of household work - The statements describing various problems in managing household work were grouped to emphasize lack of time, amount of help available, effects on health, sleep and rest of the homemaker and adequacy of recreational facilities.

4. Extent of Problems.

- i) More problems - The number of respondents who felt the problem "very much" were categorised as those facing more problem.
- ii) Less problems - Those who felt the problem "somewhat" and "occasionally" were categorized under less problems group.

5. Extent of Adjustments Made.

- i) More frequently - The respondents who "always" or "often" followed a certain practice to adjust with the needs of disabled person were grouped under this category.
- ii) Less frequently - The respondents who "sometimes" or "rarely" followed a particular practice to adjust with demands of the disabled were grouped under this category.

6. Attitudes.

Responses were categorized according to the following distribution of scores.

Problems	More Positive	Positive	Negative
Psychological	43 - 50	26 - 42	25 or less
Social	32 - 40	25 - 31	24 or less
Educational	32 - 40	25 - 31	24 or less
Employment	25 - 30	16 - 24	15 or less
Marriage	25 - 30	16 - 24	15 or less
Special Treatment	32 - 40	25 - 31	24 or less
Overall	168 - 192	145 - 167	144 or less