

<p><b>0.0 – 1.0</b></p>	<p><b>Are you a Sinhalese?</b></p> <p>Yes, married a Tamil girl</p> <p><b>Ah... okay... okay... then you?</b></p> <p><b>It's a good story</b></p> <p><b>That's it.</b></p> <p>20 years' old</p> <p><b>Is it okay if we record this?</b></p> <p>It is okay, miss.</p> <p><b>Ah, okay... you can stop the recording whenever necessary. Then can we take photograph?</b></p> <p>No, please don't take photograph, miss</p> <p><b>Don't? Okay.... okay. It's alright.... please keep silence.</b></p> <p>Please be silence all.</p> <p><b>You can do it, don't you? No, they won't make big noises. Won't you all make noises? Ah.... right.... this..... can you tell your name? Is it okay to tell?</b></p> <p>It is okay miss. My name is Aththana Vidhanage Saman Kumara.</p> <p><b>Saman Kumara, how did you come to this place?</b></p> <p>Miss.... I came here.... since my childhood I grew and stayed with my maternal grandmother. That is... my mother's relations all were Tamil people.</p> <p><b>Mm....</b></p> <p>My father is a Sinhalese.</p> <p><b>Mm... if that so.... they were loving and...?</b></p>
<p><b>1.0 – 2.0</b></p>	<p>They loved each other during the school days and then married.</p> <p><b>Where were your father and mother? Here?</b></p> <p>Ah.... my father was from Ratnapura. My mother was from here. My mother passed away when I was younger.</p> <p><b>Where was your mother from? Here?</b></p> <p>You mean the village? It is Deniyaya..... my father was from.... Kottapola</p> <p><b>Mm... how did they meet?</b></p>

	<p>That is.... during the time they were going to school. That was how they loved each other and went. Thereafter..... after long time.... they....</p> <p><b>If that so... they loved each other..... didn't any problem happened? The people from their houses were willing to their marriage?</b></p> <p>Nothing like that, miss. Those people discussed among them.... they talked to their houses and married.</p> <p><b>After the marriage, did they come here?</b></p> <p>That is..... not here... to my father's house.</p> <p><b>To your father's house.... in Ratnapura?</b></p> <p>No.... my father's village is here.... now he is staying in Ratnapura</p> <p><b>Ah..... now..... now Ratnapura. Okay... okay..... if that so..... why your grandmother thereafter? Was your grandmother from here?</b></p> <p>My grandmother is not here.... she stays in Kottapola</p> <p><b>Ah.... Kottapola? If that so, you stayed and grown up here? Why is that?</b></p> <p>That is..... I from my childhood.....</p>
<p><b>2.0 – 3.0</b></p>	<p>At my early age.... since I was 8 months old infant.... I was growing up by my grandmother. That is.... until I reach the age to which I can understand things.... I was with my grandmother. Thereafter, I studied while staying there.... This...</p> <p><b>If that so, you attended school here?</b></p> <p>No, It was Kottapola, miss</p> <p><b>Kottapola.... if that so..... here.... this... this.... how did you came to this estate?</b></p> <p>Miss.... at this place.... it is like that.... now... my aunt.... she was a part of me. That means... younger sister of my mother.... I came here through that relationship.</p> <p><b>If that so.... your aunt.... that means..... in the estate.... why did you come to this estate? To work here?</b></p> <p>No, miss. I did not come here for the purpose of working.</p> <p><b>Ah... because of your wife? Is that so?</b></p> <p>That..... another problem is there, miss.... I don't want to disclose it.</p> <p><b>Ah... okay... right.... right. Because of this people who are here with us?</b></p> <p>No</p>

	<p><b>No. Then, because of some other problem, you don't like to say it. No problem. Then how did you join the army?</b></p>
<p><b>3.0 – 4.0</b></p>	<p>It was.... now.... I joined with the army 6 years ago. Now I am 28 years old.</p> <p><b>Why did you join the army?</b></p> <p>Because of my friends.</p> <p><b>Your friends joined, so you also joined?</b></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><b>Where were you staying?</b></p> <p>I was in Colombo, miss</p> <p><b>Aha.... then why did you leave?</b></p> <p>It was not like leaving.... there were some problems during that period.... because of that.... I don't like to tell it, miss</p> <p><b>Okay... okay.... you were refrained from it.</b></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><b>Okay, then, how did you meet your wife?</b></p> <p>My wife..... now... I came here to my aunt's house. During that time, these people... these elder brothers produced a gadget at this place</p> <p><b>Ah.....</b></p> <p>Camera..... there was a machinery station</p> <p><b>Yes....</b></p> <p>That's it. I was working there. That is how these people came to me. These brothers became my friends. They were like that. I loved her and married her.</p>
<p><b>4.0 – 5.0</b></p>	<p><b>Have you married recently?</b></p> <p>Yes, miss</p> <p><b>Where is your wife working?</b></p> <p>She stays at home.... Not working.</p> <p><b>Staying at home.... if that so.... now.... what is your expectation? You told that you are going to leave from here. From this estate.</b></p> <p>Yes, miss. We cannot stay in the estate for a longer period, can we? I don't like it. That's why.</p> <p><b>Yes. Why don't you like to stay in estates?</b></p>

	<p>If I say I don't like..... we are like slaves for the people we work for, isn't it?</p> <p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>I don't want to be like that.</p> <p><b>Okay...</b></p> <p>So, we should have something for us in the future, isn't it miss?</p> <p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Because of that..... in future.... we may have a child..... during that time.... it will be difficult for us to stay like this. That means.... we may not have anything for our children..... that is why.</p> <p><b>If that so..... what kind of? You.... by your own money?</b></p> <p>Yes, yes, miss.</p> <p><b>You will take another house by using the money that you have saved, to Awissawella?</b></p> <p>Awissawella also a village like this.</p> <p><b>Ah.... the village of your wife.... okay, okay..... if that so.... the people stay in estates.... they can go from estates like that? No problem with that. If that so, where are you stay in this house?</b></p>
<p><b>5.0 – 6.0</b></p>	<p>That is..... at present, I am working here.</p> <p><b>In this estate?</b></p> <p>I am working in an organization</p> <p><b>Ah.... okay.</b></p> <p>So, I can stay here. Until then, I can stay.</p> <p><b>You can stay until then. Now.... that.... now.... are there many young people like you to leave this place?</b></p> <p>There are lot of people. That is.... there are six or seven persons about to leave. You know what..... some persons ready to go abroad... there are some youth like that.</p> <p><b>Hm..... if that so, now... the younger generation doesn't like this? That means.... to stay like this?</b></p> <p>No one like to stay.... don't they, miss?</p> <p><b>Whoever like that.... yes? Then.... if that so.... when they leave the estate one by one, will the estate owners change the life style of this place? People... plucking tea leaves. Is it a work doing by hands....? That work</b></p>

	<p><b>cannot be done by machines. So, they need people for that. They have to keep the people for that. So, when the people go from here..... something to them....</b></p> <p>Yes... when people go one by one..... now... it is like this, miss. When a family about to leave this place means... it is a lost for those people.</p>
<p><b>6.0 – 7.0</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>There will be no one for working in the organization.... so then..... they will do something... They may increase the salaries of some persons.... something like that.....</p> <p><b>Do you have any such expectations when you leave.... don't you have anything like that?</b></p> <p>This.... this... I don't know whether others have such expectations..... but, in my case, I don't have any such expectations.</p> <p><b>You don't have any.....</b></p> <p>That means..... I will go from here anyway.... I will not stay here for a longer period.</p> <p><b>Do you have any problem here?</b></p> <p>I don't have any problem here, miss. In case of problems.... I don't stuck in any problems... I don't go there... I never faced any problem... this...</p> <p><b>Now, you are a Sinhalese.... mixed with Tamil. I mean your marriage...</b></p> <p>Tamil</p> <p><b>Are you living like a Sinhalese?</b></p> <p>Yes, I follow my Buddhism.</p> <p><b>You are following Buddhism.... if that so, your wife is a Hindu?</b></p> <p>Hindu</p> <p><b>Then, regarding to that..... Is it a change for you? Is it a different thing or a normal thing for you?</b></p>
<p><b>7.0 – 8.0</b></p>	<p>That is..... it is different one. However, now... my wife too..... follows Buddhism. What I am saying is.... even if she is a Hindu.... she also follows my habits...</p> <p><b>Mm... If that so, during the time of your marriage, did you follow the rituals of both sides?</b></p> <p>No, miss. We did only my rituals. However, the wedding was held in a grand scale.</p>

	<p><b>Really?</b></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><b>Ah... good. However, why didn't you perform the rituals of your wife?</b></p> <p>This... in the house of that people....</p> <p><b>The house people didn't like it..... they liked only to do that?</b></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><b>Otherwise, if your wife prefers, will you perform those types of rituals?</b></p> <p>I will do that also, miss. We cannot bring those people in a low level.</p> <p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>That is why</p> <p><b>Then, now you..... now you are in both sides, Tamil and Sinhalese. Your wife is a Tamil person. Then, you this.... how do you see the situation in this country? When you see it from your side?</b></p> <p>When I see it from my side.... it is like this.</p> <p><b>How did you see that when you were attached to the army?</b></p> <p>During the days when I was with the army, it was not like that...</p>
<p><b>8.0 – 9.0</b></p>	<p>During those days there were some problems, isn't it miss?</p> <p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Now, there is nothing like that.... we don't see deviations based on race and ethnicity, anymore.</p> <p><b>It means...? When you were inside the army....</b></p> <p>Yes, It means...</p> <p><b>The thing of not considering the ethnical and racial deviations?</b></p> <p>Please don't ask those things to me miss. Because they are problematic. That is why</p> <p><b>Ah... it means.... anything you can say about special people.... is there any matters you can say.... what are those? The things can be said pertaining to that period.</b></p> <p>During that period... miss... we..... we help to make barrier fences. I did those kinds of works.</p> <p><b>When you were attached to the army?</b></p> <p>Yes</p>

	<p><b>Were you staying only in Colombo?</b></p> <p>Yes, I was only in Colombo.</p> <p><b>Then, after leaving the army.... this... that is....</b></p> <p>After that, I followed a security course in Colombo. Thereafter..... this.... I came to my aunt's home and stayed here. I married this girl when I was staying like that. I came here recently; it is around 3 months....</p> <p><b>Thereafter, you are going from here now?</b></p>
<p><b>9.0 – 10.0</b></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p><b>You said that there are many young people about to leave this place, just like you. Why they are leaving? That is.... they cannot stay here.... that is.... is there any special reason for that?</b></p> <p>Nothing like that miss. Everyday... then..... we earn for these people and running our lives. When we stay here, we are missing our own place to stay. That is why... There should be something for our people..... they do that... now.... there are so many unmarried persons are here. They also think that before their marriage, they have to earn something to them..... they want to make a happy living. These people also think like that.</p> <p><b>Where is your father living now? In Ratnapura?</b></p> <p>Father is in Ratnapura</p> <p><b>Ah... do your younger and elder brothers live there?</b></p> <p>No.... I have 4 younger sisters only.</p> <p><b>Are they staying with your father or here?</b></p> <p>No, they are with me. Only one sister is here. The youngest one only here. The other three sisters were married.</p> <p><b>Ah... is that so? Are they also in estates?</b></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><b>All of them?</b></p> <p>No, here. That is... all of them married in wealthy families.</p> <p><b>Ah....</b></p> <p>One of them married in Colombo, another one in Ratnapura and another sister in Deniyaya</p>
<p><b>10.0 – 11.0</b></p>	<p><b>Ah.... okay.... okay.... If that so, when you go from here, will you take her with you?</b></p>

	<p>Yes, miss. I cannot leave her here. Can I?</p> <p><b>Now.... this is a private estate? Is there any difference between private estates and other estates?</b></p> <p>There is a difference.... that is, miss... it is like this.... now the estate located in the other side is belonging to government.</p> <p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>This is the only one private estate here.</p> <p><b>Yes, what is the difference? It means.... can they become members of trade union in a government estate? What is that?</b></p> <p>Yes, that all..... everything is there, miss. Now, in government estates... union and everything are there. Here nothing like that.</p> <p><b>Mm.... if that so.... in Private estates?</b></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><b>Here, can't you run a union? Is it there?</b></p> <p>Nothing like that. We can run a union. However, some people do not like to go for those things.</p> <p><b>Why they don't like?</b></p> <p>They go to those things means..... if we say to involve on those things.... it is difficult to do such things for these persons. It is difficult to engage in those things while staying here. That's it.</p> <p><b>Mm... another person.... it is difficult to go for those things while staying at their homes?</b></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><b>If that so... to put in outside (Not Clear)</b></p>
<p><b>11.0 – 12.0</b></p>	<p>Now.... we are staying in this.... no? We go to those people.... and our people set it up that.... then... those people take that in a different way. That's it. That is the case here.</p> <p><b>What else you have to tell? Is there anything you prefer to say? There are lot of things you didn't want to tell. That is why I asked this? Yes, in your life?</b></p> <p>In my life there are lot of things.... there are things that I don't like to tell.</p> <p><b>To your life.... to other people..... if you share your experience with other people..... sometimes it may be useful to them. Do you have any such things to say? Your experience?</b></p>



	<p>I told many things as well. However, those people do not consider such things to that extent. Isn't it, miss? Now, that is the problem.</p> <p><b>Would you like to tell if we don't record? That is the problem?</b></p> <p>No, miss</p> <p><b>Okay... okay... okay if that so....., If that so, we don't have anything to ask beyond this.</b></p> <p>I am sorry, miss. The children are here. That's why</p> <p><b>No, it's alright. No problem.</b></p>
<p><b>12.0 – 13.0</b></p>	<p><b>No. If you prefer, you can say it.</b></p> <p><b>Okay.... if that so.... don't you have anything to say more?</b></p> <p>Ah.... other things.... I don't have anything to say....</p> <p><b>Here.... regarding to the lifestyle here.... if you can describe the way you see it. Regarding the lifestyle of this place.....</b></p> <p>The lifestyle here is, miss..... this... now... the people are here are happy even if they are few. No use of saying lies here. They are happy.</p> <p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>For me, I would be happier than this, if I manage to buy something for me.</p> <p><b>Is that the biggest problem faced by these people?</b></p> <p>In case of problems, everyone has a different problem.</p> <p><b>What kind of problem exist here?</b></p> <p>I don't know how to tell that at this time. Now, I have a different problem while you have a different problem.</p> <p><b>No.... the common problem? That is..... the matters affecting all the people.</b></p> <p>In case of matters affecting all the people... if we consider in this estate... the salary case is there.....</p> <p><b>Salary..... low salaries?</b></p> <p>The case of low salaries.... that.... like that... there are different problems existing, Miss.</p> <p><b>Is there any problem with toilet facilities....?</b></p> <p>Those are not a problem.... there is a problem....</p>
<p><b>13.0 – 14.0</b></p>	<p>The main problem is the water.</p>

	<p><b>Water is it..... water is the problem, doesn't it? If that so, the other..... school for children like that? How is it?</b></p> <p>In case of school, miss.... lot of children are going to school here. All these children are going to school.</p> <p><b>Doesn't she go to school?</b></p> <p>She doesn't go... she's not from here.</p> <p><b>Very naughty....</b></p> <p>She is now outside.... it is different in the society now..... normally... some children.... two or three children are not going to school. If we talk about school... they are going to a Sinhala school.</p> <p><b>Now... for you... you don't have Sinhala and Tamil difference. Even when you were attached to the army... there were no differences.</b></p> <p>It is not like that, miss.</p> <p><b>Even now you do not have that?</b></p> <p>I don't want to be like that ever, miss</p> <p><b>Yes, that is true. No, some communities are influencing....</b></p> <p>Yes, that is also true. When we see it from one side.... that is also like that. Even though, I am not like that... that means... I don't have any such things. I don't consider ethnical and racial deviations. I stay the same with all.</p>
<p><b>14.0 – 15.0</b></p>	<p><b>But.... even though you don't see it that way.... other... If there is a problem in this community, they will see you differently. Don't you feel like that ever... what (Not Clear)</b></p> <p>I don't feel like that, Miss. Something happened after going to some places.... at many places.... but, I don't take them seriously.</p> <p><b>Okay, if that so, thank you very much</b></p>