**REIMAGINING THE GOOD CITY FROM ENNORE CREEK**

Interview Transcription

**Interview Information**

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**Interviewee Information**

Name: Respondent

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**Time 00.00  
Respondent:**At first this place was a coconut groove.During the ruling period of Jayalalithaa this Tsunami housing was built and the project completed around 2009. Honourable Fishery minister KPP Samy allocated this place for us.Because close to sea shore some of the houses have burnt then he allocated this place for us.When we came first there were nothing in opposite like thermal plants and came only after our arrival to this place.Actually from Tollagate till Ennore Fisherman communities are dwelling the most. At first the families resided in houses which are kutcha houses thatched by Palm leaves.Now in Mettukuppam every houses have been changed into concrete households.Initially there were no problems as we lived in independent households ,the problems aroused when we were put into a structure where 4 houses are clubbed in a apartment type of structure.There many problems growing there and the problems can't be controlled,then children by observing the other individuals who are socially problematic tend to be spoiled by them and it is fear for us to advise to the youngsters than elder ones.They can identify my voice as I speak as"Mazhalai pechu" so they identify easily.Lakshmi madam knows me as I am a committed person involved in Street play and made childrens trained in Bharathanatyam.It takes 5 minutes to say to her that I can't do all these things but it's a sort of help those who trust in me and it is a help which is able to me.  
**GV**: Where are you before Ma?  
**Respondent**: We were in Thaangal in Ennore.  
**GV**:How many families were there in Thaangal?  
**Respondent**:At first many families approximately 800-900 families were there.As sea level rises and approaches the shore half of the people started migrated to Ennore and somewhere.Many people scattered after the event to somewhere else.There is no way for us and there are no options for us to pay the rent so we stayed there itself.During Diwali of that time ,houses were burnt due to crackers at that time the present house was constructed but it's not completed;So we came as the minister said this house is built for you so you can go there.The Fishery minister spent his own money as there is no option and made arrangements to get patta for each houses,allocated houses to respective family hence we came here as there is no option for residence.When we came here nothing was constructed ,it was empty ground,we feared to dwell here as there were no electricity .So we took a rental house and reconstructed the house ,it's done 2 years ago.The wall got damaged by pests and insects,a big arasa maram grown and damaged the building.I don't know how long the building will be stable and the owners of the building were least bothered about the current state of the building.It is fearing,there is leakage in the room nearby kitchen.They are demanding taxes when we came here.I have paid around 7 taxes and I'm revealing a truth no one is paying taxes,rules are same for tax payers and non tax- payers.When we approached the slumboard they demanded to pay 28,000 due to inability to pay the whole tax amount I requested them to pay the tax in installments of Rupees 2,000 per month but they denied it.I'm not low to anyone I went cable tv collection job for 4,000 rupees .My husband is a daily coolie. Eventhough we did love marriage ,I've to take care of his mother , he's giving me around 6,000.My daughter is studying College .However we're trying hard to manage the family by getting loans and many lendings.We are living with a pride that we are not oppressed by others.Looking back I used to wear the jewel and roam just because why I should pledge this jewel in Pawn broker shop.Whatever the jewel it is either a small golden pearl or a jewel when it's kept in jewel than on Pawn shop ,when it's bought ,I wore and pledged it in Pawn shop it created a sense of satisfaction in me.The jewel will be here for 2 days and 3'rd day it will be in Pawn shop.It will come ,go;come and go.(Giggles around them)  
**Timing:05:03  
GV**:Have you been in Thangal first?  
**Respondent**:No pa.My father belongs to Nagapattinam  
**GV**: Nagapattinam?  
**Respondent**:Yes Yes Nagapattinam.My mother is from Tharangampadi.In Nagapattinam my father hails from a village named Keechankuppam.  
**GV**: Keechankuppam,then How did you came here ?  
**Respondent**: When I was a child,my mother was a young girl,My grandfather came and settled here.Family big family.My grandfather had 7 daughters.  
**GV**: 7 Daughters ,Hmm.  
**Respondent**:From my mother side grandfather.Grandfathee from my father side had two wives.  
**GV**:Two wives,Seri.  
**Respondent**:That is my first grandmother passed away.And just she died he did second marriage.First wife had 2 sons and 2 daughters.Through second wife she had 2 daughters and 7 sons.Half of them died in Tsunami.  
**GV**: Oh ,They passed away in Tsunami?  
**Respondent**: Because their place is Keechankuppam which is close to sea shore .Half of them were died by passing deep into the water.We don't know how may people died and how may people were still there.I had 2 elder aunts.One of them died and one is still there.  
**Respondent**: We went there during our parents' time but now we didn't go  
**GV**: You didn't visit there?  
**Respondent**: Yes , we're not visiting them.We cannot travel such long distances.We need to travel from Poompuhar.Do you know Poompuhar  
**GV:** Yes,I know and have heard about it.  
**Respondent**: From Poompuhar,we traveled to a place Vanagiri ,there we used to travel. and we cannot travel for long distances.If we start in night we reach there by morning.  
**GV**: From that instant how they found Thangal and came here?  
**Respondent**: That is Fisherman migrates from place to place to look after their livelihoods.Likethat my grandfather migrated to Chennai from there as there were no livelihood.While seeing my father my grandfather thought he's a good fellow,as he came along with my grandfather,he made him to marry my mother and we stayed here  
**GV**: Is this your main occupation of your husband?  
**Respondent**:It's a love marriage pa.I'm a fisherman ,my husband is a Telugu Naidu.He is a vegetarian and I'm a non vegetarian.  
**GV**: This condition is also in my home.I won't eat in Non-veg.  
**Respondent**:Oh! My husband is a pure vegetarian.Now after 25 years of my wedding he is habituating to eat Chicken kulambu and omlet.My daughter who is 21 years threatens her to eat and he obeys it.There is no respect for wife in these days.Those who obeys the words of wife are not husband.I am not like that I wish him to be independent  
**GV**:You've been grown there in Thangal since childhood,then how the place would be ?how will be the houses there?  
**Respondent**:It is a palm leaves thatched house..The space will be huge.We are longing that my child is not living a life that we lived there.Now they're living inside of four walls.Now in houses Ac is there,TV ,is there , Fridge is there,Washing machine is there,when we're living those days nothing was there.Every day food is based on my mother who sells fish everyday;we lived like that only.We had freedom that time,we roam anywhere,we play anywhere.There is no discrimination like boychild and girl child.We play pacha kuthirai openly speakinh where the girl child places her face on the bum of the boy give hold to play the game.We used to climb on a boy child and boy child will climb on us .We don't have any bad thoughts while playing and arised in mind those days.But now everything changed bad and behaved wrong in their mind as they perceive everything in a negative context.Whenever behaving like Brother and sister by holding hands what the people will say why can't you romance in your home ? Why're you holding hands ? But the relationship can be brother-sister relationships.Even the society perceives the mother -son relationships my son who grown higher than me who holds by shoulder while walking but the society perceives that in a wrong context,the time also changed.There is no age difference no one sees the age difference .35 years old lady is in immoral relationship with a 25 year old boy.Nowadays everything is wrong ,the reason behind is the media persons.The creates the non-existing into existing patterns ,while creating these stuffs, everyone's mind what happens means ,2 years old child scrolls the mobile.Who's mobile is this? Is this yours?  
**GV**:Yes!It's mine.  
**Respondent**: Down stairs my grandson, Downstairs,Dinesh's son.We grown him being a neighbour,he used to be with us..Do you know what he asks.In order to give the mobile to him ,he used to ask mobile just to kiss my photo in the phone as I've kept my photos as wallpaper like" Aaya give me the phone ,Valli aaya give me the phone.I'm going to kiss Valli aaya in the phone".After giving the phone ,he unlocks the phone ,he goes to YouTube ,using that he used to watch mega pipe ,chuttipapa beautifully by using audio search see how it had developed; technology have advanced like this.When we were born there was no TV, usually someone house will be having Tv that will be the rich man in the community , a concrete house there will be a fan that will be the richer people house.In that house when we're watching 15 rupees ,Fridays they used to telecast "oliyum oliyum " and in Sundays they used to telecast movies.  
**GV**: Hmm  
**Timing:10:55**  
**Respondent**: Likewise going to cinema we used to watch tv those days we used to buy pattani,uppukadalai,verkadalai in a paper and we eat in the paper,the owner insist not to spill that.During interval sometimes they advised to go and eat outside sometimes there will be title card depicting sorry for the convenience these are the chances of breaks during that time they tell us to eat outside and come.They used to put deck,it costs about 1.50 rupees for a deck movie ,all the time mgr movies are screened ,so everytime by screening MGR movies MGR was grown in our mind.Nowadays the days are not like those technology have advanced  
**GV**:You said the house in Thaangal is bigger  
**Respondent**: It's a thatched house  
**GV**:Is there more space there?  
**Respondent**:Space will be huge,it's a thatched house,the floor was made of clay ,when it rains we can't live under there.In that clay floor ,my mom organises all members of family under it.Rain water may enter into the clay floored houses , and in that menial space we suffered a lot.We thinks that our children should not live life like us but what I feel is living life like those days made us realise what to do and what not to do.Children who grown by pampering have future fear and lesser opportunities.My mother who is a illiterate ,educated all the 7 daughters.My mom says, don't mistake me if a men has moustache in face a women will have moustache till her knee whatever happens we should not give in.Everyone is self employed,all of them doing fish business.One of my elder sister is home made business,two of my elder sister sons became advocate,my younger sister daughter became advocate ,One boy completed BBA and another boy did Bachelor's degree and he's running his family now.My younger sister's daughter  
is famous "Jatti Jagannathan" in Vijay TV and Sun Tv as everyone will be knowing him as he was in media.There is a feel that my mother doesn't see this because she brought us through many struggles ,as my father went somewhere she brought us through many struggles.  
**GV**: As you said Living in apartment causes many problems and you lived in individual houses.Do you feel that living independently is good?  
**Respondent**: Yes I feel it's better.The distance between this house and that house will be more.  
**GV**: There?  
**Respondent**:Yes.This is house and that is neighbour house .This is not the scenario there.If this is my house and next building will be the next house.House will be there , surrounded by fences.Fencing will be there,around that we tied the Paai maram ,there will be above that, during summer days it will be there.As house are on the sea shore the sea breeze will be amazing.We won't sleep inside house we used to sleep in the roadsides.I used to wear small skirt ,this size of banian ,tshirt.I laid down on the road ,no wrong intentions were on the mind of others.I sleep in road if the dress is inappropriate ,some people will make it proper.I used to sleep on road ,till I became matured lady I used to wear skirt only.Till 18 years I used to wear skirt and Baniyan and roam.  
**GV**: Why did you feel safe that time ?is that because everyone is known to you?  
**Respondent**: Everyone was our native village people.  
**GV**:Your village people?  
**Respondent**:Yes.In fisherman community we won't call Akka,Neighbour Akka , opposite house Akka used to call by relations.Eventhough my mother's brother is my next house we used to call"Mama".This is my Mama,This is my Chithi,This is my Chithappa, Eventhough they're not relative to us in any means we should create the relations,This is my Mama,This is my Chithappa, whenever they comes we should sit.Oh Mama is coming ,My mother insisted the habit of respect.For every thing,if somebody in the house went for malai ,we won't get water from there.Before 6 'o clock, because there were no electricity those days we used to cook the dishes before 6 pm when darkness arrives.My mother used to cook,she ran the satthunavu koodam,she used to bring every children even if some one goes on road.Humanity was there in those days even it's present now but it's used for some own gain.  
**Timing:15:40**  
**GV**:Due to fire accident happened in Diwali they brought you here?  
**Respondent**:That's not only the reason.The building is constructed for us ,the quarters is constructed for highways.Before itself the fire accident happened so they gave us first priority.  
**GV**:They gave first for you?  
**Respondent**: Yes ,they gave.Half of the members,In opposite there are three types of building is there.This was given by Highways, Opposite one was given for Tsunami,and the last one was built as it was given by NGO,since no one came it was given to Arumbakkam and that side people.That's the fact.I don't know more about Ennore  
Respondent:No no I don't need about Ennore.  
**GV**: In this apartments , people from same areas are relocated.Hence the people from the same areas there?  
**Respondent**: That's the matter.The atmosphere here is diversified. that's why People who have money bought individual house and leave the houses as rental as they can't live in this area with children.We don't have privilege to pay rent ,we're sitting in a state for proud for shepherding buffaloes.There is no ther way .Whenver I go for Cable tv collection ,I see people living in rental houses costs 20,000 rupees but only 2 people living there ,no one like relatives are allowed .When children comes for playing there , people says don't come here to rental places.Eventhough they're paying 20,000 rupees as rent they're not in peace.But here we're not like that,we live with relatives and are with freedom.Here most of people were my native people so no problem here.  
**GV**: No problem here.  
**Respondent**: Yes no problem here.Whenever we fight ,we used to crowd.  
**GV**:In this apartment ,what are all the other problems here?  
**Respondent**:There are so many problems here.I can't say openly about this.No I won't say openly about this place.Here many things are wrong here.Since five fingers are not same ,not only people from one community members are here people from many places are here.Peole are here from Duraipaakam,Parris, Arumbakkam,Amjinkarai,Thus people are here from Ennore to Thiruvanmiyur.Telugu Naidu ,Kannada Mudhaliar,Christian ,Hindu,Muslim whoever is here for some proudness for their growth.  
I've grown so based on my faith I'll live here.Those who're fearing can't live here.While I came here in starting I feared ,I cried that we can't live in this place.Because we lived gently there but seeing here it's hard to live no one was born and brought up here.All of them were came from there ,who came from there changed many things fundamentally.just because they changed at first we feared by seeing them.I cried that i couldn't not stay wit these people.By seeing a cat I ran "Tiger,Tiger" ,keep on running while turning back it was cat in the mask of tiger.Why should I run against this cat and I stood and turned against against the cat .What can you do for me? When I started chasing ,chased away the cat,the cat started running.Then we should not fear the cat,we can fear the tiger but not the cat, we're living proud.  
**GV**:You're saying you can't manage issues as people from many places are dwelling here?  
**Respondent**: Yes.We're managing because we are unable to pay rent and live outside.When we search rent outside see how my house how it looks like it's a Individual house in Tsunami quarters.When we go outside and search we don't get houses as we expected.  
**Timing:20:00**  
**Respondent:**This house cost around 4,000-5,000 rent in outside.Based on the income we get,it's unable to pursue to pay rent for 4,000-5,000 and the electricity is not also seperate.One unit costs 10 rupees as metro came here as it changed to metro they increased the rent and also the EB bill also rocketed up.In this house I'm not using this just because I'm unable to pay the current bill.That is one tv ,one fan ,the tv got damaged by thunder,both tv and set up box got damaged.  
**GV**:Yesterday?  
**Respondent**:No thunder on that day.It got damaged in that day We are sitting as we don't have money to spend for this.Then the current bill also rockets up. I got 1500 bill ,in Downstairs, downstairs girl Radhika got 3000,3200 rupees house .In 10\*10 house,people who having 4,5 rooms having 4 light ,5 light 3 fan and 4 fan will pay rupees 40,000 .When I ask the EB man he says we are calculating based on how you use one fan one light one kitchen light,one fridge and bathroom light.I don't know on what means they're calculating the electricity.Then why they're giving 100 unit for free.It seems that it's not free they says you're running a lot.The girl who got 3000 asked him why she got 3000 bill,do you know what he told,he gave an amazing reply.If you can't pay the current bill, remove the ac and keep it inside.  
**Interviewer**:did they installed AC?  
**Respondent**: Yes they've.How much time ,in my house the air breeze will be good.When we plan to switch on ac ,we close the doors and within 10 minutes the room gets cooled immediately we like oh! switch off the AC.We can't pay that much, we're using for chillness we don't use after that.I've paid 180 rupees as well as 1800 rupees.They says it depends on the running.In that there is a guy who give pipe and makes the expense for us.Why I bought this like that we washed clothes with hands,we grinded with hands by using ammi,those days the elder lady health is also good but when this luxury came all the diseases came to everyone.In children also there are no children with diseases nowadays.Farmer who says I'm doing farming I'm doing farming but he makes the human life miserable,he claims that he's farmer at the end he didn't realise whether the fertilizer that he is using good quality or not.Who says to take yield 3 months instead of 6 months you're farmer right.You know that without food human will get died,then won't be died when we eat foods with all those pesticides.Then by doing all these you're creating diseases,then don't know whom to trust.Everyone based on the economic price level the expenses are beyond money.If you don't have money ,no you have nothing.  
**GV**: You stayed there right as you said the house was sand house and now you're in concrete house.Do you feel that concrete house is good? Or that houses is good?  
**Respondent**:I think that house is best.  
**GV**:Why? Why do you think that is best?  
**Respondent**:Why because as Rajini said in grassland I slept I had peace when I slept on cot and mattress there's no peace ,sleep at all the situation is like that.If I lay and sleep like the saying if In my dream you alone were there ,like that this money lender,that money lender,this borrower,that borrower I can't sleep at peace.Without sleep mind get upsetThat too they don't be idle,Get loan from me ,Get loan from me,80,000 from IDFC bank we're calling that you got alloted 80,000 bank loan.Get loan from me.I said ok I'll get and asked how much should I pay .They said for 80,000 the interest is about 55,000.I replied that it's unjust that I'm sitting simply and you guys are calling and told to get loan will you be paying 55,000 interest for 80,000.They said it your wish if you're interested get a loan.I cut the call by saying I'm not interested.

**GV**:Is there any differences in employment there and here?

**Respondent**: Those days there is huge time and lesser employment.

**Timing 25:00**

**Respondent**:What to say.According to myself around 12 years of my age of maturity 12 years ah,in my 13 years I cooked 2 1/2 kg rice in 12 rupees.Coconut is 10 paise,our oil,Tamarind is 10 rupees,Rice is 3 rupees and 50 paise.We bought like and what we do is we used to have clay pot.When we buy rice what we do is we used fill rice in a hole in the Pot.Some amount of rice can be put into the hole why we do is when my mother has no money as we do fish business one day we have money another day we don't have.When we don't have we cook from that rice.We lived like that but now everything had changed.Everything is thinkable ,If we think briyani because everything is changed.If we don't buy that how much anger will come for them.We are not like that whatever is available we eat and sleep.When we call them for eating,anger is arising.Then we ,I used to eat well.I eat a lot of food.Yes.Then I used to eat how many idlis means 12 -13 idlis i used to eat but now 2 idlis.Seems they're in diet above that they can't eat.Because they consume more junk foods thats why thefood doesn't get into them.That too they don't be idle,Get loan from me ,Get loan from me,80,000 from IDFC bank we're calling that you got alloted 80,000 bank loan.Get loan from me.I said ok I'll get and asked how much should I pay .They said for 80,000 the interest is about 55,000.I replied that it's unjust that I'm sitting simply and you guys are calling and told to get loan will you be paying 55,000 interest for 80,000.They said it your wish if you're interested get a loan.I cut the call by saying I'm not interested.

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**GV**: As you said this place was fearful,could you elaborate any challenges or problems faced here and how you overcame it?

**Respondent**:There are lot of events and instances happened here .I can't say everything . Lakshmi knows everything about the problems happening here.That problems shouldn't be outspoken.My mother once said a word when means, while we're growing up stage ,Till I live I'll take care of my children.What I say , How I leave my kids here means like a boxing ground like a boxing stage .My mother is a illiterate whatever she says it's a thinkable saying.I still remember how talent she is as she is a illiterate and don't know how to sign when we as a kid we used to teach her what is atlast means people who are uneducated thinks more than one who's educated.My mother experiences that I leave my kids amidst 4 ,or 10 boxers in a boxing stage.Like that My elder sister stood first place everything in sports.She is above me player her name is Vannamayil.My elder sister what I say is My elder sister is first in everything.In pudhukadai school where everyone studied near the market uniform.When she was studying in the school she stood first in everything.In running race Vannamayil is first place.I don't participate why means My elder sister used to participate in events that is she participate in events.In all the competition she participates.In oratorical competition Vannamayil bags the first place.In kho-kho she bagged second place.Like that it repeats Vannamayil,Vannamayil and Vannamayil.Headmaster begged my mother to send my sister to send Delhi.My father gave me tiffin box and he don't know how to speak.Headmaster by seeing my house condition as in thatched roof please take care of your daughter and carry further for her future.As my mother said he went aside.Once along we went on nets the school annual day happened.Before the annual day the competitions are to be conducted.In annual day they used to felicitate with the gifts,they told to bring your father and mother.I called mother but she didn't come and my father came.How my father came means after going to the nets by wearing the banian ,trouser and the thalapai and also with the kanji bucket he came.He keep on watching the event.Even my sister called on stage Vannamayil Vannamayil and my father also called Without any shame or hesitation he went to stage in the same costume.People were laughing at me my father kept quiet as he don't know at that time.Then what happened means.

**Timing 30:22**

**Respondent**: My father asked whom? Ah yes the Headmaster.My father don't know how to speak as he speaks in Southern accent.He asked"Teacher if you give all the prizes to my child what will the other children do?.Why don't you divide the prizes among themselves and why you're giving to my daughter.That is my father is one doesn't have any common sense that his daughter won first place in the events.He doesn't know how talent his child is.Because their way of brought up is like that.

**GV**: According to you how should a house should be?

**Respondent**:House should be the food should be good.We should get good sleep and my children's future should be good .That is what I know.For whom I'm tiring a lot? For the children right.The duty of a mother is that while living what we can do maximum for the betterment of the child.I feel that's should be done.Thats why I'm running behind 10 Rupees and lower income.

**GV**:You explained about your family that you have a kid and you want that kid future should be good.I'm asking the house you said there you sleep outside and the surrounding people were known to you.How you expect this settlement should be ?

**Respondent**:This settlement? It's good if the people are better.Good people went into rental homes.In this building approximately 4-5 people are in rental houses remaining of them are in own houses.

**GV**: own houses. Why do they go?Why do they move into rental houses?

**Respondent**:Due to the problems here the children's can't live here.Thats what I'm saying If I'm able to pay the rent I'll also move, I'm here only because of inability to pay the rent.We are facing everything.While we're fearing they started firing while we're raising the voices they're shutting their mouth and maintaining silence.There are lot of things happening and nothing to say on that.I'm fearing and surviving with my daughter.If I go in the morning and return in the evening I will get around 10-15,000 as salary then why I'm going for 6,000 rupees.Because I can't leave my children and go.Because at what time what will happen? Suddenly they're running with knifes as they're walking normally on the road; it's fearing.Likethat we fear to go for jobs outside.

**GV**:Do you think that violence is prevalent here?

**Respondent**: Yes it's more here .

**GV**: Why are they like that?

**Respondent**: I'm saying it had become like that.As a proverb says one will spoiled by one's tongue like that they tend to spoil anyone.Now money become important.They can do anything for money.Because the current prices are like that.What happen if one correct them.The one thing is who did something somewhere else we don't who did and where did.But what people saying means it was done in Tsunami quarters.But hearing this I get anger because in Tsunami quarters not everyone are evil persons.If anybody does something you say Tsunami quarters. We'll get sharp anger that we also live in the same Tsunami quarters.Don't see from outside,Come and see inside.People from outside are surviving here.People here like a crab 's story People here don't help the others survive here.In a basket crabs from all countries were there.Every country crabs escaped with the help of other crab's leg but the Tsunami quarters crab drags the leg of crab which tend to escape,likewise Tsunami quarters.Outside people can survive but dwellers here didn't make us to survive and can't survive.

**GV**: Why that's inside the Tsunami quarters?

**Respondent**: What pa?

**GV**: No.Why Tsunami quarters is like this?

**Respondent**:It became like that.Nothing is to say.Lot of things can't be outspoken.Somethings can be outspoken.Everything can't be said openly.

**GV**: Okay

**Respondent**:That is I said in first We can able to talk to elders but it's fearing to talk of young people who are 12,13 and 14.

**GV**: 12,13,14.

**Timing 35:06**

**Respondent**: Why because the things that they do are like that.

**GV**: Are the children getting violent?

**Respondent**: They're not violent ,not violent.Somethings are happening inside them and they're getting wild.

**Respondent**: How can we see,Kanja ,tablets like this

**GV**:Why this are available here? And how it is available

**Respondent**:You know that can't be briefed.Okay?Who supply that are from here who service that are here,and who sells that is also from here.

**GV**: If you want a change in this place what you think should be done?

**Respondent**: If I want to move from this place..

**GV**: I'm not saying that you're moving this place.I'm saying that What should be done if the place is likeable to you?

**Respondent**:The people here should be good people.Everyone should change.We can't change everyone.If we change you and myself became idiots.They will be clear and we will become idiots.

**GV**: So if we say Settlements,say house the people around should be good to live that's what you say?

**Respondent**: Yes.For emergency if I don't have one thing,if I don't have one thing as I slip If they hear my voice the neighbour should be run and help.If anything for them we should be run and help without any fear.But here it's not here.Because here the violence are numerous.Many people are with blood and there no one is helping and run for them if we do that we have to answer for everything.Everybody has family right so everyone is feared to help.

**GV**: Feared?

**Respondent**: Fearing.They fear and we fearing.

**GV**: That is in your old place there is tendency to help?

**Respondent**:There ,that's what I say eventhough they're neighbours we are like Mama, Chithappa,Anna and Thambi, when we girls go somewhere supposewhen they go somewhere,I somewhere if any boys teases us,Hey how can you tease my household girl?my household girl.When they say the boys would run off.They don't give up.That' where we grew.. Eventhough we say mama ,macha while we grow we play by putting hands on each one's shoulders but there were no evil thoughts.

**GV**: Do you think the social life is not present?

**Respondent**: No it's not there.Its completely absent.Everybody become selfish.Not everyone including myself.It's enough when our family is safe.We should not involve in other's talk.It's in a way to think that we go to job and come and if we're safe.It's feared to stand before them.My family is dependent on me if I run and fall ,my elder sister will come .If she comes ,her children will come as it's problem to her.In order to avoid one by one affect I stood keeping my mouth shut.Personally I don't have anyone.I have children and they have a future for that's sake everyone moving silent.

**GV**: So That's why you're in a situation to avoid raising questions alone to the problems here?

**Responden**t: I've mentioned my elder sisters's name so kindly remove it

**GV**: No.No name

**Respondent**: As I said right.

**GV**: No that's nothing.We won't use any name

**Respondent**: I've mentioned my elder sister's name right?

**GV**:I said we won't mention.

**Respondent**: They wll remove?

**GV**: Yes they will remove.

**Respondent**:Oh you remove the unwanted and remain the wanted .

**GV**: How we think is based on the individual experience,not only violence how the old place was once.

**Respondent**:In the old place while we don't have food ,while we're in poverty we had peace but in these buildings if we have everything we don't have peace.We fear what if somebody fight;what if someone runs with a knife here.Daily we live by fearing.We can't sleep with peace.At first we feared of going outside around 6 PM but now the girls are roaming here till 12:30AM .But the fearless girls are roaming.Why because they grew up in that atmosphere that's why they don't fear but I fear to go around 10 PM if someone says.Why because It's unknown if someone is running.Because they speak different slang.If I speak equal to them with the slang like "Enna da" means they speak bad words with doubletime that I Speak.

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**Respondent**:We are not those who don't speak bad words right.We don't use it every place unwantedly.We are like as Vivek said if you get anger hit him.

**GV**: You said that the youths are came from other areas?

**Respondent** : They're from here.

**GV**: No ,you said the slang .

**Respondent**: They speak abusive words from A-Z.

**GV**: They came from other place?

**Respondent**:They came from other place and they're here in the quarters.Many people are there.That's what I said from Duraipaakam and across Ennore may people are residing here.Many people are rentals.

**GV**: If you want to live there you should hold a courage?

**Respondent**: Yes ,persons who don't have courage can't be here.

**GV**: Can't be here

**Respondent**: Speaking ability also be there.

**GV**: Speaking ability also?

**Respondent**: If anger happens there are people who doesn't speak up if anybody shouts they close door and starts crying.Downstairs to my home there is a sister.Her husband fears a lot.We lived and grew up altogether.They made their children to study from here.Atfirst when houses came that sister established the shop.She kept the shop inside the house.She mad e her kids to study in Chepauk , beautifully dhe made her two children to complete degree from Loyola college; She made her kids married, beautifully she settled her two children seperately.She thought that it's wrong to stay with two of the children se returned to her home and shut the door.She does her chores.

**GV**: Either we should live in isolation or else we should be courageous?

**Respondent**: We should be courageous.Whatever happens we should involve others talk and we should shut the door and behave like there is no connection what whatever happens here.About the Tsunami quarters the matter is that those who gazes the happenings around here is wrong; even when we shut the door other's will ask why you're not asking.It's wrong whether you ask or you don't ask.That's why?

**GV**: Why like this? Because of same people?

**Respondent**: No.Same people not I don't know whether they ask due to rights.Now if you have a problem I'll come for it.For me it's a problem why are you shutting the door.They are like this.Some sort of authoritatively they ask why're you not coming for us.We don't know how to react.We don't know the reason.For that we have to do a research.We know they ask authoritatively ,or affectionately or with enemity.

**GV**: Here the Tsunami quarters,Due to the highway one , another one is others.

**Respondent**: Yes there's other

**GV**: That is due to the development projects in Arumbakkam and other places.Is there any relationship between the people among the three groups.

**Respondent**: Here many NGO's came , trying to correct and taking all measures.Inside they are doing child development projects.They are doing for small children.

**GV**:How many people in your family you said ? 8 members right ?

**Respondent**: 9 members .One younger brother passed away.You are recording My voice is known to everyone.

**GV**: As I said we don't share outside.

**Respondent**: How you say this openly to everyone?

**GV**:No ,we don't share anything outside.As I said first it's completely only for research purpose.It' s for Good city research as I said the educational institutions the institutes jointly doing the research.So whats in this

**Respondent**:You said good city or bad city? It's not like that.What about the Tsunami quarters is if you're walking past when you fainted here 100 people will be crowded .By shouting something they will take you somewhere else and help you surely.Likewise if you fall in a city , they'll just see.Here that is the good habit You said city right high class people ,if you fall,faint .They come ,see and go as they doubt if you lift it'll be a problem and they move aside.

**Timing 45:04**

**GV**: Importantly i said ethics right according to research ethics we won't share this outside.

**Respondent**: It is good thing why because if you want to do good it's not necessary to be a good human sometimes a bad human can do good.If they lift immediately it's starts crowding "Hey come lift him,take him".Outside they fear to take in auto but here they don't see such instances.Immediately they lift and run to save a life.That good habit is in everyone here.

**GV**: As I said again without using your name ,can we use the information right?

**Respondent**: No ,my elder sisters name and downstairs household sister's name won't come right.

**GV**: No .We don't use everyone's name . Without using name we use informations.Without mentioning name, information is collected.

**Respondent**:Yes you can use the information.People who are doing good are stuck and blinks as I said.Like closing their eyes and handingover to someone.Here even police is helping to wrong people,they threatens if they see good persons.They threatens.They speak like hitting with a stick.They themselves call them with names.When we see police as before we had some sort of image like this but now they calling like "Dei Karuppa" infront of them.By calling them with their petnames ,it seems like they're degrading their image by giving talks with them.It made to think low.

This caused me a feeling why the Police degrades their respect.But there's are some people who are respectful and helping.Many persons are coming and doing but I don't know whether they're implementing it or not.

**GV**: Did you feel that constructing apartments is good? Or else some other chances?

**Respondent**: According to me if space is huge why the apartments arise?The population expands those days everyone has 10 kids and 15 kids.Now everyone is having one.We don't know how the population increased.Now the children are sent to Bombay , trafficking, children are hijacked what are all the illegal activities are happening here.That things made shy to speak about that.In ears what we say little hearts in that when major things arises it pains that they are like this.Amidst the struggles my mom brought us by lifting the fishes.But now they say we give idli ,we give chutney this that eventhough there is no sign of getting improved.People who are before are like that.In this place I've opened a store as I know I borrowed around 10,000 15,000 from neighbourhood sister when no one opened store I kept a store inside my house.It went well as I worked hard.But in night as we merciful we became idiots.Persons will come for food I never sees whoever and gave 1,000 2,000 3,000 to them but they made myself a debtor atlast.This doesn't suit me.For business who speaks good will suit not for me.I became like Vadivelu"Nee pinji moonji" then they cheated me as they don't return the money.

**GV**: So lack of money is the problem and it's hard to do business?

**Respondent**: The outsiders can survive.The outsiders who came and survived go outside and speak filthy about the Tsunami quarters.Then how much anger will arise?.Legs will be broken for those who came from outside and survived here through business.Persons will talk filthy about those ones.

**GV**: As mentioning Tsunami quarters is there any problems for employment?

**Respondent**: In Tiruvotriyur what we say ah Home appliances as it mentioned Tsunami quarters slum board they said we don't give for you people.In Surya, In Surya metal.But in Vasanth & co I bought from Royapuram.I bought fridge from Vasanth & co.I took AC from there.

**GV**: Did you take through Loan?

**Respondent**: All through EMI.Just I paid correctly ,from HDBI bank they said I got 30,000 first then 70,000 and 1,00,000.Then I said no no and atlast themselves call and gives the loan why I thought shouldn't get it and finally got 30,000.As we paid correctly they keep on calling and disturbing.

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**GV**: Like this problems regarding getting employment and getting things from outside are here?

**Respondent:** Everything is problematic That is most people if they're basic essentials are satisfied they don't do wrong Present youngsters learning all those bad habits and illegal stuffs in order to get money for that they're beating their own mother.They don't obey their mothers.What the mothers will do means if police warns their wards they used to lend money ,pledge jewels and get money to safeguard their wards.Then how will they realise.Themselves didn't make them to realise.What most people think of means if they come from such instances they behave like as they come from a Chief Minister's post.Do you what's their word means,"Dei you have done one murder have they locked up you?how many people you wanna kill do ,we will look after it".These are the words of the mother.How the child will realise.They will speak like this and also that.But not everyone will do .

**GV**: Yes not every one will do . Everyone is not like that.So as the basic needs are not satisfied many problems are here?

**Respondent**: Many people go for jobs.What I can say,Here 80% not 80 say eventhough 70% are good 30% there are bad one.We are all managing and living.

**GV**: Thanks for speaking.Thank Yo

**Respondent**: Okay.Don't share it open.

**GV**: I'm stopping this if you want say something say after this .

**Timing 52:38**