CHAPTER 7
SCOPE OF THIS RESEARCH

Vocational Education, Training & Skill Development is a huge sector which is gaining tremendous importance in recent times. However not much research has happened in the past in India and in State of Maharashtra about the various aspects related to this sector. The researcher has attempted to study all aspects related to this sector, however, due to limitations of time, data availability, insufficient literature and limited previous research by other researchers has put forth the need for further research in this topic.

There is scope for further research in the following areas:

1. There is need for studying the models of regulation and administration system prevalent in other countries so as to understand the benefits and linkages. This regulatory system is extremely imp from the standpoint of creating a unified integrated system of Vocational Education, Training and skill Dev. In Maharashtra or even at the centre such a unified does not exist at present, hence the need for further research in this area.

2. At present there is no dedicated and focused initiative at the state for centre for vocational faculty training and development. Can a separate National level Vocational Teacher Training Institute be established? Can State level Institute for this purpose be also established? Can special Vocational degrees such Bachelor in Vocational Education be created or BE.d in Vocational Education be created by UGC and made mandatory for all Vocational Teachers?

3. The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is trying to create close linkages with industry in order to increase industry participation in the VET and Skill Development Sector. However there is a need for continuous research in understanding changing industry requirements for skilled manpower, labour market trends, employment opportunities, recruitment rules and concerns of industry. This continuous research will help in bringing out courses which meet industry needs.
4. Although the Central Govt. brought out the community college scheme few years back it has not become successful. However in concept the community college scheme is extremely desirable in order to bring in community stake holders into the development of the VET and Skill Development Sector. Community participation and close linkage with this sector is needed in order to bring about regional development. Further research is required to understand community problems and for effectively rolling out various schemes in line with the local needs. Community colleges in Tamilnadu, Kerala and other parts of India though few in number should be studied for further research.

5. More than 90% of India’s workforce is in the unorganized sector. Further research is required to understand the skilling requirements of this sector and to suggest additional solutions for bringing this sector into the mainstream.

6. Vocational Education, Training and Skill Development is offered through ITI/ITCs and VJCs and VTPs in Maharashtra many more such institutions can be studied and researched to understand the parameter surrounding the quality of students.

The VET models of the foreign countries other than those studied by the researcher can also be studied to understand how these models have effectively implemented in the respective country.

The researcher feels that there is huge potential for this sector especially due to the national level initiatives taken up by our Government for Skill Development and therefore the need for not only additional but continuous research.