CHAPTER – 3

THE PROBLEM / HYPOTHESIS

The following are the hypothesis formulated for the present research work.

1. In Khandesh region sufficient ‘A’ grade libraries are available.
2. Public Libraries in Khandesh Region are developed.
3. In this region the readers are more.
4. The reading material available in these libraries is not sufficient.
5. The utility of the available infrastructure is not optimum.

3. Choice of the Region and Topic :

For the present research work Khandesh region is selected. The choice and the region and topic under investigation have been influenced by several considerations.

Firstly, Khandesh region is one of the educationally backward regions of Maharashtra State. The facilities in the Public Libraries in this region are poor in nature.

Secondly, physical factors like geographical atmosphere, educational awareness as well as socio-economic factors dominantly affected on the growth and development in the study region.

Thirdly, the region comprises districts viz., Jalgaon, Dhule and Nandurbar. The facilities of the Public Libraries do not reach up to the ground level.

Fourthly, the researcher is the resident of Khandesh region. Hence, he attracted towards the study of availability of Public Libraries Facility in Khandesh region.
Fifthly, the systematic and scientific analysis of the tribulations of municipal Libraries in the area like the educationally backward areas of Maharashtra State has been chosen for the present research work.

Sixthly, due to the physical and socio cultural variations might be different in different parts of Maharashtra State.

Due to these entire considerations researcher selected this region and topic for the present research work.

3.1 Sample Design :

In Khandesh region only 17 ‘A’ grade public libraries are presently working. All the 17 public libraries are selected for the study purpose. If any one Public Libraries Librarian is not in a position to fulfill the questionnaire, this public library will be deleted from the sample.

The readers of these ‘A’ grade public libraries selected as a sample. Near about 10% questionnaire will be filled by the readers. Thus collected data from Librarians and readers will be presented in graphical, tabulation and statistical methods.

3.2 Objectives:

1. To find out the ‘A’ grade Public Libraries in Khandesh region.
2. To study the growth and development of Public Libraries in Khandesh region.
3. Facilities available for development of Public Libraries in this region.
4. To observe the utility of present infrastructure in Khandesh region.
5. To study the problems and prospects with regards for development of Public libraries in Khandesh region.
6. To study the reading material available in the sample Public Libraries from the Khandesh region.