CHAPTER-3
METHODOLOGY

RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

Research questions are as follows:

- Is there a significant difference between the level of power motivation, alienation and well being of politicians and tainted politicians?
- Is there a significant difference between the level of power motivation, alienation and well being of criminals convicted in prevention of corruption act (POCA) and criminals convicted in cases other than prevention of corruption act (NPOCA)?
- What are the points of differences in the opinion of the four groups regarding prevailing corruption in our country?
- What is the relationship between the dimensions of alienation, power motivation and well being in four groups?

Based upon the research questions, the objectives of the research came out to be:

Objectives:

The objectives of the study are:

1. To compare the four groups i.e. politicians and tainted politicians; POCA and NPOCA in terms of three variables: Power Motivation, Alienation and Well Being.
2. To study the views among the above four groups towards the prevailing corruption in our country.
3. To find the correlation between the dimensions of different variables within same group.

Measurement of the variables (Tools Used)

To measure alienation, power motivation and well being standardized scales are used and to know about the state of corruption, an open ended survey questionnaire is used.

The scales used in the present research are:
3. Alienation-Shepard (1972)

**Well being is measured along the dimensions of:**

1. Individual Oriented Subjective Well Being - Personal Accountability (ISWB-PA)
2. Individual Oriented Subjective Well Being - Explicit Pursuit (ISWB-EP)
3. Social Oriented Subjective Well Being - Role Obligations (SSWB-RO)
4. Social Oriented Subjective Well Being - Dialectical Balance (SSWB-DB)

**Alienation is measured along the dimensions of:**

1. Powerlessness
2. Meaninglessness
3. Normlessness
4. Instrumental Work Orientation(IWO)
5. Self-evaluative Involvement(SEI)

**Definition of variables:**

**Power Motivation** according to Mc Clelland refers to the desire to control the behavior of others according to one’s own will.

**Alienation** - Shepard, 1972 views alienation as “social psychological separation from some social referent”. He points out that people may be differentially alienated from different aspects of their social life. Using Seeman’s (1959) analysis, he sets out to operationalize five uses of the term in respect to work:

**Powerlessness**-refers to perceived lack of freedom and personal control on the job, where the worker feels that he or she is dominated by other people or a technological system.

**Meaninglessness**-refers to an inability to understand the events in which one is engaged, for example how one’s work activities relate to other jobs and the larger organization.
Normlessness—is the expectation that culturally excepted goals (such as upward mobility in a company) can only be achieved through illegitimate means.

Instrumental Work Orientation—is a specific case of “self-estrangement”, when activities are undertaken solely for anticipated future rewards and not for any intrinsic value. Working merely for money is cited as an example from the occupational setting.

Self – evaluative Involvement refers to the degree to which a person tests his or her self esteem through involvement in a particular role, for example as a worker. In this specific sense it has similarities with the concept of Work Involvement.

Subjective Well being is studied from two perspectives: Individual and Social Oriented SWB. Subjective Well Being is divided into two dimensions: ISWB-PA(Personal Accountability) and ISWB-EP(Explicit Pursuit) and Social Oriented SWB is divided into two dimensions: SSWB-RO (Role Obligation) and SSWB-DB (Dialectical Balance).

ISWB-PA – People with high on this dimension account only themselves for their happiness. Here if one is not happy, then s/he is sole responsible and they do not consider society, family or any other institution responsible for their happiness. Here the locus of control is inside.

ISWB-EP – People with high on this dimension consider society at large responsible for their happiness and hence well being. Here the locus of control is external.

SSWB-RO (Role Obligation) – People with high SSWB-RO lay high emphasis on the role as they play in the family and the society at large. They feel happy when they find that they fulfill their role. They are family oriented, friendly and highly social. They are of high belief that family and society is the source of well being and one they play their role, well being automatically comes. If they fulfill their social roles, they feel high on well being standard.

SSWB-DB (Dialectical Balance) – People high on this dimension maintain a balance between the two and perceive the happiness as two sides of the same coin. They try to make harmony in human relations as they know how to balance happiness and
unhappiness. They focus on psychological, physical and spiritual balance. They are like who are never too happy and never too sad. They follow the golden middle path and balance their life by balancing their emotions.

**Research Plan:**

To collect data from those who are involved in corruption two groups were selected: Tainted politicians (those who are suspected to be corrupt) and criminals convicted under prevention of corruption act (POCA). The other group consists of not tainted politicians and criminals convicted in cases other than prevention of corruption act (NPOCA).

**Selection of Tools:**

The selection of tools was made keeping in mind the demographic conditions of the subjects and by analysis of each and every item. For this all the tests were first shown to the experts and after gathering their consensus, a decision was made to use the scales for the proposed research. Since, the subjects who were not able to respond in English medium, a Hindi version of all the three tests and of one open ended questionnaire was developed. All the four versions of three scales and one open ended questionnaire were shown to the experts and a consensus was received for using them in the proposed research.

**Collection of Data:**

Data is collected from the Jails across the states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Delhi. To do so first an RTI application was sent to all Jail Superintendents asking them as to how many prisoners were there in their respective Jails who were convicted under Prevention of Corruption Act. After receiving their response a formal programme of conducting data was made and executed. In this the researcher took a lot of help from politicians known to him and to his near and dears. Getting data from politicians and tainted politicians was the toughest time and it was only due to known politicians that they could participate in my research.

Sample consists of four groups: politicians (N-30), tainted-politicians (N-30), criminals convicted under prevention of corruption act (POCA) (N-50) and criminals convicted under crimes other than prevention of corruption act (NPOCA) (N-50). All the politicians and tainted politicians belong to national parties.
Data reflecting demographic distribution of data:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Demographic Variables</th>
<th>Politicians</th>
<th>T. Politicians</th>
<th>POCA</th>
<th>NPOCA</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Religion wise</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hindu</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Muslim</td>
<td>05</td>
<td>04</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>07</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sikh</td>
<td>04</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>03</td>
<td>02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christian</td>
<td>----</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Others</td>
<td>-----</td>
<td>-----</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>-----</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Educational Qualification</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Secondary</td>
<td>02</td>
<td>04</td>
<td>04</td>
<td>04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sen. Secondary</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Graduate</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Post Graduate</td>
<td>03</td>
<td>02</td>
<td>04</td>
<td>02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Above Post Graduate</td>
<td>----</td>
<td>----</td>
<td>----</td>
<td>----</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Rura/Urban</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rural</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Urban</td>
<td>05</td>
<td>05</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>05</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>