

## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

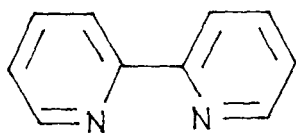
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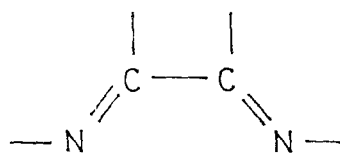
**ABSTRACT :** In this chapter the scope, aim and purpose of the present work namely exploration of mixed – ligand complexes of ruthenium and osmium containing 2-(arylo)pyridines (L, **1**) are delineated.

## I.1 PURPOSE OF THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION

The chemistry of ruthenium<sup>1-9</sup> and osmium<sup>10-14</sup> with polypyridine ligands particularly 2,2'-bipyridine (**1**) with diimine (**2**) chromophore has been the cynosure for last three



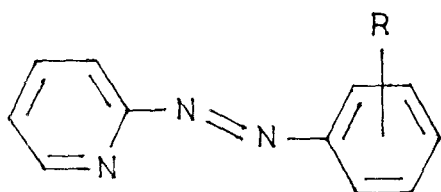
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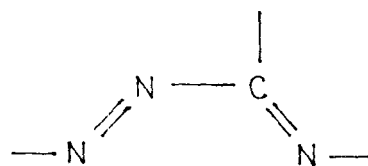
decades. The interest arises due to novel synthetic methods, different isomer populations and their stabilisation in varied oxidation levels, ability to serve as building units in supramolecular arrays, veracity in reactivities like catalytic, photochemical, photophysical, ground and excited state redox behaviours with fascinating chemical implications. The number of heteroatoms, ring size, and substituents in the rings significantly modify the  $\pi$ -acidity and regulate the properties of the coordination molecules.

2-(Arylazo)pyridines (L, **3**) have the azoimine (**4**) function which is isoelectronic with  $\alpha$ -diimine function in bipy. **3** has substantial<sup>15-35</sup> chemistry with different transition metal ions. The



R = H, *m*-Me, *p*-Me

L; **3**



**4**

azo group is one of the potential functional units which may be photochromatic, pH-responsive, redox active and mediate electronic communications between photoredox active groups<sup>28,36</sup>. Ru-L complexes are of particular chemical interest because of the rich synthetic methods.

isomeric structural pattern, stereoretentive/stereodynamic reaction pathways, chemical stability, reversible redox behaviour and excited state phenomena. The literature shows that although ruthenium chemistry of L is explored to a great<sup>20-30</sup> extent, the corresponding chemistry with its congener, osmium, has been attracted<sup>31-35</sup> very little. This encourages us to investigate the Os-L chemistry that remains unexplored. The present work focuses attention on :

- (i) The synthesis and characterisation of new mixed-ligand complexes of ruthenium and osmium, particularly the latter,
- (ii) Thorough investigation of spectroscopic and magnetic properties.
- (iii) Elucidation of stereochemistry and bonding, structure and electronic structure.
- (iv) Investigation of electrochemical electron transfer properties pertaining to metal and/or ligands, and
- (v) Comment on the tractable chemistry emphasizing the present work over the reported ones.

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