Suggestions for future research

This was one of the pioneering study of its kind conducted to study pre-marital expectations and apprehensions of young married youth and the investigation of relationship of pre-marital expectations and apprehensions with attitudes and personality. As such there is a wide scope of research and investigations in this area. The following points are suggested for future research:

1) More items can be included in the pre-marital expectations and apprehensions inventory so that after item analysis highly significant ones can be retained for use.

2) It would make an interesting study to examine and analyse the pre-marital expectations and apprehensions of an engaged couple or a couple going steady, as has been done in the west. It would be possible to evaluate the couples perceptions regarding marriage which can be helpful for pre-marital preparation and counselling.

3) A comparative study of two groups can be made with the help of demographic variables like age, education and socio economic status. A rural - urban comparison of pre-marital expectations and apprehensions can also be made.

4) Pre-marital expectations and apprehensions can be
studied in relation to other psychological determinants. It would be interesting to relate them to the needs of individuals. Within the domain of personality other variables than E/I, N and P can be taken for a study of relationship.

With future development, the inventory can have a greater potential for being utilised for pre-marital counselling of young people.