PROBLEM & OBJECTIVE
Mental retardation is prevalent in every part of the world. The birth of a mentally retarded child in the family leads to different type of emotional, financial and social problem for the parents. It becomes very vital to fathom the complex nature of mental retardation. The question of mainstreaming mentally retarded individual is a great controversy.

Mental retardation of any type brings and demands extra attention of family members especially parents. The parents of mentally, retarded children suffer from depression and/or anxiety because they are very uncertain about their child future. The change in the attitude of the society towards these mentally retarded individuals can help the mentally retarded to overcome their disability to a large extent, as the society has a great influence on the attitude formation of the parents of mentally retarded children. As parental attitude plays a very vital role in the development of a child, the mentally retarded child would benefit to a great extent if his/her parents do not consider him/her to be a burden or a curse, but rather have the same kind of attitude as they have towards their normal children. Thus the present investigator felt that it would be beneficial to study the
attitude of the mentally retarded children to determine whether these unfortunate individuals are accepted by their family.

Problem: A study of parental attitude towards mentally retarded children.

Objective:

1. To study the qualitative and quantitative nature of parental attitude towards the mentally retarded children.

2. To study the relationship between various dimensions of the attitude of parental attitude (six dimensions as measured by by Puri and Sen Parental Attitude Scale).