HYPOTHESIS:

A hypothesis helps to explain facts. The following hypothesis will be formulated in the study.

1. That leather industry in the Kolhapur district gives the regional identity for this study region.

2. That leather industry helps to improve economic conditions of particular community in Kolhapur district (Cobblers and artists).

3. That some geographical factors are favourable for the development of leather industry in Kolhapur district.

4. That the international and regional market helps development of this industry.

5. That the quality and design of Kolhapuri Chappal is increase the demand of these goods in national and international market.

6. That the co-operative movement in Kolhapur district helps to the development of leather industry.