**Statement of the problem:**
Textile Industry in India is growing at very fast rate. New upcoming technologies and products are to be absorbed by the industry. Attempts are required in analyzing the functioning of the power loom industry in decentralized sector, which is major contributing sector in Indian textile industry. Problems suffered by the industry in Maharashtra in general and Ichalkaranji in particular will be studied in detail. Appropriate measures for the problems in interest of weavers, Traders, and consumers will be given.

**Need and Scope of the study:**
The present study will be integrated and comprehensive study on power loom industry of Ichalkaranji. This study may help to give broad indication about different policy options. Attempts will also be made to discover the strengths, weaknesses, and future opportunities for the industry in Ichalkaranji.

**Objectives of the study:**
The study will be concentrated in understanding, analyzing and focusing towards future trends of weaving sector in Ichalkaranji. The study will be emphasized to following context-

i) To study the nature, administration, status and scope of the weaving industry with special reference to Ichalkaranji.

ii) To analyze the problems and issues of weaving sector.

iii) To provide recommendations for overall development of weaving sector and enhance its efficiency.

iv) To suggest measures for modernization with respect to technology up gradation, product diversification, quality control, and competitive marketing to face the challenges of globalization.

**Hypothesis for the study:**
The study will be based on following hypothesis-
H1. The weaving sector has tremendous potential and strength to meet the future challenges.

H2. The terms of employment of workers need updating. (Training, Job security, Work satisfaction).

H3. The industry needs diversified products. (Technical Textiles)