4. Aims and Objectives :

The objective of the present study is to examine the existing central place network and to identify their complementary regions with dependent population and area. For balanced regional development objectives are as follows;

i) to examine the physico-cultural and socio-economic factors affecting the spatial system of settlements,

ii) to analyse the spatial variation of the settlement in terms of size, spacing, concentration and dispersion,

iii) to analyse the spatial patterns of socio-economic facilities,

iv) to measure the levels of regional disparities pertaining to socio-economic development at district and block level both,

v) to identify the level of central places and its hierarchical arrangement,

vi) identification of spatio-functional gaps of central places based on the delineation of complementary region, and

vii) to propose a diagnostic planning model to achieve balanced regional development in the study area till plan period 2021.