Objective of the Study

The objectives of the present study are:

While the general objective of the study was to get an overview of the state of School Libraries in North Maharashtra, the specific objectives of the study were:

1. To trace the genesis and growth of School education in Maharashtra in general and North Maharashtra in particular.
2. To survey information resources (collection), facilities & service available in the School libraries.
3. To examine the nature & quantum of financial resources of these libraries.
4. To examine the extent of Information technology applications in the libraries.
5. To identify, if any, lacunae in the library facilities, service & other infrastructure facilities.
6. Suggest ways & means to improve the services in the school libraries.

HYPOTHESES OF THE STUDY:

In social research, each investigator is start with certain assumption, which his subsequent study might prove and disapprove. It is the hypothesis round which study revolves and for which data is collected. There are of course difficulties in the formulation of hypotheses and a hypothesis can be picked up from different sources. Out it has definite utility importance and important place in social research.

In the words of Goode and Hatt, “It is a proposition which can be put to a test to determine its validity. It may seem contrary to, or in accord with, common sense”.

Lundberg has said that, “The hypothesis is a tentative justification, the validity of which remains to be tested”.

According to Chaddok, “A hypothesis in the scientific sense is …. an explanation held after careful canvass of facts, in full knowledge of other explanation that have been offered and
with a mind open change of view of the facts disclosed by inquiry warrant a different explanation”.

The following were the major hypotheses formulated for the study:

1. The growth of school libraries in the North Maharashtra is far from satisfactory.
2. There exists no adherence of any established guidelines / standard equipment. Staff structure etc.
3. Application of Information Technology is not visible in the School Libraries in the North Maharashtra.
4. There exists no homogeneity of services, facilities & other resource in School Libraries in the North Maharashtra.