CHAPTER 3 HYPOTHESIS

1. Nuptiality & fertility are related concepts, nuptiality pattern is a chief determinant of fertility. Therefore study of nuptality is crucial for having some idea about fertility and thereby deciding on measures to control fertility. Various models have been proposed to estimate marriage & fertility schedules. It is proposed to compare various models in their prediction abilities and also dwell on methods to control compositional and distributional “distortions”.

2. The hypothesis of current work is that if nuptality model can be perfected in rural settings of Uttar Pradesh, then the health administrator and policy planners can be provided with much more accurate fertility measures. This will lead to policy changes and better fertility to control in the long run.