1. **HYPOTHESIS OF THE RESEARCH**

The null and alternative hypotheses of the present study are

- **HO1**: “Profitability ratios of private sector banks are better than public sector banks.”

- **H1**: “Profitability ratios of private sector banks are not better than public banks.”

- **HO2**: “Financial decision making of private sector banks as reflected in financial result is superior to public sector banks.”

- **H2**: “Financial decision making of private sector banks as reflected in financial results is not superior to public sector banks.”

The above two hypothesis will be tested for their validity and acceptance with the help of statistical tools.