CHAPTER TWO

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Selection of the problem:

The researcher comes from Vidarbha area of Maharashtra which consists of many tribes like the Gonds, Gond-Govari, Kolam, Halba etc. Hence, I thought, I should take a tribal community for the M.Phil.study. Since, a number of studies had been conducted on the Gonds, I decided to select a little known tribe namely Gond-Govari.

This tribe has migrated from other tribal district likes Bhandara, Chandrapur and Nagpur where they are found in few numbers. After submitting a synopsis on the Gond-Govari community in the departmental seminar and after discussions with my guide, I finally selected the topic, "Study of Gond-Govari tribe in Deoli Taluka of Wardha district.

Objectives of the study:

(a) General Objectives:

To understand the socio-economic and educational aspects of the Gond-Govari.

(b) Specific Objectives:

i) To understand the educational characteristics (literacy pattern) of the Gond-Govari in Deoli Taluka of Wardha District.

ii) To understand the food habits and health aspects of the tribe.

iii) To understand the occupational characteristics of the Gond-Govari.

iv) To understand the marriage and other beliefs and practices of the Gond-Govari.

Sampling :

Deoli, Nagzari and Murdgaon were found to have Gond-Govari tribal population. The researchers native place is Murdgaon and hence Murdgaon and the nearby Nagzari village and Deoli Taluka were selected for the present study. Hence tribal concentration and personal convenience were two reasons applied for selection of the two villages namely Murdgaon and Nagzari and Deoli for the present study.

Selection of the Respondents :

It was decided to take a quota sample of fifty families. In view of two reasons (i) Limited time and finance, (ii) For convenience in statistical calculation namely drawing percentages, accidential sampling techniques was used to select fifty respondents. The distribution of the respondents was Murdgaon (22) respondents, Nagzari (25) respondents, and (3) respondents in Deoli. In the total sample majority respondents (47) 94 % were selected from the rural area and three from Deoli town area.

Techniques of Data Collection :

(i)   Interview Schedule:

After going through some of the tribal studies the researcher prepared interview scheduled with question dealing with basic family and occupation data as well as opinion and attitudes evaluation. In all there were 122 questions. Majority of which were close ended question.

(see Appendix). The English questionnaire was translated into Marathi and used for data collection. The researcher required about forty minutes to complete an interview schedule of one Gond-Govari family.

In order to assess the literacy pattern of the Gond-Govari another schedule format was used (see Appendix).

(ii) Records and documents :

These school registers and documents of 78 school and colleges were consulted. Out of the 78 school primary school (44), secondary school (23), junior college (05), senior college (02) and (01) of the I.T.I.

(iii) Observation:

The researcher travel the village and to nearby to highschool on a bycycle. I meet use and village people and explained to them about the purpose my study. As I talked to the respondents. I observed housetype, dress pattern, physical type and so on. I also observed some of their ceremony and and rituals and photographed them. Above all my chilhood has been spent in the area and hence these observations were also helpful in my study.

Establishing Rapport:

Initially the Gond-Govari were hesitant to give information but, when I approached them to help of the educated use and village leaders they agreed to provide information. Goodwill and image of my family in the village

also helped me to get necessary co-operation.

Duration of the study:

The present study is based on the data collected during the month of 1st October 1992 to 1st December 1992.

Classification and analysis and report writing:

A codebook was prepared and the scheduled data was coded. Relevant statistical tableswere prepared and interpreted. The dissertation has been divided into the following chapters.

I) Chapter One - Introduction - Wardha District: Geography, Population and the Tribe.

II) Chapter Two - Research Methodology.

III) Chapter three- Educational characteristics of Gond-Govari.

IV) Chapter Four - Socio-economic Aspects of Gond- Govari.

V) Chapter Five- Summary and Conclusion.