

## CHAPTER III

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

India is a country which is culturally very diverse, with a large cross section of people and communities and the varied climatic conditions. The country is considered rich with an enormous variety of traditional garments. Each State in India has a traditional style of dress to its glory. However, the traditional garments are being replaced by, or being discarded due to the change in the life style of the people. The investigator felt that it is necessary to preserve this information before it could get completely lost. Also from world point of view study of Indian costumes through centuries has values and significance. As there is little material available on the regional traditional costumes, she undertook this study of the North-Western region of India namely Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana States.

Specific Objectives of the Study

The specific objectives of the study were :

- 1 To study the costumes worn by men and women in the selected States of North-West region of India
- 2 To study the constructional details of the costumes worn by men and women in the North-West region of India

- 3 To study the jewellery, footwear worn by men and women in the selected region
- 4 To study the intrastate and interstate diversities in the costumes of men and women in the selected States.

Limitations of the Study

- 1 The study was limited to four States of North-West region of India : Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana
- 2 The study was limited to the costume of men and women of the selected places
- 3 Thirty men and same number of women were interviewed from selected places.