

2.3.3 Education

The parameter education has been further divided into three as (1) illiterates (2) school education (upto the plus two level) and (3) college education (Degree and above).

2.3.4 Income

The informants whose range of income is below Rs.1000/- p.m. are treated as belonging to the low income group while those who have an income between Rs.1001/- and Rs.2500/-p.m. are treated as belonging to the middle income group and those whose income is above Rs.2500/-p.m. constitute the high income group.

2.4 Sampling Method

11,919 individuals living in these two villages form the 'corpus' or 'universe' of this study. From this 'universe' a sample has been drawn using a statistically approved and accepted sampling technique. As a number of social parameters have been used to stratify the universe, and informants have been chosen purposively to represent each of the social groups which are sub-classified into several categories on the basis of the social parameters, the method of stratified purposive sampling has been used to select the representative sample for this study. The stratified purposive sampling has