Chapter – 3

METHODOLOGY
RESEARCH DESIGN:

One of the most popular and efficient strategies for social research is undoubtedly the survey. Any type of survey is an important type of study. It involves a clearly defined problem and definite objectives. It requires careful analysis and interpretation of the data gathered along with logical and skilful reporting of the findings.

The present study is based on a survey method. It covers a period of 5 years (2010-14). It involves a clearly defined problem in connection with disabled persons, their parents and the institutions and rehabilitation professional with whom they meet and take advices and instruction. The area covers the 4 subdivisions and 25 blocks of the district of East Midnapore. A total of 1400 sample questionnaires were distributed among the disabled persons and their parents separately at a particular time during this study. Out of this 1400 sample questionnaires only 1304 were received from the disabled persons and 1178 questionnaires were received from the parents of disabled persons.

The questionnaires framed by me are for the disabled persons, their parents, the institutes and rehabilitation professionals. I have followed broadly the qualitative approach with the help of different surveys. In doing my survey I have taken to some extent the help of quantitative analysis for reaching the result of any work. While doing the survey I have taken up a cross section survey which collects data at one time point. I have generalized from such study to the sample population only at the time of the survey. A general flowchart has been drawn for this purpose to show the following categories:

- Collection of responses from disabled persons
- Collection of responses from the parents of disabled persons
- Collection of responses from the institutes working for disabled persons
- Collection of responses from the rehabilitation professionals

**FLOWCHART:**

1. Preliminary questions framed
2. Collection of responses from disabled persons
3. Comparison of responses of tabulated data
4. Collecting responses from parents of disabled persons
5. Collecting responses from institutes working for disabled persons
6. Collecting responses from rehabilitation professionals
7. Comparing
8. Major findings observed
9. Suggestion drawn
10. Conclusion
This flowchart illustrates the research steps as followed by me in this work. The face to face interviews along with questionnaires distribution obtaining data from respondents in this survey has been followed most of the time. The purposive sampling was used in this research work with the aim of maximal variation in the samples by inserting a mix of opened questions for the collection of data.

After gathering the complex and rich data from the respondents, a qualitative data analysis procedure has been followed by transforming all the data in different types of tabulated forms. Then the data have been compared, analyzed and tallied to draw the findings with suggestions.