

## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

### **LECTURE-7**

#### **Problems Encountered by Researchers in India**

Researchers in India, particularly those engaged in empirical research, are facing several problems. Some of the important problems are as follows:

1. The lack of a scientific training in the methodology of research is a great impediment for researchers in our country.
2. There is insufficient interaction between the university research departments on one side and business establishments, government departments and research institutions on the other side. A great deal of primary data of non-confidential nature remain untouched/untreated by the researchers for want of proper contacts
3. Most of the business units in our country do not have the confidence that the material supplied by them to researchers will not be misused and as such they are often reluctant in supplying the needed information to researchers. Thus, there is the need for generating the confidence that the information/data obtained from a business unit will not be misused.
4. Research studies overlapping one another are undertaken quite often for want of adequate information.
5. There does not exist a code of conduct for researchers and inter-university and interdepartmental rivalries are also quite common.
6. Many researchers in our country also face the difficulty of adequate and timely secretarial assistance, including computerial assistance. This causes unnecessary delays in the completion of research studies.
7. Library management and functioning is not satisfactory at many places and much of the time and energy of researchers are spent in tracing out the books, journals, reports, etc., rather than in tracing out relevant material from them.
8. There is also the problem that many of our libraries are not able to get copies of old and new Acts/Rules, reports and other government publications in time. This problem is felt more in libraries which are away in places from Delhi and/or the state capitals. Thus, efforts should be made for the regular and speedy supply of all governmental publications to reach our libraries.
9. There is also the difficulty of timely availability of published data from various government and other agencies doing this job in our country. Researcher also faces the problem on account of the fact that the published data vary quite significantly because of differences in coverage by the concerning agencies.

10. There may, at times, take place the problem of conceptualization and also problems relating to the process of data collection and related things.