**Literature Review:**

The monumental works on Indian reptiles are, ‘The Reptiles of British India’ by Gunther (1864), ‘Fauna of British India - ‘Reptilia and Batrachia’ by Boulenger (1890) and Smith (1931, 1935, 1943). These fundamental biological differences suggest that ecological and physiological studies of reptiles should complement rather than merely supplement parallel studies of other vertebrates (Pianka, 1977; Schoener, 1977; Regal, 1978; Schall and Pianka, 1978; Avery, 1979; Pough, 1980, in press).