Statement of the Problem:

Title of Research: “A CRITICAL STUDY OF MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO FOUR INSTITUTES OF GUWAHATI CITY- ASSAM”

Objectives of the study:

1. To study about the different causes of mental retardation of children.
2. To find out the various problems of mentally retarded children at different level.
3. To study about the preventive approach of mental retardation of children.
4. To study about education and training of mentally retarded children at different level of retardation.
5. To study about the role of parents, teachers, society and institutions in general which can play a vital role in order to improve the environment of the mentally retarded children.

Hypotheses:

1. There are significant causes of mental retardation arising from biological and psychosocial factors.
2. There are various existing problems of mentally retarded children at different level.
3. There are some significant remedies of mental retardation of children.
4. There are some significant provisions of education and training for mentally retarded children at different level.
5. The role of parents, teachers, society and institutions in order to improve the overall environment of mentally retarded Children.

Importance of the study:

1. This study is important because very few researches have attempted to study on this major issue in this region to date.
2. It is necessary to study to root of the hereditary causes of mental retardation.
3. It will be very helpful for uplifting the parent’s conscious and psychological well-being.
4. It will be helpful to create public awareness.
4. It will help to create more awareness among parents, teachers, communities and NGO’s that are engaged in activities associated with the overall improvement of the problems of mentally retarded children.

**WORK PLAN AND METHODOLOGY**

**Research Method:**

i) In this study Descriptive method will be adopted.

ii) Statistical method will also be used to find out the result.

**Sampling Method:**

The Simple Random Sampling method will be used for collection of data.

**Sample:**

i) 120 Mentally Retarded Children (Mild 40+ Moderate 40+ Severe & Profound 40) up to age of 18 years of four Non-Govt. institutions of mentally retarded children of Guwahati city.

ii) 60 parents of mentally retarded children

iii) 20 teachers of four institutions.

**Limitation of the study:**

The limitation of the study is a necessary point of research. Because it saves wastage of time, money, labor of researcher. Here, adopted limitation process of the study is given below:

i) The study will be conducted on four Non-Govt. institutions of mentally retarded children of Guwahati city of Assam.

ii) Sample selection will be taken 120 mentally retarded children, 60 parents of mentally retarded children and 20 teacher.

iii) The study will be limited to four variables, causes of Mental retardation, problems, management and education.

**Techniques of Data Collection:**

i) Interview schedule: self-made

ii) Observation techniques

iii) Questionnaire

iv) Intensive Case study method
Analysis and Interpretation of Data:

i) Tabulation of data

ii) Graphical Representation of Data

iii) Measures of Central Tendency

Findings, Conclusion, and Suggestion:

Here, a brief restatement of the problem and a description of the procedures will be used in the investigation. The findings and conclusion of the study will be presented. After that, the investigator will prepare the report on the basis of findings of this investigation and will make suggestions for future study.