helped the researcher to stratify the universe into several sub-categories using the social parameters and to choose samples to represent those sub-categories.

2.4.1 Sample Size

The parameter, social group has been divided into three as (1) forward community, (2) backward community and (3) scheduled community. The parameter literacy level has also been classified into three as (1) college educated, (2) school educated and (3) illiterates. The individuals living in the sample villages could be divided into three groups on the basis of age, as (1) young age group, (2) middle age group, and (3) old age group. Income may be taken as a parameter dividing the society into three groups, namely, (1) high income group, (2) middle income group, and (3) low income group. Thus we have \(3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 81\) eighty one sub-groups and an individual has been chosen as a sample to represent each of the eighty one sub-groups. Thus eighty one informants have been chosen for this study.