**PROFORMA II**

**Suggested Research Proposal Guidelines**

1. **Title of the Project:** The title of the project has to be clear and concise indicating the purview of the research.
2. **Introduction & Theoretical Framework:** The broad area of research and the theoretical frame work of the study have to be presented.
3. **Review of Literature:** All relevant and significant research related to the topic of research has to be presented.
4. **Statement of the Problem:** The problem to be investigated has to be clearly identified with sufficient justification or rationale.
5. **Research Questions / Objectives:** The specific research questions / objectives have to be enumerated.
6. **Research Hypotheses**: The hypotheses that would be tested through the empirical analysis have to be framed
7. **Methodology**
   1. **Type**: The proposal has to clarify about the type of study that would be undertaken.
   2. **Sources of Data**: The sources of data collection, whether primary/secondary/pooled has to be specified.
   3. **Tools for data collection**: The instrument/tools and techniques used for data collection have to be explained.
   4. **Coverage**: the proposal has to clearly demark the universe of the study
   5. **Sampling**: The sampling frame, sample size and sampling method have to be elaborated with justification.
   6. **Plan of analysis**: The statistical techniques that would be employed have to be stated.
8. **Scope of the Project:** The area of study, the geographical/sociological/biological areas, etc, period of study have to be given.
9. **Significance of the Study:** The rationale of the study has to be explained by highlighting its significance for the society or discipline.
10. **Possible Outcomes:** The possible outcomes of the study has to be forecasted in order to gauge the relevance of the project
11. **Policy Implications**: The proposal should state whether, the research would bring forth any implications for policy making in the region or country, any methodological innovations, or contribution to theory building.
12. **Contribution of the Project for Society and National Cause**: The researcher has to highlight the possible benefit of the project for the society and nation.
13. **Duration of the Project**: The proposal should lay down the time needed for various tasks such as preparation of schedules, pilot study (if any), data collection, data analysis, report writing, etc.
14. **References:** The list of all references cited in the study has to be shown according to prescribed research manual.

**Note:** The Proposal may be altered to suit the research conventions/scientific manuals of respective disciplines