

## CHAPTER-2

### REVIEW OF LITERATURE

#### 2.0 Introduction

This chapter discusses the available literature from where the references can be made for the study. There are no available linguistics researches on the language which can be drawn. However, there is quite a number of other related Kuki-Chin Naga subgroup of the Tibeto-Burman family. The following are some of the works from which references can be made for the study.

#### 2.1 Previous works in Kuki-Chin Naga languages

Few scholars, viz ; Brown (1837), Matisoff (1972), D.N.S Bhatt (1969), William Pettigrew (1918) and David Mortensen (2003) have written various aspects of Tangkhul language in the past decades . Prior to them, Grierson in his monumental work (L.S.I. Vol-III, Part-II) discussed the language for the first time. Though preliminary in nature, Grierson's work threw some light for our understanding of the language. Grierson dealt particularly with the phonology and morphology of the language but did not discussed the various dialects of Tangkhul including Somdal which is the focus of the present proposed study. Later, Matisoff (1972) and David Mortensen (2003) discussed the various dialects of Tangkhul but make no mention this particular dialect. Hence, a detail survey of this dialect is called for, to see how far Somdal conforms or differs from other dialects of Tangkhul for which few linguistics studies have been conducted so far.