

NATURE OF HYPOTHESIS:

The following are the main features of a hypothesis:

It is conceptual in nature. Conceptual elements in the framework are involved in a hypothesis. It is a verbal statement in a declarative form. It is a verbal expression of ideas and concepts, it is not merely idea but in the verbal form, the idea is ready enough for empirical verification. It has the empirical referent. A hypothesis contains some empirical referent. It indicates the tentative relationship between two or more variables. It has a forward or future reference. A hypothesis is future oriented. It relates to the future verification not the past facts and information. It is the pivot of a scientific research. All the research activities are designed for its verification.