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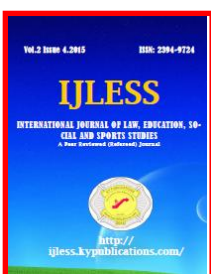
SPORT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SPORT POLICY IN CHHATTISGARH

RESEARCH ARTICLE

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to investigate the implementation of sports policy for the development of sport and games in the state of Chhattisgarh. For this purpose, Questionnaire was prepared with the help of experts in sports by taking consideration the seven aspects of sports development in Chhattisgarh. Reliable data was collected from the Director of sports, Chhattisgarh and state sports associations established in Chhattisgarh, A carefully constructed questionnaire keeping in mind the pertinent aspects to be surveyed was mailed to state associations affiliated with Chhattisgarh Olympic Association and recognized by Chhattisgarh Sports Department for different sports and games. The responses were received from thirty 36 sports associations affiliated with Chhattisgarh Olympic Association and recognized by Chhattisgarh Sports Department for different sports and games. The percentage analysis with frequencies were employed for meaningful presentation of the surveyed information. The results of the study revealed that the few state sport association of Chhattisgarh were adopted by local industries/firms and have the provision for sponsorship of tournament and sport Coaches. More than three fourth state association have provision of awards and rewards to the athletes through state sport department. More than one-third state association were found to have the provision for training to the athletes. More than fifty percent of total state association of sport were found to have the provision for talent identification in their own game. But most of the Chhattisgarh State association of different games and sports were not following the guidelines as mentioned in the sport policy of Chhattisgarh.

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INTRODUCTION

Chhattisgarh was born on November 1, 2000. The sports loving persons were among others, anxious for the future of the state. The sports as usual was supposed not to be among the top priorities as happened in most of the newly formed states. But Chhattisgarh layed to rest the made the apprehensions of those in the sports arena and took sports activities seriously. The state government under the sports loving chief minister Ajit Jogi felts that sports is now not a past time but has become a cause to identify one's personality and identity. The state government is seriously considering to take Chhattisgarh on national and international sports scenario.

Ajit Jogi was the first chief minister of Chhattisgarh, who has the political and administrative abilities for his long experiences in both the arenas. But what came later as a sweet surprise was that Jogi was also keen on development of sports

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along with other priorities. Soon after assuming office, Jogi took sports as one of his priority areas for development and came to the department of sports and youth welfare with a young minister in Shankar Sodhi (Soni, 2001).

Chhattisgarh Sports Council would be formed for creating a conducive environment and also promotion of sports in the state. Thrust would be for the formation of sports museum and library in the directorate of sports and after starting courses of sports medicine and sports psychology in the medical colleges. The sports policy would be implemented keeping in mind the constraints and also the approval from the finance department so that the said department does not have the objections over its implementation. The new sports policy then framed stressed on the fact that the sports in the state should be taken to the grass root i.e. to the Panchayat level. The fund allocation was raised.

The sports policy of Chhattisgarh framed under the guidance and directives of Ajit Jogi had the features that attracted the other state government and also the union government took interest in that and copies of the policy were sought by them. The union sports minister Uma Bharti also has high praise for the policy and has requested for a copy of that what Ajit Jogi has initiated and endeavoured for would be the harbinger for the sports scenario of the state for years to come. Also would be the achievements during the sports.

The sports policy (Shrivastava, 2005) of a state testifies to the sports scenario of that state. If the policy and its implementation are taken as the yardstick the sports policy of Chhattisgarh is among the best in the country. The state itself might be in the nascent age but its sports policy is a matured one, which has attracted the attention of other state Governments, and even the union sports ministry, which has asked for a copy of it. How serious was the Government about framing an efficacious policy can be gauged from the fact that a seminar was organised before framing the policy. The seminar witnessed the congregation of the eminent sports persons and also personalities from various quarters who expressed their opinions and suggestions, which were taken into account during the policy framing.

The sports policy of the state is the step in the direction to boost sports at the ground level in the state. The policy contemplates for the sports at the panchayat level. The policy states that there be sports grounds at the block levels, sports complexes at the district level and the sports coaching centre at the capital. In the new colonies the maps for the construction would be approved only after the coloniser have spared the space for playgrounds. The policy also states that there would be summer coaching camps in the summer vacations in the schools. The policy also stipulates for various sporting events in the state.

An overall view of the policy itself suggests that the state government is serious for the promotion of sports in state and also would not be back tracking from any commitments and there would be no dearth of funds in promotion of the games in the state. The policy stresses for the creativity in the arena of sports and also is willing to take all fiscal assistance from centre in this regard. Besides the state government would also woo the private industries, semi government organizations and private institutions for the investment and development of sporting activities in the state.

The purpose of the study was to investigate the implementation of sports policy for the development of sport and games in the state of Chhattisgarh.

METHODOLOGY

Construction of the Questionnaire: The Questionnaire was prepared with the help of experts in sports by taking consideration the seven aspects of sports development in Chhattisgarh. Reliable data was collected from the Director of sports, Chhattisgarh and state sports associations established in Chhattisgarh. The seven aspects of sports development in Chhattisgarh as mentioned in the sport policy, 2005 are given as under:

1. Talent identification in sports.
2. Provision of organizations of sports competitions.
3. Provision for training of athletes.
4. Provision for awards and rewards to the athletes
5. Provision for sponsorship the tournaments.
6. Adoption of state sports associations by local industries/firms,
7. Provision of sports coaches in the concerned sports and games

Administration of Questionnaire: A carefully constructed questionnaire keeping in mind the pertinent aspects to be surveyed was mailed to state associations affiliated with Chhattisgarh Olympic Association and recognized by Chhattisgarh Sports Department for different sports and games. A questionnaire containing number of orally and quickly answerable question, though some of them were fairly lengthy was carefully prepared to seek possible relevant information on the problem from the respondents. The questionnaire administered upon state sport associations.

The responses were received from thirty 36 sports associations affiliated with Chhattisgarh Olympic Association and recognized by Chhattisgarh Sports Department for different sports and games. The personal visit also arranged in obtaining responses from the respondents. The list of the affiliated member of COA is presented in table 1

Statistical Technique:

The percentage analysis with frequencies were employed for meaningful presentation of the surveyed information.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To find out the implementation of important aspect of sport policy framed in 2005 by the state sports associations affiliated to Chhattisgarh Olympic Association, percentage analysis with frequencies were computed and data pertaining to this have been presented in Table 1 to 12 and depicted in Figure 1 to 11

TABLE 1: AFFILIATED MEMBERS OF CHHATTISGARH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION-2001

S.No.	Voting Power State Association	S.No.	Non-voting Power State Association
1.	Chhattisgarh Volleyball Association	37	Chhattisgarh Body-Building Association**
2.	Chhattisgarh State Judo Association	38	Chhattisgarh Body-Building Height Association**
3.	Chhattisgarh Table-Tennis Association	39	Chhattisgarh Bridge Association
4.	Chhattisgarh State Weight-lifting Association	40	Chhattisgarh State Carrom Association
5.	Chhattisgarh State Basketball Association	41	Chhattisgarh Cycle Polo Association
6.	Chhattisgarh State Carrom Association	42	Chhattisgarh Karate Association**
7.	Chhattisgarh Archery Association	43	Chhattisgarh State Korf Ball Association
8.	Chhattisgarh Kayaking and Canoeing Association	45	Chhattisgarh Motor Sports Association
9.	Chhattisgarh Athletic Association	46	Chhattisgarh Amateur Muaythai Association
10.	Chhattisgarh Netball Association	47	Chhattisgarh Power Lifting Association
11.	Chhattisgarh Hockey Association	48	Chhattisgarh State Roller Skating Association
12.	Chhattisgarh Triathlon Association	49	Chhattisgarh State Sepak-Takraw Association
13.	Chhattisgarh Cycling Association**	50	Chhattisgarh Softball Association
14.	Chhattisgarh Rugby Football Association**	51	Chhattisgarh Sport Dance Association
15.	Chhattisgarh Kabbadi Association	52	Chhattisgarh State Tennis Ball Cricket Association
16.	Chhattisgarh Kho-Kho Association	53	Chhattisgarh State Throw Ball Association**
17.	Chhattisgarh Boxing Association	54	Chhattisgarh Indian Wrestling Association**
18.	Chhattisgarh Badminton Association	55	Chhattisgarh Jump Rope Association
19.	Chhattisgarh Amateur Gymnastic	56	Chhattisgarh Roll Ball Association

	Association**		
20.	Chhattisgarh Bowling Association	57	Chhattisgarh Soft-Tennis Association
21.	Chhattisgarh Billiard and Snooker Association	58	Chhattisgarh Thangta Association
22.	Chhattisgarh Equestrian Association	59	Chhattisgarh Squash Association
23.	Chhattisgarh Fencing Association	60	Chhattisgarh Pradesh Winter Game Association
24.	Chhattisgarh Handball Association	61	Chhattisgarh Wushu Association
25.	Chhattisgarh Rifle Association	62	Chhattisgarh Wood ball Association
26.	Chhattisgarh Tae-kwondo Association	63	Chhattisgarh Arm Wrestling Association
27.	Chhattisgarh Wrestling Association**	64	Chhattisgarh 7-S Football Association
28.	Chhattisgarh Football Association	65	Ice Skating Association of Chhattisgarh
29.	Chhattisgarh Women's Hockey Association	66	Chhattisgarh Tug of War Association
30.	Chhattisgarh Lawn-Tennis Association	67	Kick Boxing Association of Chhattisgarh
31	Chhattisgarh Mallakhamb Association		
32	Chhattisgarh Tennikoit Association		
34	Chhattisgarh State Atya-Patya Association		
35	Chhattisgarh Ball Badminton Association**		
36	Chhattisgarh Baseball Association		

** Disputed and doubled State sports Associations in Chhattisgarh

TABLE 2: PERCENTAGE INDICATION OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIETY ACT

S.NO.	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1.	Yes	35	97.22
2.	No	01	2.78

Table 2 indicates that the 97.22 % state associations for sports were found registered under society registration act of Chhattisgarh against 2.78 % unregistered associations for sports.

TABLE 3: PERCENTAGE INDICATION OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH RECOGNIZED BY CHHATTISGARH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

S.NO.	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1.	Yes	33	91.67
2.	No	03	8.33

Table 3 indicates that the 91.67% state associations for sports are recognized by Chhattisgarh Olympic Association and 8.33% state associations of sports are unrecognized by Chhattisgarh Olympic Association.

TABLE 4: PERCENTAGE INDICATION OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH AFFILIATED TO CHHATTISGARH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

S.NO.	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1.	Yes	30	83.33
2.	No	06	16.67

Table 4 indicates that the 83.33 % state associations for sports were found affiliated to Chhattisgarh Olympic Association. Whereas 16.67% state associations for sports are not affiliated to Chhattisgarh Olympic Association.

TABLE 5: PERCENTAGE INDICATION OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

S.NO.	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1.	Yes	36	100
2.	No	00	00

Table 5 indicates that the 100% state associations for sports are found affiliated to national sports federations.

TABLE 6: PERCENTAGE INDICATION OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH REGARDING THE SPORTS POLICY FOR TALENT IDENTIFICATION

S.NO.	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1.	Yes	06	16.22
2.	No	21	56.76
3.	Unanswered	10	27.02

Table 6 indicates that the 16.22 % of state associations for sports were found to have provision for talent identification in sports. But 56.76 % of the state associations did not have provision for talent identification. 27.02 % state associations for sports did not give any response.

TABLE 7: PERCENTAGE INDICATION OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH REGARDING THE SPORTS POLICY FOR COMPETITIONS

S.NO.	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1.	Yes	13	36.11
2.	No	12	33.33
3.	Unanswered	11	30.56

Table 7 indicates that the 36.11% of state associations for sports were found to have provision for competitions in sports. But 33.33% of the state associations did not have any provision for competitions in sports 30.56% state associations for sports did not respond.

TABLE 8: PERCENTAGE INDICATION OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH REGARDING THE SPORTS POLICY FOR TRAINING OF ATHLETES

S.NO.	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1.	Yes	14	38.89
2.	No	10	27.78
3.	Unanswered	12	33.33

Table 8 indicates that the 38.89% of state associations for sports were found to have the provision for training of athletes. But 27.78% of the state associations for sports did not have any provision for training of athletes. 33.33% state associations did not respond.

TABLE 9: PERCENTAGE INDICATION OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH REGARDING THE SPORTS POLICY FOR REWARDS AND AWARDS

S.NO.	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1.	Yes	14	38.89
2.	No	10	27.78
3.	Unanswered	12	33.33

Table 9 indicates that the 38.89% of state associations for sports were found to have the provision for awards and rewards to the athletes. But 27.78% of the state associations did not have any provision for awards and rewards to the athletes. 33.33% state associations for sports did not respond

TABLE 10 : PERCENTAGE INDICATION OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH REGARDING THE SPORTS POLICY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF TOURNAMENTS

S.NO.	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1.	Yes	06	16.67
2.	No	14	38.89
3.	Unanswered	16	44.44

Table 10 indicates that the 16.67% of state associations for sports were found to have the provision for sponsorship the tournaments. But in 38.89 % less of the state associations for sports did not any provision for sponsorship the tournaments. 44.44% state associations did not respond.

TABLE11: PERCENTAGE INDICATION OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH ADOPTED BY LOCAL INDUSTRIES/FIRMS

S.NO.	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1.	Yes	07	19.44
2.	No	19	52.78
3.	Unanswered	10	27.78

Table 11 indicates that the 19.44% of state associations for sports stated that they were adopted by local industries/firms, But 52.78% of the state associations for sports were remain. 27.78% state associations for sports did not respond.

TABLE 12: PERCENTAGE INDICATION OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHHATTISGARH HAVING THEIR OWN SPORTS COACHES

S.NO.	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1.	Yes	10	27.78
2.	No	24	66.67
3.	Unanswered	02	5.55

Table 12 indicates that the 27.78% of state associations for sports stated that they have sports coaches in the concerned sports and games. But 66.67% of the state associations of sports do not have sports coaches in the concerned sports and games. 5.55% state associations for sports did not respond.

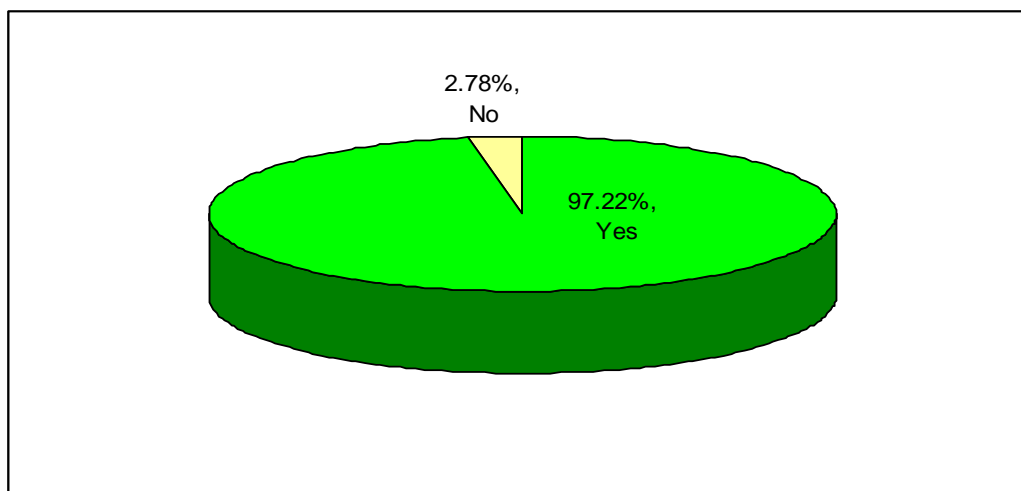


Figure:1. Percentage Indication of State Associations of Chhattisgarh Registered under the Society Act

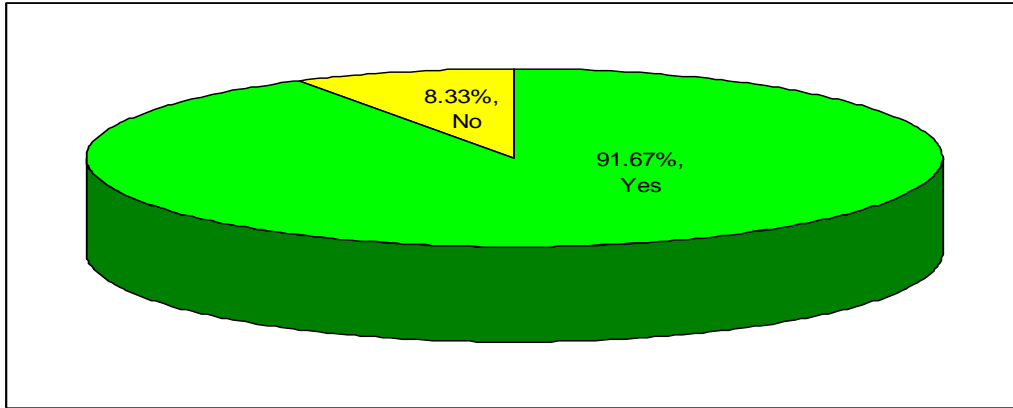


Figure:2. Percentage Indication of State Associations of Chhattisgarh Recognised by Chhattisgarh Olympic Association

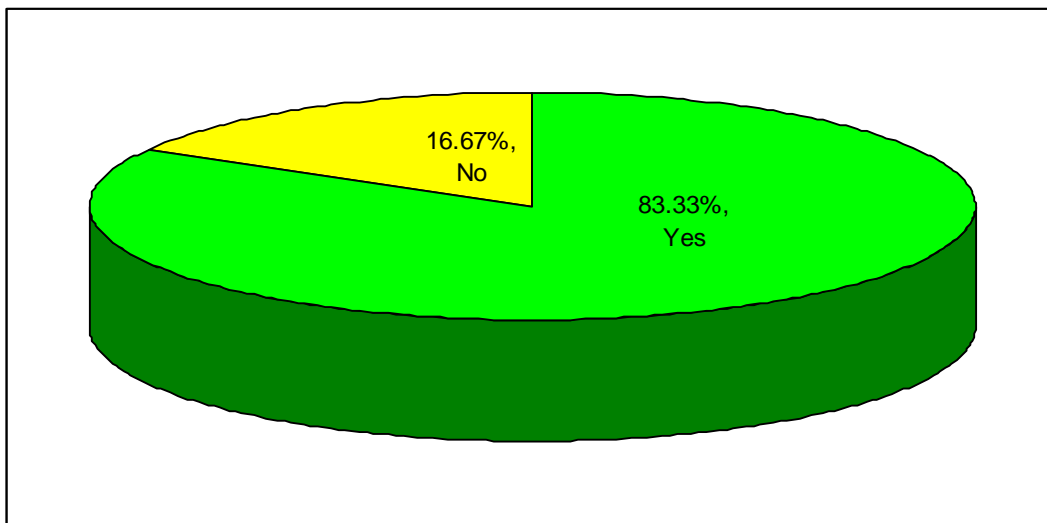


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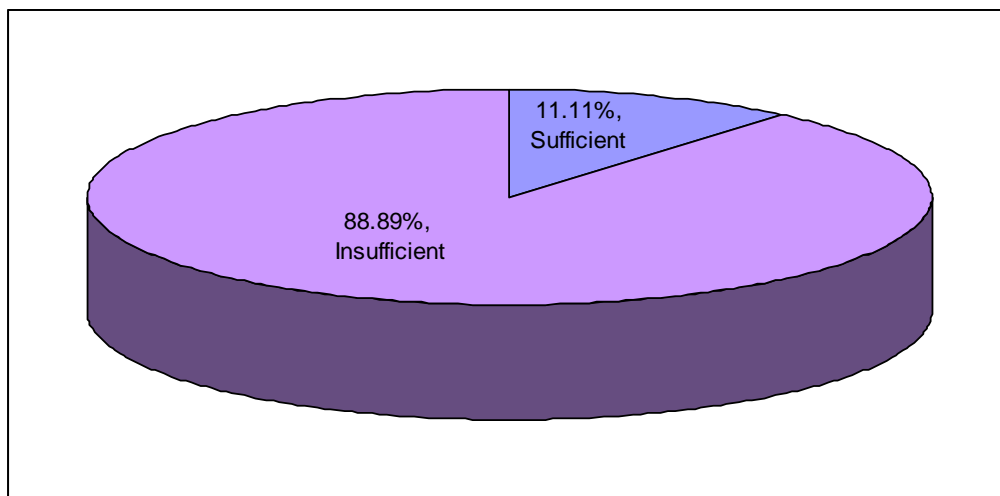


Figure:4. Percentage Indication of State Associations of Chhattisgarh Sufficiency of Grant-in-aid for Association Activities

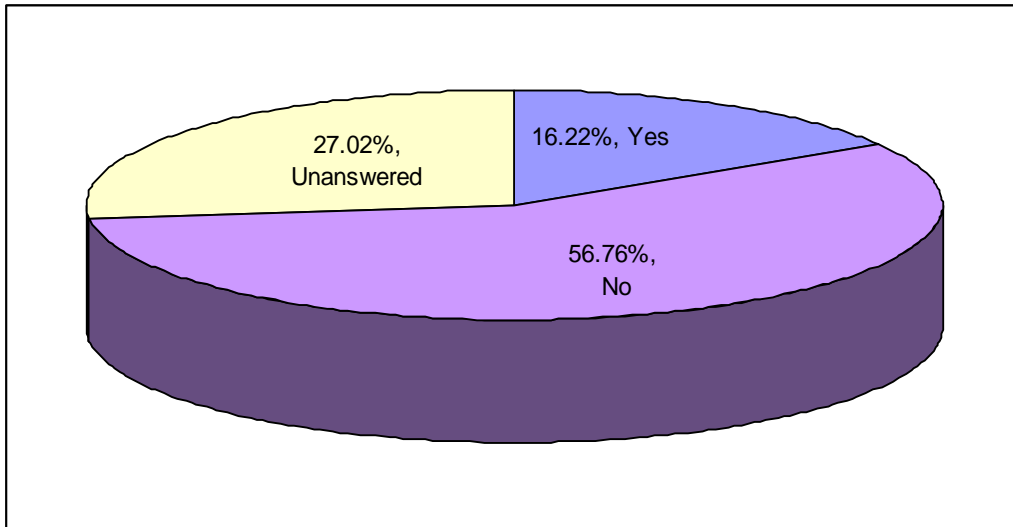


Figure:5. Percentage Indication of State Associations of Chhattisgarh Regarding the Sports Policy for Talent Identification

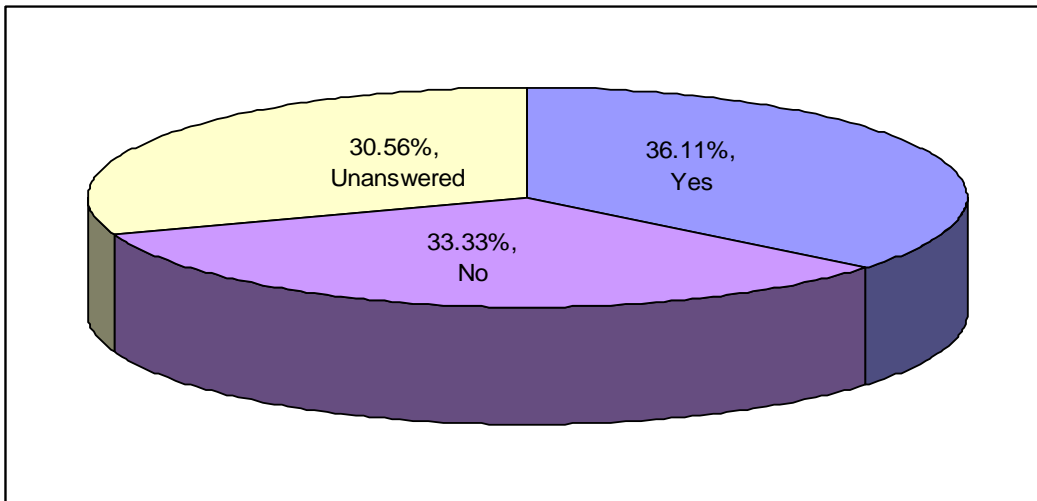


Figure:6. Percentage Indication of State Associations of Regarding the Sports Policy for Competitions

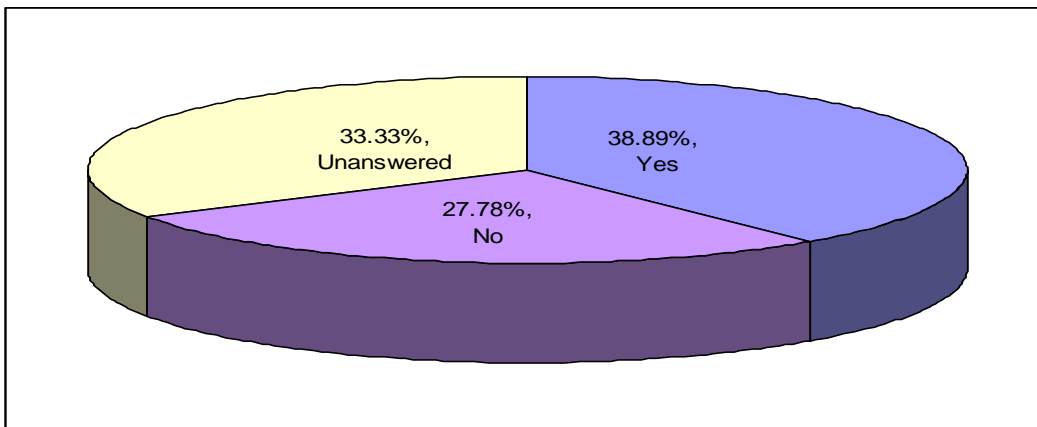


Figure:7. Percentage Indication of State Associations of Regarding the Sports Policy for Training of Athletes

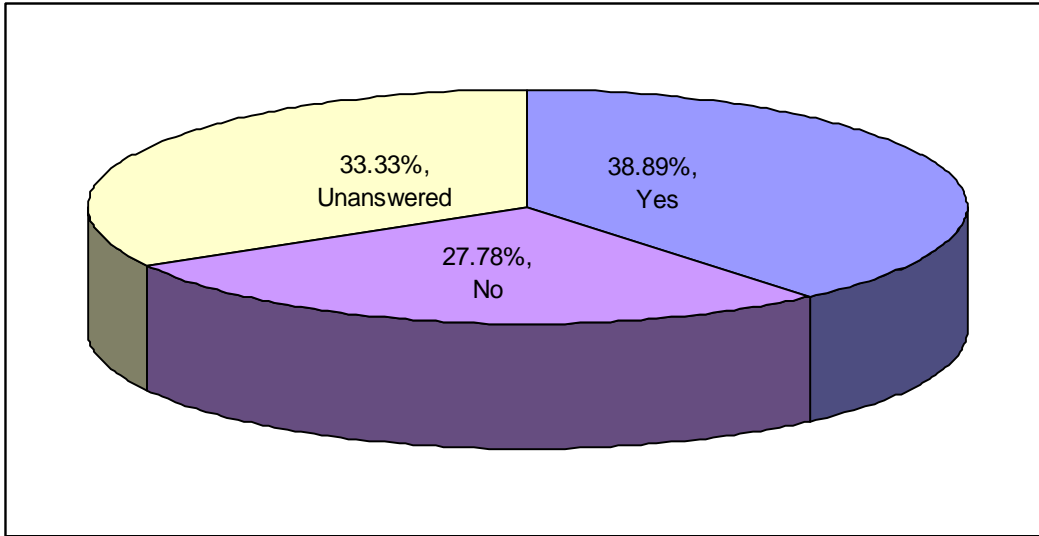


Figure:8. Percentage Indication of State Associations of Regarding the Sports Policy for Awards and Rewards

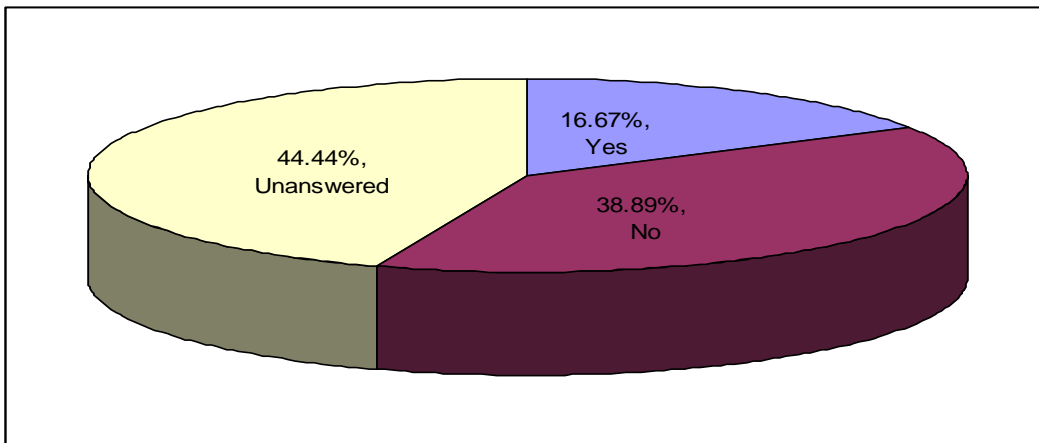


Figure:9. Percentage Indication of State Associations of Regarding the Sports Policy for Sponsorship of Tournaments

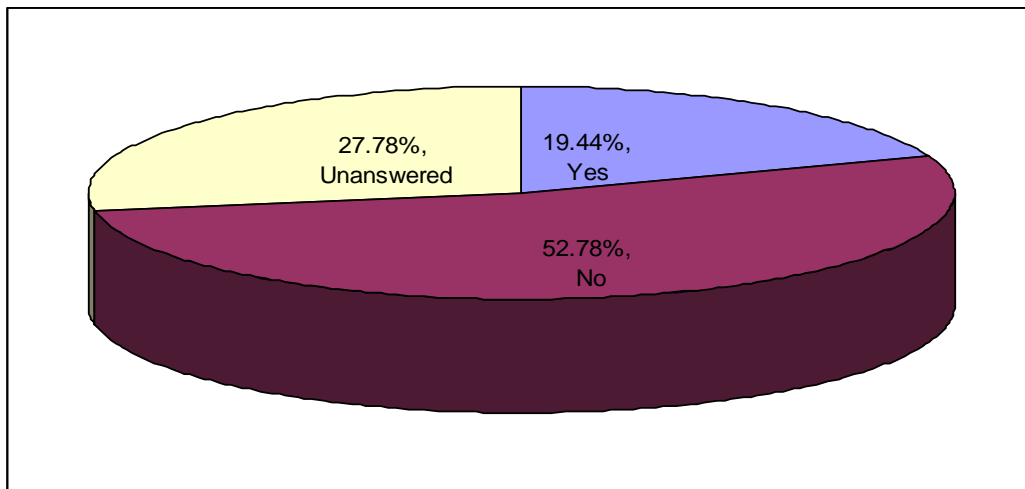


Figure:10. Percentage Indication of State Associations Adopted by the Industries/Firms

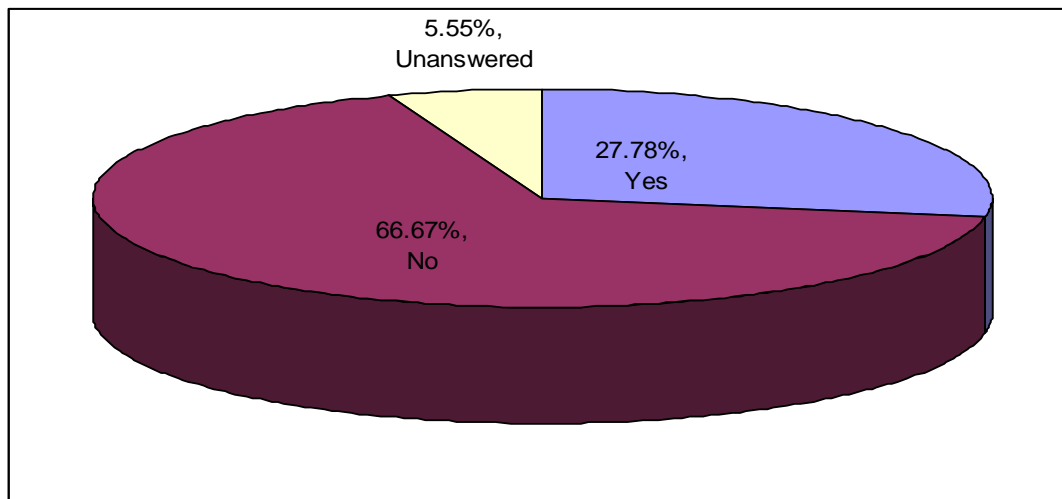


Figure:11. Percentage Indication of State Associations Having their Own Sports Coaches

DISCUSSION

- In case of registration/affiliation/recognition, the 97.22 % of total state associations for sports were found registered under society registration act of Chhattisgarh against 2.78 % unregistered associations for sports.
- 83.33 % state associations for sports were found affiliated and 91.67% state associations for sports recognized by Chhattisgarh Olympic Association.
- 63.89 % state associations for sports were found to follow the guidelines of Government of India /state Olympic association. 100% state associations for sports are found affiliated to national sports federations.
- 56.76 % of the state associations did not have provision for talent identification. 36.11% of state associations for sports were found to have provision for competitions in sports.
- 38.89% of state associations for sports were found to have the provision for training of athletes.
- In case of awards and honour, 89% of state associations for sports indicated the provision for awards and rewards to the athletes.
- In case of sponsorship provision, 16.67% of state associations for sports were found to have the provision for sponsorship the tournaments and rest of the sports association did not have such type of provision.
- In case of adoption for state associations, 19.44% of state associations for sports stated that they were adopted by local industries/firms, But 52.78% of the state associations for sports were remain.
- In case of availability of game experts, 27.78% of state associations for sports stated that they have sports coaches in the concerned sports and games. But 66.67% of the state associations of sports do not have sports coaches in the concerned sports and games.

CONCLUSIONS

- More than three fourth state association of chhattisgarh in different sport and games were affiliated to COA and directorate of youth welfare and sport and all state associations for sports were found affiliated to national sports federations.
- Most of the Chhattisgarh State association of different games and sports were not following the guidelines as mentioned in the sport policy of Chhattisgarh.
- Less than one- fourth state sport association of Chhattisgarh were adopted by local industries/firms
- Less than one- fourth state sport association of Chhattisgarh were found to have the provision for sponsorship of tournament
- More than three fourth state association of chhattisgarh in different sport and games were found to have provision of awards and rewards to the athletes through state sport department.

- More than one-third state association were found to have the provision for training to the athletes.
- More than fifty percent of total state association of sport were found to have the provision for talent identification in their own game.
- Less than one-fourth state sport association of Chhattisgarh were found to have the provision of sport coaches.

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