



## A Survey towards SPAT in Haryana (Opinion of Parents)

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**ABSTRACT**

The paper is an attempt to have an insight into the attitude of SPAT finalist' parents of Rohtak district of Haryana. To attain the objectives of the study, a sample of 50 students' parents was selected from the Rohtak district and the data were collected with the help of a questionnaire. The investigators found that most of the respondents' interest and attitude toward SPAT is favourable; students received their parents' encouragement and cooperation; most of the respondents are aware towards SPAT.

**Keywords : Attitude, SPAT, parents of finalist students, Rohtak**

**INTRODUCTION**

Sports significantly affect the development of youth people simply because of the large amount of time they playing sports. Whether they choose to play informal games with their peer or joy an organized programme almost all children experiment with different sports between the ages of 6 to 12. Those who are successful may continue with their sport through the teenage years other may try other sports activities or drop out of sport completely. For increased participation in sports, particularly in schools the government of Haryana proudly launched SPAT. India is to raise health standard through higher physical activity, deliver social Cohesion theory increased interactions among different groups in a friendly setting, help build a culture of innovation, commitment and competitiveness through sports and put readjustment demand on the economy to create sufficient career opportunities around athletic aptitude. A sport is as good a career option as higher education with the government's performance - linked job guarantee and cash award scheme. Excellence in sports brings child benefits of sports quota in government jobs and college admissions. It enhances his job prospects in high end private companies and admission sing good universities round the world. Private companies like yahoo and Google's treat sports as key personality differentiator while manning their leadership positions. Commitment and competitiveness learnt in play grounds will bring innovation in work places and help India in moving up the economic value chain. There is no bout Haryana state has a vibrant sporting culture and to develop the sporting culture at grassroots level Haryana again is the first state to implement a talent hunt programme - Sports and Physical Aptitude Test to choose promising players through a scientific approach. With the help of this critical study, we can find out the drawback of indifferent attitude of students and parents towards SPAT and how it can be develops or removed sports awareness. There is need to aware rural area people about SPAT in order to promote the sports at village level especially in schools. And there is no doubt SPAT is a fruitful scheme to develop the sports culture in Haryana. SPAT play a meaningful role in the promotion of sports especially in children and youth. The study may be helpful to planners, organizers, administrators, coaches, physical education teachers, society and government to create motivational factors to increase students participation in SPAT and also helpful to develop interest and favourable attitude in students as well as their parents and society.

**OBJECTIVES**

1. To find out existing status of SPAT among parents of students.
2. To educate and aware parents of students regarding the sports through SPAT.
3. To improve the attitude and interest towards SPAT among parents of students.
4. To find out exact reasons, the lack of interest towards SPAT.

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

In order to achieve the objectives of the present investigation, survey method would be applied undertaken. The methodological details like sample, tool and procedure of data collection, scoring procedure and statistical technique are given below:

**SAMPLE**

The sample of present study consists of 50 SPAT finalist's parents of Rohtak district.

**TOOL USED**

In order to active the objective of the study the investigator would use a self-prepared questionnaire and percentage.

**DATA COLLECTION**

The information required would be recorded on the form itself by the respondents questionnaires can be given to the respondents personality and completed on the spot although much quicker and asked to give the correct answer.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

**Table: 1**  
**Responses of the Parent towards SPAT**

Sr. No.	Particulars	Yes	No	Total	Yes (%)	No (%)	Total (%)
1	Have you ever actively participated in sports?	32	18	50	64	36	100

Sr. No.	Particulars	Yes	No	Total	Yes (%)	No (%)	Total (%)
2	Do you think sports is a better Career for your Child other than?	34	16	50	68	32	100
3	Do you think Haryana government is serious in developing sports culture in state?	41	9	50	82	18	100
4	Do you think SPAT will prove fruitful scheme for sports person?	42	8	50	84	16	100
5	Do you think SPAT will be very effective scheme to search talent in rural area?	46	4	50	92	8	100
6	Do you co-operate your Ward in SPAT training programmer?	47	3	50	94	6	100
7	Do you think the trainers/coaches have fully potential in Training/coaching the players?	40	10	50	80	20	100
8	Does your coaches/ physical education teacher have interaction with your parents for promotion of sports?	20	30	50	40	60	100

**Note:** Source: Primary data collected.

Table 1 show that 64 percent respondents actively participated in sports at any level, While 36 percent never participate in their life at any level. The survey shows that most of the respondents are aware towards sports and personality belonging to games and sports; 68 percent parents respondents think sports is a better career for their child while 32 per cent think sports is not a better career for their children. It is concluded that comparison to student attitude towards sports as a career, parent's attitude is not favorable. We can say there is a lack of awareness towards physical education and sports, the illiteracy of parents and weak financial position play a major role in denying their ward to opt this career. Majority of respondents' 82 per cent accept that Haryana government is serious in developing sport culture and few respondent 18 per cent not accept it. It is concluded that to promote the sports in Haryana state government provide all grassroots level facilities to make Haryana a sports hub like- job security after winning an international competition. Majority of the parents respondents 92 per cent consider that SPAT will be very effective scheme to search talent in rural area while 8 per cent denying. The above table highlight that mostly parents think SPAT is a good scheme to motivate the rural people regarding participating in sports. Ninety four per cent parents co-operated their child in SPAT training programme and only few respondent parents 6 per cent attitude has not co-operative. So it is observed that mostly parents co-operate their children in their training programme. They encourage and motivate them to perform better and better. They help them to fulfill basic facilities which they need for their training like proper

diet, sports kit, clothing travel allowances etc. Eighty per cent parents' respondents think that trainers/coaches have fully potential in training / coaching while 20 per cent don't think so.

**Table: 2**  
**Responses of the Parent towards SPAT**

Sr. No.	Particulars	Yes	No	Total	Yes (%)	No (%)	Total (%)
1	Does long training session of SPAT program adversely affected yours child study?	28	22	50	56	44	100
2	Does SPAT fulfill all essential sports related requirement of your child?	30	20	50	60	40	100
3	Are you satisfied with the amount providing to the player as scholarship?	22	28	50	44	56	100
4	Do you want a special training for your child in their school before participation in SPAT?	48	2	50	96	4	100
5	Are you satisfied with the selection procedure adopted in SPAT?	20	30	50	40	60	100
6	Do you think training centers are fully equipped with latest sports facilities?	9	41	50	18	82	100
7	Do you think that SPAT create sense of discipline among youth?	43	7	50	86	14	100
8	Do you feel that there must be provision of female coach for female and same way male coach for male players?	39	11	50	78	22	100
9	Do you feel that accommodation facility should also be provided by govt. authority?	46	4	50	92	8	100
10	Do you think people of rural area are not fully aware about SPAT programme?	40	10	50	80	20	100

**Note:** Source: Primary data collected.

It is clear from the table 2 on the behalf of the performance enhancing of their child most of parents accept the potentiality of coaches/ trainers; 56 per cent respondent feel that long training session of SPAT program adversely affected their child study while 44 per cent respondents don't feel like that it can be observed from the table that parents think that due to the long training session their children cannot concentrate and they can't give sufficient time to their study; 60 per cent respondents accept that SPAT fulfill all essential sports related requirement while 40 per cent respondents don't accept it. It is easy to say according to the table mostly parents are satisfied with the essential sports related requirement fulfill by SPAT programme; 44 per cent respondents are satisfied with the amount provide to the player as scholarship while most

of 56 per cent respondents are not satisfied. It is concluded that the amount of the scholarship is not sufficient to fulfill all sports related need like diet, travels allowance etc. Majority of respondent's 96 per cent want a special training for their children in their school before participation in SPAT only 4 per cent does not want this type of provision. It is clear that parents want a pre training to prepare their children to score more in SPAT and to perform better; 40 per cent respondents are satisfied with the selection procedure adopted in SPAT while 60 per cent respondents are not satisfied. It is clear that mostly respondents the selection procedure is right but the selection of the students are unfair due to the partiality. Only 18 per cent respondents think that the training center of SPAT are fully equipped with latest sports facilities which vast majority of respondents 82 per cent are not favour of the statement. They think the training centers of villages have less machinery and less equipped with latest sports facilities; 86 per cent respondents think that SPAT create sense of discipline among youth while 14 per cent respondents don't think so. It is concluded that the training schedule and school time make the students busy. They do not have time for wastage. So, daily practice of activity and training time create sense of discipline; 78 per cent respondents want that there must be provision of female coach for female and same way male/coach for male player while 22 per cent respondents do not want. 92 per cent respondents want accommodation facility should also be provided by govt. authority while only 8 per cent respondents do not want. 80 per cent respondents think that people of rural area are not fully aware about SPAT programme while 20 per cent respondents do not think so. Most of respondents think that the people of rural area are not much aware about the SPAT programme.

## CONCLUSION

It is observed that most of the respondents' interest and attitude toward SPAT is favourable. Students received their parents' encouragement and cooperation. Most of the respondents are aware towards SPAT. To promote the sports in Haryana, especially at village level the state government launched SPAT. The SPAT scheme is an effective talent hunt programme which raises the level of sports in rural area especially at school level. There is a lot of difference in facts and fiction, because the improper implication of scheme is spoiling the image of SPAT among people. It is evident from sociological point of view that the encouragement and co-operation received from coaches as well as parents. After the school they have no separate play grounds and they are not permitted by their parents. Due to the less number of female coaches and physical education teacher there is a lack of role model to give encouragement and increase participation of girl student in SPAT. The trainer/coach plays a vital role in encouraging more participation in sports activity. The attitude of trainer/coach is favourable but they are helpless in lack of facilities and proper infrastructure. It is proved that SPAT can make students physiologically and psychologically strong. Because active participation in sports builds discipline, sense of humor, physically fit, socially adjustable and more committed them. Scholarship and training facility for participation at various levels is the best ingredient for participant to encourage participation.

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