Chapter III

PROCEDURE

In this chapter the design of the study, collection of data, interpretations of data/information have been described.

Design of the Study

The integrated approach was used to gather valid and reliable information for the study. The investigator extensively used the literacy sources and thoroughly investigated the related literatures and also adopted the questionnaire methods and interview technique as tools of gathering data.

However to investigate the contributions and achievements of Padamshree Shankar Laxman towards the promotion of sports in the country and also to study his philosophy with regard to sports as a profession in India, his quality as a player, his professional leadership qualities, and his contribution to the game of hockey at national and international level, a case study has been designed in which historical, biographical analytical and interpretive methods were utilized.

Collection of Data / Information

Data/Information for this investigation was derived from the primary and secondary sources.

Primary Sources

The original material / information was collected from the following primary sources:
Personal Record

Personal record of Padamshree Shankar Laxman was also investigated such as diploma, certificates, honours, awards and desired information/facts were derived for analysis purpose.

Pictorial Records

Various pictorial records of Padamshree Shankar Laxman were investigated. Some of the photographs relevant to different occasions were chosen as documents for this study and inserted in the text body in chapter IV.

Published Material

Published materials about Padamshree Shankar Laxman, such as books, magazines, pamphlets, newspapers, and articles were studied and information retained as documents for the investigation.

Secondary Sources

Survey

Survey technique was also used to obtain responses and reactions from some selected eminent sports person from all over the country who could not be interviewed as per limitations of the study.

Opinion Rating Questionnaire on Padamshree Shankar Laxman was constructed with the help of experts. Questionnaire consisted of seventy-seven statements mainly on Padamshree Shankar Laxman's personality, views on the promotion of sports, as Coach and as a Player. To estimate the strength of feeling, four degree scale was used such as SA-strongly agree, A- Agree; DA- Disagree and SDA strongly disagree. Questionnaire is based on many statements mainly on
Padamshree Shankar Laxman’s views on the promotion of sports in the country, his coaching and administrative skills and his personality.

Opinion Rating Questionnaire was mailed to many eminent sports persons and physical educationists stating the purpose of the study and soliciting their opinions/responses on the prescribed format of Questionnaire where clear instructions were given to answer to the statement by ticking a mark in the appropriate box. Two-week time was given to respond the questionnaire on the date of its receipt. To aid the responses a self-addressed and stamped envelope was enclosed along with questionnaire. After follow-up through written reminders and verbal persuasions, 96 responses were received in total.

Scoring was done to all response sheets and tabulation was carried out statement wise for analysis purpose.

**Interview Technique**

The interview, in a sense, is an oral questionnaire. Instead of writing the response, the subject gives the needed information verbally in a face-to-face relationship.

Major advantages of interview Techniques are:

a) People are usually more willing to the talk than to write.

b) Once the interviewer establishes a friendly and secure relationship, certain type of confidential information may be obtained.

c) There is a greater reliability in restructuring the questions to collect the appropriate data.

d) It provides an opportunity to evaluate the sincerity of the subject directly.
e) It is also possible to seek the same information in several ways at various stages of the interview, thus providing a check to the truthfulness of the response.

**The Interview Schedule**

The investigator prepared a structured set of questionnaire with proper planning and thinking and the questions were arranged in a proper sequence to get all the required information from the respondents. Prior to the day of his scheduled interview, the investigator visited the respondents and gained support and established a friendly, secure relationship with respondents. Both the investigator and respondent gave importance for choosing the place and time of the interview to provide conductive atmosphere to minimize the interruptions or distractions. The investigator maneuvered the conversation so that all the areas of the study were covered. The investigator conducted the interview in such a way to avoid the interruption of any aspect of bias, and the actual wordings of the respondent were retained.

**Interview with Shankar Laxman's Son**

The investigator conducted scheduled interview with Mr. Manohar Laxman son of Padamshree Shankar Laxman at their residence at MHOW to ascertain more personal information on Padamshree Shankar Laxman.

**Reliability of the Interview**

The purpose of the study was clearly explained to Padamshree Shankar Laxman's Son namely Mr. Manohar Laxman who is living in MHOW (M.P.). He voluntarily accepted to give the information which was highly truthful and to the best of honesty. The investigator recorded his Interview on four days 10th to 13th.
November 2005 at his residence in MHOW (M.P.) and collected valuable data regarding contributions and achievements, professional career, philosophy, leadership-qualities and personality.

The investigator carefully evaluated the sincerity and insight of the respondent. The respondent was aware that a check of truthfulness was possible since the investigator had a plan to conduct similar interview with daughters. Hence the information collected through the interview is held true.

**Interview with Padamshree Shankar Laxman**

The investigator has been associated with various sports personalities in the state, but investigator being younger in age could not have known him in the year from 1955 to 1966 in hockey era.

However the investigator enjoyed a close contact on telephone with Padamshree Shankar Laxman. Padamshree Shankar Laxman was accessible to the investigator on several occasions on telephone and had agreed to give the Interview in Mhow (M.P.).

The interview was conducted on four days 10th to 13th November 2005 at his residence in Mhow (M.P.). The investigator gathered the following data-

a) His family background.

b) His parent’s encouragement

c) His school education.

d) His coaches and team mates who molded him.

e) His achievement in hockey at national.

f) His career as a hockey player in Services (Army).

g) International career in hockey as a player.

h) His entry into the hockey administration and coaching.
i) Reasons and motive for becoming a sports administrator.

j) His contribution to hockey in official capacity.

**Opinion Expressed by Eminent Sports Personalities/Administrators**

The investigator selected few eminent persons in the field of sports and administration in Madhya Pradesh state and in India on the basis of random sampling. The investigator sent a letter of request to obtain their valued opinions and assessment on the following statements:

(a) Padamshree Shankar Laxman as a Personality;

(b) Padamshree Shankar Laxman as a Coach;

(c) Padamshree Shankar Laxman as a Sports Promoter;

(d) Padamshree Shankar Laxman as a Player.

**Analysis and Interpretation of Data / Information**

Data / Information collected through primary and secondary sources were analyzed qualitatively, which was facilitated through the use of external and internal criticism. Quantitative analysis was employed to the data collected, using opinion-rating questionnaire for statistical inferences.