

CHAPTER – 4

4.1 Analysis of Field Study

The survey of the hostel carried out by the students of TDC 1st year and TDC 2nd year, was undertaken to study the consumption pattern of the students residing in the hostels of government and provincialised college hostels and private hostel. Along with this objective, its aim was also to study the infrastructural facilities available in these hostels as well as to analyse the problems faced by the students in there hostels. A study on various aspects like the living condition of the hostels, washroom facilities, toilets etc was made. Also the security in the hostels, rules and regulations followed in the hostels were studied.

The survey was carried out by the students of Economics Major and primary data was collected. The data so collected, has been analysed in the following tables.

Table – 1: Duration of stay

It was observed that the max no. of students stayed in the government hostels for a period of three years [Table 1(i)].

Table 1(i) : Duration of Stay (Government)

| NO. OF YEAR | NO. OF BOARDERS |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 Year | 10 |
| 2 Year | 10 |
| 3 Year | 17 |
| 3 Year + | - |

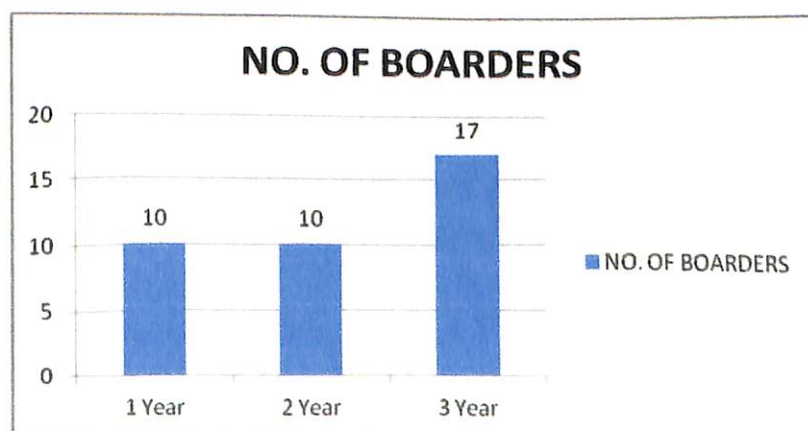
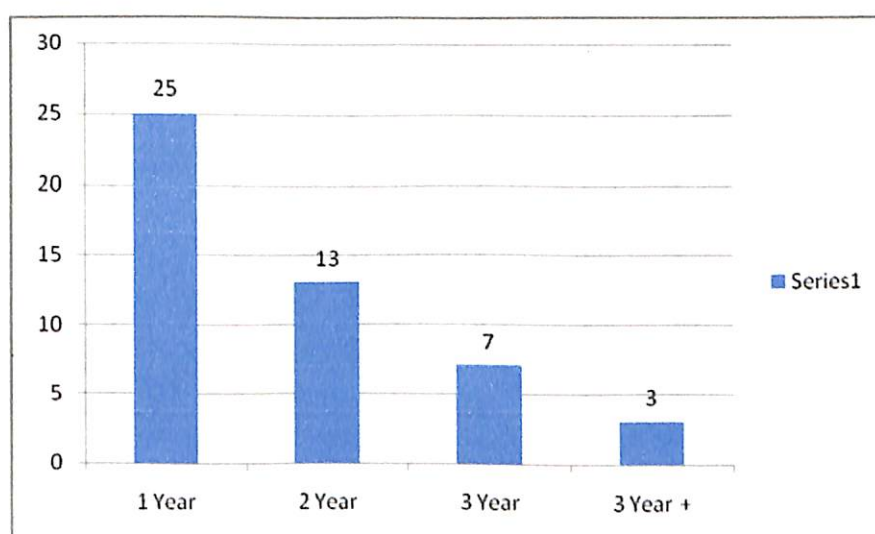


Table 1(ii) : Duration of Stay (Private)

| NO. OF YEAR | NO. OF BOARDERS |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 Year | 25 |
| 2 Year | 13 |
| 3 Year | 7 |
| 3 Year + | 3 |



It was observed that the max no. of students stayed in the private hostels for a period of one year [Table 1(ii)].

In private hostels students seem to stay for a comparatively lesser duration of time than compared to the government hostels in the study area.

Table – 2: Infrastructure

It has been observed that the government hostels normally get water 24 hrs a day & only a few reported that water supply was irregular. The hostels have no generator facilities. There is no restriction in the use of electricity bearing a few. Most of the rooms had bed, table & chair and only a few rooms were provided with bed, table, chair & cupboard [Table 2(i)].

Table 2(i) : Infrastructure (Government)

| NUMBER OF HOSTELS | Water Supply | | | Electricity | | Electricity | | Furniture | | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|----|-------------|----|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| | 24 hrs | 2 times | Irregular | Inverter/Generator | | Restriction | | Bed table chair cupboard | Bed table & Chair | Bed Only |
| | | | | Yes | No | Yes | No | | | |
| | 31 | - | 6 | - | 37 | 4 | 33 | 10 | 27 | - |

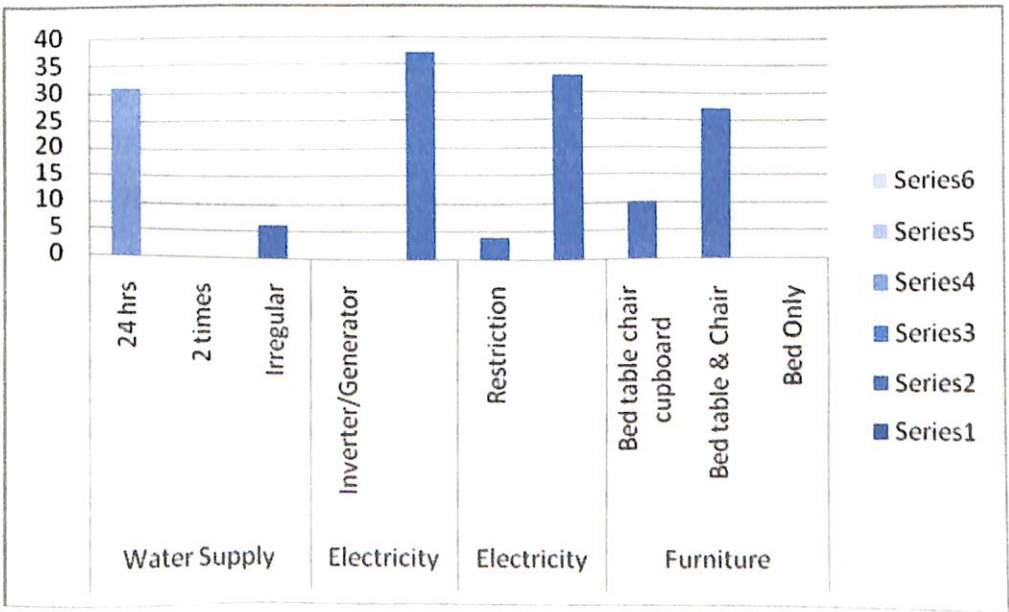
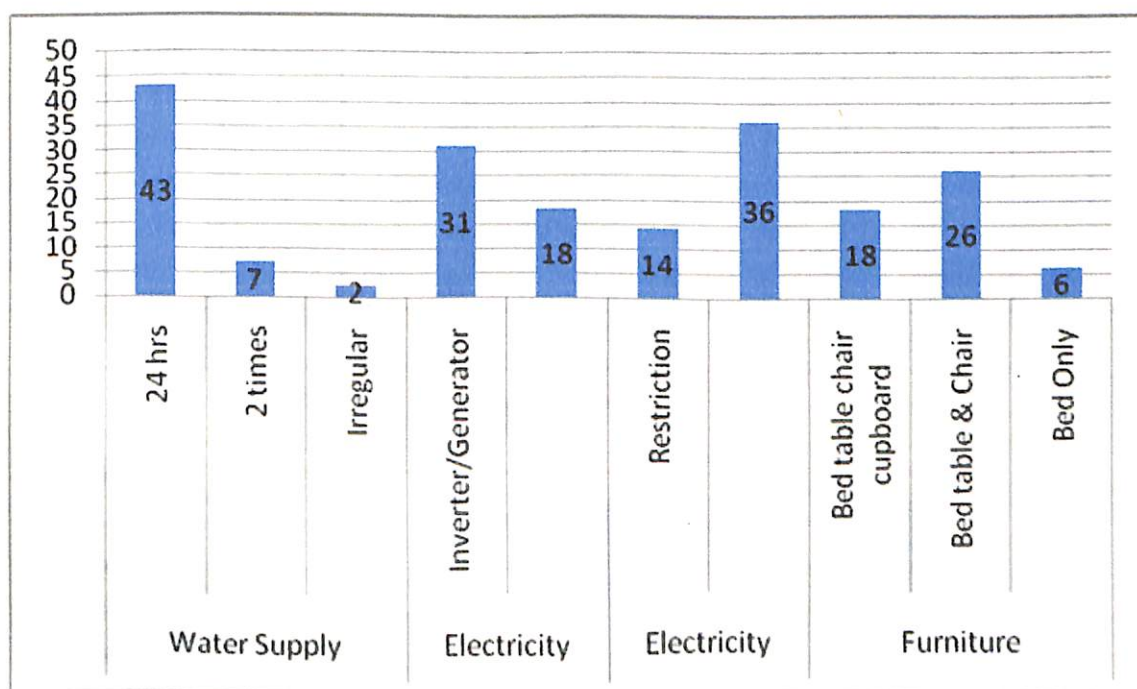


Table2(ii) : Infrastructure (Private)

| NUMBER OF HOSTELS | Water Supply | | | Electricity | | Electricity | | Furniture | | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|----|-------------|----|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| | 24 hrs | 2 times | Irregular | Inverter/Generator | | Restriction | | Bed table chair cupboard | Bed table & Chair | Bed Only |
| | | | | Yes | No | Yes | No | | | |
| | 43 | 7 | 2 | 31 | 18 | 14 | 36 | 18 | 26 | 6 |



It has been observed that most of the private hostels get water 24 hrs a day, while others had a system of providing water 2 times a day. Water supply was reported to be irregular only to a few no. of hostels. Some of the hostels have generator facilities and others did not. There is restriction in the use of electricity in a few hostels. Most of the rooms had bed, table & chair and only a few rooms were provided with bed, table, chair & cupboard [Table 2(ii)].

Infrastructural facilities in both types of hostels were observed to be good with the exception that government hostels had no generator facility. It can be a major problem for the students in those hostels.

Table – 3: Washroom & toilet facilities

In government hostels, the hostels had the facility of washroom cleaning. Survey showed that the hostels has the system of daily cleaning of toilets.

The no of toilets in the hostels was more than three. Similarly the no. of bathroom was also more than 3 [Table 3(i)].

Table 3(i) : Toilet facilities (Government)

| No. of Hostels | Cleaned | | | No. of Toilets | | | | No. of Bathrooms | | | |
|----------------|---------|--------|-----------|----------------|---|---|-----|------------------|---|---|-----|
| | Daily | Weekly | Irregular | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 + | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 + |
| | 36 | 1 | - | | | | 37 | | | | 37 |

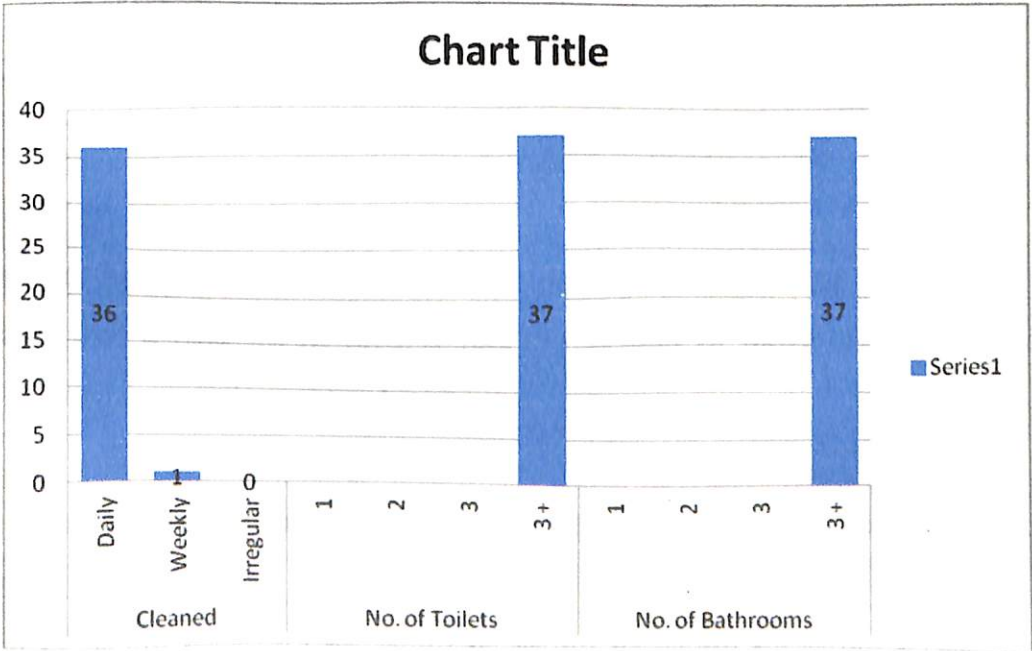
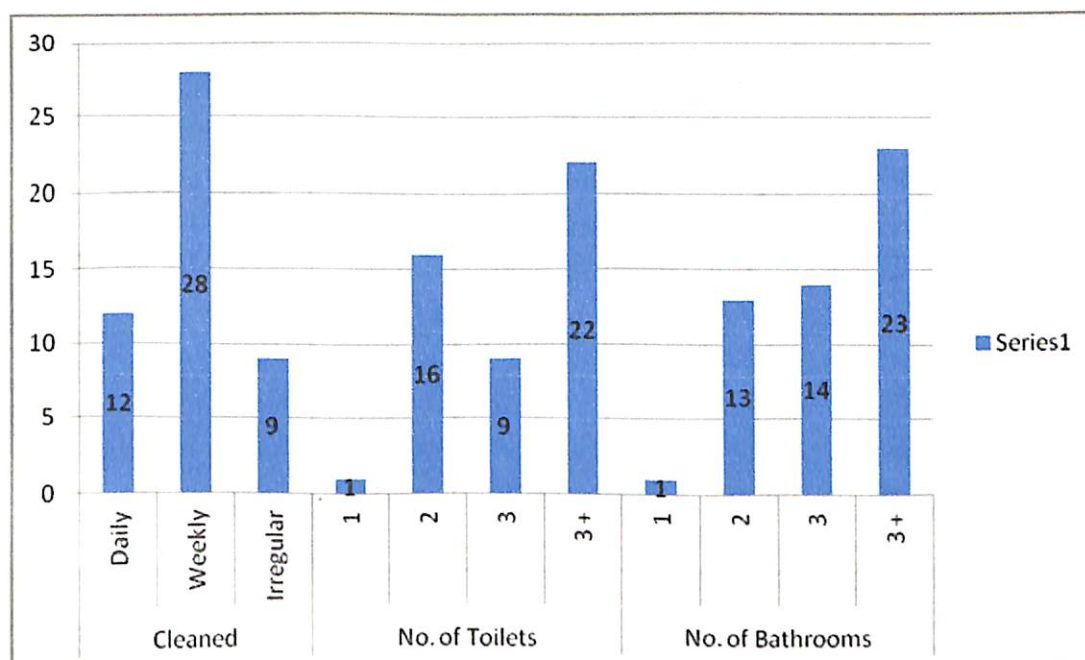


Table 3(ii) : Toilet facilities (Private)

| No. of Hostels | Cleaned | | | No. of Toilets | | | | No. of Bathrooms | | | |
|----------------|---------|--------|-----------|----------------|----|---|-----|------------------|----|----|-----|
| | Daily | Weekly | Irregular | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 + | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 + |
| | 12 | 28 | 9 | 1 | 16 | 9 | 22 | 1 | 13 | 14 | 23 |



In private hostels, the hostels had the facility of washroom cleaning. Survey showed that a max no of hostels has the system of daily cleaning of toilets while some reported weekly cleaning.

The no of toilets and bathrooms in the hostels varied from 1 to more than 3 in some.

Washroom and toilet facilities in both types of hostels were quite similar but it seemed improved in private hostels.

Table – 4: Security in Hostels

As regards the question of availability of watchman in the hostels, it was found out that 100% of the hostels reported to have a watchman. So it could be said that the hostels authorities have taken proper care for the safety & well being of the girls students in a city like Guwahati, where crimes against women are being committed every day.

All the hostels had grills on the windows, a proper compound & fire protection.[Table 4(i)]

Table 4(i) : Security (Government)

| No. of Hostels | Watchman | | Grill on the window | | Proper Compound | | Fire Protection | |
|----------------|----------|----|---------------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|
| | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | 37 | - | 37 | - | 37 | - | 37 | - |

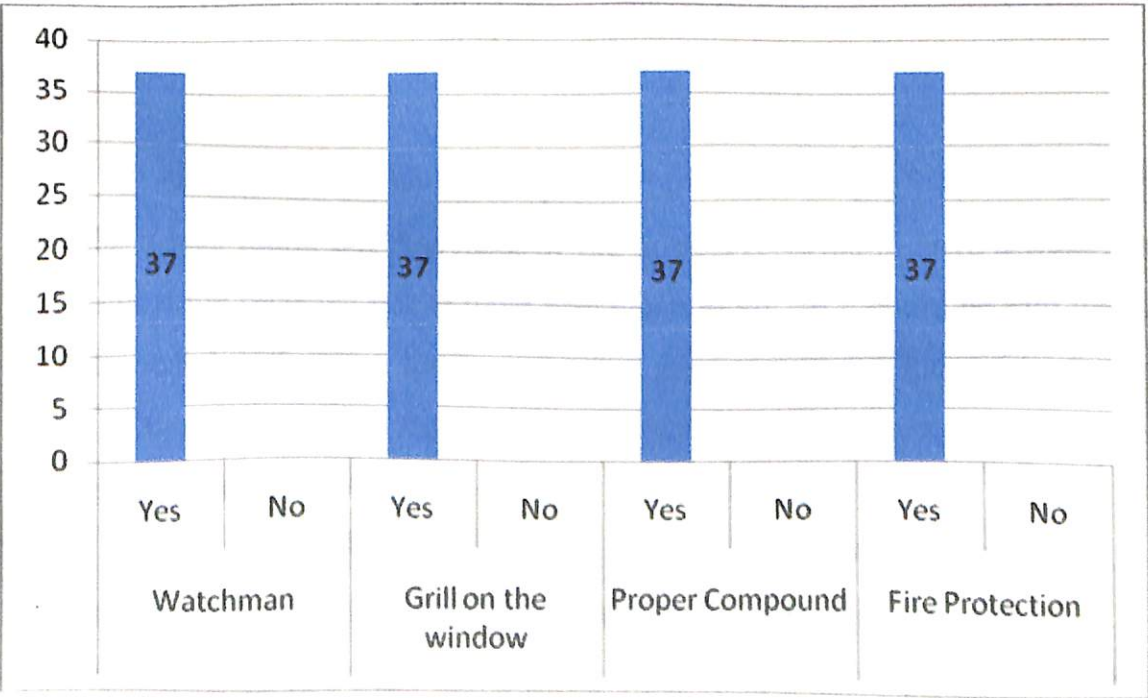
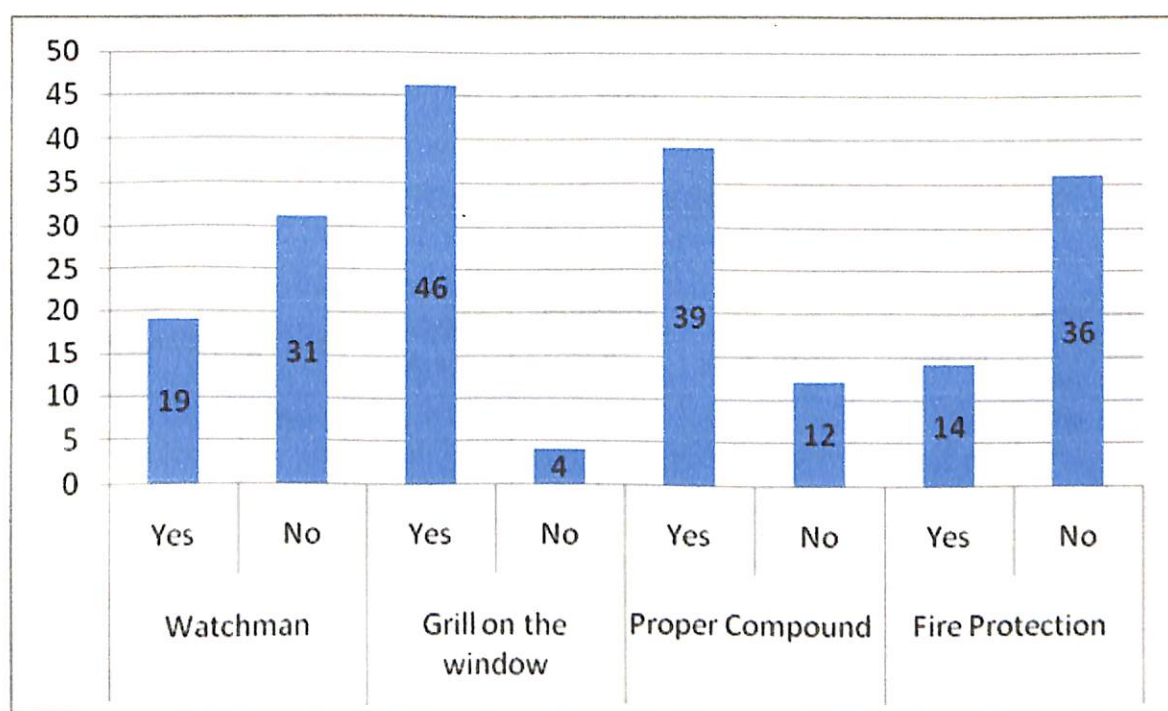


Table 4(ii): Security (Private)

| No. of Hostels | Watchman | | Grill on the window | | Proper Compound | | Fire Protection | |
|----------------|----------|----|---------------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|
| | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | 19 | 31 | 46 | 4 | 39 | 12 | 14 | 36 |



In private hostels, as to the question of availability of watchman in the hostels, it was found out that most of the hostels reported to have a watchman although some reported not to have watchman at all. So it could be said that all private hostel authorities have not taken proper care for the safety & well being of the girls students in a city like Guwahati, where crimes against women are being committed every day.

All the hostels had grills on the windows, a proper compound but fire protection seems to be lacking in a few hostels. [Table-4(ii)]

In matters of security, the government hostels have proper security measures whereas in private hostels, the security provisions are not adequate.

Table – 5: Rules & Regulations

Almost all the government hostels reported that the gate closing time was 6 pm. The hostellers also reported having a visitor’s area for meeting their friends & relatives.

Some of the hostels reported that there was provision for get together while some reported that there was no such provision.

Majority of the hostels maintained study hours. Ragging was not allowed in most of the hostels, bearing only a few.

Most of the hostellers reported that they could provide their wardens with complaints or suggestions. [Table 5(i)]

Table 5(i) : Rules and Regulations (Government)

| NO. OF HOSTELS | Gate Closing Time | | | Visitor's Area | | Provision for get together | | Maintain study hours | | Ragging | | Provision for Complain/ Suggestion | |
|----------------|-------------------|---|---------|----------------|----|----------------------------|----|----------------------|----|---------|----|------------------------------------|----|
| | 6 | 7 | After 7 | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | 37 | - | - | 37 | - | 20 | 17 | 37 | - | 3 | 34 | 37 | - |

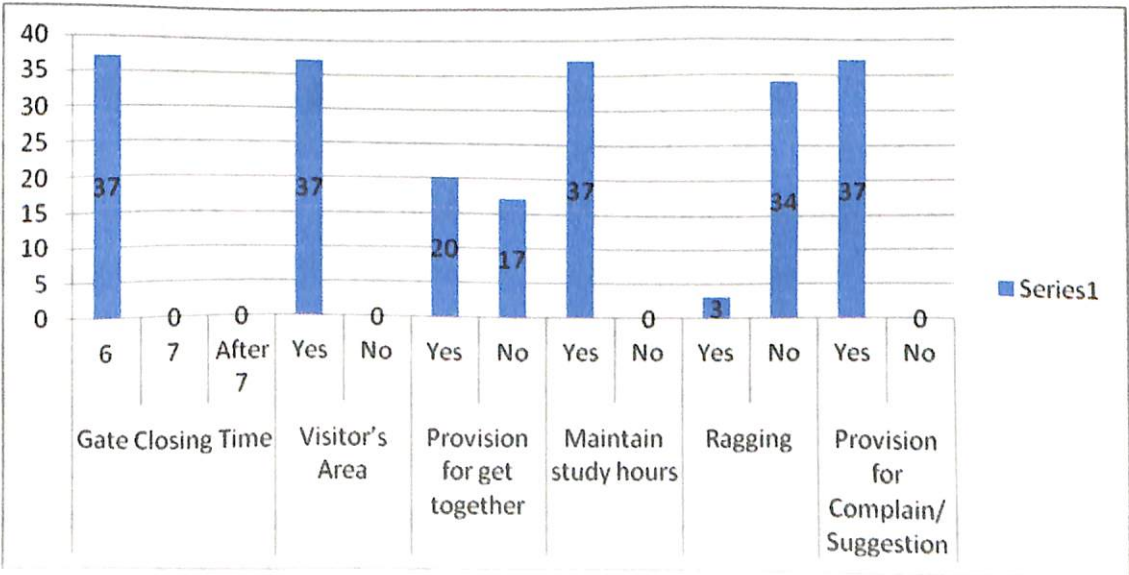
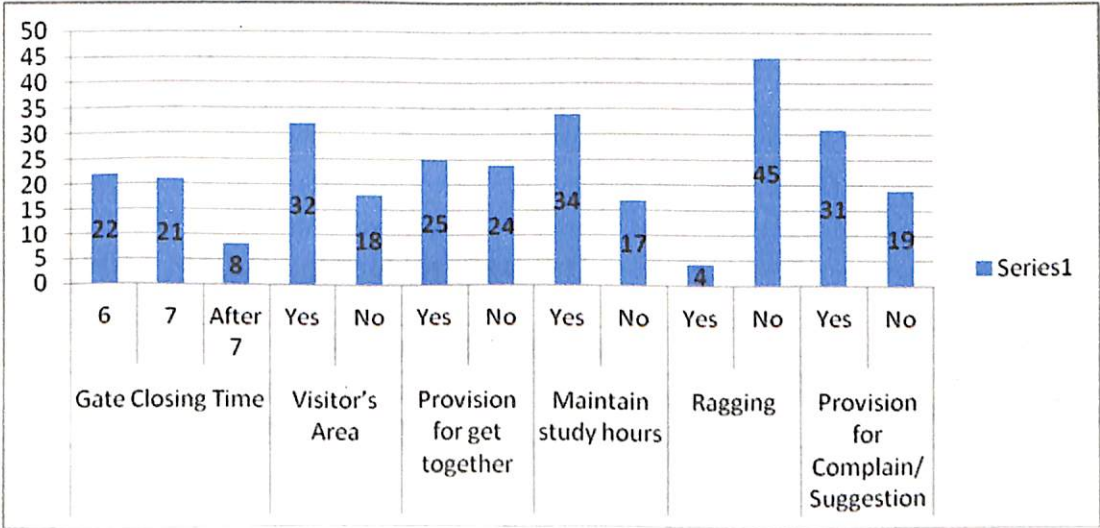


Table 5(ii) : Rules and Regulations (Private)

| NO. OF HOSTELS | Gate Closing Time | | | Visitor's Area | | Provision for get together | | Maintain study hours | | Ragging | | Provision for Complain/ Suggestion | |
|----------------|-------------------|----|---------|----------------|----|----------------------------|----|----------------------|----|---------|----|------------------------------------|----|
| | 6 | 7 | After 7 | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | 22 | 21 | 8 | 32 | 18 | 25 | 24 | 34 | 17 | 4 | 45 | 31 | 19 |



Almost 50% of the hostels reported that the gate closing time was 6 pm. While in the rest of hostels, gate closing time was 7pm or after 7pm. Thus there was no such rigidity in some of the hostels regarding the gate closing time in the private category. The most hostellers also reported having a visitor's area for meeting their friends & relatives.

Some of the hostels reported that there was provision for get together while some reported that there was no such provision.

Majority of the hostels maintained study have Ragging was not allowed in most of the hostels, bearing only a few.

Most of the hostels reported that they could provide their wardens with complaints or suggestions although there were a few who said there were no such provisions.[Table 5(ii)]

Government hostels are found to be more particular in maintaining rules and regulations.The private hostels are also found to be maintaining these rules and regulations but the extent of rigidity varied from hostel to hostel.

Table – 6: Maintenance

The hostels had the system of sweeping & mopping on a daily basis. Only sometimes sweeping & mopping was irregular.

The walls were clean in some areas but were also dirty in other areas due to lack of maintainance. [Table 6(i)]

Table 6(i) : Maintenance (Government)

| NO. OF HOSTELS | SWEEPING AND MOPPING | | | | | WALLS | |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Daily | Trice A Week | Twice A week | Once A Week | Never | Clean | Dirty |
| | 35 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 18 | 19 |

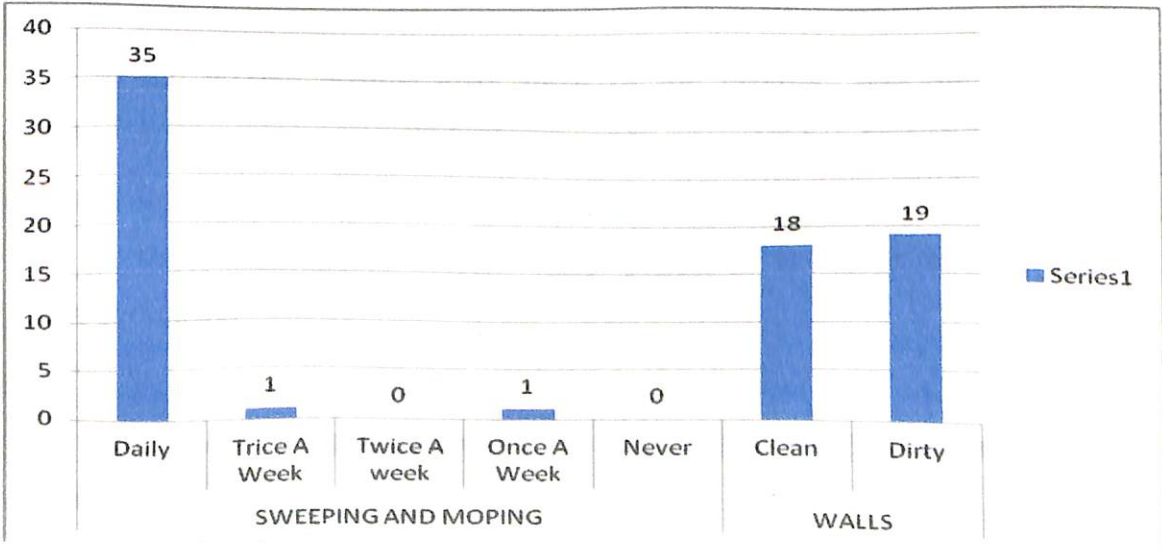
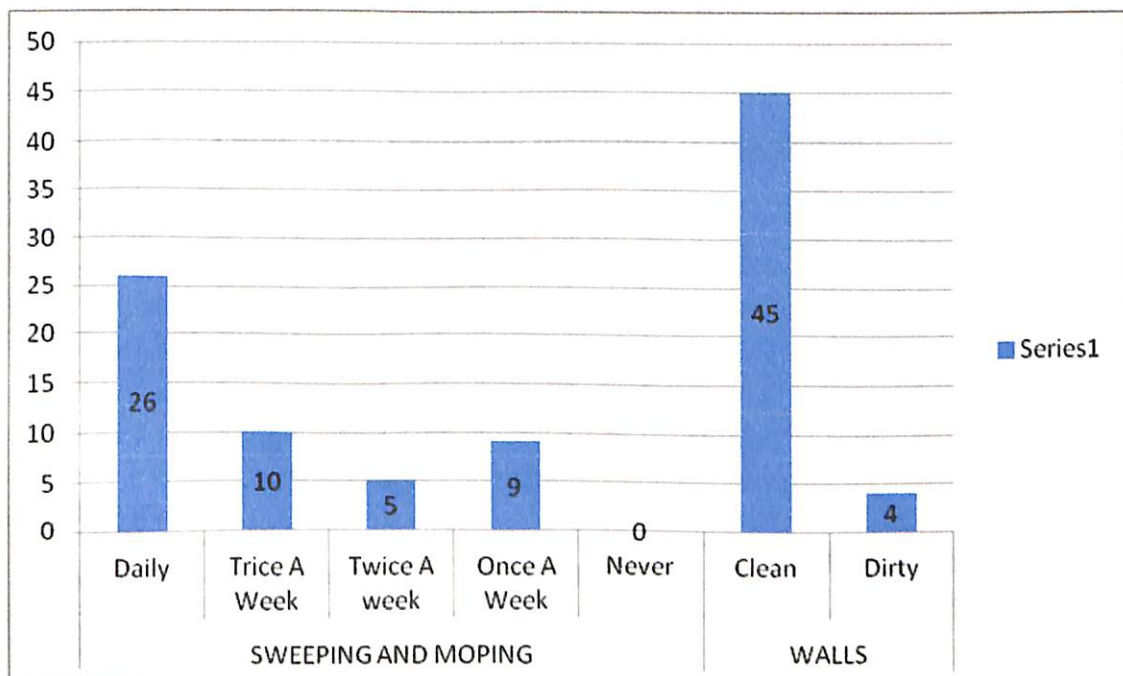


Table 6(ii) : Maintenance (Private)

| NO. OF HOSTELS | SWEEPING AND MOPING | | | | | WALLS | |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Daily | Trice A Week | Twice A week | Once A Week | Never | Clean | Dirty |
| | 26 | 10 | 5 | 9 | - | 45 | 4 |



In the private hostels also, most of the hostels had the system of sweeping & mopping on a daily basis, only a negligible had the system of sweeping & mopping twice a week & once a week.

In some hostels the walls were clean & in some it was found dirty.[Table 6(ii)]

It was observed that both the type of hostels are quite regular in the matters of maintaining hostel cleanliness.

7. Facilities Provided

Majority of the hostels had more than three students in one room & only a few had 2 students in a room.

There were two fans in most of the rooms & only a few had one. Basically, three seater rooms had 2 fans & the 2 seater rooms had 1 fan.

Similarly, more than three seater rooms had more than 2 lights & the 2 seater rooms had 2 lights.

Some of the hostels were provided with filtered water while they had no fridge water. The hostel mates washed the bed sheets by themselves.

The hostels had no facilities for the students to cook for themselves.
[Table7(i)]

Table 7(i) : Facilities provided (Government)

| NO OF HOSTELS | No. of Students in one room | | | | Fans in one room | | Lights in one room | | | Filtered Water | | Fridge Water | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---|---|-----|------------------|----|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|----|--------------|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 + | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 + | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | - | 5 | | 32 | 5 | 32 | - | 4 | 33 | 37 | - | - | 37 |
| | Bed Sheet | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Washed by Themselves | | | | Authorities | | | | Facilities for cooking by themselves | | | | |
| | 87 | | | | - | | | | Yes | | | No. | |
| | | | | | | | | - | | | 37 | | |

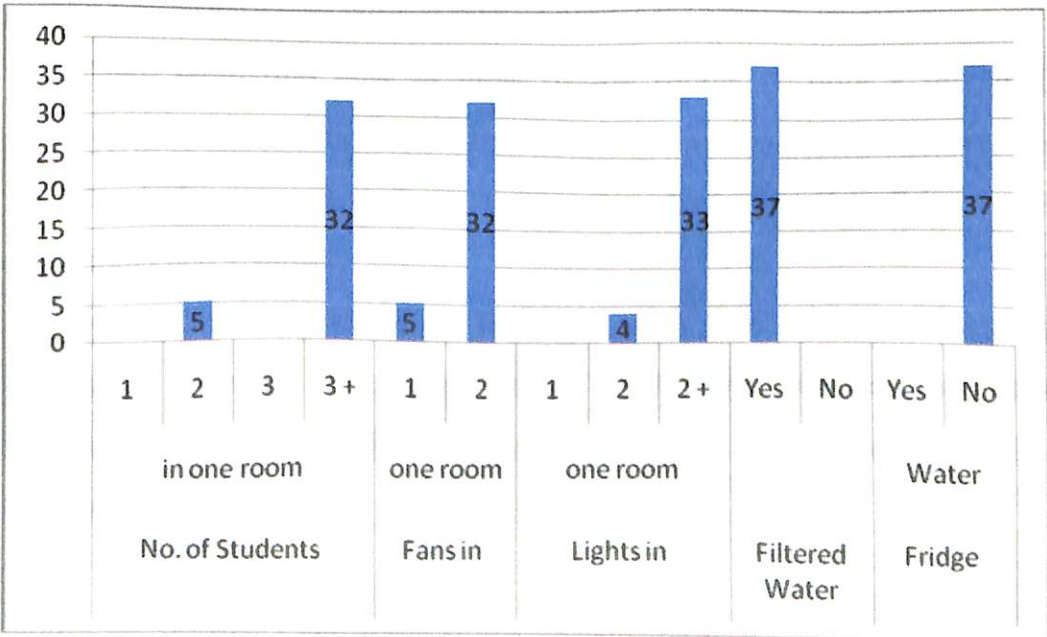
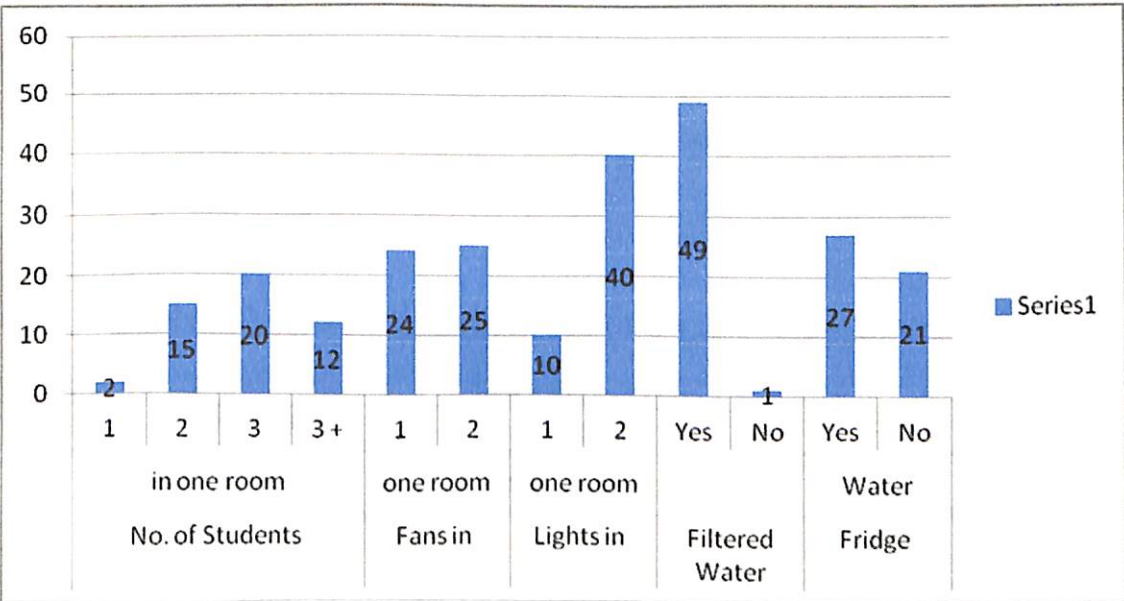


Table 7(ii) : Facilities provided (Private)

| NO OF HOSTELS | No. of Students in one room | | | | Fans in one room | | Lights in one room | | Filtered Water | | Fridge Water | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----|----|----|------------------|----|--------------------|----|----------------|----|--------------|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3+ | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | 2 | 15 | 20 | 12 | 24 | 25 | 10 | 40 | 49 | 1 | 27 | 21 |



In private hostels too, most of the hostels had three students in one room & only a few had 2 students in a room or more than three.

There were two fans in most of the rooms & only a few had one. Basically, more than seater rooms had 2 fans & the 2 seater rooms had 1 fan.

Similarly, more than three seater rooms had more than 2 lights & the 2 seater rooms had 2 lights.

Most of the hostels were provided with filtered water. Some of the hostels were provided with fridge water. The hostellers washed the bed sheets by themselves. The hostels had no facilities for the students to cook for themselves.

The facilities provided seem to be quite similar in both the type of hostels though private hostels seem to be better in some aspect like provision for single and double bedded rooms. It, however raises a question as to whether these facilities are really sufficient for the students.

8. Facilities provided in case of illness

In case of illness, in government hostels most of the hostel inmates reported that the hostel authorities did not take responsibility for consultation with doctor, while some others, reported that they had the facility to consult the matter with a doctor .

In case of emergencies like accidents, burns, cuts, the first aid box was provided.[Table 8(i)]

Table 8(i) : Facilities Provided in case of illness (Government)

| NO OF HOSTELS | FIRST AID BOX | | ANY OTHER CONSULTED WITH DOCTOR | | NO FACILITIES | |
|---------------|---------------|----|---------------------------------|----|---------------|----|
| | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | 37 | - | 14 | 23 | - | - |

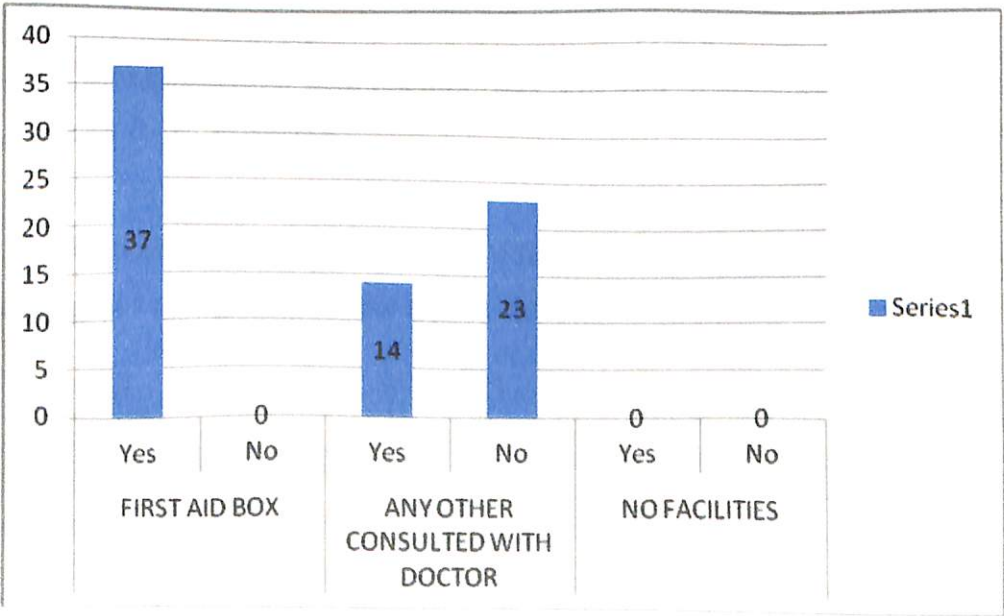
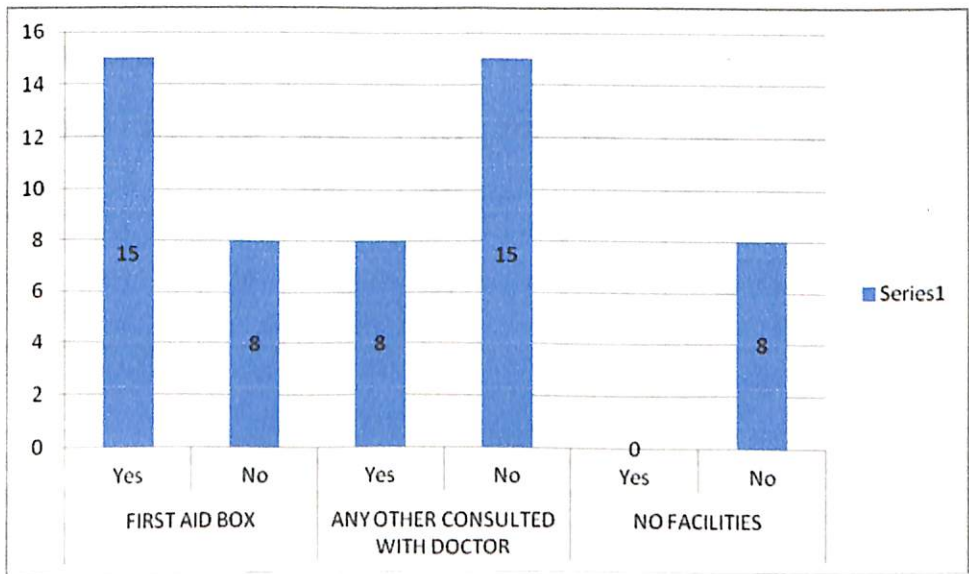


Table 8(ii) : Facilities Provided in case of illness (Private)

| NO OF HOSTELS | FIRST AID BOX | | ANY OTHER CONSULTED WITH DOCTOR | | NO FACILITIES | |
|---------------|---------------|----|---------------------------------|----|---------------|----|
| | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | 15 | 8 | 8 | 15 | - | 8 |



Most of the hostellers in private hostels reported that there was provision of a first aid box while some reported that there was no such provision. Facilities for consultation with doctors was provided in some hostels while in others there was no such provision.

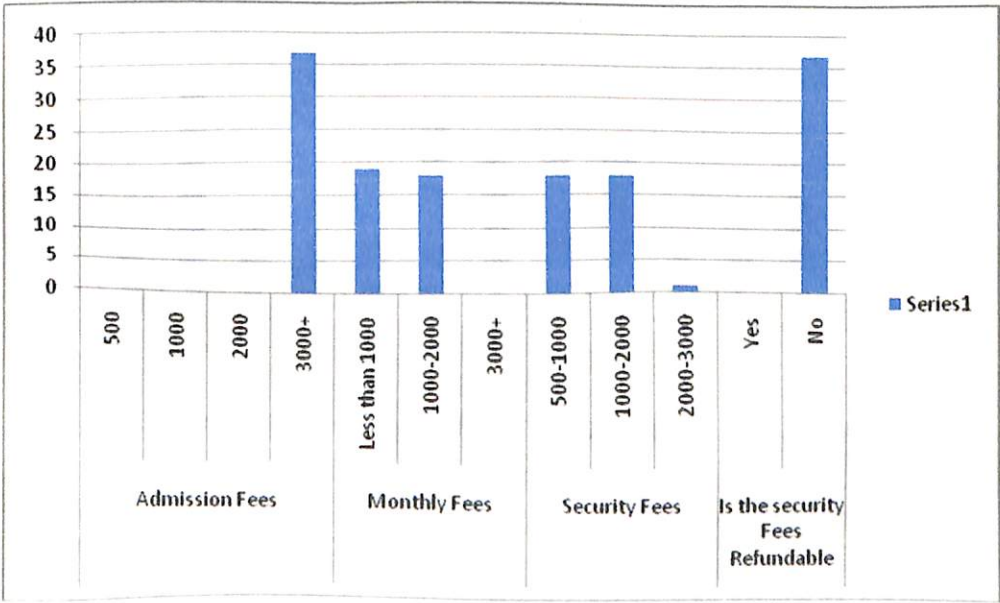
The facilities provided in times of illness in both types of hostels do not seem to be adequate enough in both the type of hostels.

9. Finance

In government hostels, the admission fees were found to be high but the monthly fees were found to be quite low. Security fees was found to be reasonable in these hostels.[Table 9(i)]

Table 9(i) : Finance (Government)

| NO OF HOSTELS | Admission Fees | | | | Monthly Fees | | | Security Fees | | | Is the security Fees Refundable | |
|---------------|----------------|------|------|-------|----------------|-------------|-------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------|----|
| | 500 | 1000 | 2000 | 3000+ | Less than 1000 | 1000 - 2000 | 3000+ | 500-1000 | 1000-2000 | 2000-3000 | Yes | No |
| | - | - | - | 37 | 19 | 18 | - | 18 | 18 | 1 | - | 37 |



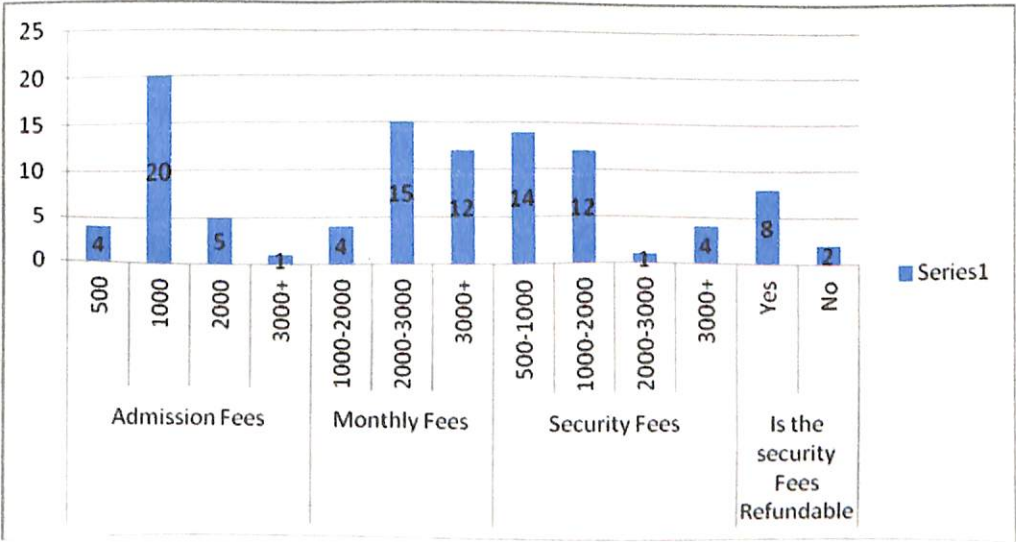
The admission fees for the government hostels were more than 3000. The monthly fees was 1000-2000 for some & 800-900 for the others. The security fees was 500-1000 for some & 1000-2000 for the others & 2000-3000

for a negligible number. Most of the hostels reported that the security fees was not refundable.

The admission fees for private hostels was less than 3000 in most of the hostels. The monthly fees was 2000-3000 for some & 3000 for the others. The security was 500-1000 for some & 1000-2000 for the others & 2000-3000 for a negligible number. Most of the hostels reported that the security fees was not refundable.

Table 9(ii) : Finance (Private)

| NO OF HOSTELS | Admission Fees | | | | Monthly Fees | | | Security Fees | | | | Is the security Fees Refundable | |
|---------------|----------------|------|------|-------|--------------|-----------|-------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------------------------------|----|
| | 500 | 1000 | 2000 | 3000+ | 1000-2000 | 2000-3000 | 3000+ | 500-1000 | 1000-2000 | 2000-3000 | 3000+ | Yes | No |
| | 4 | 20 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 2 |



In matters of finance, government hostels are found to be cheaper. But it was seen that in case of admission fees, government hostels charge higher than the private hostels.

Table – 10 : Food

The government hostels reported that food was provided to them 3 times a day while some of them reported that food was provided 4 times a day.

Some of them reported that the quality of food was good, while 16 of them reported it to be satisfactory & only a negligible number reported that it was not satisfactory.

Again there were some who reported that non-veg was provided 5 days in week while some of them reported that it was provided 6 days a week. Overall in terms of food, respondents were quite satisfied.

Table 10(i) : Food (Government)

| NO OF HOSTELS | NO. OF TIMES FOOD PROVIDED (DAY) | | | QUALITY OF FOOD | | | NON-VEG PROVIDE (WEEKLY) | | | |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------|------|-----|
| | 3 times | 2 times | 4 times | Good | Satisfactory | Not satisfactory | Once | Thrice | Five | Six |
| | 24 | - | 13 | 20 | 16 | 1 | - | - | 19 | 18 |

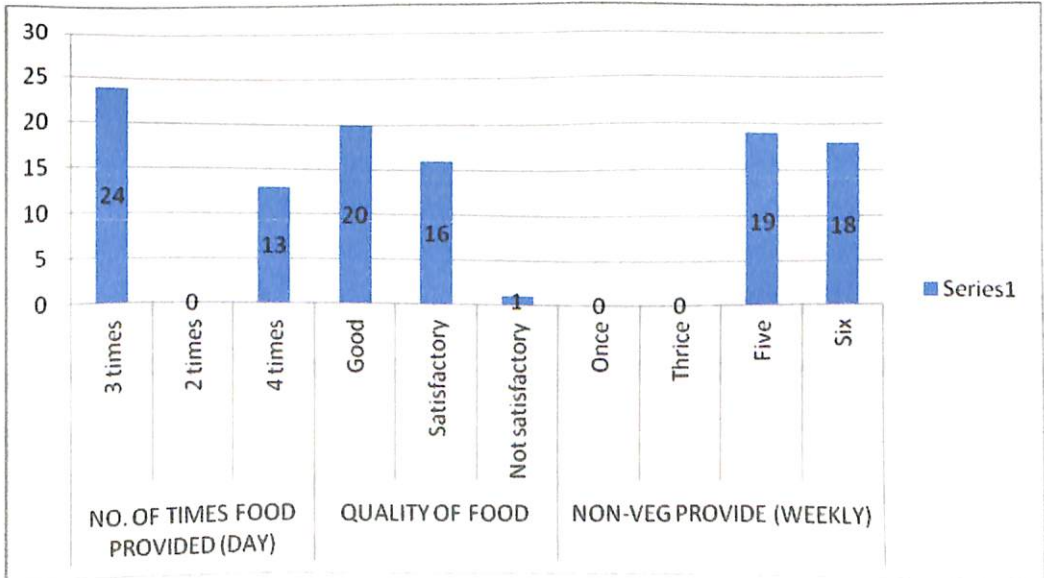
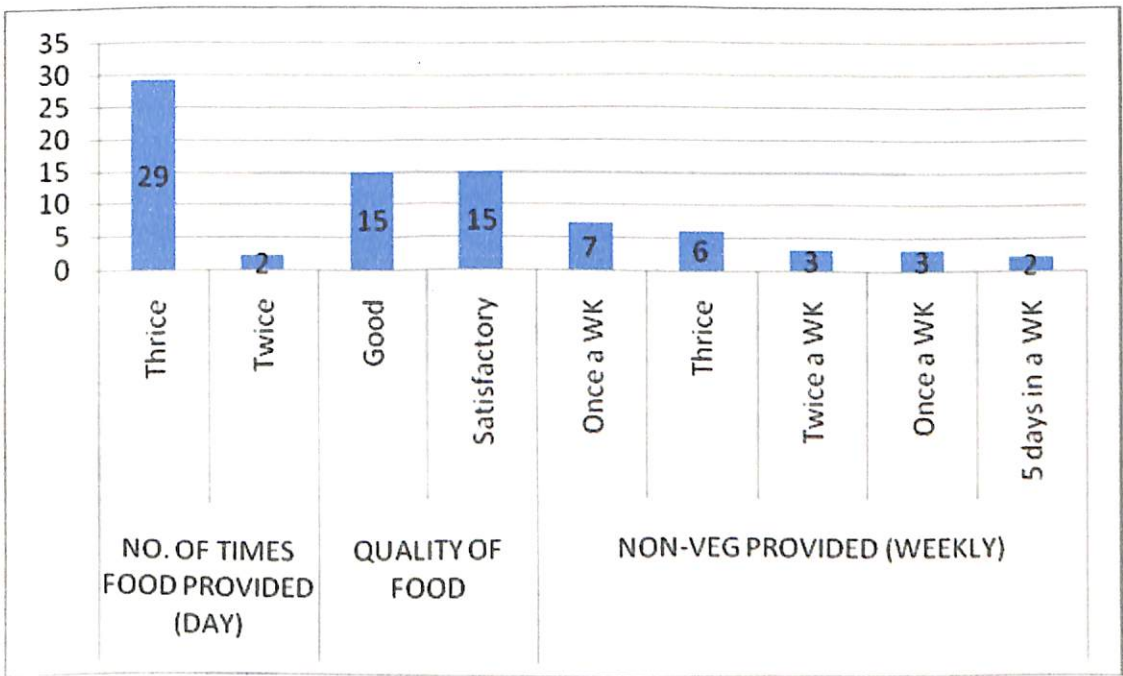


Table 10(ii): Food (Private)

| NO OF HOSTELS | NO. OF TIMES FOOD PROVIDED (DAY) | | QUALITY OF FOOD | | NON-VEG PROVIDED (WEEKLY) | | | | |
|---------------|---|-------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | Thrice | Twice | Good | Satisfactory | Once a WK | Thrice a WK | Twice a WK | Once a WK | 5 days in a WK |
| | 29 | 2 | 15 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 |



In private hostels, maximum of them reported that food was provided to them 3 times a day while a few of them reported that food was provided 2 times a day.

Almost equal number of inmates reported that the quality of food was good and and equal number reported while 16 it to be satisfactory & only a negligible no. reported that it was not satisfactory.

As food regarding non-veg, some of them reported that non-veg was provided only once in a week while some of them reported that it was provided thrice in a week while there were some who reported to be five days in a week.

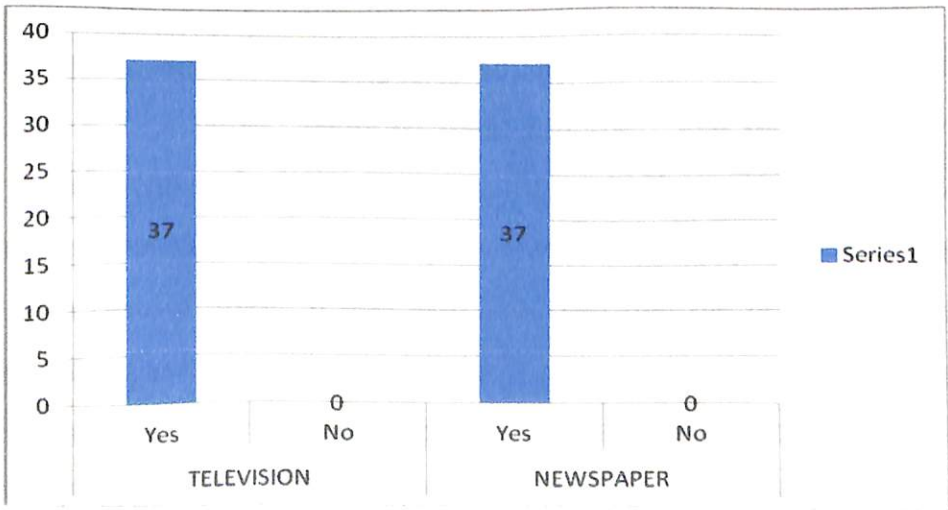
There was a mixed reaction among the students in matter of food, in both the hostels. But the nutrient content of the food provided in these hostels definitely poses an important question.

Table – 11: Entertainment

It was seen that all the hostels were provided with television & newspaper. As the students interacted with the inmates,they were also provided with the information that they also involved themselves in games & sports.

Table 11(i) : Entertainment (Government)

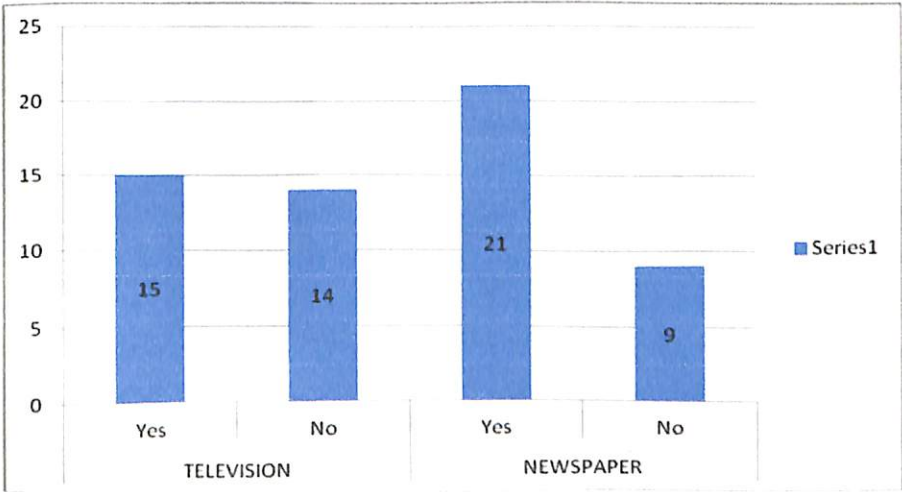
| NO OF HOSTELS | TELEVISION | | NEWSPAPER | |
|---------------|------------|----|-----------|----|
| | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | 37 | - | 37 | - |



This can be seen as positive aspect in case of government hostels, since the girls have the facility to keep abreast of all the current information and know what is happening in and around them.

Table 11(ii) : Entertainment (Private)

| NO OF HOSTELS | TELEVISION | | NEWSPAPER | |
|---------------|------------|----|-----------|----|
| | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | 15 | 14 | 21 | 9 |



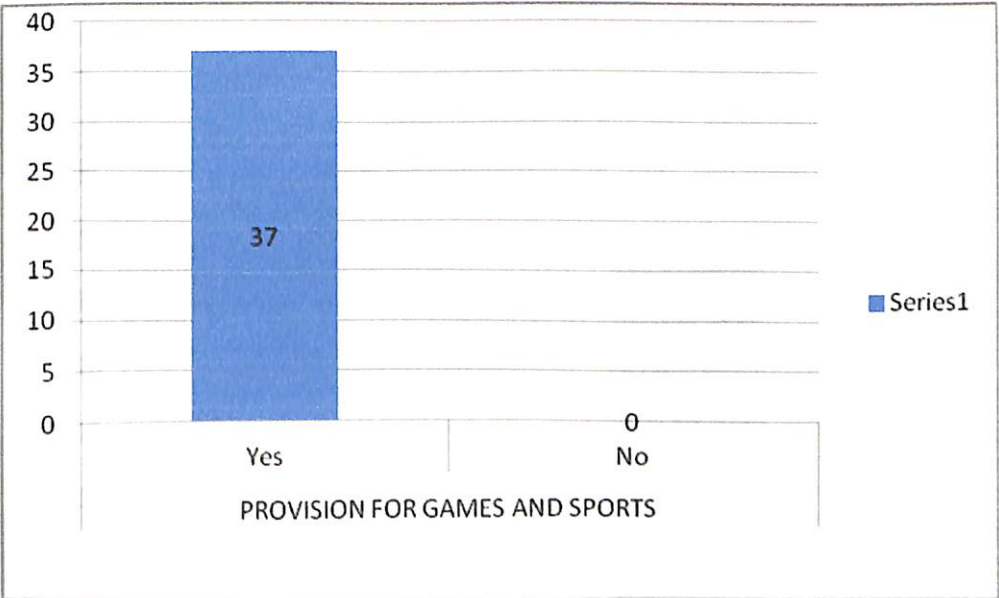
It was seen in private hostels, that not all the hostels, were provided with television & newspaper. Some of them reported that they had television in there hostels while, almost an equal no reported that they had no facility for viewing television. In matters of provision of newspapers, the response was positive in case of many. It was also observed that the private hostels had no provision for playing games and sports.

It was observed, that while all the government hostels provided the means of entertainment and information considered in the study, it is not the same in case of all private hostels.

Table – 12: Games and Sports

Table 12(i) : Games and Sports (Government)

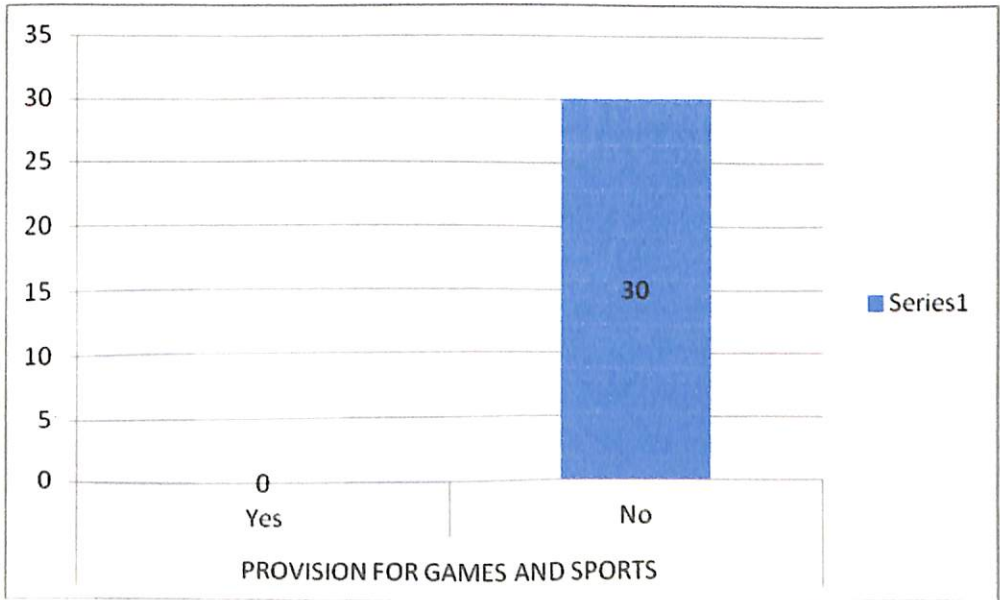
| NO OF HOSTELS | PROVISION FOR GAMES AND SPORTS | |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----|
| | Yes | No |
| | 37 | - |



It was observed that the govt hostels had provision for games and sports and the girls could engage themselves in extracurricular activities in there free time.

Table 12(ii) : Games and Sports (Private)

| NO OF HOSTELS | PROVISION FOR GAMES AND SPORTS | |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----|
| | Yes | No |
| | - | 30 |



It was observed that the private hostels had no provision for playing games and sports.

Table 13: Behaviour/Attitude of the warden

It was seen in government hostels, most of them reported that the behaviour of the warden was good while a few of them reported it to be satisfactory.

Table 13(i) : Behaviour/Attitude of the warden (Government)

| NO OF HOSTELS | BEHAVIOUR / ATTITUDE OF THE WARDEN | | |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| | GOOD | SATISFACTORY | BAD |
| | 24 | 13 | - |

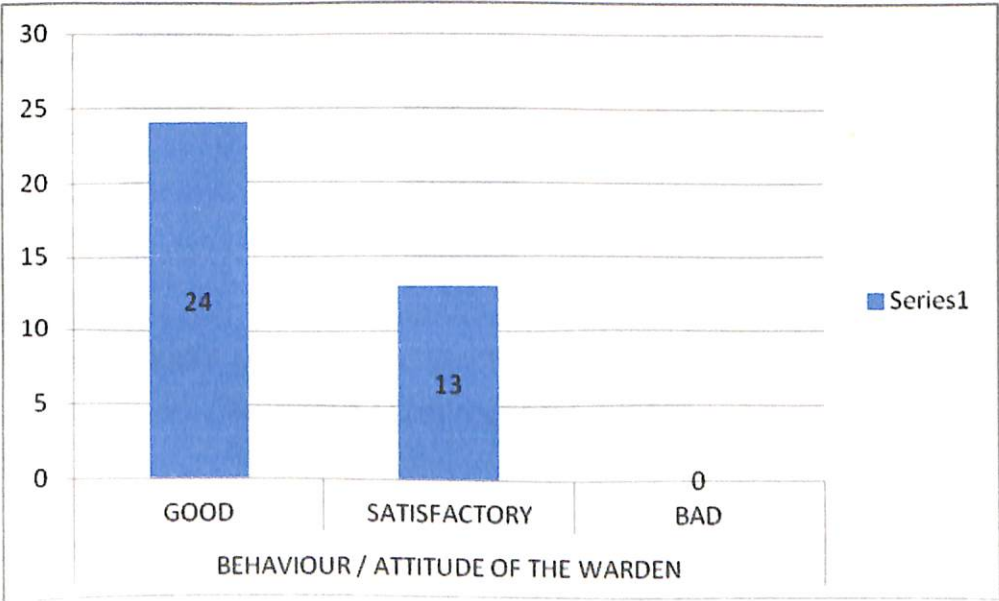
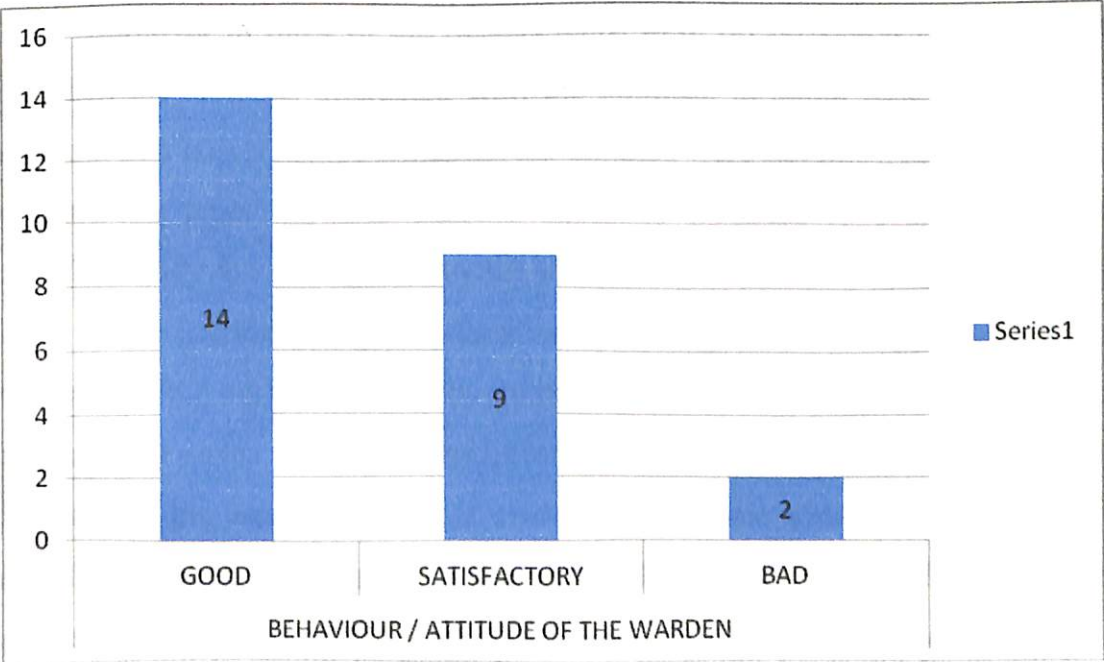


Table 13(ii) : Behaviour/Attitude of the warden (Private)

| NO OF HOSTELS | BEHAVIOUR / ATTITUDE OF THE WARDEN | | |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| | GOOD | SATISFACTORY | BAD |
| | 14 | 9 | 2 |



In private hostels also, it was reported that the behaviour of the warden was good while a few of them reported it to be satisfactory but it was also observed that , a few even reported it to be bad.