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# Active, Inactive and Abolished Weaving Cooperative Societies in Chhattisgarh State

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**Abstract:** Chhattisgarh state expresses its traditional art through handloom activities which is encouraged by various weaving cooperative societies. The present study describes various regions of Chhattisgarh in context of number of weaving cooperative societies. Role of weaving cooperative societies is also discussed. Later, numbers of active, inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies present in each region of Chhattisgarh are studied. The study is descriptive in nature and the main source of data collection is secondary data. The study also point out such areas of Chhattisgarh where none of the active weaving cooperative societies are present. It is found that Central Region of Chhattisgarh comprises of maximum number of weaving cooperative societies in which Jangir- Champa shows highest number of weaving cooperative societies. Around 07 districts of Chhattisgarh are present with none of the active weaving cooperative societies, so handloom activities cannot be expected in that place.

**Keywords:** Handloom Activities, Weaving Cooperative Societies, Active, Inactive, Abolished

## I. INTRODUCTION

Handloom Industries plays an important role in the economic scenario of Chhattisgarh. Handloom Industries mainly constitute the process of weaving. Weaving Cooperative Societies are those societies that help in the welfare and development of handloom industries. These handloom industries helps in the rural development of Chhattisgarh state as most of the rural people are involved in handloom industries. To preserve the traditional art of Chhattisgarh State and to lead handloom industry, formation of weaving cooperative societies are essential. Some weaving cooperative societies are active, some are present but inactive while some are abolished.

### A. Division of Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh is located in the heart of India. The present study is based on districts situated in various regions of Chhattisgarh, so it is essential to know about various regions of Chhattisgarh state. Chhattisgarh state is divided into three regions on the basis of direction: Northern Region, Central Region and Southern Region.



Fig. 1 Map depicting Chhattisgarh Regions with location of various Districts

Northern Part of Chhattisgarh state comes under Northern Region and those districts which are located in Northern Region referred as Northern Districts. It comprises of Raigarh, Sarguja, Korba, Jashpur, Balrampur, Surajpur and Korea.

Central Part of Chhattisgarh state comes under Central Region and those districts which are located in Central Region referred as Central Districts. It comprises of Janjgir – Champa, Rajnandgaon, Balod, Raipur, Gariaband, Mahasamund, Baloda Bazar, Bilaspur, Durg, Bemetara, Kabirdham, Dhamtari and Mungeli.

Southern Part of Chhattisgarh state comes under Southern Region and those districts which are located in Southern Region referred as Southern Districts. It comprises of Bastar, Kanker, Kondagaon, Dantewada, Bijapur, Sukma and Narayanpur,

It is clear that Central districts are maximum 13 in number while northern and southern districts are equally 07 in number. Weaving Cooperative Societies are present in almost all districts of Chhattisgarh.

**B. Importance of Weaving Cooperative Societies**

- 1) Weaving Cooperative Societies purchase raw materials and distribute it to weavers for producing finished goods.
- 2) Weaving Cooperative Societies also impart training to existed weavers to upgrade their skills, to create innovative designs in weaving and to update them with latest technology. It enables the weavers to bought innovative designs and produce handloom clothes in latest design that will definitely change the taste of consumer and avoid monotony.
- 3) Weaving Cooperative Societies helps in the marketing of handloom products or finished goods produced by weavers using various promotional activities such as social media (TV, Radio) and Print Media (Newspaper, Magazines, pamphlets). They also offer some discount according to season and demand to promote the sale of handloom products.
- 4) Weaving cooperative societies provide financial help to weavers for producing quality goods at time.
- 5) Weaving cooperative societies provide basic facilities like electricity, water, sanitation, etc. to handloom industries.
- 6) Weaving cooperative societies not only improve the working condition of handloom industries but they also bought improvement in structure of tools and equipments used in handloom industries.
- 7) Weaving Cooperative Societies prevent weavers from exploitation and frauds due to the interference of middle men and master weavers.
- 8) Weaving Cooperative Societies provide wages to handloom weavers according to their work.

**II. METHODOLOGY**

The study involves the collection of secondary data which is mainly procured from Directorate of Rural Industries (Handloom) in Chhattisgarh State. Other information is obtained through magazines, newspapers, journals and published research papers. Descriptive Research method is used in which interview and discussion methods are adopted.

**III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

TABLE I

NUMBER OF WEAVING COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN NORTHERN CHHATTISGARH

S.No.	Districts	Weaving Cooperative Societies			Total
		Active	Inactive	Abolished	
1	Raigarh	28 (70%)	06 (15%)	06 (15%)	40 (64%)
2	Sarguja	03 (27%)	01 (9%)	07 (64%)	11 (18%)
3	Korba	05 (50%)	03 (30%)	02 (20%)	10 (16%)
4	Jashpur	01 (100%)	-	-	01 (2%)
5	Balrampur	-	-	-	-
6	Surajpur	-	-	-	-
7	Korea	-	-	-	-
Total		37	10	15	62

From Table I, it is clear that Raigarh and Korba comprises of maximum 28 and 05 active weaving cooperative societies, amongst all weaving cooperative societies while Sarguja mainly consists of abolished weaving cooperative societies in Northern Chhattisgarh. Jashpur consists of only one weaving cooperative societies and it appears as the least number of weaving cooperative societies in Northern Chhattisgarh while none of the weaving cooperative societies are present in Balrampur, Surajpur and Korea of Northern Chhattisgarh.

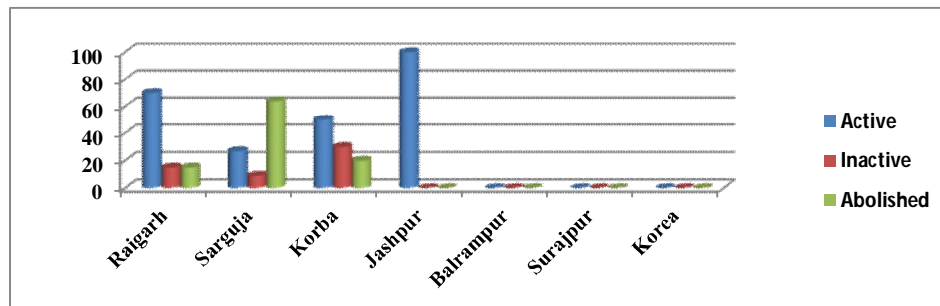


Fig. 2 Graph representing number of active, inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies in Northern Chhattisgarh

Fig. 2 Graph shows that of all the active weaving cooperative societies in Northern Chhattisgarh, highest 70% active weaving cooperative societies found in Raigarh with equal 15% of inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies while 64% abolished weaving cooperative societies is also maximum in Raigarh. It is found that Balrampur, Surajpur and Korea of Northern Chhattisgarh have none of the weaving cooperative societies either it is active, inactive or abolished. Jashpur consists of active weaving cooperative societies with none of the inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies. Sarguja comes out as the highest percentage of abolished weaving cooperative societies.

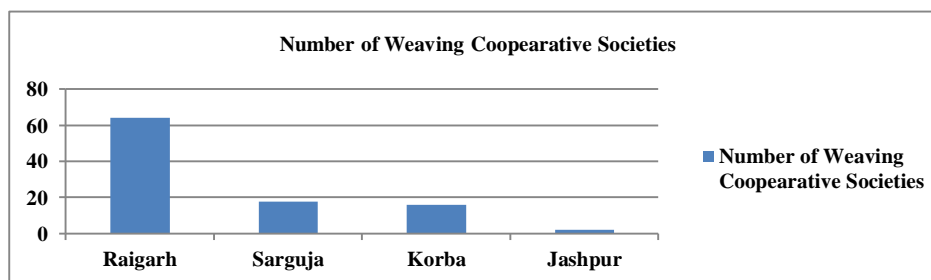


Fig. 3 Graph representing total number of weaving cooperative societies in Northern Chhattisgarh

From Figure 3, it is identified that Raigarh consists of highest number of weaving cooperative societies while Jashpur composed of least number of total weaving cooperative societies. Sarguja and Korba acquire second and third position among total number of weaving cooperative societies in Northern Chhattisgarh. Weaving Cooperative Societies are absent in Balrampur, Surajpur and Korea.

TABLE III: NUMBER OF WEAVING COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN CENTRAL CHHATTISGARH

S.No.	Districts	Weaving Cooperative Societies			Total
		Active	Inactive	Abolished	
1	Janjgir - Champa	56 (76%)	6 (8%)	12 (16%)	74 (33.95%)
2	Rajnandgaon	28 (82%)	5 (15%)	1 (3%)	34 (15.59%)
3	Balod	21 (68%)	8 (26%)	2 (6%)	31 (14.23%)
4	Raipur	8 (62%)	2 (15%)	3 (23%)	13 (5.97%)
5	Gariaband	13 (100%)	-	-	13 (5.97%)
6	Mahasamund	4 (33%)	-	8 (67%)	12 (5.5%)
7	Baloda Bazar	8 (67%)	3 (25%)	1 (8%)	12 (5.5%)
8	Bilaspur	10 (91%)	-	1 (9%)	11 (5.04%)
9	Durg	5 (83%)	1 (17%)	-	6 (2.76%)
10	Bemetara	2 (33%)	-	4 (67%)	6 (2.76%)
11	Kabirdham	1 (33%)	-	2 (67%)	3 (1.37%)
12	Dhamtari	2 (100%)	-	-	2 (0.91%)
13	Mungeli	1 (100%)	-	-	1 (0.45%)
Total		159	25	34	218

In Table II, Janjgir-Champa shows maximum 56 active weaving cooperative societies with maximum 12 abolished weaving cooperative societies, of all societies in Central Chhattisgarh. Mungeli acquires only one active weaving cooperative society with null inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies. Amongst all, Gariaband, Dhamtari and Mungeli comprises of only 13, 02 and 01 active weaving cooperative societies with absence of inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies. Mahasamund, Bilaspur, Bemetara and Kabirdham show none of the inactive weaving cooperative societies with 04, 10, 02 and 01 active weaving cooperative societies while Durg have none of the abolished weaving cooperative societies but shows 05 active weaving cooperative societies.

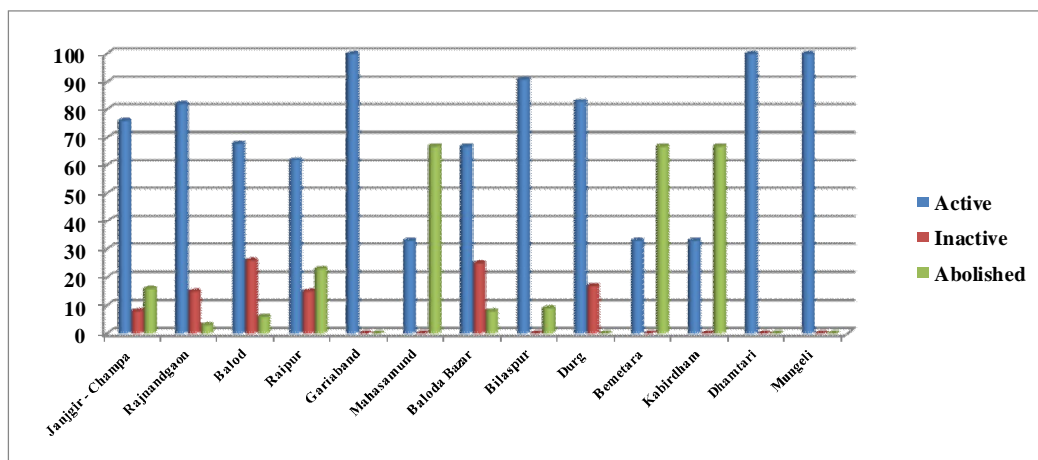


Fig. 4 Graph representing number of active, inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies in Central Chhattisgarh

Graph in Fig. 4 represents Janjgir-Champa with highest percentage of active weaving cooperative societies among inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies present in it. Percentage of inactive weaving cooperative societies is lesser in all districts as compared to active weaving cooperative societies. Gariaband, Dhamtari and Mungeli show only active weaving cooperative societies with none of the inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies. Inactive weaving cooperative societies are absent in Mahasamund, Bilaspur, Bemetara, Kabirdham while abolished weaving cooperative societies are absent in Durg along with Gariaband, Dhamtari and Mungeli.

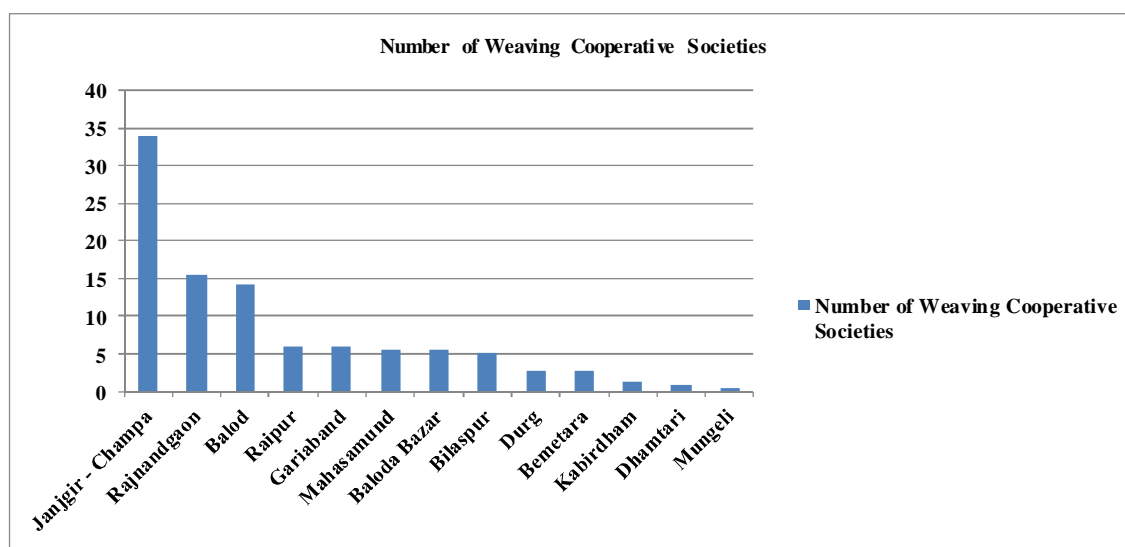


Fig. 5 Graph representing total number of weaving cooperative societies in Central Chhattisgarh

Fig. 5 shows that all districts in Central Chhattisgarh comprises of weaving cooperative societies in which Janjgir-Champa presents highest number of weaving cooperative societies while Mungeli acquires least number of weaving cooperative societies among all

districts in Central Chhattisgarh. Rajnandgaon and Balod are in second and third position amongst total number of weaving cooperative societies in Central Chhattisgarh.

TABLE III  
NUMBER OF WEAVING COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN SOUTHERN CHHATTISGARH

S.No.	Districts	Weaving Cooperative Societies			Total
		Active	Inactive	Abolished	
1	Bastar	9 (60%)	6 (40%)	-	15 (41%)
2	Kanker	5 (83%)	-	1 (17%)	6 (16%)
3	Kondagaon	4 (67%)	2 (33%)	-	6 (16%)
4	Dantewada	-	5 (100%)	-	5 (13 %)
5	Bijapur	-	3 (100%)	-	3 (8 %)
6	Sukma	-	1 (100%)	-	1 (3%)
7	Narayanpur	-	1 (100%)	-	1 (3%)
Total		18	18	1	37

Table III presents Bastar with maximum active weaving cooperative societies amongst all districts in Southern Chhattisgarh. Sukma and Narayanpur have only one weaving cooperative society which is also inactive, thus no handloom activities are performed in these districts. Similarly, Dantewada and Bijapur comprises of only 05 and 03 inactive weaving cooperative societies so there is also no chance of handloom activities. An abolished weaving cooperative society is found only in Kanker among Southern Chhattisgarh.

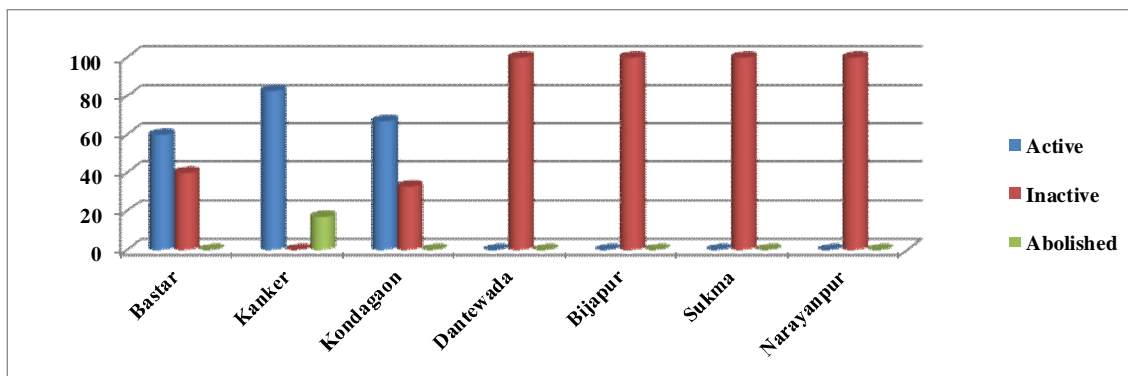


Fig. 6: Graph representing number of active, inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies in Southern Chhattisgarh

Given Graph presents Bastar, Kanker and Kondagaon with active weaving cooperative societies while Kanker is the only district with abolished weaving cooperative societies. Each district in Southern Chhattisgarh comprises of inactive weaving cooperative societies except Kanker district. Bastar, Kanker and Kondagaon are with 60%, 83% and 67% active weaving cooperative societies among all the weaving cooperative societies present in that district.

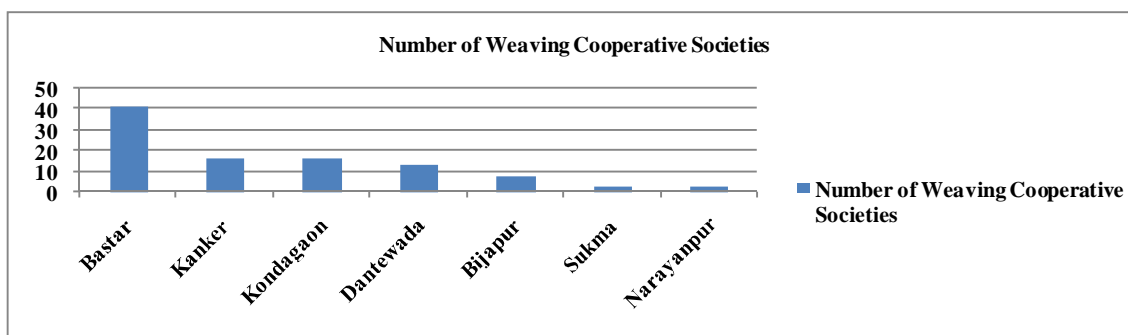


Fig. 7: Graph representing total number of Weaving Cooperative Societies in South Chhattisgarh

In Fig. 7, it is observed that Bastar acquires first position in number of weaving cooperative societies around Southern Chhattisgarh while Narayanpur shows much less weaving cooperative societies as compared to other districts in Southern Chhattisgarh. Kanker and Kondagaon have equal number of weaving cooperative societies, after which Dantewada occupies its position in number of weaving cooperative societies among Southern Chhattisgarh.

TABLE IVV  
NUMBER OF WEAVING COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN VARIOUS REGIONS OF CHHATTISGARH

S.No.	Districts	Active	Inactive	Abolished	Total
1	Northern	37 (60%)	10 (16%)	15 (24%)	62 (19%)
2	Central	159 (73%)	25 (11%)	34 (16%)	218 (69%)
3	Southern	18 (49%)	18 (49%)	1 (2%)	37 (12%)
Total		214	53	50	317

In Table IV, it is observed that Central Chhattisgarh consists of maximum 218 weaving cooperative societies with maximum 159 active weaving cooperative societies. Most of the total numbers of inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies are found in Central Chhattisgarh.

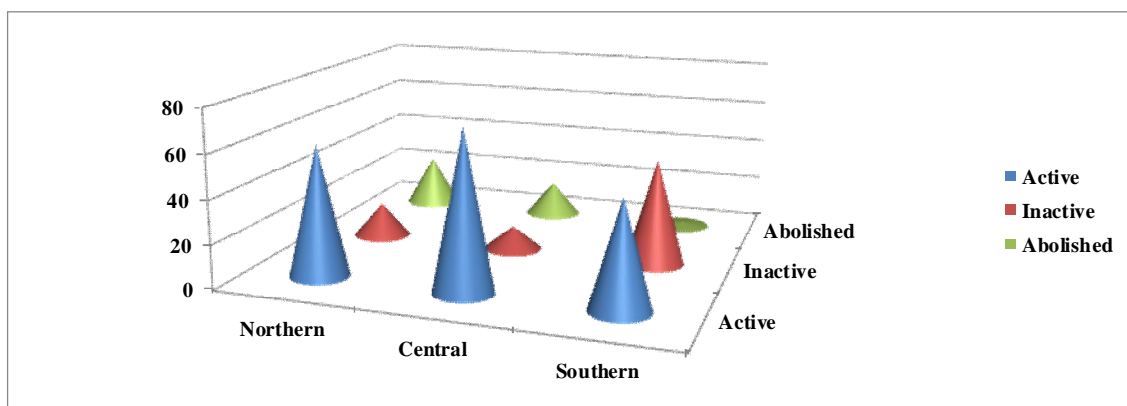


Fig. 8 Graph showing total number of active, inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies in Northern, Central and Southern Chhattisgarh

Graph in Fig. 8 shows that in Northern and Central Chhattisgarh, active weaving cooperative societies acquaint with higher percentage as compared to total number of inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies while Southern Chhattisgarh comprises of equal number of active and inactive weaving cooperative societies. Northern and Central Chhattisgarh shows least percentage of inactive weaving cooperative societies while Southern Chhattisgarh shows only 2% abolished weaving cooperative societies.

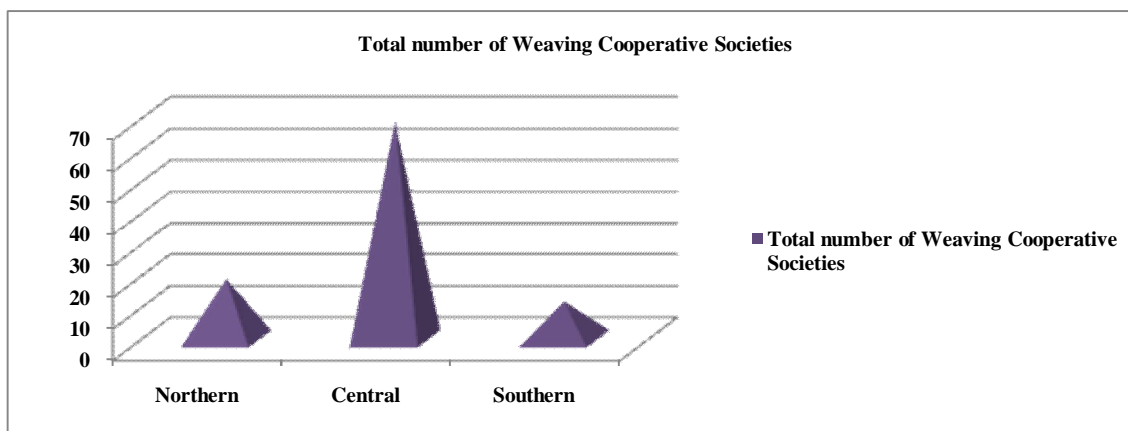


Fig. 9 Graph showing overall total number of weaving cooperative societies in Northern, Central and Southern Chhattisgarh

Graph in Fig. 9 identifies that Central Chhattisgarh acquires first position in total number of weaving cooperative societies while Southern Chhattisgarh consists of least number of weaving cooperative societies as compared to other regions of Chhattisgarh State.

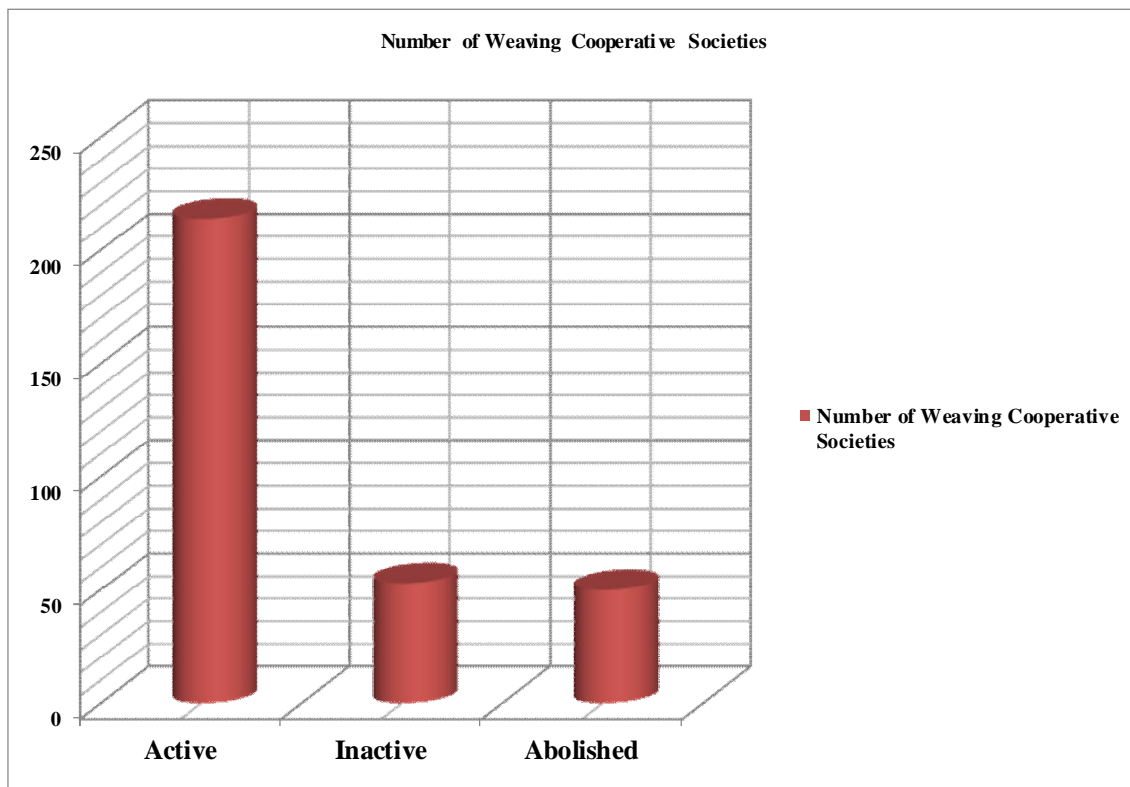


Fig. 10: Graph showing number of Active, Inactive and Abolished weaving cooperative societies in Chhattisgarh state

Fig. 10 shows that Chhattisgarh state mostly comprises of active weaving cooperative societies while number of inactive weaving cooperative societies is little bit higher than abolished weaving cooperative societies.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

It is concluded that Chhattisgarh state comprises of most of the active weaving cooperative societies. Abolished weaving cooperative societies are little less in number than inactive weaving cooperative societies in Chhattisgarh state. Highest number of active, inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies are found in Central Chhattisgarh only, when compared with other regions of Chhattisgarh state. This region covers the major part of weaving cooperative societies. Janjgir Champa in Central Chhattisgarh shows highest number of weaving cooperative societies while Mungeli consists of only one weaving cooperative societies in Central Chhattisgarh that is active. Central Chhattisgarh shows maximum number of active weaving cooperative societies while abolished weaving cooperative societies are more in number than inactive weaving cooperative societies.

Balrampur, Surajpur and Korea in Northern Chhattisgarh are not having any weaving cooperative societies. Raigarh occupies first position regarding number of weaving cooperative societies while Jashpur consists of only one weaving cooperative societies in Northern Chhattisgarh. Active weaving cooperative societies are more in Northern Chhattisgarh while inactive weaving cooperative societies are less in number as compared to abolished weaving cooperative societies.

Southern Chhattisgarh consists of equal number of active and inactive weaving Cooperative Societies with only one weaving cooperative societies that is present in Kanker of Northern Chhattisgarh. Large number of weaving cooperative societies present in Bastar while Dantewada, Bijapur, Sukma and Narayanpur shows little number of weaving cooperative societies in Southern Chhattisgarh which are inactive.

Less or no handloom activities performed in districts that is composed of only inactive and abolished weaving cooperative societies. Such districts are: Balrampur, Surajpur, Korea of Northern Chhattisgarh and Dantewada, Bijapur, Sukma, Narayanpur of Southern Chhattisgarh. Central Chhattisgarh composed of no such districts, so this region is more developed in view of handloom activities.





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