Feasibility Study

Chapter 7

Introduction

- To determine what the candidate system is to do by defining its expected performance.
- Thus a feasibility study is carried out to select the best system that meets performance requirements

Types of Feasibility Study

- Economic Feasibility
- Technical Feasibility
- Behavioral Feasibility

Economic Feasibility

- Also known as cost benefit analysis
- To determine the benefits and savings that are expected from a candidate system and compare them with costs.
- If Benefits outweigh Costs, then the decision is made to Design and Implement the system.

Technical Feasibility

- It checks whether the existing computer system supports the candidate system or not or up to what extent it supports.
- It basically centers around Hardware, Software etc.
 - For e.g. Current Computer is operating at 77 % capacity and running another application can Overload the system so need new system.

Behavioral Feasibility

- An estimate should be made of how strong a reaction the user staff is likely to have towards the development of a computerized system.
- It is common knowledge that computer installation have something to do with Turnover, Transfers and changes in employee Job Status.

For e.g. SBI Bank.

Steps in Feasibility Analysis

- 1. Form a project team and appoint a project leader
- 2. Prepare system flowcharts
- 3. Enumerate potential candidate systems
- Describe and identify characteristics of candidate systems
- 5. Determine and evaluate performance and cost effectiveness of each candidate system
- 6. Weight system performance and cost data
- 7. Select the best candidate system
- Prepare and report final project directive to management