

**LECTURE NOTES ON**

**MANAGEMENTSCIENCE**

**IVB.TECHISEMESTER**

**MANAGEMENTSCIENCE**  
**UNIT– 1**  
**INTRODUCTIONTOMANAGEMENT**

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**Management** in businesses and organizations is the function that coordinates the efforts of people to accomplish goals and objectives by using available resources efficiently and effectively.

**Introduction to Management:**

When human beings started group activities for the attainment of some common objectives whenever a group is formed and a group activity is organized to achieve certain common objectives management is needed to direct, co-ordinate and integrate the individual activities of a group and secure teams work to accomplish organizational objectives. The objectives of all business are attained by utilizing these scarce resources like men, materials, machines, money etc.

In process of management, a manager uses human skills, material resources and scientific methods to perform all the activities leading to the achievement of goods.

**CONCEPT OF MANAGEMENT**

**"Management** is the coordination of all resources through the process of planning, organizing, directing and controlling in order to attain stated goals."

1. **"To manage is to forecast, to plan, to organize, to command, to co-ordinate and to control."** — Henry Fayol. It attempts to describe management in terms of what a manager does, and not what management is.

2. **"Management is a multipurpose organ that manages a business and manages manager, and manages worker and work."**—P. Drucker: The Practice of Management

- (i) Managing a business;
- (ii) Managing manager; and
- (iii) Managing workers and work.

Even if one is omitted, we would not have management anymore and we also would not have a business enterprise or an industrial society. According to P. Drucker, the manager has to balance and harmonize three major functions of the business enterprise.

Hence, a manager is a dynamic and life-giving element in every business. Without efficient management we cannot secure the best allocation and utilization of human, material and financial resources.

**DEFINITION OF MANAGEMENT**

Management is an art of getting things done through by others with the help of planning, organising, staffing, directing and controlling functions to achieve an individual/group goals and objectives.

**"Management is knowing exactly what you want men to do and then seeing that they do it the best and cheapest ways"**. By F.W. Taylor

**"Management is defined as the creation and maintenance of an internal environment in an enterprise where individuals working together in groups, can perform efficiently and effectively towards the attainment of group goals"**. By Koontz and O'Donell

## **NATURE AND IMPORTANCE OF MANAGEMENT**

### **NATURE**

1. Management is goal oriented or purposive activity
2. Management is group activity
3. Management is a universal process or pervasive activity
4. Management is multi-disciplinary
5. Management is ongoing activity/continuous process
6. Management is a social process
7. Coordination of human and physical resources or management integrates human and physical resources
8. Activating employees
9. Management is both a science and an art

### **IMPORTANCE**

Achieving business

objective Optimum use of business

resources Effective leadership and mo

tivation

Effective organization and co-

ordination Establishing clear authority

and responsibility Solution of labor problems

Fulfilling social responsibility

## **FUNCTIONS OF MANAGEMENT:**



**Planning:** Involves selecting the objectives and actions to achieve them. Planning stage involves decision making and choosing future courses of action from the various

alternatives. **Organizing:** Role of each person in any organization is fixed. The concept of role is who will be doing what should be known, to achieve organizational targets efficiently. It is intended that all the tasks necessary to achieve targets are assigned to people who can do the best.

**Staffing:** Staffing function includes keeping the various organizational positions fixed. This activity is done by identifying work force requirements, keeping the records of the performance of people working with the organization. So that suitable people can be prompted and at the same time people performing not up to the mark could be sent for training. If all the above activities are taking place in a nice way in any organization, it will give a minimum work force turnover.

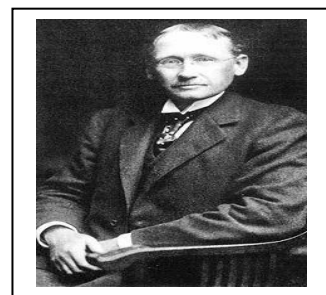
**Directing:** Directing means influencing people, so that they will contribute to the organization targets. Directing involves motivation, leadership styles and proper communication.

**Controlling:** It is the process of comparing the plans with the results. If there is deviation, it is taken to be bridged between plan and actual results.

## **EVALUATION OF SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT**

**Scientific management** is a theory of management that analyzes and synthesizes workflows. Its main objective is improving economic efficiency, especially labour productivity. It was one of the earliest attempts to apply science to the engineering of processes and to management. Scientific management is sometimes known

as **Taylorism** after its founder, Frederick Winslow Taylor.



F.W. TAYLOR 1856-1915

Taylor began the theory's development in the United States during the 1880s and '90s within manufacturing industries, especially steel. Its peak of influence came in the 1910s;<sup>[2]</sup> Taylor died

in 1915 and by the 1920s, scientific management was still influential but had entered into competition and syncretism with opposing or complementary ideas.

Although scientific management as a distinct theory or school of thought was obsolete by the 1930s, most of its themes are still important parts of industrial engineering and management today. These include: analysis; synthesis; logic; rationality; empiricism; work ethic; efficiency and elimination of waste; standardization of best practices; disdain for tradition preserved merely for its own sake or to protect the social status of particular workers with particular skill sets; the transformation of craft production into mass production; and knowledge transfer between workers and from workers into tools, processes, and documentation.

The main elements of the Scientific Management are: "Time studies Functional or specialized supervision Standardization of tools and implements Standardization of work methods Separate Planning function Management by exception principle The use of "slide-rules and similar time-saving devices" Instruction cards for workmen Task allocation and large bonus for successful performance The use of the 'differential rate' Mnemonic systems for classifying products and implements A routing system A modern costing system etc. etc. " Taylor called these elements "merely the elements or details of the mechanisms of management" He saw them as extensions of the four principles of management.

1. The development of a true science
2. The scientific selection of the workman
3. The scientific education and development of the workman
4. Intimate and friendly cooperation between the management and the men.

## **PRINCIPLES OF SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT**

Principles of scientific management propounded by Taylor are: 1. Science, Not Rule of Thumb 2. Harmony, Not Discord 3. Mental Revolution 4. Cooperation, Not Individualism 5. Development of each and every person to his or her greatest efficiency and prosperity.

### **1. Science, Not Rule of Thumb:**

In order to increase organisational efficiency, the 'Rule of Thumb' method should be substituted by the methods developed through scientific analysis of work.

Rule of Thumb means decisions taken by manager as per their personal judgments. According to Taylor, even a small production activity like loading iron sheets into box cars can be scientifically planned. This will help in saving time as well as human energy. Decisions should be based on scientific enquiry with cause and effect relationships.

This principle is concerned with selecting the best way of performing a job through the application of scientific analysis and not by intuition or hit and trial methods.

The work assigned to any employee should be observed and analyzed with respect to each element or part thereof and the time involved therein so as to decide the best way of performing that the work and to determine the standard output for same.

## **2. Harmony, Not Discord:**

Taylor emphasized that there should be complete harmony between the workers and the management since if there is any conflict between the two, it will not be beneficial either for the workers or the management.

Both the management and the workers should realize the importance of each other. In order to achieve this state, Taylor suggested a complete mental revolution on the part of both management and workers.

It means that there should be complete change in the attitude and outlook of workers and management towards each other. It should always be kept in mind that prosperity for an employer cannot exist for a long time unless it is accompanied by the prosperity of the employees of that organisation and vice versa.

It becomes possible by (a) sharing a part of surplus with workers (b) training of employees, (c) division of work (d) team spirit (e) positive attitude (f) sense of discipline (g) sincerity etc.

Management should always be ready to share the gains of the company with the workers and the latter should provide their full cooperation and hard work for achieving organizational goals. Group action with mutual trust and understanding should be perfect understanding the focus of working.

This principle requires that there should be perfect understanding between the management and workers and both should feel that they are part of same family. It helps to produce synergy effect since both management and workers work in unison.

For example, in most of the Japanese companies, paternalistic style of management is in practice and there is complete openness between workers and the management. Usually, workers don't go on the strike but, if at all they do so, they just wear a black badge and work even more than the normal hours just to impress upon the management that their focus is on their demands as well as organisational objectives.

## **3. Mental Revolution:**

The technique of Mental Revolution involves a change in the attitude of workers and management towards each other. Both should realize the importance of each other and should work with full cooperation. Management as well as the workers should aim to increase the profit of the organization.

For this the workers should put in their best efforts so that the company makes profit and on the other hand management should share part of profits with the workers. Thus, mental revolution requires a complete change in the outlook of both management and workers. There should be a spirit of togetherness between workers and management.

## **4. Cooperation, Not Individualism:**

This principle is an extension of principle of 'Harmony, not discord' and lays stress on mutual cooperation between workers and the management. Cooperation, mutual confidence, sense of goodwill

should prevail among both, managers as well as workers. The intention is to replace internal competition with cooperation.

Both 'Management' and 'Workers' should realize the importance of each other. Workers should be considered as part of management and should be allowed to take part in decision making process of the management. Management should always welcome their suggestions and should also reward them if their suggestions prove to be beneficial for the organisation viz. reduction of costs or increase in production etc.

At the same time, workers should also resist from going on strike or making unnecessary demands from management. Workers should be treated as integral part of organisation and all important decisions should be taken after due consultation with workers. Both of them should visualize themselves as two pillars whose soundness alone can ensure achievement of common goals of the organisation.

Taylor also suggested that there should be proper division of work and responsibility between the two. Management should always guide, encourage and help the workers.

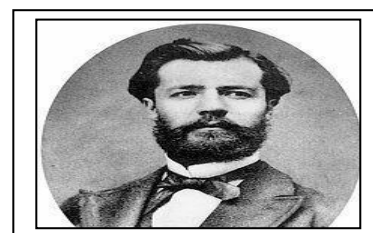
**5. Development of each and every person to his or her greatest efficiency and prosperity:** Efficiency of any organisation also depends on the skills and capabilities of its employees to a great extent. Thus, providing training to the workers was considered essential in order to learn the best method developed through the use of scientific approach. To attain the efficiency, steps should be taken right from the process of selection of employees. Employees should be scientifically selected.

The work assigned to each employee should suit his/her physical, mental and intellectual capabilities. Efficient employees produce more to earn more. This ultimately helps to attain efficiency and prosperity for both organisation and the employees.

## **EVOLUTION OF MODERN MANAGEMENT (OR) HENRY FAYOL'S ADMINISTRATIVE THEORY**

Henri Fayol (Istanbul, 29 July 1841 – Paris, 19 November 1925) was a French mining engineer, mining executive, author and director of mines who developed a general theory of business

administration that is often called Fayolism. Mining engineering



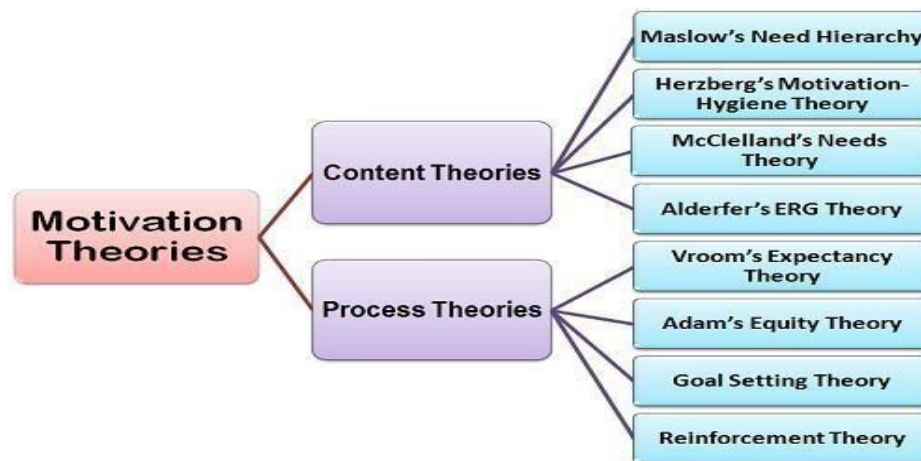
**HENRY FAYOL 1841-1925**

He and his colleagues developed this theory independently of scientific management but roughly contemporaneously. Like his contemporary, Frederick Winslow Taylor, he is widely acknowledged as a founder of modern management methods.



1. **Division of work** - The division of work is the course of tasks assigned to, and completed by, a group of workers in order to increase efficiency. Division of work, which is also known as division of labour, is the breaking down of a job so as to have a number of different tasks that make up the whole.
2. **Authority and Responsibility** - Authority is the right to give orders and obtain obedience, and responsibility is the corollary of authority.
3. **Discipline** - Employees must obey and respect the rules that govern the organization. Good discipline is the result of effective leadership.
4. **Unity of command** - Every employee should receive orders from only one superior or behalf of the superior.
5. **Unity of direction** - Each group of organizational activities that have the same objective should be directed by one manager using one plan for achievement of one common goal.
6. **Subordination** - The interests of any one employee or group of employees should not take precedence over the interests of the organization as a whole.
7. **Remuneration** - All workers must be paid a fair wage for their services.
8. **Centralisation and decentralisation** - Centralisation refers to the degree to which subordinates are involved in decision making.
9. **Scalar chain** - The line of authority from top management to the lowest ranks represents the scalar chain. Communications should follow this chain.
10. **Order** - This principle is concerned with systematic arrangement of men, machine, material etc. There should be a specific place for every employee in an organization.
11. **Equity** - Managers should be kind and fair to their subordinates.
12. **Stability of tenure of personnel** - High employee turnover is inefficient. Management should provide orderly personnel planning and ensure that replacements are available to fill vacancies.
13. **Initiative** - Employees who are allowed to originate and carry out plans will exert high levels of effort.
14. **Esprit de corps** - Promoting team spirit will build harmony and unity within the organization.

# MOTIVATION THEORIES



## **1. Maslow's Need Hierarchy Theory:**

It is probably safe to say that the most well-known theory of motivation is Maslow's need hierarchy theory. Maslow's theory is based on the human needs. Drawing chiefly on his clinical experience, he classified all human needs into a hierarchical manner from the lower to the higher order.

In essence, he believed that once a given level of need is satisfied, it no longer serves to motivate man. Then, the next higher level of need has to be activated in order to motivate the man. Maslow identified five levels in his need hierarchy as shown in figure



### **1. Physiological Needs:**

These needs are basic to human life and, hence, include food, clothing, shelter, air, water and necessities of life. These needs relate to the survival and maintenance of human life. They exert tremendous influence on human behaviour. These needs are to be met first at least partly before higher level needs emerge. Once physiological needs are satisfied, they no longer motivate the man.

### **2. Safety Needs:**

After satisfying the physiological needs, the next needs felt are called safety and security needs. These needs find expression in such desires as economic security and protection from physical dangers. Meeting these needs requires more money and, hence, the individual is prompted to work more. Like physiological needs, these become inactive once they are satisfied.

### **3. Social Needs:**

Man is a social being. He is, therefore, interested in social interaction, companionship, belongingness, etc. It is this socialising and belongingness why individuals prefer to work in groups and especially older people go to work.

### **4. Esteem Needs:**

These needs refer to self-esteem and self-respect. They include such needs which indicate self-confidence, achievement, competence, knowledge and independence. The fulfillment of esteem needs leads to self-confidence, strength and capability of being useful in the organisation. However, inability to fulfill these needs results in feeling like inferiority, weakness and helplessness.

### **5. Self-Actualisation Needs:**

This level represents the culmination of all the lower, intermediate, and higher needs of human beings. In other words, the final step under the need hierarchy model is the need for self-actualization. This refers to fulfillment.

The term self-actualization was coined by Kurt Goldstein and means to become actualized in what one is potentially good at. In effect, self-actualization is the person's motivation to transform perception of self into reality.

According to Maslow, the human needs follow a definite sequence of domination. The second need does not arise until the first is reasonably satisfied, and the third need does not emerge until the first two needs have been reasonably satisfied and it goes on. The other side of the need hierarchy is that human needs are unlimited. However, Maslow's need hierarchy theory is not without its detractors.

### **2. Herzberg's Motivation Hygiene Theory:**

The psychologist Frederick Herzberg extended the work of Maslow and proposed a new motivation theory popularly known as Herzberg's Motivation Hygiene (Two-Factor) Theory. Herzberg conducted a widely reported motivational study on 200 accountants and engineers employed by firms in and around Western Pennsylvania.

#### **He asked these people to describe two important incidents at their jobs:**

- (1) When did you feel particularly good about your job, and
- (2) When did you feel exceptionally bad about your job? He used the critical incident method of obtaining data.

The responses when analysed were found quite interesting and fairly consistent. The replies respondents gave when they felt good about their jobs were significantly different from the replies given when they felt bad. Reported good feelings were generally associated with job satisfaction, whereas bad feelings with job dissatisfaction. Herzberg labelled the job satisfiers motivators, and he called job dissatisfiers hygiene or maintenance factors. Taken together, the motivators and hygiene factors have become known as Herzberg's two-factor theory of motivation.

According to Herzberg, the opposite of satisfaction is not dissatisfaction. The underlying reason, he says, is that removal of dissatisfying characteristics from a job does not necessarily make the job satisfying. He believes in the existence of a dual continuum. The opposite of 'satisfaction' is 'no satisfaction' and the opposite of 'dissatisfaction' is 'no dissatisfaction'.

According to Herzberg, today's motivators are tomorrow's hygiene because the latter stop influencing the behaviour of persons when they get them. Accordingly, one's hygiene may be the motivator of another.



**However, Herzberg's model is labeled with the following criticism also:**

1. People generally tend to take credit themselves when things go well. They blame failure on the external environment.
2. The theory basically explains job satisfaction, not motivation.
3. Even job satisfaction is not measured on an overall basis. It is not unlikely that a person may dislike part of his/her job, still think the job acceptable.
4. This theory neglects situational variables to motivate an individual.

Because of its ubiquitous nature, salary commonly shows up as a motivator as well as hygiene.

Regardless of criticism, Herzberg's 'two-factor motivation theory' has been widely read and a few managers seem untamable with his recommendations. The main use of his recommendations lies in planning and controlling of employees work.

### **3. McClelland's Need Theory:**

Another well-known need-based theory of motivation, as opposed to hierarchy of needs of satisfaction-dissatisfaction, is the theory developed by McClelland and his associates'. McClelland developed his theory based on Henry Murray's developed long list of motives and manifest needs used in his early studies of personality. McClelland's need-theory is closely associated with learning theory, because he

believed that needs are learned or acquired by the kinds of events people experienced in their environment and culture.

He found that people who acquire a particular need behave differently from those who do not have. His theory focuses on Murray's three needs; achievement, power and affiliation. In the literature, these three needs are abbreviated "nAch", "nPow", and "nAff" respectively.

### **McClelland's Motivational Needs**



**They are defined as follows:**

#### **Need for Achievement:**

This is the drive to excel, to achieve in relation to a set of standard, and to strive to succeed. In other words, need for achievement is a behaviour directed toward competition with a standard of excellence. McClelland found that people with a high need for achievement perform better than those with

a moderate or low need for achievement, and noted regional/national differences in achievement motivation.

**Through his research, McClelland identified the following three characteristics of high-need achievers:**

1. High-need achievers have a strong desire to assume personal responsibility for performing a task for finding a solution to a problem.
2. High-need achievers tend to set moderately difficult goals and take calculated risks.
3. High-need achievers have a strong desire for performance feedback.

#### **Need for Power:**

The need for power is concerned with making an impact on others, the desire to influence others, the urge to change people, and the desire to make a difference in life. People with a high need for power are people who like to be in control of people and events. This results in ultimate satisfaction to a man.

**People who have a high need for power are characterized by:**

1. A desire to influence and direct somebody else.



2. A desire to exercise control over others.
3. A concern for maintaining leader-follower relations.

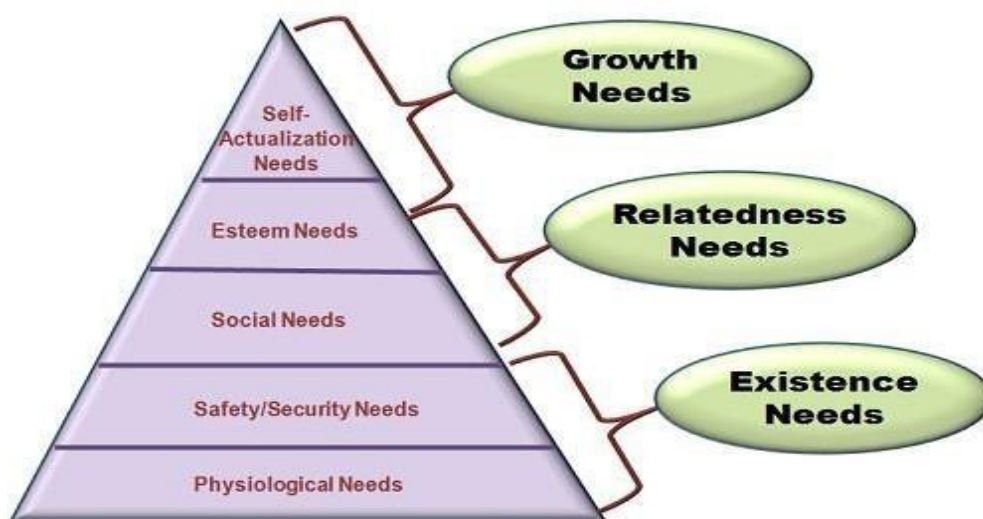
#### **Need for Affiliation:**

The need for affiliation is defined as a desire to establish and maintain friendly and warm relations with other people'. The need for affiliation, in many ways, is similar to Maslow's social needs.

#### **The people with high need for affiliation have these characteristics:**

1. They have a strong desire for acceptance and approval from others.
2. They tend to conform to the wishes of those people whose friendship and companionship they value.
3. They value the feelings of others.

#### **4. ALDERFER'S ERG Theory:**



Alderfer further developed Maslow's hierarchy of needs by categorizing the hierarchy into his **ERG theory** (Existence, Relatedness and Growth). The existence group is concerned with providing the basic material existence requirements of humans. They include the items that Maslow considered to be physiological and safety needs. The second group of needs is those of relatedness – the desire people have for maintaining important interpersonal relationships. These social and status desires require interaction with others if they are to be satisfied, and they align with Maslow's social need and the external component of Maslow's esteem classification. Finally, Alderfer isolates growth needs: an intrinsic desire for personal development. These include the intrinsic component from Maslow's esteem category and the characteristics included under self-actualization. Alderfer categorized the lower order needs (Physiological and Safety) into the Existence category. He fit Maslow's interpersonal love and esteem needs into the Relatedness category. The Growth category contained the self-actualization and self-esteem needs. Alderfer also proposed a regression theory to go along with the ERG theory. He said that when needs in a higher category are not met then individuals redouble the efforts invested in a lower category need. For example if self-actualization or self-esteem is not met then individuals will invest more effort in the relatedness category in the hopes of achieving the higher need.

## **DESIGNING ORGANISATION STRUCTURE – PRINCIPLES AND TYPES OF ORGANISATION**

### **Organization:**

Organization is form of organizing which is a part of management process. Organization defined as collectivity of people for achieving common objectives.

“Organization means the determination and assignment of duties to people, and also the establishment and the maintenance of authority relationships among these grouped activities. It is the structural framework within which the various efforts are coordinated and related to each other”.

**Definitions:** “Organization are collectivities of people that have been established for the pursuit of relatively specific objectives on a more or less continuous basis”.

William Scott

“Organization is the form of every human association for the attainment of a common purpose”.

Mooney and Reilly

“Organization involves the grouping of activities necessary to accomplish goals and plans, assignment of these activities to appropriate departments and positions, to appropriate departments and positions for authority delegation and coordination”.

Koontz and O'Donnell

Organization is used in the following ways with or without prefix or suffix

1. as entity
2. as group of people
3. as structure
4. as process

### **Process of Organization:**

**Determination of objectives, strategies, plans and policies:**

Objectives should be clear and precise, be cause the entire organization is to be built around the objectives of the enterprises.

Determination of activities: Determine activities needed to execute these plans and policies and accomplish the objectives. The work load is broken into component activities that are to be performed by all the employees. The activities are so split to determine the job which can be performed by an individual.

Separation and grouping of activities: To attain the benefits of specialization and division of labour, every company, will separate its activities on the basis of primary functions like finance, engineering, purchasing, production, sales and industrial relations. All the similar or directly related activities are grouped together in the form of departments.

Delegation of authority: Authority is necessary for the performance of the job and therefore authority is delegated to the subordinates for enabling them to carry out their work smoothly and efficiently.

Delegation of responsibility: Responsibility may be described as the obligation and accountability for the performance of delegated duties. A superior is always accountable for the acts of his subordinate. Therefore, responsibility always flows from subordinate to superiors.

Establish inter-relationships: The grouped activities are placed in the overall organization structure at appropriate level.

It is necessary to integrate or integrate these groups of activities through.

a) Authority relationship horizontally, vertically and diagonally

b) Organized information or communication system i.e., with the help of effective coordination and communication.

Providing physical facilities and proper environment: Physical facilities means provide machinery, tools equipments, infrastructure etc, environment means provide proper lighting, ventilation, heating, cooling arrangement at the work place, reasonable hours of work, safety devices, job security etc

## **Principles of Organization:**

Principle of unity of objectives:

An organization structure is effective if it enables individual to contribute to entire objectives.

Principle of co-ordination: The aim of the objective can be achieved if proper coordination exists for different activities

Principles of organizational efficiency: An organization is efficient if it is structured to aid the accomplishment of enterprise objective with a minimum of unsought consequences or costs.

Span of management principle: In each managerial position, there is a limit to the number of persons an individual can effectively manage but the exact number will depend on the impact of underlying variables.

Scalar principle: The clearer the line of authority from the ultimate management position in an enterprise to every subordinate position, the clearer will be the responsibility for decision making and more effective will be organization communication.

Principle of delegation by result expected: Authority delegated to all individual managers should be adequate enough to ensure their ability to accomplish the result expected.



Principle of responsibility: The responsibility of subordinates to their superiors for performance is absolute, and superiors cannot escape responsibility for the organization's activity of their

subordinates.

Principle of parity of authority and responsibility: The responsibility for actions cannot be greater than that implied by the authority delegated, nor should it be less.

Principle of unity of command: The more complete an individual's reporting relationship to a single superior, the smaller the problem of conflicting instructions and the greater the feeling of personal responsibility for results. Authority

level principle: Maintenance of intended delegation requires that decisions within the authority of individual managers should be made by them and not be referred upward in the organization structure.

Principle of balance: The application of principles or technique must be balanced to ensure the overall effectiveness of the structure in meeting enterprise objectives.

Principle of flexibility: The more that provisions are made for building flexibility into an organization structure can fulfill its purpose.

Principle of leadership facilitation: The more an organization structure and its delegation of authority enable managers to design and maintain an environment for performance, the more they will help the leadership abilities of those managers.

### **Design of Organization structure:**

The main objective of an organization structure is to ensure that efforts of all the people working in various sections are co-ordinate and integrated for achieving the task in the most efficient and effective way with minimum consumption of resources i.e. economical ways

1) Formal organization structure

2) Informal organization structure Formal organization

structure: According to classical theorists the formal organization is built on four pillars

1) Division of labour

2) Scalar functional processes

3) Structure

4) Span of control

Definition: An organization is formal when the activities of two or more persons are consciously coordinated towards common objectives.

Informal organization: Informal organization arises spontaneously based on friendship or some common interest and not based on rules, regulation and procedures. It is developed by the employees themselves and not by the formal authority.

Definition: Informal organization brings cohesiveness to a formal organization, it brings to the members of formal organization a feeling of belonging of status, of self-respect and of gregarious satisfaction.

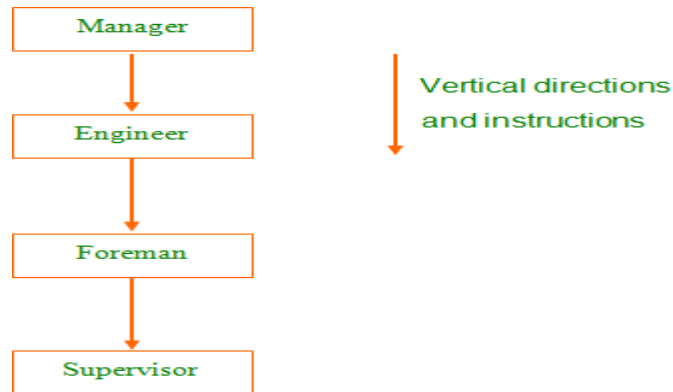
Comparison between formal and informal organization:

Basis of comparison	Formal	Informal
Formation	Planned & Spontaneous	deliberated
Purpose of interaction	Well-set goals	Social
Structure	Well structured	Unstructured
Focus	Positions	Persons
Nature	Official	Unofficial
Leadership	Superior	Anyone
Source of power	Delegated	Given by group
Guidelines for behaviour	Rules & procedures	Group norms
Source of control	Rewards/Punishment	Sanctions

Type of organization: On the basis of authority relationships organization classified as follows

1. Line organization or Military organization or Scalar organization
2. Functional organization
3. Line and Staff organization
4. Project organization
5. Committee organization
6. Matrix organization

## 1. LINE ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE



Where efforts of large number of people have to be controlled and discipline is of prime importance, line type organization structure will serve the purpose. This is also one of the oldest structures. However, in present conditions, this type of structure has lost its applicability. In line structure, the lines of instruction, directing is vertical. This means in this type of boss is always right and his orders are to be obeyed at any cost.

### **Merits:**

**Simplicity:** Line organization is very simple to establish and can be easily understood by the employees.

**Discipline:** Since each position is subject to control by its immediate superior position, often the maintenance of discipline is easy. Unity of command and unity of direction foster discipline among the people in the

organization. **Co-ordination:** The hierarchy in management helps in achieving effective coordination.

**Effective communication:** There will be a direct link between superior and his subordinate; both can communicate properly among themselves or herself. **Economical:** Line organization is easy to

operate and less expensive. **Unity of command:** In line organization every person is under the command of one boss only.

**Prompt decision:** Only one person is in charge of one division or department. This enables manager to take quick decisions.

**Over all development of the managers:** The departmental head has to look after all the activities of his department; therefore, it encourages the development of all round managers at the higher level of authority.

### **Demerits:**

**Undue reliance:** The success of the enterprise depends upon the caliber and ability of few departmental heads, loss of one or two capable men may put the organization in difficulties.

**Personnel limitations:** In this type of organization an individual executive is supposed to discharge different types of duties. He cannot do justice to all different activities because he cannot be specialized in all the trades.

Overload of work: Departmental heads are overloaded with various routine jobs hence they cannot spare time for important managerial functions like planning, development budgeting etc.

Dictatorial way:

In line organization, too much authorities centre on line executive. Hence it encourages dictatorial way of working.

Duplication of work:

Conflicting policies of different departments result in duplication of work.

Unsuitable for large concerns: It is limited to small concerns

General interest of enterprise may be over looked: Departments may work for their self-interest and may sacrifice the general interest of the enterprise.

## **2. LINE AND STAFF ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

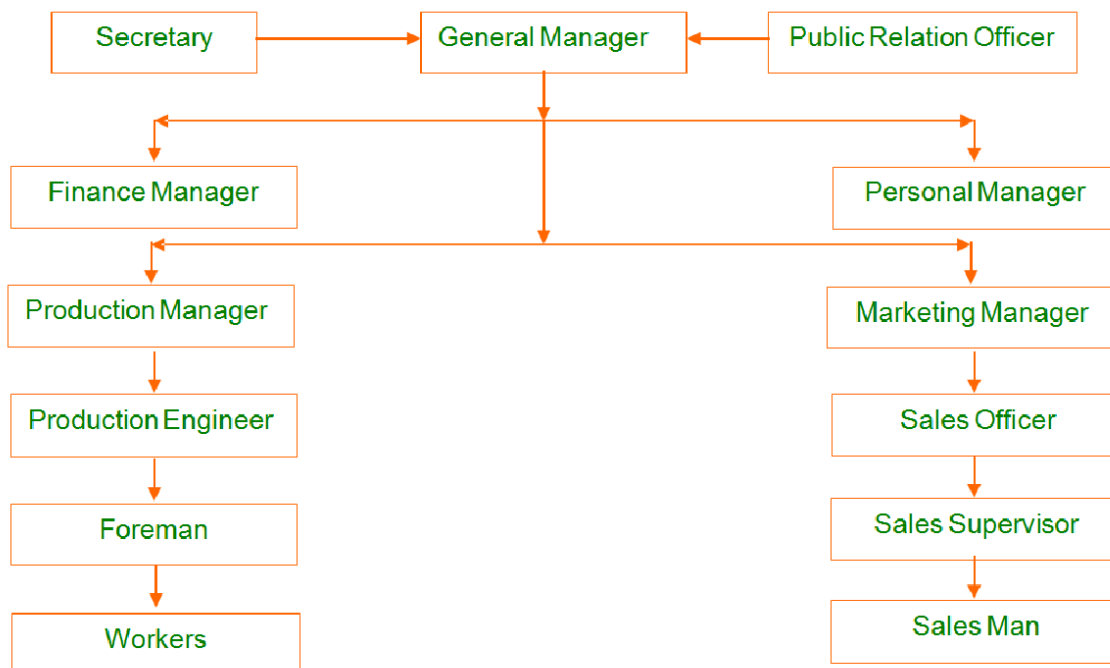
Line and Staff organization is the one in which the line heads are assisted by specialist staff.

If the firm is of large size, manager cannot give careful attention to every aspect of management. They are busy with ordinary tasks of production and selling. Hence staff is deputed to do the work of investigation, research, recording, and advising to managers. Thus the staff brings advising to managers. Thus the staff brings specialization by assisting the line officers.

“Line” means -

Operating “Staff” means -

Service



## **Merits:**

Planned specialization: The line and staff structure is based upon the principle of specialization. The line managers are responsible for operations contributing directly to the achievement

of organizational objectives whereas staff people are there to provide expert advice on the matters of their concerns.

Quality decisions: Decisions come after careful consideration and thought each expert gives his advice in the area of his specialization which is reflected in the decisions.

Prospect for personal growth: Prospect for efficient personal growth in the organization not only that, it also offers opportunity for concentrating in a particular area, thereby increasing personal efficiency

Less wastage: There will be less wastage of material.

Training ground for personnel: It provides training ground to the personnel in two ways. First, since everybody is expected to concentrate on one field, one's training needs can easily be identified. Second, the staff

with expert knowledge provides opportunities to the line managers for adopting rational multidimensional approach towards a problem.

## **Demerits:**

Chances of Misinterpretation: Although the expert advice is available, yet it reaches the workers through line supervisors. The line officers may fail to understand the meaning of advice and there is always a risk of misunderstanding and misinterpretation.

Chances of friction: There are bound to be occasions when the line and staff may differ in opinion may result in conflict of interests and prevent harmonious relations between the two.

Ineffective Staff in the absence of authority: The staff has no authority to execute their own advice. Their advice is not a binding on the line officers. Therefore the advice given by specialist may be ignored by line heads.

Expensive: The overhead cost of the product increases because of high salaries of specialized staff. Loss of initiative by line executives: If they start depending too much on staff may lose their initiative and drive an ingenuity.

## **3. FUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

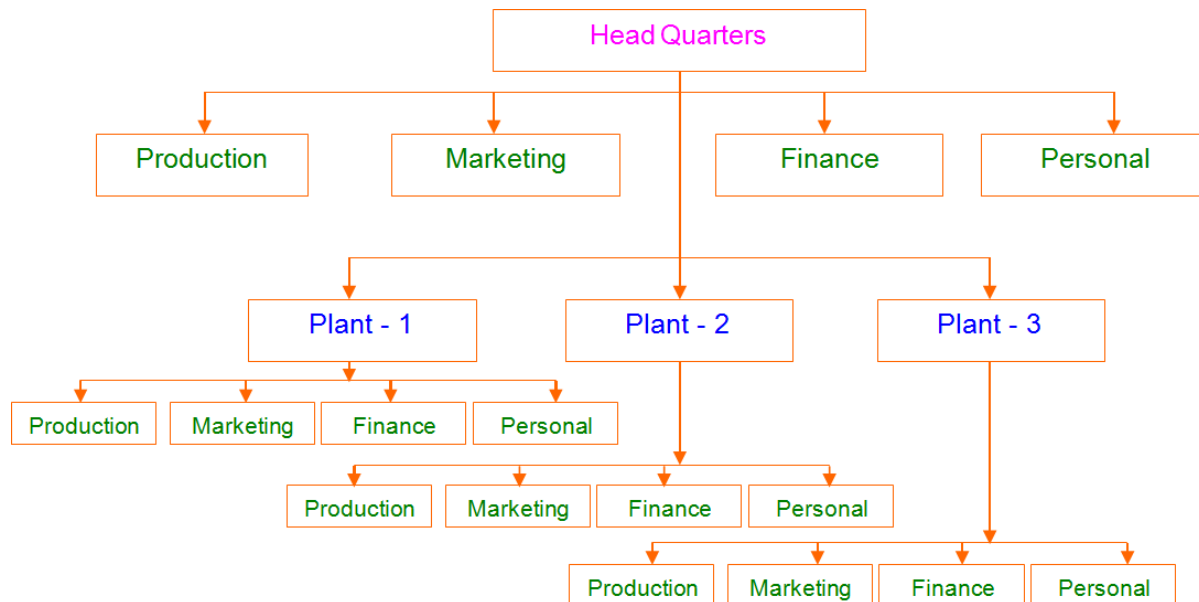
Functional organization: This structure most widely used, in the medium and large organizations having limited number of products.

This was introduced by F.W. Taylor and is logical extension of the division of labour over departments as well as men. In this authority is delegated to an individual or department to control specified processes, policies or other matter relating to activities undertaken by persons in other departments.

In this system planning is separated from performance since the direction of work is divided by

various function in

the factory. It has been found that this type of structure becomes ineffective when the work of departments and individuals increases in variety and complexity.



#### Merits:

Separation of work: In functional organization, work has been separated from routine work. The specialist has been given the authority and responsibility for supervision and administration pertaining to their field of specialization unnecessary overloading of responsibilities is thus avoided.

Specialization: Specialization and skilled supervisory attention is given to workers the result is increase in rate of production and improved quality of work. Narrow range with high depth: The narrow range of activities enable the functional expert to develop in depth understanding in his particular area of activity.

Ease in selection and training: Functional organization is based upon expert knowledge. The availability of guidance through experts makes it possible to train the workers properly in comparatively short span of time. Reduction in prime cost: Since for every operation expert guidance is there, wastage of material is reduced and thus helps to reduce prime cost. Scope of growth and development of business: This type of organization presents ample scope for the growth and development of business. Demerits:

Indispline: Since the workers receive instructions from number of specialist it leads to confusion to whom they should follow. Therefore, it is difficult to maintain discipline. Shifting of responsibility:

It is difficult for the top management to locate responsibility for the unsatisfactory work every body tries to shift responsibility on others for the faults and

failure.

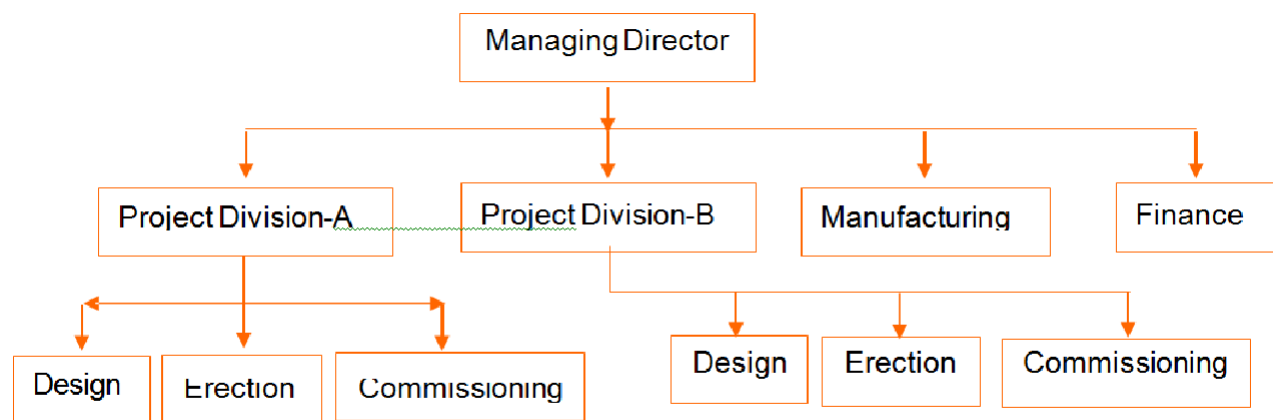
Killstheinitiativeofworkers:Asthespecializedguidanceisavailabletotheworkerstheworkers will not be using their talents and skills therefore their initiative cannot be

utilized.Overlappingofauthority:Thesphereofauthoritytendstooverlapandgivesrisetofrictionbetween the personsofequalrank.

Lackofco-ordinationbetweenfunctions:exceptthefunctioninwhichheisspecializedheis absolutely indifferent to other functions. Therefore, there is a lack of coordination of functionandefforts.

#### **4.PROJECTORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

ProjectOrganization:Aprojectorganizationis aspecialcasewherecommonservice likefinance, purchase etc.are organized at the functionallevel.Butprojectresources areallocatedtotheprojectmanager.Since thebusinessresponsibilityrestswiththeprojectmanager, necessaryauthorityisgiventohimwiththerequisiteresources.Thistypeoforganization structure helps in making decisions for project control in terms of cost, resourceand time.Ina project organizationsome of the functions are corporateresponsibility and someofthemareprojectmanager'sresponsibility.



#### **Merits:**

1. Thiscallsforquickdivisions
2. Organizingallfunctional
3. Propercoordinationofworkofdifferentdepartments

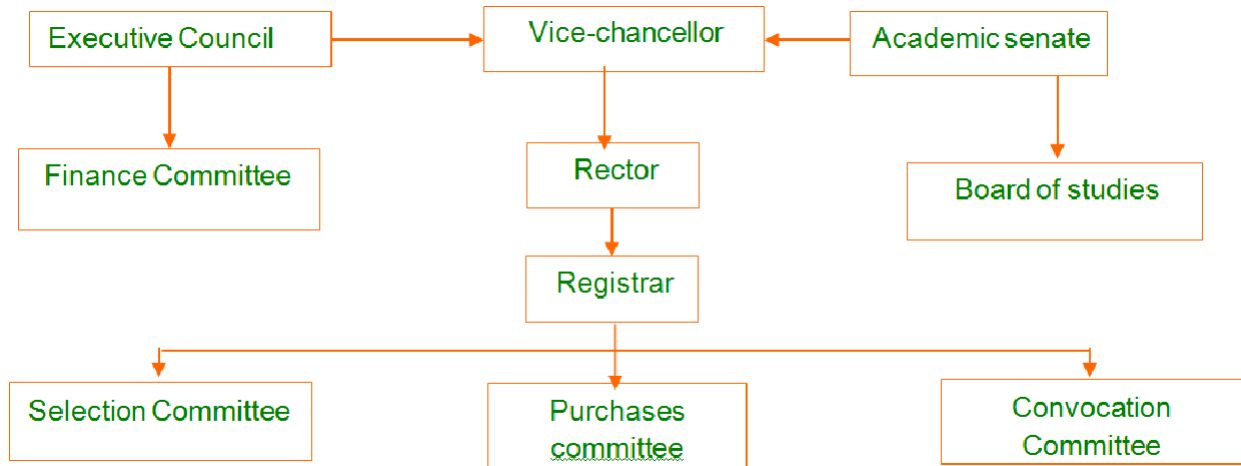
#### **Demerits:**

1. Ittendstoincreasetheproblemsofcontrolfortopmanagement
2. Itisspecialcaseofproductorganization
3. Theorganizationmaygetdisintegratedwithincreasingfocusondepartments



## **5. COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

**Committee Organization:** A committee is formed when two or more persons are appointed to work as a team to arrive at a decision on the matters referred to it. It is intended to utilize the knowledge, skills, and experiences of all the concerned parties. Particularly, in large organizations, problems are too big to be handled by one single expert.



### **Merits:**

1. It pools up the organizational resources in terms of knowledge, skills, and experiences.
2. It represents all interested groups and thus, facilitates group decision.
3. It yields good results if the committee are headed by taskmaster like chairman and time bound in terms of decision-making.
4. It minimizes the fear of too much authority vested in one person.
5. It motivates all the concerned or affected groups to participate.

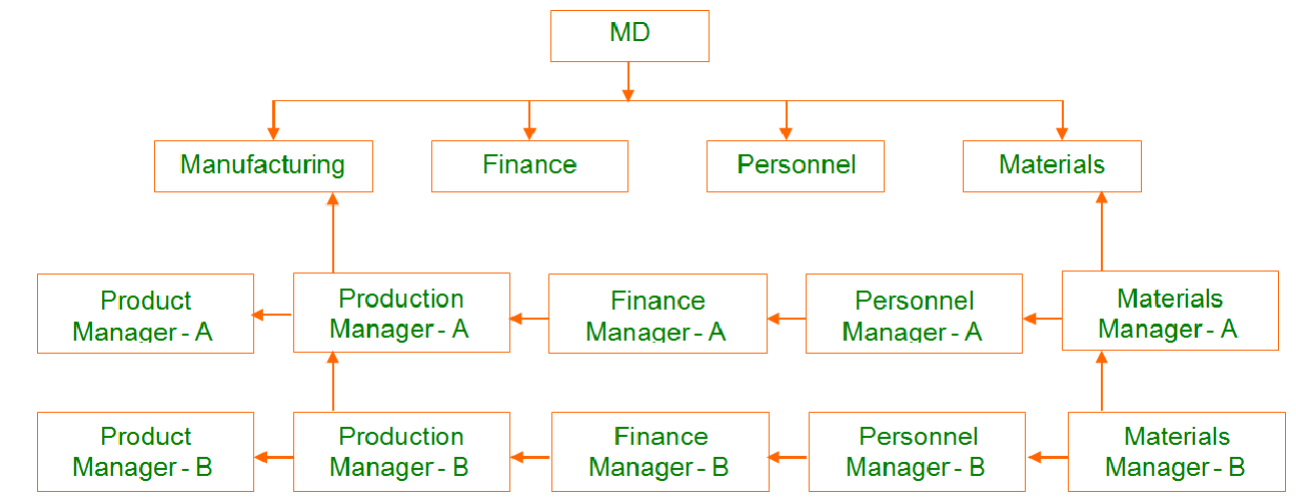
### **Demerits:**

1. Responsibility of decisions cannot be fixed on a particular person.
2. It calls for high degree of coordination.
3. It involves high cost in terms of time and money.

## **6. MATRIX ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

**Matrix Organization:** This is also called as project organization. It is a combination of all relationships in the organization in vertical, horizontal and diagonal. It is mostly used in complex projects. It provides a high degree of operational freedom, flexibility and adaptability for both the line and staff managers in performing their respective roles. The main objective of matrix

organization is to secure a higher degree of coordination than what is possible from the conventional organizational structure as the line and staff.



Merits:

1. It offers operational freedom and flexibility
2. It seeks to optimize the utilization of resources
3. It focuses on results
4. It maintains professional identity
5. It holds employees responsible for management of resources

merits:

1. It calls for greater degree of coordination
2. It violates unity of command principle
3. It may be difficult to define authority and responsibility precisely
4. Employees may find it frustrating to work with two bosses

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**PLANT LOCATION AND PLANT LAYOUT**

**PLANT LOCATION**

Plant location refers to the choice of the region where men, materials, money, machinery and equipment are brought together for setting up a business or factory. A plant is a place where the cost of the product is kept to low in order to maximize gains. Identifying an ideal location is very crucial, it should always maximize the net advantage, must minimize the unit cost of production and distribution. Plant location decisions are very important because once the plant is located at a particular site then the organization has to face the pros and cons of that initial decision.

While taking plant location decision organizations need to consider various factors such as availability of men, materials, money, machinery and equipment. At the same time plant location decisions should also focus on expanding and developing facilities, the nearness of the market, transport facilities, availability of fuel and power, availability of water and disposal of water etc. There is no exact method of analysis or assurance for the selection of an optimal location. But an extent of analysis and study can help in maximizing the probability of finding the right locations.

**Factors affecting the plant location**

Decisions regarding selecting a location need a balance of several factors. These are divided into primary factors and secondary factors; here both the factors can influence the business in the long run.

**Primary factors**

**Availability of raw materials**

Availability of raw materials is the most important factor in plant location decisions. Usually, manufacturing units where there is the conversion of raw materials into finished goods is the main task then such organizations should be located in a place where the raw materials availability is maximum and cheap.

**Nearness to the market**

Nearness of market for the finished goods not only reduces the transportation costs, but it can render quick services to the customers. If the plant is located far away from the markets then the chances of spoiling and breakage become high during transport. If the industry is nearer to the market then it can grasp the market share by offering quick services.

**Availability of labor**

Another most important factor which influences the plant location decisions is the availability of labor.

The combination of the adequate number of labor with suitable skills and reasonable labor wages can highly benefit the firm. However, labor-intensive firms should select the plant location which is nearer to the source of manpower.

### **Transport facilities**

In order to bring the raw materials to the firm or to carrying the finished goods to the market, transport facilities are very important. Depending on the size of the finished goods or raw materials a suitable transportation is necessary such as roads, water, rail, and air. Here the transportation costs highly increase the cost of production, such organizations can not complete with the rival firms. Here the point considered is transportation costs must be kept low.

### **Availability of fuel and power**

Unavailability of fuel and power is the major drawback in selecting a location for firms. Fuel and power are necessary for almost all the manufacturing units, so locating firms nearer to the coal beds and power industries can highly reduce the wastage of efforts, money and time due to the unavailability of fuel and power.

### **Availability of water**

Depending on the nature of the plant firm should give importance to the locations where water is available.

For example, power plants where use water to produce power should be located near the water bodies.

### **Secondary**

#### **factors**

#### **Suitability of climate**

Climate is really an influencing factor for industries such as agriculture, leather, and textile, etc. For such industries extreme humid or dry conditions are not suitable for plant location. Climate can affect the labor efficiency and productivity.

### **Government policies**

While selecting a location for the plant, it is very important to know the local existing Government policies such as licensing policies, institutional finance, Government subsidies, Government benefits associated with establishing a unit in the urban areas or rural areas, etc.

### **Availability of finance**

Finance is the most important factor for the smooth running of any business; it should not be far away from the plant location. However, in the case of decisions regarding plant location, it is the secondary important factor because financial needs can be fulfilled easily if the firm is running smoothly. But it should be located nearer to the areas to get the working capital and other financial needs easily.

## **Competitionbetweenstates**

Inordertoattracttheinvestmentandlargescaleindustriesvariousstatesoffersubsidies,benefits, and sales tax exemptions to the new units. However, the incentives may not be big but itcanhelp thefirmsduring itsstartupstages.

## **Availabilityoffacilities**

Availability of basic facilities such as schools, hospitals, housing and recreation clubs, etc cannot motivate the workers to stick to the jobs. On the other hand, these facilities must be provided bythe organization, but here most of the employees give preference to work in the locations whereallthesebenefits/facilitiesareavailableoutsidealso.Sowhileselectingplantlocation,organizatio nsmustgivepreferencetothe locationwhereit is suitableforprovidingotherfacilitiesalso.

## **Disposalofwaste**

Disposal of waste is a major problem particularly for industries such as chemical, sugar, andleather,etc..Sothat theselectedplant locationshouldhaveprovision forthedisposal ofwaste.

## **PLANTLAYOUT**

### **MeaningandDefinitionofPlant Layout:**

Plant layout is the most effective physical arrangement, either existing or in plans of industrialfacilities i.e arrangement of machines, processing equipment and service departments to achievegreatest co-ordination and efficiency of4M's (Men, Materials, Machines and Methods) in aplant.

Layout problems are fundamental to every type of organisation/enterprise and are experienced inallkinds of concerns/undertakings.

The adequacy of layout affects the efficiency of subsequent operations. It is an important pre-requisite for efficient operations and also has a great deal in common with many problems. Oncethe site of the plant has been decided, the next important problem before the management of theenterpriseis to plan suitable layout forthe plant.

### **Definition:**

According to James Lundy, **“Layout identically involves the allocation of space and thearrangementofequipmentinsuchamannerthatoveralloperatingcostsareminimized.”**

### **NeedofPlantLayout:**

Many situations give rise to the problem of plant layout. Two plants having similar operationsmay not have identical layouts. This may be due to size of the plant, nature of the process andmanagement'scalibre.

### **Thenecessityofplantlayout maybefeltand theproblemmayarise when:**

(i) Therearedesignchanges inthe product.

- (ii) There is an expansion of the enterprise.
- (iii) There is proposed variation in the size of the departments.
- (iv) Some new product is to be added to the existing line.
- (v) Some new department is to be added to the enterprise and there is reallocation of the existing department.
- (vi) A new plant is to be set up.

### **Importance of Plant Layout:**

The layout of a plant is quite important in view of the above definition but the importance of layout may greatly vary from industry to industry.

**The possibility of attaining the best possible layout is directly proportional to following factors:**

#### **(i) The Weight, Volume or Mobility of the Product:**

If the final product is quite heavy or difficult to handle involving costly material handling equipment or a large amount of labour, important consideration will be to move the product minimum possible e.g. boiler, turbines, locomotive industries and ship building companies etc.

#### **(ii) Complexity of the Final Product:**

If the product is made up of a very large number of components and parts i.e. large number of people may be employed for handling the movement of these parts from shop to shop or from machine to machine or one assembly point to another e.g. automobile industry.

#### **(iii) The Length of the Process in Relation to Handling Time:**

If the material handling time represents a appreciable proportion of the total time of manufacturing, any reduction in handling time of the product may result in great productivity improvement of the industrial unit e.g. Steam Turbine Industry.

#### **(iv) The Extent to which the Process Tends towards Mass Production:**

With the use of automatic machines in industries for adopting mass production system of manufacturing the volume of production will increase. In view of high production output, larger percentage of manual labour will be engaged in transporting the output unless the layout is good.

### **Objectives of Good Plant Layout:**

A good rather than optimum layout is one which provides maximum satisfaction to all concerned i.e. shareholders, management employees and consumers.

### **The objectives of a good layout are as follows:**

- (i) Should provide overall satisfaction to all concerned.

- (ii) Material handling and internal transportation from one operation to the next is minimized and efficiently controlled.
- (iii) The production bottlenecks and points of congestions are to be eliminated so that input raw materials and semi-finished parts move fast from one workstation to another.
- (iv) Should provide high working process turnover.
- (v) Should utilize the space most effectively; may be cubical utilization.
- (vi) Should provide worker's convenience, promote job satisfaction and safety for them.
- (vii) Should avoid unnecessary investment of capital.
- (viii) Should help in effective utilization of labour.
- (ix) Should lead to increased productivity and better quality of the product with reduced capital cost.
- (x) Should provide easy supervision.
- (xi) Should provide space for future expansion of the plant.
- (xii) Should provide proper lighting and ventilation of the areas of workstations

### **Factors Affecting Plant Layout:**

Whatever be the type of layout being contemplated the following factors are to be considered because these factors have got significant influence on the design of the layout.

#### **(i) Man Factor:**

The man is very flexible element who can be made suitable for all sort of layouts.

### **Main considerations are as follows:**

- (i) Safety and working conditions.
- (ii) Man power requirements - skill level of workers, their number required and their training programme.
- (iii) Man power utilization in the plant.
- (iv) Human relations.

#### **(ii) Material Factor:**

It includes the various input materials like raw materials, semi-finished parts, and materials

inprocessscrap, finishedproducts, packing materials,tools and otherservices.



**The main considerations are:**

- (i) Design and specification of the product to be manufactured.
- (ii) Quantity and variety of products and materials.
- (iii) Physical and chemical characteristics of various input materials.
- (iv) Component parts or material and their sequence of operations i.e. how they go together to generate the final product.

**(iii) Machinery Factor:**

The operating machinery is also one of the most important factors therefore all the information regarding equipment and the tools are necessary for inspection, processing and maintenance etc.

- (i) The processes and methods should be standardized first.
- (ii) Machinery and tools selections depend upon the type of process and method, so proper machinery and other supporting equipments should be selected on the basis of volume of production.
- (iii) Equipment utilization depends on the variation in production, requirements and operating balance.
- (iv) Machines should be used to their optimum level of speed, feed and depth of cut.
- (v) Machinery requirement is mostly based on the process/method.
- (v) Maintenance of machines and replacement of parts is also important.

**(iv) Movement Factor:**

It mainly deals with the movement of men and materials. A good layout should ensure short moves and should always tend towards completion of product. It also includes interdepartmental movements and material handling equipment. This includes the flow pattern reduction of unnecessary handling, space for movement and analysis of handling methods.

**(v) Waiting Factor:**

Whenever material or men is stopped, waiting occurs which costs money. Waiting cost includes handling cost in waiting area, money tied up with idle material etc.

Waiting may occur at the receiving point, materials in process, between the operations etc.

**(vi) ServiceFactor:**

It includes the activities and facilities for personnel such as fire protection, lighting, heating and ventilation etc. Services for material such as quality control, production control, services for machinery such as repair and maintenance and utilities like power, fuel/gas and water supply etc.

**(vii) BuildingFactor:**

It includes outside and inside building features, shape of building, type of building (single or multi-storey) etc.

**(viii) Flexibility Factor:**

This includes consideration due to changes in material, machinery, process, man, supporting activities and installation limitations etc. It means easy changing to new arrangements or it includes flexibility and expendability of layouts.

**Types of Plant Layout:**

Production results from men, materials and machinery together with management. The characteristics are changed. To manufacture a product layout begins with which element or elements mentioned above move.

**Keeping in view the type of industry and volume of production, the type of layout to be selected is to be decided from the following:**

1. Product or Line Layout.

2. Process or Functional Layout.

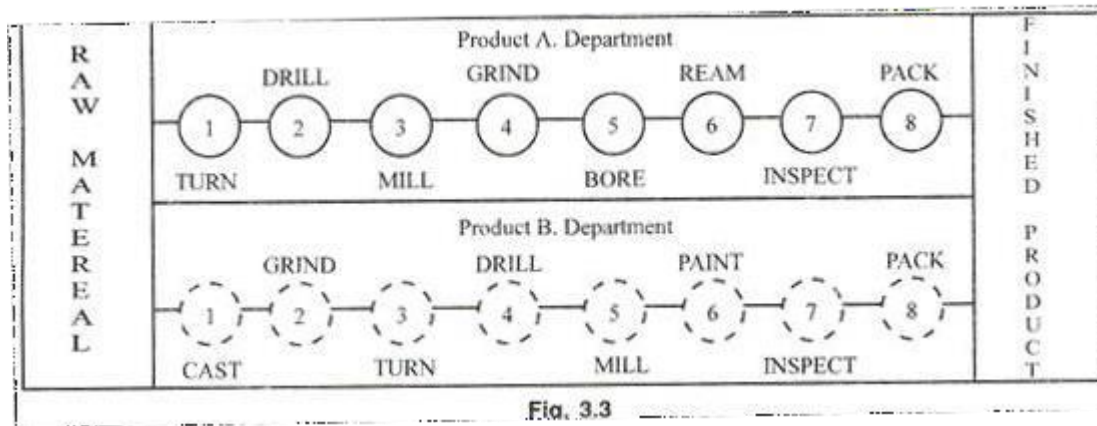
3. Fixed Position Layout.

4. Combination type of Layout.

**1. Product or Line Layout:**

If all the processing equipment and machines are arranged according to the sequence of operations of a product, the layout is called product type of layout. In this type of layout, only one product or one type of products is produced in an operating area. This product must be standardized and produced in large quantities in order to justify the product layout.

The raw material is supplied at one end of the line and goes from one operation to the next quite rapidly with a minimum work in process, storage and material handling. Fig. 3.3 shows product layout for two types of products A and B.



### Advantages offered by Product Layout:

- (i) Lower total material handling cost.
- (ii) There is less working process.
- (iii) Better utilization of men and machines.
- (iv) Less floor area is occupied by material in transit and for temporary storages.
- (v) Greater simplicity of production control.
- (v) Total production time is also minimized.

### Limitations of Product Layout:

- (i) No flexibility which is generally required is obtained in this layout.
- (ii) The manufacturing cost increases with a fall in volume of production.
- (iii) If one or two lines are running light, there is a considerable machine idleness.
- (iv) As a single machine breakdown may shutdown the whole production line,
- (v) Specialized and strict supervision is essential.

### 2. Processor Functional Layout:

The process layout is particularly useful where low volume of production is needed. If the products are not standardized, the process layout is more desirable, because it has greater process flexibility than other. In this type of layout the machines are not arranged according to the sequence of operations but are arranged according to the nature or type of the operations.

This layout is commonly suitable for non-repetitive jobs. Same type of operation facilities are grouped together such as lathes will be placed at one place all the drill machines are at another place and so on. See Fig. 3.4 for process layout. Therefore, the process carried out in any area is according to the machine available in that area.

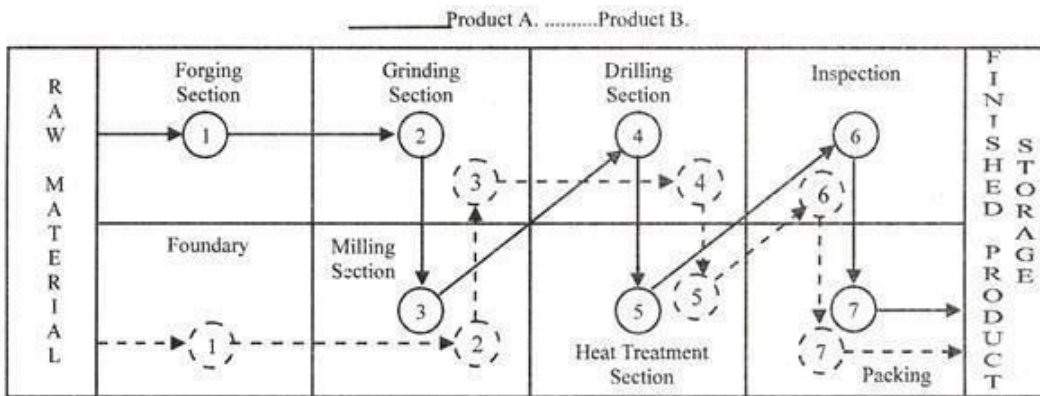


Fig. 3.4

### Advantages of Process Layout:

- (i) There will be less duplication of machines. Thus total investment in equipment purchase will be reduced.
- (ii) It offers better and more efficient supervision through specialization at various levels.
- (iii) There is a greater flexibility in equipment and manpower thus load distribution is easily controlled.
- (iv) Better utilization of equipment available is possible.
- (v) Breakdown of equipment can be easily handled by transferring work to another machine/workstation.
- (vi) There will be a better control of complicated or precision processes, especially where much inspection is required.

### Limitations of Process Layout:

- (i) There are long material flow lines and hence the expensive handling is required.
- (ii) Total production cycle time is more owing to long distances and waiting at various points.
- (iii) Since more work is in queue and waiting for further operation, hence bottlenecks occur.
- (iv) Generally more floor area is required.
- (v) Since work does not flow through definite lines, counting and scheduling is more tedious.
- (vi) Specialization creates monotony and there will be difficulty for the laid-off workers to find jobs in other industries.

### **3. Fixed Position Layout:**

This type of layout is the least important for today's manufacturing industries. In this type of layout the major component remain in a fixed location, other materials, parts, tools, machinery, manpower and other supporting equipment are brought to this location.

The major component or body of the product remains in a fixed position because it is too heavy or too big and as such it is economical and convenient to bring the necessary tools and equipment to workplace along with the manpower. This type of layout is used in the manufacture of boilers, hydraulic and steam turbines and ships etc.

#### **Advantages Offered by Fixed Position Layout:**

- (i) Material movement is reduced
- (ii) Capital investment is minimized
- (iii) The task is usually done by gang of operators, hence continuity of operations is ensured
- (iv) Production centres are independent of each other. Hence effective planning and loading can be made. Thus total production cost will be reduced and
- (v) It offers greater flexibility and allows change in product design, product mix and production volume

#### **Limitations of Fixed Position Layout:**

- (i) Highly skilled manpower is required.
- (ii) Movement of machines equipment to production centre may be time consuming.
- (iii) Complicated fixtures may be required for positioning of jobs and tools. This may increase the cost of production.

### **4. Combination Type of Layout:**

Now days in pure state any one form of layouts discussed above is rarely found. Therefore generally the layouts used in industries are the compromise of the above mentioned layouts. Every layout has got certain advantages and limitations therefore, industries would not like to use any type of layout as such.

Flexibility is a very important factor, so layout should be such which can be moulded according to the requirements of industry, without much investment. If the good features of all types of layouts are connected, a compromise solution can be obtained which will be more economical and flexible.

#### **Principles of Plant Layout:**

According to Muther there are six basic principles of "best layout".

**These are:**

**(i) Principle of Overall Integration:**

According to this principle the best layout is one which provides integration of production facilities like men, machinery, raw materials, supporting activities and any other such factors which result in the best compromise.

**(ii) Principle of Minimum Distance:**

According to this principle the movements of men and materials should be minimized.

**(iii) Principle of Flow:**

According to Muther, the best layout is one which arranges the work station for each operation process in same order or sequence that forms or assembles the materials.

**(iv) Principle of Cubic Space Utilization:**

According to this, the best layout utilizes cubic space i.e. space available both in vertical and horizontal directions is most economically and effectively utilized.

**(v) Principle of Satisfaction and Safety:**

According to this principle best layout is one which provides satisfaction and safety to all workers concerned.

**(vi) Principle of Flexibility:**

In automotive and other allied industries where models of products change after some time the principle of flexibility provides a design and rearrangement at a minimum cost and least inconvenience.

**Advantages of a Good Plant Layout:**

**The advantages expressed by Mallick and Gandeau are as follows: To the Worker:**

- (i) Reduces the effort of the worker.
- (ii) Reduces the number of handlings.
- (iii) Extends the process of specialization.
- (iv) Permits working at optimum conditions by eliminating congestions.
- (v) Produces better working conditions by eliminating congestions.
- (vi) Reduces the number of accidents.
- (vii) Provides better employee service facilities/conditions.
- (viii) Provides basis for higher earning for employees.

**In Labour Cost:**

- (i) Increases the output per man-hour.
- (ii) Reduces setup time involved.
- (iii) Reduces the number of operations or some operations may be combined.
- (iv) Reduces the number of handlers. Thus reducing labour cost.
- (v) Reduces the length of hauls.
- (vi) Reduces lost motions between operations.
- (vii) Converts operator into a producer instead of a handler by eliminating the various unnecessary movements.

**In Other Manufacturing Costs:**

- (i) Reduces the cost of expensive supplies.
- (ii) Decreases maintenance costs.
- (iii) Decreases tool replacement costs.
- (iv) Effects a saving in power loads.
- (v) Decreases spoilage and scrap. Thus waste is minimized.
- (vi) Eliminates some of the waste in raw material consumption.
- (vii) Improves the quality of the product by decreasing handling.
- (viii) Provides better cost control.

**In the Manufacturing Cycle:**

- (i) Shortens the moves between work-stations.
- (ii) Reduces the manufacturing cycle in each department.
- (iii) Reduces the length of the travel by the product for completion.
- (iv) Reduces the overall time of manufacturing the product.

**In Production Control:**

- (i) Facilitates receipts, shipments and delivery of inputs and finished goods.

- (ii) Providesadequate andconvenientstoragefacilities.
- (iii) Permits themaximumpossibleoutputwithsameinput.
- (iv) Pacesproduction&determinesproductionflow.
- (v) Makesproductiontimepredictable.
- (vi) Makesschedulinganddispatchingautomatic.
- (vii) Setsupproductioncentre&permitsstraightlinelayoutbyproductsformassproduction.
- (viii) Permitslayout byprocess forjob ordermanufacturing.
- (ix) Movesworkingprocessbymostdirectlines.
- (x) Reducethenumberoflostormishandledpartsleadingtowasteminimization.
- (xi) Reducethepaperwork forproductioncontrol& reducethenumber ofstockchasers.Thusreducesproduction controlexpenses.

#### **InSupervision:**

- (i) Tendstoeasetheburdenofsupervision.
- (ii) Determinesthesupervisorycontrol.
- (iii) Reducethecostofsupervisionprocess.
- (iv) Reducescostof piececounts.
- (v) Decreasesthe amountof inspectioninvolved.

#### **InCapitalInvestment:**

- (i) Holdspermanentinvestmentatitsminimumlevel.
- (ii) Keepstheplantfrombecomingobsoletebeforeitiswornout.
- (iii) Reducetheinvestment inmachineryandequipmentby
  - (a) Increasingtheproductionpermachine.
  - (b) Utilizingidlemachinetime.
  - (c) Reducingthenumberof operationspermachine.



- (iv) Maintains a proper balance of departments.
- (v) Eliminates wasted aisle space.
- (vi) Reduces the capital investment by proper space utilization of material handling equipment required.
- (vii) Reduces the inventory level of work in process and of finished product.

## **METHODS OF PRODUCTION**

### **JOB PRODUCTION**

Job Production is used when a product is produced with the labor of one or few workers and is rarely used for bulk and large scale production. It is mainly used for one-off products or prototypes (hence also known as Prototype Production), as it is inefficient; however, quality is greatly enhanced with job production compared to other methods. Individual wedding cakes and made-to-measure suits are examples of job production. New small firms often use job production before they get a chance or have the means to expand. Job Production is highly motivating for workers because it gives the workers an opportunity to produce the whole product and take pride in it.

### **BATCH PRODUCTION**

Batch production is the method used to produce or process any product in groups or batches where the products in the batch go through the whole production process together. An example would be when a bakery produces each different type of bread separately and each product (in this case, bread) is not produced continuously. Batch production is used in many different ways and is most suited to when there is a need for a quality/quantity balance. This technique is probably the most commonly used method for organizing manufacture and promotes specialist labor, as very often batch production involves a small number of persons. Batch production occurs when many similar items are produced together. Each batch goes through one stage of the production before moving onto next stage.

### **MASS PRODUCTION**

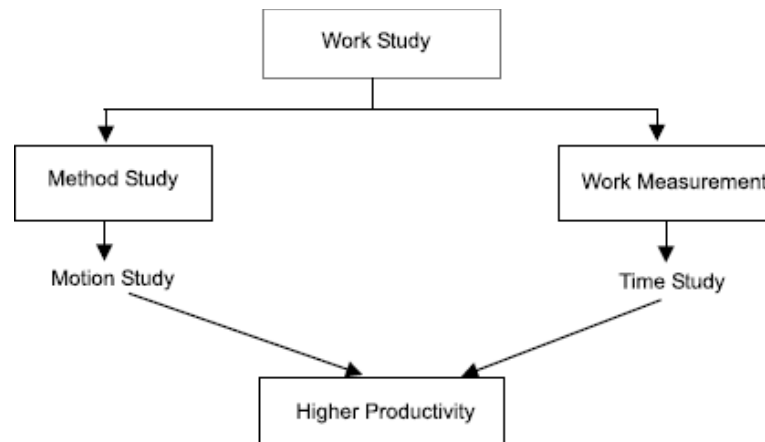
**Mass production** is the manufacture of large quantities of standardized products, frequently using assembly line or automation technology. **Mass production** refers to the **production** of a large number of similar products efficiently.

### **WORK STUDY**

“**Work study** is a generic term for those techniques, method study and work measurement which are used in the examination of human work in all its contexts. And which lead systematically to

the investigation of all the factors which affect the efficiency and economy of the situation being reviewed, in order to effect improvement.”

### **Framework of work study**



### **Advantages of Work Study**

Following are the advantages of work study:

1. It helps to achieve the smooth production flow with minimum interruptions.
2. It helps to reduce the cost of the product by eliminating waste and unnecessary operations.
3. Better worker-management relations.
4. Meets the delivery commitment.
5. Reduction in rejections and scrap and higher utilization of resources of the organization.
6. Help to achieve better working conditions.
7. Better workplace layout.
8. Improves upon the existing process or methods and helps in standardization and simplification.
9. Help to establish the standard time for an operation or job which has got application in manpower planning, production planning.

### **Types of Work Study:**

#### **1. Method Study:**

According to ILO, method study is “**the systematic recording, analysis and critical examination of existing and proposed ways of doing work and the development and application of easier and more effective method**”. In short, it is a systematic procedure to analyse the work to eliminate unnecessary operations.

#### **Objectives:**

**The objectives of method study are:**

- (i) It improves the proper utilisation of manpower, machine and materials;
- (ii) It also improves the factory layout, workplace, etc.;
- (iii) It also improves the process and procedure;
- (iv) It develops better physical working environment;

(v) It reduces undesirable fatigue.

**Steps:**

**The steps of method study are:**

- (i) At first select the proper work which are to be studied;
- (ii) Record all the facts of existing method;
- (iii) Examine the facts very critically;
- (iv) Develop the most practical, economic, and effective method;
- (v) Install the method and the same should be maintained.

**2. Time And Motion Study:**

According to ILO, Time Study means **“a technique for determining as accurately as possible from a limited number of observations the time necessary to carry out a given activity at a different standard of performance”**. In other words, “time study is the art of observing and recording time required to do each detailed element of an individual operation.” Practically, it studies the time taken on each element of a job.

Motion study, on the other hand, is the study of the body motion used in performing an operation, with the thought of improving the operation by eliminating unnecessary motion and simplifying necessary motion and thus establishing the most favourable motion sequence for maximum efficiency.

So, in short, ‘Time Study’ means the determination of standard time that is taken by a worker of average ability under normal working conditions for performing a job. But ‘Motion Study’ determines the correct method of doing a job to avoid wasteful movements, for which the workers are unnecessarily tired.

**Steps:**

- 1. Time and Motion studies eliminate wasteful movements;
- 2. They examine the proposed method critically and determine the most effective one;
- 3. They determine for each element having a stop-watch;
- 4. They record all the parts of a job which are done by the existing method;
- 5. They install the method as standard one;
- 6. They critically observe the workers who are engaged with the work;

7. They assess the proper speed of the operator who is working.

## **STATISTICAL QUALITY CONTROL THROUGH CONTROL CHARTS**

Statistical Quality Control (SQC) is the term used to describe the set of statistical tools used by quality professionals. SQC is used to analyze the quality problems and solve them.

Statistical quality control refers to the use of statistical methods in the monitoring and maintaining of the quality of products and services.

All the tools of SQC are helpful in evaluating the quality of services. SQC uses different tools to analyze quality problems.

- 1) Descriptive Statistics
- 2) Statistical Process Control (SPC)
- 3) Acceptance Sampling

Descriptive Statistics involves describing quality characteristics and relationships. SPC involves inspecting a random sample of output from a process for a characteristic.

Acceptance Sampling involves batch sampling by inspection.

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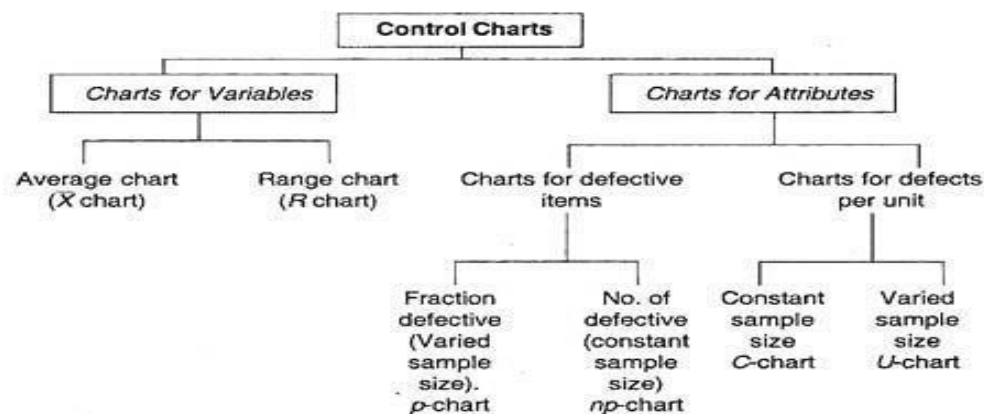
Without expertize in understanding the business and its aspects, we provide solutions that will satisfy our customers deeply. Improsys has successfully implemented the quality control solutions in various organizations.

### **Objective of Statistical Quality Control**

Quality Control is very important for every company. Quality control includes service quality given to customer, company management leadership, commitment of management, continuous improvement, fast response, actions based on facts, employee participation and a quality-driven culture.

The main objectives of the quality control module are to control of material reception, internal rejections, clients, claims, providers and evaluations of the same corrective actions are related to their follow-up. These systems and methods guide all quality activities. The development and use of performance indicators is linked, directly or indirectly, to customer requirements and satisfaction, and to management.

## TYPES OF QUALITY CONTROL CHARTS



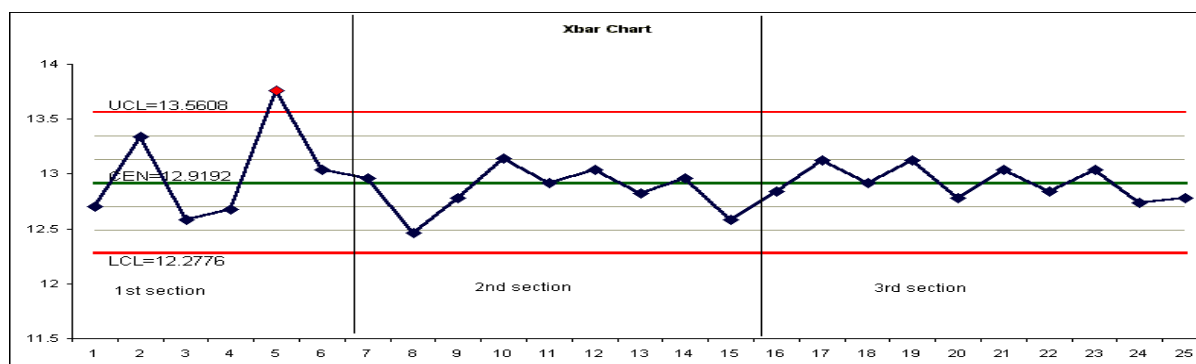
### XBAR CHART

In industrial statistics, the **X-bar chart** is a type of Shewhart control chart that is used to monitor the arithmetic means of successive samples of constant size,  $n$ . This type of control chart is used for characteristics that can be measured on a continuous scale, such as weight, temperature, thickness etc. For example, one might take a sample of 5 shafts from production every hour, measure the diameter of each, and then plot, for each sample, the average of the five diameter values on the chart.

For the purposes of control limit calculation, the sample means are assumed to be normally distributed, an assumption justified by the Central Limit Theorem.

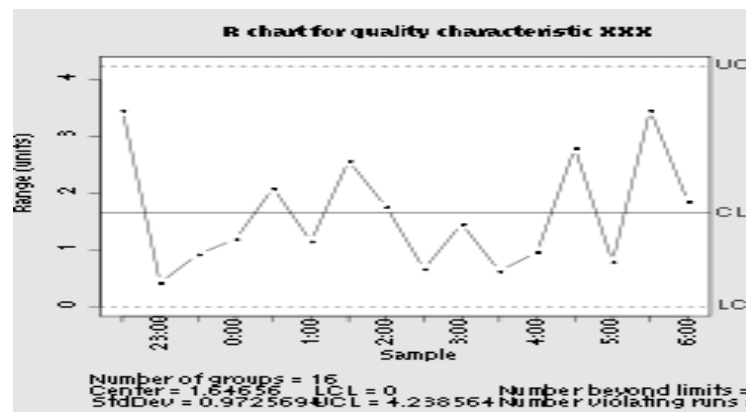
The X-bar chart is always used in conjunction with a variation chart such as the R

chart and s chart. The R-chart shows sample ranges (difference between the largest and the smallest values in the sample), while the s-chart shows the samples' standard deviation. The R-chart was preferred in times when calculations were performed manually, as the range is far easier to calculate than the standard deviation; with the advent of computers, ease of calculation ceased to be an issue, and the s-chart is preferred these days, as it is statistically more meaningful and efficient. Depending on the type of variation chart used, the average sample range or the average sample standard deviation is used to derive the X-bar chart's control limits.



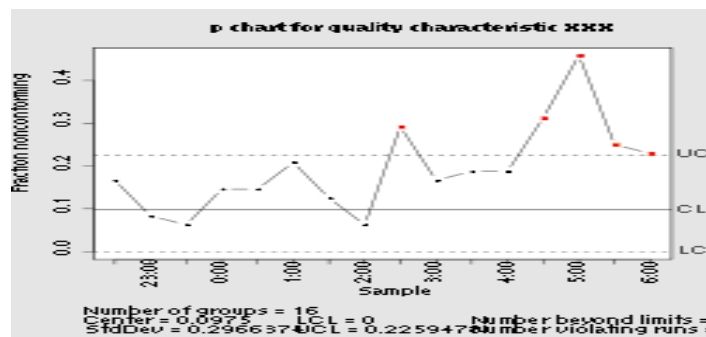
## RCHART

An X-bar and **R** (range) **chart** is a pair of control **charts** used with processes that have a subgroup size of two or more. The standard **chart** for variables data, X-bar and **R charts** help determine if a process is stable and predictable.



## PCHART

In statistical quality control, the **p-chart** is a type of control **chart** used to monitor the proportion of nonconforming units in a sample, where the sample proportion nonconforming is defined as the ratio of the number of nonconforming units to the sample size,  $n$ .

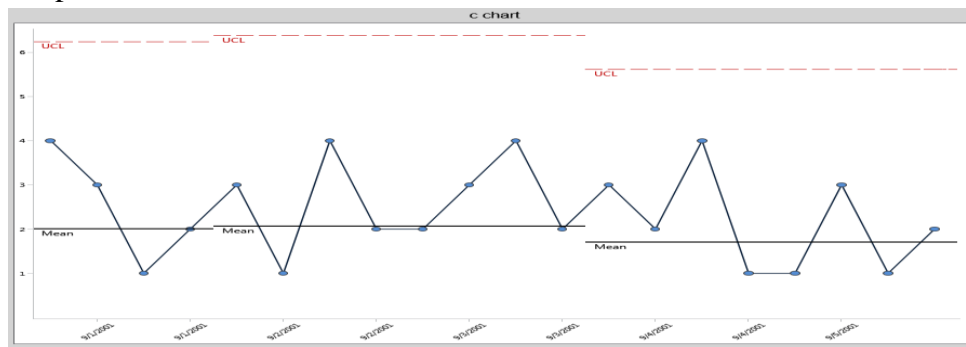


## CCHART

A **c-chart** is an attributes **control chart** used with data collected in subgroups that are the same size. **C-charts** show how the process, measured by the number of nonconformities per item or group of items, changes over time. Nonconformities are defects or occurrences found in the

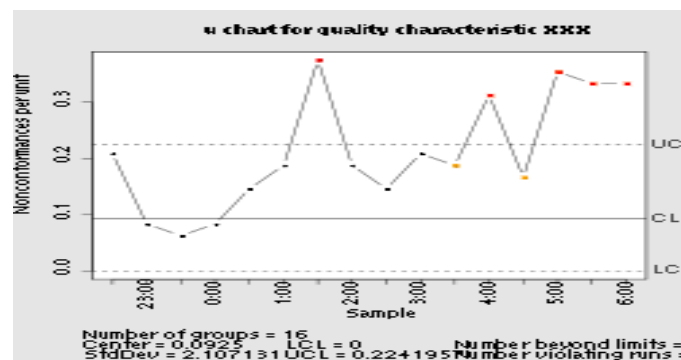
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## U-CHART

A **u-chart** is an attributes control chart used with data collected in subgroups of varying sizes. **U-charts** show how the process, measured by the number of nonconformities per item or group of items, changes over time. Nonconformities are defects or occurrences found in the sampled subgroup.



## OBJECTIVES OF INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

**Inventory:** It is defined as a comprehensive list of movable items which are required for manufacturing the products and to maintain the plant facilities in working conditions.

### Inventory Management

A manufacturing company requires many types of material to produce any goods or service. If a company does not get the required material as needed then the production system gets disturbed and fails to produce and sell a required quantity of products on time. The overstock of inventory is unsuitable due to the large amount of investment on it as well as other cost associated with it. On the other hand, the lower stock inventory might create the problem of shortage resulting in the disturbance on production. Therefore, inventory management includes the requirement of different types of inventory, period of stock and cost associated on it. Inventory is the stock that a firm maintains to meet its future requirement for production and selling. The basic reason for holding inventory is to keep up the production activities unhampered. Inventories are a part of current assets, which are used within one year.

In a normal course of business operation, manufacturing organizations maintain the inventory of raw materials, work-in-progress,

finished goods, spare parts, suppliers etc. in case of manufacturing concern, inventories link the production and sales. Trading organizations are unsold goods i.e. finished goods.

Hence, inventories may be defined as the combination of raw materials, work-in-progress, finished goods and other supplies required for the smooth operation and sales of an organization. Managing the stock at lowest cost without compromising on the production and sales activities is called inventory management.

### **OBJECTIVES OF INVENTORY MANAGEMENT**

- 1. To supply the required materials continuously:** there should be a continuous availability of materials in the factory or finished goods for trade. The main objective of inventory management is to maintain required inventory so that production and sales process runs smoothly.
- 2. To minimize the risk of under and over stocking of material:** if a company keeps inventory without proper analysis, there will be a chance of overstocking, which will increase the cost of carrying the inventory or understocking of inventory that creates problems in smooth operation of a business. So one of the main objectives of the inventory management is to minimize the risk caused due to under and over stocking of inventory.
- 3. To maintain systematic record of inventory:** management needs different information regarding inventory for planning and decision-making. A systematic record of inventory helps provide such information to the management. It also assists to evaluate the current inventory management policy.
- 4. To reduce losses, damages and misappropriation of materials:** inventory management aims to reduce or remove the losses and misappropriation of materials. This is done by maintaining the proper stocks of materials with utmost care.
- 5. To minimize the cost associated with inventory:** the proper maintenance of the information regarding inventory helps to make decisions like whether to take discounts or not, the size of order to be placed, when to order etc. the total cost associated with inventory may be minimized by analyzing the lot size to be acquired, the offer of discount on variable lot size and the timing of order. Such analysis helps to reduce the unnecessary inventory in inventories.
- 6. To make stability in price:** an effective inventory management system minimizes the effects of regular price fluctuation. This in turn helps to gain the stability in selling price.

### **NEED FOR INVENTORY CONTROL**

**Inventory Control:** The systematic location, storage and recording of goods in such a way that the desired degree of service can be made to the operating shops at minimum ultimate cost.

### **Objectives of Inventory Control:**

1. To support the production departments with materials of the right quality in the right quantity, at the right time and the right price, and from the right supplier
2. To minimize investments in the materials by ensuring economies of storage and ordering costs



3. To avoid accumulation of work in process
4. To ensure economy of costs by processing economic order quantities
5. To maintain adequate inventories at the required sales outlet to meet the market needs promptly, thus avoiding both excessive stocks or shortages at any given time
6. To contribute directly to the overall profitability of the enterprise

### **Functions of inventory control:**

- \* To develop policies, plans and standards essential to achieve the objectives To build up a logical and workable plan of organization for doing the jobs satisfactorily
- \* To develop procedure and methods that will produce the desired results economically
- \* To provide the necessary physical facilities
- \* To maintain overall control by checking results and taking corrective actions.

### **ECONOMIC ORDER QUANTITY (EOQ)**

Economic Order Quantity (EOQ): Economic order quantity is defined that quantity of materials, which can be ordered at one time to minimize the cost of ordering and carrying the stocks. In other words, it refers to size of each order that keeps the total cost low.

#### **Determine EOQ:**

##### **Step 1:**

Total Ordering cost per year = No. of orders placed per year x ordering cost per Order

$$= (A/S) \times O$$

A = Annual demand

S = Size of each order (units per order) O =

Ordering cost per order

##### **Step 2:**

Total Carrying cost per year = Average inventory level x Carrying cost per year =  $(S/2) \times C$

A = Annual demand

S = Size of each order (units per order) C =

Carrying cost per unit

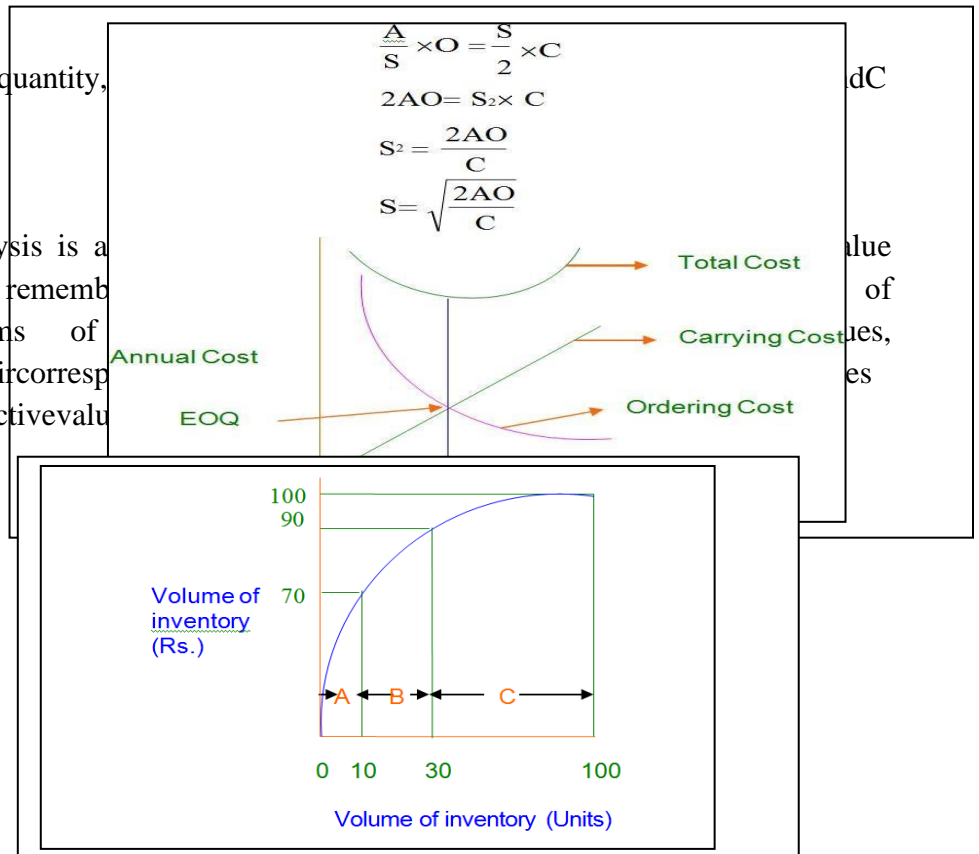
Step3:

EOQ is one where the total ordering is equal to total carrying cost

Where  $S$  is the Economic order quantity,  $C$  is the carrying cost per unit

### **ABC ANALYSIS**

ABC Analysis: ABC analysis is a method of classifying inventory items based on their value and quantities. It is more remembered as a method of showing quantity held and their corresponding value. Items are classified into A, B, and C based on their respective values.



A - Refers to high value item

B - Refers to medium value item

C - Refers to low value item

A category comprises of inventory, which is very costly and valuable. Normally 70% of the funds are tied up in such costly stocks, which would be around 10% of the total volume of stocks. Because the stocks in this category are very costly, they require strict monitoring on a day-to-day basis.

B category comprises of inventory, which is less costly. Twenty percent of

the funds are tied up in such stocks and these accounts for over 20% of the volume of stocks. These items require monitoring on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

C category consists of such stocks, which are of least cost. Volume-wise, they form 70% of the total stocks but value-wise, they do not cost more than 10% of the investment in the stocks. This category of stocks can be monitored on a monthly or bi-monthly basis.

The following table summarizes the concept of ABC analysis;

Category	Value (%)	Volume (%)	Desired Degree of Control
A	70	10	STRICT
B	20	20	MODERATE
C	10	70	LOW

## **MARKETING**

### **MANAGEMENT 2.9. MEANING**

#### **OF MARKETING**

**Marketing:** Marketing is a social process by which individuals and groups obtain what they need and want through creating, offering, exchanging products and services of value with others.

### **NATURE OF MARKETING MANAGEMENT**

The Nature of Marketing (or Modern marketing) may be studied under the following points:

1. **Human activity:** Originally, the term marketing is a human activity under which human needs are satisfied by human efforts. It's a human action for human satisfaction.
2. **Consumer-oriented:** A business exists to satisfy human needs, hence business must find out what the desire of customer (or consumer) and thereby produce goods & services as per the needs of the customer. Thus, only those goods should be produced that satisfy consumer needs and at a reasonable profit to the manufacturer (or producer).
3. **Art as well as science:** In the technological arena, marketing is the art and science of choosing target markets and satisfying customers through creating, delivering, and communicating superior customer value. It is a technique of making the goods available at right time, right place, into right hands, right quality, in the right form and at right price.
4. **Exchange Process:** All marketing activities revolve around commercial exchange process. The exchange process implies transactions between buyer and seller. It also involves exchange of technology, exchange of information and exchange of ideas.

5. **Starts and ends with customers:** Marketing is consumer oriented and it is crucial to know what the actual demand of consumer is. This is possible only when required information related to the goods and services is collected from the customer. Thus, it is the starting of marketing and the marketing ends as soon as those goods and services reach into the safe hands of the customer.
6. **Creation of Utilities:** Marketing creates four components of utilities viz. time, place, possession and form. The form utility refers to the product or service a company offers to their customers. The place utility refers to the availability of a product or service in a location i.e. easier for customers. By time utility, a company can ensure that products and services are available when customers need them. The possession utility gives customers ownership of a product or service and enables them to derive benefits in their own business.
7. **Goal oriented:** Marketing seeks to achieve benefits for both buyers and sellers by satisfying human needs. The ultimate goal of marketing is to generate profits through the satisfaction of the customer.
8. **Guiding element of business:** Modern Marketing is the heart of industrial activity that tells what, when, how to produce. It is capable of guiding and controlling business.
9. **System of Interacting Business Activities:** Marketing is the system through which a business enterprise, institution or organization interacts with the customers with the objective to earn profit, satisfy customers and manage relationship. It is the performance of business activities that direct the flow of goods and services from producer to consumer or user.
10. **Marketing is a dynamic process.** series of interrelated functions: Marketing is a complex, continuous and interrelated process. It involves continuous planning, implementation and control.

## **FUNCTIONS OF MARKETING MANAGEMENT**

### Seven Functions of Marketing



**Buying:** Buying involves both the marketing and the customers. The marketing manager must know about the type of customers, their consuming habits, demands, and buying pattern.

**Selling:** It creates a demand for a product selling function involves.

1. Product planning and development
2. Finding out or locating buyers
3. Demand creation through salesmanship, advertising and sales promotion
4. Negotiation of terms of sales such as price, quantity and quality

etc. **Transporting:** It involves the creation of place utility. In order to have value goods must first be transported from the place they are produced to the place where they are needed.

**Storage:** It is concerned with storing finished products properly without any damage, until they are dispatched to the customers. It is also concerned to the customers. It is also concerned with maintaining stock of raw materials with maintaining stock of raw materials, components etc. to meet production schedules.

**Standardization and grouping:** These two functions are supplementary and complementary to each other. A standard is a measure of fixed value. The standard could be based on colour, weight, quality, and number of items, price, or any other parameter. Both domestic and export markets rely extensively on this function. Grading is the process of sorting the goods. The price varies with the grade of the goods. This function enables the marketer to fix a uniform price for a given grade of the goods. It further promotes good understanding between the buyer and the seller.

**Finance:** Finance is the life blood of business. Value of goods is expressed in money and it is obtained by price to be paid by buyer to seller. Credit is necessary in marketing. It plays an important role in retail trade particularly in the sales of costly consumer goods.

**Marketing research:** The marketing personnel must study the trends in market demand, supply prices and related market information. The knowledge about the latest market information may help the firm to reduce risk loss in purchasing, in pricing, in forecasting market demand and in facing competition in the market.

## **MARKETING MIX**

**Marketing Mix:** It refers to the combination of four basic elements, viz., product, price, promotion and the place, known as the four P's of marketing.

**Product Mix:** It is used to describe the assortment of different product types (product lines) and their varieties (product depth). In addition, different tangible and intangible features of the product also form the product mix.

**Price Mix:** Price mix refers to the decisions relating to the price charged for the product, service or idea.

**Promotion Mix:** Refers to the activities relating to promotion of the product, service or idea.

**Place Mix:**

Place or physical distribution mix refers to the activities that are involved in transferring ownership to consumers at the right time and price.

### **CHANNELS OF DISTRIBUTION**

**Type of Channels of Distribution:** Channels of distribution refer to the ways and means of reaching the customer through the intermediaries such as wholesalers, retailers, and other agencies, if any.

#### **LEVEL-1 Manufacturer-consumer:**

This is a direct marketing channel where the manufacturer contacts the customer directly without involving middlemen or intermediaries.

The manufacturers of industrial goods such as aeroplanes, turbo-engines, ships, and other high-value capital goods mostly follow this route. However, consumer product manufacturers also through Internet, mail order operations, and door-to-door selling are following this method. It is common sight to find the representatives of the manufacturer going from house to house to sell their products, which are normally used in the households.

### **LEVEL–2Manufacturer-wholesaler- consumer:**

This channel is primarily used in the case of industrial goods and high-value consumer durable products. The wholesaler, who may also be called as distributor in this channel, carries out the functions of retailing to large customers who may in themselves be the manufacturers also. The wholesalers in this channel buy goods from many manufacturers, stock, and subsequently, sell them through internet or directly to the customers in a wide geographical area. An example of the use of this method can be observed in the computer hardware industry.

### **LEVEL–3Manufacturer-retailer- consumer:**

Here, the large retailing chains, including supermarkets, use this channel to buy products in large quantities from manufacturers at a very competitive price and sell them to the ultimate consumers. As the retailers enjoy large discounts in this process, they share this benefit with their customers by keeping their products competitively priced. The consumers patronage this channel because they can buy in small quantities from a wide variety at lower prices.

### **LEVEL–4Manufacturer- wholesaler-retailer- consumer:**

This is a chain widely followed for fast moving consumer goods, which are likely to have mass markets. When the consumers are large in number, widely dispersed geographically, and products are of low value, this channel is favoured. Manufacturers would find it prohibitively expensive to set up their own outlets in such circumstances. For manufacturers of consumer goods such as hosiery, food items, confectionery, clothes, and ready-made garments, cosmetics, and so on, intermediaries are indispensable in the distribution chain.

## **ADVERTISEMENT AND SALES**

### **PROMOTION ADVERTISEMENT (OR)**

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**Advertising** is an audio or visual form of marketing communication that employs an openly sponsored, non-personal message to promote or sell a product, service or idea.<sup>[1]:465</sup> Sponsors of advertising are typically businesses wishing to promote their products or services.

Advertising is differentiated from public relations in that an advertiser pays for and has control over the message. It differs from personal selling in that the message is non-personal, i.e., not directed to a particular individual.<sup>[1]:661,672</sup> Advertising is communicated through various mass



media,<sup>[2]</sup>including traditional media such as newspapers, magazines, television, radio, outdooradvertising or direct mail; and new media such as search results, blogs, social media, websites ortextmessages.Theactualpresentationofthessage in a mediumis referredto asan**advertisement** or "**ad**" or**advert**forshort.

Commercial ads often seek to generate increased consumption of their products or servicesthrough "branding", which associates a product name or image with certain qualities in the mindsof consumers. On the other hand, ads that intend to elicit an immediate sale are known as direct-response advertising.Non-commercial entities that advertise more than consumer products

orservicesincludepoliticalparties,interestgroups,religiousorganizationsandgovernmentalagencies. Non-profit organizations may use free modes of persuasion, such as a public serviceannouncement.Advertisingmayalso beused toreassureemployeesorshareholdersthatacompanyis viable orsuccessful.

### **Typesofadvertising**

- **Newspaper.**Newspaperadvertisingcanpromoteyourbusinessto a widerangeofcustomers....
- **Magazine.**Advertisinginaspecialist **magazine**canreachyour**targetmarket**quicklyandeasily....
- **Radio....**
- **Television....**
- **Directories. ...**
- **Outdoorand transit....**
- **Directmail,** cataloguesandleaflets....
- **Online.**

### **SALESPROMOTION**

**Sales promotion** is the process of persuading a potential customer to buy the product. **Salespromotion** is designed to be used as a short-term tactic to boost **sales** – it is rarely suitable as amethodofbuildinglong-term customerloyalty.Somesales **promotions**areaimed atconsumers.

Sales promotions can be directed at either thecustomer, sales staff, or distribution channelmembers(suchasretailers).Salespromotiontargetedattheconsumerarecalled**consumersale s promotions**. Sales promotions targeted at retailers and wholesale are called **trade salespromotions**.

Sales promotion includes several communications activities that attempt to provide added valueor incentives to consumers, wholesalers, retailers, or other organizational customers to stimulateimmediatesales.Theseeffortscanattempttostimulateproductinterest,trial,orpurchase.Exam ples of devices used in sales promotion include coupons, samples, premiums, point-of-purchase (POP) displays, contests, rebates,and sweepstakes.

Salespromotionisimplementedtoattractnewcustomers,toholdpresentcustomers,tocounteract competition, and to take advantageof opportunities that are revealed by marketresearch. Itismadeupofactivities,bothoutsideandinsideactivities,toenhance companysales.

Outside sales promotion activities include advertising, publicity, public relations activities, and special sales events. Inside sales promotion activities include window displays, product and promotional material display and promotional programs such as premium awards and contests.<sup>[1]</sup>

Sale promotions often come in the form of discounts. Discounts impact the way consumers think and behave when shopping. The type of savings and its location can affect the way consumers view a product and affect their purchase decision.<sup>[2]</sup> The two most common discounts are

price discounts (“on sale items”) and bonus packs (“bulk items”).<sup>[2]</sup> Price discounts are the reduction of an original sale by a certain percentage while bonus packs are deals in which the consumer receives more for the original price.<sup>[2]</sup> Many companies present different forms of discounts in advertisements, hoping to convince consumers to buy their products.

### Consumer sales promotion types

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Consumer sales promotions are short term techniques designed to achieve short term objectives, such as to stimulate a purchase, encourage store traffic or simply to build excitement for a product or brand. Traditional sales promotions techniques include:

- **Price deal:** A temporary reduction in the price, such as 50% off.
- **Loyal Reward Program:** Consumers collect points, miles, or credits for purchases and redeem them for rewards.
- **Cents-off deal:** Offers a brand at a lower price. Price reduction may be a percentage marked on the package.
- **Price-pack/Bonus packs deal:** The packaging offers a consumer a certain percentage more of the product for the same price (for example, 25 percent extra). This is another type of deal “in which customers are offered more of the product for the same price”.<sup>[2]</sup> For example, a sales company may offer their consumers a bonus pack in which they can receive two products for the price of one. In these scenarios, this bonus pack is framed as a gain because buyers believe that they are obtaining a free product.<sup>[2]</sup> The purchase of a bonus pack, however, is not always beneficial for the consumer. Sometimes consumers will end up spending money on an item they would not normally buy had it not been in a bonus pack. As a result, items bought in a bonus pack are often wasted and is viewed as a “loss” for the consumer.
- **Coupons:** coupons have become a standard mechanism for sales promotions.
- **Loss leader:** the price of a popular product is temporarily reduced below cost in order to stimulate other profitable sales
- **Free-standing insert (FSI):** A coupon booklet is inserted into the local newspaper for delivery.
- **Checkout dispensers:** On checkout the customer is given a coupon based on products purchased.
- **Mobile couponing:** Coupons are available on a mobile phone. Consumers show the offer on a mobile phone to a salesperson for redemption.
- **Online interactive promotion game:** Consumers play an interactive game associated

withthepromotedproduct.

- **Rebates:** Consumers are offered money back if the receipt and barcode are mailed to the producer.

## **MARKETING STRATEGIES**

**Marketing strategy** is a long-term, forward-looking approach to planning with the fundamental goal of achieving a sustainable competitive advantage.<sup>[1]</sup> Strategic planning involves an analysis of the company's strategic initial situation prior to the formulation, evaluation, and selection of market-oriented competitive position that contributes to the company's goals and marketing objectives.<sup>[2]</sup>

Strategic marketing, as a distinct field of study, emerged in the 1970s, and built on strategic management that preceded it. Marketing strategy highlights the role of marketing as a link between the organisation and its customers.

At its most basic level, strategic marketing addresses three deceptively simple questions: (1) Where are we now? (2) Where are we going? and (3) How are we going to get there? In attempting to answer these questions, strategic planners require sophisticated skills in both research and analysis.

## **10 MARKETING STRATEGIES**

### **1. Use social media.**

You can't ignore social media. That's where all the so-called magic is happening. Some businesses have been built solely on the backs of social media. It can be intimidating at first. Sure. But as you build momentum, you'll find posting on social media to get easier and easier over time.

### **2. Create video tutorials.**

One of the most effective ways to get the word out on your business is to create video tutorials. Teach people something useful. Walk them through it. Hold their hands. Step-by-step tutorials are all the rage. The better you are at this, and the more value you provide, the quicker you can boost your visibility, and ultimately, your sales.

### **3. Start blogging now.**

Sure, you could start a blog. If you don't have a blog for your business, then you need to start one immediately. But you don't just have to blog on your own blog. Most people find blogging mundane because they lack the visibility. The truth is that your blog is going to be like a barren desert unless you know what you're doing.

#### **4. Understand search engine optimization.**

This is an area of marketing that I'm incredibly passionate about. But it's also an area that many people are deathly frightened by. Yes, SEO can be frightening. But it can also be powerful. And when you learn to leverage it and you learn SEO the right way, the sky truly is the limit.

#### **5. Leverage influencers.**

Want to get the word out there and boost your visibility on social media without taking years to build the audience? Then you should certainly leverage influencers. But the key is to find the right influencer. You don't have to go with influencers with millions of followers. You could opt for micro-influencers with tens of thousands or even a hundred thousand followers.

#### **6. Build a great lead magnet.**

So much effectiveness in marketing really does boil down to creating a great lead magnet. I've found that the right lead magnet presented to the right audience can have explosive results. The best way to do this is if you can identify the right pain points and present a solution in your lead magnet, then you're well on your way.

#### **7. Use Facebook ads with re-targeting.**

One of the most powerful methods you can use to market just about anything these days are Facebook ads. With Facebook, you can reach a very specific audience and you can do it very easily. You can target by interest, age, relationships status, geographic location, and so much much more.

#### **8. Use LinkedIn the right way.**

Do you have a video on your LinkedIn profile? Did you know that you can easily add one? Why not take the time to introduce yourself and your business. Link that to your profile description. This is an easy way to passively market your business, and when it's done right, it can lead to shocking results.

#### **9. Create an affiliate program.**

Most people don't understand the power of affiliate marketing. Affiliates can provide massive fuel for growth. But approaching the right partners isn't always that easy. You have to have good conversion if you want the bigger affiliate to take you seriously.

#### **10. Use Email Marketing Sequences**

Part of any good sales funnel is going to be an email marketing sequence. These are the automated messages that go out to users once they subscribe to your list. Use your email

sequence to build a relationship with the subscriber. Be authentic and transparent. And convey your journey.

## **PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE**

**Product life-cycle management (PLM)** is the succession of strategies by business management as a product goes through its life-cycle. The conditions in which a product is sold (advertising, saturation) change over time and must be managed as it moves through its succession of stages.

The concept of product life cycle (PLC) concerns the life of a product in the market with respect to business/commercial costs and sales measures. The product life cycle proceeds through multiple phases, involves many professional disciplines, and requires many skills, tools and processes. PLC management makes the following three assumptions: Products have a limited life and thus every product has a life cycle.

- Product sales pass through distinct stages, each posing different challenges, opportunities, and problems to the seller.
- Products require different marketing, financing, manufacturing, purchasing, and human resource strategies in each life cycle stage.

Once the product is designed and put into the market, the offering should be managed efficiently for the buyers to get value from it. Before entering into any market complete analysis is carried out by the industry for both external and internal factors including the laws and regulations, environment, economics, cultural values and market needs. Product life cycle is a genuine concept and this term 'product life cycle' is associated with every product that exists, however, due to a limited shelf life the product has to expire. From the business perspective, as a good business, the product needs to be sold before it finishes its life. In terms of profitability, expiry may jolt the overall profitability of the business therefore there are few strategies, which are practiced to ensure that the product is sold within the defined period of maturity.

is likely to experience between its launch and its disappearance from the market. The characteristics of the product life cycle stages are discussed below.

### **1. Introduction Stage**

When a product is launched on the market, its sales will begin to grow slowly and profit, if any, will be rather small. This can be attributed to the lead time which is required for marketing efforts to take effect. At this stage, the product is new and untested, which implicates that potential customers may be unwilling or reluctant to purchase it. A second reason for rather low profitability at the introduction stage is that the company is unlikely to be making full use of its production capacity. As a result, it will be unable to benefit from the economies of scale that are associated with higher levels of production. The low profitability does also come from the need to recover development and launch costs. The main priority of the firm at the introduction stage is to generate widespread awareness of the product in its target segment and to stimulate trial. This is especially the case for new-to-the-world products, which are truly innovative by nature. In this case, primary demand will first have to be established. The company should focus its marketing activities on those buyers who are readiest to buy: innovators, which are usually to be found within the higher-income groups. This behaviour was evident for instance when the manufacturers of the first smartphones targeted B2B customers when the products were first introduced to the market. There are various marketing strategies that can be used for introducing a new product to the market. Two pricing strategies are available. The choice between the two strategies depends on the nature of the product and the level of competition:

### **2. Growth Stage**

If the product meets existing market needs or stimulates previously untapped needs, it will enter the growth stage. In this stage, sales will usually lift off. This point is called the take-off point. Profits are generated as sales revenues increase faster than costs. But competitors will also have had time to assess the product, predict its impact on the market and potentially respond with a similar or improved version of the offering. As a result, the total size of the market tends to grow, and the new competitors can increase their sales by attracting new customers rather than undercutting each other on price. An increase in the number of distribution outlets tends to go in hand with this.

### **3. Maturity Stage**

When the sales growth of the product slows down, the maturity stage is reached. During this stage, there is a tendency for companies to capture customers from their competitors by undercutting each other on prices and increasing promotional efforts. As competitive rivalry intensifies, the weaker competitors are forced out of the market. This point is known as the shake-out point. Thus, only the strongest players remain to dominate the more stable market. The maturity stage does usually last longer than the previous stages, but also poses the strongest challenges to the marketing: the firm will try to prevent the sales to decline, while maintaining profitability. The problem at this stage is heavy price competition and resulting increased marketing expenditure from all competitors in order to retain brand loyalty.

Certainly, there are some famous brands and products that are still in the maturity stage after thirty years and more. For instance, consider Mars' bars or Coca-Cola. Although these products have changes only very little since their launch, they are still highly successful or even more successful than ever. Other products survive by evolving to meet changing consumer needs.

During the maturity stage, the firm can choose from a number of alternative strategies to ensure the future success of the product. These strategies range from innovating the market (market development) over modifying the product (product development) to altering the marketing mix (marketing innovation). These strategies are discussed in more detail here.

### **4. Decline Stage**

If the characteristics of the product life cycle stages and their marketing implications are understood properly, the product may have made it to the final stage in the PLC: the decline stage. Usually, the firm will have tried to keep the product as long as possible in the maturity stage. However, once the sales of a product start to fall or profitability cannot be maintained, the decline stage is reached. This does often happen as a result of the market entry of substitute products which satisfy customer needs better than the previous product.



## UNIT– 3

### HUMANRESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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HumanResourceManagement: Humanresource management is the process of managing the human resources of an organization in tune with the vision of the top management.

#### **FUNCTIONS OF HRM**

##### **Operative Functions:**

The operative functions are those tasks or duties which are specifically entrusted to the human resource or personnel department. These are concerned with employment, development, compensation, integration and maintenance of personnel of the organisation.

**The operative functions of human resource or personnel department are discussed below:**

##### **1. Employment:**

The first operative function of the human resource or personnel department is the employment of proper kind and number of persons necessary to achieve the objectives of the organisation. This involves recruitment, selection, placement, etc. of the personnel.

Before these processes are performed, it is better to determine the manpower requirements both in terms of number and quality of the personnel. Recruitment and selection cover the sources of supply of labour and the devices designed to select the right type of people for various jobs. Induction and placement of personnel for their better performance also come under the employment or procurement function.

##### **2. Development:**

Training and development of personnel is a follow up of the employment function. It is a duty of management to train each employee properly to develop technical skills for the job for which he has been employed and also to develop him for the higher jobs in the organisation.

Proper development of personnel is necessary to increase their skills in doing their jobs and insatisfyingtheirgrowth need.

For this purpose, the personnel departments will device appropriate training programs. There areseveral on- the-job and off-the-job methods available for training purposes. A good trainingprogram should include a mixture of both types of methods. It is important to point out thatpersonnel department arranges for training not only of new employees but also of old employeeesto updatetheirknowledgein theuseof latest techniques.

### **3. Compensation:**

This function is concerned with the determination of adequate and equitable remuneration of theemployees in the organisation of their contribution to the organisational goals. The personnel canbecompensated both in terms ofmonetary as wellas non-monetaryrewards.

Factors which must be borne in mind while fixing the remuneration of personnel are their basicneeds,requirements ofjobs, legalprovisionsregardingminimumwages, capacityoftheorganisatio n to pay, wage level afforded by competitors etc. For fixing the wage levels, thepersonnel department can make use of certain techniques like job evaluation and performanceappraisal.

### **4. Maintenance(WorkingConditionsandWelfare):**

Merely appointment and training of people is not sufficient; they must be provided with goodworking,conditionssothattheymayliketheirworkandworkplaceandmaintaintheirefficiency. Workingconditionscertainlyinfluence themotivationandmoraleoftheemployees.

These include measures taken for health, safety, and comfort of the workforce. The personneldepartment also provides for various welfare services which relate to the physical and socialwell-being of the employees. These may include provision of cafeteria, rest rooms, counseling,groupinsurance, education for childrenof employees, recreational facilities,etc.

### **5. Motivation:**

Employees work in the organisation for the satisfaction of their needs. In many of the cases, it isfound that they do not contribute towards the organisational goals as much as they can. Thishappens because employees are not adequatelymotivated. The humanresourcemanager helpsthe various departmental managers to design a system of financial and non-financial rewards tomotivatetheemployees.

## **HUMANRESOURCEPLANNING(HRP)**

HumanResourcePlanningis a systematicprocessofforecastingboththeprospectivedemandfor and supply of manpower, and employment of skills with the objectives of the organization. Itcan also be termed as the method of reviewing the manpower necessities to ensure that right kindofskills ismadeavailabletotheorganization.

The main purpose of HRP is to set the goals and objectives of the company. In other words, it is to have the precise number of employees, with their skills matching the requirements of the organization, so that the organization can move towards its goals. Chief objectives of Human Resource Planning areas follows:

- Guarantee ample supply of resources, whenever there is a need for it.
- Make sure that the current manpower in the company is being used properly.
- To foresee the potential requirements of manpower at various skill levels.
- Evaluate excess or scarcity of resources that are available at a given point of time.
- Predict the impact of technological changes on the resources as well as on the kind of job they do.
- Manage the resources that are already employed in the organization.
- Ensure that there is a lead time available to pick and train any supplementary human resource.

### **Need for Human Resource Planning**

The need of HRP may arise because of the following reasons:

1. In India, unemployment is a grave concern. Scarcity of manpower and that too with the required skill sets and competence, has given rise to the need of Human Resource Planning.
2. It comes handy for smooth and continuous supply of workers when a huge number of employees is retiring, or leaving the company or maybe they are incapable of working due to psychological or physical ailments.
3. There is a need for Human Resource Planning when there is an increase in employee turnover, which is obvious. Some examples of this turnover are promotions, marriages, end of contract, etc.
4. Technological changes lead to a chain of changes in the organization, right from skill sets, product methods and administration techniques. These changes lead to an overall change in the number of employees required and with entirely different skill set. It is here that the Human Resource Planning helps the organization deal with the necessary changes.
5. Human Resource Planning is required to meet the requirements of diversification and growth of a company.
6. There is a need for Human Resource Planning in downsizing the resources when there is a shortage of manpower. Similarly, in case of excess resources, it helps in redeploying them in other projects of the company.

### **Importance of Human Resource Planning**

After the need for HRP, it is apt to discuss the importance of it. A few are mentioned below.

- It gives the company the right kind of workforce at the right time frame and in right figures.
- In striking a balance between demand-for and supply-of resources, HRP helps in the optimum usage of resources and also in reducing the labor cost.
- Cautiously forecasting the future helps to supervise manpower in a better way, thus pitfall can be avoided.

- It helps the organization to develop a succession plan for all its employees. In this way, it creates a way for internal promotions.
- It compels the organization to evaluate the weaknesses and strengths of personnel thereby making the management to take remedial measures.
- The organization as a whole is benefited when it comes to increase in productivity, profit, skills, etc., thus giving an edge over its competitors.

## **HR PROCESS**

In any Human Resource Planning model there are three key elements which the management should adhere to:

1. **Forecasting recruitment needs:** There are a number of ways in forecasting your business needs, to know the exact number of employees required to run the business. Factors to be

considered are the economical situation of any given country, internal and external factors of an organization and the demand for the products.

2. **Evaluate Supply:** In estimating this, there are two aspects, one is the evaluation of the internal resources and the other is the prospective or external resources. Among the two, external factors require extra care, these include education, unemployment rate and law that is in existence. Evaluating these factors very closely will help the organization in filling the right resources at the right time with the right skill set.
3. **Supply and demand balance:** This element of Human Resource Planning is very important, as striking a balance between these two forces will help the organization in understanding if there is shortage or excess of employees available in a particular group. It also helps in understanding as to the need of full time or part time needs of the organization.

## **JOBEVALUATION**

A **job evaluation** is a systematic way of determining the value/worth of a job in relation to other jobs in an organization. It tries to make a systematic comparison between jobs to assess their relative worth for the purpose of establishing a rational pay structure. By Abhinav Yadav Job evaluation needs to be differentiated from job analysis. Job analysis is a systematic way of gathering information about a job. Every job evaluation method requires at least some basic job analysis in order to provide factual information about the jobs concerned. Thus, job evaluation begins with job analysis and ends at that point where the worth of a job is ascertained for achieving pay equity between jobs and different roles.

## **PROCESS OF JOBEVALUATION**

The process of job evaluation involves the following steps:

- **Gaining acceptance:** Before undertaking job evaluation, top management must explain the aims and uses of the programme to managers, emphasizing the benefits. Employees and unions may be consulted, depending on the legal and employee relations environment and company culture. To elaborate the program further, presentations could be made to explain the inputs, process and outputs/benefits of job evaluation.
- **Creating job evaluation committee:** It is not possible for a single person to evaluate all the key jobs in an organization. Often a job evaluation committee consisting of experienced employees, union representatives and HR experts is created to set the ball rolling.
- **Finding the jobs to be evaluated:** Every job need not be evaluated. This may be too taxing and costly. Certain key jobs in each department may be identified. While picking up the jobs, care must be taken to ensure that they represent the type of work performed in that department, at various levels.
- **Analysing and preparing job description:** This requires the preparation of a job description and also an analysis of job specifications for successful performance. See job analysis.
- **Selecting the method of evaluation:** The method of evaluating jobs must be identified, keeping the job factors as well as organisational demands in mind. Selecting a method also

involves consideration of company culture, and the capacity of the compensation and benefits function or job evaluation committee.

- **Evaluating jobs:** The relative worth of various jobs in an organisation may be determined by applying the job evaluation method. The method may consider the "whole job" by ranking a set of jobs, or by comparing each job to a general level description. Factor-based methods require consideration of the level of various compensable factors (criteria) such as level and breadth of responsibility, knowledge and skill required, complexity, impact, accountability, working conditions, etc. These factor comparisons can be one with or without numerical scoring. If there is numerical scoring, weights can be assigned to each such factor and scores are associated with different levels of each factor, so that a total score is determined for the job. All methods result in an assigned grade level.

## **Non-analytical Job Evaluation Methods**

### **1. Ranking Method:**

This is the simplest and an inexpensive job evaluation method, wherein the jobs are ranked from the highest to the lowest on the basis of their importance in the organization. In this method, the overall job is compared with the other set of jobs and then is given a rank on the basis of its content and complexity in performing it.

Here the job is not broken into the factors, an overall analysis of the job is done. The main advantage of the ranking method is, it is very easy to understand and is least expensive. But however it is not free from the limitations, it is subjective in nature due to which employees may feel offended, and also, it may not be fruitful in the case of big organizations.

### **2. Job Grading Method:**

Also known as **Job-Classification Method**. Under this method the job grades or classes are predetermined and then each job is assigned to these and is evaluated accordingly.

For Example Class, I, comprise of the managerial level people under which sub-classification is done on the basis of the job roles such as office manager, department managers, departmental supervisor, etc.

The advantage of this method is that it is less subjective as compared to the ranking method and is acceptable to the employees. And also, the entire job is compared against the other jobs and is not broken into factors. The major limitation of this method is that the jobs may differ with respect to their content and the complexity and by placing all under one category the results may be overestimated or underestimated.

### **Analytical Job Evaluation Methods**

#### **1. Factor-Comparison Method:**

Under this method, the job is evaluated, and the ranks are given on the basis of a series of factors viz. Mental effort, physical effort, skills required, supervisory responsibilities, working conditions, and other relevant factors. These factors are assumed to be constant for each set of jobs. Thus, each job is compared against each other on this basis and is ranked accordingly. The advantage of this method is that it is consistent and less subjective, thus appreciable by all. But however it is the most complex and an expensive method.

#### **2. Point-Ranking Method:**

Under this method, each job's key factor is identified and then the subfactors are determined. These sub-factors are then assigned the points by its importance.

For example, the key factor to perform a job is skills, and then it can be further classified into sub-factors such as training required, communications skills, social skills, persuasion skills, etc.

The point ranking method is less subjective and is an error free as the rater sees the job from all the perspectives. But however it is a complex method and is time-consuming since the points and weight scale has to be decided for each factor and the sub factors.

## **RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION**

### **RECRUITMENT**

Recruitment (hiring) refers to the overall process of attracting, shortlisting, selecting and appointing suitable candidates for jobs (either permanent or temporary) within an organization.<sup>[1]</sup> Recruitment can also refer to processes involved in choosing individuals for unpaid roles. Managers, human resource generalists and recruitment specialists may be tasked with carrying out recruitment, but in some cases public-sector employment agencies, commercial recruitment agencies, or specialist search consultancies are used to undertake parts of the

process. Internet-based technologies to support all aspects of recruitment have become widespread.

## **Job analysis**

In situations where multiple new jobs are created and recruited for the first time or vacancies are there, the nature in such documents as job descriptions and job specifications. Often, a company already has job descriptions for existing positions. Where already drawn up, these documents may require review and updating to reflect current requirements. Prior to the recruitment stage, a person specifications should be finalized.<sup>[3]</sup>

## **Sourcing**

Sourcing is the use of one or more strategies to attract or identify candidates to fill job vacancies. It may involve internal and/or external recruitment advertising, using appropriate media, such as job portals, local or national newspapers, social media (such as LinkedIn or RiteSite),

business media, specialist recruitment media, professional publications, window advertisements, job centers, or in a variety of ways via the internet.

Alternatively, employers may use recruitment consultancies or agencies to find otherwise scarce candidates—who, in many cases, may be content in the current positions and are not actively looking to move. This initial research for candidates—also called name generation—produces contact information for potential candidates, whom the recruiter can then discreetly contact and screen.

## **Screening and selection**

Various psychological tests can assess a variety of KSAOs, including literacy. Assessments are also available to measure physical ability. Recruiters and agencies may use applicant tracking systems to filter candidates, along with software tools for psychometric testing and performance-based assessment. In many countries, employers are legally mandated to ensure their screening and selection processes meet equal opportunity and ethical standards.

Employers are likely to recognize the value of candidates who encompass soft skills such as interpersonal or team leadership. Many companies, including multinational organizations and those that recruit from a range of nationalities, are also often concerned about whether a candidate fits the prevailing company culture. Companies and recruitment agencies are now turning to video screening as a way to notice these skills without the need to invite the candidates in person. Screening as a practice for hiring has undergone continual change over the years and often organizations are using video to maintain the aforementioned standards they set for themselves and the industry.

## **SELECTION**

The process of identifying the most suitable persons for the organization is called selection. Selection is also called a negative function because at a stage the applications are screened and short-listed based on the selection criteria. The main purpose of selection is to



choosetherightpersonfortherightjob.Thejobanalysis,jobdescription,andjobspecifications are carried out before the position is advertised. These provide adequate insightabout nature of the job, its description, and its specifications, and further focus on what type of personistobeselectedforagivenposition.Thesesimplifytheprocessofselection

**Selectionprocessinvolvesthefollowingstages:**

1. Initialscreening/Shortlisting
2. Comprehensiveapplication/biodatascreening
3. Aptitudeorwrittenrests
4. Groupdiscussion
5. Personalinterviews
6. Groupdiscussion
7. Personalinterviews
8. Medicalexamination
9. Employmentofferletter

**PLACEMENTANDINDUCTION**

**PLACEMENT**

Placement is a process of assigning a specific job to each of the selected candidates. It involvesassigning a specific rank and responsibility to an individual. It implies matching the requirementsofajob with the qualifications of thecandidate.

**SignificanceofPlacement**

Thesignificancesofplacement areasfollows:-

- \* Itimproves employeemorale.
- \* Ithelpsinreducingemployeeturnover.
- \* Ithelpsinreducingabsenteeism.
- \* Ithelpsinreducingaccidentrates.
- \* Itavoidsmisfitbetweenthecandidateandthejob.
- \* Ithelpsthecandidate to workasperthepredeterminedobjectivesoftheorganization.

## INDUCTION

Once an employee is selected and placed on an appropriate job, the process of familiarizing him with the job and the organization is known as induction.

Induction is the process of receiving and welcoming an employee when he first joins the company and giving him basic information he needs to settle down quickly and happily and start work.

### Objectives

Induction is designed to achieve following objectives:-

- \* To help the new comer to overcome his shyness and overcome his shyness nervousness in meeting new people in a new environment.
- \* To give new comer necessary information such as location of a café, rest period etc.
- \* To build new employee confidence in the organization.
- \* It helps in reducing labor turnover and absenteeism.
- \* It reduces confusion and develops healthy relations in the organization.
- \* To ensure that the new comer does not form false impression and negative attitude towards the organization.
- \* To develop among the new comer a sense of belonging and loyalty to the organization.

## **WAGE AND SALARY ADMINISTRATION**

Wage and salary administration is a collection of practices and procedures used for planning and distributing company-

wide compensation programs for employees. These practices include employees at all levels and are usually handled by the accounting department of a company. Wage and salary administration procedures usually involve activities such as calculating the

number of hours worked in order to determine compensation, administering employment benefits, and answering payroll questions from employees. At the majority of companies and organizations, wages are usually dispersed to all employees on a specific date. The workers in charge of salary administration may also be charged with ensuring that the company adheres to federal and local compensation laws.

## Objectives

The main objective of wage and salary administration is to establish and maintain an equitable wage and salary system. This is so because only a properly developed compensation system enables an employer to attract, obtain, retain and motivate people of required calibre and qualification in his/her organisation. These objectives can be seen in more orderly manner from the point of view of the organisation, its individual employees and collectively. There are outlined and discussed subsequently:

### **Organizational Objectives:**

The compensation system should be duly aligned with the organisational need and should also be flexible enough to modification in response to change.

### **Performance objectives:**

1. Enable an organisation to have the quantity and quality of staff it requires.
2. Retain the employees in the organisation.
3. Motivate employees for good performance for further improvement in performance.
4. Maintain equity and fairness in compensation for similar jobs.

### **Principles of wage and salary administration:**

**The main principles that govern wage and salary fixation are three:**

1. External Equity
2. Internal Equity
3. Individual Worth.

#### **1. External Equity:**

This principle acknowledges that factors/variables external to organisation influence levels of compensation in an organisation. These variables are such as demand and supply of labour, the market rate, etc. If these variables are not kept into consideration while fixing wage and salary levels, these may be insufficient to attract and retain employees in the organisation. The

principles of external equity ensure that jobs are fairly compensated in comparison to similar jobs in the labour market.

## **2. Internal Equity:**

Organisations have various jobs which are relative in value term. In other words, the values of various jobs in an organisation are comparative. Within your own Department, pay levels of the teachers (Professor, Reader, and Lecturer) are different as per the perceived or real differences between the values of jobs they perform.

This relative worth of jobs is ascertained by job evaluation. Thus, an ideal compensation system should establish and maintain appropriate differentials based on relative values of jobs. In other words, the compensation system should ensure that more difficult jobs should be paid more.

## **3. Individual Worth:**

According to this principle, an individual should be paid as per his/her performance. Thus, the compensation system, as far as possible, enables the individual to be rewarded according to his contribution to organisation.

Alternatively speaking, this principle ensures that each individual's pay is fair in comparison to others doing the same/similar jobs, i.e., 'equal pay for equal work'. In sum and substance, a sound compensation system should encompass factors like adequacy of wages, social balance, supply and demand, fair comparison, equal pay for equal work and work

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

### Training and development

Training: Training is short-term process of utilizing systematic and organized procedure by which the staff acquire specific technical knowledge and functional skills for a definite purpose. The focus of training is the job or task.

### Training Needs:

- High turnover among the new recruits
- Increase in wastage of materials
- Increase in the number of rejected units of production
- Increase in the number of customer complaints
- Increase in the accident rate
- Reduced productivity levels
- Increase in machine

breakdowns Methods of Training: There are two methods of

training

## A. On-the-job training

## B. Off-thejob training

A) On-the job training: It is designed to make the employees immediately productive. It is learning by physically doing the work. The focus here is to provide specific skills in a real situation. These methods include:

1) Job instruction training: This is a method used for such jobs which can be performed with relatively low skill. Here, the trainee systematically acquires skills by following routine instructions in key processes from a qualified instructor.

2) Experiential learning: This is a modern approach to the learning process. This method is more used for training the senior executives. It is a technique, which empowers the manager-trainee with the freedom of choice to act upon and the capacity to initiate, rather than simply respond, to circumstances.

3) Demonstration: Here, the work procedures are demonstrated to the trainees. Each of the trainees is asked to carry out the work, on a sample basis, based on his/her observation and understanding of the demonstration.

4) Apprentice training: Those who are selected to work in the shop floor are trained as apprentices in the factory for a brief period ranging from three months to one year, depending upon the complexity of the training. Those who show good progress in this training are likely to be absorbed in the same organization. Those who complete apprentice training are likely to get good jobs outside also.

B) Off-the-job training methods: provide a relatively broad idea relating to a given job or task. These are meant for developing an understanding of general principles, providing background knowledge, or generating an awareness of comparative ideas and practice. These methods include:

1) Lectures/talks and class room instructions: These techniques are designed to communicate specific interpersonal, technical, or problem-solving skills. Here, the trainer can maintain a tight control over learning. However, this method restricts the trainee's freedom to develop his/her own approaches to learning.

2) Conferences: Conferences refer to get-together of the experts from different areas of a given topic. These experts present their views based on their work experience and research results. When employees participate in such events they get a feel of the real world. They may also get motivated to perform better.

3) Seminars: Seminars are held periodically by the professional organisations for the benefit of all the practicing managers by taking into consideration the recent advances in a specialized area. Participation in such seminars enables the executives to get exposed to the recent developments in the area of their interest.

4) Team discussions: This technique develops team spirit among the executives from different departments. It also enables them to understand and appreciate each other's problems. It reinforces a feeling of unity among those who work towards common goals.

5) Case study: This is a predominant technique followed even in premier management institutes. This technique helps to provide an understanding of what has gone wrong in a particular case, such as Delhi Cloth Mills (DCM). Similarly, what are the factors

responsible for the success of organizations such as Reliance or Hindustan Lever. Case study technique is a very good method of learning the principles and concepts. However, this method has one weakness. The circumstances you are likely to face in your life may be very different from the cases you have analyzed earlier! Case studies help to enhance the analytical & decision making skills

6) Role-playing: The participants are assigned roles and are asked to react to one another, as they would do in their managerial jobs. These roles are eventually exchanged.

In other words, each participant will get a turn to play all the roles. For instance, the role-playing in a grievance-handling situation involves two players: In the first step, the worker presents his grievance to the personnel manager. In the second step, the worker plays the role of the personnel manager while the personnel manager plays the role of the worker. Role-playing allows participants to understand problems of each other.

**Development**: Development is an activity aimed at career growth rather than immediate performance.

Employee development is the process, which helps him or her to understand and interpret knowledge rather than teaching a specific set of functional skills. Development, therefore, focuses more on employee's personal growth in the near future.

## **PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL**

Performance Appraisal: Performance appraisal is the process of measuring and evaluating the performance or accomplishments, including behaviour, of an employee on the job front for a given period. The purpose is to assess the worth and value of a person to the organization. It is also meant for assessing his/her potential for future development in an objective manner. Why appraise the performance :

1. To assess the employee's present level of performance
2. To identify the strengths or weaknesses of individual employee
3. To provide feedback to the employees so that they can improve his/her performance
4. To provide an objective basis for rewarding the employees for their performance
5. To motivate those employees who perform
6. To check and punish those employees who fail to perform
7. To identify the gaps in performance, and thus, assess training and development needs
8. To identify the employee's potential to perform
9. To provide a database for evolving succession strategies

Steps in performance Appraisal:

1. Create setup performance standards
2. Mutually set identifiable and measurable

3. Measure present level of performance
4. Compare and appraise present level of performance with standard
5. Discuss the appraisal with employee
6. Identify and initiate the corrective action

### **Performance Appraisal Methods: Traditional and Modern Methods!**

Each method of performance appraisal has its strengths and weaknesses may be suitable for one organisation and non-suitable for another one. As such, there is no single appraisal method accepted and used by all organisations to measure their employees' performance.

All the methods of appraisal devised so far have been classified differently by different authors. While DeCenzo and Robbins<sup>7</sup> have classified appraisal methods into three categories: absolute methods, relative methods and objective methods; Aswathappa has classified these into two categories: past-oriented and future-oriented.

In the discussion that follows, each method under both categories will be described briefly.

#### **Traditional Methods:**

##### **Ranking Method:**

It is the oldest and simplest formal systematic method of performance appraisal in which employee is compared with all others for the purpose of placing order of worth. The employees are ranked from the highest to the lowest or from the best to the worst.

In doing this the employee who is the highest on the characteristic being measured and also the one who is lowest, are indicated. Then, the next highest and the next lowest between next highest and lowest until all the employees to be rated have been ranked. Thus, if there are ten employees to be appraised, there will be ten ranks from 1 to 10.

#### **However, the greatest limitations of this appraisal method are that:**

- (i) It does not tell how much better or worse one is than another,



(ii) The task of ranking individuals is difficult when a large number of employees are rated, and

(iii) It is very difficult to compare one individual with others having varying behavioural traits. To remedy these defects, the paired comparison method of performance appraisal has been evolved.

### **Paired Comparison:**

In this method, each employee is compared with other employees on one-to-one basis, usually based on one trait only. The rater is provided with a bunch of slips each containing a pair of names, the rater puts a tick mark against the employee whom he considers the better of the two. The number of times this employee is compared as better with others determines his or her final ranking.

### **The number of possible pairs for a given number of employees is ascertained by the following formula:**

$$N(N-1)/2$$

Where N = the total number of employees to be evaluated. Let this be exemplified with an imaginary example.

If the following five teachers have to be evaluated by the Vice-Chancellor of a University:

(K), Mohapatra (M), Raul (R), Venkat (V), and Barman (B), the above formula gives  $5(5-1)/2$  or 10 pairs.

### **These are:**

Thus, the pairs so ascertained give the maximum possible permutations and combinations. The number of times a worker is considered better makes his/her score. Such scores are determined for each worker and he/she is ranked according to his/her score. One obvious disadvantage of this method is that the method can become unwieldy when large numbers of employees are being compared.

### **Grading Method:**

In this method, certain categories of worth are established in advance and carefully defined. There can be three categories established for employees: outstanding, satisfactory and unsatisfactory. There can be more than three grades. Employee performance is compared with

grade definitions. The employee is, then, allocated to the grade that best describes his or her performance.

Such type of grading is done in Semester pattern of examinations and in the selection of a candidate in the public service sector. One of the major drawbacks of this method is that the rater may rate most of the employees on the higher side of their performance.

### **Forced Distribution Method:**

This method was evolved by Tiffen to eliminate the central tendency of rating most of the employees at a higher end of the scale. The method assumes that employees' performance level conforms to a normal statistical distribution i.e., 10, 20, 40, 20 and 10 per cent. This is useful for rating a large number of employees' job performance and promo ability. It tends to eliminate or reduce bias.

It is also highly simple to understand and easy to apply in appraising the performance of employees in organisations. It suffers from the drawback that if everyone improves similarly, no single grade would rise in ratings.

### **Forced-Choice Method:**

The forced-choice method is developed by J. P. Guilford. It contains a series of groups of statements, and the rater rates how effectively a statement describes each individual being evaluated. Common method of forced-choice method contains two statements, both positive and negative.

### **Examples of positive statements are:**

1. Gives good and clear instructions to the subordinates.
2. Can be depended upon to complete any job assigned.

### **A pair of negative statements may be as follows:**

1. Makes promises beyond his limit to keep these.
2. Inclined to favour some employees.

Each statement carries a score or weight, which is not made known to the rater. The human resource section does rating for all sets of statements—both positive and negative. The final rating is done on the basis of all sets of statements. Thus, employee rating in this manner makes the method more objective. The only problem associated with this method is that the actual constructing of several evaluative statements also called 'forced-choice scales', takes a lot of time and effort.

### **Check-List Method:**

The basic purpose of utilizing check-list method is to ease the evaluation burden upon the rater. In this method, a series of statements, i.e., questions with their answers in 'yes' or 'no'

are prepared by the HR department (see Figure 28-2). The check-list is, then, presented to the rater

to tick appropriate answers relevant to the appraisee. Each question carries a weight-age in relation to their importance.

When the check-list is completed, it is sent to the HR department to prepare the final scores for all appraisees based on all questions. While preparing questions an attempt is made to determine the degree of consistency of the rater by asking the same question twice but in a different manner (see, numbers 3 and 6 in Figure 28-2).

However, one of the disadvantages of the check-list method is that it is difficult to assemble, analyse and weigh a number of statements about employee characteristics and contributions. From a cost stand point also, this method may be inefficient particularly if there are a number of job categories in the organisation, because a check-list of questions must be prepared for each category of job. It will involve a lot of money, time and efforts.

### **Critical Incidents Method:**

In this method, the rater focuses his or her attention on those key or critical behaviours that make the difference between performing a job in a noteworthy manner (effectively or ineffectively). There are three steps involved in appraising employees using this method.

First, a list of noteworthy (good or bad) on-the-job behaviour of specific incidents is prepared. Second, a group of experts then assigns weightage or score to these incidents, depending upon their degree of desirability to perform a job. Third, finally a check-list indicating incidents that describe workers as “good” or “bad” is constructed. Then, the check-list is given to the rater for evaluating the workers.

The basic idea behind this rating is to appraise the workers who can perform their jobs effectively in critical situations. This is so because most people work alike in normal situation. The strength of critical incident method is that it focuses on behaviours and, thus, judge's performance rather than personalities.

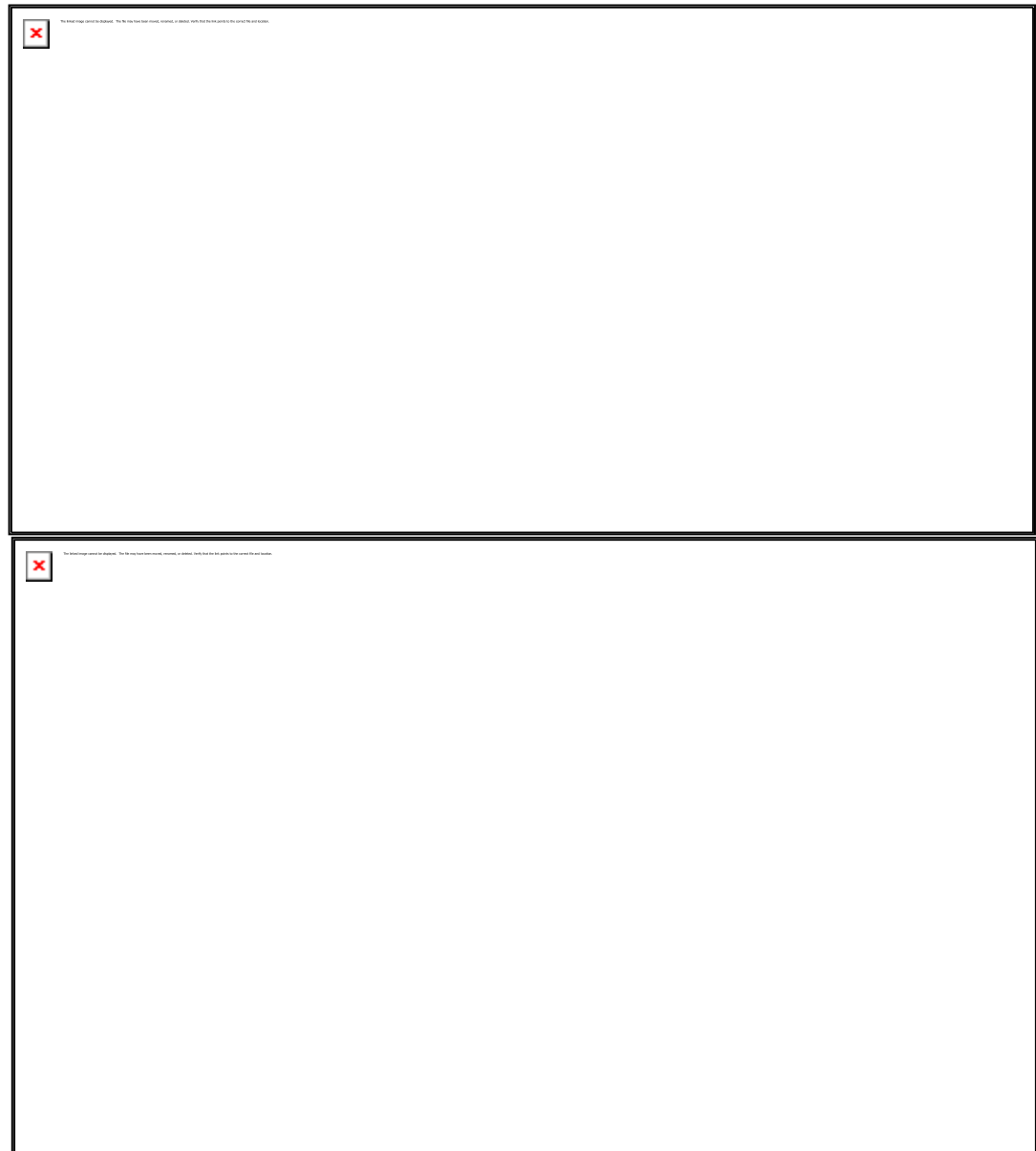
Its drawbacks are to regularly write down the critical incidents which become time-consuming and burdensome for evaluators, i.e., managers. Generally, negative incidents are positive ones. It is rater's inference that determines which incidents are critical to job performance. Hence, the method is subject to all the limitations relating to subjective judgments.

### Graphic Rating Scale Method:

The graphic rating scale is one of the most popular and simplest techniques for appraising performance. It is also known as linear rating scale. In this method, the printed appraisal form is used to appraise each employee.

The form lists traits (such as quality and reliability) and a range of job performance characteristics (from unsatisfactory to outstanding) for each trait. The rating is done on the basis of points on the continuum. The common practice is to follow five points scale.

The rater rates each appraisee by checking the score that best describes his or her performance for each trait. All assigned values for the traits are then totaled. Figure 28-3 shows a typical graphic rating scale.



This method is good for measuring various job behaviours of an employee. However, it is also subjected to rater's bias while rating employee's behaviour at job. Occurrence of ambiguity in design-mg the graphic scale results in bias in appraising employee's performance.

### **Essay Method:**

Essay method is the simplest one among various appraisal methods available. In this method, the rater writes a narrative description on an employee's strengths, weaknesses, past performance, potential and suggestions for improvement. Its positive point is that it is simple in use. It does not require complex formats and extensive/specific training to complete it.

However, essay method, like other methods, is not free from drawbacks. In the absence of any prescribed structure, the essays are likely to vary widely in terms of length and content. And, of course, the quality of appraisal depends more upon rater's writing skill than the appraiser's actual level of performance.

Moreover, because the essays are descriptive, the method provides only qualitative information about the employee. In the absence of quantitative data, the evaluation suffers from subjectivity problem. Nonetheless, the essay method is a good start and is beneficial also if used in conjunction with other appraisal methods.

### **Field Review Method:**

When there is a reason to suspect rater's biasedness or his or her rating appears to be quite higher than others, these are neutralised with the help of a review process. The review process is usually conducted by the personnel officer in the HR department.

### **The review process involves the following activities:**

- (a) Identify areas of inter-rater disagreement.
- (b) Help the group arrive at a consensus.
- (c) Ensure that each rater conceives of the standard similarity.

However, the process is a time-consuming one. The supervisors generally resent what they consider the staff interference. Hence, the method is not widely used.

### **Confidential Report:**

It is the traditional way of appraising employees mainly in the Government Departments. Evaluation is made by the immediate boss or supervisor for giving effect to promotion and transfer. Usually a structured format is devised to collect information on employee's strength, weakness, intelligence, attitude, character, attendance, discipline, etc. report.

### **Modern Methods:**

### **Management by Objectives (MBO):**

Most of the traditional methods of performance appraisal are subject to the antagonistic judgments of the raters. It was to overcome this problem; Peter F. Drucker propounded a new concept, namely, management by objectives (MBO) way back in 1954 in his book.

The Practice of management. The concept of MBO as was conceived by Drucker, can be described as a “process whereby the superior and subordinate managers of an organization jointly identify its common goals, define each individual’s major areas of responsibility in terms of results expected of him and use these measures as guides for operating the unit and assessing the contribution of each of its members”.

In other words, stripped to its essentials, MBO requires the manager to goals with each employee and then periodically discuss his or her progress toward these goals.

In fact, MBO is not only a method of performance evaluation. It is viewed by the practicing managers and pedagogues as a philosophy of managerial practice because it is a method by which managers and subordinates plan, organise, communicate, control and debate.

An MBO programme consists of four main steps: goal setting, performance standard, comparison, and periodic review. In goal-setting, goals are set which each individual, is to attain. The superior and subordinate jointly establish these goals. The goals refer to the desired outcome to be achieved by each individual employee.

In performance standards, the standards are set for the employees as per the previously arranged time period. When the employees start performing their jobs, they come to know what is to be done, what has been done, and what remains to be done.

In the third step the actual level of goals attained are compared with the goals agreed upon. This enables the evaluator to find out the reasons for variation between the actual and standard performance of the employees. Such a comparison helps devise training needs for increasing employees’ performance it can also explore the conditions having their bearings on employees’ performance but over which the employees have no control.

Finally, in the periodic review step, corrective measure is initiated when actual performance deviates from the standard established in the first step-goal-setting stage. Consistent with the MBO philosophy periodic progress reviews are conducted in a constructive rather than punitive manner.

The purpose of conducting reviews is not to degrade the performer but to aid in his/her future performance. From a motivational point of view, this would be representative of McGregor’s theories.

Figure 28.4 presents the MBO method of performance appraisal presently used by an engineering giant, i.e., Larsen and Turbo Limited.

**Limitation of MBO:**

MBO is not a panacea, cure for all organisational problems.

As with other methods, it also suffers from some limitations as catalogued below:

**(i) Setting Un-measurable Objectives:**

One of the problems MBO suffers from is unclear and un-measurable objectives set for attainment. An objective such as “will do a better job of training” is useless as it is un-measurable. Instead, “we will have four subordinates promoted during the year” is a clear and measurable objective.

**(ii) Time-consuming:**

The activities involved in an MBO programme such as setting goals, measuring progress, and providing feedback can take a great deal of time.

**(iii) Tug of War:**

Setting objectives with the subordinates sometimes turns into a tug of war in the sense that the manager pushes for higher quotas and the subordinates push for lower ones. As such, goals so set are likely to be unrealistic.

**(iv) Lack of Trust:**

MBO is likely to be ineffective in an environment where management has little trust in its employees. Or say, management makes decisions autocratically and relies heavily on external controls.

**Behaviourally Anchored Rating Scales (BARS):**

The problem of judgmental performance evaluation inherent in the traditional methods of performance evaluation led to some organisations to go for objective evaluation by developing a technique known as “Behaviourally Anchored Rating Scales (BARS)” around 1960s. BARS are descriptions of various degrees of behaviour with regard to a specific performance dimension.

It combines the benefits of narratives, critical incidents, and quantified ratings by anchoring a quantified scale with specific behavioural examples of good or poor performance. The proponents of BARS claim that it offers better and more equitable appraisals than do the other techniques of performance appraisal we discussed so far.

**Developing BARS typically involves five steps:****1. Generating Critical Incidents:**

Critical incidents (or say, behaviours) are those which are essential for the performance of the job effectively. Persons who are knowledgeable of the job in question (job holders and/or supervisors) are asked to describe specific critical incidents of effective and ineffective performance. These critical incidents may be described in a few short sentences or phrases using the terminology.

**2. Developing Performance Dimensions:**



The critical incidents are then clustered into a smaller set of performance dimensions, usually five to ten. Each cluster, or say, dimension is then defined.

### **3. Reallocating Incidents:**

Various critical incidents are reallocated dimensions by another group of people who also know the job in question. Various critical incidents so reallocated to original dimensions are clustered into various categories, with each cluster showing similar critical incidents. Those critical incidents are retained which meet 50 to 80% of agreement with the cluster as classified in step 2.

### **4. Scaling Incidents:**

The same second group as in step 3 rates the behaviour described in each incident in terms of effectiveness or ineffectiveness on the appropriate dimension by using seven to nine points scale. Then, average effectiveness ratings for each incident are determined to decide which incidents will be included in the final anchored scales.

### **5. Developing Final BARS Instrument:**

A subset of the incidents (usually six or seven per cluster) is used as a behavioural anchor for the final performance dimensions. Finally, a BARS instrument with vertical scales is drawn to be used for performance appraisal, as in Figure 27-5.

How BARS is developed can be exemplified with an example of grocery checkout clerks working in a large grocery chain.

#### **A number of critical incidents involved in checking out of grocery can be clustered into seven performance dimensions:**

1. Knowledge and Judgment
2. Conscientiousness
3. Skill in Human Relations
4. Skill in Operation of Register
5. Skill in Bagging
6. Organisational Ability of Checkstand Work
7. Skill in Monetary Transactions
8. Observational Ability

Now, a BARS for one of these performance dimensions, namely, “knowledge and judgment” can be developed, as in Figure 28-5. Notice how the typical BARS is behaviourally anchored with specific critical incidents.

BARS method of performance appraisal is considered better than the traditional ones because it provides advantages like a more accurate gauge, clearer standards, better feedback, and consistency in evaluation. However, BARS is not free from limitations.

The research on BARS indicates that it too suffers from distortions inherent in most rating scales. The research study concluded that “it is clear that research on BARS to date does not support the regarding scale independence. In short, while BARS may outperform conventional rating techniques, it is clear that they are not a panacea for obtaining high inter-rater reliability”

#### **Assessment Centres:**

The introduction of the concept of assessment centres as a method of performance method is traced back in 1930s in Germany used to appraise its army officers. The concept gradually spread to the US and the UK in 1940s and to Britain in 1960s.

The concept, then, traversed from the army to business arena during 1960s. The concept of assessment centre is, of course, of a recent origin in India. In India, Crompton Greaves, Eicher, Hindustan Lever and Modi Xerox have adopted this technique of performance evaluation.

In business field, assessment centres are mainly used for evaluating executive or supervisory potential. By definition, an assessment centre is a central location where managers come together to participate in well-designed simulated exercises. They are assessed by senior managers supplemented by the psychologists and the HR specialists for 2-3 days.

Assessee is asked to participate in in-basket exercises, work groups, simulations, and role playing which are essential for successful performance of actual job. Having recorded the assessee's behaviour the raters meet to discuss their pooled information and observations and, based on it, they give their assessment about the assessee. At the end of the process, feedback in terms of strengths and weaknesses is also provided to the assessee.

The distinct advantages the assessment centres provide include more

accurate evaluation, minimum biasedness, right selection and promotion of executives, and so on. Nonetheless, the technique of assessment centres is also plagued by certain limitations and problems. The technique is relatively costly and time consuming, causes suffocation to the solid performers, discourages the poor performers (rejected), breeds unhealthy competition among the assesses, and bears adverse effect on those not selected for assessment.

### **360–Degree Appraisal:**

Yet another method used to appraise the employee's performance is 360 – degree appraisal. This method was first developed and formally used by General Electric Company of USA in 1992. Then, it travelled to other countries including India. In India, companies like Reliance Industries, Wipro Corporation, Infosys Technologies, Thermax, Thomas Cook etc., have been using this method for appraising the performance of their employees. This feedback based method is generally used for ascertaining training and development requirements, rather than for pay increases.

Under 360 – degree appraisal, performance information such as employee's skills, abilities and behaviours, is collected “all around” an employee, i.e., from his/her supervisors, subordinates, peers and even customers and clients.

In other words, in 360-degree feedback appraisal system, an employee is appraised by his supervisor, subordinates, peers, and customers with whom he interacts in the course of his job performance. All these appraisers provide information or feedback on an employee by completing survey questionnaires designed for this purpose.

All information so gathered is then compiled through the computerized system to prepare individualized reports. These reports are presented to the employees being rated. They then meet the appraiser—be it one's superior, subordinates or peers—and share the information they feel as pertinent and useful for developing a self-improvement plan.

In 360 – degree feedback, performance appraisal being based on feedback “all around”, an employee is likely to be more correct and realistic. Nonetheless, like other traditional methods, this method is also subject to suffer from the subjectivity on the part of the appraiser. For example, while supervisor may penalise the employee by providing negative feedback, a peer, being influenced by ‘give and take feeling’ may give a review on his/her colleague.

### **Cost Accounting Method:**

This method evaluates an employee's performance from the monetary benefits the employee yields to his/her organisation. This is ascertained by establishing a relationship between the costs involved in retaining the employee, and the benefits an organisation derives from him/her.

**While evaluating an employee's performance under this method, the following factors are also taken into consideration:**

1. Unitwise average value of production or service.
2. Quality of product produced or service rendered.
3. Overhead cost incurred.
4. Accidents, damages, errors, spoilage, wastage caused through unusual wear and tear.
5. Human relationship with others.
6. Cost of the time supervisors spent in appraising the employee.

### **EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCES**

#### **Definition: Employee Grievance**

Employee grievance refers to the dissatisfaction of an employee with what he expects from the company and its management. A company or employer is expected to provide an employee with a safe working environment, realistic job preview, adequate compensation, respect etc. However, employee grievance is caused when there is a gap between what the employee expects and what he receives from the employer.

Employee grievances may or may not be justified. However, they need to be tackled adequately because they not only lower the motivation and performance of the employee but also affect the work environment. Employee grievances if left unchecked can lead to large disputes within the company. Any company must have a proper channel for employee grievance redressal.

Employee Grievance should be handled in a proper and well defined manner. If an employee reports a matter related to a policy or something he or she is not happy with or wants to complain against, a framework defined in policy should be used.

#### **Typical Steps in Employee Grievance Handling:**

1. Employee grievances should be submitted in a proper channel
2. The supervisor of the employee should be informed and spoken to
3. A review committee should examine the grievance for its validity and

against the company's policy

4. Resolutions should be provided if the grievance is valid

5. If the employee grievance is not resolved there should be a further body where it can be appealed.

### **Causes of Grievances:**

**Grievances may occur due to a number of reasons:**

#### **1. Economic:**

Employees may demand for individual wage adjustments. They may feel that they are paid less when compared to others. For example, late bonus, payments, adjustments to overtime pay, perceived inequalities in treatment, claims for equal pay, and appeals against performance-related pay awards.

#### **2. Work environment:**

It may be undesirable or unsatisfactory conditions of work. For example, light, space, heat, or poor physical conditions of workplace, defective tools and equipment, poor quality of material, unfair rules, and lack of recognition.

#### **3. Supervision:**

It may be objection to the general methods of supervision related to the attitudes of the supervisor towards the employee such as perceived notions of bias, favouritism, nepotism, caste affiliations and regional feelings.

#### **4. Organizational change:**

Any change in the organizational policies can result in grievances. For example, the implementation of revised company policies or new working practices.

#### **5. Employee relations:**

Employees are unable to adjust with their colleagues, suffer from feelings of neglect and victimization and become an object of ridicule and humiliation, or other inter-employee disputes.

#### **6. Miscellaneous:**

These may be issues relating to certain violations in respect of promotions, safety methods, transfer, disciplinary rules, fines, granting leaves, medical facilities, etc.

### **Effects of Grievance:**

Grievances, if not identified and redressed, may adversely affect workers, managers, and the organization.

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### **The effects are the following:**

#### **1. On the production:**

- a. Low quality of production
- b. Low productivity
- c. Increase in the wastage of material, spoilage/leakage of machinery
- d. Increase in the cost of production per unit

**2. On the employees:**

- a. Increase in the rate of absenteeism and turnover
- b. Reduction in the level of commitment, sincerity and punctuality
- c. Increase in the incidence of accidents
- d. Reduction in the level of employee morale.

**3. On the managers:**

- a. Strained superior-subordinate relations.
- b. Increase in the degree of supervision and control.
- c. Increase in indiscipline cases
- d. Increase in unrest and thereby machinery to maintain industrial peace

**Need for a Formal Procedure to Handle Grievances:**

A grievance handling system serves as an outlet for employee frustrations, discontents, and gripes like a pressure release valve on a steam boiler. Employees do not have to keep their frustrations bottled up until eventually discontent causes

explosion. The existence of an effective grievance procedure reduces the need for arbitrary action by supervisors because supervisors know that the employees are able to protect such behavior and make protests to be heard by higher management. The very fact that employees have a right to be heard and are actually heard helps to improve morale. In view of all these, every organization should have a clear-cut procedure for grievance handling.