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ABSTRACT

The compensation process and methods have transformed in all the industries, from time to time. The genetic definition of the process need, seek, get, evaluate, satisfy and compensate, has remained the same, but the methods have changed and transformed. The change is attributable to change in need, change in method of seeking, change in method of getting, change in method of evaluating, and hence the change in the concept of compensation for good results, retention of excellent experienced employees.

KEYWORDS

remuneration management, organisational effectiveness.

INTRODUCTION

emuneration is the compensation an employee receives in return for his/her contribution to the organization. Remuneration occupies an important place in the life of an employee. His/her standard of living status in the society motivation, loyalty and productivity depends upon the remuneration he/she receives. For the employer too, employee remuneration is significant because of its contribution to the cost of production. Besides, many battles (in the form of strikes and lockout) are fought between the employer and the employee on the issues relating to wages or bonus. For HRM too, employee remuneration is a major function. The HR specialist has a difficult task of fixing wages and wage differentials acceptable to employees and their leaders.

The remuneration management is very significant in that the retention of highly talented and competent work force, hinges upon the kind and quality of compensation package. In the era of multi-skilling, the availability of right king of the human resources is determined by the intrinsic and extrinsic aspects of remuneration management. Wage, salary, perquisites, fringe benefits, incentives are considered as extrinsic factors, while the reward, recognition, appreciation, job satisfaction and job enrichment are considered as intrinsic factors.

The cutting edge factor in today's competitive organizational environment is strategic human resource management. In every aspect of organizational decision making the human resource manager plays a crucial role in bringing about organizational success and effectiveness – be it expansion, diversification, going global, cross-country hiring, the role of human resource has assumed greater relevance at present. Acquisition of right skill mix, their development, utilization, compensation, retention and separation are the touchstone of human resource function in the present era.

Employee compensation package includes everything an employed individual receives in return for his work. Compensation includes all expenditures of valued resources by the organizational for the employees. This includes all employees irrespective of the status and style of function. One of the most rapidly expanding areas of compensation is the fringe benefits which is also referred to as supplementary compensation and includes vacations, employee discounts, stock options and the like. Today's, compensation package includes fringe benefits, non-monetary benefits apart from salary and wages.

SIGNIFICATION OF REMUNERATION MANAGEMENT

An effective system of remuneration is highly significant because several problems relating to personal centre around one element, namely, remuneration. Many employees for example, absent themselves from work often because they feel they are not paid enough. They look for new and better prospectus because the present emoluments may not be attractive enough to stay on. They agitate, pelt stones, use foul language, resort to graffiti, turn violent, felsic, because the remuneration pay to them may not be adequate.

Talks on job satisfaction, loyalty, organization before self, altruism and the like may be alright be alright for board rooms discussion and for delivery lectures in class rooms. The talk may also be relevant in country like Japan, where people are inspired by fanatical devotion to work. But in our country an average worker cares only for money. Such being the reality, remuneration must fulfil the expectations and aspiration of employees and exploit their energies for the benefit of organization.

DETERMINANTS OF REMUNERATION MANAGEMENT

The last three years have seen corporate move towards differentiation in compensation of individuals, with differentials of up to 50 percent in the same salary grades.

"In a way it is healthy as young people are clear. Loyalty is to themselves and their careers rather than organisations and the attitude is: 'I am selling my talent to the highest bidder'. Companies have to manage that and learn to take in talent and groom them. Loyalty has to be Indian corporates are re-examining the compensation issue and are coming up with more attractive packages. Compensation package is perceived to be beyond the size of the wallet. The employees look for some of the components like:

- Job content
- · Being a well established company
- Having an informal work atmosphere
- Flexible work timings
- Opportunity for self-development
- Being a multinational company
- Opportunity to travel abroad
- Opportunity for developing technical skills
- Opportunity to interact with the best brains in the field
- Job that leaves enough time for personal interests

EMPLOYEE REWARDS AND COMPENSATION

Although it is a given that employees wish to receive what they feel is fair and competitive financial compensation for their efforts, compensation beyond this level is not as motivating as the factors related to the internal work environment and their relationships with clients. Recognition for a job well-done, by employers, colleagues and clients, is very inspirational. A feeling of respect and mutual trust is very motivating.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The organizational effectiveness in terms of productivity, profitability, market capitalization, market share, diversification, expansion, competitive edge and going global are determined by a significant factor called employee and executive remuneration paradigm. The reward must either be equal to or more than the effort tendered by the work force. In devising the compensation plan, several parameters come to forefront and a maze of issues arise and act as labyrinth in the formulation of remuneration package.

The core of organizational success in today's competitive global order is quality human resources. The success or failure of any organization can be attributed to the kind of human resources possessed by it. The HR management is not about attracting the human resource but it is about retaining the competent people in the organization. To do so remuneration is a key factor. The present study addresses the question of retaining that talent pool in the organization. The research issues in the present study are on;

- Whether the pay package should be skilled based or time based?
- Whether the remuneration package should act as a driver for further disclosing of the hidden potentialities of human resources of in an organization?
- How far the compensation package triggers the productivity and profitability of the company?
- In what way the remuneration package induces the employee and executive to commitment, engagement effectiveness?
- How to determine that a particular organization has a right mix of human resources in the right place at the right time contributing to the survival and growth of the organization?

These and other issues called for a thorough research programme; hence, the present study will be undertaken.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- 1. To identify the components of work force remuneration package in typical multi-national companies located in Bangalore;
- 2. To evaluate the factor influencing the compensation package of employee and executives in these sample companies;
- 3. To assess the challenges and opportunities in devising and implementing the remuneration plan;
- 4. To compare industry-wise pay differentials on select parameters; and
- 5. To make suggestions that is practicable to bring about efficiency in remuneration management.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The arena of the study encompasses the corporate strategy, enterprise value, compounded annual growth rate, sales per employee, profitability, productivity, the organizational; values, culture and philosophy. It also includes internal and external factors influencing remuneration plan, challenges and issues in devising and implementing compensation plan. Merit based pay, skill based pay, time rate, piece rate, incentives, perquisite, fringe benefits, cost to the company (CTC), pay secrecy and the like.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Ahmad Jamal Tahir, Muhammad Sohaib Ahmed, Muhammad Zohair Sahoo, Subhan Ullah, Kamran Azam, Anwar khan Marwat (2012) company's financial assets have always occupied central importance and banks are the part of the financial institutions that look after that aspect. However, world's recent plunge into financial crisis hasraised this importance to critical level. Particularly, this has put direct effect upon financial sector. The fact that organizations cannot control their external environment in the current period of recession has put direct emphasis on management of internal environment of such organizations.

Allan N. Nash and Stpehen J. Carroll, Jr. (2009) in their study, "the management of compensation" have dealt with sensitive nature of compensation and stated that an organisation must manage its compensation program carefully. They stated that compensation was one of the more poorly managed areas of organisation, even though it was of importance to the economic health of organisations and the source of many personnel problems.

Brenner and Schwalbach (2009) in their study entitled "Management quality, firm size and managerial compensation: A comparison between Germany and UK" have considered the relation between management quality, firm size and managerial compensation and stated that the impact of firm size on pay vanished if it controlled for manager quality. For UK, they found negative firm size elasticities. In Germany the pay / firm size relation could only be partially explained by management quality measures. They felt that the impact of manager quality on firm size appeared predominantly in the stochastic individual effects. Only for the German sample was the education / firm size relation significant.

Brown and David (2011) in their task force report on Canadian Federal pay equity opined that female workers employed full time earned only 71 percent of their male counterparts pay. Gender discrimination in pay violated the Canadian Human Rights Act, but pay equity depended on a careful analysis of job requirements and wages. The report recommended that all federal employees and others regulated by the federal Govt. created a pay equity committee, implemented a pay equity plan and monitored results.

RESEARCH GAP

A lot of research work has already been carried out the topic compensation management. However, only a handful of research work touches upon the compensation management in the open regime. Further, all the previous research work did not cover a wide spectrum of industries. Hence there exists a huge research chasm. To narrow it, the present study was undertaken considering changed scenario and related challenges in compensation management.

HYPOTHESES

The Null Hypotheses assumed for the purpose of study are:

- No significance difference between the approaches towards motivating the employees and the employees' response to the work assigned.
- No significance difference between the approaches for grievance handling and the improving of grievance handling system.

All these hypotheses are tested at 5% level of significance.

METHODOLOGY

For the purpose of the present research programme, survey, analytical and descriptive study has been used. The inferences drawn are based on the primary data and the secondary data has been used to support the primary data. The questionnaire was personally administered by the Researcher to collect the primary data. Certain information was also gathered informally from the respondents that would have bearing on the study.

The secondary source of data has been taken from various articles, survey reports, annual reports, journals, magazines, newspapers and also through the website. **SAMPLING**

The study has been made by drawing sample from the state capital of Karnataka – Bangalore. The cosmopolitan nature and the presence of all the types of sectors, industries have been considered to be a good representation of the indicators of compensation package. The sample has been drawn out randomly from the city of Bangalore, which comprised of 250 employees and 50 employers duly ensuring that all the questions are filled up. Bangalore

SAMPLING TECHNIQUE USED

The universe of the study are all organisations (both manufacturing and service sectors). The companies list were gathered from confederation of Indian Industries, Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Federation Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries and Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industries.

ANALYSIS OF DATA

The collected data have been analysed with the help of statistical tools and techniques such as averages and percentages. The hypothesis have tested with the help of Chi-square test, wherever necessary tables, diagrams and charts have been used to analyse and interpret the data successfully.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

- Certain high profile executives refused to divulge the complete compensation package components;
- A medium of subjective bias is impossible to eliminate;
- The findings of the study may subject to change in course of time owing to changes in the environmental factors influencing compensation management;

REFERENCE PERIOD

From May 2009 to May 2013

GENERAL INFORMATION ANALYSIS

TABLE 1: SAMPLE RESPONDENTS

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SL.No.	Respondents	No. of Questionnaire Distributed			
1	Government	09			
2	Private Sector	185			
3	Public Sector	56			
	Total	250			

(Source: Primary Data)

ANALYSIS

To know the effectiveness of remuneration management practices in the Indian context, sample respondents from different spectrum of industries were considered. Accordingly, the benchmarking of best practices in employee remuneration management prevailing in healthcare, automotive, information technology, electronics, travel and tourism and hospitality sectors were taken into consideration. The well- structured questionnaire and semi-structured interview were conducted. The respondents are drawn from different levels of management incorporating executives, employees, top management, supervisors, raters and other HR consultants attached to the sample firms. 9 respondents were chosen from Government sector, 185 from private sectors and 56 from public sector organisations. Thus the total sample size is 250.

TABLE 2: GENDER OF RESPONDENTS

SL.No.	Gender	No. of Respondents	Percentage		
1	Male	172	68.8		
2	Female	78	31.2		
	Total	250	100		

(Source: Primary Data)

ANALYSIS

The total number of respondents considered for the present research programme is 250. Out of which 68.8 percent are males and 31.2 percent are from female category. The proportion of male to female category is based on the availability of women employees and executives in the total workforce strength.

INFERENCE

In so far as the relationship between gender and remuneration management is concerned, the male employees individual need ascertainment and filling the gap can easily be achieved rather than female employee need ascertainment and filling up of gap for individual performance and organizational performance. In the Indian context, on account of culture, women have to play multiple roles, even if performance deficiencies are identified, the training for them requires lot of time space which majority of them is unable to comply with.

TABLE 3: AGE GROUP

SL.No.	Age group	No. of Respondents	Percentage
1	18-25	43	17
2	26-35	87	35
3	36-45	75	30
4	46-55	30	12
5	55 Above	15	06
	Total	250	100

(Source: Primary Data)

ANALYSIS

It could be observed that the young employees in the sample organizations aged between 18 to 25, 26 to 35 and 36 to 45 are more pronounced. In sample multinational corporations, the average age of the employees ranges from 25 to 27. These category of employees fall under demographic dividend of our country. The young professionals in IT, automotive, and hospitality industry are the segments which are shown then growth path, deficiencies and training needs for their individual development. Interestingly, there are the sample employees respondents, who have crossed mid forty, have shown keen interest in learning, updating and transcending from the existing positions.

INFERENCE

Age of employees and remuneration management are positively correlated. The young employees are ready for challenging jobs and also to undergo training for their individual development (35 percent). The middle aged employees possess the necessary job experience and the course of their future action is well determined (30 percent). The aged employees have saturated with the current jobs and therefore, do resent with the further training or learning. The individual development strategy will not work relatively for the old age employees (12 percent) it can be concluded that performance appraisal, individual development of employees and the age are positively related.

REMUNERATION MANAGEMENT DIMENSIONS - ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA EMPLOYEES WORKING IN ORGANIZATION ON SHIFT BASIS

TABLE 4: THE EMPLOYEES ARE WORKING IN ORGANIZATION ON SHIFT BASIS

Factors	No. of Respondents	Percentage	
Yes	50	20	
No	200	80	
Total	125	100	

When the demand is very high, one of the important requirements is to work round the clock. However, owing to many regulations, including the Factories Act 1948, work cannot be stretched beyond specified hours though to a permissible extent, overtime could be permitted. However, when even the extended hours of working would not contribute to the required demand, it would be obvious that more number of employees have to be recruited and make them work in various time intervals. Thus the concept of shift working has come a long way in contributing to the growth of many sectors. However, the organization should provide certain incentive for any departure from the standard working slab hours. In this study, 50 respondents have indicated that they are working in shifts accounting for 20% of the sample while the remaining 200 respondents have indicated that they do not work in shifts.

Working in shifts has certain physiological as well as psychological problems associated with it. However, organizations have several means to compensate for such contributions by the employees.

WHETHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITY PROVIDED FOR WORKING IN SHIFTS?

TABLE 5: THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR MULTIPLE SHIFT WORKERS

Variables	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Yes	50	100
No	0	0
Total	50	100

All the 50 respondents who are working in shifts have indicated that they work in three shifts and all the respondents have indicated that the organization is providing the transportation facility for working in multiple shifts. Since all the respondents who are working in shifts are not working in single or two shifts, they are working in three shifts, which provide for non-overlapping of the timings and is the maximum period in the multiple shifts.

THE NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE PROVIDED FOR WORKING IN MULTIPLE SHIFTS?

TABLE 6: THE NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE IS PROVIDED FOR MULTIPLE SHIFT WORKING

Variable	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Yes	33	66
No	17	34
Total	50	100

In specific night shift working as well as in multiple shifts working there is a clear departure from the day time working and work in day has been universally accepted to be more suited to the health of the employees. When organizations require their employee to work in night, they should be adequately compensated, though the same cannot be claimed as a matter of right always. In this regard, 33 respondents have brought out that they are being provided with night shift allowance other than the shift allowance. The remaining 17 respondents accounting for 34% have indicated that they are not being provided with incentive for night shift working.

HYPOTHESES TESTING

CHI-SQUARE TEST ON EMPLOYEE ASPECTS

Relation between approach towards motivation of employees and employee response to work assignments:

TABLE 7: CROSS TABULATION OF APPROACH TOWARDS MOTIVATION OF EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEE RESPONSE TO WORK ASSIGNMENTS

		Approach towards Motivation of Employees				
		Highly Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dis –satisfied	Highly Dis –satisfied
	Positive Reinforcement	10	9	33	11	2
es e	Fair Treatment of People	6	13	37	8	1
yee nse rk me	는 Satisfying Employee needs	19	19	38	3	1
nplo sspo Wo sign	Setting work related goals	3	8	10	4	0
Emg Res _l to V to Assi	Recreational activities	2	3	7	2	1
	Total	40	52	125	28	5

To put to test the opinion, chi-square test has been employed by assuming the Null Hypothesis as " H_0 : No significance difference between the approaches towards motivating the employees and the employees' response to the work assigned". The alternative hypothesis considered is " H_a : There is significance difference between the approaches towards motivating the employees and the employees' response to the work assigned". The chi-square value obtained is 19.1552. The table value at 16 degrees of freedom and at 5% significance level is 26.296. The derived value being lesser than the table value, the null hypothesis is accepted and it is concluded that there is no significance difference between the approaches towards motivating the employees and the employees' response to the work assigned. Whether or not there is motivation, and whether or not the approaches to motivation are clearly defined, the employees are not showing it up with the works assigned to them. This indicates that the employees work attitude is good and they do not allow the organization to suffer. It is also quite logical to conclude that the two aspects considered in the test are not related as a larger number of the values lie in the middle, most of the employees remaining neutral on these two issues.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS, CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

FINDINGS

Though the study has not been taken from the psychological perspective, the implications of psychological aspects could be discerned through the feelings echoed by the respondents. Therefore, statistical tools have been employed and hypothesis has been set. The following are the Null Hypothesis assumed which are tested at 5% significance level.

- No significance difference between the approaches towards motivating the employees and the employees' response to the work assigned.
- No significance difference between the approaches for grievance handling and the improving of grievance handling system.
- No significance difference exists between the basis of compensation package and the best practices of compensation
- No significance difference exists between the basis of compensation package and the parameters of performance measure

CONCLUSION

Being one of the most dynamic subjects, the study of compensation management forms a part of the Human Resource Management. However, the nature of the compensation being complicated it has been quite often thought better to be studied it as a separate subject. The ever-changing nature of the social, cultural and psychological aspects brings about the further complex nature of the subject.

SUGGESTIONS

- No study relating to Compensation Management would serve the purpose unless the study is taken up with Employers and Employees views. Therefore, for a better design of compensation, it is very essential that more cordial relationship should exist between the two.\
- > The needs and wants of the employees are dependent on current socio-cultural requirement. It is essential for the management of every organization to understand such needs and wants for designing the package. Organizations should simply weed out the old and unwanted elements of compensation package and introduce the new and dynamic elements in their package. This may offer as morale booster for the employees as their current needs and wants are satisfied at least in part.

- In India, there has been a lot of disparity in compensating for the work between the private, public and government sectors. If more parity is provided, by offering a dynamic package that would cover the needs and wants of most of the employees, the system may work well on all spheres. This aspect could be contemplated in the next Central Pay Commission and if the results are encouraging, the same may be translated to State Government, duly modifying wherever necessary.
- > The number of hours worked alone does not count for the organization. Therefore, the skill of the employee is very important. Methods of working could be so designed to avoid duplication of work by calling for a highly skill oriented nature of work from the employees. The organization should provide all facilities to carry out the high skilled nature of work.

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