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ENRICHMENT OF EMPLOYEES IN BIDAR SAHAKARI SAKKARE KARKHANE LTD.

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ABSTRACT

To get the more work from employees it is necessary to motivate them and Job Enrichment is one of the way of motivating the employees. Appreciation of work done by the employees is more essential rather than increasing their salary or wages and providing the facilities to them. Job Enrichment can be studies with respect to Pay, promotion policy, work load, working condition and so on and on. Paper aims to study the culture of Sugar Industry, various factors influencing the job enrichment and the level of job enrichment on these factors. India place the second rank in the universal sugar production countries Sugar industry is playing important role in socio-economic transformation of rural economy of the India and one of the biggest sectors of employment generation. Job enrichment in organizational development, human resources management, and organizational behavior, is the process of improving work processes and environments so they are more satisfying for employees. Many jobs are monotonous and unrewarding. Workers can feel dissatisfied in their position due to a lack of a challenge, repetitive procedures, or an over-controlled authority structure. Job enrichment tries to eliminate these dysfunctional elements, and bring better performance to the workplace.

KEYWORDS

job enrichment, workers participation, job enlargement.

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INTRODUCTION

Tob Enrichment is one of the approaches of job design, the technique entails enriching the job, which refers to the inclusion of greater variety of work content, requiring a higher level of knowledge and skill, giving workers autonomy and responsibility in terms of planning, directing, and controlling their own performance, and providing the opportunity for personal growth and meaningful work experience.

Job enrichment is a way to motivate employees by giving them increased responsibility and variety in their jobs. Many employers traditionally believed that money was the only motivating factor to get more work from their employees. While that may be true for a small group of people, the majority of workers today like to work and to be appreciated for their work. Job enrichment allows the employees to play a role in planning their work and deciding how the work should be accomplished. This is one way to tap into the natural desire as most employees have to do a good job, to be appreciated for their contributions to the company, and to feel more a part of the company them.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Griffin, Patterson, and West, (2001) job enrichment was positively related to job autonomy but was not significantly related to perceptions of supervisory support. Mohrman, Lawler, Mohrman, (1992) focuses on creating individual tasks that give people feedback, increase their influence how work is done, require them to use a variety of skills, and give them a whole piece of work. Nguyen, Taylor and Bradley (2003b), one of the variables that may be expected to influence job satisfaction is 'the degree of perceived autonomy that workers enjoy in the way they do their job'. The expected relationship is that more autonomy is associated with greater job satisfaction. Job autonomy has been found to mediate the impact of job enrichment on team outcomes Janz et.al., (1997).

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Karnataka State is one of the major sugarcane and sugar-producing states in India as the sugarcane is being cultivated in large areas since many decades manufacturing jiggery, khand sari and sugar. Present study aims to identify the job enrichment amongst the employees in respect of the various factors such as pay, promotion policies, working conditions, workload and others. Very few researches were undertaken on job enrichment of employee.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- 1. To study the culture of the sugar industry.
- 2. To explore the factors influencing job enrichment of the employees at BSSK Ltd.
- 3. To know the level of job enrichment of employees on various factors at BSSK Ltd.

METHODOLOGY

The data is collected by various methods, and not possible to use all the information and data collected due to number of limitations regarding the subject of the study and choosing the required methods for the study.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The purpose of this research is to study the level of job enrichment, incentive strength of some need factors, an association between these two variables if any, with productivity, and personal – social factors of BSSK Ltd. employees.

SAMPLE SIZE

It is observed that in every sugar factory more or less 600 employees are working at different levels of the management. In present study area of BSSK Ltd. 930 employees are working at different levels of management and among these 930 employees 600 employees are interviewed for the study. Further these employees are classified in the following three categories.

1) Permanent employees 2) Seasonal employees 3) Contract employees

SUGAR INDUSTRY: GLOBAL DYNAMICS

Sugar is produced in 121 countries, extracted from sugarcane and sugar beet. Sugarcane is cultivated under tropical climates, while sugar beet is grown in temperate regions. Around 75 per cent of the sugar produced in the world is produced from sugarcane, with beet sugar accounting for the rest. Weather conditions, crop diseases, soil quality, international trade agreements and domestic price support programs influence the production of sugarcane and sugar beet.

Asia ranks first in respect of area under sugarcane, followed by South America, Central America and the Caribbean. Sugar beet is mainly produced in Europe and to a lesser extent in Asia and North America, Brazil, India, Thailand, Australia and Cuba are the largest sugarcane producing countries. Sugar is a widely traded commodity. On an average, about 70 per cent of world sugar production is consumed in the country of origin, and the balance 30 per cent is traded in the markets.

A part of the international sugar trade occurs under specific agreements (Preferential trade, long-term agreements) that, in some cases, include clauses on import prices.

TABLE NO. 1: SUGAR PRODUCING COUNTRIES

Countries	Million Tonnes
Brazil	38.633
India	16.304
EU	14.865
China	13.587
Thailand	7.717
USA	6.924
Mexico	5.761
SADC	5.309
Australia	4.81
Pakistan	4.239

Source: Illovo Sugar website

SUGAR INDUSTRY IN INDIA

India is the ancient home of sugarcane and sugar. Sugarcane crop has been grown and sugar produced extensively from the times immemorial. It is a major agrobased industry with its potentiality of employment generation and bringing socio-economic transformation of rural economy. It has made the significant progress in respect of changing the cropping pattern, the extension of irrigation the modernization of agriculture, providing employment, creating infrastructure facilities and developing co-operative leadership in the region. Several steps are usually followed to produce sugar. These steps can be mentioned as below:

Extracting juice by pressing sugarcane

- Boiling the juice to obtain crystals
- Creating raw sugar by spinning crystals in extractors
- Taking raw sugar to a refinery for the process of filtering and washing to discard remaining non-sugar elements and hue
- Crystallizing and drying sugar
- Packaging the ready sugar

TABLE NO. 2: COUNTRY WISE CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD SUGAR PRODUCTION

Country	% of world production
Brazil	20.76
India	14.09
European Union	11.84
China	7.96
USA	4.58
Thailand	4.24
Mexico	3.59
Australia	3.2
Pakistan	2.37
Rest of world	27.37

Source: Sugar industry website

Karnataka is the second state in the country to establish a sugar factory. Mysore Sugar Company Ltd., Mandya, is the first Sugar Factory established in the year 1933-34 in public sector. Similarly, India Sugars & Refineries Ltd., Hospet, Bellary Dist. In the private sector was established in 1934-35. The Kampli Co-op. Sugar Factory Ltd., Kampli in Bellary Dist. (now privatized and called M/s. Sundari Sugars Ltd.) in the Co-operative sector was established in the year 1958-59. Over the past four decades there is substantial rise in cane production in Karnataka. On account of this large number of sugar factories have come up as on date 29 factories are operating in private & public sector and 18 under Co-operative sector. Many Sugar units in the State have also increase their installed crushing capacities. The annual crushing capacity is 250 lakh tone s. In addition, by-products like Ethanol, Co-Generation, Compost making, have become integral part of sugar economy.

TABLE NO. 3: DETAILS OF SUGAR PRODUCTION OF BSSK LTD. FOR THE YEAR 2007-08

2007- 08 Season		
Sugarcane area	4.66 lakh ha	
Sugarcane yield	80.00MT/ha	
Sugarcane crushing	253.91 Lakh tones.	
Sugar production	27.93 lakh tonnes.	
Sugar recovery.	10.68%	

Source: Annual report 2007-08

BIDAR SAHAKARI SAKKARE KARKHANE LTD.

BSSK Ltd. sugar factory is one of the oldest co-operative sugar factories in Bidar district out of the three co-operative sugar factories of the district, other two co-operative sugar factories of the district are NSSK Niyamit, Janawada and Mahatma Gandhi sugar factory.

BSSK Ltd. (Bidar Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane) started its crushing in the year 1968-69, after the eight years of its registration. It is registered in the year 1961(No. 1903/RCS/1961 dated 21/03/1961) and got the permission to crush the 1250 TCD (Tone crushing per day) in the year 1966. The TCD is increased from 1250 to 2000 in the year 1982 (05-07-1982) and again from 2000 to 3500 TCD in the year 1994 (31-01-1994).

Before the Bidar Sahakara Sakkare Karkhane Ltd. Hallikhed-SF came into existence the sugarcane growers use to make jagary. These were about 4-5 Khandasaries, which were exploiting the sugar cane growers. In view of the large and traditional sugar cane area, the BSSK Ltd. Hallikhed-SF was registered in the year 1961 with wishing capacity to 1250 Tonne Crushing per day.

The Bidar Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane limited., Hallikhed (B) running under the co-operative sector is located near Hallikhed (B) a village in Humnabad taluka of Bidar district. The sugarcane growing in the area is considerable. By keeping in mind the peoples demand and the feasibility the government has took decision to establish the factory in the district.

BSSK Ltd is one of the reputed sugar factory in the region of Hyderabad Karnataka. It is running from last 42 years continuously and nearly 1000 employees are working in the factory.

JOB ENRICHMENT

Job enrichment is one of the popular methods of job design. There are four alternatives of job design namely, job enrichment, the job characteristics, Japanese style management and quality of work life approach. As many human resources professionals have discovered, the traditional approach to job design can adversely affect their organization's productivity as well as the motivation and job satisfaction of employees. To overcome these problems, various alternative approaches to job design have been suggested, ranging from Japanese-style management and quality circles to more general applications of organization development and

job enrichment. Typically, these approaches seek to improve an organization's coordination, productivity, and overall product quality and to respond to employees' needs for learning, challenge, variety, increased responsibility, and achievement.

Personal and Core job Critical psychological iob outcomes dimensions States Skill Variety Experienced Task Identity meaningfulness High internal Task Significance of the work work motivation Experienced High quality Autonomy responsibility work performance for outcomes High satisfaction of the work With the work Knowledge of the Feedback actual result of the Low absenteeism Work activities and turnover Employee growth need strength

FIG. 1: RELATIONSHIPS AMONG CORE JOB DIMENSION, CRITICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL STATES, AND ON THE JOB OUTCOMES

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF JOB ENRICHMENT

Job enrichment in organizational development, human resources management, and organizational behavior, is the process of improving work processes and environments so they are more satisfying for employees. Many jobs are monotonous and unrewarding. Workers can feel dissatisfied in their position due to a lack of a challenge, repetitive procedures, or an over-controlled authority structure. Job enrichment tries to eliminate these dysfunctional elements, and bring better performance to the workplace.

TABLE NO. 4: OPINION ON JOB ENRICHMENT TECHNIQUE

Nature of job/ Enrichment technique	Permanent	Seasonal	Total
Change in nature of work	58	252	310
Change in department of work	51	63	114
New team to work with	32	76	108
More work with less manpower	04	29	33
Total	145	420	565

Source: Filed Survey

From the above table it can be seen that, in all technique of job enrichment seasonal employees are focused more as compare to permanent employees. And the technique of change in nature of work is used as major tool for job enrichment.

Encouragement while performing the work is one of the way to make the better utilization of human resource. The worker who is encouraged will give the better performance and the worker who is not encouraged would give the average or poor performance.

TABLE NO. 5: OPINION ON ENCOURAGEMENT WHILE PERFORMING THE WORK

Nature of job	Opinion		Total
	Yes	No	
Permanent	122 (84%)	123 (16%)	145 (100%)
Seasonal	361 (86%)	59 (14%)	420 (100%)
Total	483	182	565

Source: Filed Survey

Majority of permanent as well as seasonal respondents are encouraged while performing their task. 84% of permanent and 86% of seasonal respondents are encouraged while performing their assigned task and 16% of permanent and 14% of seasonal respondents are not encouraged while performing their assigned task.

Several forms of enrichment, specifically suggestion programs, information sharing, task teams, quality circles and training, raise satisfaction. Therefore, it can be argued that the job enrichment and job satisfaction are positively linked with each other. On the other side job enrichment programme increases the scope of work and the responsibilities of work which decreases the satisfaction level of worker. Some workers believe that job enrichment programme leads to work stress

Enrichment satisfies employees' psychological and social needs and will therefore increase satisfaction. On the other hand, an enriched job requires workers to do more types of tasks and work more intensely, and reduces job security. Therefore, enrichment decreases satisfaction.

TABLE NO. 6: JOB ENRICHMENT AND JOB SATISFACTION

Nature of job	Opinion		Total
	Yes	No	
Permanent	141 (97%)	04 (3%)	145 (100%)
Seasonal	403 (96%)	17 (04%)	420 (100%)
Total	544	21	565

Source: Filed Survey

The above table states that there is a close relationship between job enrichment and job satisfaction. 97% (141) respondents out of 145 agrees that job enrichment programme increases their job satisfaction and only 3% (04) respondents are in the opinion of no relationship between job enrichment programme and job satisfaction.

In case of seasonal respondents also 96% (403) of them are agrees that job enrichment programme increases their job satisfaction and remaining 4% (17) respondents says that there is no relationship between job enrichment programme and job satisfaction.

FINDINGS

Following are the major findings on job enrichment of employees in Bidar Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Ltd. and tried to give some valuable suggestions on the basis of the findings on various aspects covered in the study.

- Bidar Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Ltd. is one of the reputed co-operative sugar factories in the Bidar district, running continuously from last 42 years.
- Where there is job enrichment programme there is job satisfaction, majority of the respondents are saying that job enrichment programme increases their job satisfaction.
- Where there is clarity of goals there is better performance by the employees. 53% of permanent and 58% of the seasonal respondents are not clear about the goals of the organization.
- Opinion on learning and growing is concerned, 87% of permanent and 82% of seasonal respondents are interested to learn and grow in the organization.
- Sometimes there is scope for conflicts between enriched and non-enriched groups. 82% of permanent respondent and 76% of seasonal respondents are in the opinion that their relationship with non-enriched group is good.
- Encouragement while performing the work is concerned, 84% of the permanent and 86% of the seasonal employees are encouraged while performing their task.

SUGGESTIONS

- To overcome the continuous losses, arrangements are to be made to replace the traditional machineries with advanced machineries.
- Focus is to be given to computerize the work, so that staff cutting strategy can be used and there by costs can be reduced.
- Job security should be ensured even to the employees of contract basis.
- Promotion policies are to be followed properly. Senior employee should be considered for promotion.
- To encourage the employees an arrangements are to be made to give the bonus every year.

CONCLUSION

Throughout the last few decades, the implementation of a job enrichment program has successfully shown to increase employee's job motivation, satisfaction, self-worth, in an attempt to ultimately increase the overall employee productivity within the organization. No matter what the function or sector of an organization whether it be a government agency, non-profit organization, or company operating within the private sector, the implementation of job enrichment into organization will result in the key areas of employee production and worker motivation. The ever changing nature of work demands flexible employees who can anticipate rather than mere react to the changing nature of work more efficiently, effectively and innovatively. This can only be done by giving them more autonomy and freedom. Job enrichment is a type of job design that allows such autonomy and freedom.

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