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A STUDY TO DETERMINE IF STATISTICAL DIFFERENCE EXISTS IN SATISFIED MOTORCYCLE PILOTS IN GOA

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted on motor cycle pilots who form an integral part of the transportation in Goa. Although other means of transport exist in Goa, it is the motorcycle pilot who can drop you at the remotest part of Goa at any hour at nominal rates. The study was conducted to find out if any difference existed among the satisfied motorcycle pilots in terms of number of years working, insurance cover, in educating their children and income levels. The study was conducted on 100 motorcycle pilots from across Goa. Of them the number of satisfied pilots was 45 whereas 55 showed dissatisfaction. From these 45 pilots, the Chi square tests were done to ascertain whether differences existed among satisfied pilots in terms of insurance coverage, number of years of work, income and in educating their children. The study concluded that among satisfied pilots, there existed a statistical difference in those having an insurance cover and those without it, that is pilots with insurance cover were found to be more than those without, further pilots with 5 or more years of experience were found to be more than those with less experience, and the satisfied pilots were also found to educate their children to a large extent only upto12th std. No difference was found between satisfied pilots who had income above or below 10,000.

KEYWORDS

education, insurance, motorbike pilots, satisfaction, subsidy.

1. INTRODUCTION

The motorcycle pilots are certainly unique to Goa. In no other state in India or in the world will you find them, although one will find rickshaws and taxis galore. They are at all the prominent locations from early morning to well into the night. Although in the year 1985, the concept of the motorcycle pilot was to be introduced in Andhra Pradesh and around 40 graduates started the business out there after observing how it was run in Goa, it never clicked and hence discontinued.

Many motorcycle pilots do not possess a license to ride a bike for ferrying passengers, and their bikes do not carry the black and yellow colours. Some have full time Government jobs and do the business when the cops are not around, which is early in the morning or after sunset. But these intruders so as to say have a bad effect on those motorcycle pilots who depend totally on the motorbike business to earn their livelihood, as they undercharge/overcharge the clients, or tend to treat the passengers in a shabby manner.

When the motorcycle pilot came on the scene in Goa is a question nobody really knows, but Goa being a tourist destination, and with the tourists finding it difficult to get to the city by bus in most times at night the answers are plenty. Perhaps a tourist may have asked a kind soul for a lift and paid him on reaching his destination. This could have led the person who gave the lift to realize that this could be a good profession and so it could all have begun. Although the motorcycle pilots came on the scene soon after liberation, their bikes were registered as motorcycle taxis only in 1979. Today in Goa there are no less than 2500 motorcycle pilots, around half of which are registered with the Motorcycle Association of Goa while others are not. With the demand for their services on a decline with the increase in *rent a bike* motorbikes, and the buses going even in the interior regions, the number of motorcycle pilots have dropped drastically from over 6000 some years back to its current number.

Most of the motorcycle pilots as of today are well equipped with mobile phones, so as to receive calls from their clients. On a day they run many trips which includes also reaching children to school and bringing them back. They also charge waiting charges and to any person they appear pretty well off. But looks can be deceptive, as they lead a rather dangerous life. With accidents a plenty and the wear and tear of sitting and driving on the roads which are not always kind, their life span tends to take a beating. Insurance can be taken but the premiums to be paid regularly seem unimaginable with their uncertain income.

Suresh Thakur, the President of the Goa Motorcycle Taxi Rider's Association has plenty to say regarding the plight of the pilots. " Most of them are totally dependent upon this business but wish to join the association only if they see some benefit coming to them. The Jeevan Dayini Scheme and the Group Insurance scheme are not being taken full advantage of as they just cannot save to pay the premium each year. Some of them had very old bikes for which the Government gave a subsidy and allowed them to purchase new ones. We are all along asking the Government to provide shelters to the pilots which is going on deaf ears. However we managed to give our association members helmets, which has saved many lives. We also give talks at various places so as to make the pilots more sensitive to their clients in terms of mannerism, good service and ways and means to build up the confidence of the client in the pilot.". " With all that we are doing we hope that the Government pays heed to some of our demands" he adds.

2. IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY

To conduct a study on the satisfaction levels of the unique motorcycle pilots in Goa in terms of number of years working, income, educating their children and insurance cover.

3. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The satisfaction levels among the pilots are on the decrease. It was therefore required to determine among the satisfied pilots if there existed any statistical difference among different variables.

4. OBJECTIVES

- 1. To determine if a statistical difference exists among satisfied pilots in having an insurance cover or not.
- 2. To determine if a statistical difference exists among satisfied pilots in terms of number of years of work.
- 3. To determine if a statistical difference exists among satisfied pilots in terms of income levels.
- 4. To determine if a statistical difference exists among satisfied pilots in terms of children education.

5. HYPOTHESIS

The chi square hypothesis was made use of in analyzing these objectives. The Null hypothesis states that no difference exists between two variables A& B. Formula: f1 F1 (f1-F1) (f1-F1)2/50 A

В

Where A & B are the variables, f1 is the observed frequency, F1 is the theoretical frequency, and (f1-F1)2/50 is the final result. The final result of both A and B are added together to arrive at the calculated chi sq value. If the calculated chi sq is less than the tabular chi sq at (k-1) degrees of freedom where K stands for number of variables and at 95% confidence level, then the null hypothesis is said to be true.

6. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A random, direct, structured questionnaire was utilized wherein a personal interview was conducted on 100 motorcycle pilots spread across Goa. The research design was of an exploratory design.

7. FINDINGS

Four Chi square analysis were conducted.

7a. The first was to find out if any difference exists among the satisfied pilots in having an insurance cover or not

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Null Hypothesis: There is no difference among satisfied pilots in having an insurance cover or not Of the 45 satisfied pilots sampled, 80%(A) had insurance cover whereas 20% did not have

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А	80	50	30	900/50	=
В	20	50	-30	900/50	=

= 18= 36 - computed calculation

At k-1 degrees of freedom and at 95% confidence(.05), the null hypothesis will be true if the probability of getting a chi square less than 3.84 is seen in the computed calculation. Since the calculated value (36) is more than 3.84, we can conclude that the Null hypothesis is false and a difference exists among pilots who have and do not have an insurance cover

Analysis of the findings: Satisfied motorcycle pilots with an insurance cover are more than without an insurance cover. This stems from the fact that in today's uncertain world, one is unsure of reaching home safely. Coupled with the fact that you are driving a motorcycle day in and day out, it becomes a serious concern for motorcycle pilots who can meet with an accident at any point of time. I recently encountered a motorcycle pilot who met with an accident in Mapusa who is with a foot cast for over a year. To add to his woes, his wife is a homemaker and he has 3 small children in the age group of 7-14 years. The fear of facing such a situation makes a majority of motorcycle pilots go in for an insurance.

7b.The second Chi square analysis was conducted to find out if any difference exists among the satisfied pilots in the number of years of working as a motorcycle pilot

Null Hypothesis: There is no difference between satisfied pilots in the number of years they are working in this field.

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Of the 45 satisfied pilots sampled, 85%(A) were working for more than 5 years whereas 15 % were working for less than 5 years

	f 1	F1	f1-F1	(f1-F1)2/F1	
А	85	50	35	1225/50	
В	15	50	-35	1225/50	

= 49 – computed calculation

At k-1 degrees of freedom and at 95% confidence(.05), the null hypothesis will be true if the probability of getting a chi square less than 3.84is seen in the computed calculation. Since the calculated value (49) is more than 3.84, we can conclude that the Null hypothesis is false and a difference exists among pilots who have 5 years experience and those who do not have.

Analysis of the findings: Satisfied motorcycle pilots with 5 years and more experience outnumber those with less than 5 years experience. This is probably because with time one learns to accept realities and becomes satisfied with ones job. In contrast motorcycle pilots who have just joined are more driven by money and when they do not get it, they tend to get frustrated and quit the profession. They cannot wait for passengers for long periods which once again increases their frustration levels and this increases dissatisfaction. All of this implies that motorcycle pilots with more than 5 years experience in general outnumber those with less than 5 years experience in the satisfied motorcycle category.

7c. The third Chi square analysis was finally conducted to find out if any difference exists among the satisfied pilots in the income levels

Null Hypothesis: There is no difference between the number of satisfied pilots in terms of income

Of the 45 satisfied pilots sampled, 55%(A) had income levels of less than 10,000 whereas 45 % had incomes over 10,000

	f 1	F1	f1-F	1 (f1-F1)2/F1		
А	55	50	5	25/50	=	0.5
В	45	50	-5	25/50	=	0.5

= 1 -computed calculation

At k-1 degrees of freedom and at 95% confidence(.05), the null hypothesis will be true if the probability of getting a chi square less than 3.84 is seen in the computed calculation. Since the calculated value (1) is less than 3.84, we can conclude that the Null hypothesis is true and **no statistical difference exists among pilots who have incomes above or below 10,000**.

Analysis of the findings: This proves that money is not the sole motivator. True that 22% felt among the satisfied motorcycle pilots that money was important, yet 44% felt that freedom and no boss were important whereas 33% felt that kindness of customers was equally important.

7d.And the fourth Chi square analysis was finally conducted to find out if any difference exists among the satisfied pilots in educating their children

Null Hypothesis: There is no difference between the number of satisfied pilots in terms of educating their children beyond HSSC.

Of the 45 satisfied pilots sampled, 77%(A) had educated their children upto HSSC whereas only 23% had educated their children beyond HSSC

	f 1	F1	f1-F3	1 (f1-F1)2/F1		
А	77	50	27	529/50	=	10.58
В	23	50	-27	529/50		10.58
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= 21.16 -computed calculation

At k-1 degrees of freedom and at 95% confidence(.05), the null hypothesis will be true if the probability of getting a chi square less than 3.84 is seen in the computed calculation. Since the calculated value (21.16) is more than 3.84, we can conclude that the Null hypothesis is false and a statistical difference does exists among pilots in terms of educating their children.

Analysis of the findings: Since motorcycle pilots struggle to make ends meet, they are invariably unable to educate their children beyond HSSC. As a result it is seen that a large number of pilots do not end up in educating their children beyond HSSC.

8. CONCLUSIONS

1. Satisfied motorcycle pilots with an insurance cover are more than without an insurance cover.

2. Satisfied motorcycle pilots with 5 years and more experience outnumber those with less than 5 years experience.

3. No statistical difference exists among satisfied pilots who have incomes above or below 10,000, which proves that money is not the sole motivator.

4. A statistical difference does exists among pilots in terms of educating their children beyond HSSC. i.e lesser number of satisfied pilots educate their children beyond 12th Std.

9. LIMITATIONS

a) The study was conducted on only 100 motorcycle pilots

b) Other than chi square test no other test could be utilized.

10. SCOPE FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

A year later a study can once again be undertaken and the satisfaction levels could be once again tested to see if there is a difference between the present data and the data one year hence.

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ANNEXURE

How does one become a motorcycle pilot

- 1. A license to ride a motorcycle has to be first obtained .
- A badge is then given to the person who wishes to ride a bike to transport passengers. This is given usually after 6 months and a requirement of 7th or 8th Std pass is essential
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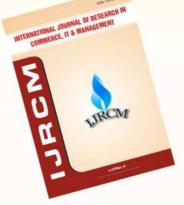
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