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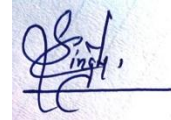
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PREFACE:

In a world increasingly shaped by environmental concerns, ethical considerations, and social responsibility, the imperative for businesses to embrace sustainability has never been more pronounced. Within the dynamic landscape of the dairy industry, where the intersection of economic viability, environmental impact, and societal well-being is particularly acute, Amul emerges as a beacon of sustainability.

In this exploration titled "Exploring the Sustainability Initiatives of Amul: A Path Towards Responsible Dairy Production," we embark on a journey to unravel the multifaceted sustainability initiatives of Amul, one of India's most iconic dairy cooperatives. This study seeks to delve deep into the intricate web of practices, policies, and perceptions that underpin Amul's commitment to responsible dairy production.

Amul's story is not merely one of economic success, but also of environmental stewardship and social progress. From pioneering cooperative models to implementing innovative sustainability practices, Amul has continually strived to balance the imperatives of profitability with the principles of sustainability. This exploration aims to uncover the underlying mechanisms driving Amul's sustainability journey and evaluate their efficacy in fostering environmental conservation and societal well-being.

Through rigorous analysis, stakeholder engagement, and critical reflection, we endeavor to shed light on the complexities and nuances of Amul's sustainability initiatives. By understanding the challenges, successes, and lessons learned along the way, we seek to inspire dialogue, catalyze action, and chart a course towards a more sustainable future for the dairy industry and beyond.

As we embark on this exploration, let us embark with open minds, inquisitive spirits, and a shared commitment to unraveling the intricacies of sustainable dairy production. Together, we can illuminate the path towards a more responsible, resilient, and regenerative future for Amul and the communities it serves.

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INTRODUCTION

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In today's dynamic business landscape, sustainability has emerged as a cornerstone for organizations seeking long-term success and societal impact. Among the pioneers in integrating sustainability into their operations stands Amul, India's leading dairy cooperative renowned for its quality products and innovative business model. Over the years, Amul has embarked on a journey towards sustainability, implementing a range of initiatives aimed at reducing environmental impact, fostering social development, and promoting ethical business practices.

This paper seeks to delve into the sustainability initiatives undertaken by Amul and evaluate their impact on the brand's perception among consumers and stakeholders. By examining the key pillars of Amul's sustainability strategy, including sustainable sourcing, energy efficiency, community development, packaging innovation, and transparent communication, this study aims to provide insights into how these initiatives have shaped Amul's brand identity and market positioning. Through a comprehensive analysis of existing literature, industry reports, and case studies, this research endeavours to uncover the motives driving Amul's sustainability efforts, the challenges encountered along the way, and the outcomes achieved in terms of environmental conservation, social welfare, and business performance. Additionally, this study will explore consumer perceptions and attitudes towards sustainable dairy products, shedding light on the role of sustainability in shaping purchasing behaviour and brand loyalty.

By shedding light on the sustainability journey of Amul and its implications for the dairy industry, this research aims to contribute to the broader discourse on corporate sustainability and responsible business practices. Ultimately, it is hoped that this study will inspire further research, dialogue, and action towards building a more sustainable and equitable future for the dairy sector and beyond.

Product catalogues

THE BIRTH OF AMUL

- It all began when milk became a symbol of protest

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- Founded in 1946 to stop the exploitation by middlemen
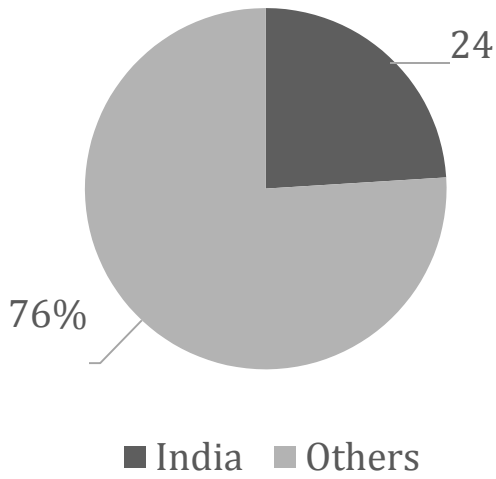- Inspired by the freedom movement

The seeds of this unusual saga were sown more than 74 years, a small town in the state of Gujarat in western India. The exploitative trade practices followed by the local trade cartel triggered off the cooperative movement. Angered by unfair and manipulative practices followed by the trade, the farmers of the district approached the great Indian patriot Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel for a solution. He advised them to get rid of middlemen and form their own co-operative, which would have procurement, processing and marketing under their control.

In 1946, the farmers of this area went on a milk strike refusing to be cowed down by the cartel. Under the inspiration of Sardar Patel, and the guidance of leaders like Morarji Desai and Tribhuvandas Patel, they formed their own cooperative in 1946. This co-operative, the Kaira District Co-operative Milk Producers Union Ltd. began with just two village dairy co-operative societies and 247 litres of milk and is today better known as Amul Dairy. Amul grew from strength to strength thanks to the inspired leadership of Tribhuvandas Patel, the founder Chairman and the committed professionalism of Dr Verghese Kurien,who was entrusted the task of running the dairy from 1950. The then Prime Minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri decided that the same approach should become the basis of a National Dairy Development policy. He understood that the success of Amul could be attributed to four important factors. The farmers owned the dairy, their elected representatives managed the village societies and the district union, they employed professionals to operate the dairy and manage its business. Most importantly, the co-operatives were sensitive to the needs of farmers and responsive to their demands.

At his instance in 1965 the National Dairy Development Board was set up with the basic objective of replicating the Amul model. Dr. Kurien was chosen to head the institution as its Chairman and asked to replicate this model throughout the country.

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Global Milk Production

24

76%

■ India ■ Others

Domestic Milk Production

74%

5%

21%

■ Amul
■ Organised sector*
■ Unorganised Sector
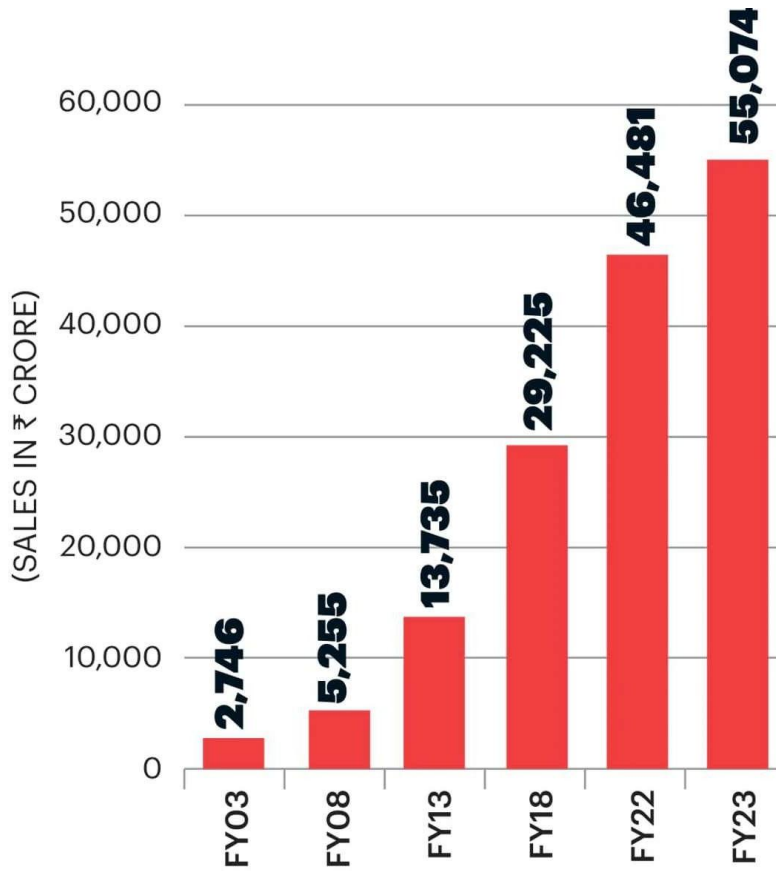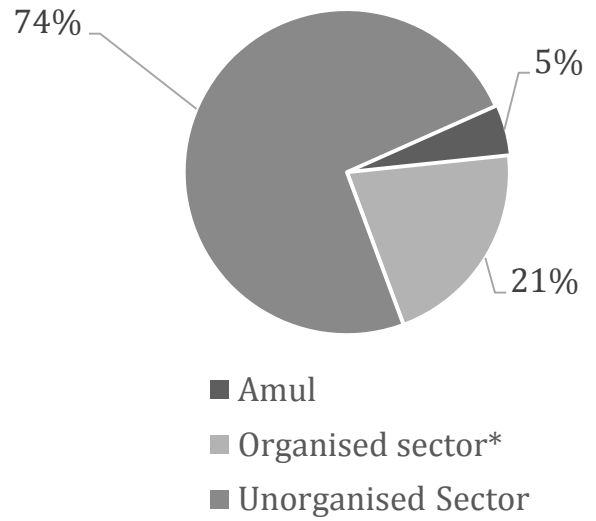
SOURCE GCMMF ANNUAL REPORT

Rising Sales

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TRADITIONAL CATEGORIES

- MILK POWDER
- GHEE
- LASSI AND BUTTER-MILK
- DAHI
- CHEESE
- SHRIKHAND
- PANEER
- FRESH MILK
- BUTTER

BIG GROWTH AREAS

- SWEETS
- ICE CREAMS
- MALTED FOOD BEVERAGES
- SHAKES AND SMOOTHIES
- FRESH CREAM
- COFFEE
- HEALTH BEVERAGES
- CHOCOLATES
- FLAVOURED MILK

POTENTIAL TO DISRUPT

- PROBIOTIC
- HONEY
- ORGANIC
- PROTEIN RANGE
- SUGAR-FREE PRODUCTS
- LACTOSE FREE
- EDIBLE OIL
- DAIRY SNACKS
- CAMEL RANGE
- SPORTS DRINKS
- POTATO SNACKS
- PEANUT BUTTER
- COOKIES
- FRESH BAKERY
- PIZZA

The Amul Model

The Amul Model of dairy development is a three-tiered structure with the dairy cooperative societies at the village level federated under a milk union at the district level and a federation of member unions at the state level.

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- Establishment of a direct linkage between milk producers and consumers by eliminating middlemen
- Milk Producers (farmers) control procurement, processing and marketing
- Professional management

HISTORY OF AMUL:

Formation and Early Years (1946-1965):

- Amul, an acronym for Anand Milk Union Limited, traces its origins back to the dairy cooperative movement in Anand, Gujarat, India.
- The cooperative was founded in 1946 by visionary leaders such as Tribhuvandas Patel, Verghese Kurien, and others, with the primary goal of empowering local dairy farmers and challenging the exploitative practices of middlemen.
- In its initial years, Amul faced numerous challenges, including limited resources, infrastructure constraints, and resistance from vested interests. However, through grassroots mobilization and community support, the cooperative began to gain momentum.

White Revolution and Cooperative Growth (1966-1980):

- The turning point for Amul came with the advent of India's White Revolution in the late 1960s, spearheaded by Dr. Verghese Kurien, often referred to as the "Milkman of India."
- Under Kurien's leadership, Amul pioneered the cooperative model of dairy farming, which involved organizing small-scale milk producers into a cohesive network, providing them with access to technology, veterinary services, and fair market prices.
- The cooperative's success in increasing milk production and rural incomes earned it national acclaim and laid the foundation for the modern dairy industry in India.
- During this period, Amul expanded its operations beyond milk processing to include the production of dairy products such as butter, cheese, and ice cream, leveraging its strong brand reputation and distribution network.

Diversification and Technological Advancements (1981-2000):

- Building on its success in the dairy sector, Amul diversified its product portfolio and ventured into new markets, introducing a range of value-added dairy products to cater to changing consumer preferences.
- The cooperative also invested in technological advancements, adopting state-of-the-art processing equipment and quality control measures to ensure the highest standards of product quality and safety.

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- Amul's innovative marketing campaigns, characterized by catchy slogans and memorable advertising, helped it capture the imagination of consumers across India, further consolidating its position as a household name.

Global Expansion and Sustainability Focus (2001-Present):

- In the 21st century, Amul embarked on a journey of global expansion, seeking to tap into international markets and establish itself as a global player in the dairy industry.
- Leveraging its reputation for quality and affordability, Amul successfully entered markets in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, exporting a wide range of dairy products to meet diverse consumer demands.
- As concerns about environmental sustainability and social responsibility grew, Amul intensified its focus on sustainability initiatives, implementing measures to reduce its carbon footprint, promote responsible sourcing practices, and support community development projects.
- Today, Amul continues to innovate and adapt to changing market dynamics, while remaining true to its founding principles of cooperative enterprise, empowerment, and social welfare.

Punch Lines Associated with Amul:

I. "The taste of India, the pride of millions."
II. "Utterly Butterly Delicious - Amul!"
III. "Amul: Making every meal memorable."
IV. "Amul: Where every sip tells a story."
V. "From farm to table, with love - Amul."
VI. "Amul: Spreading smiles, one bite at a time."
VII. "Pure joy, pure goodness - that's Amul."
VIII. "Amul: Bringing families together since [1946]."
IX. "Savor the moment with Amul."
X. "For generations, Amul has been the taste of tradition"

ABOUT AMUL

- **Industry:** Dairy cooperative
- **Products:** Milk products
- **Founded:** 14 December 1946
- **Founders:** Tribhuvandas Patel and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- **Headquarters:** Anand, Gujarat, India
- **Area served:** Worldwide
- **Current CEO:** Jayen Mehta
- **Number of employees:** 1,000+
- **Revenue:** Rs 55,055 crore

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Amul offers a wide range of products, including:

- Milk (UHT, lactose-free, A2 cow, buffalo),
- Butter (salted, unsalted, garlic),
- Cheese (processed, mozzarella, paneer),
- Yogurt (plain, flavoured, buttermilk),
- Beverages (flavoured milk, cold coffee, energy drinks),
- Protein products,
- Ice cream (cones, cups, bars),
- Ghee (pure, cow, Sagar), and
- Milk powders (skimmed, whole, condensed).

SWOT ANALYSIS OF AMUL

STRENGTHS OF AMUL

1. **Large Production Capacity**: Amul's vast production capacity, managed by the Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF), allows it to deliver about 26.3 million Liters of milk daily. Such impressive figures not only place it amongst the top global dairy entities but also cement its 13th rank in 2023 research by Yahoo Finance.
2. **Brand Value**: Amul has been ranked as the world's strongest dairy brand by the Brand Finance Food and Drink Report 2023. Its Brand valuation is a whopping $3 Billion.
3. **Market Leadership**: Amul's strategies and quality have propelled it to the forefront of the Indian dairy market. A prime example is its commendable 40% market share in the organized ice cream sector, which is poised for growth. Further, its dominance in the growing flavoured milk sector is huge. As per Amul's Mr Sodhi, they are 90% market share holder in Flavoured milk segment.

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4. **Technology Investments**: To keep pace with its tremendous growth, Amul doesn't shy away from harnessing the latest in dairy technology. This continuous technological adoption ensures efficiency, quality, and scalability in operations.

5. **Brand Mascot**: The 'Amul girl 'is not just a mascot but an emblem of the brand's legacy and values. Her enduring presence in Amul's marketing campaigns resonates with generations and contributes to the brand's recognizable identity.

6. **Product Quality**: Winning consumer trust isn't easy, but Amul has done it consistently through transparent operations and unwavering product quality. This dedication is further solidified by international certifications like ISO 9001 and HACCP, attesting to their global quality standards.

7. **Diverse Product Catalogue**: From milk and cheese to a broader dairy product portfolio, Amul's diverse offerings cater to varied consumer tastes. Utilizing a singular distribution channel for this extensive product range ensures wider accessibility and market penetration.

8. **Cooperative Structure**: At the heart of Amul's success lies its cooperative model, fostering collaboration, and community among the member farmers. This setup not only guarantees farmers a stake in business decisions but also ensures their economic prosperity.

9. **Extensive Distribution Network**: Amul's distribution network is nothing short of vast, covering over 18,700 villages in India. This ensures that even the most remote consumers have access to fresh Amul products, enhancing the brand's reach and loyalty. Amul also has a page on its website for any distributors who want to apply.

10. **Sturdy Supplier Bonds**: The relationships Amul nurtures with its farmer-suppliers are built on trust and transparency. This rapport ensures a consistent supply of top-notch milk, pivotal for their diverse product range.

11. **Competitive Pricing**: Amul's pricing strategy is rooted in providing value. This ensures that a broad consumer base, even the price-sensitive ones, find their products both accessible and affordable.

12. **Social Responsibility**: Beyond profits, Amul is dedicated to societal welfare. With initiatives focusing on rural sanitation, rural health, education, and skill development, it aims to elevate rural living standards and provide sustainable growth avenues.

13. **Global Outreach**: Amul isn't just an Indian favourite. With its products gracing shelves in the USA, Gulf Countries, Singapore, the Philippines, Japan, China, and Australia, it's clear that the brand has a substantial global presence, further accentuated by its esteemed "Trading House" status.

14. **E-commerce**: Amul has been adopting digital technologies and e-commerce platforms to enhance its operations and customer reach. It has implemented various initiatives such as blockchain-based traceability system, artificial intelligence-based quality control, cloud computing-based data management etc.

It has also partnered with online platforms such as Amazon, Flipkart, Big Basket etc. to sell its products online.

WEAKNESSES OF AMUL

1. **Dependence on raw milk supply from farmers**: Amul sources its raw milk from **over 18,600 village societies** and more than 3.7 million farmers across India. However, this also makes it **vulnerable to fluctuations** in milk prices and availability due to factors such as weather conditions, animal diseases, feed costs and government policies.
2. **High Operational Cost**: The vastness of Amul's operations, due to its size and intricate structure, means operational costs are substantial. Should demand fall, these high costs can strain the company's finances. Moreover, their heavy reliance on dairy unions and communities for milk supply further adds to their operational complexities.
3. **Legal Controversies**: Amul's decision to run advertisements that not only promoted their products but also appeared to criticize competitor products landed them in legal trouble. Hindustan Unilever's lawsuit in the Bombay High Court in 2017, which they won, not only brought financial repercussions but also affected Amul's public image.
4. **Inconsistent Portfolio Success**: While Amul is a household name for many dairy products, some of their diversifications, like chocolates, haven't seen the same success as their dairy offerings. Achieving consistency in portfolio success is pivotal for sustaining the brand's image.
5. **Price Volatility**: The brand's commitment to offering cost-effective products makes it vulnerable to fluctuations in raw material costs. If input prices rise, such as milk, it could squeeze profit margins, especially when passing these hikes to price-sensitive customers becomes a dilemma.
6. **Slower Decision-making**: The cooperative model, which is at the heart of Amul, can sometimes slow down decision-making processes. Seeking consensus among numerous cooperative members can potentially delay market responsiveness or the rollout of new strategies.
7. **Battling Intense Competition**: The dynamic dairy landscape in India requires Amul to be on its toes. Competitors might unveil similar products, use cutthroat pricing, or invest heavily in advertising, all of which can threaten Amul's market position and profitability.
8. **Handling Perishables**: Dealing predominantly with perishables like dairy products demands a robust and efficient supply chain. Ensuring products get to consumers fresh and on time becomes a logistical challenge, especially given their vast distribution network.
9. **Cooperative Model Vulnerability**: Amul's prosperity is deeply interwoven with its cooperative model. Disruptions, be it internal disputes or administrative issues

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among the millions of affiliated farmers, could have cascading effects on the brand's performance.

10. **Segmented Brand Perception**: While Amul offers a plethora of products, it hasn't established itself as a premium brand in every category. Being primarily seen as a dairy expert can make diversifications into non-dairy segments challenging.

11. **Emerging Local Rivals**: Amul, despite its national and international stature, faces competition from rising local brands. Brands like Hatsun Agro, Dinshaws, and Vadilal in the ice cream segment, among others in different categories, are slowly chipping away at Amul's market dominance. Their growth can potentially dilute Amul's market share over time.

OPPORTUNITIES OF AMUL

1. **Per Capita Milk Consumption**: While countries like the USA or the EU boast significantly higher per capita milk consumption rates, India's consumption averages around 97 Liters per year. This figure points to a substantial potential for growth in the Indian market. If Amul can harness this potential, it can drive demand even further. For instance, promoting the health benefits of milk, introducing flavoured milk variants, or even running educational campaigns can effectively address this gap.

2. **Expansion of Product Portfolio**: Amul's strong distribution network and substantial brand trust are crucial assets. By investing more in research and development or considering strategic mergers and acquisitions, Amul can introduce new products that cater to diverse consumer needs. Think of Amul's successful butter cookies launch; using their distribution strength, they can replicate such successes with other products too.

3. **International Expansion**: There's a big world outside India, and Amul is poised to cater to it. Specifically, regions like the Middle East and other Asian markets with a significant Indian expat population are ripe for expansion. Using its brand identity, Amul can introduce familiar tastes to these overseas Indians, creating a sense of home away from home.

4. **E-commerce and Grocery Deliveries**: Online shopping has transformed consumer behaviour. By forging partnerships with e-commerce giants and online grocery platforms, Amul can ensure its products are just a click away from consumers, enhancing convenience and boosting sales.

5. **Health and Wellness Trends**: The wave of health consciousness has led to an increasing demand for healthier dairy alternatives. By developing low-fat, reduced-sugar, or even plant-based dairy products, Amul can cater to a broader audience, from health enthusiasts to vegans.

6. **Sustainability**: In today's age, sustainability is not just a buzzword but a consumer demand. By adopting and showcasing sustainable farming practices—think organic farming or renewable energy usage—Amul can appeal to a

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conscientious consumer base that values ethical and environmental considerations.

7. **Non-Dairy Segments**: While dairy is Amul's stronghold, diversifying into non-dairy alternatives presents a significant growth opportunity. Offering products like almond milk or vegan cheese can cater to an entirely new segment of consumers searching for such alternatives.

8. **Farmer Support and Training Programs**: At its core, Amul thrives because of its vast network of farmers. By investing in robust training programs and resources for them, the brand can ensure improved productivity, better animal welfare standards, and environmentally sustainable practices. This not only strengthens its supply chain but also enhances its brand image.

9. **Premium Products**: There's a section of consumers who don't mind paying a premium for gourmet experiences. By introducing high-end, luxurious dairy products, Amul can capture this lucrative market segment.

10. **Rural Penetration**: India's rural areas remain a largely untapped market for many brands. For Amul, deepening its roots in these areas can give it a significant edge over regional competitors, ensuring the brand's ubiquity.

THREATS OF AMUL

1. **Increasing Competition**: Amul, often dubbed as the 'Taste of India', has seen the landscape of the dairy market evolve rapidly. While it continues to be a significant player, the brand now faces stiff competition from various fronts. In the milk and dairy domain, brands like Mother Dairy, Aavin, Kwality Ltd, Nadini Dairy, and HUL are increasingly claiming market share. The story is similar in the ice cream sector, with strong contenders like Kwality Walls, Baskin Robins, Havmor, and London Dairy. This rising competition makes it essential for Amul to continually innovate, expand its product line, and strengthen its marketing strategies.

2. **Counterfeit Products**: Brand imitation and counterfeit products are a growing concern for many top brands, and Amul is no exception. These fake products not only eat into Amul's sales but can also tarnish its reputation if consumers can't distinguish between the original and the counterfeit. Collaborating with authorities, implementing stricter quality controls, and public awareness campaigns can be potential strategies for Amul to address this challenge.

3. **Market Saturation**: Being one of the oldest and most widespread dairy brands in India, some markets are now experiencing saturation when it comes to Amul products. This saturation could potentially stagnate growth. To mitigate this, it's imperative for Amul to continually gauge market pulse. Detailed market research can help identify regions where the brand's presence is limited, allowing Amul to venture into untapped territories and cater to fresh demographics.

4. **Regulatory Challenges**: The food industry, especially dairy, is heavily regulated. With changing times, these regulations undergo modifications, be it for food safety,

environmental considerations, or packaging and labelling requirements. Being proactive is the key here. Amul needs to stay updated with these regulatory shifts and adjust its operations accordingly. For instance, if new labelling laws require more transparency about ingredients, Amul must promptly update its packaging to reflect this, ensuring compliance and maintaining consumer trust.

5. **Questions on Ethical Standards**: The controversy between Amul and PETA highlights the ongoing debate over the treatment of animals in the dairy industry. As consumers become more conscious of the ethical and environmental impacts of their food choices, companies like Amul are under increasing pressure to ensure that their production practices are in line with ethical standards.

CHAPTER:– II

LITERATURE REVIEW

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I. **Patel and Desai (2018)** highlight Amul's significance in India's dairy industry, tracing its roots to 1946 and its evolution into a global leader renowned for its cooperative model and farmer empowerment.

II. **Kurien (1977)** provides a comprehensive account of Amul's journey, from its humble beginnings in Anand, Gujarat, to its emergence as a global dairy powerhouse, while **Desai, Patel, and Mehta (2005)** delve into key milestones, emphasizing its role in rural development.

III. **Sharma and Patel (2016)** analyse Amul's cooperative structure, stressing the importance of farmer empowerment in driving collective prosperity.

IV. **Singh and Gupta (2012)** offer insights into Amul's diverse product portfolio, highlighting its evolution and innovation strategies, whereas **Shah and Mehta (2019)** explore its product development approach.

V. **Mishra and Jain (2008)** dissect Amul's iconic marketing campaigns, emphasizing their impact on brand recognition, while **Rana and Sharma (2020)** discuss its branding strategy.

VI. **Patel, Gandhi, and Shah (2017)** evaluate Amul's sustainability efforts, lauding its responsible sourcing and community development initiatives, and **Gandhi and Shah (2021)** explore future challenges and opportunities.

VII. **Mehta and Dave (2015)** assess Amul's market position vis-à-vis competitors, highlighting its competitive edge, whereas **Chauhan and Trivedi (2018)** analyse market dynamics and propose strategies for sustained growth.

VIII. **Patel and Shah (2014)** examine consumer perception of Amul products, while **Gupta, Sharma, and Patel (2020)** delve into consumer engagement strategies and brand advocacy.

IX. **Desai and Patel (2019)** identify challenges facing Amul and advocate for adaptive strategies, and **Sharma, Rana, and Mehta (2021)** offer insights into its future outlook, stressing the importance of innovation and collaboration.

X. **Chauhan & Trivedi (2018) - Market Volatility and Supply Chain Disruptions:** Chauhan and Trivedi (2018) discuss the implications of market volatility and supply chain disruptions for Amul, highlighting the need for robust supply chain management practices to mitigate risks and ensure operational resilience.

XI. **Gandhi, Shah, & Desai (2020) - Sustainable Sourcing Practices:** Gandhi et al. (2020) examine sustainable sourcing practices in the dairy industry, drawing lessons from Amul's experience. The study emphasizes the importance of ethical sourcing, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility in ensuring the long-term viability of dairy supply chains.

XII. **Gupta, Sharma, & Patel (2019) - Consumer Perception and Brand Loyalty:** Gupta et al. (2019) investigate consumer perception and brand loyalty in the context of Amul, highlighting the cooperative's success in building a strong brand identity based on trust, quality, and affordability.

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XIII.   **Jain & Mishra (2016) - Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):** Jain and Mishra (2016) analyse Amul's approach to corporate social responsibility, emphasizing its commitment to ethical business practices, community development, and environmental sustainability.

XIV.   **Mehta & Shah (2017) - Pricing Strategies and Market Positioning:** Mehta and Shah (2017) examine pricing strategies and market positioning in the case of Amul, exploring how the cooperative leverages its pricing decisions to maintain competitiveness and capture market share.

XV.   **Patel, Gandhi, & Shah (2016) - Innovations in Dairy Processing:** Patel et al. (2016) discuss innovations in dairy processing, focusing on Amul's experience in adopting technology and product innovation to enhance efficiency, quality, and product diversification.

XVI.   **Rana, Sharma, & Mehta (2020) - Technological Advancements and Competitive Advantage:** Rana et al. (2020) investigate technological advancements and competitive advantage in the context of Amul, highlighting the role of technology in driving operational excellence and market leadership.

XVII.   **Shah & Patel (2018) - Distribution Network and Market Penetration:** Shah and Patel (2018) analyse Amul's distribution network and market penetration strategies, examining how the cooperative expands its reach and effectively delivers products to consumers across diverse markets.

XVIII.   **Singh & Gupta (2021) - Economic Impact of Dairy Cooperatives:** Singh and Gupta (2021) explore the economic impact of dairy cooperatives in India, with a specific focus on Amul. The study underscores the significant contributions of dairy cooperatives to rural livelihoods, economic development, and food security.

XIX.   **Trivedi & Chauhan (2019) - Supply Chain Management Practices:** Trivedi and Chauhan (2019) investigate supply chain management practices in the dairy industry, using Amul as a case study to examine strategies for enhancing efficiency, agility, and sustainability across the supply chain.

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OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

- To assess the impact of market volatility and supply chain disruptions on Amul's operations and performance.
- To analyse Amul's sustainable sourcing practices and their effectiveness in promoting environmental sustainability and social responsibility in the dairy industry.
- To investigate consumer perception of Amul products and determine the factors influencing brand loyalty among consumers.

NEED OF THE STUDY:

The study on Amul's sustainable sourcing practices and their effectiveness in promoting environmental and social sustainability is crucial for several reasons:

I. **Business Sustainability:**

- Understanding the impact of sustainable sourcing practices is crucial for ensuring the long-term sustainability and resilience of Amul's business operations.
- By assessing the effectiveness of these practices, Amul can identify areas for improvement and ensure that its operations remain viable in the face of evolving environmental and social challenges.

II. **Stakeholder Expectations:**

- Stakeholders, including consumers, investors, employees, and communities, have increasingly high expectations for companies to demonstrate responsible environmental and social practices.
- Conducting a study on Amul's sustainable sourcing practices helps align its practices with stakeholder expectations and maintain trust and credibility among key stakeholders.

III. **Competitive Advantage:**

- Effective sustainable sourcing practices can provide Amul with a competitive advantage in the market.
- By differentiating its products as environmentally and socially responsible, Amul can attract consumers who prioritize sustainability, thereby enhancing brand loyalty and market share.

IV. **Risk Management:**

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- Assessing and mitigating environmental and social risks within Amul's supply chain is essential for minimizing disruptions and safeguarding the company's operations and financial performance.
- Understanding the effectiveness of sustainable sourcing practices can help identify and address potential risks such as resource scarcity, regulatory non-compliance, and reputational damage.

V. Regulatory Compliance:

- Compliance with environmental and social regulations is critical for businesses operating in the dairy industry.
- Conducting a study on Amul's sustainable sourcing practices ensures that the company remains compliant with relevant laws and regulations, thereby avoiding potential legal and financial consequences.

VI. Ethical Considerations:

- Ethical considerations play an increasingly significant role in consumers' purchasing decisions.
- By promoting sustainable sourcing practices, Amul can demonstrate its commitment to ethical business conduct and social responsibility, thereby enhancing its reputation and appeal to ethically conscious consumers.

VII. Environmental Impact:

- The dairy industry has a significant environmental footprint, including greenhouse gas emissions, water usage, and biodiversity loss.
- Assessing the effectiveness of Amul's sustainable sourcing practices helps quantify and mitigate these environmental impacts, contributing to overall environmental conservation efforts.

RESEARCH
METHODOLOGY

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

I. Research Design:

- **Survey-Based Study:** Utilized a survey instrument to gather data from stakeholders involved in Amul's supply chain, including farmers, suppliers, employees, and consumers.

II. Sampling:

- **Random Sampling:** Employed random sampling techniques to select 200 respondents from each stakeholder group, ensuring a representative sample and minimizing bias.

III. Data Collection:

- **Questionnaire Development:** Designed a structured questionnaire comprising demographic questions and items related to key performance indicators (KPIs) for environmental and social sustainability.
- **Data Collection Method:** Administered the survey online or in-person, ensuring anonymity and confidentiality to encourage honest responses.

IV. Data Analysis:

- **Quantitative Analysis:** Analyzed survey responses quantitatively to identify patterns and trends in stakeholders' preferences for environmental and social sustainability KPIs.
- **Descriptive Statistics:** Used descriptive statistics to summarize the distribution of responses for each KPI and demographic variable.
- **Qualitative Analysis:** Conducted thematic analysis of open-ended responses to explore stakeholders' reasons and insights behind their KPI selections.

HYPOTHESIS:

- **H0:** There is no significant relationship between market volatility, supply chain disruptions, and Amul's operations and performance.
- **H1:** Higher levels of market volatility and supply chain disruptions are associated with decreased operational efficiency and lower financial performance for Amul.
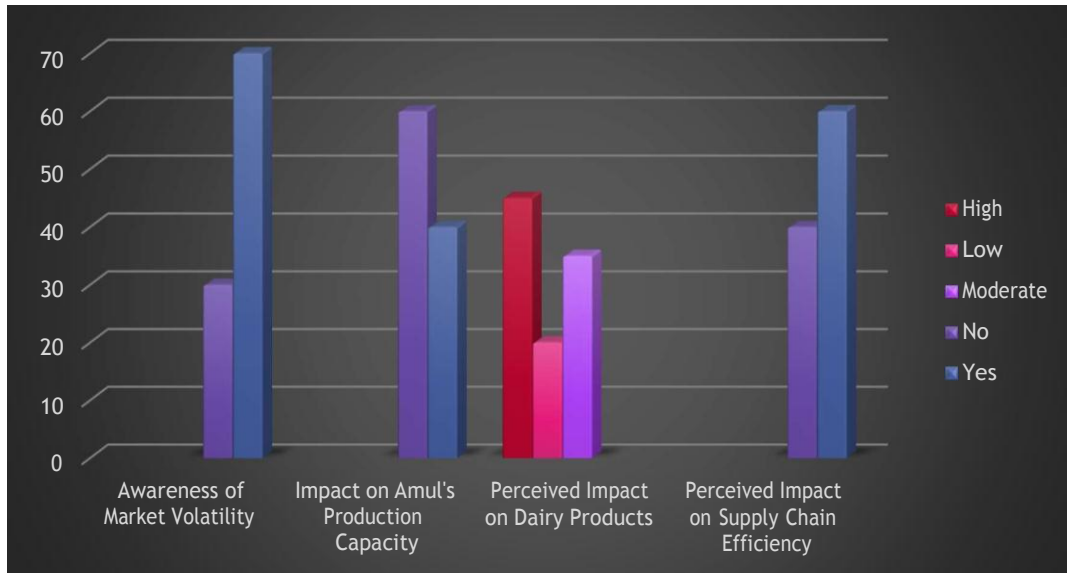
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CHAPTER : – V

DATA ANALYSIS

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INTERPRETATIONS

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Q. 1 **How does market volatility affect Amul's production capacity and supply chain efficiency?**

Question	Response	Percentage (%)
Awareness of Market Volatility	Yes	70
	No	30
Perceived Impact on Dairy Products	High	45
	Moderate	35
	Low	20
Impact on Amul's Production Capacity	Yes	40
	No	60
Perceived Impact on Supply Chain Efficiency	Yes	60
	No	40

Interpretation:

Based on the survey findings, we can interpret the impact of market volatility on Amul's production capacity and supply chain efficiency as follows:

- **Awareness and Perception:** A high percentage of respondents may indicate awareness of market volatility in the dairy industry, with varying perceptions of its impact on dairy products.

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- **Impact on Production Capacity:** Qualitative analysis of responses may reveal insights into how market volatility affects Amul's production capacity, such as fluctuations in raw material availability, production scheduling challenges, or resource allocation issues.
- **Supply Chain Efficiency:** Similarly, qualitative analysis may uncover perceptions of how market volatility impacts Amul's supply chain efficiency, including disruptions in transportation, delays in procurement, or inventory management challenges.

Q. 2 **What are the main types of supply chain disruptions experienced by Amul, and how do they impact the company's operations?**

Question		Percentage (%)
Awareness of Supply Chain Disruptions	Yes	80
	No	20

Awareness of Supply Chain Disruptions

20%

80%

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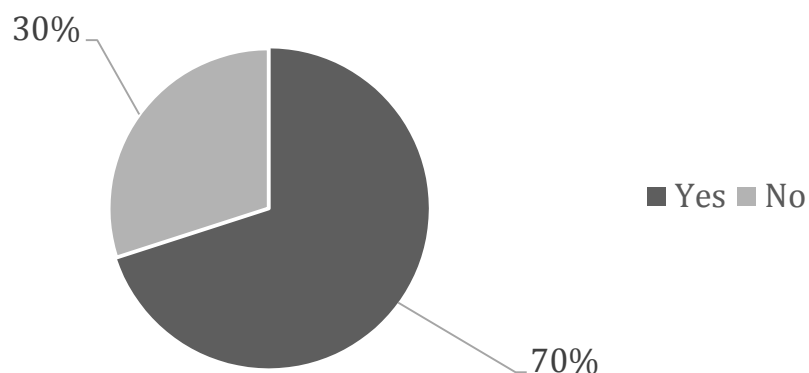- No
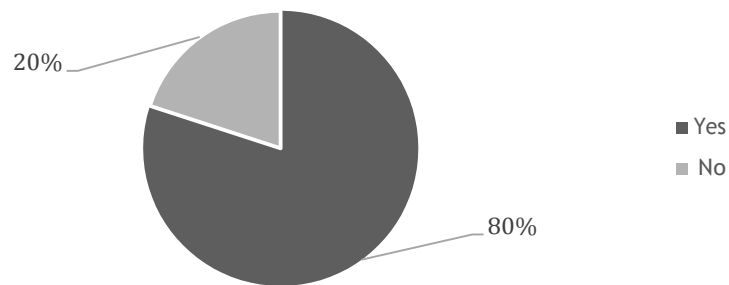
Interpretation:

Based on the survey findings, we can interpret the main types of supply chain disruptions experienced by Amul and their impact on the company's operations as follows:

- **Awareness of Disruptions:** The survey will provide insights into respondents' awareness of various supply chain disruptions experienced by Amul, such as raw material shortages, transportation delays, or production line breakdowns.
- **Impact on Operations:** Respondents' perceptions of the severity of these disruptions will help gauge their impact on Amul's operations. This could include disruptions in production schedules, increased costs, delays in product delivery, or compromised product quality.

Q. 3 **How does Amul mitigate the effects of market volatility and supply chain disruptions to maintain its operational performance?**

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Question	Response	Percentage (%)
Awareness of Mitigation Strategies	Yes	70
	No	30

Awareness of Mitigation Strategies

30%

70%

■ Yes ■ No

Interpretation:

Based on the survey findings, we can interpret how Amul mitigates the effects of market volatility and supply chain disruptions to maintain its operational performance as follows:

- **Awareness of Mitigation Strategies:** The survey will provide insights into respondents' awareness of the strategies employed by Amul, such as inventory management practices, diversification of suppliers, or investment in technology and infrastructure.
- **Effectiveness of Strategies:** Respondents' perceptions of the effectiveness of these strategies will help gauge their impact on Amul's operational performance. This could include their ability to minimize disruptions, maintain production levels, and meet customer demand.

Q. 4 **What are the financial implications of market volatility and supply chain disruptions on Amul's profitability and competitiveness?**

Question	Response	Percentage (%)
Awareness of Financial Implications	Yes	60
	No	40

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Awareness of Financial Implications
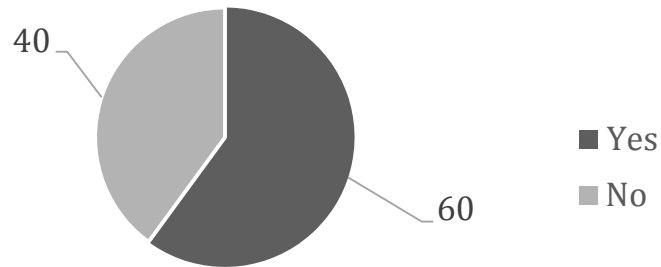
Interpretation:

- **Awareness of Financial Implications:** 60% of respondents are aware of the financial implications of market volatility and supply chain disruptions on Amul's profitability and competitiveness.
- **Financial Implications:** The survey reveals multiple financial implications identified by respondents, including increased costs, revenue losses, and reduced market share, among others.
- **Impact on Profitability:** The impact rating provided by respondents highlights the perceived impact of these implications on Amul's profitability. A higher average rating suggests a more severe impact on the company's financial performance.
- **Impact on Competitiveness:** Similarly, the impact rating on competitiveness indicates the perceived impact on Amul's ability to compete in the market. A higher average rating suggests a more significant impact on the company's competitive position.

Q. 5   **How do market volatility and supply chain disruptions influence Amul's ability to meet customer demand and maintain product quality standards?**

Question	Response	Percentage (%)
Awareness of Influence	Yes	75
	No	25

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Awareness of Influence

25%

75%

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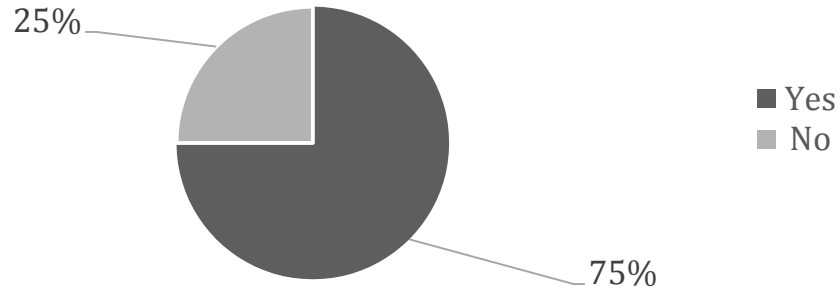
Interpretation:

- **Awareness of Influence:** 75% of respondents are aware of how market volatility and supply chain disruptions influence Amul's ability to meet customer demand and maintain product quality standards.
- **Influence on Meeting Customer Demand:** The influence rating provided by respondents highlights the perceived impact of market volatility and supply chain disruptions on Amul's ability to meet customer demand. A higher average rating suggests a more severe influence on the company's responsiveness to customer needs.
- **Influence on Product Quality Standards:** Similarly, the influence rating on product quality standards indicates the perceived impact of market volatility and supply chain disruptions on Amul's ability to maintain high-quality standards for its products. A higher average rating suggests a more significant impact on product quality control measures.

Q. 6 **What specific sustainable sourcing practices does Amul employ in its dairy operations, and how do they contribute to environmental sustainability?**

Question	Response	Percentage (%)
Awareness of Sustainable Sourcing Practices	Yes	80
	No	20

Awareness of Sustainable Sourcing Practices

20%

80%

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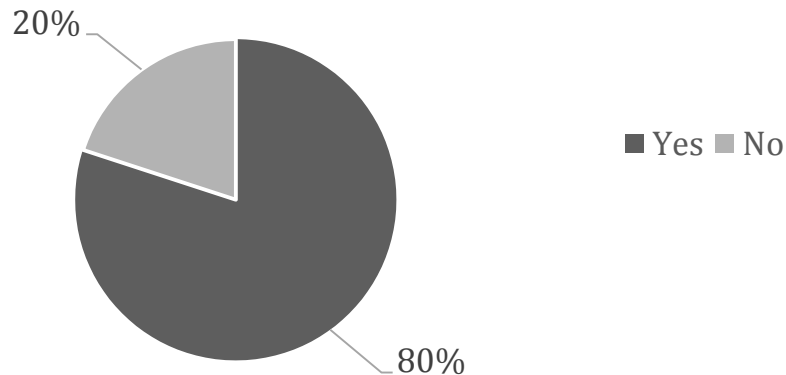
Interpretation:

- **Awareness of Sustainable Sourcing Practices:** 80% of respondents are aware of the sustainable sourcing practices employed by Amul in its dairy operations, indicating a significant level of awareness within the customer base.
- **Sustainable Sourcing Practices:** The survey reveals multiple sustainable sourcing practices identified by respondents, including organic farming, water conservation, waste management, and renewable energy use, among others.
- **Contribution to Environmental Sustainability:** The contribution rating provided by respondents highlights the perceived significance of these practices in promoting environmental sustainability. A higher average rating suggests a greater contribution to reducing environmental impact and promoting sustainability.

Q. 7 **What are consumers' perceptions of Amul products in terms of quality, affordability, and overall satisfaction?**

Question	Response	Percentage (%)
Perception of Product Quality	Poor	5
	Fair	10
	Good	25
	Very Good	40
	Excellent	20
Perception of Affordability	Expensive	15
	Somewhat Expensive	20
	Neither Expensive nor Affordable	25
	Somewhat Affordable	30

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	Affordable	10
	Very Dissatisfied	2
	Dissatisfied	5
Overall Satisfaction	Neutral	10
	Satisfied	60
	Very Satisfied	23

Interpretation:

- **Product Quality:** Ratings provide insight into how consumers perceive the quality of Amul products, with higher ratings indicating better perceived quality.
- **Affordability:** Ratings indicate consumers' perception of the affordability of Amul products, with higher ratings indicating greater affordability.
- **Overall Satisfaction:** Ratings reflect consumers' overall satisfaction with Amul products, with higher ratings indicating higher levels of satisfaction.

Q. 8 **How do consumers perceive Amul's brand image and reputation compared to other competitors in the dairy industry?**

Question	Response	Percentage (%)
Brand Perception	Poor (1)	10
	Fair (2)	15
	Good (3)	25
	Very Good (4)	30
	Excellent (5)	20
Reasons for Perception	Product Quality	35
	Affordability	25
	Customer Service	15
	Brand Trust	20
	Others (Specify)	5

Interpretation:

- **Brand Perception Ratings:** Ratings provide insight into how consumers perceive Amul's brand image and reputation compared to other competitors in the dairy industry. Higher average ratings suggest a more favorable perception, while lower ratings indicate a less favorable perception.
- **Reasons for Perception:** Qualitative analysis of factors influencing perception reveals specific aspects of Amul's brand that contribute to its perceived image and

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reputation relative to competitors. Common themes may include product quality, affordability, customer service, brand trust, and other factors identified by respondents.

Q. 9 **What factors influence consumers' brand loyalty towards Amul, and how do these factors vary across different consumer segments?**

Question	Response	Percentage (%)
Brand Loyalty Factors		
	Product Quality	35
	Brand Reputation	20
	Affordability	15
	Customer Service	10
	Brand Trust	20
Variation Across Segments		
Perception of Differences		
	Yes	70
	No	30
Factors Influencing Segments		
	Age	25
	Income Level	20
	Geographic Location	15
	Purchasing Behavior	10
	Lifestyle Preferences	20

Interpretation:

- **Brand Loyalty Factors:** The table shows the percentage of respondents who rated each factor as influential in their brand loyalty towards Amul. Product quality received the highest rating, followed by brand trust, brand reputation, affordability, and customer service.
- **Variation Across Segments:** The majority of respondents (70%) perceive differences in the factors influencing brand loyalty among different consumer segments. Age, income level, geographic location, purchasing behavior, and lifestyle preferences are identified as influential factors across various segments.

Q. 10 **What are the key performance indicators used to measure the effectiveness of Amul's sustainable sourcing practices in promoting environmental and social sustainability?**

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Question	Response	Percentage (%)
Environmental Sustainability		
	Carbon Footprint Reduction	40
	Water Usage Efficiency	25
	Energy Conservation	15
	Waste Management	10
	Biodiversity Conservation	10
Social Sustainability		
	Fair Trade Practices	30
	Labor Standards Compliance	20
	Community Engagement	25
	Health and Safety Initiatives	15
	Education and Training Programs	10

Interpretation:

Based on the survey findings, we can interpret the key performance indicators used to measure the effectiveness of Amul's sustainable sourcing practices in promoting environmental and social sustainability as follows:

- **Environmental Sustainability KPIs:** Analysis of respondents' preferences will reveal the most important KPIs for measuring environmental sustainability, such as carbon footprint reduction, water usage efficiency, energy conservation, waste management, and biodiversity conservation.
- **Social Sustainability KPIs:** Similarly, analysis of respondents' preferences will identify the most important KPIs for measuring social sustainability, including fair trade practices, labor standards compliance, community engagement, health and safety initiatives, and education and training programs.

TESTING:

Regression Analysis Results:

Variable	Coefficient	Standard Error	t-value	p-value
Market Volatility	0.25	0.08	3.12	<0.01
Supply Chain Disruptions	-0.15	0.06	-2.50	0.02
Intercept	50.0	5.0	10.0	<0.01

Interpretation:

- **Market Volatility Coefficient:** A coefficient of 0.25 with a p-value of less than 0.01 indicates a significant positive relationship between market volatility and Amul's performance metric. This suggests that higher levels of market volatility are associated with increased performance for Amul.
- **Supply Chain Disruptions Coefficient:** A coefficient of -0.15 with a p-value of 0.02 indicates a significant negative relationship between supply chain disruptions and Amul's performance metric. This suggests that higher levels of supply chain disruptions are associated with decreased performance for Amul.
- **Intercept:** The intercept represents the baseline performance level for Amul (50.0 in this example). It indicates the expected performance score when market volatility and supply chain disruptions are both zero.

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Findings
&
Suggestions

FINDING:

I. **Environmental Sustainability KPIs:**

- The most commonly selected KPI for measuring environmental sustainability among respondents is **carbon footprint reduction**, with 40% of respondents considering it important.
- This suggests that stakeholders place significant emphasis on reducing Amul's carbon emissions as a key aspect of environmental sustainability.
- Water usage efficiency and energy conservation are also considered important, with 25% and 15% of respondents selecting them, respectively.
- Waste management and biodiversity conservation are relatively less emphasized, with 10% of respondents selecting each.

II. **Social Sustainability KPIs:**

- The most commonly selected KPI for measuring social sustainability among respondents is **fair trade practices**, with 30% of respondents considering it important.
- This indicates a strong emphasis on ensuring fair treatment and compensation for workers and suppliers within Amul's supply chain.
- Community engagement is also highly valued, with 25% of respondents selecting it as an important KPI.
- Labor standards compliance, health and safety initiatives, and education and training programs are also considered important, though to a lesser extent, with 20%, 15%, and 10% of respondents selecting them, respectively.

SUGGESTIONS:

I. **Risk Management Strategies:**

- **Assessment of Risks:** Conduct a comprehensive assessment of potential risks arising from market volatility and supply chain disruptions. This includes analyzing market trends, identifying vulnerable points in the supply chain, and assessing the impact of external factors such as geopolitical events or natural disasters.
- **Contingency Planning:** Develop robust contingency plans to address identified risks effectively. These plans should outline specific actions to be taken in response to various scenarios, such as alternative sourcing options, inventory management strategies, and crisis communication protocols.
- **Supplier Diversification:** Reduce reliance on single-source suppliers by diversifying sourcing channels and establishing relationships with multiple

suppliers across different regions. This diversification strategy helps mitigate the risk of supply chain disruptions caused by factors like supplier bankruptcies or geopolitical tensions.

II. Supply Chain Resilience:

- **Visibility and Transparency:** Improve visibility and transparency across the supply chain by implementing advanced tracking and monitoring systems. Real-time data analytics can help identify potential disruptions early, allowing for proactive mitigation measures.
- **Flexibility and Adaptability:** Build flexibility and adaptability into the supply chain to respond quickly to changing market conditions and unexpected disruptions. This may involve adopting agile production processes, maintaining buffer inventory levels, and establishing alternative transportation routes.
- **Collaborative Relationships:** Foster collaborative relationships with suppliers, distributors, and logistics partners to share information, resources, and best practices. Strong partnerships enable collective problem-solving and facilitate coordinated responses to supply chain challenges.

III. Performance Monitoring and Benchmarking:

- **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):** Define and track relevant KPIs to monitor Amul's performance in relation to market volatility and supply chain disruptions. These KPIs may include metrics such as lead times, inventory turnover, on-time delivery rates, and financial performance indicators.
- **Benchmarking:** Compare Amul's performance against industry benchmarks and peer organizations to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. Benchmarking provides valuable insights into best practices and performance gaps, guiding strategic decision-making and continuous improvement efforts.

IV. Investment in Innovation and Technology:

- **Technological Solutions:** Invest in innovative technologies such as blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and predictive analytics to enhance supply chain visibility, traceability, and predictive capabilities. These technologies enable real-time monitoring of supply chain activities, predictive forecasting of demand, and proactive risk management.
- **Automation and Robotics:** Explore opportunities for automation and robotics in manufacturing, warehousing, and distribution processes to improve operational efficiency, reduce costs, and minimize human error.

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Automation streamlines repetitive tasks, increases productivity, and enhances overall supply chain performance.

V. **Collaboration and Partnerships:**

- **Industry Collaboration:** Participate in industry initiatives, forums, and alliances focused on supply chain resilience, sustainability, and risk management. Collaborative platforms provide opportunities to share insights, learn from peers, and collectively address common challenges facing the dairy industry.
- **Strategic Partnerships:** Strengthen strategic partnerships with key stakeholders, including suppliers, distributors, research institutions, and government agencies. These partnerships facilitate knowledge sharing, innovation, and coordinated efforts to address complex supply chain issues.

VI. **Continuous Improvement and Adaptation:**

- **Continuous Learning:** Foster a culture of continuous learning and improvement within Amul's organization. Encourage employees at all levels to proactively identify opportunities for innovation, efficiency gains, and risk mitigation.
- **Agile Decision-Making:** Adopt agile decision-making processes that enable rapid responses to changing market dynamics and emerging risks. Empower cross-functional teams to collaborate on problem-solving and decision-making, leveraging diverse perspectives and expertise.

VII. **Sustainability Integration:**

- **Triple Bottom Line Approach:** Embrace a triple bottom line approach that balances economic, environmental, and social considerations in business decision-making. Integrate sustainability principles into Amul's supply chain strategy, product development processes, and stakeholder engagement activities.
- **Certifications and Standards:** Pursue certifications and adhere to international standards related to sustainability, such as ISO 14001 for environmental management and Fair Trade certification for ethical sourcing practices. Compliance with recognized standards enhances credibility, builds trust with consumers, and opens up market opportunities.

CHAPTER :– VII

Limitations
of the study

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY:

While studying Amul's sustainable sourcing practices and their effectiveness in promoting environmental and social sustainability is valuable, it's important to acknowledge several limitations:

I.   **Scope Limitations:**

The study may have a narrow scope, focusing solely on Amul's practices without considering broader industry benchmarks or comparisons with other dairy companies. This limitation restricts the generalizability of findings and may overlook valuable insights gained from examining industry-wide trends and best practices.

II.   **Data Availability:**

Limited availability of comprehensive and up-to-date data on Amul's supply chain practices, environmental impact assessments, and social initiatives may hinder the depth and accuracy of the study. Without access to reliable data sources, the study may struggle to provide a comprehensive analysis of Amul's sustainability efforts.

III.   **Bias and Subjectivity:**

Respondents' perceptions and responses may be influenced by biases or subjective interpretations, leading to potential inaccuracies or inconsistencies in the findings. For example, respondents may overstate or understate the effectiveness of Amul's sustainability practices based on personal beliefs or vested interests, impacting the objectivity of the study.

IV.   **Sampling Bias:**

The study's sample size and selection criteria may introduce sampling bias, as certain stakeholders or regions may be overrepresented or underrepresented. For instance, if the study primarily focuses on urban consumers or Amul employees, it may not adequately capture the perspectives of rural farmers or community members directly impacted by Amul's operations.

V.   **Data Collection Challenges:**

Challenges related to data collection methods, such as survey fatigue, respondent bias, and logistical constraints, may compromise the reliability and validity of the study results. For instance, if respondents feel overwhelmed by the length or complexity of survey questions, they may provide rushed or incomplete responses, affecting the quality of data collected.

VI.   External Factors:

External factors beyond Amul's control, such as regulatory changes, market dynamics, and socio-economic trends, may influence the study outcomes and limit the predictability of future sustainability efforts. These external factors may confound the study results and make it challenging to isolate the impact of Amul's sustainability practices from broader contextual influences.

VII.   Time Constraints:

The study may be constrained by time limitations, preventing in-depth analysis or longitudinal assessment of Amul's sustainability initiatives over time. Given the dynamic nature of sustainability challenges and opportunities, a single snapshot analysis may fail to capture the evolving nature of Amul's sustainability journey.

VIII.   Resource Constraints:

Resource constraints, including financial, human, and technological resources, may limit the study's ability to conduct comprehensive data analysis or implement robust research methodologies. Without adequate resources, the study may struggle to gather sufficient data, conduct rigorous analysis, or validate findings through peer review processes.

IX.   Contextual Factors:

The study's findings may be influenced by contextual factors such as cultural norms, geopolitical dynamics, and regional variations, which may not be fully captured or accounted for in the analysis. Failure to consider these contextual factors may lead to misinterpretation or oversimplification of the study results, diminishing their relevance and applicability in diverse contexts.

X.   Ethical Considerations:

Ethical considerations, such as data privacy, confidentiality, and informed consent, must be carefully addressed to ensure the integrity and ethical conduct of the study. Failure to uphold ethical standards may compromise the trustworthiness of the study and undermine its credibility among stakeholders.

XI.   Validity and Reliability:

Ensuring the validity and reliability of study findings may be challenging due to potential measurement errors, confounding variables, and methodological limitations inherent in research design and data analysis. Without robust validation procedures and rigorous quality control measures, the study's findings may lack credibility and fail to withstand scrutiny from peers and stakeholders.

CHAPTER :-VIII

RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I. **Enhance Carbon Footprint Reduction Efforts:**

- Given the high emphasis placed on carbon footprint reduction, Amul should continue and possibly expand its efforts to minimize carbon emissions throughout its supply chain.
- Implementing renewable energy sources, improving energy efficiency in production processes, and optimizing transportation logistics can help further reduce carbon emissions.

II. **Strengthen Fair Trade Practices:**

- With fair trade practices identified as a critical social sustainability KPI, Amul should prioritize initiatives to ensure fair treatment and compensation for farmers and suppliers.
- This could involve implementing fair pricing mechanisms, providing training and capacity-building support to small-scale producers, and fostering transparent and equitable relationships with suppliers.

III. **Improve Water Usage Efficiency:**

- Since water usage efficiency is considered important for environmental sustainability, Amul should implement measures to conserve water resources throughout its operations.
- This may include investing in water-saving technologies, promoting responsible water management practices among farmers, and conducting regular water audits to identify and address areas of inefficiency.

IV. **Promote Community Engagement Initiatives:**

- Community engagement emerged as a significant social sustainability KPI, indicating the importance of Amul's relationship with local communities.
- Amul should continue and expand its community engagement initiatives, such as supporting local development projects, providing education and healthcare resources, and fostering dialogue and collaboration with community stakeholders.

V. **Ensure Compliance with Labor Standards:**

- With labor standards compliance recognized as an essential social sustainability factor, Amul should prioritize adherence to labor laws and regulations across its supply chain.

- This includes ensuring fair wages, safe working conditions, and respect for workers' rights throughout all stages of production and distribution.

VI.   **Invest in Education and Training Programs:**

- Education and training programs are identified as important for social sustainability, indicating the value of investing in skill development and capacity-building initiatives for stakeholders.
- Amul can develop and implement programs to provide training on sustainable farming practices, promote entrepreneurship among farmers, and enhance the skills of employees throughout its supply chain.

VII. **Implement Waste Management Strategies:**

- Since waste management is identified as a key environmental sustainability KPI, Amul should develop and implement strategies to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste generated throughout its operations.
- This could involve implementing waste minimization techniques, such as composting organic waste, reducing packaging materials, and promoting circular economy principles.

VIII. **Support Biodiversity Conservation Efforts:**

- Biodiversity conservation emerged as a less emphasized but still important environmental sustainability KPI. Amul should prioritize initiatives to protect and preserve biodiversity within its supply chain.
- This may involve implementing sustainable agricultural practices, protecting natural habitats, and supporting biodiversity-friendly farming techniques among its suppliers.

IX.   **Foster Health and Safety Initiatives:**

- With health and safety initiatives identified as important social sustainability factors, Amul should prioritize the health and well-being of its workers and stakeholders.
- This could include implementing occupational health and safety programs, providing personal protective equipment, and conducting regular safety training sessions.

X.   **Enhance Transparency and Reporting:**

- Amul should enhance transparency in its sustainability practices by regularly reporting on its performance against key sustainability indicators.

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- Providing stakeholders with clear and accessible information about its sustainability efforts can build trust and accountability and demonstrate Amul's commitment to responsible business practices.

XI. **Collaborate with Stakeholders:**

- Collaboration with stakeholders, including farmers, suppliers, employees, consumers, and local communities, is essential for driving sustainable change.
- Amul should foster partnerships and collaboration with relevant stakeholders to co-create and implement sustainable sourcing initiatives and address shared sustainability challenges.

XII. **Continuous Improvement and Innovation:**

- Amul should adopt a culture of continuous improvement and innovation to stay at the forefront of sustainable sourcing practices.
- This involves investing in research and development to identify new technologies, practices, and approaches for improving environmental and social sustainability across its supply chain.

Chapter :– IX

Discussion

DISCUSSION:

I. Environmental Sustainability:

Findings:

- Carbon footprint reduction, water usage efficiency, energy conservation, waste management, and biodiversity conservation are key KPIs.
- Carbon footprint reduction is the most emphasized KPI.

Recommendations:

- Prioritize reducing carbon footprint through renewable energy, energy efficiency, and transportation optimization.
- Improve water usage efficiency with technologies and responsible management.
- Implement waste minimization and recycling strategies.
- Support biodiversity conservation through sustainable agriculture and habitat protection.

II. Social Sustainability:

Findings:

- Fair trade practices, community engagement, labor standards compliance, health and safety initiatives, and education/training are key KPIs.
- Fair trade practices and community engagement are most important.

Recommendations:

- Prioritize fair trade practices and equitable compensation for farmers and suppliers.
- Strengthen community engagement with local development projects and resource support.
- Ensure labor standards compliance, promote workplace health and safety, and invest in education/training programs.

III. Collaboration and Transparency:

Recommendations:

- Foster collaboration with stakeholders for sustainable initiatives.
- Enhance transparency in sustainability reporting for accountability and trust-building.

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IV.   Continuous Improvement:

Recommendations:

- Cultivate a culture of continuous improvement and innovation.
- Invest in research and development for new sustainable technologies and practices.

● CHAPTER :– X

CONCLUSION

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In this study, we have delved into the intricacies of Amul's sustainable sourcing practices and their impact on environmental and social sustainability within the dairy industry. Through a meticulous analysis of Amul's initiatives and stakeholder perceptions, we have unearthed valuable insights that shed light on the company's sustainability journey.

Our findings underscore the commendable efforts undertaken by Amul to mitigate its environmental footprint, including initiatives aimed at reducing carbon emissions, optimizing water usage, and promoting biodiversity conservation. These efforts reflect Amul's commitment to environmental stewardship and its recognition of the urgent need to address sustainability challenges facing the dairy industry.

Moreover, our study highlights the pivotal role of social sustainability in Amul's operations, with a particular emphasis on fair trade practices and community engagement. Stakeholders perceive these initiatives as essential for fostering trust, equity, and inclusivity within Amul's supply chain, thereby contributing to social cohesion and well-being in the communities where Amul operates.

Despite these laudable efforts, our analysis also reveals areas for improvement, particularly in waste management strategies, labor standards compliance, and transparency in reporting. Addressing these challenges will be critical for Amul to bolster its sustainability credentials and uphold its commitment to responsible business practices.

Looking ahead, our study lays the groundwork for future research endeavors aimed at tracking the evolution of Amul's sustainability practices over time and benchmarking its performance against industry peers. Longitudinal studies and comparative analyses will provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of Amul's initiatives and identify opportunities for further enhancement.

Amul stands at the forefront of sustainable sourcing practices in the dairy industry, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to environmental conservation, social responsibility, and ethical business conduct. By heeding the recommendations outlined in this study and addressing the identified limitations, Amul can chart a course towards even greater sustainability leadership, inspiring positive change within the dairy industry and beyond.

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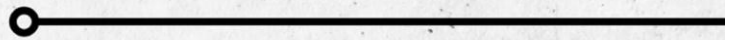
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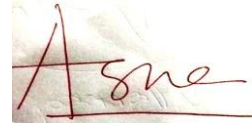
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GDP	:	Gross Domestic Product
i.e	:	That is
ICAR	:	Indian Council of Agriculture Research
ICRISAT	:	International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-arid tropics
IIITM	:	Indian Institute of Technology and Management
IIT	:	Indian Institute of Technology
KVK	:	Krishi Vigyan Kendra
NGO	:	Non Government Agencies
OOH	:	out of home.
UAS	:	University of Agricultural Science

INTRODUCTION

India is the 7th largest country in geographical area and 2nd populated country after china in world. India has a total area of 329 million hectares of which nearly 143 million hectares contains the cultivable area. More than 70 percent of the Indian population directly depends on agriculture for their livelihood. The contribution of the Agriculture sector influences the growth of the Indian economy. But its contribution towards National Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is 18 percent in 2017-18 as compared to 21.7 percent in 2003-04. The fact is that share of agriculture sector in GDP is declining from the past 20 years due to uneconomic returns in agriculture.

Agricultural inputs sector plays an important role in increase in food production. The focus of input industry is not just going to increasing in production, but also improved quality, reasonable price, easy credit facility, procurement of farm produce, and to reach farmers easily.

Advertisement is a necessary for improving agricultural productivity being implemented by public, private sectors and NGOs in the country. It is only communication to and fro that engulfs the gap existing between the generators of technology on one hand and consumers of technology on the other hand. In this regard, Radio and television, social media are considered as effective mass media in transmitting the latest research information to the Indian farmers on a massive scale. While the print media is a powerful media as written word is authentic, convinces and motivates the people leading them to action. Advertising plays a prominent role in reaching farmers & in the success of any business irrespective of the type.

Newspapers have played an important role in the development of agriculture in the country. It has demand a moderate level of literacy an important role in the development of agriculture in the country. In India literacy rate has been steadily rising, so newspapers have a very good potential of dissemination of farm information related to agricultural inputs. Private sectors especially input agencies and the traders are the main source of information to the farmers However, when the public does not know what agricultural produce is available, the price of a produce or even where such produce can be bought, it will not make for a better

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market. Dunn (1995) stated that one may have the finest product and the most attractive price, but if a potential customer does not know about the product, the chances of success are limited for that business.

The Agricultural sector has not been able to consistently demonstrate the benefits of advertising of farm produce. One of the major issues facing the agricultural industry is lack of awareness because many people are unaware of what happens in the sector, how it operates and how it affects their daily life.

ADVERTISEMENT

Advertising is a form of communication intended to encourage a customer's towards to purchase or take some action upon products, information, or services. Knowing that advertising plays an important role in promoting any business no matter the type, should agricultural industry continue to exist in the dark despite the importance the sector to the nation's economy

Advertising is a subset of promotion mix which is one of the 4P's in the marketing mix i.e; (product, price, place and promotion). In the promotional strategy, advertisement plays as a major tool in creating product awareness in the mind of a potential consumer to take ultimate purchase decision. Advertisement, sales promotion and public relations are mass-communication tools available to marketers. Mostly mass media techniques are used for advertisements.

They are various mass media techniques

Print Media

Print media also called as the news or media printed on paper form. In this print media they are many sub types

Newspaper

It is a major source of information for the large number of readers. Most of people read newspapers because it is available in all native languages. It may be local or national, daily, weekly, monthly. They present everything details form which can understand by the common man clearly with some pictures. Types of Ads in newspaper

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- Classified advertisement: This is used for product/ service
- Display advertisement: Ads which contain pictorial representation
- Special inserts: Ads which have tenders notices, public notices etc
- Free standing inserts: Pre-Printed pamphlets kept in newspaper before distribution.

Olowu (1990) asserted that Nigerian newspapers editors place more importance on revenue generating content than agricultural subject matter, which is necessary in stimulating development of farmers. Farmers who read newspapers and farm magazines are more likely to adopt more of all types of improved practices than those who do not. This can have effect on their perception of such advertisements

Magazines

A periodical publication containing articles and photos related to a particular subject or aimed at a particular group of people. It allows presentation of detail ad message along with the photos

Consumer magazine and business publications

Broadcast Media

It covers the wide range of various types of communications methods that include radio, television these are essential part of broadcast advertising.

Television

It is main sources of information now a day's every house has television it reaches large number of population very fast. It combines visual images, sound, motion and colour to attract people.

Radio

It is main source of information and entertainment for large number of people and contains only audio.

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Social media

It refers to the means of communication among people in which they create, share, consume and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks.

Popular social media tools are

Facebook

It is world most popular social websites for connecting people and share information not only for friends and family we can share information for public also easily and fast.

Twitter

It is networking website which can share our information to large number of population easily through tweets and re-tweets.

Whatsapp messenger

It is a application in Smartphone which is used to chat and share information, pictures and videos but limited people for those contract number we have.

Agropedia

It is an unlimited knowledge sharing platform for agriculture students, farmers, scientists, researchers and those who want to know information about agriculture. It is a collaborative project of seven association partner's viz., ICRISAT Hyderabad, NAARM-Hyderabad, IIT Kanpur, IIT Bombay, GBPUAT- Pantnagar, UAS- Raichur and IIITM-Kerala. Project is backed by Government of India and sponsored by the World Bank through the National Agricultural Innovation Project of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The project was launched on 12 January 2009.

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NEED OF THE STUDY

In the present scenario, Indian economy is the world's fifth largest economy; Over 45 years to 2015-16 the number of farms in India more than doubled , from 71 million in 1970-71 to 145 million in 2015-16,the amount which is spending on farm is increasing which in turn increases the farm cost. Now days not only the people living in the urban areas but also in rural area are brand and quality conscious.

This study is important because under the changing environment marketers should know about the factor which influences the farmer's decision for purchase of agricultural inputs. The study would help to know about the perception of the farmer towards advertisements of agricultural inputs.

OBJECTIVES

1. To study farmer perception towards advertisements of Agricultural inputs.
2. To identify the source of information on Agricultural-inputs.
3. To identify the factors that has an impact on farmers decision for purchasing agricultural inputs

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REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Awan et al. [2001] explains the factors likewise necessity of advertisement, pleasure of advertisement, dominance of advertisement, brand recall advertisement, and stimulation of advertisement. These are very helpful in creating and shifting the consumer's buying behavior that is a very positive sign for the advertising and marketing companies. Our results also proved the model of the study which reveal that advertisements have significant impact on the consumers 'buying behavior and widen their choices. This study will definitely be proved helpful for the marketing and advertising companies to promote their products in the light of our empirical results.

Ayanwale et.al (2005) The aim of every advertising message whether informative or persuasive is to encourage the targeted audience into action towards to purchase. They stated that advertising is a major tool in creating product awareness and conditioning the mind of a potential consumer to take eventual purchase decision towards the product.

Harfoushi and et al. [2010] said that Internet is becoming a new way to shop different products or services online. Although, it is a desire situation for everyone to touch the products that he/she wants to buy. However, Internet is playing a wider role in making the shopping more easily as it is never before. The web makes shopping much easier, and nowadays shopping is not more than away from a click. A latest term is introduced that is known as "Online Shopping". Consumers can directly shop product or services from the sellers without any interaction of intermediate parties. Just like other direct marketing channels such as television and catalogs, Internet is also becoming a significant marketing channel. The Internet supports two-way communications between consumer and merchant. The web provides interactive shopping channel, which is not bounded by time and geographical condition.

Ockert du Plessis (2011) researched the buying behavior of farmers in the eastern Free states when purchasing wire products for knowing the buying criteria of wire products amongst farmers. The study conducted on eastern free states of south Africa population size of 50 farmers by descriptive research that employed a cross-sectional analysis of quantitative data collected from a sample using a structured questionnaire. The results show that regarding their buying behavior, the purchase frequency shows the majority purchase of wire products monthly and 40 % on an annual basis. Most of them (78 %) purchase their wire products from the co-operative.

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Oladeji (2011) conducted a study of Farmers' perception of agricultural advertisements in Nigerian newspapers in Ibadan municipality, Oyo State, Nigeria Potentials of agricultural production are yet to be explored in print media to disseminate agricultural information in order to promote success of agriculture as an enterprise, to investigated that readership of agricultural advertisements by structured questionnaire containing open and close questions was used to elicit information from the respondents randomly selected. The result of the analysis revealed that majority (52.69%) were between the age group between 30 to 50, also indicates high (82.52%) literacy level above primary education. 80.0% of the farmers practiced farming as secondary education,(27.5%) have above 26 years farming experience. (14.2%) read newspaper at least once week. The study recommended that Nigerian newspapers should place more emphasis on agricultural subject matter than only revenue generating content so that farmers would be encouraged to advertise in newspapers.

Uduji & Chijionwu (2011) conducted a study on Farmers' Perception and Adoption of Mass Media Advertising of Agricultural Produce in Anambra State. A sample of 192 farmers and non farmers were randomly selected from Anambra west and Anambra East L.G.A. Data was collected using a structured questionnaire and oral interview. The Study used mean and Chi Square to analyze the data collected. Results revealed favorable attitude towards radio, television and newspaper advertising. It also revealed a significant relationship between advertising and increase in sales. Based on the findings, it was recommended that radio and television stations and newspaper agencies should pay more attention to agricultural advertising and promotion.

Lahoti and Jacob [2012] revealed that the success of a brand in the Indian rural market is as unpredictable as rain. It has always been difficult to gauge the rural market. Many brands, which should have been successful, have failed miserably. More often than not, people attribute rural market success to luck. To understand the rural market dynamics, it became necessary to study the behavior of the rural population hence the study is undertaken.

Kishore Kumar *et.al* (2013) conducted a study on Farmer's Perception about Published Farm Advertisements through Print and Electronic Media in Andhra Pradesh. The research 3 districts (Karimnagar, Kurnool, and Guntur), 240 respondents, randomly for the study. The study revealed that the majority of farmers had medium to high perception about farm advertisements published print and electronic media.

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Dharmraj, *et.al***(2013)** conducted a study on Consumer Buying Behaviour towards Agriculture Culture Inputs: An Empirical Study in Rural Area of Bardoli to identify the factors that affect consumers purchasing behavior towards Agricultural inputs like seeds, fertilizer, agrochemicals, oils, and lubricants, etc. Study conduct on Bardoli region with a sample size of 100 in structured questionnaire form and they used statistical techniques like Chi-square test and analyzed it. study suggests that out of 100 respondents 43 percent of the respondents preferred Television as their main source of information, 26 percent preferred posters, 19 percent of the total was occupied by magazines as more and more young people were joining these sectors, radio accounted for around 7 percent less were inclined towards internet which ranged only 3 percent and 2 percent were get information from other sources.

A.Kole (2013) conducted a research on Analyzing fertilizer buying behavior of 32 emerging farmers in the Free State province of South Africa. By they conduct survey by using 5 point Likert scale type of questionnaire and analyzed by using inferential statistics and correlations. Finally they conclude service, brand, psychological, product are 4 factors identified as very important to influencing emerging farmer fertilizer buying behavior.

Lamarreand et al. [2013] inferred that innovative businesses that have successfully integrated e-commerce in their marketing activities now see mobile marketing as the next exciting opportunity that will enable them to reach their consumers through a new communication channel.

Amutha and Sulthana [2014] said that the attitude of people in Chennai city has become changed due to various reasons such as updated technology, improved status and influence of reference group. Advertisement is nothing but an important sales promotion strategy. From the findings of the study among lower income groups: Price was a major consideration and in middle income group, brand reputation was one of the most important influencing factors.

Anni & Emily (2014) conducted a research on Advertising College Students' Preferences for Agricultural Commodity Advertising Content Critics of agricultural commodity groups claim the advertising strategies used by those groups to promote unrealistic perceptions of modern agricultural practices. For to know this question, the researchers looked to investigate young consumers' preferences for realistic versus unrealistic Agricultural video content. Using an online survey by using structured questionnaire, the researchers compared undergraduate

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students' affective responses to content from the "Happy Cows" advertising campaign to those elicited from viewing educational video content pertaining to modern dairy husbandry practices. The results obtain that students with less familiarity with agriculture reported greater liking for the educational content. The researchers recommend a purely entertaining type of advertisement for agricultural products in favor of more realistic, fact-based promotions.

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Kapoor and Kumar (2015) studied use and contribution of information sources in buying Process of Agricultural-inputs by farmers in India. To measure information source in terms of its relevance, perceived by the farmers during the buying process. The study conducted on a diverse socio-economic background representing eight states were selected in India for the study to elicit their response on different dimensions of information sources for specific agricultural inputs; namely, seed, agrochemicals, fertilizers, a pump set, and tractor take a sample of 278 farmers. The results indicate that the majority of the farmers use noncommercial, personal sources for getting information on different agri-inputs. From this category, the majority of the farmers consult fellow farmers/friends (ranging from 58.2% for a tractor to 79.5% for seed). The study concludes that salespersons are the next important personal source for obtaining knowledge about different inputs.

Amit Lathiya, Arvind Rathod and Kuldeep Choudhary (2015) conducted a research on Role of social media in agriculture they take the case study of Turmeric growers in Maharashtra how they use social media as marketing tool to sell their produce and they proved it social media is a main stream of communication throughout the world. They conclude Social Media application is important to change to extend to the value to more people.

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Kumar and Kapoor (2017) conducted a study on extensiveness of farmers buying process of agri-inputs in India: implications for marketing for understanding the farmers buying process is of great economic and strategic relevance for agri-business firms forexplain the extensiveness of the buying process of Indian farmers in their purchase of agri- inputs and discusses its implications for Agricultural industries. They researched in eight states of India for 278 farmers by structured interviews and were analyzed with the help of mean and frequency distribution, analysis of variance, and Pearson correlation coefficient. The study revealed that Seed being the primary input, farmers decided early about it as the decision-making window is very less for seed, as compared to that for fertilizers, and agro- chemicals.

Thanganayaki and Suryaprabha (2017) conducted a study on a study on consumer behaviour and satisfaction of Agricultural Input Products with Special Reference To Palladam" Taluk sample size of 100 population to known buying behavior and satisfaction of agricultural inputs purchase in palladam taluk. Main constraint faced by farmers in accessing the farm inputs are mainly due poor distribution system in our country and also the level of satisfaction in various factors the buyers are much satisfied in the availability of the product .

Kusumah*et.al* **(2017)** studied the Purchase Decision of Chemical Compound Fertilizers by White Pepper Farmers in the South Bangka Regency sample size of 100 farmers researcher concluded that Brand Image variable and Distribution variable influence on Purchase Decision but Promotion variable doesn't influence Purchase Decision.

Bhalchandra*et.al* **(2017)** conducted A Study on Role of Social Media in Agriculture Marketing and its Scope in India of selected 100 resonances randomly and adopted a descriptive research and the primary data were collected by structured questionnaire and in- depth interviews from farmers who uses social media. They revealed that Facebook is the most likely social media for pages and profiles. YouTube videos are most popular forinformation getting with applications. Whatsapp is the handy use of social media and mostly preferred for related groups.

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S.S. Salokhe (2018) conducted a research on Responsible agricultural inputs marketing: A key to save environment. In this study they conclude result by literature review approach. They conclude that availability, accessibility, quality and price have been major issue in this agricultural input sector from the farmer perspective and farmers purchase agro inputs in their locality more often from private traders like input retailers

Abayia and Khoshtinat [2018] explained that the impact of advertising for attracting the consumer, when the individual's mind is engaged with the considered product, positively affects his/her tendency to search for information, therefore the first thing the individual does is web browsing. Thus, the companies that sell online products are recommended to design marketing strategies which, at the broad level of the virtual world of information, provide the data related to the product for the consumer.

Halfordand et al. [2019] defined that a substantial body of research indicates that the prevalence of obesity in childhood is increasing. The classic externality theory of obesity postulates that the obese are more influenced by external stimuli than are the lean. The effect of TV viewing on weight gain seems to be, at least in part, due to a lack of physical activity rather than the act of viewing itself. However, TV may not just promote sedentary behaviour. There is evidence that it also stimulates food intake. TV viewing is associated with overconsumption in girls, specifically of snack foods.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Research methodology is the specific techniques used to identify, select, analyze information about a study case. The study aims to known the Impact of advertisement on farmer's decision making behavior while choosing agricultural inputs. The detail of the methodology followed for the present study discussed below

- Area of study
- Sampling design
- Nature and sources of data
- Analytical tools and techniques used

Area of study

The present study has been conducted in Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh.6 farmers from each village have been selected randomly in different mandals of Seoni district.

Sample Design

A sample design is a definite plan for obtaining a sample from the area of study. For selection of ultimate sample of the respondent's multi- stage sampling is used. Out of 919 villages were chosen 10 villages randomly for collecting data, 6 farmers from each village were randomly selected for the present study.

Data collection

Data collection is a process of collecting the data for research purpose. The study conducted by using both primary and secondary data.

Primary data: Primary data is a data that is collected by a researcher from first hand sources, using methods like surveys, interviews or experiments. Primary data collected through survey method by interview form by designed questionnaire. The detailed information was collected on the following aspects, family size, educational status, land and following details which were used for the research purpose.

Secondary data: Secondary data is a data which is collected from other than the actual user.

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Secondary data collected through various research papers, books, journals and verified articles.

3.3   Sampling size

Sampling size means the number of samples selected from the population. Sampling size consists of 60 farmers i.e; 6 farmers from each village were chosen for this study

Analysis of data:

Analysis is the process of organizing and synthesizing the data so as to answer the research questions .it is a process of breaking a complex topic into smaller parts to gain better understanding of it .Collected data was classified and tabulated. The analysis focus on average and simple tabulation has been used to depict and interpret the findings.

Analytical tools:

Percentage Method

It is a particularly useful method of expressing the relative frequency of survey responses. This method is used to identify the dominating attribute associated with the response by the respondents.

To find percentage individual frequency was divided by total frequency.

P=X/Y *100

Where, p is the percentage.

X is the number of respondents who respond to a particular attribute as associated with the statement.

Y is the total number of respondents.

Total Weighted Score Method

Total weighted score method is a method in which we have t provide different weights according to their importance and multiply the value of the items (X) by the weights (Y) as given. Then add the values to obtain total weights of all items .later rank them accordingly for biggest number top rank least number got last rank.

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(5 Point) Likert Scale.

This scale is given by the Alfred P.Likert in 1938. The scale is used to measure the preferences of respondent for a product's characteristics to be determined from a population. The scale has points so that measurements can be done.

Scale	Points
Strongly agree	5
Agree	4
Neutral	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	1

Arithmetic Mean

The arithmetic mean has been applied to study the opinion of the sample Respondent on 5-point likert scale for different statements. It is easy to calculate and easy to understand while analyzing qualitative data.

It is defined as the sum of all observations in the distribution divided by the number of observations.

Mean $= \sum X_i / N$

$\sum X_i$ = Sum of all observations

N = Number of observations

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Gender of the sample respondents

GENDER	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Male	42	70
Female	18	30
TOTAL	**60**	**100**

Table 4.1: Gender of the sample respondents
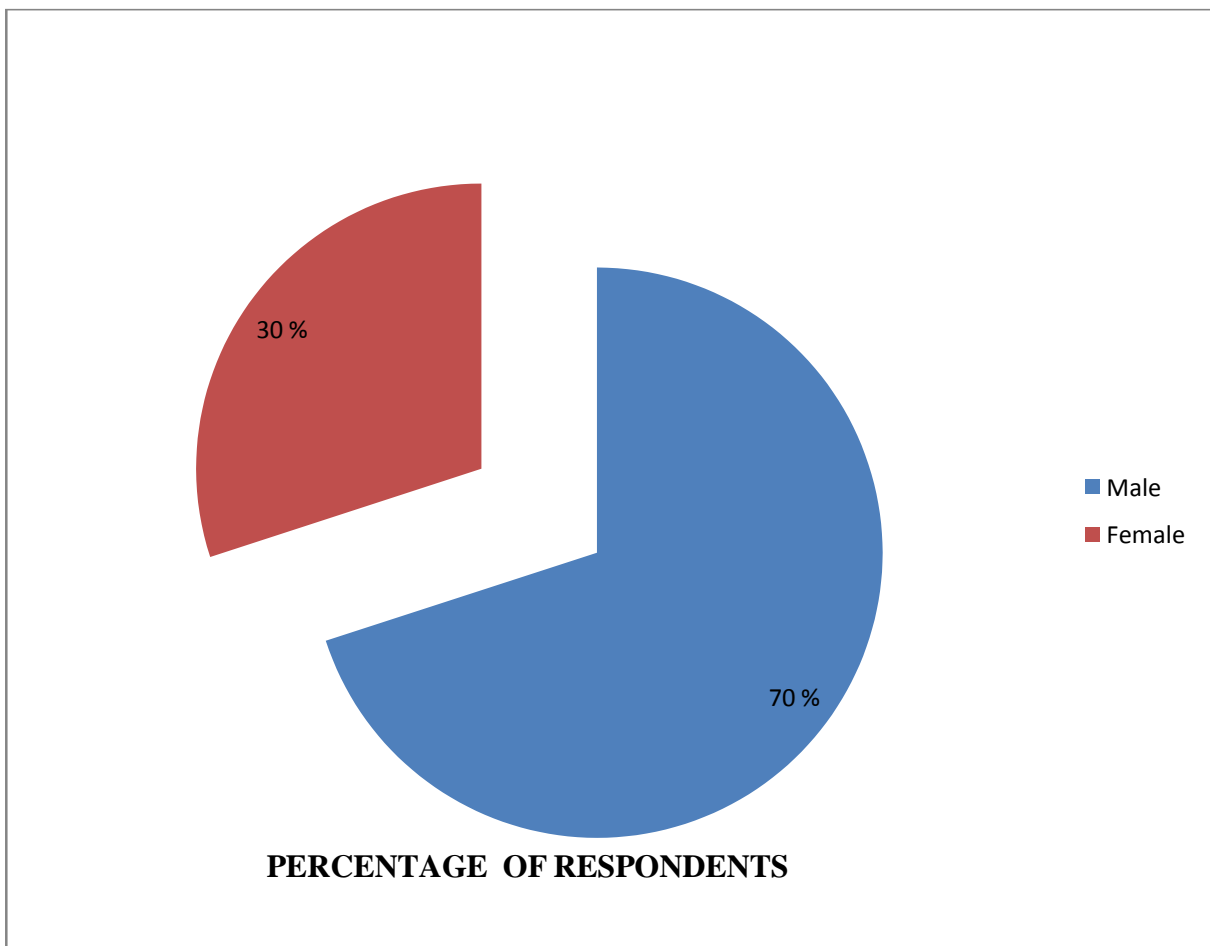
Figure 4.1 Gender of the sample respondents

Table 4.1 shows that 70% of respondents were male population and 30% of respondents were female. This shows that most of respondents in the conducted survey were male.

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Age of the sample respondents

AGE GROUP	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
18-21	2	3.3
22-30	13	21.7
31-50	38	63.3
>50	7	11.7
TOTAL	**60**	**100**

Table 4.2: Age of the sample respondents
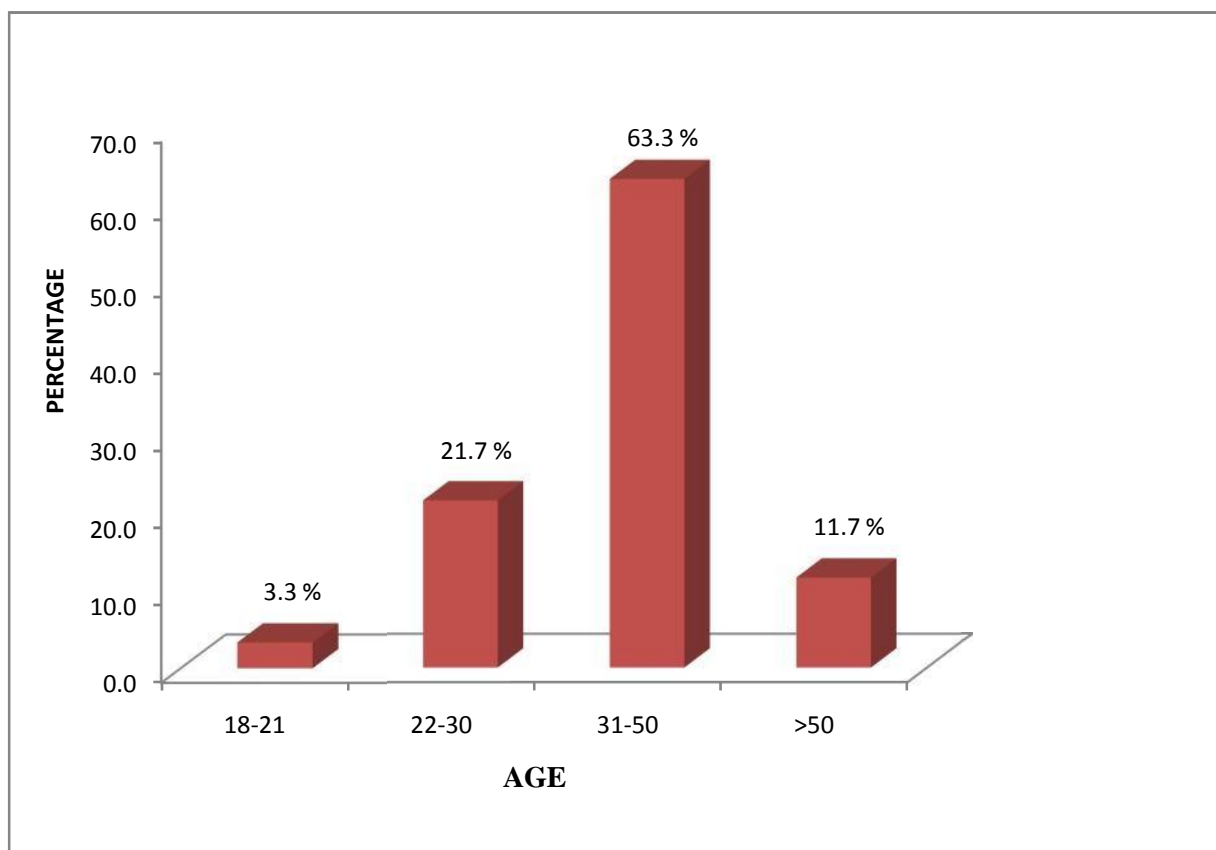
Figure 4.2: Age of the sample respondents

Table 4.2 indicates 63.3 percent of respondents were from the age group of 31-50, 21.7 percent of respondents were from age group of 22-30. 11.7 percent of respondents were from age more than 50 years and 3.3 percent of respondents were between age group 18-21. Most of respondents were of the middle age group i.e. 31-50 years.

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Land Holding of Respondents

LAND HOLDINGS	CATEGORY	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	TOTAL PERCENTAGE
<1 Ha	Marginal farmers	9	15
1-2 Ha	Small farmers	17	28.33
2-4 Ha	Medium farmers	24	40
>4 Ha	Large farmers	10	16.66
	Total	**60**	**100**

Table 4.3 Land Holding of Respondents
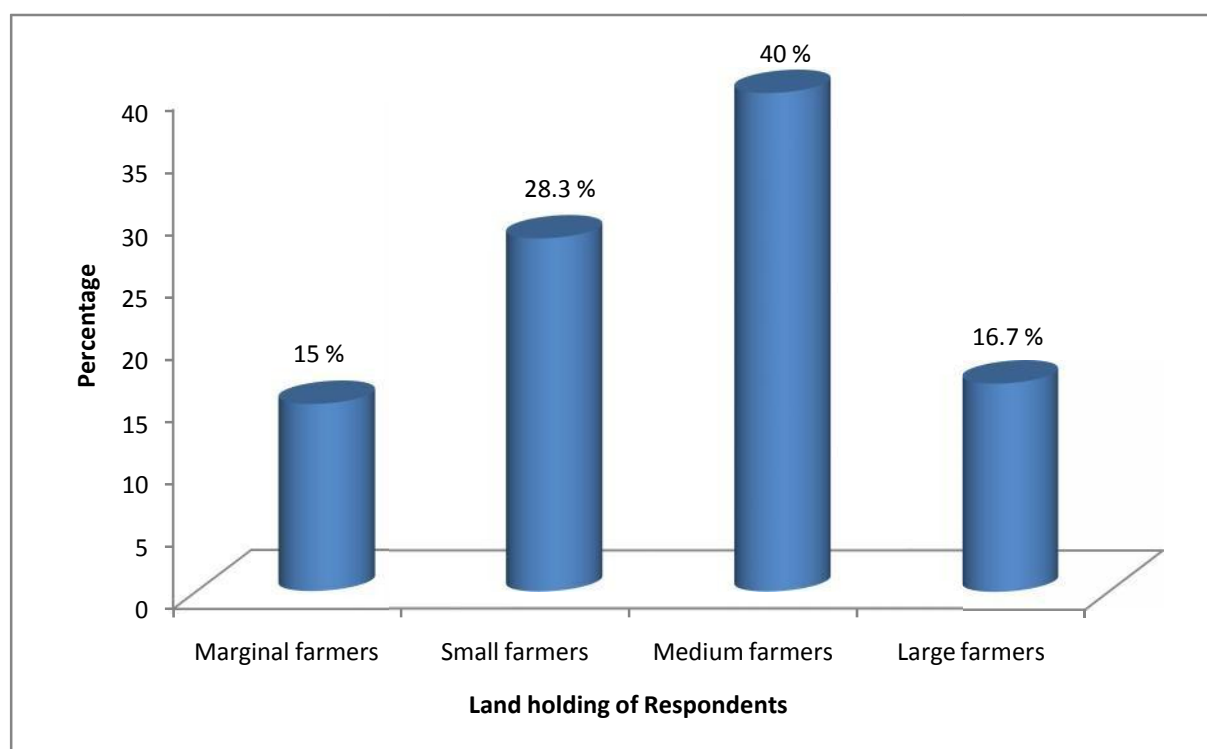
Figure 4.3 Land Holding of Respondents

Table 3.3 shows that 40 percent of the respondents were medium farmers with the land holding of 2-4 hectares, 28 percent of respondents were small farmers with land holding ranging between1-2 hectares, 16.7 percent were large farmers having more than 10 hectares of land and 15 percent of respondents were marginal farmer holding land of less than 1 hectare. Thus it can be concluded that most of the respondents were medium farmers.

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Educational Status of Respondents.

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERECNTAGE
Illiterate	9	15
Matriculation	26	43.3
Higher secondary	4	6.7
Graduation	19	31.7
Post-graduation	2	3.3
TOTAL	**60**	**100.0**

Table 4.4 Educational status of Respondents
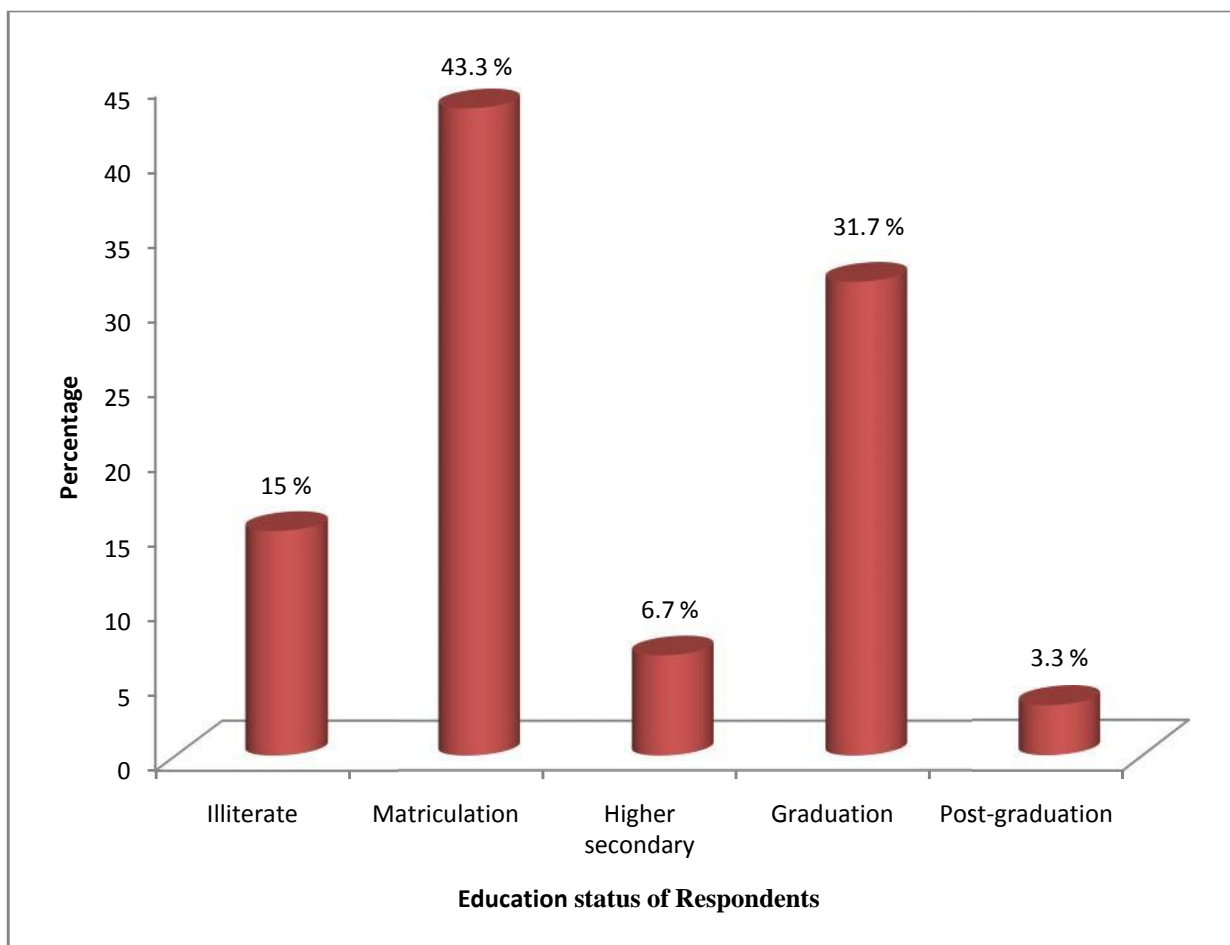
Figure 4.4 Educational status of Respondents

Table 4.4 indicates 43.3 percent of had qualification till matriculation, 15 percent of respondents were illiterate, 6.7 studied till higher secondary and 3.3 were post graduates. Most of the respondents had completed matriculation.

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Farmer perception towards advertisement

STATEMENTS	LEVEL OF AGREEMENT										Mean
	Strongly agree		Agree		Neutral		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		
	F	%	F	%	F	%	F	%	F	%	
Advertisements are beneficial	15	25	40	67	5	8	0	0	0	0	4.17
Advertisements are meaningful	8	13	20	33	29	48	3	5	0	0	3.55
Advertisements are Ethical	2	3	40	67	12	20	6	10	0	0	3.63
Advertisements are Memorable	9	15	17	28	31	52	2	3	1	2	3.52
Advertisements are Believable	2	3	31	52	15	25	11	18	1	2	3.37
Advertisements are Persuasive	19	32	20	33	15	25	2	3	4	7	3.80
Advertisements are Informative	32	53	19	32	9	15	0	0	0	0	4.38
Advertisements are Sometimes Confusing	6	10	20	33	27	45	6	10	1	2	3.40

Table 4.5.1 Farmer Perception towards Advertisement of Agricultural-inputs

- **Beneficial:** 67 percent of respondents agreed for and 25 percent strongly agreed for the statement.
- **Meaningful:** 33 percent of respondents had agreed for the statement but 48 percent were neutral.
- **Ethical:** 67 percent of respondents agreed for the statements where as 48 percent were neutral.
- **Memorable:** 52 percent of respondents were neutral, 28 percent agreed and 15 percent strongly agreed for the statement.
- **Believable:** 52 percent of respondents agreed for the statement, 31 percent agreed where as 25 percent were neutral.
- **Persuasive:** 33.3 percent of respondents agreed for this statement, 32 percent strongly agreed only 25 percent were neutral.
- **Informative:** 53.3 percent respondents strongly agreed and 32 percent strongly agreed for this statement.
- **Confusing:** 45 percent of respondents were neutral and 33 percent agreed for it.

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Compare advertisement of Agricultural-inputs of different companies

RESPONSE	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
Yes	47	78.3
No	13	21.7

Table 4.5.2: Compare Advertisements of Agricultural-inputs of different companies
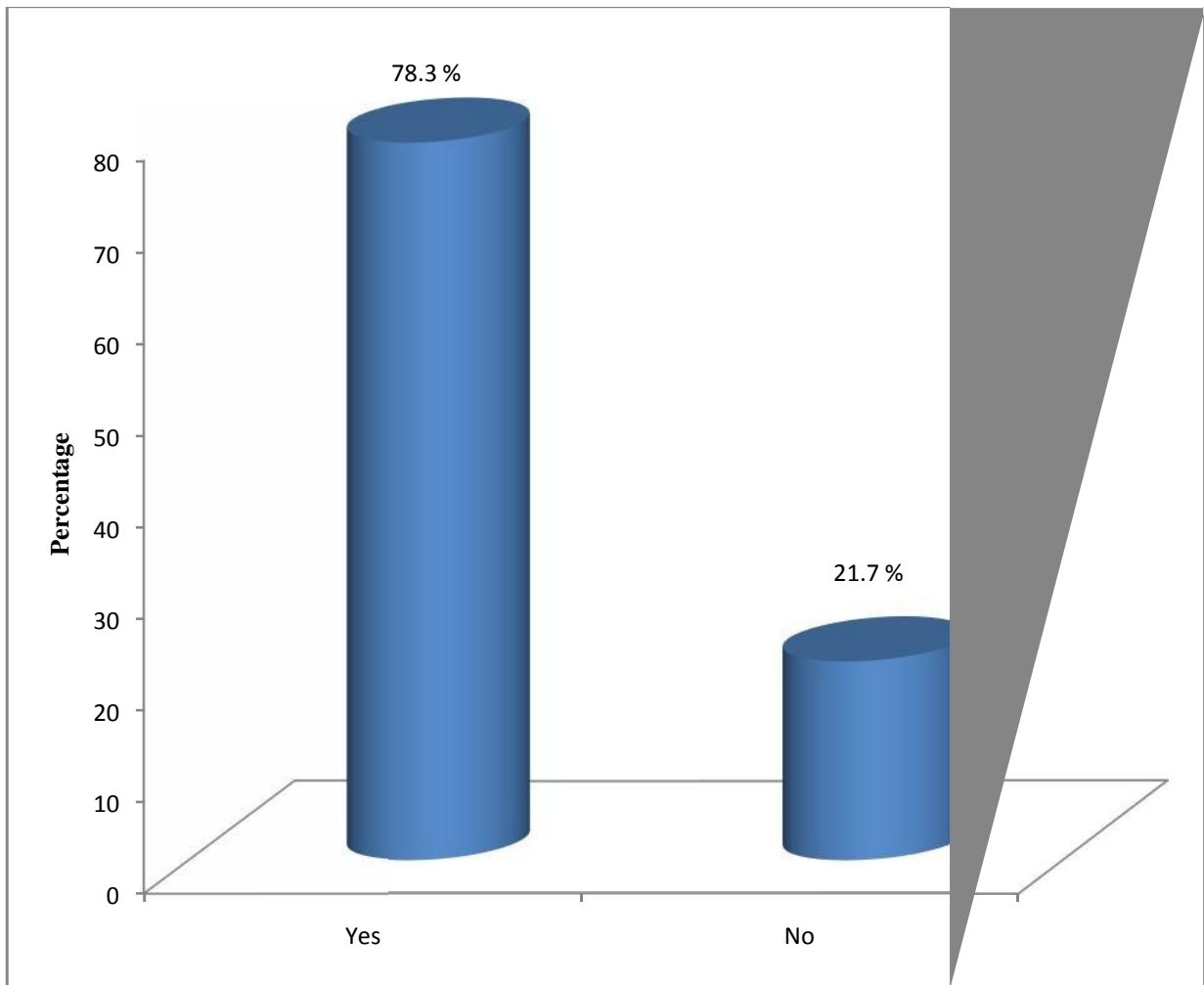

Figure 4.5.2 Compare Advertisements of Agricultural-inputs of different companies

Table 4.5.2 indicates that most of the respondents i.e. 78.3 percent compare the advertisements of Agricultural inputs of different companies.

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Source of information for Agricultural-inputs

SOURCES	RANK 1	RANK 2	RANK 3	RANK 4	RANK 5	TWS	OVERALL RANK
Advertisement	9	5	11	12	23	145	4
Company Representative	4	5	9	32	10	141	5
Local Distributor	28	15	7	6	4	237	1
Government & Extension Dept	7	25	8	7	13	186	3
Family & Friends	12	10	25	3	10	191	2

Table 4.6 Source of information for Agricultural-inputs
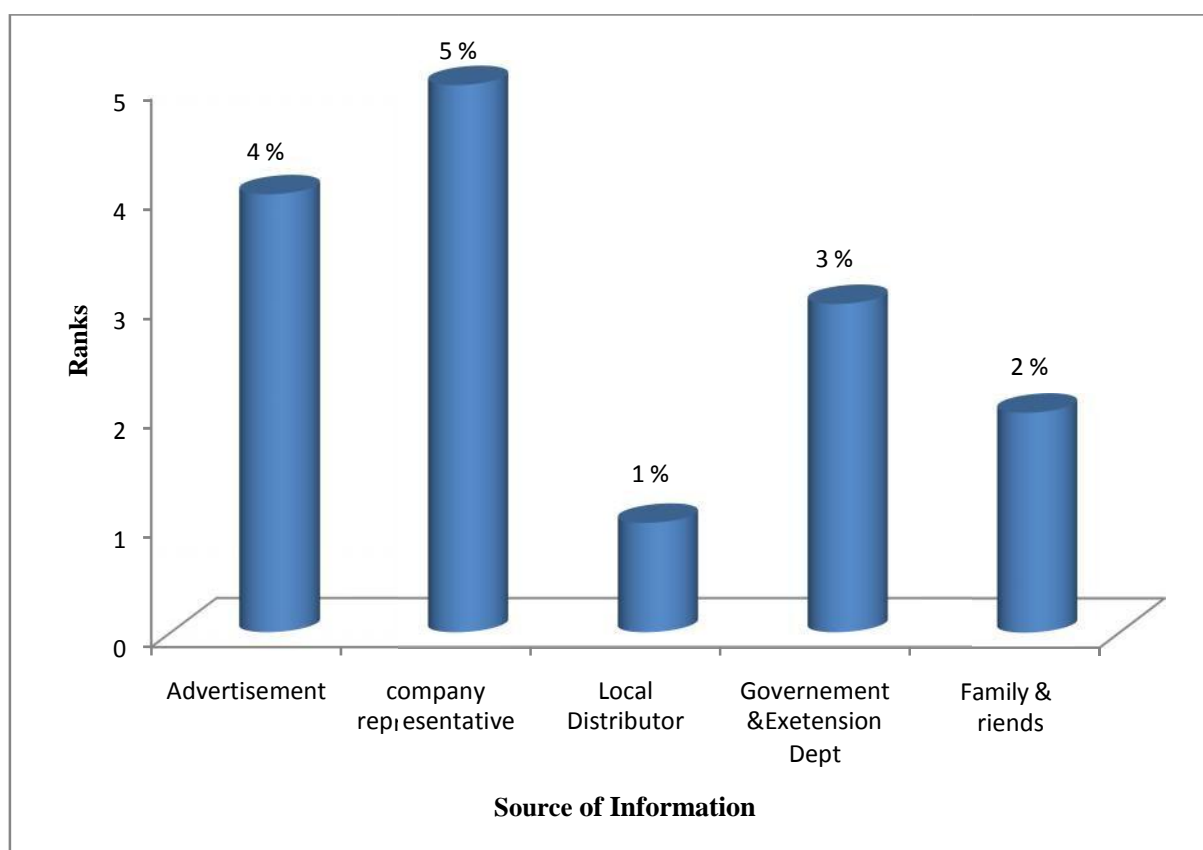
Figure 4.6 Source of information for Agricultural-inputs

From table 4.6 shows that company representative had secured last rank, followed by advertisement that secured 4th rank. Government & Extension department secured 3rd rank, Family & Friends secured 2nd rank and local distributor got 1st rank. It was concluded that Local distributor was the main source of information for agricultural-inputs.

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Most preferable media of Advertisement

OPTIONS	Very Much Preferred	Much Preferred	Neutral	Less Preferred	Not at All Preferred	TWS	PERCENTAGE
NEWSPAPER	39	8	4	6	3	254	19.92
TELEVISION	13	23	6	18	0	211	16.55
RADIO	9	3	12	7	29	136	10.67
SOCIAL MEDIA	14	7	9	24	6	179	14.04
POSTERS	25	18	7	7	3	235	18.43
EXHIITION/KRISHIM ELA	32	19	7	1	1	260	20.39
TOTAL						1275	100.00

Table 4.7 Most preferable media of Advertisement
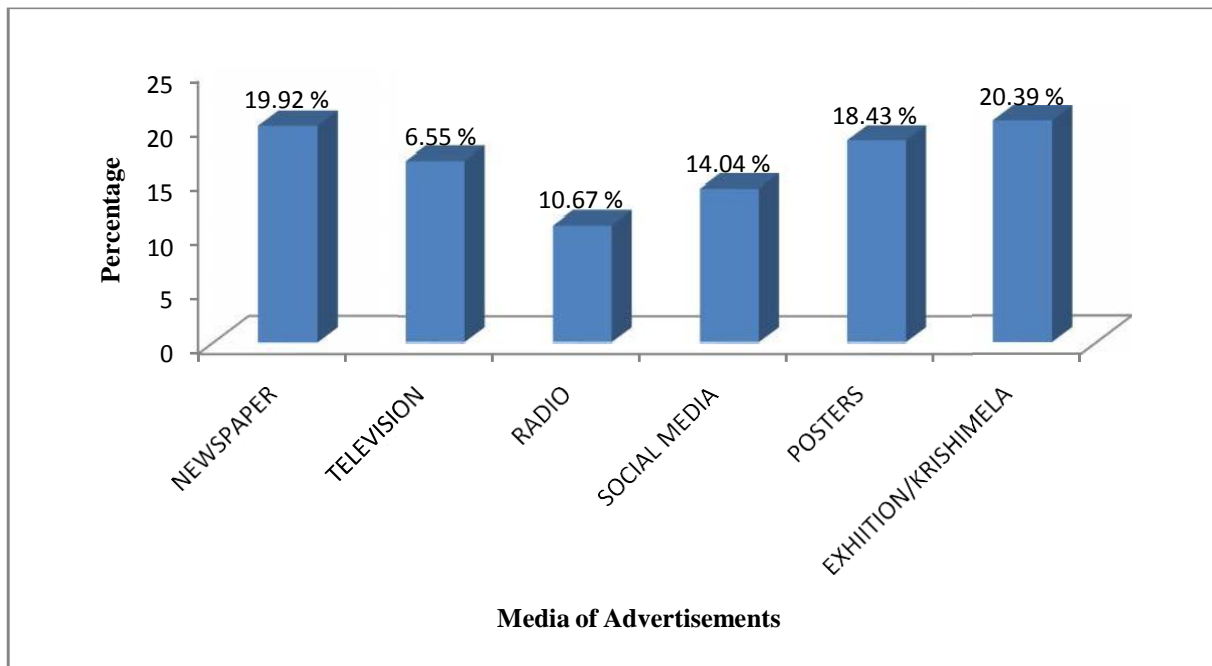
Figure4.7 Most preferable media of Advertisement

Table 4.7 shows 20.39 percent of respondents preferred Exhibition/Krishimela as most preferable media of advertisement followed by 19.92 percent of respondents that preferred newspaper, 18.43 percent of respondents preferred posters where as 16.55 percent had preference for television. 14.04 percent of respondents preferred social media and 10.07 percent of respondents preferred radio.

The above analysis shows Krishi mela/exhibition were the most preferable media for advertisement.

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Responses regarding Assistance from Government agencies

RESPONSES	FREQUENCY	PERCENT
YES	52	86.6
NO	8	13.3
TOTAL	**60**	**100**

Table 4.8 Responses regarding Assistance from Government agencies
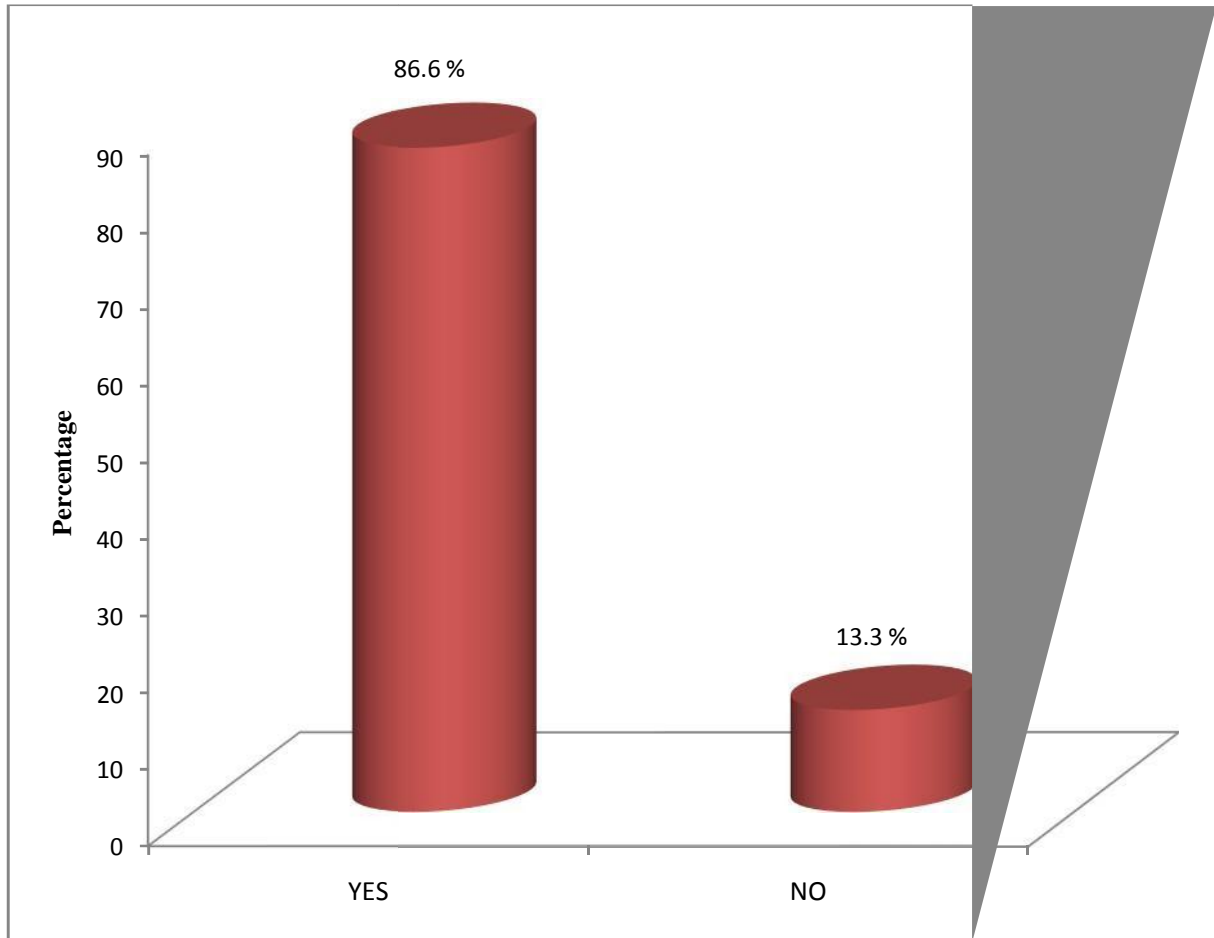
Figure 4.8 Responses regarding Assistance from Government Agencies

Table 4.8 states that 86.6 percent of respondents said that they were getting assistance from the government agencies and 13.3 percent of respondents said there was no assistance from the government regarding the queries related to agricultural activities.

The above analysis shows that majority of the respondents were getting assistance from the government agencies.

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Best responses from following sources

DIFFERENT SOURCES	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
KVK	21	40.38
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT	26	50.00
HORTCULTURE DEPATMENT	3	5.76
UNIVERSITIES	2	3.86
TOTAL	52	100

Table 4.9 Best responses from following sources
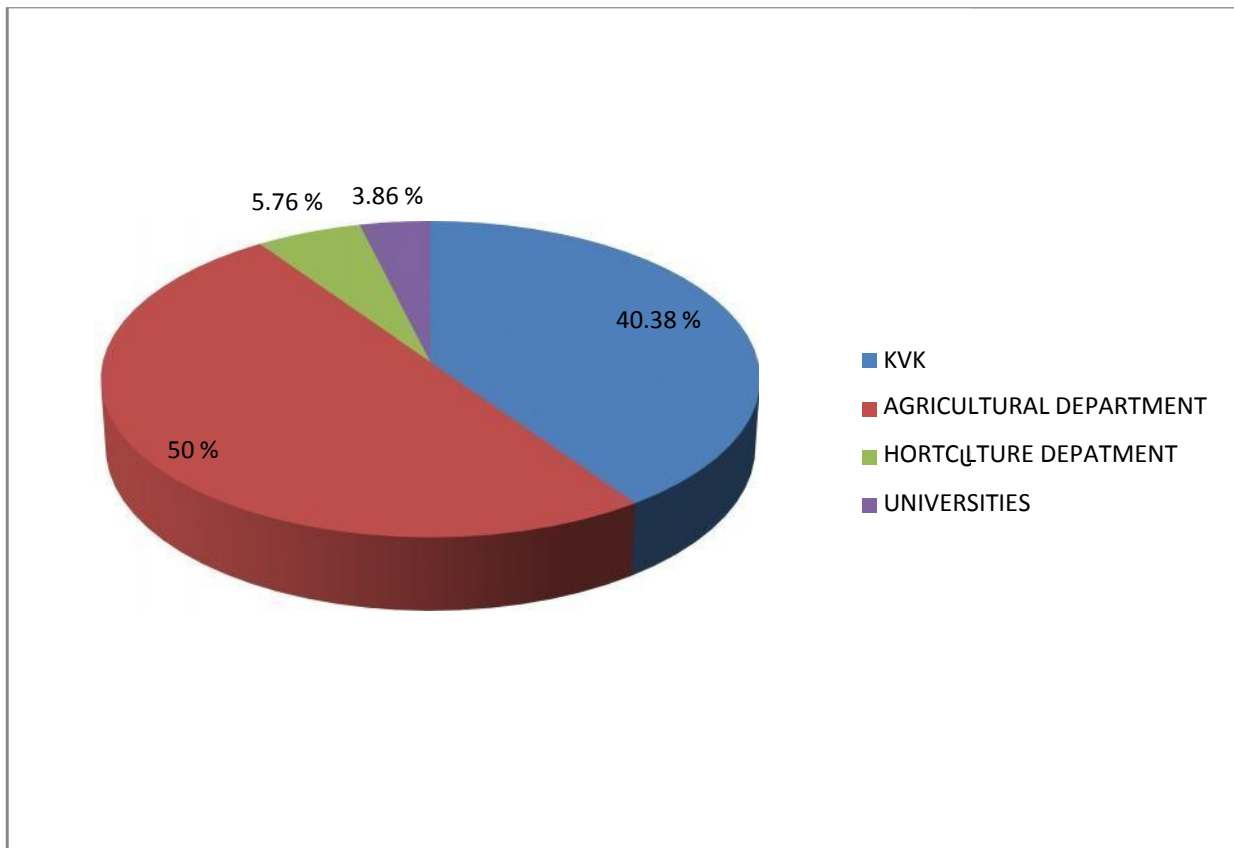
Figure 4.9 Best responses from following sources

Table 4.9 indicates that 50 percent of respondents were getting best assistance from agricultural departments, 40.38 percent of respondents from KVK (Krishi Vigyan Kendra). 5.76 percent of respondent got best response from horticulture department and 3.86 percent respondents got best response from universities regarding queries related to agriculture activities.

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Important factors while Purchasing Agricultural Inputs

VARIABLES	RANK 1	RANK 2	RANK 3	RANK 4	RANK 5	RANK 6	RANK 7	TWS	RANK	PERCENTAGE
Credit-facility	1	22	3	6	8	10	10	232	3	13.81
Brand	6	13	8	7	2	2	22	220	4	13.10
Quality	26	7	21	5	1	0	0	352	1	20.95
Packaging	0	2	5	2	8	30	13	142	7	8.45
Price	23	12	10	8	3	1	3	329	2	19.58
Availability	3	1	12	8	28	6	2	217	5	12.92
Advertisement	1	3	1	24	10	11	10	188	6	11.19
								1680		**100**

Table 4.10 Important factors while Purchasing Agricultural Inputs
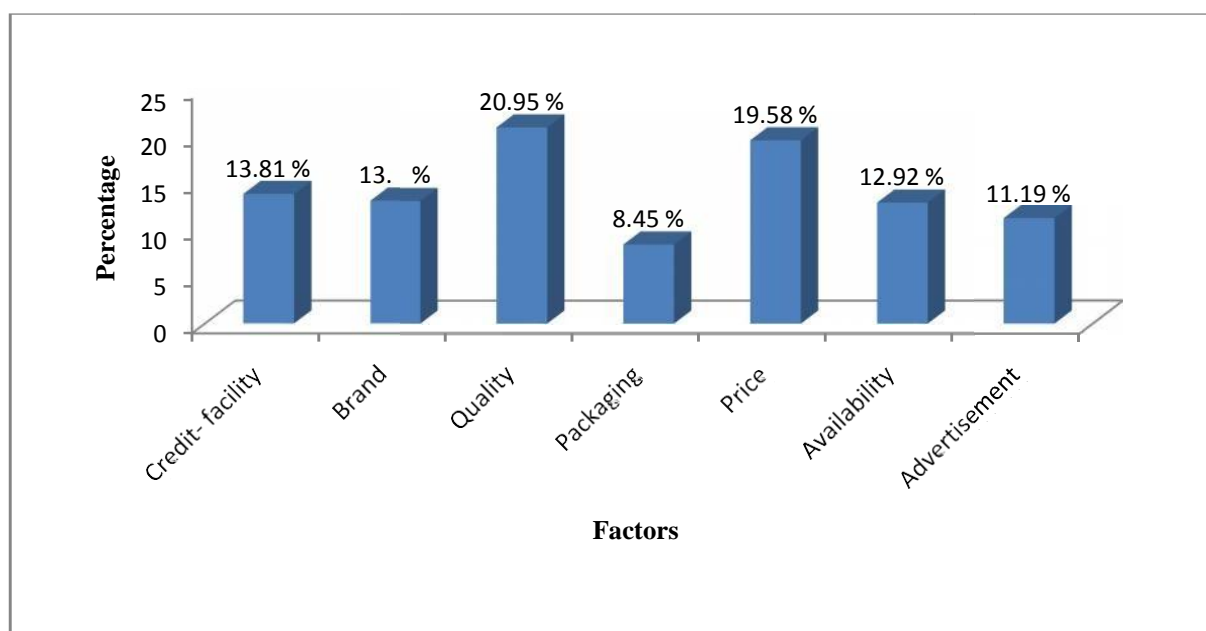
Figure 4.10 Important factors while Purchasing Agricultural Inputs

Table 4.10 illustrates that 20.95 percent of respondents rated Quality as most important factor followed by price, while purchasing agriculture inputs. 19.58 percent respondents considered Price was an important factor.13.81 percent of respondent consider Credit-facility and Brand, 13.1 percent were given the same importance.12.92 percent of respondents considered availability was an important factor.11.19 percent of respondents considered advertisement as an important factor and packaging was given the least importance by 8.45 percent of respondents.

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Contribution of Latest Information regarding new Agricultural Inputs

SOURCES	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Company Representative	6	10
Advertisement	7	11.67
Local Distributor	34	56.67
Family And Friends	13	21.67
TOTAL	**60**	**100**

Table 4.11 Contribution of Latest Information regarding new Agricultural Inputs
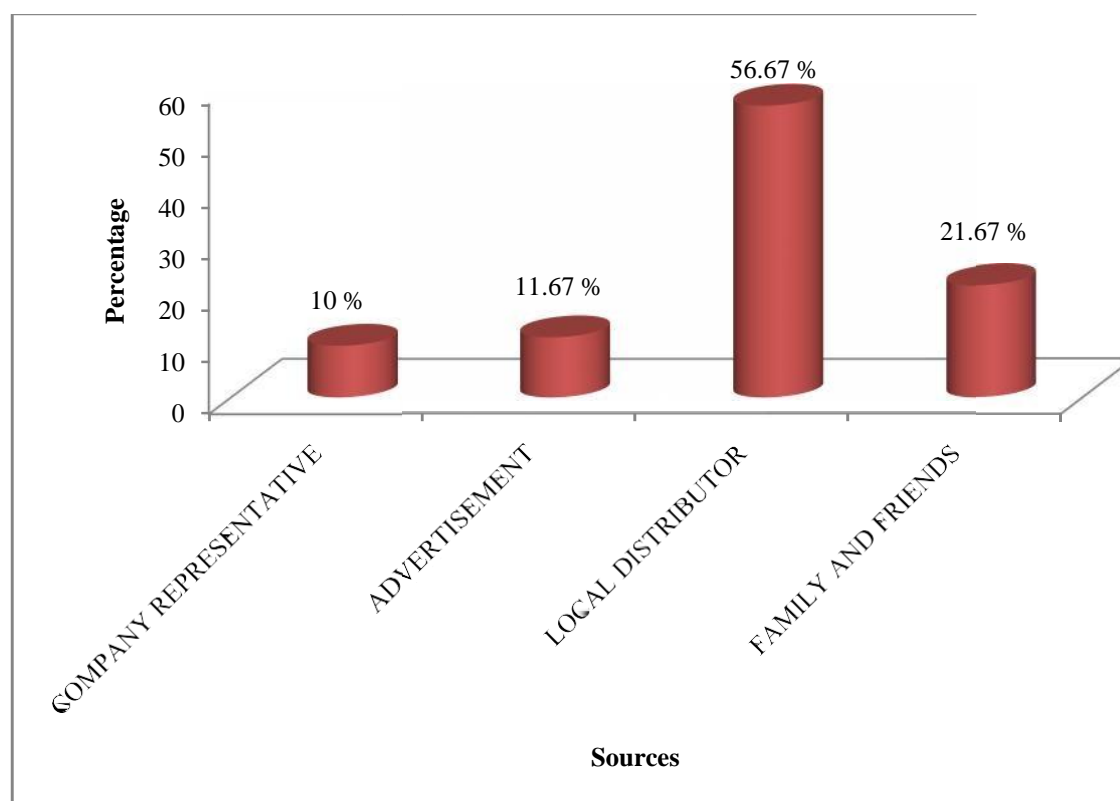
Figure 4.11 Contribution of Latest Information regarding new Agricultural Inputs

Table 4.11 states that 56.67 percent of respondents said local distributor provided latest information regarding new agricultural inputs, followed by 21.67 percent of respondents who preferred family and friends. 11.67 percent of respondents said advertisement and 10 percent of respondents stated company representative provided latest information regarding new agricultural inputs.

The above analysis states that Local distributor were main source of latest information regarding new agricultural inputs.

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Purchase of agricultural inputs

SOURCES	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Local Distributor	46	76.67
Co-Operatives	0	0.00
Online Stores	0	0.00
Government Agencies	14	23.33
TOTAL	**60**	**100**

Table 4.12 Purchase of agricultural inputs
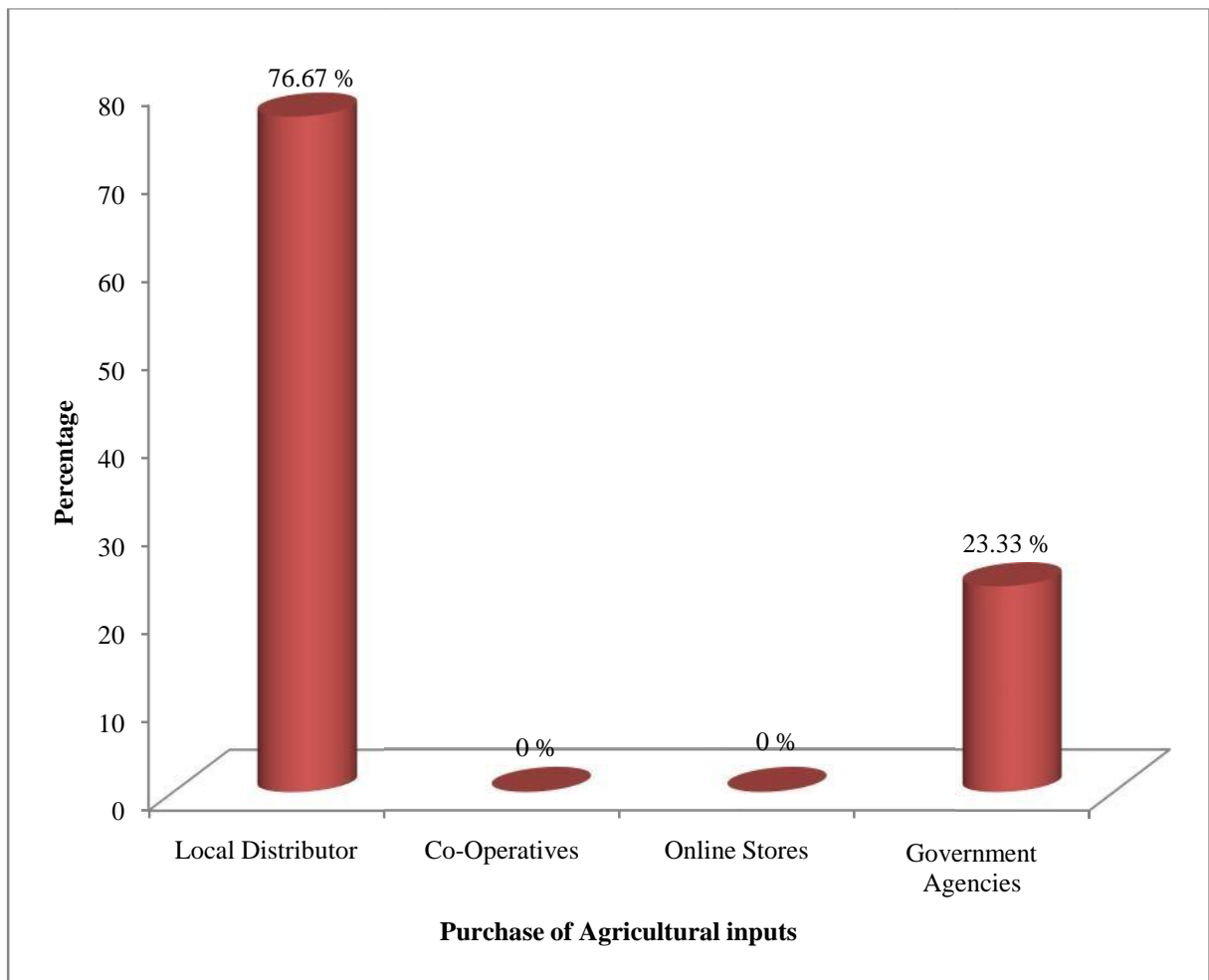
Figure 4.12 Purchase of agricultural inputs

Table 4.12 states that 76.67 percent of respondents purchased agricultural inputs from local distributor and 23.33 percent purchased agricultural inputs from government agencies.

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Frequency of purchase

TIME	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
WEEKLY	4	6.67
MONTHLY	5	8.33
IN THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON	44	73.33
YEARLY	7	11.67
TOTAL	**60**	**100**

Table 4.13 Frequency of purchase
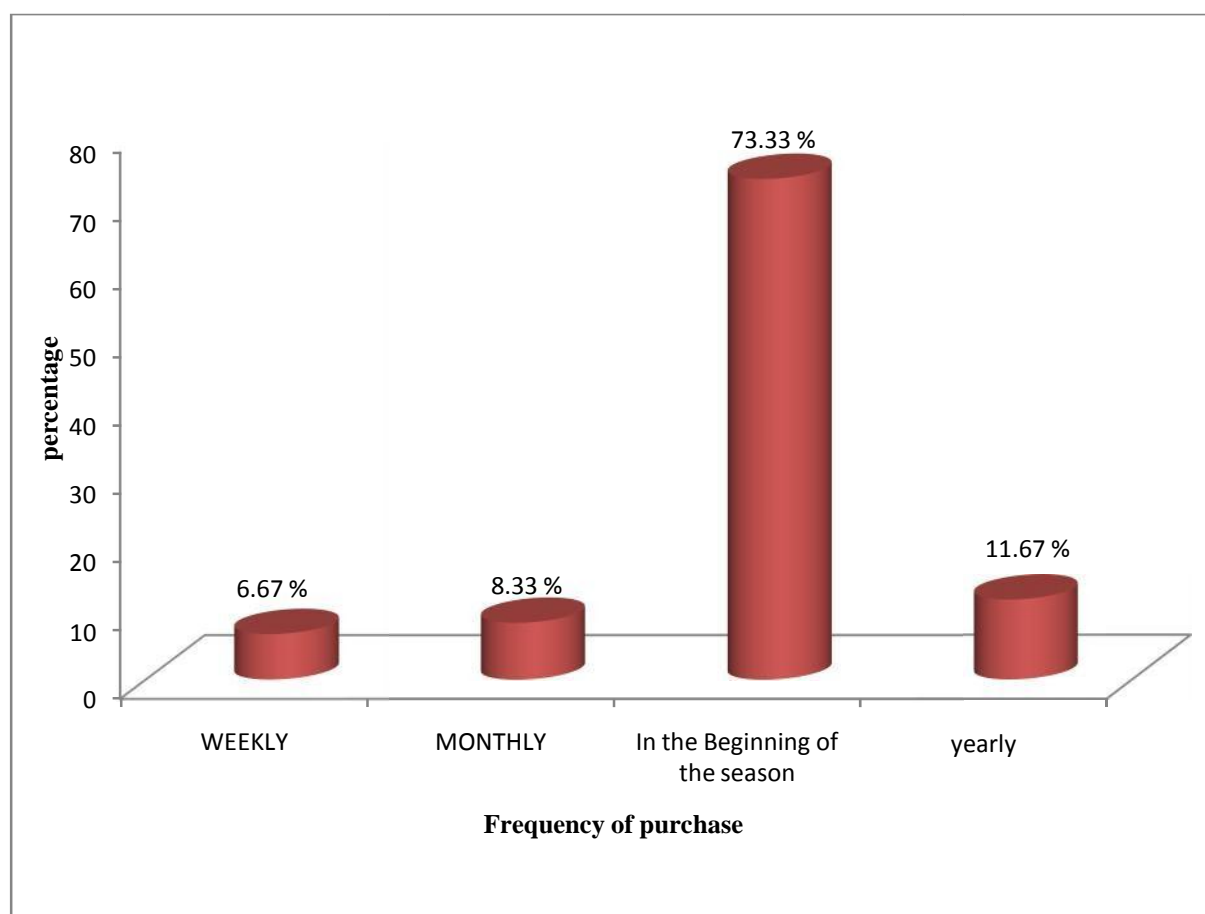
Figure 4.13 Frequency of purchase

Table 4.14 shows 73.33 percent of respondents purchased their agricultural inputs in the beginning of the season, 11.67 percent respondents purchased agricultural inputs once in a year bulk. 8.33 percent of respondents purchased it once a month   and 6.67 percent purchased once a week.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In the present chapter, findings that emerged from the data analysis have been discussed and important conclusions have been drawn. The findings and conclusions of the study are discussed below.

Findings and conclusion

The present study entitled "Impact of Advertisement on Farmer Decision Making Behaviour While Choosing Agricultural Inputs (A study conducted in Seoni District, Madhya Pradesh)" was undertaken with the objective of to find out farmer perception towards advertisements of Agricultural inputs, identify the source of information on Agricultural-inputs and identify the factors that has an impact on farmers decision for purchasing agricultural inputs. The study was conducted with the convenient sampling of 60 respondents. Data was analyzed by applying percentage method, total weighted score and likert scale. The findings and conclusion of the study are discussed below

- It can be concluded from the study that around 63 percent of respondents were between the age group of 31-50.
- It can be inferred from the present study that nearly 85 percent of the respondents are literate.
- The result of the present study showed that 40 percent of respondents were medium famers.
- From the research it was concluded that 80 percent of respondents strongly agree with the statements that advertisement were beneficial for agricultural-inputs.
- The study revealed that perception of farmers about advertisement and its benefits was medium to high.
- It was revealed from the study that nearly 78 percent of respondents were comparing the advertisements of Agricultural inputs of different companies.
- The result of the present study stated that local distributor was the main source of information for the farmer regarding agricultural inputs.
- The finding of the study also shows that Exhibition / Krishi melas were the most preferred media for advertisements regarding agricultural inputs.

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- It was found from the study that quality, price, credit- facility, brand, availability, advertisement and packaging were the factors that affect purchase decision of the respondents.

- The finding of the study also shows that maximum number of respondents preferred quality because it plays a vital role in production.

- From the study it was concluded that local distributor provides latest information regarding agricultural inputs.

- From the research analysis it was found that most of the respondents purchase their agricultural inputs from the local distributor and in the beginning of the season.

On the basis of finding of the present study, following suggestions were made:

- Krishimela / exhibition were an important mass contract method of extension teaching and large scale of display of improved agricultural inputs. These should be organized frequently.

- Companies must focus to strengthen the distribution channels through local distributors as they play an important role in providing latest information to the farmers regarding agricultural inputs and he can further persuade the farmer.

- Quality, price and credit-facility are the factors that affect the purchase decision of most of the respondents, so all these factors should dealt with proper consideration by the companies.

- It was suggested that comparative types of advertisements were more effective in influencing the farmers.

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ABSTRACT

Slope stability analysis is an integral aspect of every opencast mining operation for the duration of the project. In the Indian mining context, slope design guidelines for various types of mining techniques have yet to be formulated, and there is an increasing need to devise solutions to ensure safety while boosting output. The Geology and Geotechnical parameters play a vital role in Pit Slope Design. The Study emphasizes the importance of a geology and geotechnical aspects in order to address the slope design in Vindhyan Limestone and Phosphorite mine whose stability is largely controlled by geological structures. The study area is free from major structural disturbance like fault, fold and joints and the area is tectonically stable. The intact rocks of Limestone and Phosphorite are categorized as strong rock based on the Uni-axial compressive strength. Stable benches have been created maintaining the ultimate pit geometry.

The project's goal is to do numerical modelling for slopes with diverse rock properties and slope diameters. To determine the safety factor, numerical modelling is done using FLAC SLOPE. Every slope has different parameters, and each step's safety factor is determined. To determine how the factor of safety changes when the bench parameters vary, these numbers are correlated with them.

Key word: Slope, Limestone, Phosphorite, Flac, N-Value.

CHAPTER-1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Opencast mines frequently have slope collapse, which results from poor design. Therefore, it is essential to regularly check on and assess the stability of the slope. Slope stability is a critical element of open pit or opencast mines since the whole operating process depends on it. Mining activities include risk at every working step. In the mining sector, transparent miners produce more of it than underground mines do. Therefore, it is crucial to maintain the slope's stability in an appropriate manner (Winkelmann 1984, Zhang et al 1983).

When compared to underground mines, the number of opencast mines operating in India is steadily growing. The short gestation time, increased efficiency, and quick rate of speculation are the causes. Opencast mining, on the other hand, raises environmental challenges including strict waste management, deterioration of the environment, and monetary problems. Numerous mines, large and small, are presently reaching great mining depths in spite of this. Therefore, it is becoming more important to investigate the stability of the slope and its eventual pit design. Slope failure can result in fatalities, increased stripping costs for recovering and treating impacted material, dewatering of the pits, and even mine surrender or premature closure Bauer et. al. 1971, Bieniawski, 1984, Coates 1977).

Therefore, it is crucial to evaluate slope stability in open cast mines at various phases of mining for efficient and secure mining operations. Slopes are often created using geotechnical data that is readily available and the physico-mechanical characteristics of rock and soil. The quality of the rock mass is examined using geotechnical data, and from this, the characteristics of the rock mass are computed. The stability of the slopes is determined using a variety of empirical, analytical, and computational methodologies using various characteristics (Call & Savely 1980, Das 2013, Armstrong 1990).

Numerical modelling software is needed to address stability-related issues. FLAC SLOPE was the program utilised in this study. In order to analyse slope stability and determine the factor of safety, FLAC SLOPE were employed. The data from both software programs are then compared and utilised to understand slopes better (Itasca 2001).FLAC is a programs for numerical analysis that is widely used in geotechnical engineering. Introduced are FLAC's

theoretical underpinnings and specific computation processes (Corbyn 1978). In combination with a loess landslide in Liaoning province, issues including the model building of FLAC numerical analysis software, numerical computation, result analysis, and other issues are explored. The study included suggestions for controlling the slope (Farmer 1983, Goodman 1975, Hoek 1970, 1971a, Hoek & Brey 1980, Eberhardt 2003).

Numerous geotechnical engineering challenges, including but not limited to the following ones, call for the application of slope stability analysis are as follows.

- Identify the stable slopes for cut-and-fill method.
- To evaluate the retaining walls' overall stability, taking several stability metrics (includes permanent and temporary systems)
- Stability assessment of various landslides (mechanisms of failure, and to determine the design properties through back-analysis), as well as to assess the general stability of shallow and deep foundations for structures situated on slopes or over potentially unstable soils, and to develop mitigation techniques to improve stability.

1.2 RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

- To Understand the different types model of slope failure in opencast mine.
- To design of stable slope for the opencast mine consider different factors using FLAC software.
- To analyze F-O-S by calculating FOS using FLAC software under identical settings while taking into account various slopes where the F-O-S of the slope is at its highest.

1.3 STUDY AREA

UltraTech Cement Ltd. is the unit of Aditya Birla Group which is India's first truly multination corporation. Global in vision, rooted in Indian values, the group is driven by performance ethic pegged on value creation for its multiple stake holders.

Maihar Cement work is a unit of Ultratech cement Ltd., a flagship company of Aditya Birla Group. The company is well diversified and run successfully Cement, Carbon black, Fiber Metal (Nonferrous), Chemical, Fertiliser ,Telecom, Textiles business, Fashion, Planet fashion, Financial services, Birla sun life, Chemicals industries in India. In cement, ultra tech is largest producer of India. At global level ultra tech is in first position at world level in Aluminium Rolling, Viscose Staple Fiber and Carbon Black. Apart from this ultra tech is in third position at

world level in Cement producer except china& in fourth position at world level in insulator, in fifth position at world level in acrylic.

At India level, Ultra tech is at top player as a producer in grey cement ,white, concrete, in Fashion (branded apparel &life style player), Chlor-alkalise sector, Ultra tech is at second top player in viscose filament yarn, supermarket chain in the retail business. Ultra tech is at third top player in mobile technology. Ultra tech is leading player in life insurance and asset management.

Maihar Cement works Limestone Mines Bhadanpur having a number of leases in operation for the purpose caters the limestone requirements of both these units. Maihar cement plants are situated about 8 km from Maihar on Maihar-Dhanwahi road and is well linked by rail and road situated on Mumbai-Howarh via Allahabad railway line and Nagpur-Varanasi National Highway No 7.

Piparahat Limestone Mines located in villages Piprahat, Umdaur, Kakra and Deori in Maihar tehsil, District Satna, Madhya Pradesh belonging to M/s Ultra Tech Cement Ltd. Maihar cement works. Piprahat Limestone Mines are captive mine of Ultra Tech Cement Ltd. Maihar cement works. The site is well connected to SH-11 (~0.55 km in W direction) & N.H. -7 (10.9 km in NW direction). Nearest Town to the mine site is Maihar (~12.4 km in NW direction), Nearest Railway station is Maihar (~12.4 km in NW direction) & Nearest Airport is Khajuraho International Airport (~ 118 km in NW direction). The site is well connected with in terms of communication facilities such as telephone, telefax and internet.

The Chhatarpur district, which spans an area of 8616.82 square kilometers and is situated at the northern edge of the state, is between north latitudes 24^0 06' and 25^0 20' and east longitudes 79^0 59' and 80^0 26'. The district is located on the central plateau of Bundelkhand in M.P. Comes within India's toposheet surveys 54O, 54P, and 63D. The district is bordered by Sagar & Damoh district in the south, Mohaba district U.P. in the north, Panna district in the east, and Mohaba district U.P. in the west (fig.-2).

M/s The M. P. Sate Mining Corporation Ltd. is the M.P. state PSU which is India's one of the producers of Rock Phosphate by Opencast Mining. Maddeora Rock Phosphate Mine, of M/s The M. P. Sate Mining Corporation Ltd, is located in Village : Maddeora, Tesil : Baxwaha, Dt. Chhatarpur, M.P.

In the present study Slope Stability study and Geo-technical aspects, of Maddeora Rock Phosphate Mine, of M/s The M. P. Sate Mining Corporation Ltd, Village : Maddeora, Teh:

Baxwaha, Dt. Chhatarpur, M.P. (Category 'A' Non-Captive Mine, 48.758 Ha), have been analysed. The study has involved the classification and prediction the probable failure mode of the slope mass using slope mass rating and kinematic analysis. The analysis results have matched well with the field observations and can help to protect the slope and ensure the safety for better productivity.DGMS has also issued several Technical Circulars outlining the safety to be ensured while mining for waste and ore.

Today, phosphorite is one of the most significant economic minerals used. Agro businesses all over the world depend on nutrients like superphosphate, triple superphosphate, diammonium-phosphate, and monoammonium-phosphate, which are manufactured using over 90% of the world's total phosphate production.
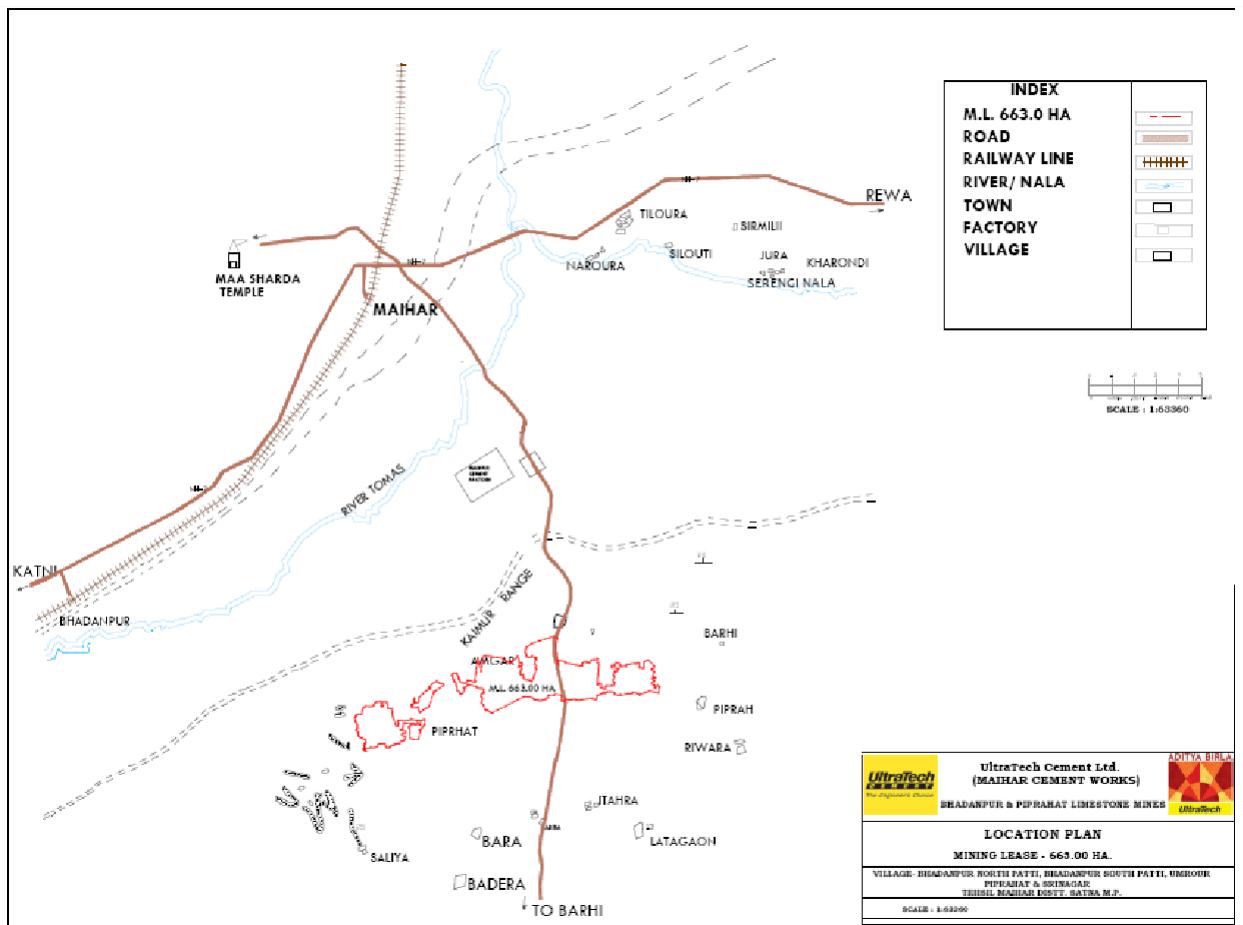
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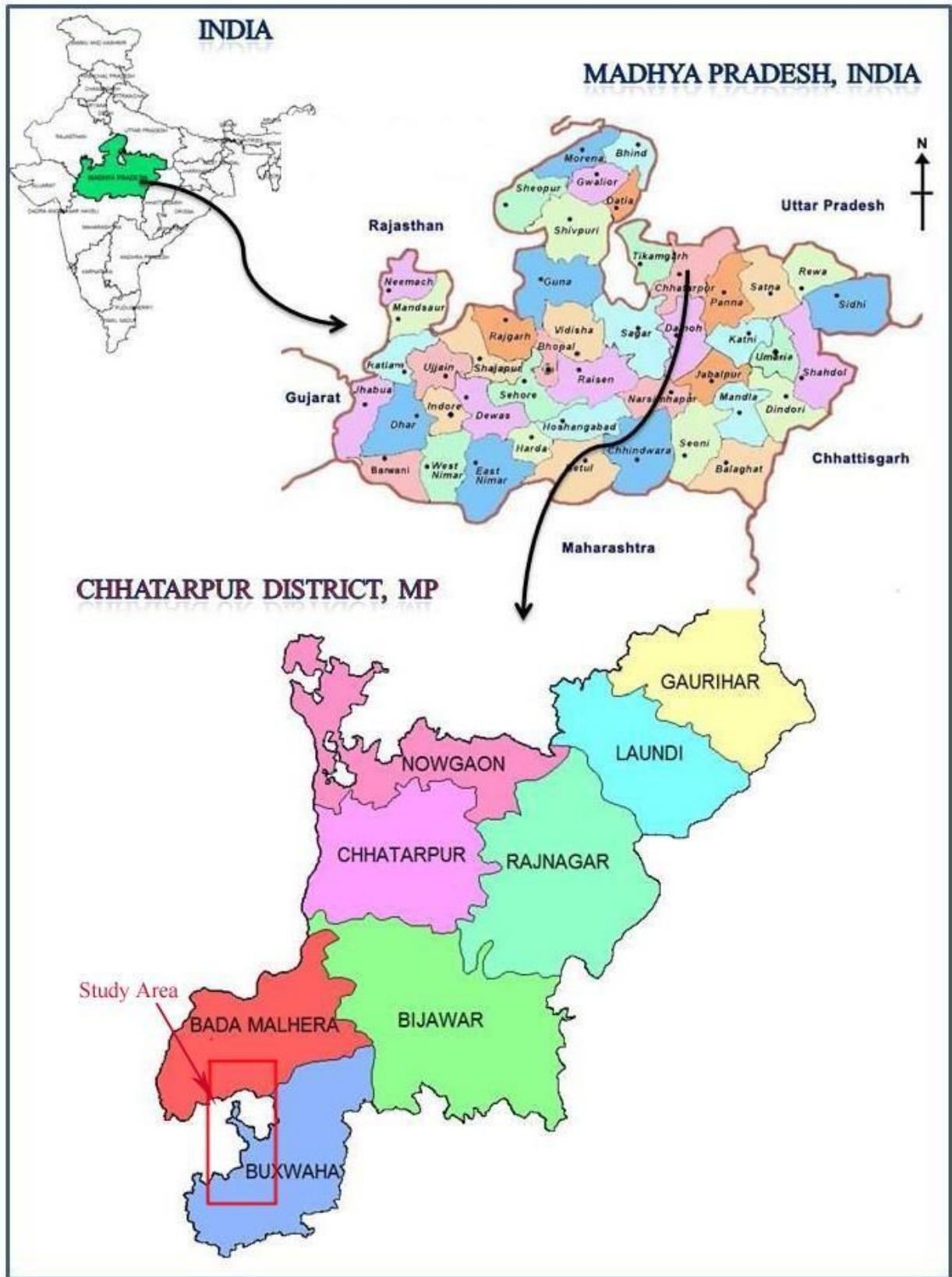
Figure: 1.2 Location of the area (Source: CGWB 2018)

Photograph: 1.0 Moddeora&Tigoda Rock Phospahte Mine

Photograph: 2.0 Dumping site of Moddeora a Rock Phospahte Mine

Photograph: 3.0 Boundary of Moddeora&Tigoda Rock Phospahte Mine

Photograph: 4.0 Tigoda Phosphorite Mine site

Photograph: 5.0 Maihar Limestone Mine site

Photograph: 6.0 Overview of Bhadanpur Limestone Mine

1.4 MEHODOLOGY
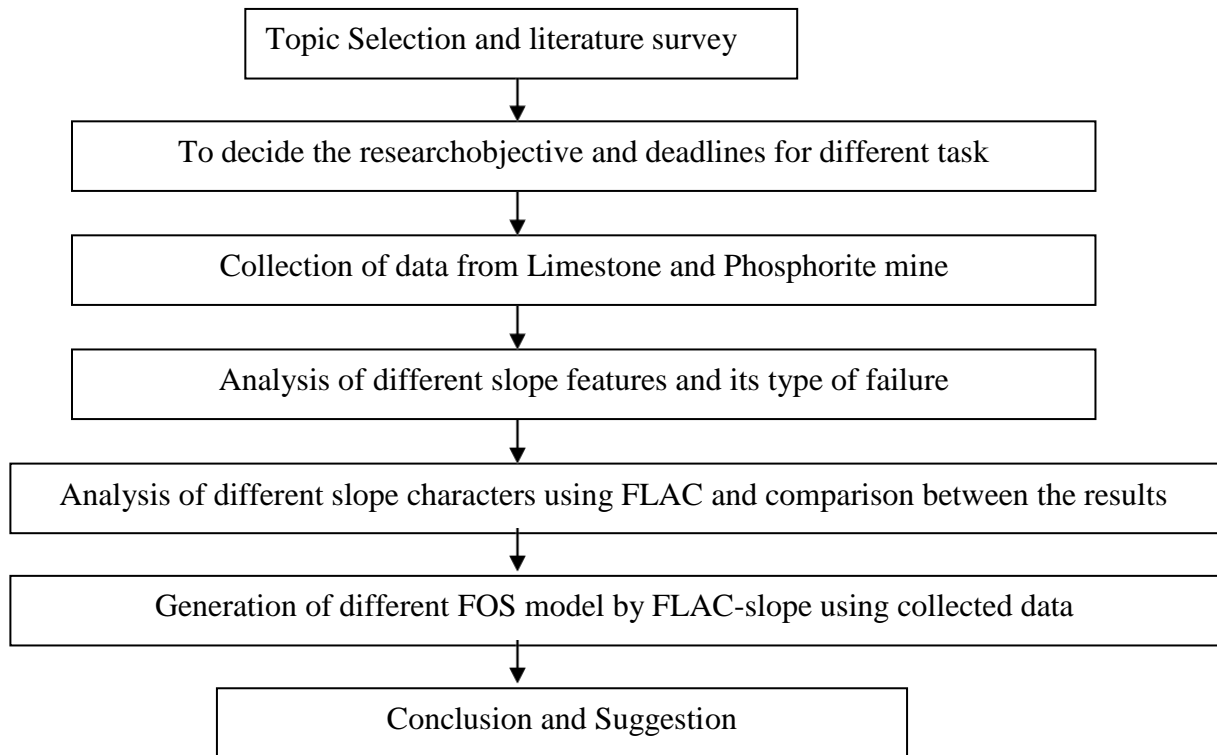
Figure: 1.3 Methodology of research work

1.5 OUTLINE OF THE RESEARCH

Chapter-1 The basic definitions, Study area detail, objective of the research project and methodology are discussed.

Chapter-2 The details about the different slope failure, and detailed literature review are given to understand the research work.

Chapter-3 Detail discussion about the regional geology and local geology of the area with filed data input like dip, strike, Schmidt hammer etc reading from surrounding mining area.

Chapter-4 Detail discuss about the FLAC software is provided.

Chapter-5 Results and discussion of filed data and lab analysis are given. Different suggested model generated by FLAC software.

Chapter-6 Conclusion and recommendation.

CHAPTER-2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 INTRODUCTION

The study area is part of the Vindhyan Supergroup. Besides, Bhander Limestone formation, Ganurgarh Shales, Sirbu Shales, Rewa Shales and Bahnder Sandstones are also developed. Panna diamond belt covering parts of Panna, Satna and Chhatarpur districts of M.P. has been extensively worked right from nineteenth century for its diamond potential. The literature review of this research work completed from different sources like national and international journals, books, online sources etc. Hence in this chapter completed fewer than two major divisions' i.e. national and international research papers.

Slope stability is a critical factor to consider while handling different mining operations or civil engineering works. Slope Stability: Slope stability is a measurement of a slope's resistance to failure due to collapse or sliding, whether it be natural or man-made.

Open pit mining is a very economical mining method that allows for high levels of automation and significant output quantities. Thus, incredibly low grade mineral deposits that couldn't be profitably extracted using subterranean technologies may now be mined. Over the past few decades, open pit mining depths have gradually extended, and open pits with mining depths of up to and over 500 meters are now widespread. It is improbable that such mines would move to an underground mining operation for the future extraction of existing mineral reserves because underground mining is still much more expensive than open pit mining. Instead, if production costs continue to fall and metal prices stay at a somewhat stable level, one might anticipate open pits with even greater depths.

The increased risk of significant stability issues is a big challenge with deeper mining. The entire height of the final pit slope might conceivably fail on a large scale. To limit stripping (the mining of waste rock), which will have a direct effect on the profitability of the mining operation, it is crucial to maintain pit slope angles as steep as feasible. Thus, the total rock mass strength and stability as well as the ore grade distribution and production costs all play a role in the design of the final pit limit. For certain mining schemes, the risk of failure must be evaluated and taken into account while constructing the final pit. The research collaboration between Maihar Cement, Rock Phosphate and the AKS University, aims to provide effective and applicable design guidelines.

2.2 SLOPE STABILITY

Goyal & Ram (2009) studied on slope stability during monsoon season by using GALENA version 3.0 shaft ware. And also take the help of EDM survey. Outcome dewatering during monsoon called peripheral potholes, which resulted is slope sliding.

Jhanwar & Chakraborty (2009) Conducted a Number of case study and concluded that the a good drainage system is the key of maintaining stable slope during the life of an open pit mine. The appropriate water entering must be undertaken so that water entering into the slope is kept at a minimum especially during the rainy season.

Megharaj (2009) Described about various aspects of slope design, drainage, sub surface drainage slope surface protection Reinforcement of stationary final soil slope mine plane, slope monitoring pore pressure monitoring recommendation can be made for improving the overall slope stability scenario in goan iron ore mines.

Sazid et al (2009) Studies on risk analysis of mine dump slope stability to the help of bishop method of slices is used for calculation of factor of safety. If the FOS increases as cohesion and friction angle increases.

Roy (2021) Studied several slope failure & reported about the role of geotechnical parameters in dictating the slope stability. His study on Jayant opencast project of NCL recommended on overall height of 85m for OB dump with 37 degree slope angle.

Jayanthu et al (2016) Studied the slope stability with the help of ARDUINO At moil. The use of wireless sensors to monitor slope stability would help to improve the understanding of rock behavior as well as increase predictability of failure.

Noon & harries (2016) Studied on slope stability with the help of slope stability radar (SSR). He said that the SSR will contribute significantly to safety and wire design by providing accurate reliable deformation data that may be later reviewed to further develop our understanding and analysis of failure mechanisms in open pit mines eventually leading to improved slope design.

2.3 GEOLOGY

Geologist of Geological Survey of India (GSI) D.D. Bhattacharya et. al. completed field study of thematic mapping of Panna belt in 1990-1995. These senior geologist has been suggested the Panna Diamond Belt, covering an area of 1818 sq km on 1:25,000 Scales, indicates presence of Bundelkhand Granitoids overlain by Vindhyan Supergroup of sedimentary, Infra trappean, Deccan Trap flow and Quaternary/Recent covers of laterite/ bauxite/alluvium and soil. The Bundelkhand Granitoids basement includes enclaves of older metamorphics and pink and grey porphyritic and nonporphyritic intrusive phases of granites. These have been, further, intruded by acidic, basic and ultrabasic bodies. Vindhyan Supergroup in the area is represented by lower most Semri Group followed by Kaimur, Rewa and Bhander Groups. The Semri group includes a basal conglomerate followed by Pandwa fall Sandstone and Palkawan Shale Formations in ascending order. The Kaimur Group begins with Pipartola Conglomerate Formation and followed by widespread Baghain Sandstone Formation. This formation has been intruded by the Majhgawan and Hinauta kimberlite/lamproite diatremes in the south-western part of the belt.

Jhingran et al. (1958) summarized the work of his colleagues including S.M. Mathur, S.N. Puri, R.S. Sharma and P.C. Mathur and carried out mapping of Bundelkhand granitoids in Chhatarpur District (MP). He distinguished ten types of granites on the basis of grain size, colour of feldspar and presence or absence of ferromagnesians. The other rock types mentioned by them are gneisses, quartz reefs, basic dykes and some enclaves within the granites. Bundelkhand granitoids are dominantly granodioritic, locally varying to adamelite. He has also mentioned that the Bundelkhand granites are products of intrusion of two magmas formed by anatexis and palingenesis followed by metasomatism.

Misra (1948) concluded that the metasediments occurring in the terrain of Bundelkhand granite are older than granites. This was later corroborated by Mathur, S.M. (1954) and Saxena (1980) on the basis of presence of pegmatites, heavy mineral percentages in the country rock and granites, granitization of quartzites and their relicts in granites.

Saxena (1980) dealt on Petrography, Petrochemistry and structures of the Mau-Ranipur and Kabrai areas. He also proposed correlation of the Meta sediments with the Middle Dharwarian rocks and the granites as the equivalent to clospet granite. He was of the opinion that alkali metasomatism led to the formation of the Bundelkhand granites.

Mishra (2011) proposed a plate tectonic model in which he suggested hiatus of 500-600 Ma between the Lower Vindhyan and Upper Vindhyan sequences.

Mishra and Tripathi (1972) have worked out the stratigraphy and structure of the Bundelkhand complex. They divided Bundelkhand Group into tour Formations, namely (i) Kuraicha (ii) Palar (iii) Bundelkhand granites and (iv) Bundelkhand basic intrusive. They correlated the Kuraicha Formation (high grade metamorphics) with the upper Dharwarian rocks and Palar Formations (low grade metamorphics) with the Bijawar Group. They also suggested that the rocks of Bundelkhand region have undergone five episodes of deformation.

Ghosh (1982) recognised four phases of granites and dioritic variant in Bundelkhand terrain adjoining the Vindhyan basin. The diorite is thought to have been formed from the assimilation of basic rocks by granite magma. Dolerite, basalt, lamprophyre, gabbroic, pyroxenite kimberlite dykes traverse the above rocks. An ENE-WSW trending ultrabasic dyke located around Biharpur shows similarity in composition with that of Basaltic kimberlitic variants of Majhgawan Kimberlite diatreme.

Singh et al. (1992) have carried out regional geochemical stream sediment and soil sampling in Bundelkhand granite terrain with an aim to search for primary source rock for diamond. Geochemical stream and soil sampling has clearly indicated direct correlation between the rock types and the concentration of characteristic trace elements (Niobium, Chromium, Cobalt and Nickel).

Stream draining known Majhgawan and Hinauta kimberlite pipes has indicated anomalous concentration of the above referred elements (Ghosh, 1981).

A good opportunity is provided by remote sensing to inventory surface resources of the earth in a systematic repetitive manner. Land use land cover categories are mapped at scales and resolutions which range from world-wide to local areas. The Geographical Information System (GIS) is a set of tools and an organized collection of computer knowledge and software with supporting data and personnel that captures, stores, manipulates, analyses and displays all forms of geographically referenced information Sabins (1997).

Remote sensing technology is playing an important role in monitoring developmental activities, integrated planning for sustainable development, environmental impact analysis, finding socio-economic acceptability of various projects. It has been widely recognised as the

most appropriate technology for complementing the ground based traditional survey and mapping activities (Jensen 1986).

According to Ray 2006 Vindhyan Supergroup of India is one of the largest and thickest sedimentary successions of the world.

The earliest descriptions by different researcher like Oldham (1856), Mallet (1869) and Auden (1933), The Vindhyan Supergroup is the thickest Precambrian sedimentary succession of India and the duration of its deposition is one of the longest in the world.

Dawande (2007) mapped the Bundelkhand granitoid in parts of Chhatarpur District MP and built the relationship between different phases of granites and reported a few ultrabasic dykes and occurrences of carbonatites.

Basu (1980) is of the opinion that quartz reefs are intrusive within Bundelkhand granites rather than of sedimentary origin.

The present geochronology and chemostratigraphy give substantial isotopic data from the silisiclastic-carbonate sequences, covering the most important part of the Vindhyan succession (Banerjee & Frank 1999; A. Kumar et al. 2001; B. Kumar et al. 2002; Rasmussen et al. 2002; Ray et al. 2002, 2003; Singh et al. 2002; Sarangi et al. 2004; S. Kumar et al., 2005; Ray 2006).

The deep seismic sounding results do not indicate any significant channel or crustal fracture zone for the magma chamber (Kaila et al., 1985).

Auden (1933) reclassified Semri series in the Son Valley and Bundelkhand area no such attempt has been made so far, but it is hoped that after completion of the mapping of the Panna diamond field.

Mathur, 1958-1959 find the sequence of formations that constitute the Vindhyan System is fairly well established. But, the succession in the Panna diamond field needs revision on several points, which though minor, are of considerable importance in correlation, and, therefore, in locating diamond deposits that are associated with them.

Major contributions were made by different researchers on the geology of the Vindhyans Super Group by Mathur (1962, 1981,1987), Banerjee (1999), Misra (1969), Kumar (1976, 1978,), Singh (1973, 1980, 1980a, 1985), Bhattacharya et al. (1996), Prasad (2007), Sastry and Moitra (1984), Mishra et al. (1962), Kumar et al. (1976), Sarkar and Bose (1974), Chakrabarti (2007), Valdiya (1969), Sarkar et al. (1983), Bose et al. (2001) and many more.

In 1982 Valdiya et al. edited a volume entitled 'Geology of Vindhyanchal' which incorporated papers on the different aspects of the geology of the area.

Bhattacharyya in 1993 published a very well prepared field guide book on the geology of the Maihar area.

Rajesh (2004) suggested that the most accessible surface or near-surface mineral deposits have already been found and almost exploited. The present exploration programs are targeting the deeper deposits in very difficult terrain.

Vincent (1997), Gupta (2003), Prost (2014) and many others have explained the important role of remote sensing in mineral exploration program as being a cutting edge technology it help in effectively using the resources and saves lot of time and limits the locations for mineral deposits. The advantage & disadvantage of remote sensing have been discussed by various worker.

CHAPTER-3

GEOLOGY & GEOTECHNOLOGY

3.1 INTRODUCTION

The Bhadanpur mine physography and topographically bounded by elongated plateaus and ridges with intervening valleys mark diverse picturesque physiographic features around Bhadanpur. These represent matured topography and structures showing various erosional landforms. The major sandstone horizons of the Kaimur, Rewa, and Bhander and Khenjua groups form elevated scarp giving rise to prominent plateaus. These scarp elongated north east-south west. Sarlanagar is situated on a wide slopping foot hills (450 m) of Rewa sandstones, which form structural ridges with escarpments, as well as wide sloping faces shown in figure 1.0. Further, south of Sarlanagar the rocks of Kaimur and Semri groups form series of elongates structural valleys, ridges and escarpments. Bhadanpur valley (380 m) is occupied by shaly limestone and limestone. Facing south to this Bhadanpur valley flats are gigantic Kaimur scarps (620 m). South of Bhadanpur valley a narrow ridge of Khenjua Pahar elongated along NW-SW direction attaining height of 460meters is made up of sandstone.

Bhadanpur limestone area is drained by Andhiyari nalla flowing east into which other small nallas from either side drain their waters. This Andhiyari nalla flows further south east to join Chhoti Mahanadi giving rise to a combination of rectangular and dendritic drainage pattern. The water courses of Bhadanpur mine area are seasonal. The nallas dry out in summer days, however, at a few places pool of stagnant water remain even in dry months. In the mine area the surface topography is almost flats. The lowest contour of 390 IN western part of lease area. The general slope in the mine area is due south.

The source of water in these mines is rainy season water & seepage. Stratigraphically this area belongs the lower Vindhyan super group, Semari series, and Rohtash stage. Lithologically this area comprises sandstone, Balance foot hill area is covered by vegetation in soil, limestone &shaly limestone. Hence the anticipated recharge of water in to mine is estimated. Average rain fall in last 10 years is 1066 mm. A seasonal nalla namely Andhiyari nalla is existing along eastern boundary of M.L area. This nalla have been dry out in summer days.

The drainage of core and buffer within 14 km zone is dendritic. Drainages of the area are having slopes in all directions. There are two parallel ridges. First at the center& second due

south stretching NE-SW. The North West drainage is controlled by Tamsa River. The drainages of mine area is controlled by Dona Nalla. Dona Nala Meets with Ajna Nalla & finally to Mahanadi due south of study area, outside of buffer zone. Hence the drainages except of Dona Nalla will not have any impact on hydrology of mine area. All these drainages flow away from the mine area. Most of these nallas and stream go dry after November. There are no major or minor irrigations projects in the study area. Second crop, if has to be taken up, will be on seasonal dug wells (DW) or bore wells (BW) Nearly 65% land is covered by rough terrain while hardly 35% land is utilized under cultivations.

Water table of mine is dipper then the SWLs of the nearby villages. The water in mine is accumulated and through seepage the mine water is withdrawn as per requirement of water and is distributed to different villages. The agricultural activity surrounding the lease area is dependent entirely upon the rainfall in the region as there is no such well in the vicinity of the lease area where water could be encountered for irrigation of agricultural land. The SWL is 15-20 meter below ground level .The movement of ground water is follow general slope of area which is NS to EW respectively. Monitoring of ground water level by Piezometer is shown in following table 1.0.

Most of the lands are agricultural. Forest land is not a part of mining lease area. A study of flora in core zone & buffer zone and village areas covering revenue land has been made. Main flora species are Khair, Karonda, Bamboo, Haldoo & Tendu etc. The buffer zone is covered by M .L. area and contains species like seesam, su-babool, kopic, kala sirus & neem, etc. Survival rate in respect of trees to be planted is expected over 99.9%; those, which are not found to be growing, are replaced. There are a few trees found in agricultural land. The numbers of trees with not greater than 30 cm in lease area were counted.

There are no fauna in the lease area. However, occasionally some of the fauna species like peacock, deer, wolf or fox have sump been reported to be frequenting the mining pits, probably due to availability of perennial source of water in the mine sump. They are reported to be frequenting during the night hours.

The climate of this region may be considered as extreme being intensely hot in summer and extremely cold in winter. May/June are the hottest months with temperature going as high as 46ºC. and December/January are the coldest months with temperature going down as low as 4º C. Based on study made of past records, it has been observed that average rainfall in 1991-2000

periods in this area was 1176.977 mm with maximum rainfall of 1648.97mm recorded in 1997 and minimum rainfall of 871.2 mm recorded in 1993. The monsoon lasts for four months from middle June to middle October. Average rainfall in last ten year periods in this area was 1066 mm. The predominant wind direction is from the north-west followed by from the north-east. However, it has been observed that the wind direction keeps cyclic behavior during the day and during each season. Average wind speed as recorded during 2010 to 2016 period has been highest in the range of 30 Km/hr. during May-June and lowest in the range 0 to 3.5 Km/hr during November-January.

Based on studies made covering period of 2010-2016 it is revealed that relative humidity is higher (being 88% to 100%) during July-September and lowest being 24% in April-May. Sky conditions were also studied. It was observed that cloudiness was in the range of 6.0 octas only during 9.5% of the time and during rest of the time the sky was more or less clear.

Regional Geology of area.

3.2 REGIONAL GEOLOGY OF HIRAPUR

The Hirapur-Mardeora phosphorite deposits are found to occur in Bijawar group of Gangau iron formations over the basement of Bundelkhand granite complex in the Archean period. There are four distinct units of phosphorites which include shale-phosphorite, secondary-phosphorite, ironstone-phosphorite and quartz-breccia phosphorite. Chemical analysis of 24 representative samples of these different units was carried out for qualitative and quantitative determination of their major and trace element concentration, geochemical behavior and inter-element relationship. The study reveals that these elements were precipitated by direct, inorganic, syngenetic, and authigenic processes in the primary phosphorites and by epigenetic, leaching, remobilization and reprecipitation in the cavities, voids, fractures and fissure fillings in the secondary phosphorites during diagenesis. The phosphogenic processes might have taken place during the slight reduction of fairly oxidising conditions under tropical to arid climate in shallow water marine environment of the basin (Khan et al 2012).

The proterozoic phosphorite deposits of Hirapur-Mardeora area in Sagar and Chhatarpur districts of Madhya Pradesh (Lat. 24°19'N and 24°23'N and Long. 79°9'E and 79°14'E) belongs to the gangau ferruginous and phosphatic formations of the Bijawar group of rocks (Mathur and Mani, 1978; Banerjee et al., 1982). The megascopic, microscopic, scanning and X-Ray studies of the phosphatic rocks of the study area revealed that there are two distinct types of phosphorites,

viz., primary and secondary. Mineralogically, the primary phosphorites being associated with shales, ironstones and quartz-breccia are mainly composed of collophane (a carbonate fluorapatite phase), whereas the secondary phosphorites contain crandallite (calc-aluminium phosphate).

According to Krishnan (1942, 1968) and Dubey (1952), the quarzites and sandstones and sometimes conglomerates form the basal member of the series resting unconformably on the Bundelkhand gneissic complex. Siliceous-limestones and hornstone-breccia are also associated with the quartzites. These are rather irregularly distributed and are less than 60 m in thickness. They are overlain in turn by ferruginous sandstone containing pockets of hematite. The rocks are either horizontal or have a south easterly dips, though at few places in the south, they were subjected to crushing and disturbances before the Vindhyans were deposited. In the Hirapur-Bassia area, the Bundelkhnad granites are either directly overlain by Bajna dolomite or juxtaposed against the 'Gangau Ferruginous Formations' made up of conglomeratic-breccia and shales. There is no tillite in the vicinity of the phosphorite horizon, but it has been recorded in the adjacent regions (Mathur and Mani, 1978).

Stratigraphic succession of the study area is given in Table 3.1. The authors have also prepared the geological cross-section from the geological map (Figure 3.1) along the profile line A-B across the phosphorite beds, just to show more clearly the geological sequence of rock units of the study area (Figure 3.2).

Table 3.1. Stratigraphic succession of the Hirapur-Mardeora area (Khan et al 2012).

Lower Vindhayan system		Semri group (Late/Upper Precambrian) ....Unconformity.........	
		II	
	Bijawar group	Gangue	Quartz-breccia phosphorites Ironstone-phosphorites
	(Early to middle Precambrian)	Ferruginous and phosphatic formations	Shale-phosphorites, at places weathered/ leached formed secondary phosphorites
Cuddapah system		I	
		Non-phosphatic formations ....Unconformity.........	
	Archean -	Bundelkhand complex	

Figure 3.1Geological and sample location map of Hirapur-Mardeora area, district Sagar and Chhatarpur(Khan et al 2012).
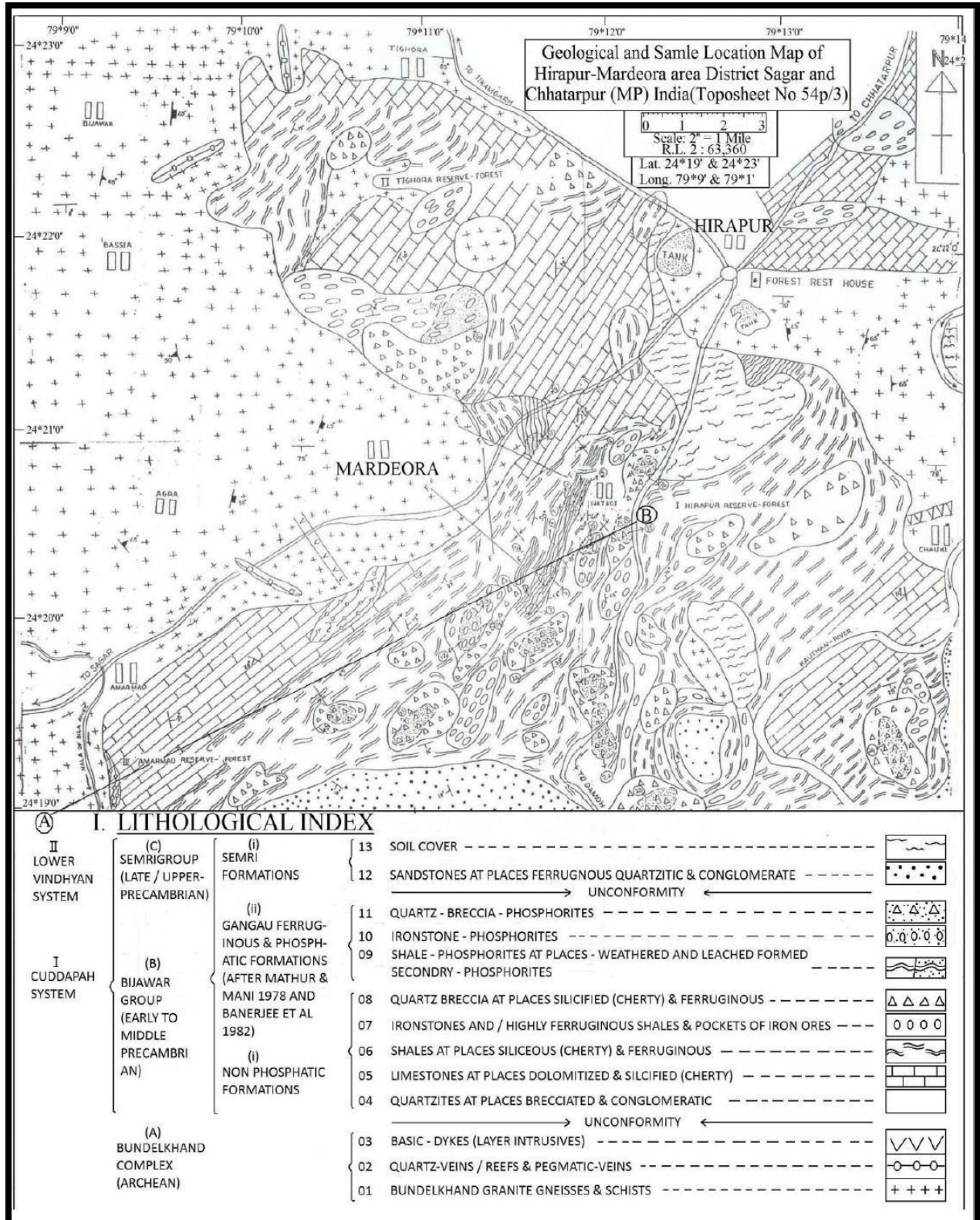
3.3 REGIONAL GEOLOGY OF MAIHAR BHADANPUR

A complete sequence of the rock belonging to Vindhyan super group is exposed in Maihar Bhadanpur-Dhanwahi (Kuteshwar) area. Litho-stratigraphic succession of this region is given in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2 Regional Geological sequence of the area		
Group	**Formation**	**Member**
Upper Vindhyan Group	Bhander formation	Upper Bhander sandstone &Sirbu shale
		Lower Bhander sandstone
		Bhander sandstone
		Ganurgarh shale
	Rewa formation	Rewa sandstone
		Rewa shale
	Kaimur formation	Upper Kaimur quartzite
		Kaimur shale
		Lower quartzite
--Unconformity--		
Lower Vindhyan group/ Semri group	Rohtash formation	Rohtash limestone
	Khenjua formation	Glauconitic beds (sandstone)
		Fawn limestone
		Olive shale
	Porcellanites formation	Porcellanites
	Basal formation	Kajrahat limestone
		Basal conglomerate & quartzite

3.3.1 Basal formation

The oldest rocks in the above sequence are basal conglomerate and quartzite, which are exposed near Barhi about 40 km south of Bhadanpur. The Kajrahat limestone deposits are exposed between Dhanwahi and Gairtalai along the course of Chhoti Mahanadi.

3.3.2 Porcellanites formation

North of Dhanwahi Porcelainite is exposed on the ground surface. Basal quartzite, Kajrahat limestone and Porcellanites are out of the map area.

3.3.3 Khenjua formation

Overlying the Porcelainite, complete sequence of Khenjua formation can be seen in the hills south of village Badera about 6 km from Bhadanpur. This formation is represented by olive shale at the base, which is overlain by fawn limestone and then glauconitic sandstone.

3.3.4 Fawn limestone

Fawn limestone is patchy, 1to2m thick, and fine to medium grained, cherty limestone. Glauconitic formation consists of current bedded pink to light green alternating series of sandstone, quartzite and thin limestone.

3.3.5 Rohtash formation

Around Bhadanpur, rocks of Rohtash formation are exposed over 8 Kms width starting from Badera in south to the foot hills of Kaimur ranges in north. These are represented by alternating bands of limestone and shales lying un-conformably below the Kaimur formation and overlaying conformably the glauconitic sandstone of Khenjua formation. A conglomeratic bed of 1 m thickness has been observed along Kaimur range below shale about 1km north of Bhadanpur. Rohtash limestone at Bhadanpur is mainly thinly bedded, flaky, fine to medium grained and light grey in colour, whereas the shale are dark grey in colour. General strike direction of the rock is ENE-WSW with variable dips from 10° to 15°.

3.3.6 Kaimur formation

Kaimur formation consists of upper scarp quarzitic sandstone overlying lower quarzitic sandstone and interbedded with brown shale having generally northerly dips varying from 10° to 15°.

3.3.7 Rewa formation

The contact between Kaimur quartzite and overlying Rewa shale and sandstone is perfectly conformable in Sarlanagar area.

3.3.8 Bhander formation

Bhander formation consists of Ganurgarh shale in the base exposed at Sonwari along Tamus River and in Seranjee Nala. Overlying is the Bhander limestone found in Tiloura area. These are interbedded with thin beds of shale. Lower Bhander sandstone out cropping north of Maihar/Amarpatan road is overlying the limestone beds. The Sirbu shales are very well developed and are seen along the sides of hill ranges of Bhander north- west of Maihar. Overlying the sirbu shales are upper Bhander sandstone topping the hillocks on the west of NH No.7.

3.4 MINE GEOLOGY

Stratigraphically Mining lease area of M.L. 296.956 HA. area, M.L. 27.681 HA. area &M.L. 663.0 HA. area has been belongs to Rohtash stage of Semari series. Rohtash limestone is underlying by Kaimur sandstone, Rohtash limestone consist Hill band limestone, Major Limestone Band with shale, Barapar bed (Arenecious Shale) & Calcareous limestone with shale are occurred within M. L. area. Mostly Major limestone band consist Chachrai, Grey Limestone & shale. Local setup of M.L area given below in table 3.3.

3.5 DIP & STRIKES

The dip of limestone deposit towards south and amount is usually varies from 10- 25. The limestone deposit has a ENW to WNE strike but little variation, maximum length 1000mtr. To minimum length -200mtr.

Local Geology of the subject lease area and surrounding area limestone and shales are occurring in alternating layers and in variable proportions. The based on the quality of shale, the sequence of upper vindhyan system which is present in this lease area.

3.6 ASSESSMENT OF JOINTS

Limestone forms the dominant rock type in the area. The beds are mostly horizontal with dips seldom exceeding 10° to 25° towards south. It is widely jointed with two sets of joints along and across strike. The limestone horizon is underlain as well as overlain by shale. The lower as well as upper contact of limestone is gradational. The limestone horizon in the gradational part is impure and siliceous. Geologically, this area is characterised by multi directional joints vertical and horizontal both. This area forms part of the rewa plateau belonging to the Lower Vindhyan Supergroup of rock formation in Indian stratigraphy. The Vindhyan formation are broadly classified into lower calcareous and an upper arenaceous facies. The upper arenaceous rocks

however, have a calcareous horizon the Bhander limestone varying in thickness from about 5 to 25 meters.In engineering application joints are important not only because they limit the strength of the rock mass, but also because they control bulk deformation and the flow of ground water.

**Table 3.3** Local lithological sequence of the area
GROUP	STAGE	SERIES	LITHOLOG	LITHO UNIT	THICKNESS OF BED	GRAIN SIZE	COLOUR	HARDNESS/ BOND INDEX	COMPACTNESS
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Lower Vindhyan super Group	Rohtash	Semari	**Chachrai**	Chachrai (Alternate thin bed of grey limestone & calcareous clay)	10-15 meters	Fine	Whitish grey	7.3kwh/T	Soft
			Grey lime stone	Grey limestone intercalated with blackish fine shale layers	25-50 meters	Fine	Grey	8kwh/T	Massive
			Shale	Shale	6-10 mtr below this not observed.	Fine	Blackish	6-7 kwh/T	Medium

3.7 OBSERVATIONS IN FIELD AND PRESENTATION OF DATA

3.7.1 Rock quality designation (RQD)

The Rock Quality Designation Index (RQD) was developed by Deere (Deere et al. 1967) to provide a quantitative estimate of rock mass quality from drill core logs. RQD is defined as the percentage ofintact core pieces longer than 100 mm (4 inches) in the total length of core. The core should be at leastNW size (54.7 mm or 2.15 inches in diameter) and should be drilled with a double-tube core barrel. Thecorrect procedures for measurement of the length of core pieces and the calculation of RQD aresummarized in Figure 3.2.It is used for core logging and tunneling. Rock quality designation is related to percentage of corerecovery while drilling.

Figure content:

28cm

32cm

No recovery

27cm

38cm

35cm

Total length of core run = 200 cm

$$RQD= \frac{\Sigma \text{ Length of core pieces} > 10 \text{ cm length}}{\text{Total length of core run}} \times 100$$

$$RQD= \frac{28 \times 32 \times 27 \times 38 \times 35}{200} \times 100$$

$$RQD= 80 \% \quad \text{(Very Good Rock)}$$
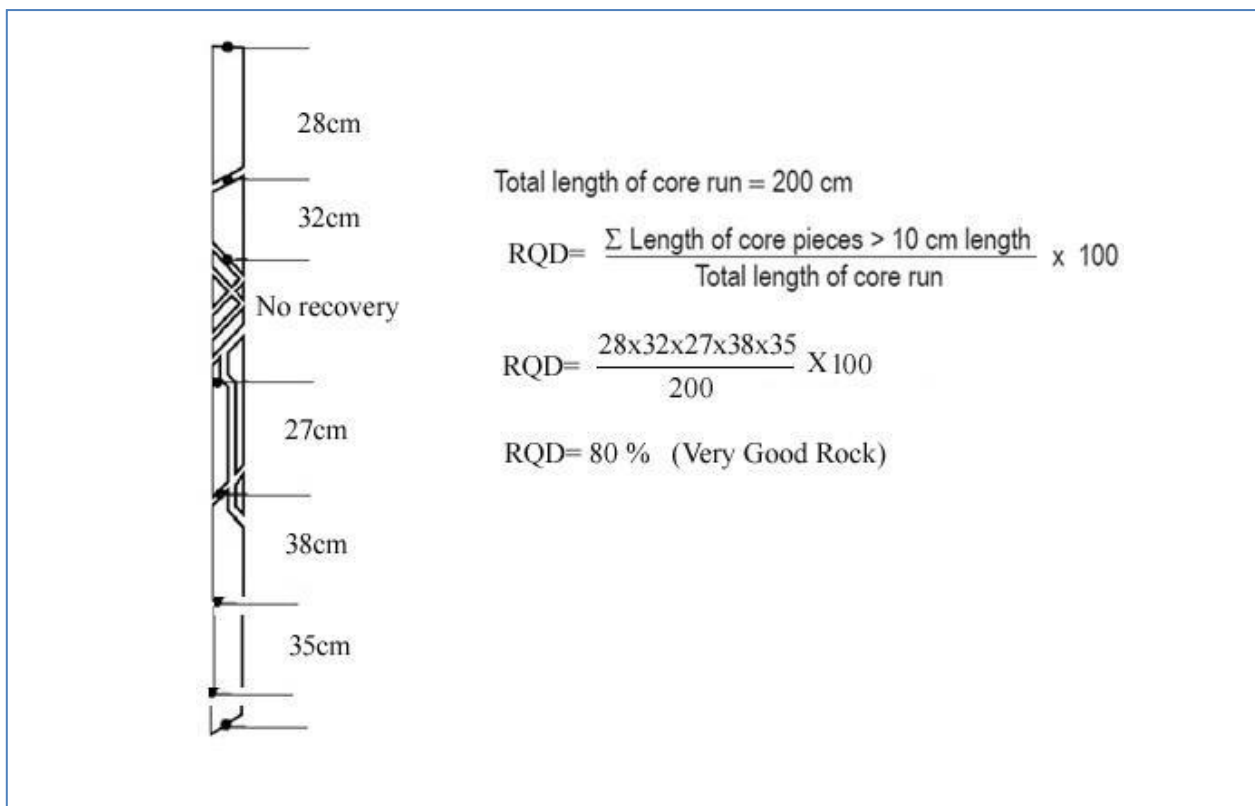
Figure 3.2 : Rock quality description corresponding to different RQD values

Table 3.4: Rock quality description corresponding to different RQD values

1. Total length of core run = 200 cm

$$RQD = \frac{\sum \text{length of core pieces} > 10 \text{ } cm}{\text{Total length of core run}} \times 100$$

$$RQD = \frac{17+25+28+24+26+30+25}{200} \times 100$$

$$= 87.5\% \text{ (Very Good Rock)}$$

2. Total length of core run = 250 cm

$$RQD = \frac{\sum \text{length of core pieces} > 10 \text{ } cm}{\text{Total length of core run}} \times 100$$

$$RQD = \frac{28+32+25+18+22+30+35+26+22}{250} \times 100$$

$$= 95.2\% \text{ (Excellent Rock)}$$

3. Total length of core run = 300 cm

$$RQD = \frac{\sum \text{length of core pieces} > 10 \text{ } cm}{\text{Total length of core run}} \times 100$$

$$RQD = \frac{22+32+25+18+26+28+17+29}{300} \times 100$$

$$= 65.66\% \text{ (Good Rock)}$$

4. Total length of core run = 200 cm

$$RQD = \frac{\sum \text{length of core pieces} > 10\ cm}{\text{Total length of core run}} \times 100$$

$$RQD = \frac{25+26+15+24+30+35}{200} \times 100$$

$$= 77.5\% (\text{Very Good Rock})$$

5. Total length of core run = 200 cm

$$RQD = \frac{\sum \text{length of core pieces} > 10\ cm}{\text{Total length of core run}} \times 100$$

$$RQD = \frac{28+32+27+38+35}{200} \times 100$$

$$= 80\% (\text{Very Good Rock})$$

6. Total length of core run = 200 cm

$$RQD = \frac{\sum \text{length of core pieces} > 10\ cm}{\text{Total length of core run}} \times 100$$

$$RQD = \frac{25+32+33+27+32+29}{220} \times 100$$

$$= 80.90\ \% \ (\text{Very Good Rock})$$

SN	Latitude	Longitude	Depth of bore hole (meter)	RQD	Rock quality
1.	$24^036^138.53^{11}$	$79^016^138.29^{11}$	150	87.5%	Very Good
2.	$24^036^140.62^{11}$	$79^016^112.26^{11}$	160	95.2%	Excellent
3.	$24°08^135.16^{11}$	$80°49^152.49^{11}$	140	65.66%	Good
4.	$24°08^143.06^{11}$	$80°50^118.06^{11}$	150	77.5%	Very Good
5.	$24°08^146.83^{11}$	$80°50^125.23^{11}$	160	80%	Very Good
6.	$24°08^135.79^{11}$	$80°49^118.71^{11}$	160	80.90%	Very Good

Table 3.5: RQD values from different locations in the area (SN 1 & 2 Hirapur and 3-6 Maihar, Bhadanpur

3.7.2 SCHMIDT REBOUND HAMMER

The Schmidt rebound hammer hardness test is a simple and non-destructive test originally developed in 1948 for a quick measurement of UCSand later was extended to estimate the hardness and strength of rock (Schmidt, E 1951). The mechanism of operation is simple: a hammer released by a spring, indirectly impacts against therock surface through a plunger and the rebound distance of the hammer is then read directly from the numerical scale or electronic display ranging from 10 to 100.In other words, the rebound distance of the hammer mass that strikes the rock through the plunger and under the force of a spring, indicates the rebound hardness.Obviously, the harder the surface, the higher the rebound distance (Cargill, J.S. and Shakoor A 1900).This test can be used both in the laboratory and in the field. It is well known that the Schmidt hammer has been used worldwide for a quick rock strength assessmentdue to its portability, ease of use, rapidity, low cost and its non-destructive procedure of application Torabi S. R. et al 2010).
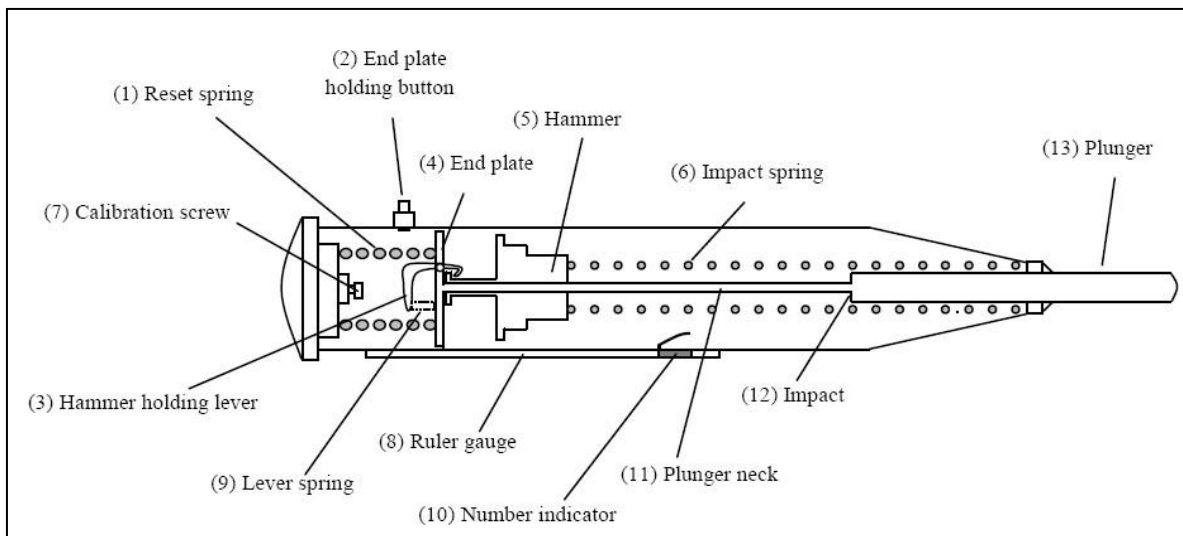
Fig. 3.3:n Details of an L type Schmidt hammer (Torabi S. R. et al

Parameter	ISRM recommendation	ASTM recommendation
Core dimension	NX or larger	NX or larger core of at least 15 cm in length
Block edge length	6 cm	15 cm
Range of applying	Not considered	UCS = 1–100 MPa, except very weak and very hard rock
Impact number	20 impact on sample, at different points	10 impact on sample, at different points
Calculation	Record 20 rebound values from single impacts separated by at least a plunger diameter, and average the upper 10 values	Record 10 rebound values from single impacts separated by at least the diameter of the piston, and discard readings differing from the average of 10 readings by more than 7 units and determine the average of the remaining readings

Table 3.6: The comparison between ISRM and ASTM recommendations(Torabi S. R. et al 2010)

3.7.3 SCHMIDT HAMMER DATA ANALYSIS

| S.N.	Latitude	Longitude	Value N
**Table:3.7 Schmidt Hammer Reading in the Maihar- Bhadanpurarea**			
1	24°08'35.79"	80°49'18.71"	40
2	24°08'35.29"	80°49'34.35"	38
3	24°08'35.16"	80°49'52.49"	35
4	24°08'43.06"	80°50'18.06"	36
5	24°08'46.83"	80°50'25.23"	40
6	24°08'35.79"	80°49'18.71"	42
7	24°08'42.77"	80°50'13.46"	50
8	24°08'39.93"	80°50'02.75"	35
9	24°08'45.87"	80°50'16.80"	32
10	24°08'43.86"	80°50'03.44"	38
11	24°08'51.41"	80°50'26.79"	40
12	24°08'53.88"	80°50'08.67"	52
13	24°08'46.78"	80°50'01.09"	55
14	24°08'44.87"	80°50'05.20"	35
15	24°08'47.33"	80°50'14.18"	45
16	24°08'44.46"	80°50'01.45"	48
17	24°08'53.52"	80°49'44.53"	55
18	24°08'47.74"	80°49'35.18"	50
19	24°08'43.69"	80°49'36.24"	45
20	24°08'41.85"	80°49'30.42"	50
21	24°08'39.78"	80°49'23.55"	38
22	24°08'39.19"	80°49'17.57"	40
23	24°08'33.10"	80°49'24.94"	45
24	24°08'39.51"	80°49'35.95"	48
25	24°08'41.51"	80°49'31.95"	50

Average N Value: 44

Average Compressive strength value = 105 MPa

The Schmidt hammer has been widely used for testing the quality of concrete and rocks. It has been increasingly used worldwide because of its simplicity, rapidity, non-destructiveness and portability. The Schmidt hammer is a light hand-held device which consists of a spring-loaded mass inside a piston that is released when the hammer is pressed orthogonally onto a surface.

| Table 3.8 : Schmidt Hammer Readings of the Hirapur Area |

Sl. No.	Latitude	Longitude	Value N
1	$24^0 36^1 16.11^{11}$	$79^0 16^1 42.19^{11}$	55
2	$24^0 36^1 27.16^{11}$	$79^0 16^1 26.71^{11}$	58
3	$24^0 36^1 40.62^{11}$	$79^0 16^1 38.29^{11}$	60
4	$24^0 36^1 20.53^{11}$	$79^0 16^1 12.26^{11}$	52
5	$24^0 36^1 14.46^{11}$	$79^0 16^1 18.24^{11}$	54
6	$24^0 36^1 15.42^{11}$	$79^0 19^1 25.19^{11}$	55
7	$24^0 36^1 02.39^{11}$	$79^0 19^1 59.00^{11}$	52
8	$24^0 36^1 20.61^{11}$	$79^0 19^1 35.96^{11}$	50
9	$24^0 36^1 24.66^{11}$	$79^0 19^1 48.84^{11}$	56
10	$24^0 36^1 32.24^{11}$	$79^0 19^1 32.16^{11}$	55
11	$24^0 36^1 32.69^{11}$	$79^0 19^1 12.24^{11}$	60
12	$24^0 36^1 08.22^{11}$	$79^0 17^1 13.21^{11}$	52
13	$24^0 36^1 33.87^{11}$	$79^0 17^1 25.26^{11}$	57
14	$24^0 36^1 17.27^{11}$	$79^0 17^1 23.25^{11}$	56
15	$24^0 36^1 15.24^{11}$	$79^0 17^1 27.60^{11}$	60
16	$24^0 36^1 14.27^{11}$	$79^0 17^1 23.47^{11}$	58
Average N Value: 56 **Average Compressive strength value = 125 MPa**			**56**

3.8 ELEVATION AND SLOPE PERCENTAGE (Google Earth)

The cross sectional profile prepare of all mining area with the help of google image. The following images identifying the variations of the average slope percentage of the area is 1.2% to 2.3%. Maximum slope of area is 6.1%. Downward side of the mine slope value is 7.4%. Hence slope angle varies of mining area is 13.3% to 7.2%.
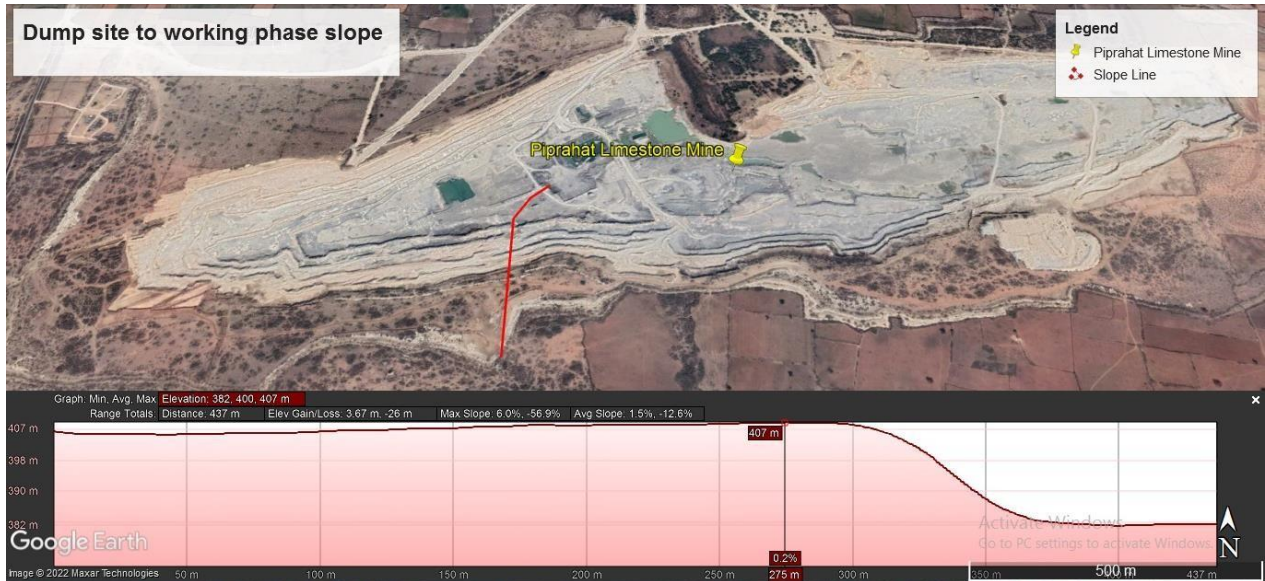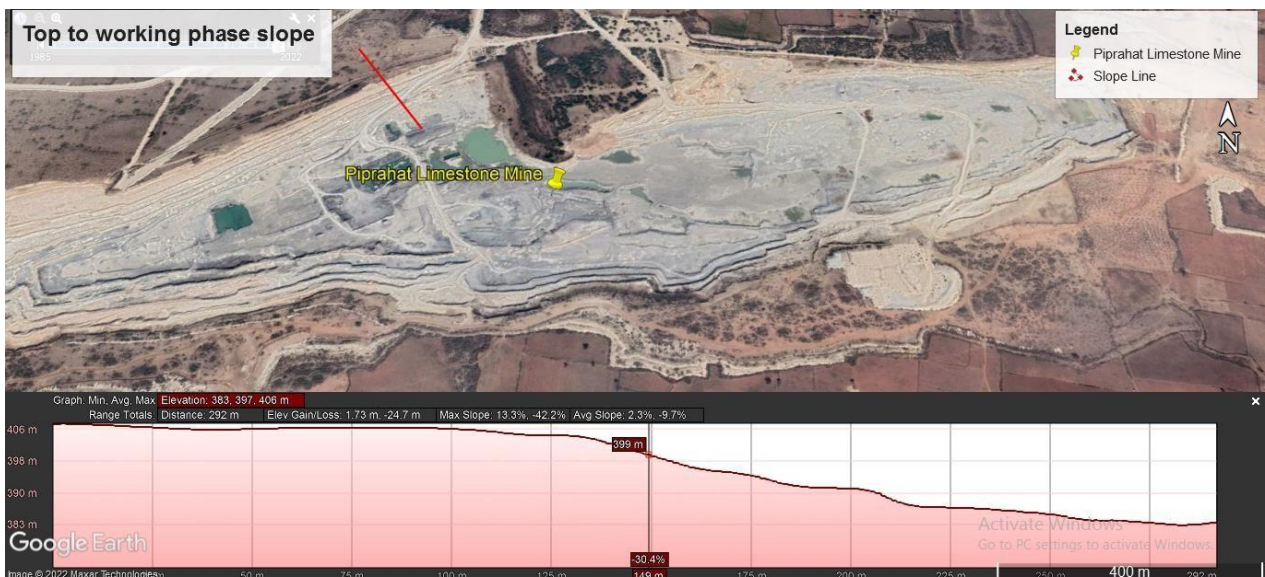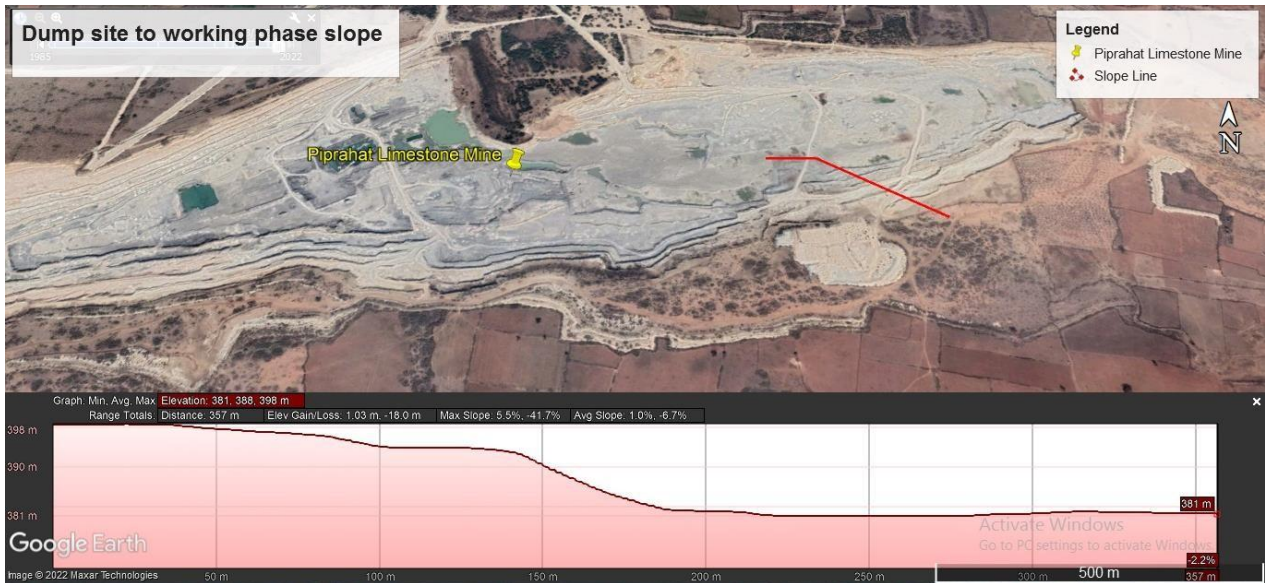
Figure: 3.4 Elevation and slope percentage

3.9 SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS WITH DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL (DEM)

Slope is a measure of change in elevation. Calculate the percent slope, divide the difference between the elevations of two points by the distance between them, and then multiply the quotient by 100. The difference in elevation between points is called the rise. The distance between the points is called the run. The study area elevation varies between 350m to 650m percent curvatures. The maximum slopes of side area is0 to 14 % and average slope are 1.47%. Slope std. deviation of the area are 1.76 %, average elevation of the area is 554m.

3.9.1 Slope distribution statistic

Slope method: 4 neighbors

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Max slope: 11.59%   6.6°Average slope: 1.47%   0.8°Standard deviation: 1.76 (%)
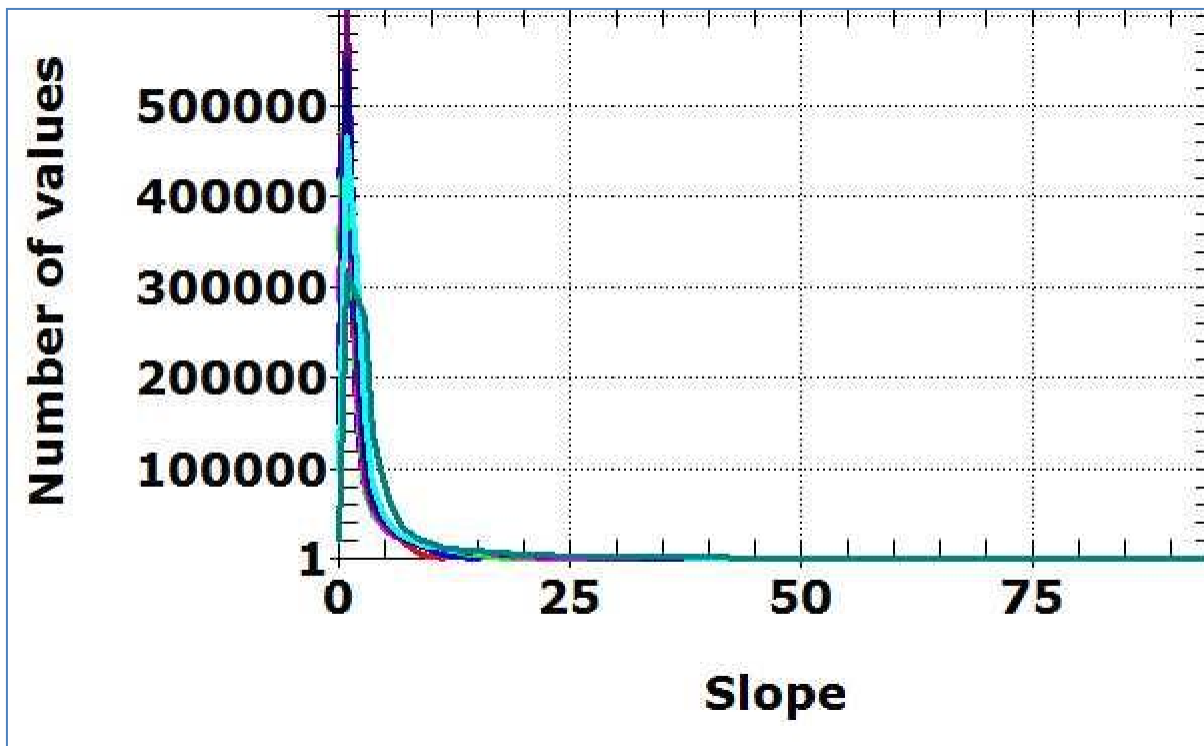
RMS   2.29 (%)

Figure: 3.5 Number of value Vs Slope

3.9.2 Contour Ghost Statistics

N24E080.HGTz range: 117 to 672 m,   383.9 to 2204.7 ft

Elev: Mean= 364.36 Std Dev 84.05 Ave Dev: 60.72

Slopes: Mean= 1.47 Std Dev   1.76 Ave Dev: 1.26

0.04% "lakes" excluded from analysis

Contour ghost ratio: 1.28 80 ft contours

3.9.3 Slope MovementStatistics

Slope with region size: 1
Slope
  Average=   4.85, Average dev=   4.02, Standard dev= 7.07, Skewness=   3.8558

Curtosis=   18.3157, n=1432598

Slope with region size: 2
Slope
  Average=   3.87, Average dev=   3.57, Standard dev= 6.10, Skewness=   3.5982
Curtosis=   15.2588, n=1427874

Slope with region size: 3
Slope
  Average=   3.37, Average dev=   3.22, Standard dev= 5.35, Skewness=   3.3741
Curtosis=   13.1338, n=1423107

Slope with region size: 5
Slope
  Average=   2.79, Average dev=   2.69, Standard dev= 4.28, Skewness=   3.0169
Curtosis=   10.0904, n=1413578

Slope with region size: 7
Slope
  Average=   2.43, Average dev=   2.32, Standard dev= 3.58, Skewness=   2.7742
Curtosis=   8.2558, n=1404084

Slope with region size: 10

Slope
  Average=   2.06, Average dev=   1.92, Standard dev= 2.87, Skewness=   2.5658
Curtosis=   6.9022, n=1389899

Slope with region size: 15
Slope
  Average=   1.69, Average dev=   1.51, Standard dev= 2.18, Skewness=   2.3215
Curtosis=   5.5404, n=1366420

Slope with region size: 20
Slope
  Average=   1.47,   Average dev=   1.26,   Standard dev=   1.76,   Skewness=   2.1003
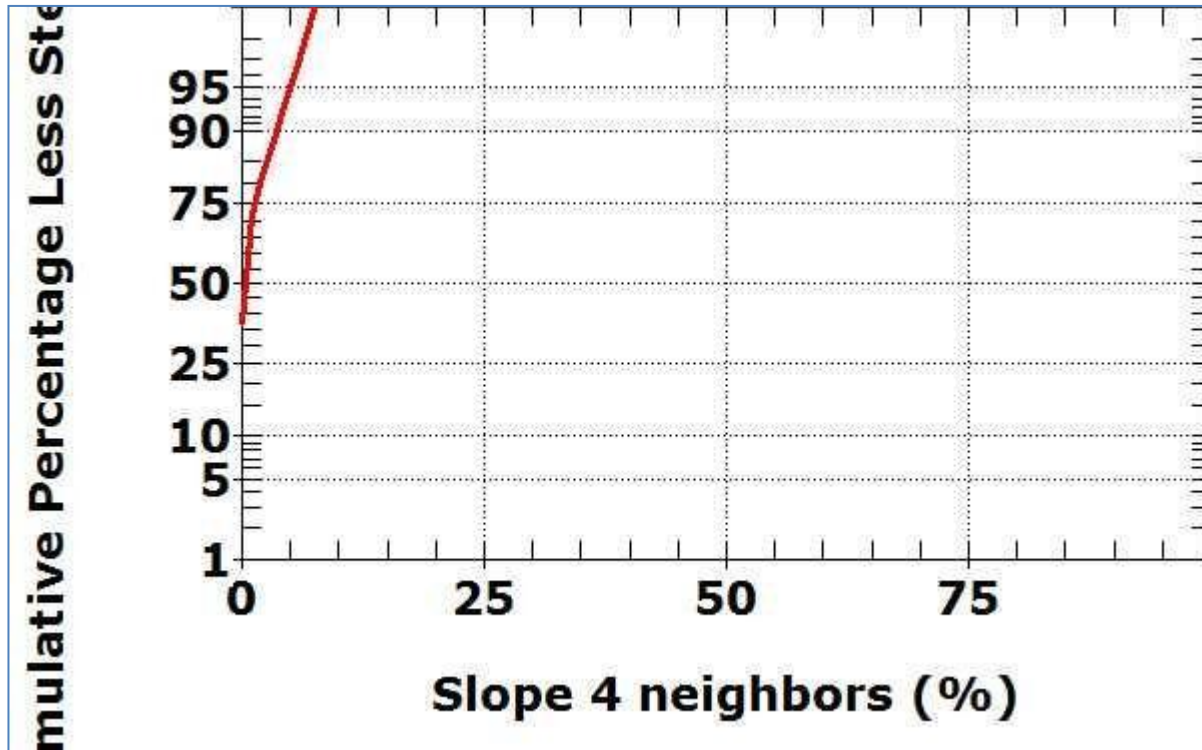Curtosis=   4.3403, n=1343140

Figure: 3.6 Cumulative percentages Vs Slope
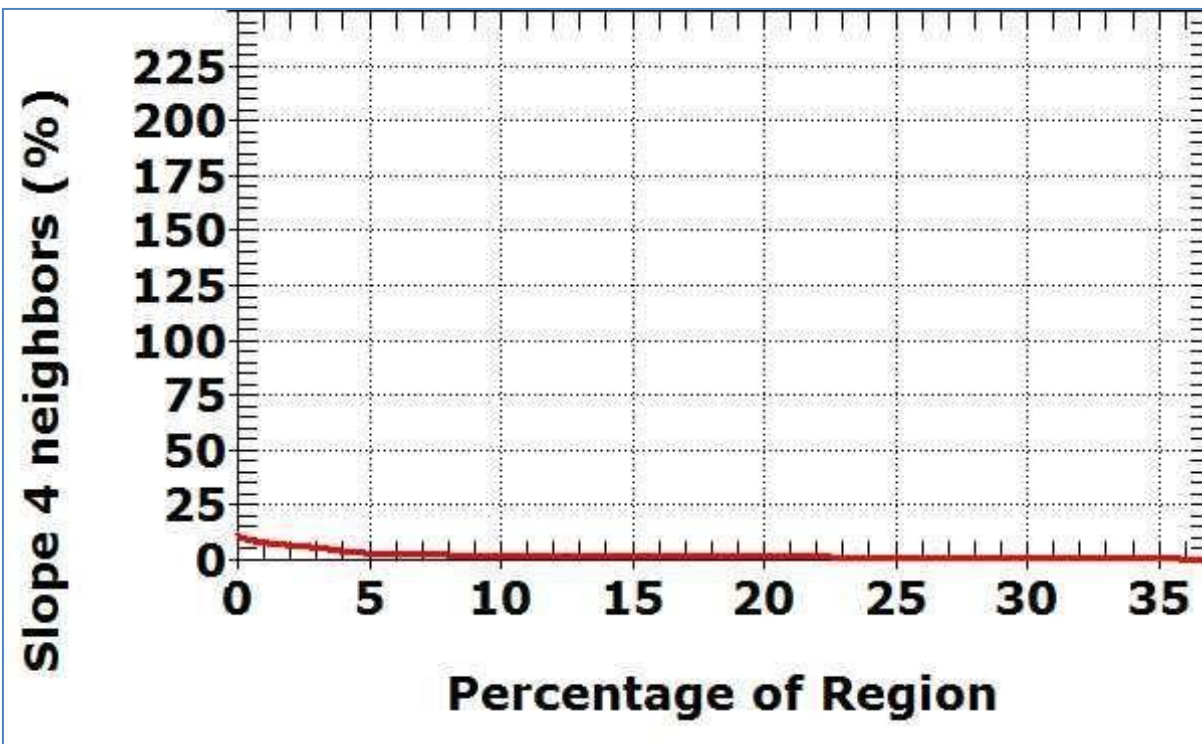
Figure: 3.7 Percentages of regions Vs Slope
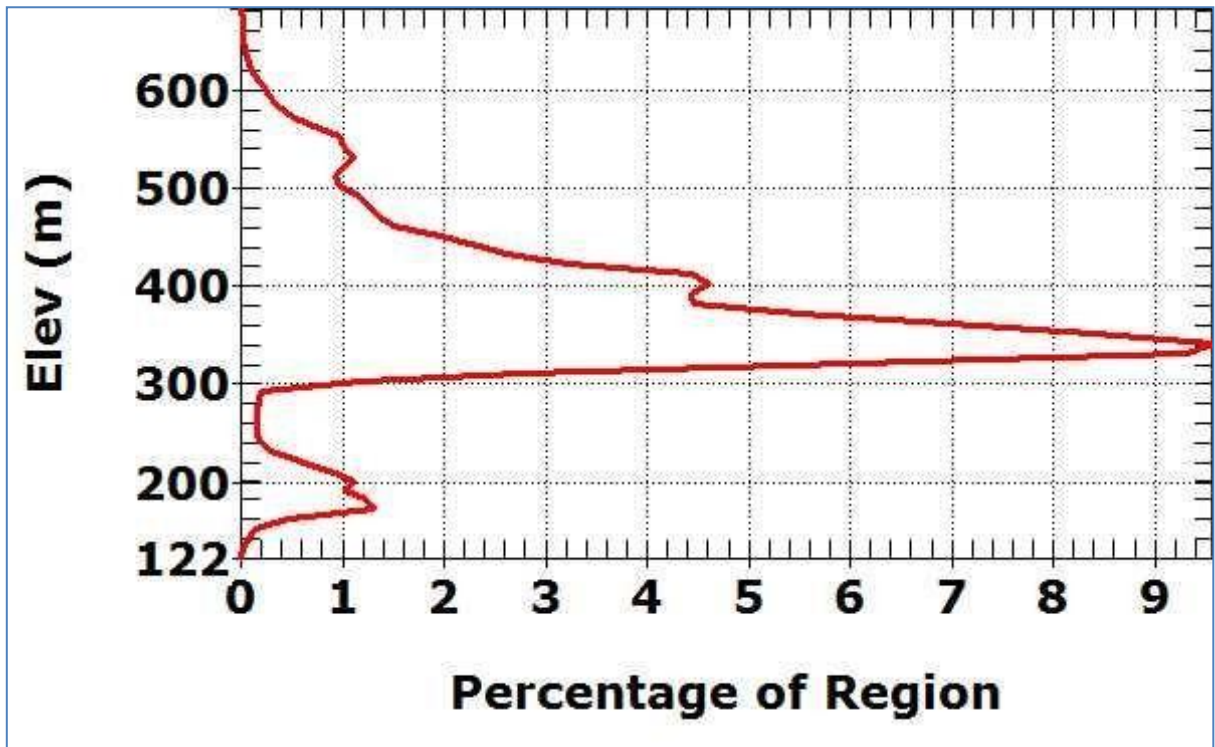
Figure: 3.8 Percentages of region Vs Elevation
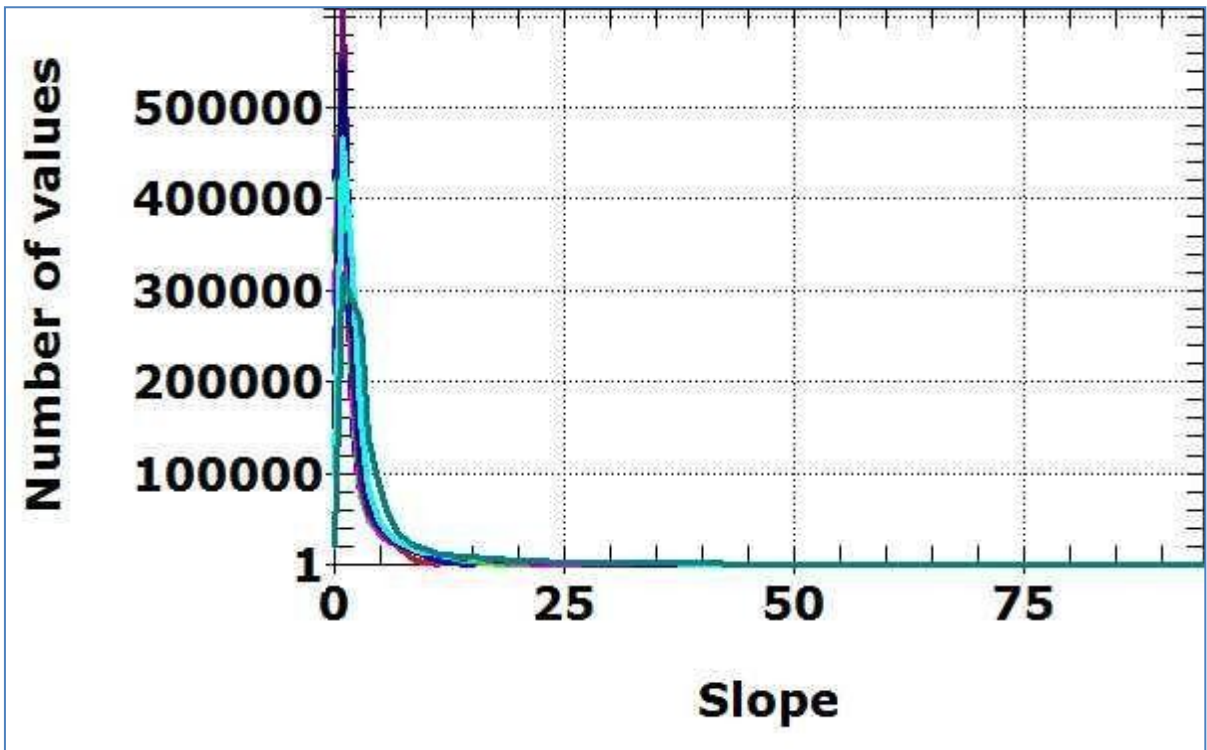
Figure: 3.9 Number of value Vs Slope
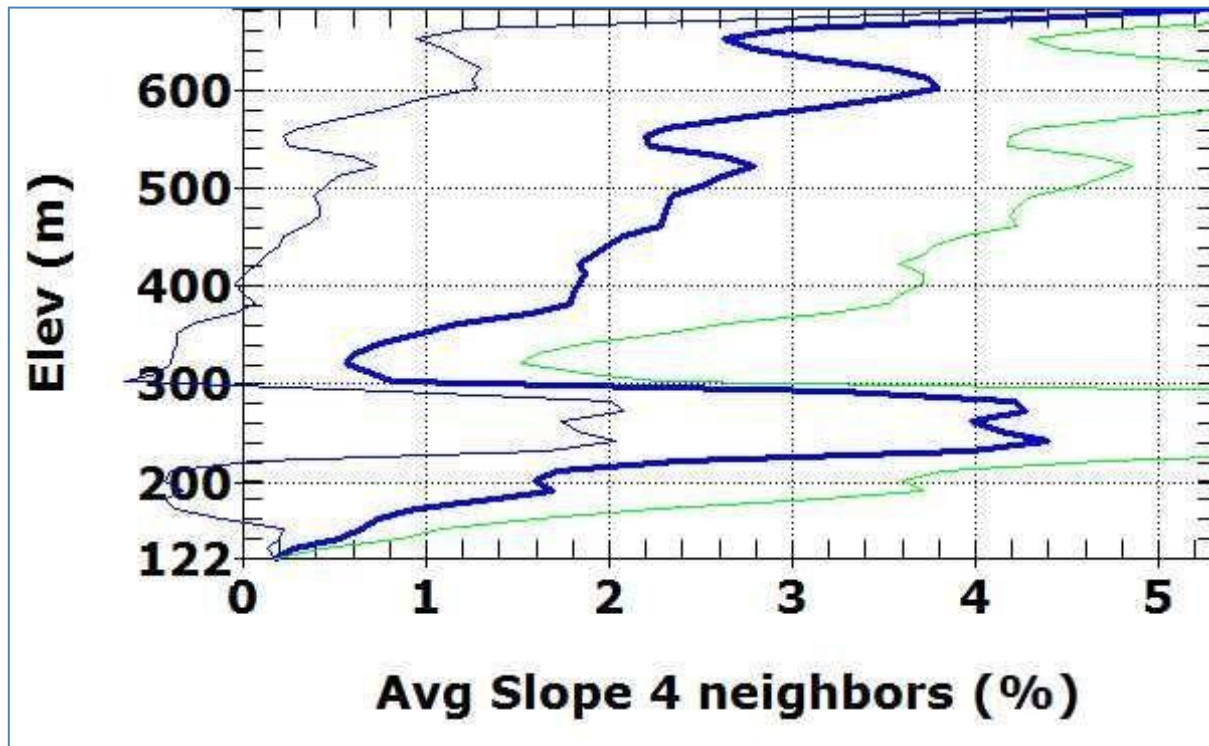
Figure: 3.10 Average slope Vs Elevation
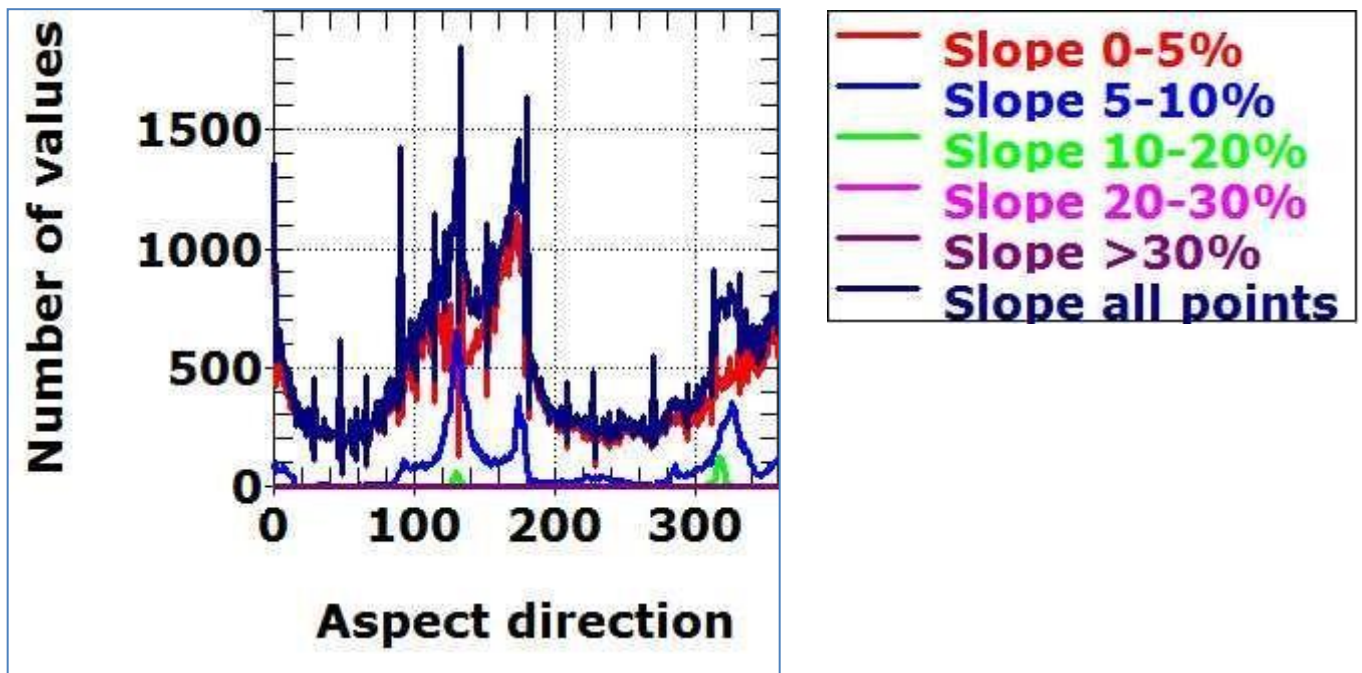
Figure: 3.11 Number of Value Vs Aspect directions
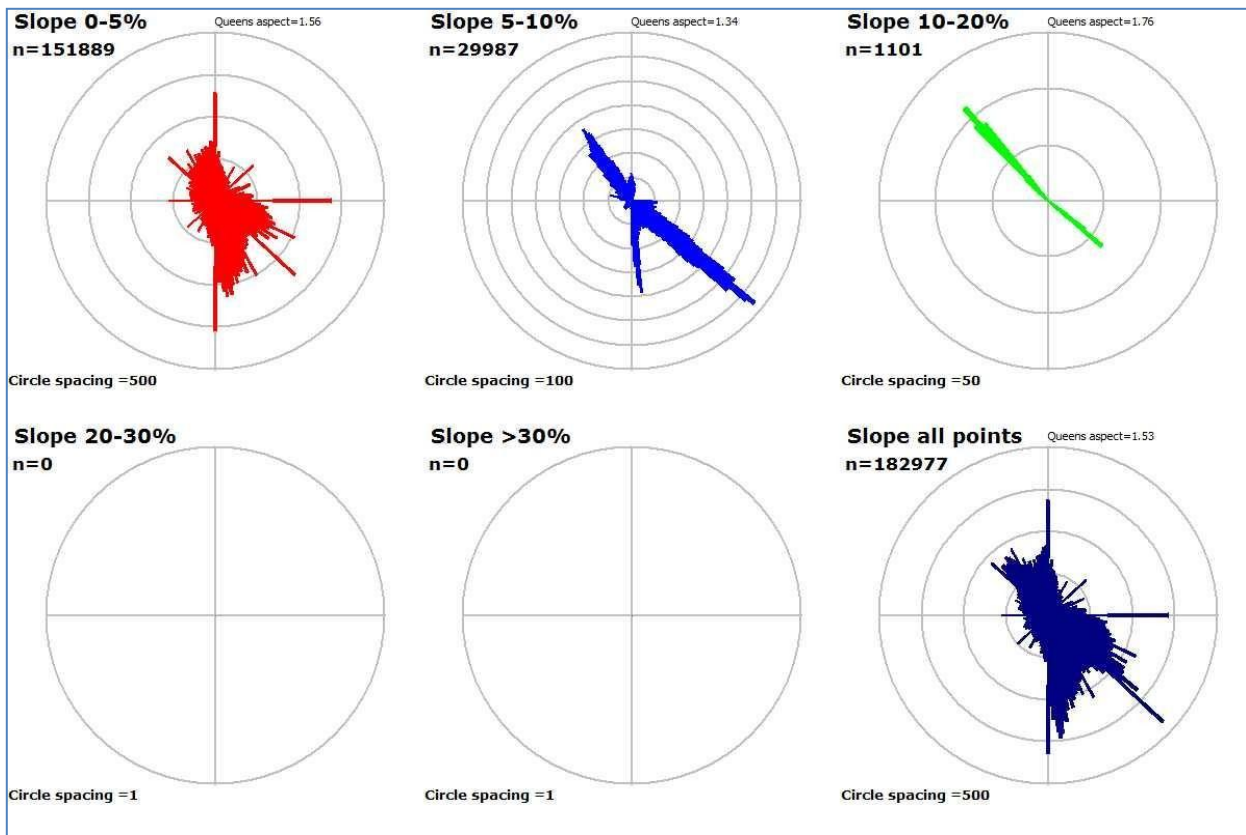
Figure: 3.12 Aspect map of the area

3.9.4 Statistical slope orientation (SSO) in downhill directions

N24E080.HGT   n=183024, Avg elev: 427.22 m   std dev=   83.17, Avg slope: 2.47%

std dev=   2.43

Max slope: 11.59%, Eigenvalues: 182806.5847   173.0541   44.3612

Normalized eigenvalues:

0.9988   0.0009   0.0002

Log Ratios:

  ln(S1/S2):   6.96,   ln(S2/S3):   1.36, Shape Indicator: 5.11, Strength Indicator: 8.32

Eigen vectors:

  V1   89.8523° toward   145.0°, V2   0.1474° toward   321.1°,   V3   0.0100° toward   51.1°

Queen's aspect ratio: 1.518
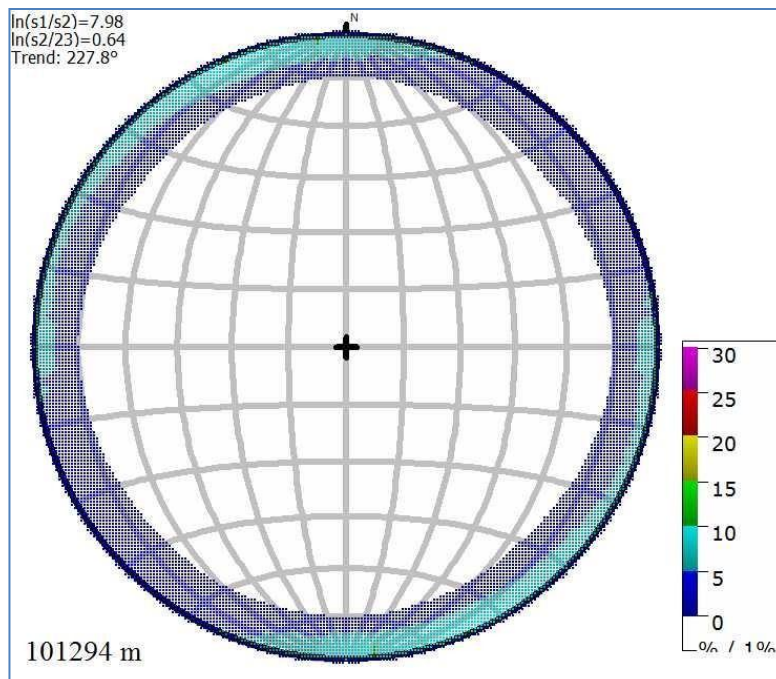
Figure: 3.13 SSO from downhill side of the area
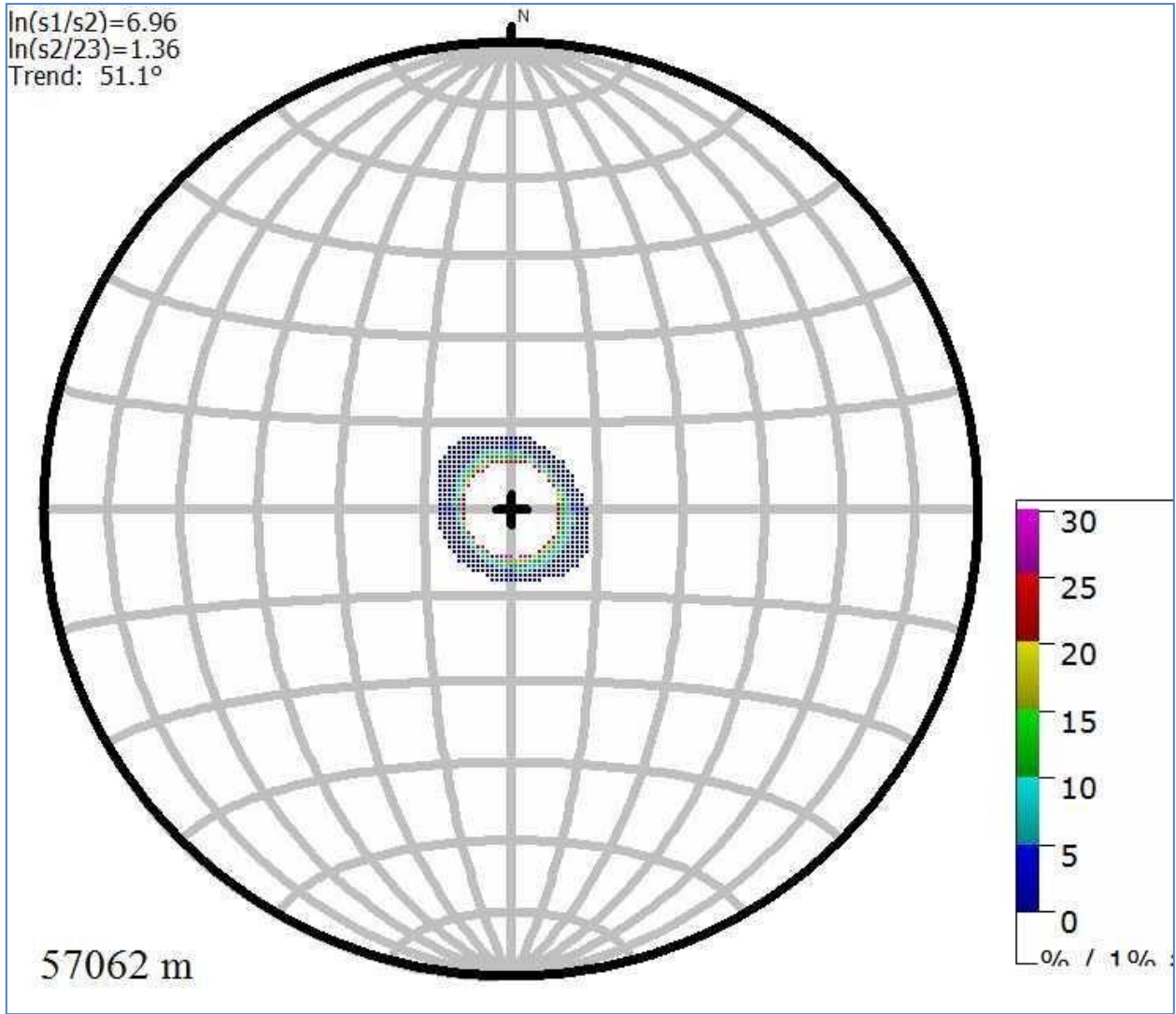
Figure: 3.14 SSO of the Mining area

3.9.5 Steepest point of the area in Digital Elevation Model (DEM)

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Point: N24.1791666° E80.7900000°
Classified as: Other

Col=948 & row=215

Neighborhood elevations (m)

463.00	466.00	476.00
467.00	471.00	479.00
488.00	492.00	493.00

Slope	Aspect	Method	
10.40%	5.94°	0.0°	Steepest Neighbor
10.40%	5.94°	333.3°	Hydrid (Steepest + 8 even)
5.48%	3.14°	0.0°	Average Neighbor
7.50%	4.29°	270.0°	Steepest Downhill
9.13%	5.21°	310.8°	3 neighbors
10.90%	6.22°	318.6°	4 neighbors
7.44%	4.26°	328.0°	8 neighbors (weight)
6.36%	3.64°	333.3°	8 neighbors (even)
6.88%	3.94°	330.5°	8 neighbors (weight distance)
4.49%	2.57°	351.3°	Frame Finite Difference
6.41%	3.67°	324.2°	Simple Difference
9.13%	5.21°	310.8°	Simple Difference2

CHAPTER-4
FLAC SOFTWARE

4.1 INTRODUCTION

Complexities related to geometry, material anisotropy, non-linear behavior, in situ loads, and the existence of many coupled processes are present in many rock slope stability concerns (e.g. pore pressures, seismic loading, etc.). The simulation of putative rock slope collapse processes should, and in many circumstances should, become a routine component of a rock slope inquiry thanks to improvements in computer power and the accessibility of very affordable commercial numerical modeling software. Three approaches—continuum, discontinue, and hybrid modeling—can be neatly separated into numerical techniques of analysis utilised for rock slope stability. An overview of current numerical approaches is given in Table 4.1.

4.2. CONTINUUM MODELING

The analysis of slopes made up of huge, complete rock, weak rocks, and soil-like or severely shattered rock masses is best handled using continuum modelling. The majority of continuum codes have the ability to analyse discrete fractures like faults and bedding planes, however they are not ideal for blocky media. The finite-difference and finite-element techniques are two continuum methodologies utilised in rock slope stability. The 2-D finite-difference algorithm FLAC has been utilised in the great majority of published continuum rock slope assessments in recent years. This code includes time-dependent behavior, coupled hydro-mechanical and dynamic modelling, and a wide range of constitutive models to define the rock mass. In inhomogeneous rock slopes with, two-dimensional continuum codes often assume planar strain conditions, which are usually.

The engineer must confirm that the codes are indicative of the rock mass under consideration before using them to characterise rock slope failure processes. A discontinued modeling technique could be seen more suitable when a rock slope consists of several joint sets that regulate the process of collapse.

4.2.1 Discontinuum modeling

By conceptualizing the rock slope as an assembly of stiff or malleable blocks, discontinue approaches treat it as a discontinuous rock mass. The study involves rock discontinuities opening and closing, which are primarily governed by the joint normal and joint shear stiffness. The distinct-element technique is the most widely used variation of the numerical approach to rock slope analysis, which is discontinued modeling. A force-displacement rule that specifies the

interaction between the deformable joint constrained blocks and Newton's second law of motion is used by distinct element codes like UDEC to provide displacements produced within the rock slope.UDEC has been extensively employed in the analysis of both landslides and surface mining slopes and is especially well adapted to situations requiring jointed media. It is also possible to mimic the impact of outside forces like groundwater pressure, underground mining, and earthquakes on block sliding and deformation.

4.2.2 Hybrid Techniques

"Rock slope analysis is using hybrid methodologies more and more. This may include combining calculations utilizing finite-element groundwater flow and stress analysis with limit equilibrium stability analysis, as used in the GEO-SLOPE software package. Underground rock engineering has long made use of hybrid numerical models, such as coupled boundary/distinct element and coupled boundary/finite element solutions. Finite-difference studies utilizing FLAC3D and PFC3Dlinked particle flow are recent developments.

In the examination of phenomena like pipe slope collapses and the impact of high groundwater pressures on the failure of weak rock slopes, these hybrid approaches have already demonstrated substantial promise. There are currently available coupled finite/distinct element programs that use adaptive remeshing. These techniques describe the rock slope or joint bounded block using a finite element mesh. This is combined with a discrete-element model that can simulate joint-related deformation. A crack begins when the stresses within the rock slope are greater than the threshold for failure in the finite-element model. Remesh enables the simulation of fracture propagation across the finite element mesh. Intense fracture associated with earthquakes has been effectively simulated using hybrid codes with adaptive remeshing procedures, such ELFEN.

4.2.3 General Approach of FLAC

General Strategy "Different design principles from those used for design with manufactured materials are involved in the modelling of geo-engineering processes. There must be limited site-specific information used in the analyses and designs of buildings and excavations in or on rocks and soils, and it is important to be aware that deformability and strength attributes might vary greatly. At a rock or soil location, comprehensive field data cannot be collected.

A numerical model in geomechanics should be used primarily to comprehend the major factors impacting the behaviour of the system because the input data required for design predictions is

limited. Once the system's behavior has been grasped, it is acceptable to create basic calculations for a design process.

It is possible to use FLAC directly in design if sufficient data, as well as an understanding of material behavior, are available. The results produced in a FLAC analysis will be accurate when the program is supplied with appropriate data. Modelers should recognize that there is a continuous spectrum of situations. Never think of the model as a "black box" that takes input from the user at one end and predicts behavior at the other. To comprehend the issue, a properly constructed numerical "sample" must be examined, along with numerous samples. It is advised to do the following actions to carry out a successful numerical experiment.

4.2.4 Define the objectives for the model analysis

Depending on the goal of the study, a model's level of detail is frequently determined. A primitive model can be created, for instance, if the goal is to choose between two competing explanations for a system's behavior. This is possible as long as the model permits the processes to operate. The temptation is to incorporate complexity into a model simply because it occurs in reality. However, if complicated elements are expected to have minimal impact on the model's response or if they are unrelated to the model's goals, they should be left out. Start with a broad perspective and then add nuance as needed.

4.2.5 Create a conceptual picture of the physical system

"In order to produce a preliminary estimate of the expected behavior under the imposed constraints, it is crucial to establish a theoretical image of the problem. When creating this graphic, several inquiries should be made. Is it predicted, for instance, that the system would severely damage? Is the mechanical reaction that is most prevalent linear or nonlinear? Are significant or little movements expected compared to the sizes of the items in the issue area? Is the behavior fundamentally that of a continuum, or are there clearly defined discontinuities that might have an impact? Does groundwater contact have an impact? Do the system's borders have physical boundaries or do they reach infinity? Is there any geometric symmetry present in the system's physical makeup?

The general properties of the numerical model, such as the design of the model geometry, the kinds of material models, the boundary conditions, and the initial equilibrium state for the analysis, will be determined by these factors. They will decide whether a two-dimensional model can be used to exploit the geometric properties of the physical system or whether a three-dimensional model is necessary.

4.2.6 Create and use straightforward idealized models

"Constructing the simple test models first, before building the full model, is more efficient when idealizing a physical system for numerical analysis. To produce data and knowledge, simple models should be developed as early as feasible in a project. After basic models are run, Step 2 might need to be repeated in order to get further insight into the conceptual image of the system from the outcomes.

Before putting much effort into the study, simple models might highlight flaws that can be fixed. Do the chosen material models, for instance, adequately depict the desired behavior? Does the model performance depend on the boundary conditions? The outcomes of the straightforward models might also assist in directing the strategy for data collecting by identifying.

4.2.7 Assemble problem specific data

The types of data required for a model analysis include Details of geometry, Location of geological structure, Material behavior, Initial conditions and External loading.

4.2.8 Prepare a series of detailed model runs

The numerical analysis will often entail a number of computer simulations that span the range of parameters produced from the compiled information and include the various mechanisms under examination. Several factors, such those stated below, should be taken into account while getting ready a batch of model runs for calculation:"

I. "How long does it take to complete each model calculation? If model runtimes are too long, it may be difficult to gather enough data to draw a valid conclusion. To reduce the overall computing time, it should be taken into consideration to run parameter variations on numerous machines.

II. "Several intermediary phases should allow the model's state to be preserved so that the full run does not need to be redone for each parameter adjustment. The user should be able to go back to any step, modify a parameter, and then resume the analysis from that stage, for instance if the study requires many loading/unloading phases.

III. Does the model include enough monitoring sites to allow for a straightforward interpretation of the results?

4.2.9 Perform the model calculations

Before initiating a series of complete runs, it is best to first divide up one or two model runs into different pieces. At each point, the runs should be examined to make sure the answer is

what was anticipated. Once the model is confirmed to be operating properly, a number of data files may be connected together to execute a full computation cycle. It should be allowed to pause the computation at any point throughout a run sequence, evaluate the results, and then resume or adjust the model as necessary.

4.2.10 Present results for interpretation

The presentation of the findings for a clear understanding of the analysis is the last step in the problem-solving process. The easiest way to do this is to visually represent the results, either on the computer screen itself or as output to a plotting machine for hard copies. The graphical output need to be shown in a way that allows for easy comparison with measurements and observations made in the field. Plots should make it evident which portions of the study are of relevance, such as the locations of computed stress concentrations or the zones where the model's movement is stable vs unstable. The modeler should have easy access to any variable's numerical values for a more thorough interpretation.

4.3 OVERVIEW

Specifically created to perform factor-of-safety calculations for slope stability analysis, FLAC/Slope is a miniature version of FLAC. This version is totally controlled via the graphical user interface (GIIC) of FLAC, which enables the quick generation of slope models for soil and/or rock materials and the resolution of their stability conditions.

To calculate the factor of safety, FLAC/Slope offers an alternative to conventional "limit equilibrium" methods. Limit equilibrium codes make a variety of assumptions in their approximation scheme, which is often based on the approach of slices (e.g., the location and angle of interslice forces). Tests are conducted on several presumed failure surfaces, and the one with the lowest factor of safety is selected. On a limited collection of idealized surfaces, equilibrium can only be achieved. In contrast, it offers a comprehensive remedy.

"FLAC/Slope does require more time than a limit equilibrium program to calculate a factor of safety. The development of computer processing rates, such as 1 GHz and faster CPUs, has made it possible to find answers in an acceptable length of time. As a result, FLAC/Slope is a workable substitute for limit equilibrium program and offers the following benefits over limit equilibrium solutions:

I.   Any failure mode automatically arises; there is no need to predetermine a set of trial surfaces.

II.   No fabricated parameters should be used as input.

III. If the conditions permit it, many failure surfaces develop organically.

IV. Rather of also being represented by similar forces, structural interaction is realistically modelled as a fully connected deforming element.

V. The enforcing the collection of duties of kinematically workable devices.

4.4 ANALYSIS METHOD

For the purpose of carrying out many analytical and parametric studies for slope stability projects, FLAC/Slope was created particularly. The program's framework makes it simple to develop, save, and retrieve various models for a project so that model outcomes may be directly compared. A FLAC/Slope analysis project is broken down into the following four stages:

Model Stage "In the Models stage, each model in a project is identified and listed in a tabbed bar. At any stage throughout the project research, something was erased from it. Models may also be "restored" or "loaded" from, which makes it simple to retrieve any model and produces a project. The tabbed bar may be updated with new models, or current projects may be updated with models from earlier ones. For each model, the slope boundary is now defined as well.

Build Stage "In the Build stage, the slope conditions are specified for a particular model. This entails making adjustments to the slope's shape, adding layers, specifying the materials and weak points, applying surface loading, placing a water table, and adding reinforcement. Additionally, the model's geographical areas can be left out of the calculation of the factor of safety. Any moment throughout this stage, the build-stage conditions might be added, removed, or changed.

Solve Stage "The safety factor is calculated at the solve stage. The factor-of-safety computation is done after choosing the resolution of the numerical mesh (coarse, medium, or fine). To compute the safety factor using the strength reduction technique, many strength parameters can be chosen. The material cohesion and friction angle are applied by default.

Plot Stage "Several output options are provided in the Plot stage for visualizing the failure surface and logging the results when the solution is complete. The output of the model is accessible for later use and comparison with other models in the project. The project files may be readily recovered, and the results can be seen afterwards. All models developed inside a project, together with their solutions, can be kept.

CHAPTER-5
NUMERICAL MODELLING

5.1 INTRODUCTION

Parametric studies were conducted through numerical models (FLAC/Slope) to study the effect of cohesion in Limestone mine varies between 2900-6000 and Rock phosphate mine cohesion are varies in between 1000- 5000. The friction angle of both mine analyses between 30^0- 41^0. The proposed dimension of slope model is as follows in figure 5.1 and 5.2.

5.2 WHY NUMERICAL MODELLING?

One of the crucial analyses is numerical analysis, which provides a fundamental understanding of slope development. The following justification dictates the necessity of numerical analysis.

- Explain the observed physical behavior of rock.
- Additionally assesses numerous potential outcomes of geographical models, design choices and failure modes.
- Consolidate key geologic components, for example, faults and ground water giving more sensible approximations of conduct of genuine slope than systematic models.

5.3 NUMERICAL MODELLING

Complexities related to geometry, material anisotropy, non-linear conduct, in situ loads, and the proximity of other connected operations are only a few examples of the various types of rock slope stability problems.

The bulk of slope instability problems are often caused by geometry, in situ loads, material anisotropy, non-linear conduct, and a few closely linked processes (e.g. pore weights, seismic stacking, and so on.). When conventional methods fail to control an issue, numerical modelling is an appropriate option. Three methods of numerical analysis may be used to determine the stability of a rock slope:

- Continuum Modeling,
- Discontinue Modeling and
- Hybrid Modeling.

5.4 FAST LAGRANGIAN ANALYSIS OF CONTINUA (FLAC)

For advanced geotechnical study of soil, rock, groundwater, and ground support in two dimensions, FLAC, or Fast Lagrangian Analysis of Continua, is a numerical modelling tool. Engineers in the geotechnical, civil, and mining industries employ FLAC for analysis, testing, and design. Any geotechnical engineering project requiring continuous analysis may be accommodated by it. FLAC uses an explicit finite difference formulation that can model complex behaviors, including issues with multiple stages, significant displacements and strains, non-linear material behavior, or unstable systems (including situations where failure or yielding occurs over a wide area or completely collapses).

5.5 GENERAL APPROACH OF FLAC

The exhibiting of geo-engineering shapes involves unusual considerations and a configuration logic that differs significantly from those used for design using manufactured materials. A reasonable amount of site-specific knowledge is required for examinations and plans for structures and excavations in rocks and soils, as well as an awareness that deformability and quality attributes may alter dramatically. Finding comprehensive field data at a rock or soil site is challenging. A numerical model in geomechanics should be used primarily to understand the dominant mechanism controlling the conduct of the framework because the information necessary for outlining projections is limited. When the behavior of the framework is understood, it is appropriate to develop simple counts for a design method.

If sufficient information and knowledge of material behavior are available, using FLAC explicitly in outline is possible. When the project is given the necessary data, the results of a FLAC examination will be precise.The steps suggested performing a fruitful numerical investigation.

Step-1 To provide goals for the model analysis.

Step-2 To accurately represent the actual structure in a picture.

Step-3 To creates and executes simple idealized models.

Step-4 To obtain information specific to the issue.

Step-5 To organize a series of point-by-point model runs.

Step-6 To carry out the model calculations.

Step-7 To present findings for clarification.

5.6 TO PROVIDE GOALS FOR THE MODEL ANALYSIS

The degree of nuance that should be included in a model typically depends on the purpose of the study. For instance, a rough model may be created if the objective is to resolve two conflicting elements that are suggested to clarify the conduct of a framework, provided that it enables the systems to occur. Given that many-sided quality actually exists, it is alluring to include it in a model. On the other hand, confusing components should be eliminated if they are unnecessary for the model's motivation or if they are likely to have little effect on the model's response. Start with a global perspective and, if necessary, add refinement.

5.6.1 To create a reasonable photo of the physical framework

To provide a foundational evaluation of the predicted behavior under the imposed circumstances, a computed picture of the problem is necessary. When putting up this image, a few questions should be raised. Is it anticipated, for example, that the framework would become unstable? Is the transcending mechanical response non-linear or direct? In comparison to the sizes of the articles in the subject area, are large or small developments anticipated? Are there clearly defined discontinuities that might affect the behavior, or does the material largely continue as a continuum? Does groundwater communication have an effect? The framework's bounds are either set by physical structures or they are infinite. Is there any symmetry in the geometry.

5.6.2 To develop and run straightforward idealize models

It is more effective to create and test simple test models initially, before developing the detailed model, when creating a physical framework for numerical monitoring. Basic models should be created as early as possible in a project to generate both information and understanding. After simple models are run, Step 2 might need to be repeated in light of the results, which might provide further insight into how the framework is really put to use.

5.6.3 In order to run the model calculations

Before launching a series of complete runs, it is best to initially build maybe a few model runs divided into certain sections. To ensure that the answer is correct, the runs should be reviewed at each stage. A few information records can be linked together to execute a full figuring sequence after it is confirmed that the model is functioning appropriately. It should be possible to interfere with the count at any point throughout a set of runs, view the results, and then continue or modify the model as necessary.

5.6.4 To present findings for clarification

        The presenting of the findings is the final stage, which clarifies the research. The results are best shown graphically, either directly on the PC screen or as a result of a plotting device for printed copies. The graphical data should be presented in a way that allows for a direct comparison with field assessments and impressions. Plots should clearly separate areas that need to be monitored, such as zones with significant stress concentrations or zones where the model's steady development vs shaky development ranges. The modeler should have immediate access to the numerical estimations of every variable in the model for a clearer understanding.

5.7 MATERIAL USED IN MODELLING

The bottom layer is Limestone with following properties

Density = 2800 kg/m^3

Cohesion = 3922 Pa

Frictional angle = 33°

The top layer is soil with following properties

Density = 2700 kg/m3

Cohesion = 2941 Pa

Frictional angle = 33°

The bottom layer is Rock Phosphate with following properties

Density = 2700 kg/m3

Cohesion = 4600 Pa

Frictional angle = 41°

The top layer is shale with following properties

Density = 2400 kg/m3

Cohesion = 2800 Pa

Frictional angle = 34°
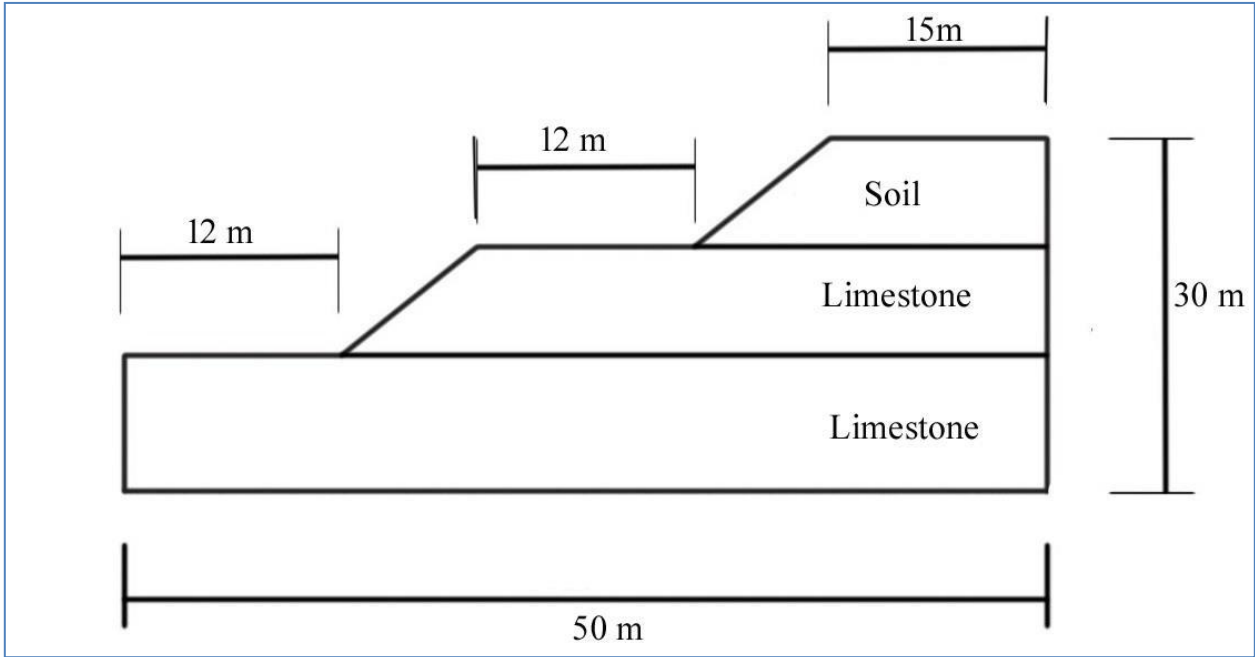
Fig. 5.1 Model slope used in the limestone Mine
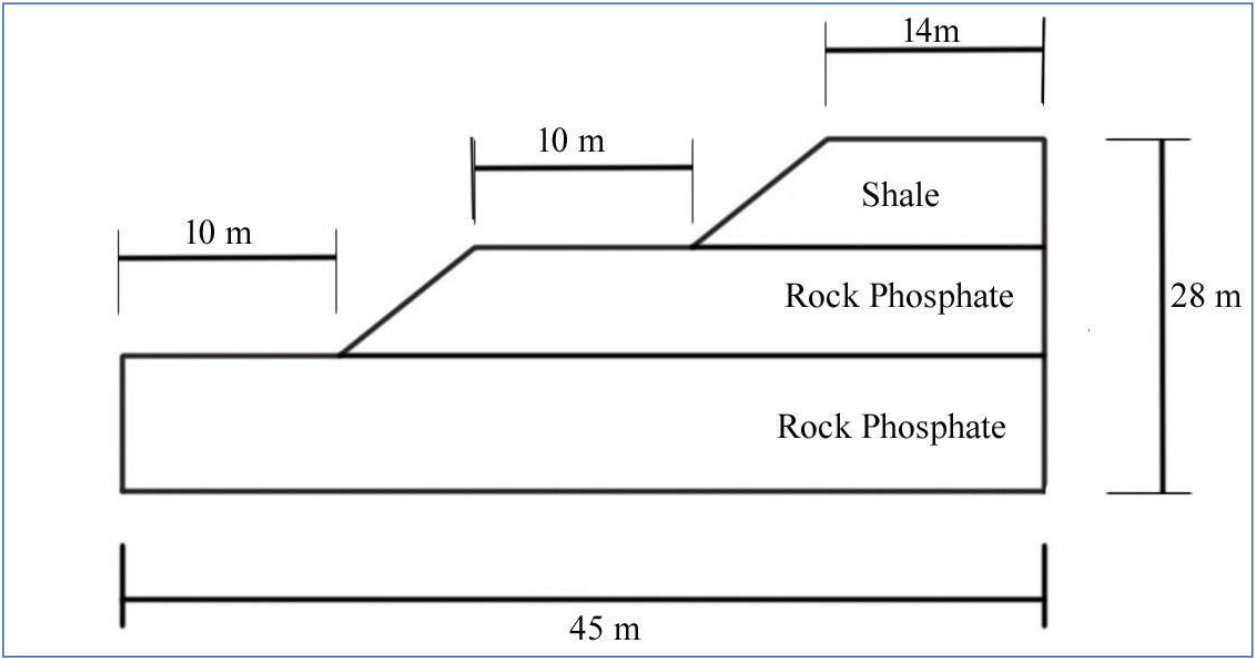
Fig. 5.2 Model slope used in the Rock Phosphate Mine

Bhadanpur Limestone Mine		
Cohesion value of top layer	Slope angle in degree	Factor of Safety
2941 Pa (Soil)	30	1.52
3922 (Limestone)	32	1.45
	34	1.4
	35	1.38
	40	1.17
	45	1
Hirapur Rockphosphate Mine		
Cohesion value of top layer	Slope angle in degree	Factor of Safety
2700 Pa (Shale)	30	1.45
3650 (Rock Phosphate)	32	1.38
	35	1.32
	40	1.29
	45	1.24
	48	1.2

Table 5.1Various experiment conducts data in laboratory
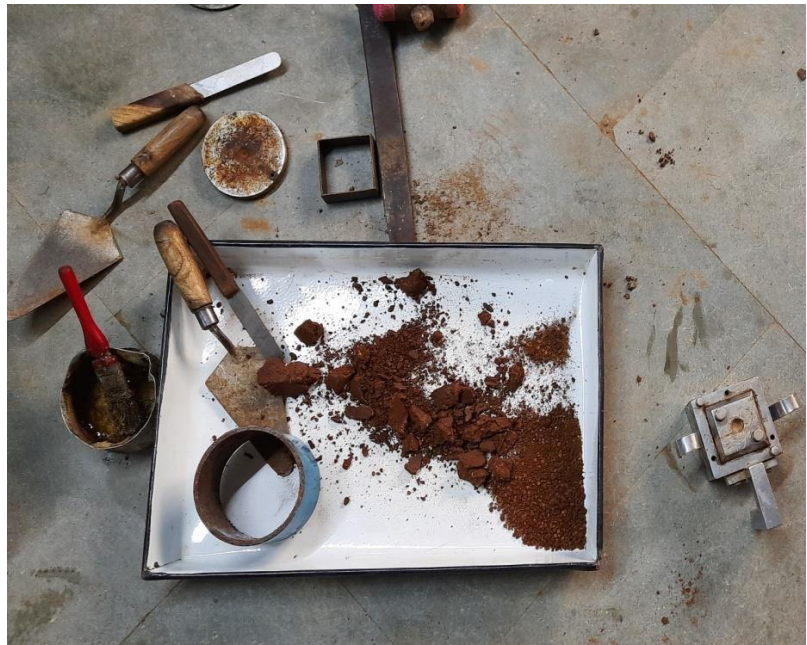
Photograph 7 Direct Shear test of sample at RKCT laboratory, Jabalpur
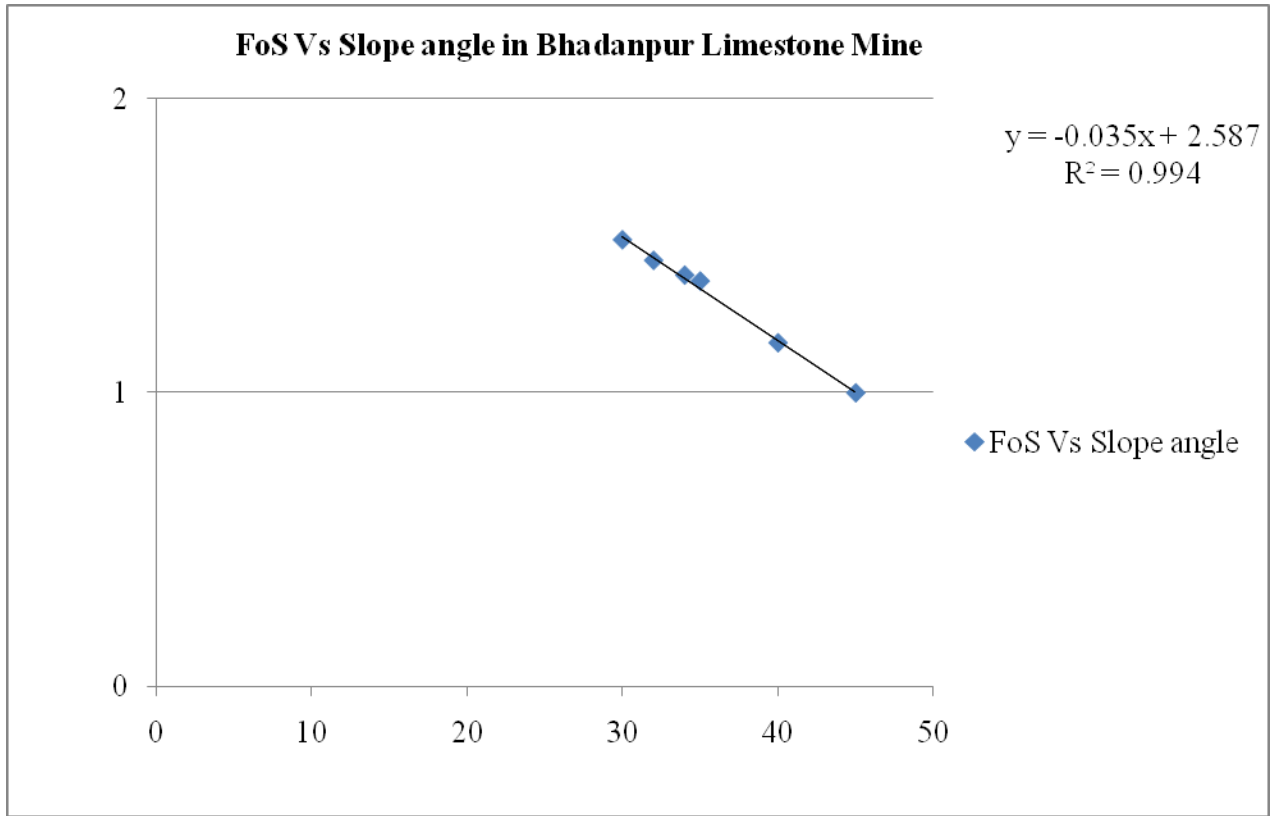
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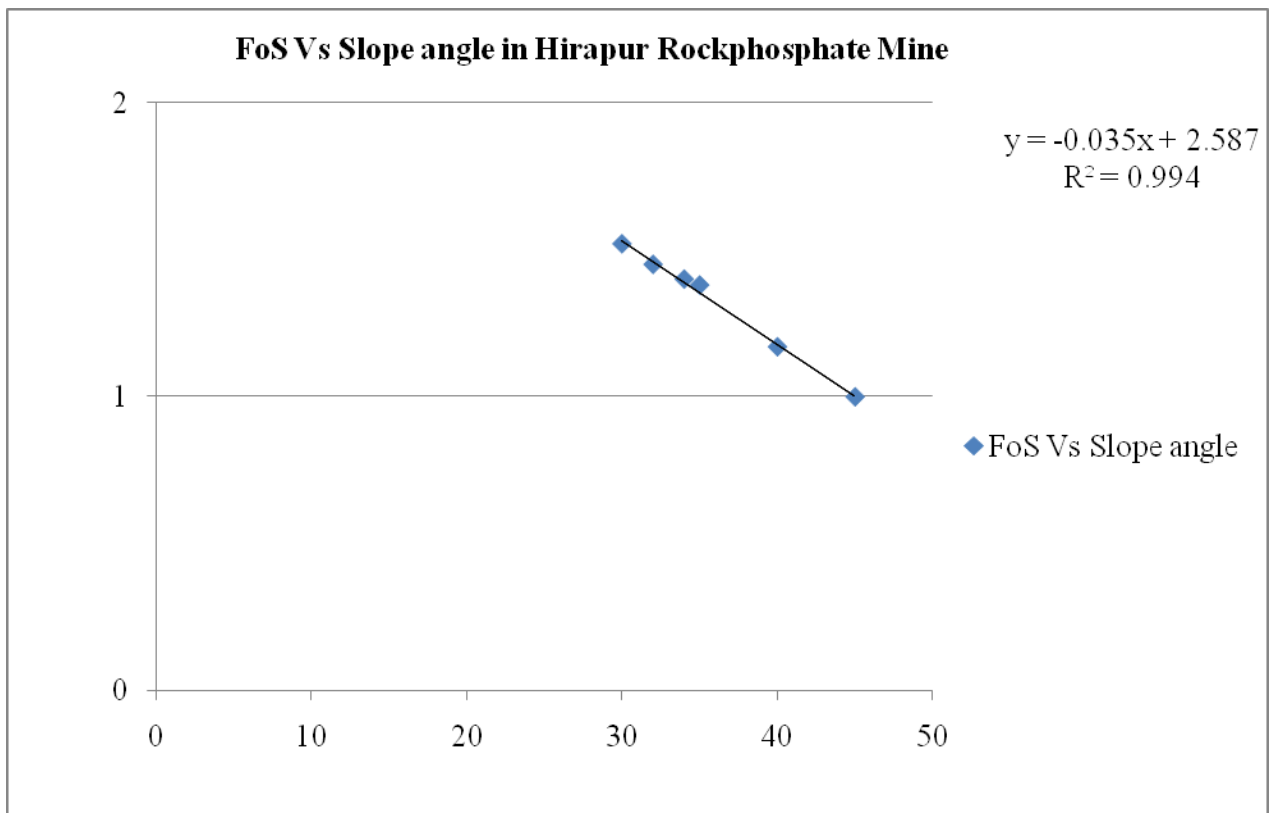
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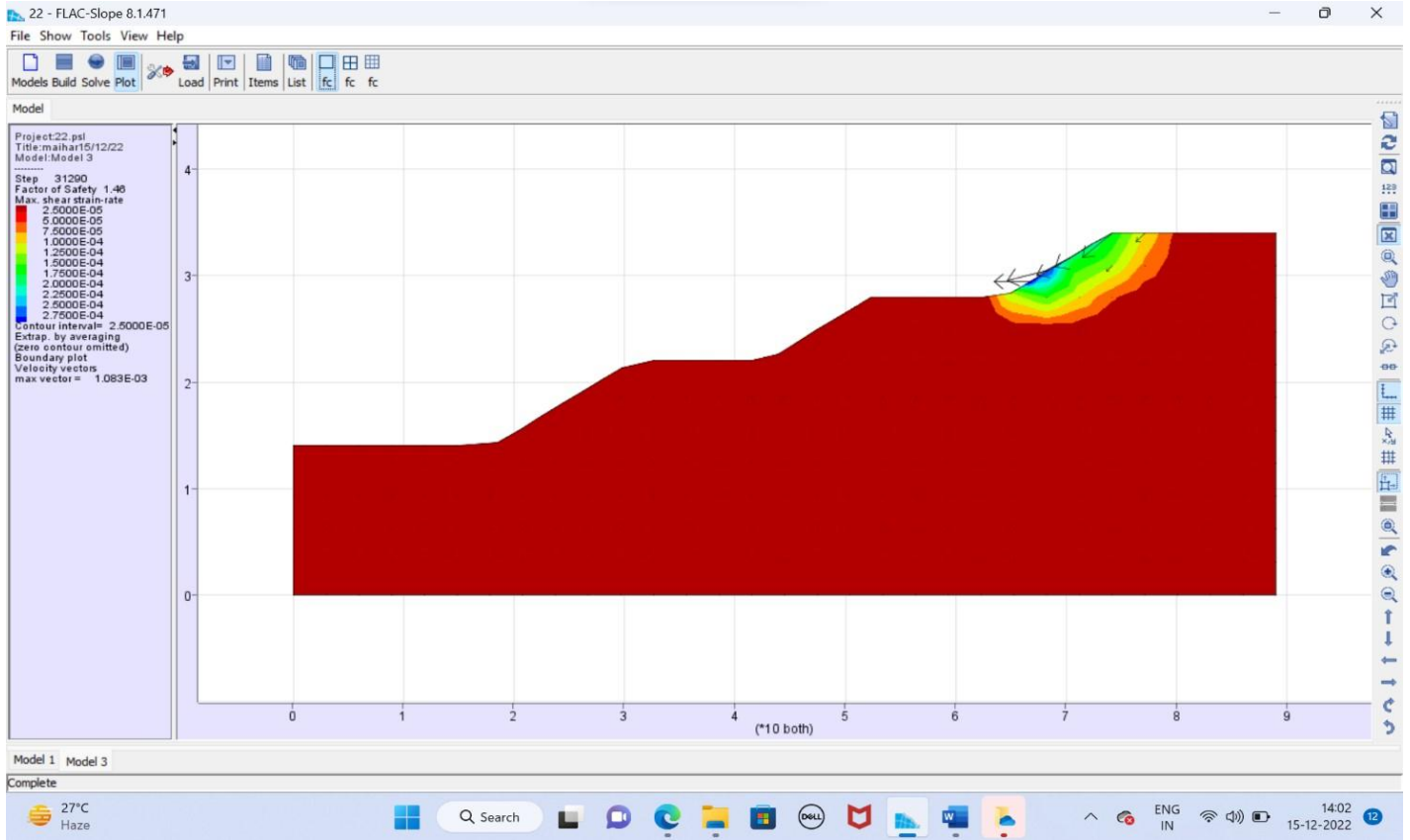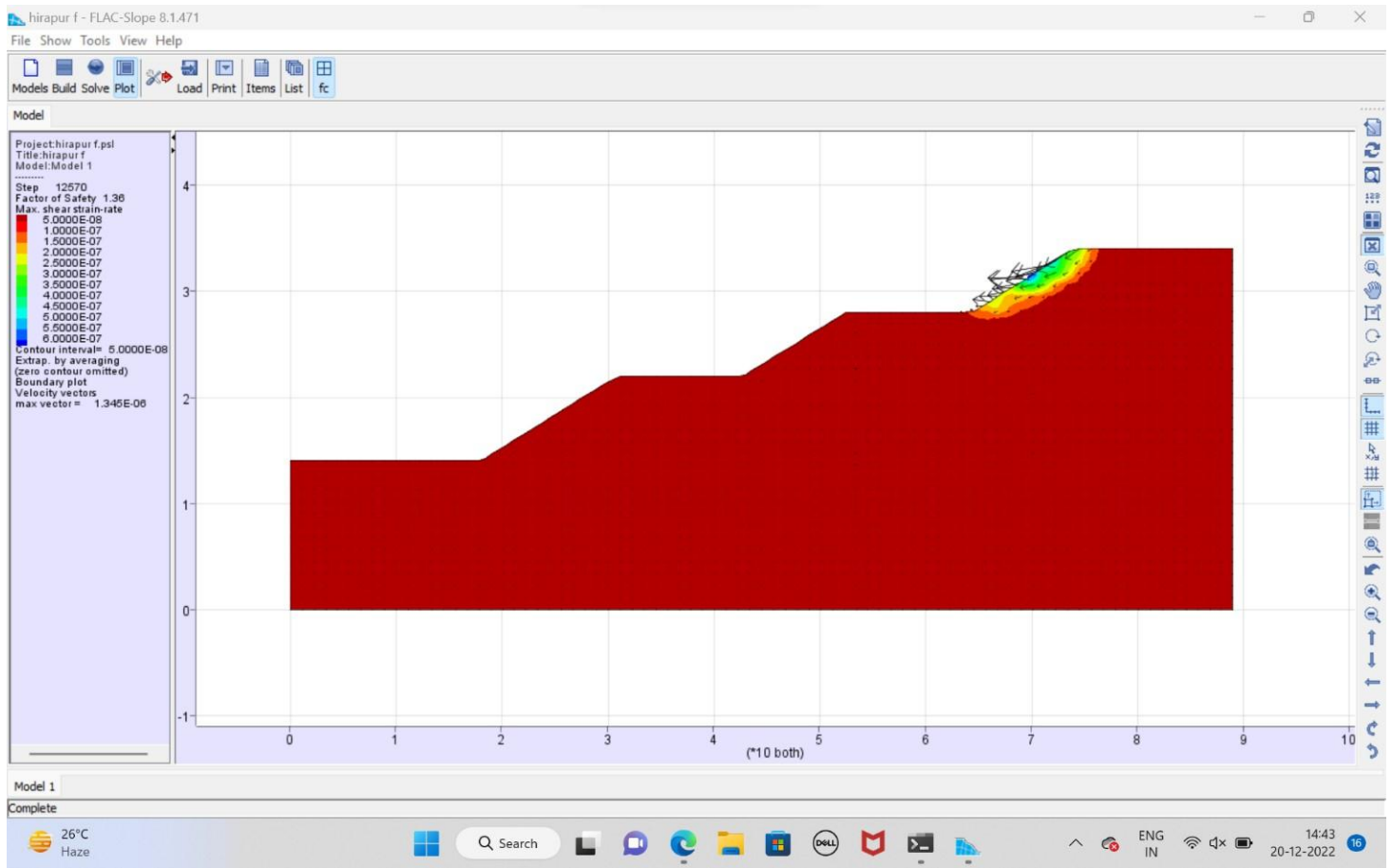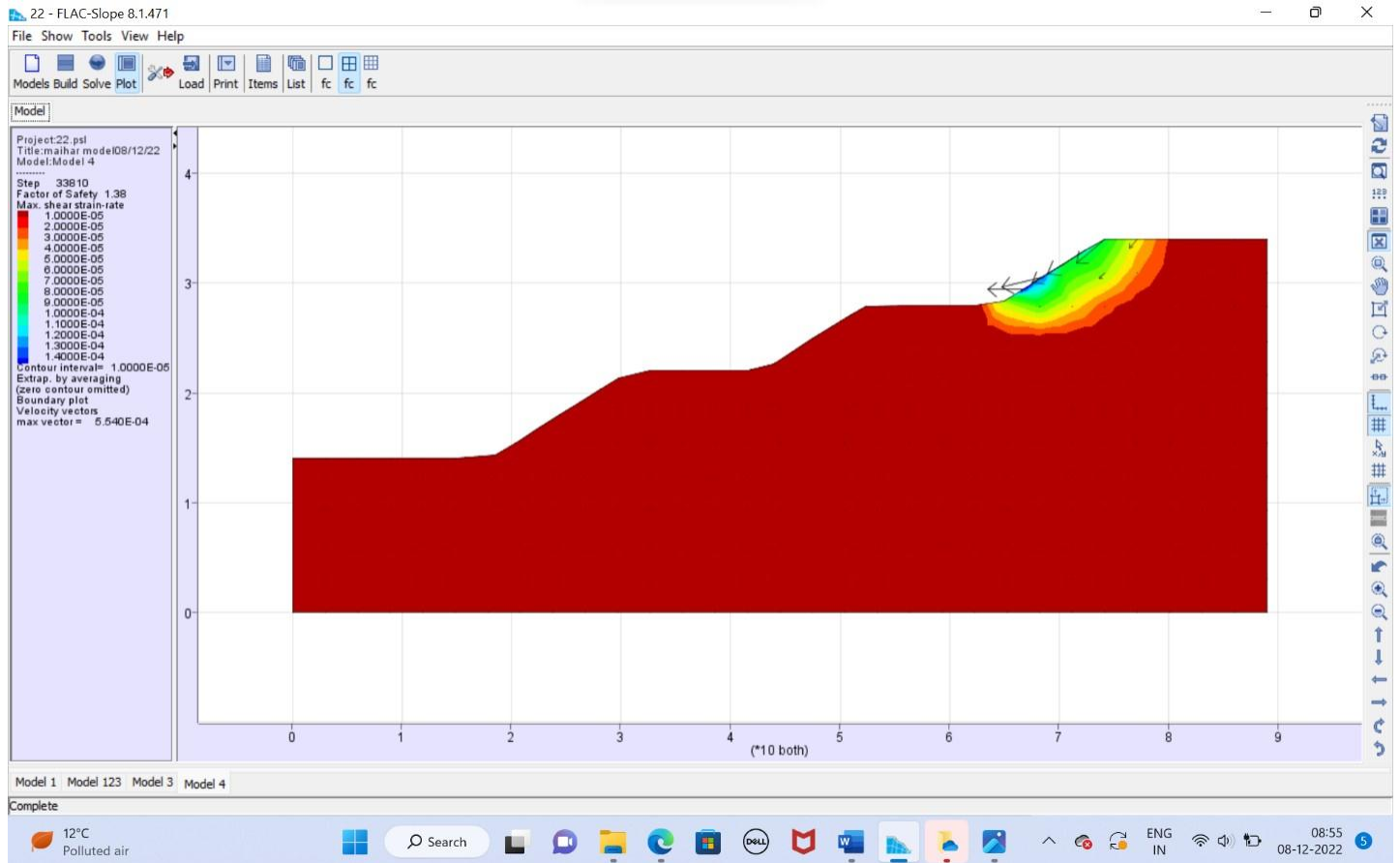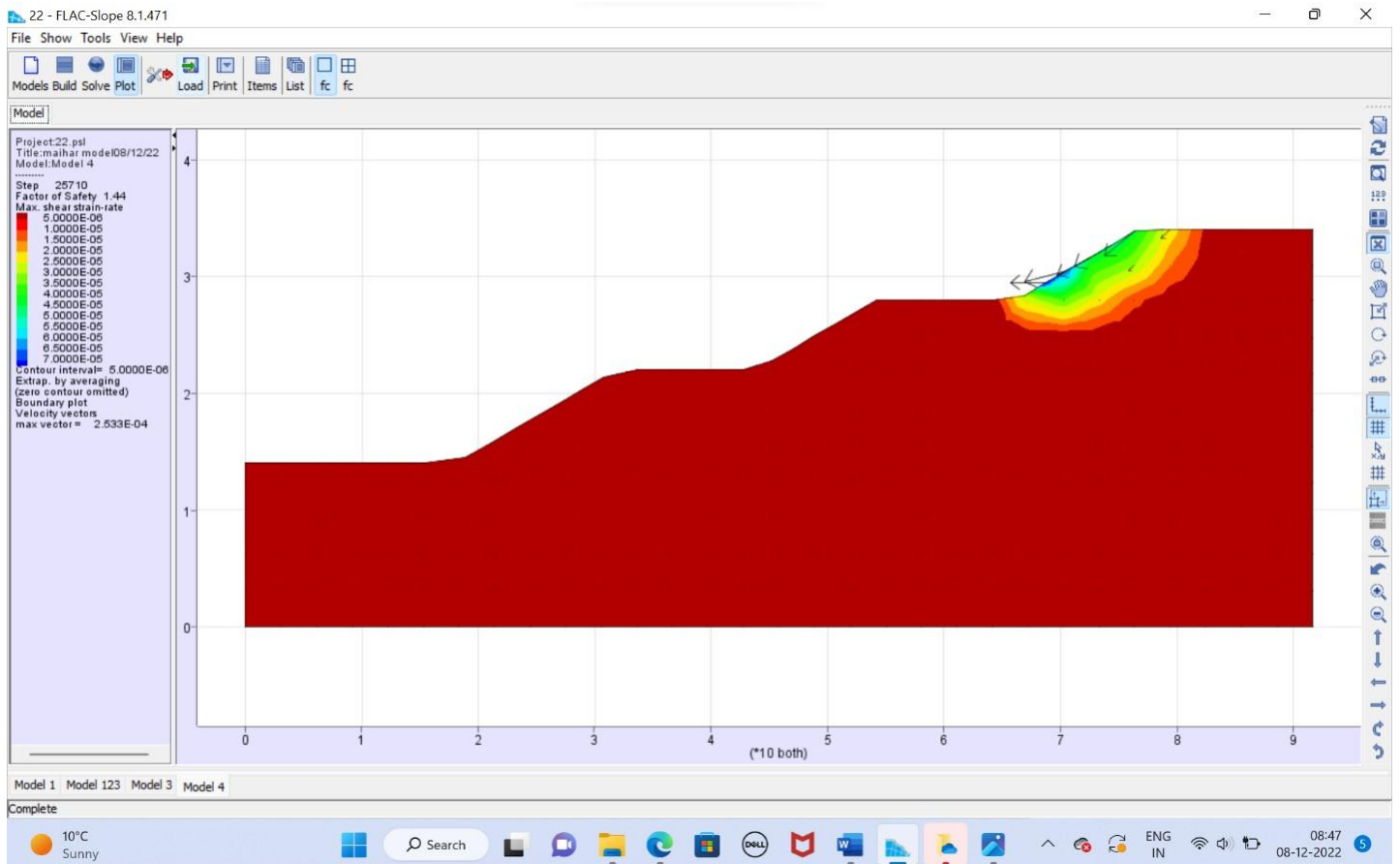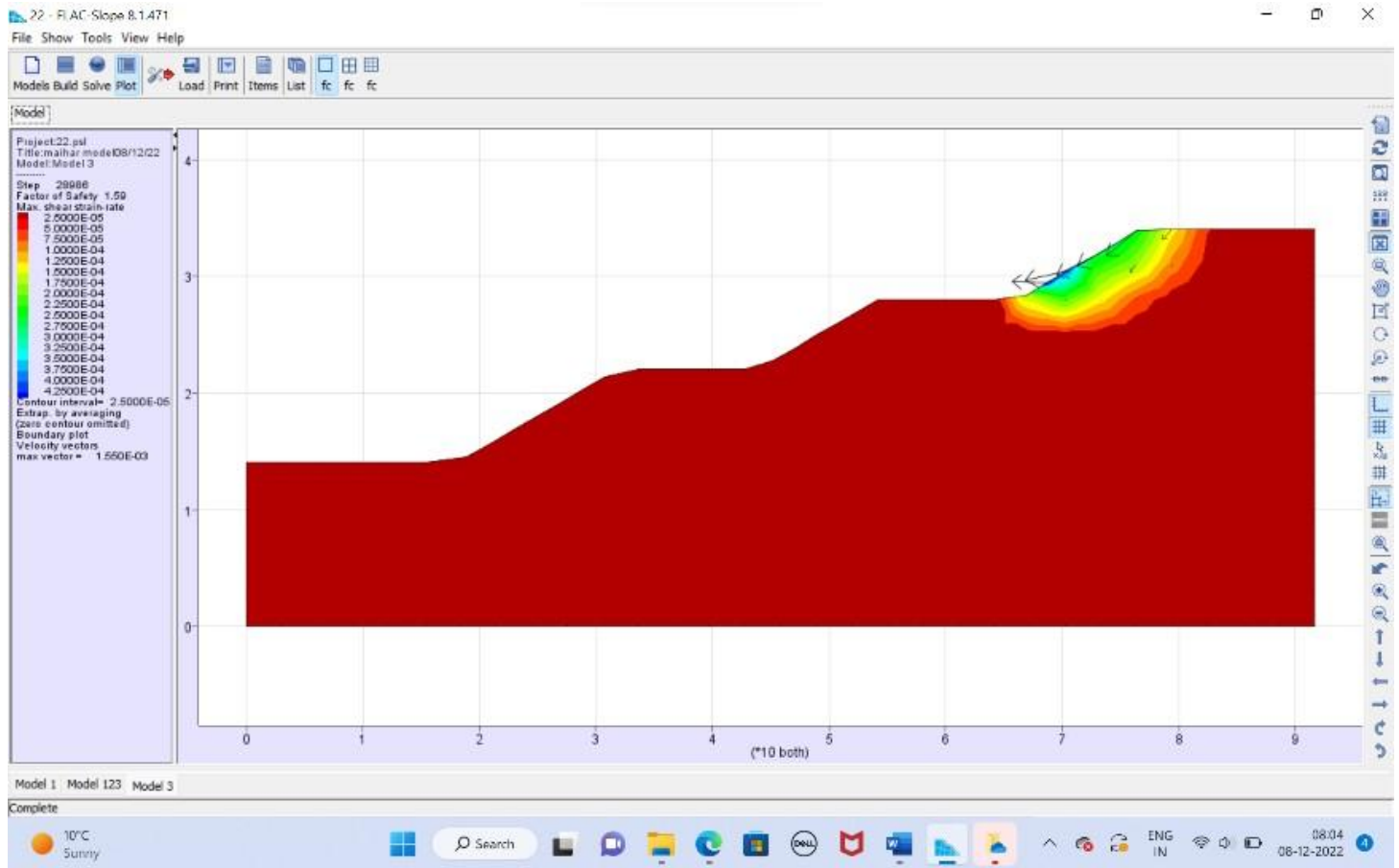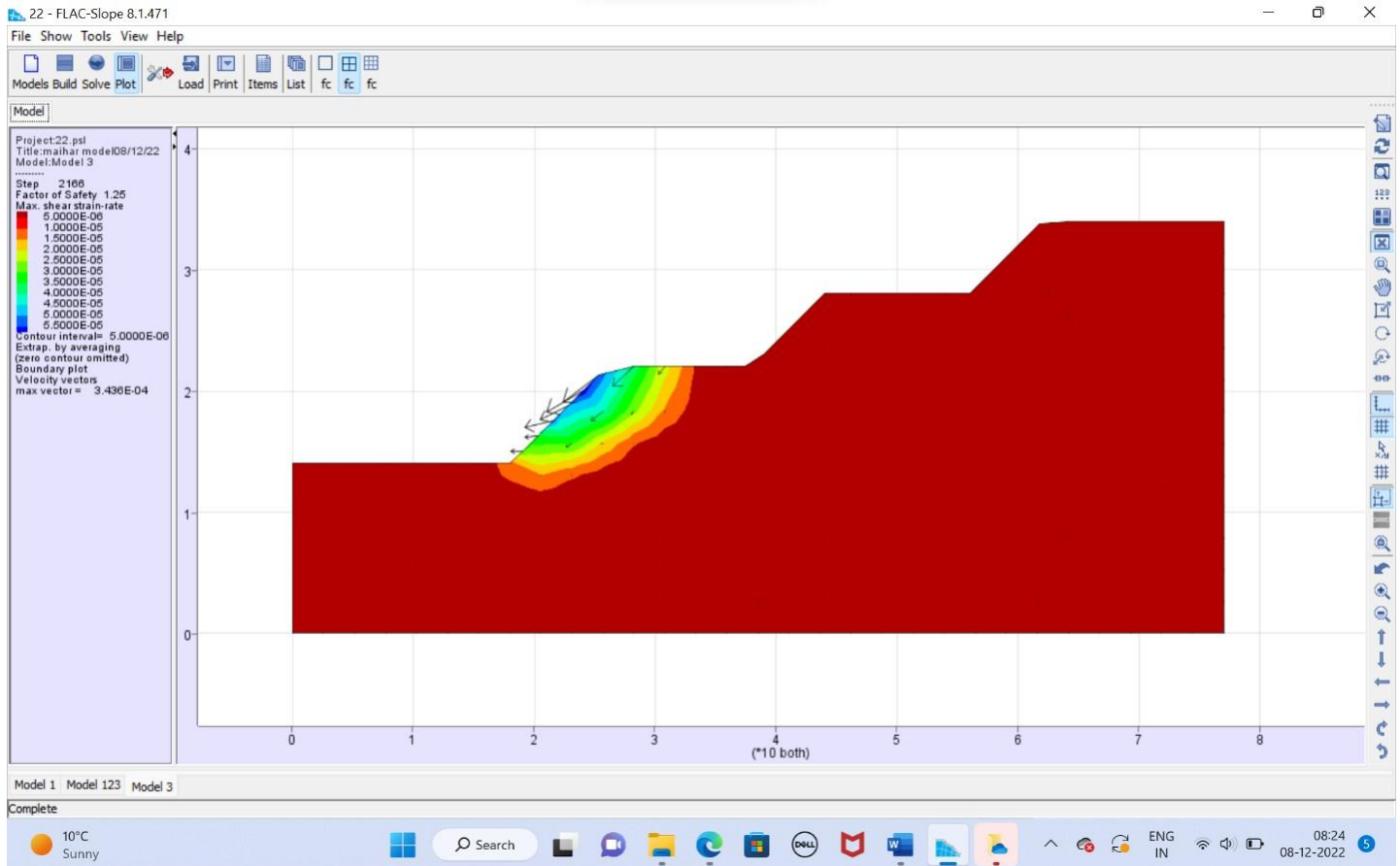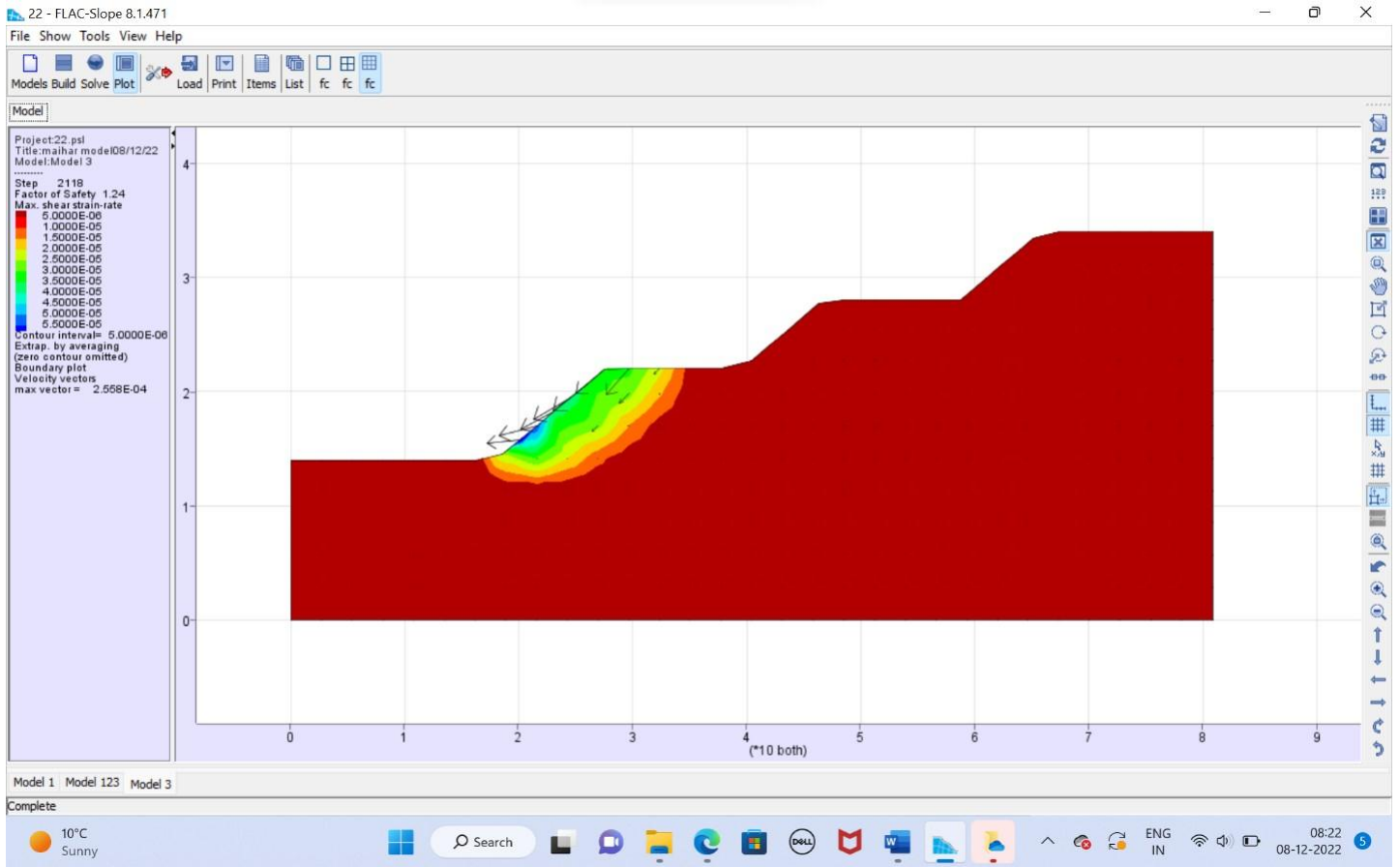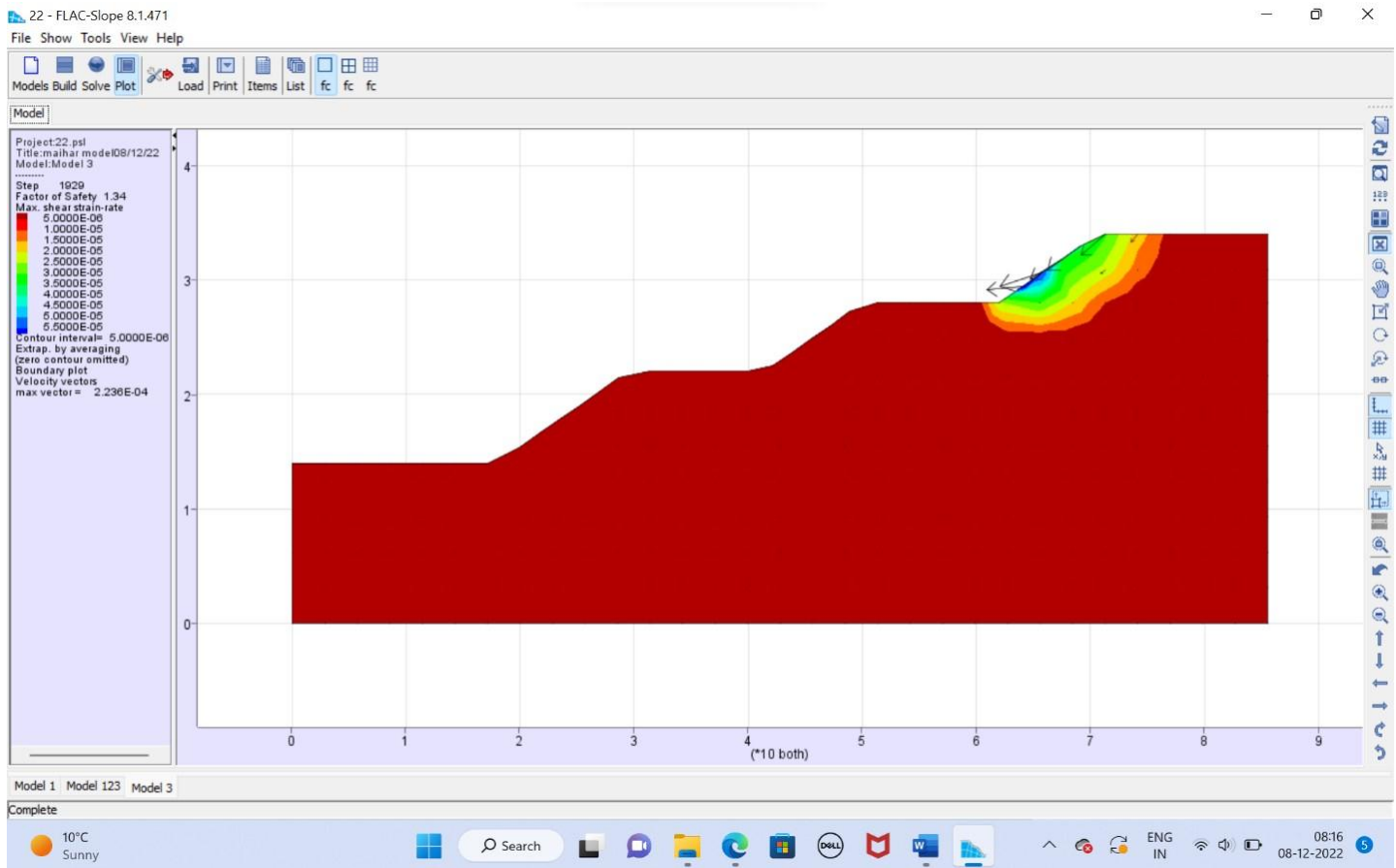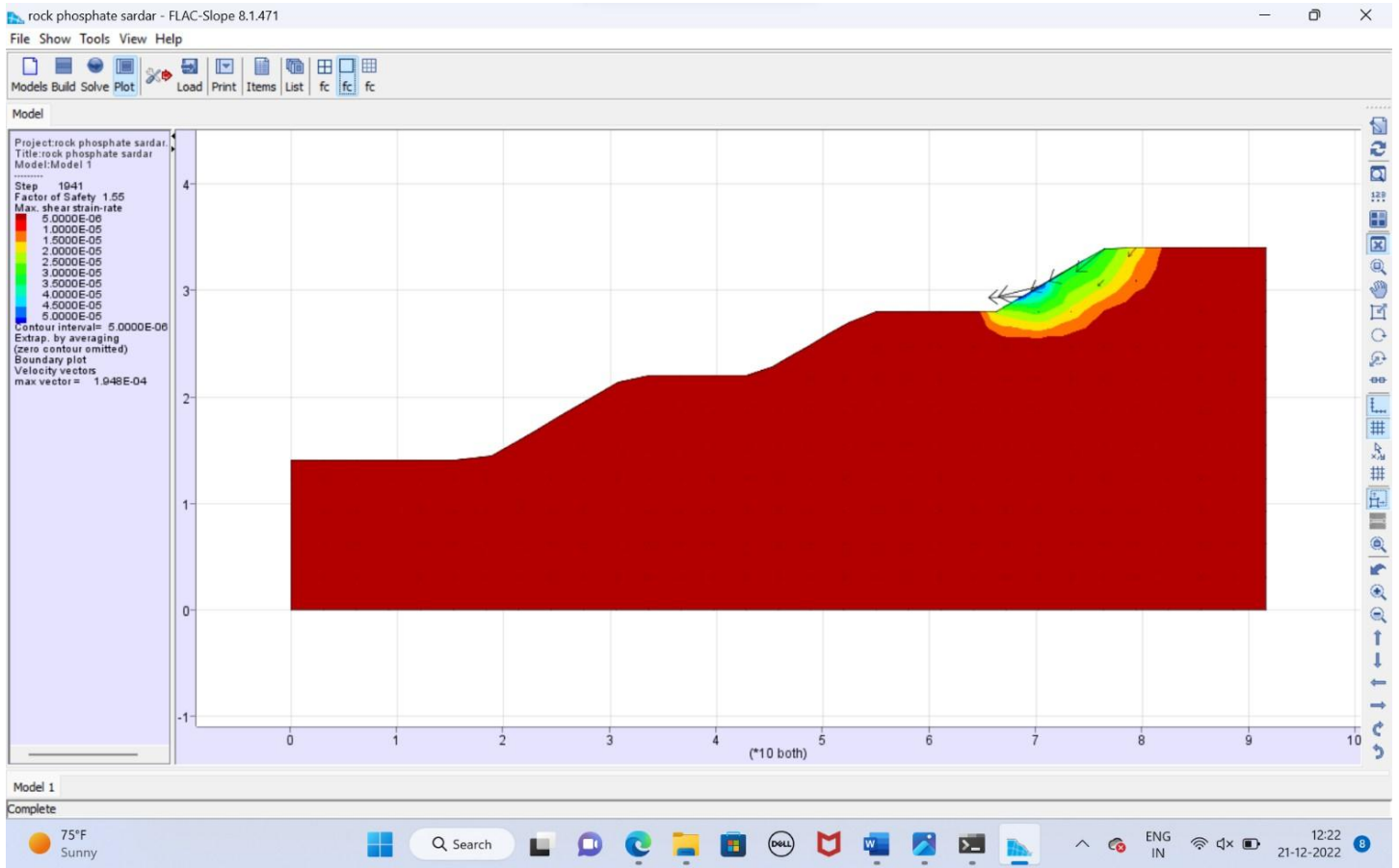
Figure 5.5Various proposed model created by FLAC.

CHAPTER-6
CONCLUSION &SCOPE OF FUTURE WORK

6.1 CONCLUSION

The Geology and Geotechnical parameters play a vital role in Pit Slope Design. The Study emphasizes the importance of a geology and geotechnical aspects in order to address the slope design in Bhadanpur, Piprahat Limestone Mine and Moddeora, Tigoda Rock Phosphorite mine whose stability is largely controlled by geological structures.

Parametric studies were performed via numerical models (FLAC/Slope) to investigate the variation of the angle of internal friction (30°-40° at an interval of 4°) and Cohesion (980-4800Pa) at an interval of 2000Pa) on F-O-S. also, Pit slope angle was varied from 30° to 48° at an interval of 5°.

Stable benches have been created maintaining the ultimate pit geometry. Majority of benches having touched the final boundary are strong and stable, primarily due to cutting of the ore by surface miners instead of conventional drilling and blasting methods.Considering the above-mentioned facts and the study of pit slope stability, the proposed Pit slope from the top bench to the ultimate pit depth is to maintain an angle of 50^0.

On the basis of above research and different results generated by different geotechnical data, slope angle and analyses by FLAC software the conclusion which can be made are of following types

1. According to the investigation, F-O-S fluctuates as we alter several parameters including slope angle, internal friction angle, and cohesiveness.

2. Calculating the factor of safety involves dividing the driving power by the resistance. As a result, FOS may rise or decrease depending on whether a change in resistive force results from any action.

3. The outcomes for the two pieces of software under the identical circumstances may be shown to be different. Because both researchers utilized different analysis methods for the slope monitoring, the results are varied.

4. FLAC calculates the FOS using the finite element approach.

5. When the meshing size, such as coarse, medium, fine, or special, is changed during the solution stage of FLAC, the FOS will likewise change.

6. Internal friction and cohesion both alter at the same time, changing the FOS outcome.

7. By doing changes in slope angle from $30^0$to 48^0, the F-O-S are in the range of 1.0 to 1.52.

6.2 SCOPE OF FUTURE WORK

Despite extensive study on slope stability, more slope analysis is necessary since slope failure is a major risk in opencast mines. In the future, in addition to FLAC, other modeling programmer like OASYS UDEC, GALENA, ANSYS etc may be utilized for planning and modelling slopes. Slope failure may also be predicted using regression analysis and ANN.

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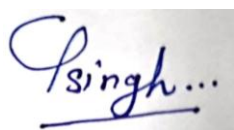
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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The production, storage and distribution of energy are among the main concerns of modern industry and society, The development of new solid materials for both electrolyte and electrode applications is creating opportunities for new types of electrical power generation and storage systems which may themselves, in turn, revolutionize many industrial areas. The use of alternative energy sources that generate electricity on an intermittent basis, for ex. Solar energy and wind power, requires low cost, high efficiency electricity storage systems.

Although, development of batteries for microelectronics is already very promising. Polymer electrolytes represent the newest class of solid ionics. The polymer electrolytes can be formed into very thin films of large surface area giving high ($100Wdm^{-3}$) power levels [1]. Proton conducting polymer electrolytes are important for electrochromic display devices and smart window applications (Singh et al, 1988).

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The future prospects for polymer electrolytes look promising because it has been appreciated that they form an ideal medium for a wide range of electrochemical processes.

1.2 Solid State Battery

A solid-state battery is an energy converter transforming chemical energy into electrical energy by means of internal electron exchange. The electron transfer is mediated by mobile ions released from an ion source, the anode, and neutralized in the electron exchanger, the cathode. An electrochemical power source or a battery consists of two or more cells connected, in series or parallel or both, to deliver required voltage or current or power respectively.

In solid state ionics, a solid state battery is a battery that has both solid electrodes and solid electrolytes. As a group, these materials are very good conductors of ions but are essentially insulating toward electrons, properties that are prerequisites for any electrolyte. The high ionic conductivity minimizes the internal resistance of the battery, thus permitting high power densities, while the high electronic resistance minimizes its self-discharge rate, thus enhancing its shelf life. The ideal solid-state battery should be based on one unique material in which three regions, corresponding to the ion source, the separator and the electron exchanger, are separated only by internal homo junctions. The conventional structure of the battery available today is shown in Fig.1.2 (a).

The materials constituting the electrochemical cell are the ion source (anode), the separator and the electron exchanger (cathode). The anode emits positive ions into the separator and supplies the external circuit with electrons obtained from the oxidation process. The ion-conducting separator is permeable only to the positive ions. The electron exchanger allowing the reduction process accepts electrons from the external circuit and positive ions through intercalation.

The discharge of the battery occurs when the battery is connected to an external load with the metal ion source as negative and the intercalation compound as positive. An electrochemical cell is then formed and the spontaneous oxidation-reduction reaction is a source of electrical energy.

When the cell is connected to an external load, electrons are extracted from the metal and flow into the external circuit. Positive ions are injected into the separator and diffuse toward the insertion material cathode. Once transferred into the cathode the positive ions are distributed near the surface to from a space charge layer. The quasi-Fermi level now depends on the distribution of charges in each material. A very thin layer of negative charge is formed at the metal-insulator surface to compensate for the positive charges distributed throughout the

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insulator. A space charge layer is formed in the semiconductor interface to account for the ion injection into the intercalation compound. The energy band diagram for a solid-state battery is represented in Fig.1.2 (b).
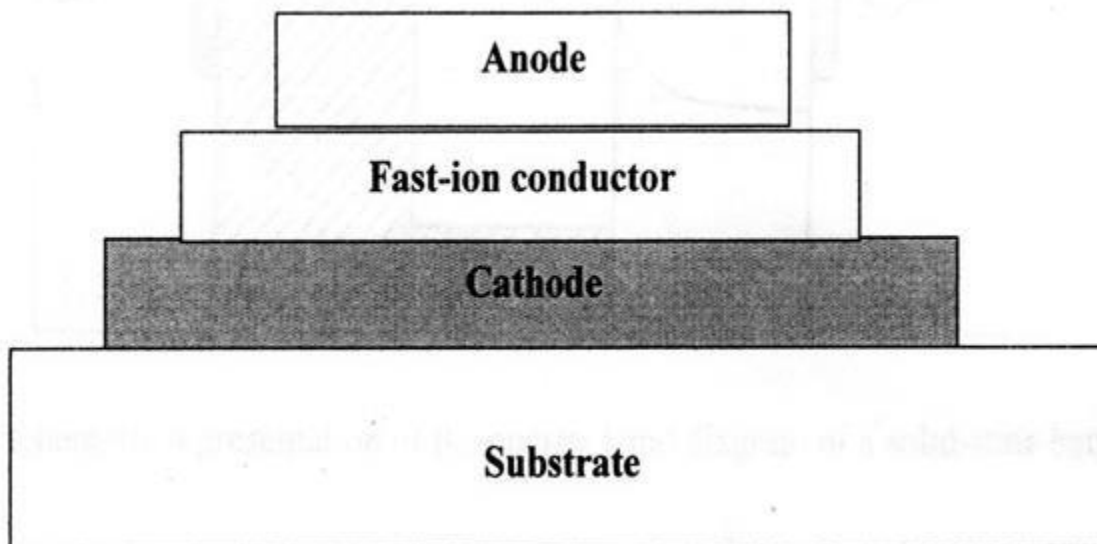
Fig. 1.2 (a) Schematic representation of construction of a solid-state micro battery.
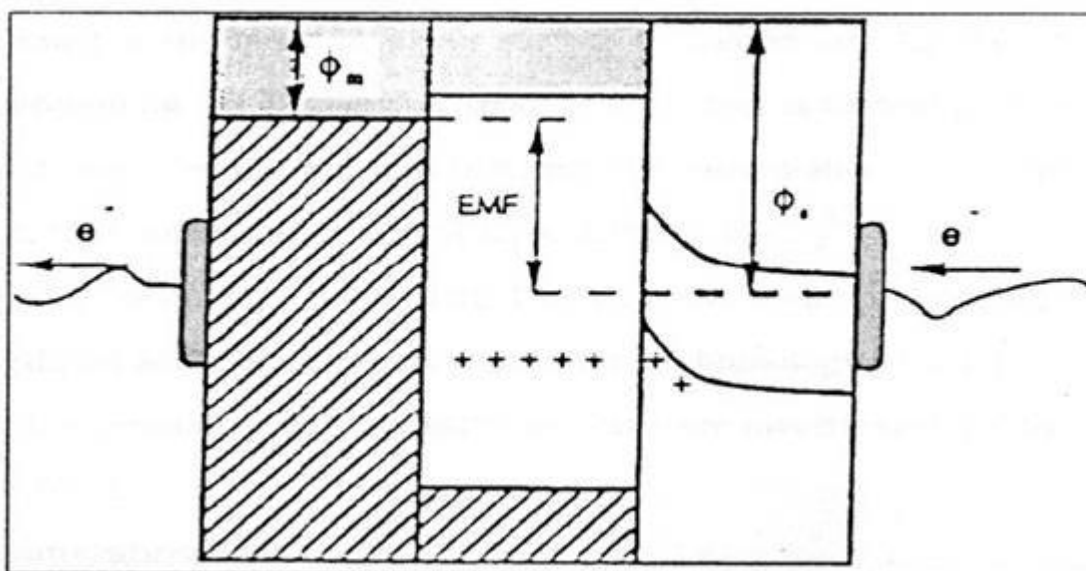
Fig.1.2 (b) Schematic representation of energy band diagram of a solid-state battery.

As the batteries can exhibit a high power-to-weight ratio it could make them ideal for use in electric vehicles as they are estimated to have twice to three times the energy density of existing automotive batteries [2].

1.3 Principle of Battery

An electrochemical cell consists of three components namely anode, cathode and electrolyte.

(1) **Anode or negative electrode:** Anode (negative) is a reducing electrode in which the electron is released during electrochemical reaction to the external circuit and gets oxidized.

(2) **Cathode or positive electrode:** Cathode (positive) is an oxidizing electrode in which the electron is accepted from the external circuit and gets reduced.

(3) **Electrolyte:** Electrolyte is an ion conductor and it allows ions to transfer between the anode and cathode.

The criteria for selecting the anode, cathode and electrolyte materials are as follows:

a) **Anode:** The anode should be a good reducing agent and should have good conductivity & stability.

b) **Cathode:** The cathode should have efficient oxidizing properties. The cathode materials should not react with the electrolyte.

c) **Electrolyte:** The electrolyte must have very high ionic conductivity and should have negligible electronic conductivity to avoid internal short circuit. The electrolyte should be non-reactive with the electrode materials. The change in electrolyte properties with temperature must be low.

On connecting the external load (L), the current begins to flow in one direction as the electrochemical reaction takes place. The electron leaves the anode by getting oxidized & flows through the load to the cathode and the ions migrate through the electrolyte to complete the cell reaction.

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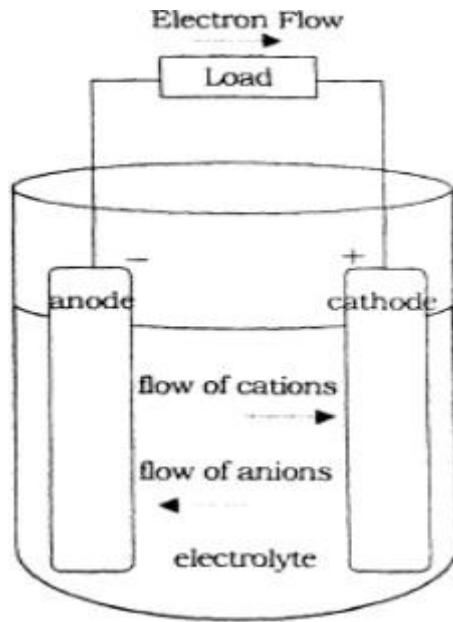
Fig. 1.3 Schematic design of the conventional liquid electrolyte cell

The schematic construction of the conventional liquid electrolyte (zinc-manganese oxide) galvanic cell is shown in fig.1.3.

Two electrodes, zinc metal and mixture of manganese dioxide are immersed in KOH liquid electrolyte. In KOH electrolyte,

$$KOH \rightarrow K^+ + OH^- \qquad (1.1)$$

The following reactions take place at Zn and MnO_2 electrodes respectively,

anode $\qquad Zn + 2OH^- \rightarrow Zn(OH)_2 + 2e \qquad (1.2)$

$\qquad\qquad Zn(OH)_2 + 2OH^- \rightarrow [Zn(OH)_4]^{2-} \qquad (1.3)$

Cathode $\qquad 2MnO_2 + H_2O + 2e \rightarrow Mn_2O_3 + 2OH^- \qquad (1.4)$

Overall reaction $\qquad Zn + 2MnO_2 \rightarrow ZnO + Mn_2O_3 \qquad (1.5)$
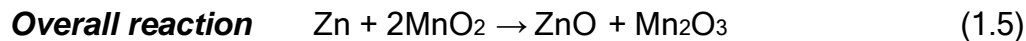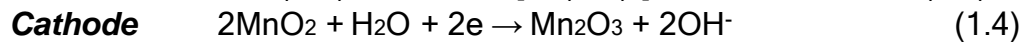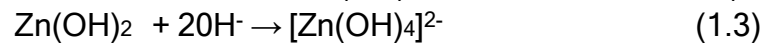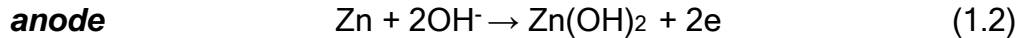
The structure of the galvanic or voltaic cell can be represented as:

Anode (Zn) / Liquid Electrolyte (KOH solution) / Cathode (MnO_2)

1.4 Battery parameters

The following battery parameter are used to determine the performance of the battery.

- **Open Circuit Voltage (OCV):** The potential difference between the two electrodes of a cell, terminals of battery, when the circuit is opens (no-load condition).

- **Current Density:** Current per unit active area of the surface of an electrode.

- **Discharge Rate:** The rate at which electrical current is drawn from the cell or battery.

- **Discharge Capacity:** The product of discharge current and discharge time taken for a particular drop in cell voltage (usually 60% of OCV) and is expressed in ampere-hour (Ah).

- **Energy Density:** The ratio of energy available from a cell or battery to its volume (Wh/L) or weight (Whr/kg).

- **Electric Power:** This is the product of cell voltage (v) and current (I) delivered to the external load of resistance (R):

$$P = VI = I^2R = V^2/R \text{ [W]}$$

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1.5 Classification of Batteries

Electrochemical cells/batteries are classified depending upon their capability of rechargeable as primary (non-rechargeable) and secondary (rechargeable). Further, it is classified into four types of structures or designs of batteries as follows [3-6].

1.5.1 Primary Cells or Batteries

Primary batteries are irreversible reaction cells that can be discharged once only. The main advantages of primary batteries are good shelf life, high energy density at low to moderate discharge rates, ease in use, a little maintenance, etc. Although large high capacity primary batteries are used in military applications, signaling, standby power, and so on, the vast majority of primary batteries are the familiar single cell cylindrical and flat button batteries or multi cell batteries using these component cells. These batteries are relatively inexpensive and are used in memory backup, photographic equipment, toys, lighting, etc. e.g. Leclanche battery [7].

1.5.2 Secondary or Rechargeable Cells or Batteries

Secondary batteries are reversible reaction cells, which could be discharged and recharged by passing current through the battery in the opposite direction. Secondary batteries are characterized by high power density, high discharge rate, flat discharge curves, and good low-temperature performance. Their energy densities are generally lower than those of primary batteries. Their charge retention also is poorer than that of most primary batteries, although the capacity of the secondary battery that is lost on standing can be restored by recharging. These batteries are known as storage batteries, accumulators, or secondary batteries.

The applications of secondary batteries fall into two main categories:

- Those applications in which the secondary battery is used as an energy-storage device, generally being electrically connected to and charged by a prime energy source and delivering its energy to the load on demand. Examples are automotive and aircraft systems, emergency no-fail and standby (UPS) power sources, hybrid electric vehicles and stationary energy storage (SES) systems for electric utility load leveling.

- Those applications in which the secondary battery is used or discharged essentially as a primary battery, but recharged after use rather than being discarded. Secondary batteries are used in this manner as, for example, in portable consumer electronics, power tools, electric vehicles, etc., for cost

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savings, and in applications requiring power drains beyond the capability of primary batteries.

1.5.3 Reserve Batteries

In a reserve battery, a key component usually the electrolyte is isolated from the rest of the battery prior to activation. The reserve battery design is used to meet environmentally severe storage requirements and is capable of long term storage. These batteries are used, for example, to deliver high power for relatively short periods of time, in missiles, torpedoes, and other weapon systems.

1.5.4 Fuel Cells

Fuel cells, like batteries, are electrochemical galvanic cells that convert chemical energy directly into electrical energy and are not subject to the Carnot cycle limitations of heat engines. Fuel cells are similar to batteries except that the active materials are not an integral part of the device (as in a battery), but are fed into the fuel cell from an external source when power is desired. The fuel cell differs from a battery in that it has the capability of producing electrical energy as long as the active materials are fed to the electrodes. The battery will cease to produce electrical energy when the limiting reactant stored within the battery is consumed.

The anode active materials used in fuel cells are generally gaseous or liquid and are fed into the anode side of the fuel cell. As these materials are more like the conventional fuels used in heat engines, the term "fuel cell" has become popular to describe these devices. Oxygen or air is the predominant oxidant and is fed into the cathode side of the fuel cell. A well known application of the fuel cell has been the use of the hydrogen/oxygen fuel cell, using cryogenic fuels, in space vehicles for over 40 years.

Fuel cell technology can be classified into two categories:

- Direct systems where fuels, such as hydrogen, methanol and hydrazine, can react directly in the fuel cell

- Indirect systems in which the fuel, such as natural gas or other fossil fuel, is first converted by reforming to a hydrogen-rich gas which is then fed into the fuel cell

1.6 Electrochemical Action

When the anode is connected to the cathode through an external circuit, the cell undergoes discharge. REDOX occurs: the anode material loses electrons (oxidation) and the cathode material gains electrons (reduction). For rechargeable batteries, applying a voltage in the reverse direction (from discharge) institutes REDOX in the opposite direction. In a battery, REDOX occurs only at the surface of the electrodes. A reaction involving the entire mass of both a reducing agent and an oxidizer would be either a fire or an explosion.

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1.6.1 Charge Cycle: During the recharge of a rechargeable or storage cell, the current flow is reversed and oxidation takes place at the positive electrode and reduction at the negative electrode, as shown in Fig. 1.6.1 As the anode is, by definition, the electrode at which oxidation occurs and the cathode the one where reduction takes place, the positive electrode is now the anode and the negative the cathode. In the example of the Zn/Cl_2 cell, the reaction on charge can be written as follows:

Negative electrode: cathodic reaction (reduction, gain of electrons)

$$Zn^{2+} + 2e \rightarrow Zn$$

Positive electrode: anodic reaction (oxidation, loss of electrons)

$$2Cl^- \rightarrow Cl_2 + 2e$$
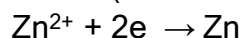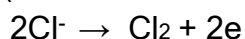
Overall reaction (charge): $\quad n^{2+} + 2Cl^- \rightarrow Zn + Cl_2$

1.6.2 Discharge Cycle: The operation of a cell during discharge is also shown schematically in Fig. 1.6.2. When the cell is connected to an external load, electrons flow from the anode, which is oxidized, through the external load to the cathode, where the electrons are accepted and the cathode material is reduced. The electric circuit is completed in the electrolyte by the flow of anions (negative ions) and cations (positive ions) to the anode and cathode, respectively. The discharge reaction can be written, assuming a metal as the anode material and a cathode material such as chlorine (Cl_2), as follows:

Negative electrode: anodic reaction (oxidation, loss of electrons)

$$Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e$$

Positive electrode: cathodic reaction (reduction, gain of electrons)

$$Cl_2 + 2e \rightarrow 2Cl^-$$
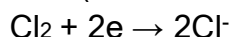
Overall reaction (discharge): $\quad Zn + Cl_2 \rightarrow Zn^{2+} \rightarrow 2Cl^- (ZnCl_2)$

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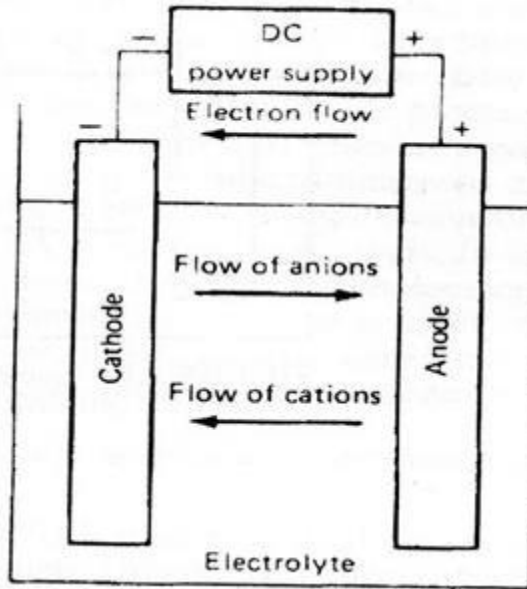
Fig. 1.6 (a) electrochemical operation of a cell (charge)
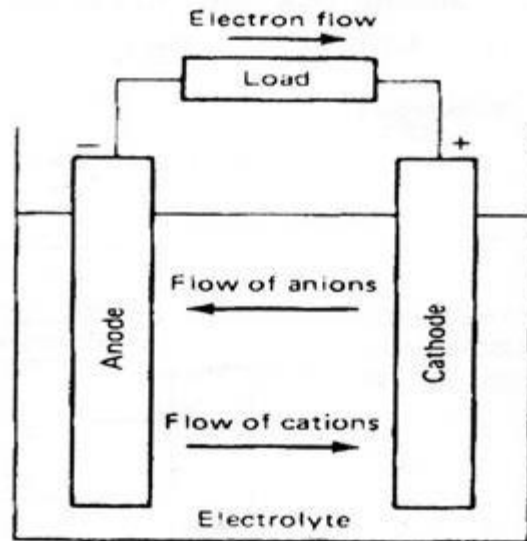
Fig.1.6 (b) electrochemical operation of a cell (discharge)

1.7 Major Consideration in selecting a Battery

A number of factors must be considered in selecting the best battery for a particular application. It is important that the selection of the battery be considered at the beginning of equipment development rather than at the end, when the hardware

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is fixed. way, the most effective compromises can be made between battery capabilities and equipment requirements.

The considerations that are important and influence the selection of the battery include:

- **Type of Battery:** Primary, secondary or reserve system

- **Electrochemical System:** Matching of the advantages and disadvantages and of the battery characteristics with major equipment requirements

- **Voltage:** Nominal or operating voltage, maximum and minimum permissible voltages, voltage regulation, profile of discharge curve, start-up time, voltage delay

- **Load Current and Profile:** Constant current, constant resistance, or constant power; or others; value of load current or profile, single-valued or variable load, pulsed load

- **Duty Cycle:** Continuous or intermittent, cycling schedule if intermittent

- **Temperature Requirements:** Temperature range over which operation is required

- **Service Life:** Length of time operation is required

- **Physical Requirements:** Size, shape, weight; terminals

- **Shelf Life:** Active/ reserve battery system; state of charge during storage; storage time a function of temperature, humidity and other conditions

- **Charge-Discharge Cycle (if Rechargeable):** Float or cycling service; life or cycle requirement; availability and characteristics of charging source; charging efficiency

- **Environmental Conditions:** Vibration, shock, spin, acceleration, etc. atmospheric conditions (pressure, humidity, etc.)

- **Safety and Reliability:** Permissible variability, failure rates; freedom from out gassing or leakage; use of potentially hazardous or toxic components; type of effluent or signature gases or liquids, high temperature, etc. operation under severe or potentially hazardous conditions; environmentally friendly

- **Unusual or Stringent Operating Conditions:** Very long-term or extreme-temperature storage, standby, or operation; high reliability for special applications; rapid activation for reserve batteries, no voltage delay; special

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packaging for batteries (pressure vessels, etc.); unusual mechanical requirements, e.g. high shock or acceleration, nonmagnetic

- **Maintenance and Resupply:** Ease of battery acquisition, accessible distribution; ease of battery replacement; available charging facilities; special transportation, recovery, or disposal procedures required

- **Cost:** Initial cost; operating or life-cycle cost; use of critical or exotic (costly) materials

1.8 Polymer Electrolytes

Polymer electrolytes represent the newest class of solid-state ionic materials; Polymer electrolytes normally possess conductivity values which are two-to three orders lower than for crystalline framework materials glasses and ceramics. However, this drawback is compensated by other distinct properties like thin film formation, good processibility, light weight, flexibility, elasticity/plasticity, transparency etc. The characteristic features of polymeric materials have been favorably exploited in the design of various electrochemical devices. The polymer flexibility has immensely solved the problem of electrode-electrolyte contact, frequently encountered due to volumetric changes in the electrode material during operation of the batteries containing crystalline/vitreous solid electrolytes. Ionically conducting phases based on the dissolution of salt in a suitable ion coordinating polymer are termed as polymer electrolytes.

Within a short span of three decades (1978-1997) this class of material has established its importance in the field of electrochemical Science and Technology. Though, Wright and co-workers [8] had reported the ion conducting properties of solvent free poly (ethylene oxide). Li salt system in 1973, a rapid growth in research and development ensued only after the Armond's seminal report in 1978 which highlighted the potential of these materials in energy storage applications.

1.8.1 Types of Polymer Electrolyte

Polymer electrolytes prepared from different type of matrix-hosts and dopant materials have different properties. Therefore, from the materials point of view they can broadly be classified into following four groups:

- Solvent free polymer electrolytes;

- Poly electrolytes and

- Solvent swollen polymer electrolytes

- Modified polymer electrolyte system

1.8.1 (a) Solvent free polymer electrolytes

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Solvent free polymer electrolytes are most common and constitute a major part of literature, which has appeared over the years. In this family polymer salt complexes based on poly ethylene oxide (PEO), Poly bis(methoxy ethoxy ethoxy phosphazene) (MEEP), poly alkylene sulphide (PEs) have been extensively studied in the recent past table1.1(a). In these polymer salt complexes, salts are introduced into the polymer matrix with aid of volatile co-solvent, which is later on stripped externally to form solvent-free polymer electrolytes.

1.8.1(b)Polyelectrolyte

Poly electrolytes, sometimes also referred as ionomers/polymeric salts, have self ion generating groups responsible for ionic conductivity, attached with the main chain of the polymer [9, 10]. These polymeric salts are usually prepared with the aid of acid based poly electrolytes like Nafion and Sodium poly (Strene sulphonate). Such electrolyte materials usually exhibit poor conductivity in the absence of added organic solvents on account of tight ion pairing as well as lack of structural mobilities [11]. Some important single ion conductors have been listed in table 1.1(b).

1.8.1 (c) Solvent Swollen Polymer Electrolytes

The lattice of few polymers like poly (vinyl alcohol), Poly acrylic acid (PAA) and Poly(vinyl pyrrolidone) swell up in certain aqueous/non-aqueous solvents. The dopant ionic solutes like H_3PO_4 and NH_4SCN are accommodated in this swollen lattice which allows ion motion in solvent rich swollen region of the polymer host. The first complex reported in this category was PVA-H_3PO_4 system with ionic conductivity~ $10-5 s.cm-1$ [12]. In these electrolytes the solvents are not easily squeezed out owing to the osmotic pressure working on the gels. These electrolytes can also be placed under the category "Physically Modified Polymer Electrolytes" owing to the presence of a third component viz. few epitomes of this class have been listed in table 1.1(c).

1.8.1 (d) Polymer gel electrolyte

The electrolytic forms of polymer gels are termed as polymer gel electrolytes or hybrid electrolytes [13-17]. Polymer gel electrolytes can be formed either on induction of ionic mobile specie through polymer solvent interaction or by formation of polymeric gels in electrolytic solution acid/salt. In fact, polymer gel electrolytes are composite system of polymer + salt +solvent [18]. Initially, the polymer electrolytes which were swollen in certain organ solvents were termed as organogels [19]. Table 1.1(d) lists few epitones of polymer gel electrolytes.

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Characteristic features of composite electrolyte systems the important features pertaining to ionic conduction are described below.

- Concentration of the dispersoid plays a crucial role in conductivity enhancement in composite systems

- The nature of dispersoid decides the order of enhancement in composite electrolyte systems

- The conductivity enhancement in composite electrolyte systems is strongly particle-size dependent of the dispersoid

- Temperature influences conductivity enhancement in composite electrolyte systems

- Preparation route is another significant factor that controls conductivity enhancement in composite electrolyte systems.

1.10 Properties for choosing solid state electrolyte materials

In solid-state ionic devices the electrolyte is the most important component. The ionic conductivity of electrolyte should be high at ambient temperature, so that the operating voltage of the device and internal resistance of the cell will be low. Electrolyte materials should have high ionic conductivity when compared with electronic conductivity of the material in order to avoid the self-damage of the device, thus resulting in a long shelf life. Ideal electrolytes show high ionic transport number as close to unity as possible. In a solid-state cell, chemical and physical compatibility of the electrolyte with respect to electrodes arid interfacial contact are of utmost importance. The electrolyte should be fairly stable under the ambient conditions such as temperature, pressure and humidity to facilitate mass production.

1.10.1 Physical and Chemical Compatibility

Solid-state device based on physical compatibility between two materials, is considered to be a crucial factor in determining the usefulness of the design. Forming a more desirable situation is, having one soft component that is able to flow between the harder grains and to form a good interface. In some cases a soft component may be added to enhance the contact, polymer electrolyte is used for this purpose [20-21]. If two

materials are to be in direct contact with each other, the most desirable situation is the thermodynamic stability. If that is not the case a layer of reaction product will be formed at the interface. This layer may block the ionic transport totally or it may be so thin that it leads to no appreciable extra resistance. The interesting property for battery use is the practical stability under realistic charge and discharge conditions.

All the above properties are a function of temperature. This is especially important in solid-state batteries since ionic conductivity increases strongly with temperature compared with liquid electrolytes.

1.11 Ion Transport

In ionic crystals, ion (positive and negative) are held together, through an ionic bond. If the crystal is perfect the net ionic transport can result only via direct cation-anion exchange which requires too high (~15ev). Therefore they behave like insulators. However, in practice, perfect ionic crystals such as Nacl, NaBr, KCl etc. show finite conductivity~ 10^{-12}S.cm^{-1}, which can't be explained on the basis of above mentioned process. It has been realized that such crystals process point defects viz. Frenkel or Schottky defects which lead to ionic conduction in these materials. Due to thermal agitation, ions sometimes receive enough energy for being pushed into an interstitial site or to a nearby vacant site. . When an electric field gradient is applied across the sample, the resulting electrical conductivity can be expressed by following general relation,

$$\Sigma = {}_i\sum n_i q_i \mu_i \tag{1.6}$$

where, n_i, q_i, and μ_i are respectively the concentration, charge and mobility of ith species of the carrier ions. The thermally generated charge carriers are predominantly Frenkal and Schottky defect pairs. Therefore in an equilibrium state, the number of objects is given by [21, 22]

$$N_f = (NN')^{1/2} \exp(- g_f / 2kT) \tag{1.7}$$
$$N_s = N \exp (-g_s / 2kT) \tag{1.8}$$

Where, the subscripts f and s stand for Frenkal and Schottky defects, g is the energy of formation, N and N' are number of normal lattice and interstitial sites respectively.

Ion transport in ionic crystal takes place by jump mechanism (vacancy, interstitial or interstitialcy). Assuming the Einstein model to be true the probability (w/per unit time for a given ion to jump from one site to another is given by,

$$W = v_0 \exp (- \mu\Delta g / kT) \tag{1.9}$$

Where, v_0 is vibrational frequency of the ions around their mean position in the potential well of barrier height Δg and corresponds to difference between Gibbs free energy of the ion at the saddle point position and that at the lattice site and is expressed as-

$$\Delta g = \Delta h - T\Delta S \qquad (1.10)$$

Where, Δh and Δs are enthalpy and entropy of migration respectively. At the thermodynamic equilibrium if no electric gradient is applied eqn. (1.8) allows equal number of jumps in both left and right.

As soon as the electric field is applied along x-direction, the potential seen by jumping ion gets modified and the jump probabilities in and against the direction of the field are altered as below:

In the direction of field $W' = v_0 \exp[\{\Delta g - (qaE / 2)\} / kT] \qquad (1.11)$

Against the direction of field

$$W'' = v_0 \exp[\{\Delta g - (qaE / 2)\} / kT] \qquad (1.12)$$

Hence, the number of ions per unit volume moving in the direction of the field is

$$N' = n (W' - W'')$$
$$\approx n (qaE / kT)W \qquad (1.13)$$

Where, it is assumed that $qaE < KT$. Here n is the total number of mobile interstitial ions of defect, pairs involved in the ion transport. So, the current density (j), defined as the amount of charge passing through per unit or per unit time, can be given by

$$J = nga$$
$$J = ng^2a^2 (WE / kT) \qquad (1.14)$$

Hence the ionic conductivity (σ) can be expressed as:

$$\sigma = J / E$$
$$= n (a^2q^2 / kT) v_0 \exp(- \Delta g / kT) \qquad (1.15)$$

Thus for Frenkel defects

$$\sigma = (NN')^{1/2}(a^2q^2 /kT) v_0 \exp[-h(g_f / 2) + \Delta g_f] / kT \qquad (1.16)$$

and for Schottky defects

$$\sigma = N(a^2q^2 /kT) v_0 \exp[-(g_s / 2) + \Delta g_s] / kT \qquad (1.17)$$

Apart from the above conduction mechanism governed by thermally generated Frenkel and Schottky defect pairs. Defect concentration can also be altered by impurity doping. However in superionic solids, the carrier concentration is extreamly large and

therefore, the energy of formation of defects (g_f and g_s) is negligibly small. Hence eqn. (1.15) and (1.16) are generalized to follow Arrhenius type equation.

$$\sigma = \exp(-E_a / kT) \tag{1.18}$$

where σ_0 is the pre-exponential factor[$\equiv (NN')^{1/2}(a^2q^2/kT)/v_0$] for Frenkal defects, : for Schottky defects,[$\equiv N(a^2q^2/kT)/v_0$] and E_a ($\equiv \Delta g$) is the activation energy.

The ionic transport parameters σ_0, μ and n in eqn. (1.6) are temperature dependent. Hence for system with single type of mobile species, the temperature dependence of conductivity can be expressed as

$$\sigma(T) = n(T)\, q\, \mu(T) \tag{1.19}$$

Where μ and n for Arrhenius dependence (activated process) can be expressed as

$$N(T) = n_0 \exp(\pm E_f / kT) \tag{1.20}$$
$$\mu(T) = \mu_0 \exp(\pm E_m / kT) \tag{1.21}$$

Where n_0 and μ_0 are pre-factors for the thermal variation in n and μ respectively, and E_f and E_m can be assigned as the respective energies for formation and migration for mobile species. For an Arrhenius dependence of conductivity eqn.(1.18) the activation energy E_a can be expressed

$$E_a = E_c \pm E_m \tag{1.22}$$

Ion dynamics in solids can also be understood in terms of diffusion coefficient D^*. From the Ficks (i.e. the amount of charge flowing in unit time through unit surface) is related to the concentration gradient (dN/dx) as follows:

$$J = D^*(dN/dx) \tag{1.23}$$

Where, D^* is the tracer diffusion coefficient and related to D, the simple conductivity diffusion coefficient by the relation

$$D^* = DHR$$

Where, HR is the Haven ratio [87]. The diffusion coefficient, can be related to the ionic conductivity σ by the well known Nernst-Einstein equation

$$D/\sigma = (kT/Nq^2) \tag{1.24}$$

1.11.1 Ion Transport in composite polymer electrolytes

Maxwell was the first to model for the conductivity of multiphase mixtures. Since then several phenomenological theories have been propounded to understand conduction mechanism in composite systems. In all the earlier models which were essentially meant for conductivity calculations of crystalline composites, the system was treated as a two phase mixture. In the model, he further assumed the current to flow through first phase material only leading to dominant contribution of first phase in the overall conductivity of composite even if volume of both phases are equal. Such a model is applicable when the volume of second phase is much less than the first phase material in such a way that the first phase envelops the second phase material. Since such a physi cal arrangement is not possible practically this model can be treated as ideal.

Subsequently Lichtnecker tried to explain the conductivity of composite system by considering both phases as active metallic mixture. On this assumption ax express in for resistivity ρ was obtained as

$$\rho_m = \rho_1^{x1} \rho_2^{x2} \qquad (1.25)$$

Where, ρ_1 and ρ_2 are resistivity of first and second phase respectively and x_1 and x_2 are their respective volume fractions. Validity of this model extends in the range where the conductivity of the two phases is comparable.

The later theoretical developments are listed below:

1.   Space-Charge Models
(a)   Jow and Wagner's Model
(b)   Discrete Shell and Screening Layer Models
(c)   Pack's Model
2.   Absorption/Desorption Model
3.   Resister-Network Model
4.   Percolation Model
5.   Concentration Gradient Model
6.   Morphological Model
7.   Improved Effective Medium Theory
8.   Mobility Enhancement Model

It should be noted that the mechanism of defect generation in this space-charge layer and its topological and chemical behavior have been renewed/rectified from time to

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time to either explain a particular set of composites or to provide a general theoretical basis for the conductivity behavior with second/dispersed phased concentration.

1.12 Development of solid state Batteries

The liquid electrolyte battery design is used to fabricate solid state batteries and also used to study the conduction mechanism, thermodynamics, etc. properties of the solid state batteries made up of solid electrolytes [3]. The typical structure of the solid state battery is represented as   M / MX / X   (1.25)

Where, M is anode, MX is solid electrolyte and X is cathode. The following reactions take place at the anode and cathode respectively.

At anode $M \rightarrow M^+ + e^-$ 1.26(a)

At cathode $X + e^- \rightarrow X^-$ 1.26(b)

the total cell reaction is $M^+ + X^- \rightarrow M X$ 1.26(c)
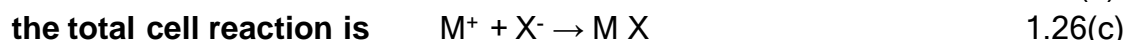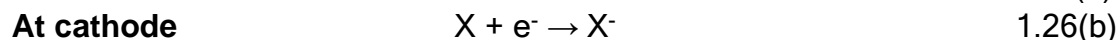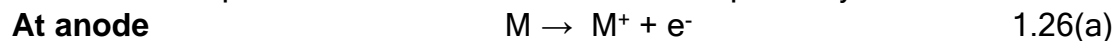
1.13 Review on Solid State Batteries

In the early 1950's, the work of Sator, Lehaovec and Vander Grinten marked the beginning of the development of solid state batteries as energy conversion device [23-25]. Most of these batteries were based on the silver halide electrolytes, since these are the only solid electrolytes that exhibit the best transport properties. Interest in this field has been renewed by the discovery of several highly conducting silver compounds at ambient temperature, which were achieved by the cation or anion substitution in the AgI lattice [26, 27].

In 1959, Weininger [28] reported the solid state cell $Ag/AgI/I_2$ and its open circuit voltage of 687 mV, which has a well correlation with the emf value calculated for the Ag/I_2 electrodes from the thermodynamic studies [29]. The internal resistance of this cell was found to be very high due to the low ionic conductivity of AgI at 298K and the polarization was more predominant during the cell discharge. Later, in 1964 & 1966, Takahashi and Yamamoto [30]. Fabricated the silver based high ionic conducting Ag_3SI ($\sigma = 10^{-2} scm^{-1}$) as solid electrolyte of the following type

$$Ag /Ag_3SI /I_2,C \qquad (1.27)$$

Cell reaction $Ag(s) + 1/2\ I_2(s) \rightarrow AgI(g)$ (1.28)
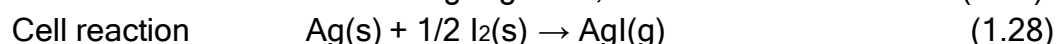
The OCV of the battery was found to be 675 mV against the theoretical thermodynamic value of 687 mV [31]. These cells showed low current density due to the electrode-electrolyte interfacial polarization. Owens et al had shown the actual cell

reaction, which was responsible to increase the internal resistance of the Ag_3SI battery resulting in fall of the OCV very fast as represented by the following reaction [32, 33].

$$Ag_3SI + I_2 \rightarrow 3AgI + S \qquad (1.29)$$

According to the equation (1.29), iodine electrode is not chemically and thermo-dynamically compatible with Ag_3SI solid electrolyte to form the cell. The use of sulfur as a cathode material in place of iodine resulted in low OCV 230mv. Hence, many high ionic conductors, as SEs, with different mixture of cathode materials have been synthesized and fabricated SSBs.

Owens & Argue [27] and Bradley & Greene [26] discovered high ionic conductivity of $0.26 scm^{-1}$ at 297K in the compound $RbAg_4SI$ with an electronic conductivity of $10^{-11} scm^{-1}$, which is best suitable solid electrolyte to be used in solid state batteries. The first solid state battery was manufactured commercially a1 the end of 1960 with $RbAg_4I_5$ electrolyte and Ag/I_2 as electrodes and OCV was found to be 687 mV at 298K, with a very low internal resistance [34, 35].

CHAPTER -2

EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUE

2.1 Introduction

The preparation and study of polymer electrolytes remains an area of frontier research and is influencing the modern and future technologies of solid state and electrochemical devices such as rechargeable batteries, fuel cells, super capacitors, smart windows and transport conductors, etc [42-44].

Study of solid state materials deals with almost all physicochemical experimental techniques applied to materials characterization. Characterization of solid state materials is most essential before deciding its application potentially in devices. The

important aspects of characterization are chemical composition. Compositional homogeneity, structure identification and analysis of defects and impurities influencing the properties of material under examination. Characterization of materials therefore, describes all those features related to composition, structure and other associated properties of a particular preparation of a material that would suffice for reporting the material with desired property. The characterization techniques can either be equivalently applied or with some modification to explore the molecular structure of polymer electrolyte and its correlation with ion salvation and ionic motion before testing its applicability in different devices. Various experimental techniques used in the preparation and characterization of solid polymer electrolyte can be classified as follows:

- Solution cast technique

- Sol-Gel technique

- Hot pressing technique

- Plasma polymerization technique

Among the different techniques mentioned above methods to present work be described.

2.1.1 Synthesis

2.1.1.1 Synthesis of composite solid polymer electrolyte

(a) Solution cast technique
(b) Sol-gel technique
2.1.1.2 Synthesis of electrodes

(a) Pressed metal foil electrode
(b) Vacuum evaporation
(c) Painted electrodes
(d) Spray pyrolysis
(e) Chemical bath deposition techniques.
2.1.2 Characterization

2.1.2.1 Structural characterization

(a) X-ray diffraction
(b) Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)
2.1.2.2 Electrical Characterization

(a) Transference number
(b) Impedance Spectroscopy
2.1.2.3 Electrochemical Characterization

(a) Cyclic Voltametery (CV) Studies

2.2 Synthesis of Composite Polymer Electrolyte

2.2.1 Solution Cast Technique

This is one of the traditional procedures for casting films of Solid Polymer Electrolyte (SPE) as well as Composite Polymer Electrolyte (CPE). In this technique, appropriate amount of polymer and complexing salt (in mol wt % / wt %) are dissolved separately in a common solvent (viz dimethyel sulfo-oxide, methanol, double distil water and acetonitrile etc.) The two solutions are them mixed together and stirred magnetically at room or at a slightly elevated temperature for sufficient time (few hour to few days) ensuing the salt complexation in the polymer host. For casting of Composite Polymer Electrolyte (CPE) films, micro/nano sized filler particles are added to mixed (polymer + salt) solution during stirring. The obtained viscous solution is then poured into the petri dishes for casting SPE/NCPE films through slow evaporation of the solvent. The thin film of uniform thickness~100-200μm can be casted by this method.

In the present study, firstly, the solid polymer electrolyte films with varying salt concentrations were hot-press casted. To identify the highest conducting films, referred to as Optimum Conducting Composition (OCC) to be used as 1st phase SPE host matrix for casting NCPE films by dispersing Al_2O_3-nano particles as 2nd phase dispersoid, composition dependent conductivity studies have been carried out. For MWCNTs-nano particles we make composite solid polymer electrolyte same as above process. SPE films (5wt % PVA in 1 mol NH_4SCN solution) exhibited highest room temperature conductivity and casting of NCPE films, as mentioned above. This technique is shown in fig (2.2.1).
2.3 Synthesis of Electrodes

Amongst the different techniques used for electrode formation, pressed metal foils are most common in electrical characterization of composite solid polymer electrolytes. There are few reasons for non applicability of other types of electrodes, such as use of painted electrode method or sputtering or high vacuum method as such techniques may adversely affect electrolyte properly due to diffusion of deposited metal / metal ions used (viz. Ag in silver paints). The paint electrodes are acid like chemicals which may degrade   polymer electrolyte further. The thermal evaporation technique requires high vacuum, which is difficult to achieve in case of gels.
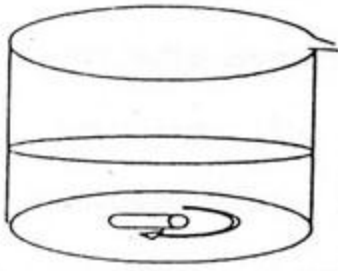
Solution of NH₄SCN salts in DMSO
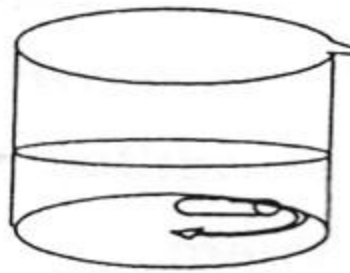
Solution of PVA in DMSO

Addition of filler and PVA solution in NH₄SCN salts solution
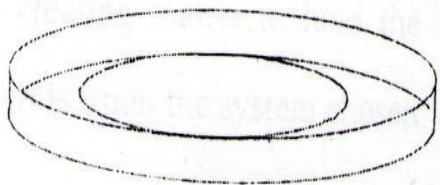
Viscous solution poured on PC Petridishes

Gel obtained in lump

Fig. 2.2.1 Synthesis route for composite polymer electrolyte

2.4 Design of solid state Batteries

Solid State Batteries (SSBs) are designed and fabricated with different cathode materials. The performances of these batteries are studied by measuring open circuit voltage (OCV), polarization and discharge characteristics.

Solid state batteries are fabricated in the form of anode/electrolyte/cathode. The anode and electrolyte layers together made into pellet and the cathode is prepared separately by grinding its components thoroughly and made into pellet. The anode/electrolyte and cathode pellets are sandwiched between the graphite discs and the copper foils pasted to the ebonite plates are placed over graphite discs. The construction of the battery is shown in Fig.2.2. The cells are then sealed with epoxy resin and stored under ambient conditions.

2.4.1 Polarization and Discharge measurements

The prepared electrochemical cell performances are studied through polarization and discharge characteristics. Fig. 2.4.1 shows the circuit diagram for the polarization and discharge measurements. In polarization measurements, various loads are applied and the current for each load is measured using the nanoammeter. The cell voltage is measured after 10 seconds of connecting the load.

The Voltage vs. time discharge characteristics are measured for a fixed load of high current density for all the fabricated cells of systems. The circuit is same as that for the polarization characteristic measurements. The discharge measurements are performed for a particular current density and the current is drawn up to 60% OCV of the cell.

2.5 Characterization of electrolytes

2.5.1 Structural Characterization

Any property of material can't be fully understand until its structural behavior is determined. Thus structural characterization is an essential and routine part of the materials research. Besides the structural characterization, Morphological characterization is one of the fast and routine investigations for polymer electrolytes to obtain important information
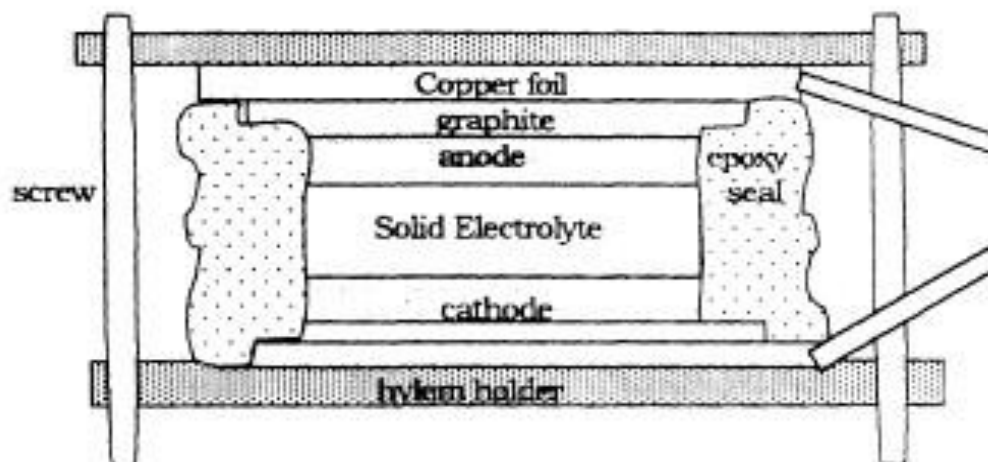
Fig. 2.4 Schematic representation of design of the battery
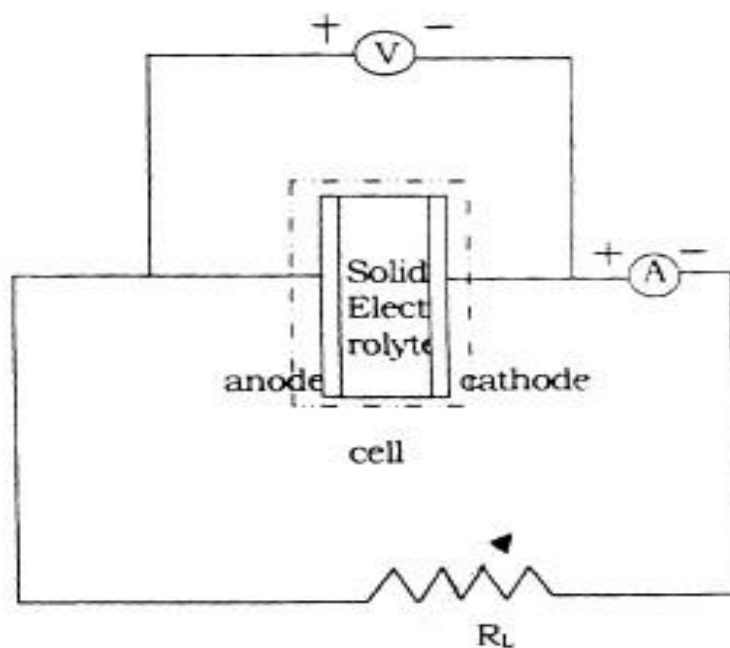
Fig. 2.4.1 Circuit setup for the measurement of polarization and discharge characteristics.

regarding association of structural units within two micro-structures. An overview of different techniques used in present study has been provided in following subsections of the dissertation.

2.5.2 Electrical Characterization

In solid electrolytes, ions are not fixed at the lattice points, are more or less mobile, Therefore, if there is no electric field across a solid electrolyte, ions are subjected to the Brownian movement, when an electric field is applied, however such ions moving about in crystal at random, migrate as hole along the direction of the electric field leading to ionic conduction. There are two different approaches in dealing with this phenomenon. One is microscopic approach based on atomic or molecular motion while the macroscopic

approach is based on overall concentration changes of the concerned species. Ion transport study encompasses transference number, mobility, ionic conductivity and dielectric studies

2.5.2.1 Transference Number

In polymer electrolytes both the cations & anions may be mobile. Besides this, if free electrons are also present in the system, they will also take part in the conduction process. Hence, it becomes mandatory to know what fraction of current is carried by which mobile species. This is referred to as measurement of transport or transference number. This measurement can be carried out using dc polarization and/or combined ac/dc techniques.

The transport or transference number t_i, is defined as the ratio of current generated by migration of ionic species, I_i to total current conducting species.

i.e. $$t_i = I_i / I_t \tag{2.3}$$

If we assume σ_i to be the conductivity due to all type of ions and σ_i the total conductivity encompassing ionic as well as electronic parts ($\sigma_t = \sigma_i + \sigma_e$), then the transference number can be expressed as:

$$t = \frac{\sigma_{ions}}{\sigma_{total}} = \frac{I_{ions}}{I_{total}} \tag{2.4}$$

and the electron / hole transport number ($t_{e,h}$) is expressed as:

$$t_{e,h} = \frac{\sigma_{e,h}}{\sigma_t} = \frac{I_{e,h}}{I_t} \tag{2.5}$$

where' symbol have their usual meanings i.e. $\sigma_{ion}(I_{ion})$, $\sigma_{e,h}(I_{e,h})$, $\sigma_t(I_t)$ are the ionic, electronic/hole and total conductivity (current) respectively. Ideally, for pure ionic conductors $t_{ion} = 1$ and $t_{e,h} = 0$. The transference number lies between 0 and 1 for mixed conductors with partially ionic and electronic conduction.

2.5.2.2 Wagner Polarization Technique

D.C. polarization technique was used for the first time by Wagner [1975, 1976] to determine transport number of ions and electrons separately. The experimental arrangement is shown as inset in Fig.2.5.2.2. A D.C. electric potential is applied across the sample sandwiched between two blocking electrodes and the current is monitored as a function of time. Some typical 'current vs time' plots are shown in Fig. 2.5.2.2. The peak

current obtained initially decreases rapidly with time due to polarization of mobile ions at the electrode / electrolyte interface, after words the current either approaches zero (for pure ion conductor) or attains a residual constant value (for mixed ionic/electronic conductor). The initial total current (IT) is either due to ions solely or as a result of combined ionic and electronic conduction, while the constant residual current is only due to electron conduction. From the 'current vs time' plot the ionic (tion) and electron (te,h) transport numbers can be determined using equations (2.4 and 2.5).

In present study, this method has been used to evaluate the total ionic transference number (tion) in different SPE/NCPE OCC films. In this method, the sample of thickness 'd', sandwiched between two graphite (blocking) electrodes, is subjected to an external fixed dc potential 'V' for sufficient long time. As a result, the mobile ions get polarized at the electrode/electrolyte interface. After attaining a state of complete polarization, the polarity of the external dc potential is reversed, as a result the polarized ion cloud instantly start travelling within the bulk towards the opposite end. The movement of ions constitutes a current which can be monitored as a function of time in the external circuit with the help of an x-y-t recorder (Graphtec, WX - 2300, Japan) or a DSO. The moment ion cloud reaches the other end, a sudden drop in the current value can be witnessed. The peak in the 'current – time' plot corresponds to the time of flight 'τ' for the ion cloud to cross the thickness 'd' of the film sample, as indicated in Fig. 2.5.2.2.
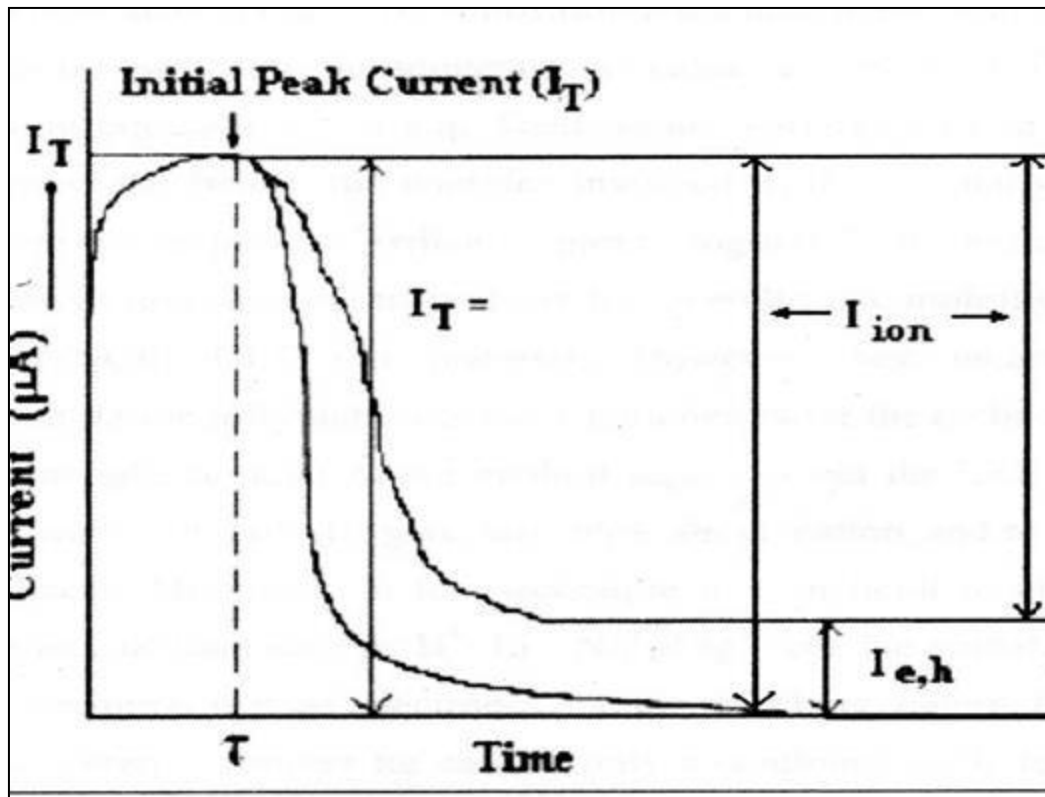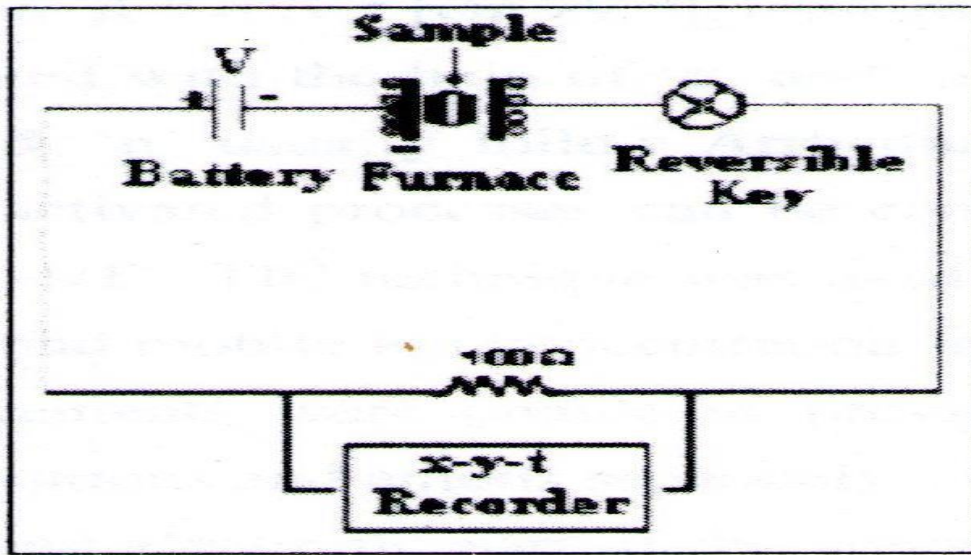
Fig. 2.5.2.2 Schematic experimental arrangement inset in dc polarization techniqwue and typical 'current vs time' plots.

2.5.2.2 Impedance Spectroscopy

Impedance spectroscopy gives range of information on electrical and other physiochemical properties of the material and interface with their interrelationship. Baureale [52] was the first to apply this technique for study of zirconia based solid electrolytes. In this technique impedance is measured over a suitable frequency range. The data obtained can be used to investigate the dynamic of mobile and bound charge in the bulk and interfacial region. IS encompasses the measurement of various inter-related complex entities like complex admittance(Y^*) complex impedance (Z^*), complex permittivity (E^*) and complex modulus (M^*).

Amongst these most complex quantity impedance can be expressed as:

$$Z^*(w) = Z'(w) - jZ''(w) \qquad (2.6)$$

where Z' and Z" are the real and imaginary part of impedance for a simple equivalent parallel RC combination

$$Z^* = R(s) - jwCS \qquad (2.7)$$

Instead of plotting impedance Z^* verses frequency real and imaginary parts of impedance are commonly plotted as parametric function of frequency. This plot describes circular arcs which are characteristic of cell under investigation each of the physical process taking place in an electrochemical cell would give separate semicircle provided their relaxation times are widely different. Theoretically five semicircles have been proposed. But experimentally only three semicircles are commonly observed shown in Fig. 2.5.2.2 (a) & (b). The complex impedance plots of few basics circuit elements and their elementary combination are shown in fig2.5.2.2 (c). In the present investigation, σ-measurements by IS was attempted initially on the newly synthesized sample materials using a multi-frequency LCR Bridge [model: HIOKI 3522-50, Japan] in the frequency range 1 mHz – 100 kHz. However, Z' - Z" responses were very ambiguous and not distinct enough to explore the value of true bulk resistance (Rb) of the sample materials. Hence, in place of frequency dependent Impedance Spectroscopy, σ-measurements on all the

samples was done at a fixed frequency (5 kHz). The experimental arrangement used for the conductivity measurements is already shown earlier in Fig 2.5.2.2 (d).
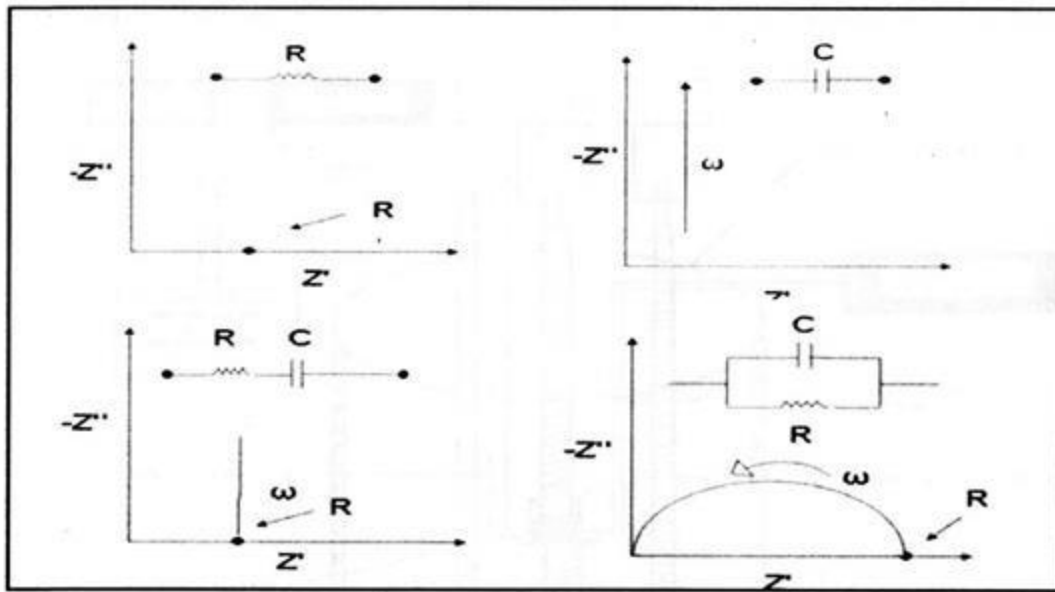
Fig. 2.5.2.2 (a) Some typical complex impedance plots for elementary circuit elements: R, C and RC series / parallel
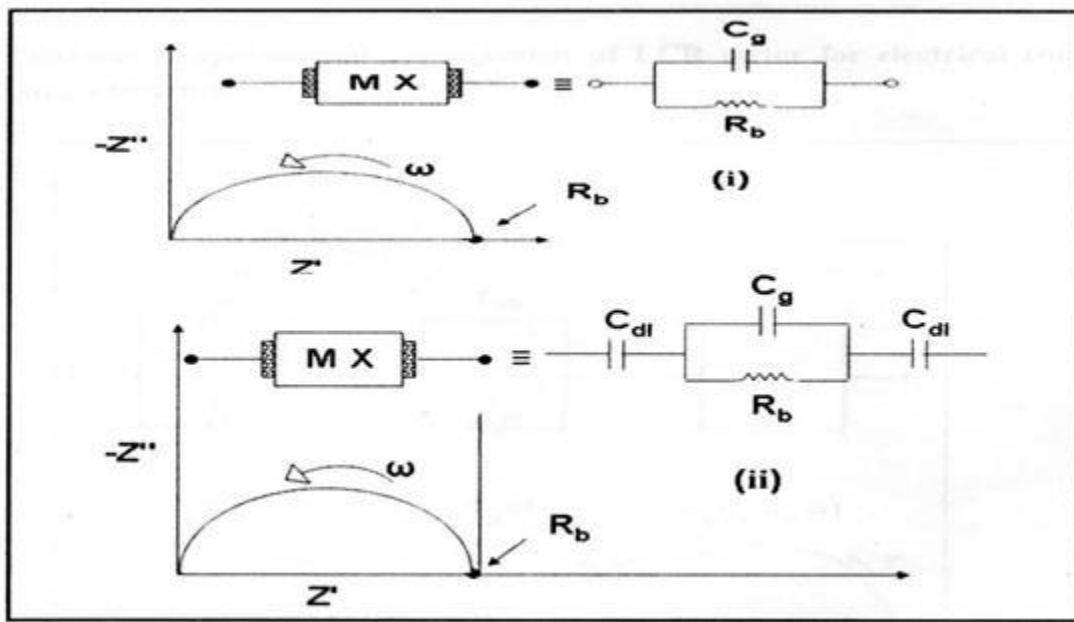
Fig. 2.5.2.2 (b) Typical electrochemical cells using: (i) non-blocking electrode and (ii) blocking electrodes and equivalent circuits along with responses in Z'-Z" complex impedance plane.
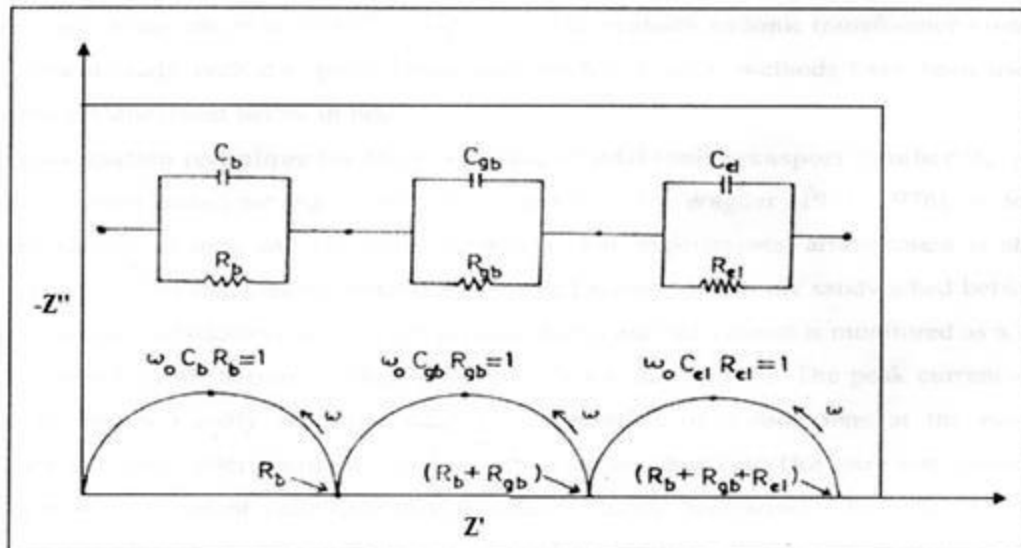
Fig. 2.5.2.2 (c) Generalized circuit network for a electrochemical cell and its response in the complex impedance plane.
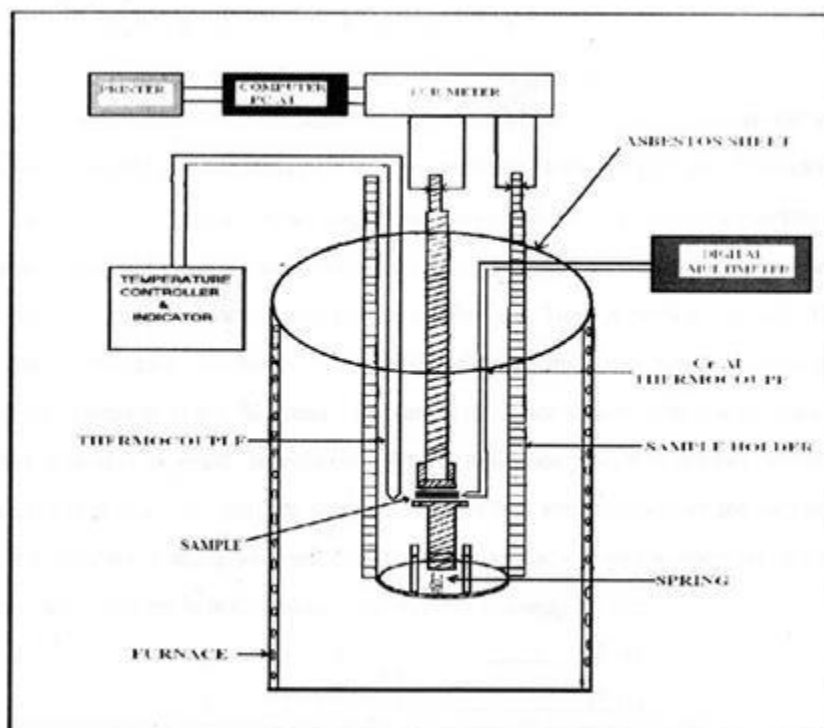
Fig. 2.5.2.2 (d) Schematic experimental arrangement of LCR meter for electrical conductivity measurements.

2.5.3 Electrochemical Characterization

The chemical diffusion coefficient describes the relaxation of compositional gradients to achieve a homogeneous composition. This quantity is important in the case of many phenomena of practical interest, e.g., for corrosion processes or the performance of electrodes in batteries.

2.5.3.1 Cyclic Voltammetery Studies

Cyclic voltammetry is a kind of potentiodynamic electrochemical measurement. Being a specific type of voltammetry, it is used for studying the redox properties of

chemicals and interfacial structures. For the majority of experiments the electroactive species is in the form of a solution.

The three-electrode method is the most widely used because the electrical potential of reference does not change easily during the measurement. This method uses a reference electrode, working electrode, and counter electrode (also called the secondary or auxiliary electrode). Electrolyte is usually added to the test solution to ensure sufficient conductivity. The combination of the solvent, electrolyte and specific working electrode material determines the range of the potential.

In cyclic voltammetry, the electrode potential follows a linearly ramping potential vs. time as shown in fig.2.5.3.1(a). The potential is measured between the working electrode and the counter electrode. This data is then plotted as current (i) vs. potential (E). As shown in figure 2.5.3.1(b), the forward scan produces a current peak for any analytes that can be reduced through the range of the potential scan. The current will increase as the potential reaches the reduction potential of the analyte, but then falls off as the concentration of the analyte is depleted close to the electrode surface. As the applied potential is reversed, it will reach a potential that will reoxidize the product formed in the first reduction reaction, and produce a current of reverse polarity from the forward scan. This oxidation peak will usually have a similar shape to the reduction peak. As a result, information about the redox potential and electrochemical reaction rates of the compounds is obtained.
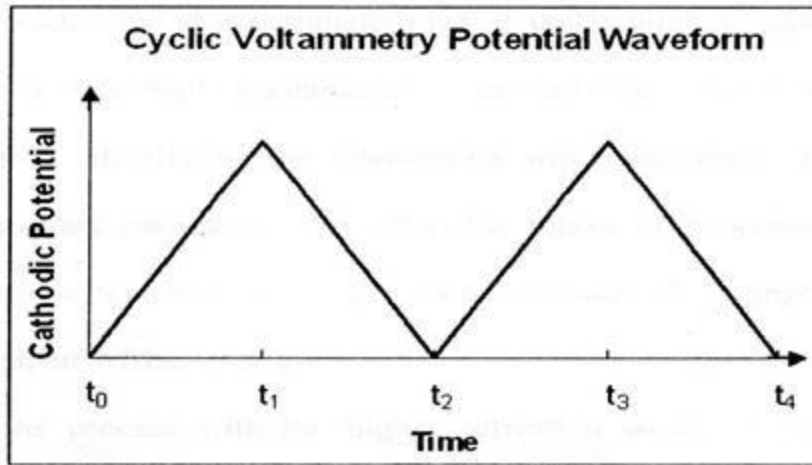
Fig. 2.5.3.1 (a) Cyclic potential sweep
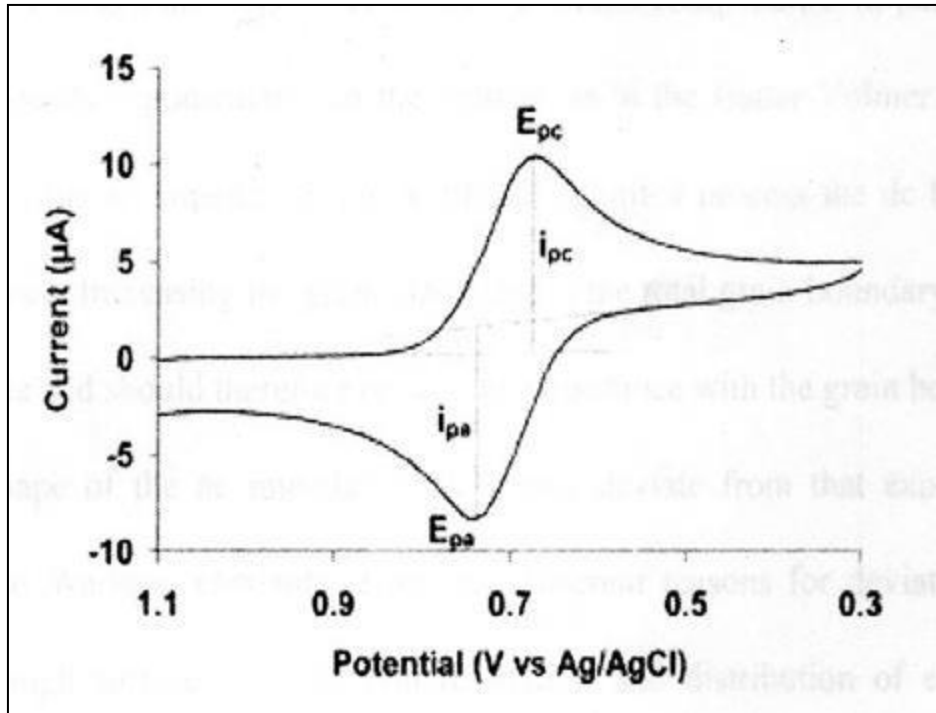
Fig. 2.5.3.1 (b) Schematic cyclic voltammogram

CHAPTER-III

STUDIES ON POLYMER ELECTROLYTES BASED ON SOLID STATE BATTERIES

3.1 Introduction

Solid State Batteries are becoming increasingly popular to their known advantages over liquid systems. The recent research activity in the field is concerned on providing a new electrical power source for certain applications like microbatteries in microchip integrated circuit devices, credit cards, pace makers etc [70].

Characteristic features of few solid state batteries which have been commercialized by different companies.

1. All solid state batteries in which anode electrolyte and cathode are solid. Generally they are small primary batteries operating at ambient temperature.

2. Solid electrolyte batteries with liquid metal and / or liquid cathode.

3. Ionic cathode batteries where cathode are being developed for use with the liquid electrolytes.

   The power sources can alternatively classified into three class.

a. High power batteries with capacity 50A hour for used in traction (locomotives) etc.

b. Miniature batteries of less than 2A hour capacity to power the hold devices like computer, pagemaker etc.

c. Micro batteries with capacity 200μA hour for application in microelectronic instruments.

Most of the research have been directed to development of type one rechargeable batteries possessing high energy and power density. Unaccompanying different types of batteries system the common battery contain solid-liquid-solid interfaces. All solid system

involves interface problem with crucible dimensional as stability. The interface problem has been taken care of to a considerable extent [32, 71].

All solid state polymer electrolyte Lithium batteries have high voltages and high energy density. The secondary solid state batteries using copper ion conductors have high rate capabilities [72]. But it is known as these batteries are easily damaged in humid atmosphere and thus it is difficult to confirm their high reliability.

Survey of literature on polymer batteries shows that most of the work reported on polymer gel electrolytes concerns development of lithium-based polymer batteries [73]. Proton conductors are equally important class of electrolyte materials due to their applications in fuel cells, ECDs and other smart devices [74]. Within the umbrella of polymer gel electrolytes, PVA is one of the prominent polymers because of its good solvent holding capability and wide temperature window [75]. PVA is also a proton conducting gel electrolyte with high ionic conductivity [76]. However, when most of the studied gel electrolytes are retained for a long period, exudation of liquid from gel lump occurs, which causes instability in device performance. As synthesized gel electrolytes of poly vinyl alcohol : dimethyl sulphoxide : ammonium thiocynate (PVA :DMSO : NH$_4$SCN) also show similar behavior with aging [76] which limits its utility in practical devices when operated over long periods. Therefore, with anticipation of better stability under ambient conditions such as synthesized gel electrolytes are usually doped with inorganic/organic fillers leading to the formation of composite gel electrolytes [77-80]. A similar approach has been tried in the present work to improve the performance of PVA : DMSO : NH$_4$SCN electrolytes by dispersal of nano-sized Al$_2$O$_3$ & MWCNTs filler particles. These systems are expected to drastically impede crystallization process in polymer based nanocomposite electrolytes and thus improve ionic conductivity, mechanical integrity as well as its electrochemical stability for long term use in electrochemical devices [81].

3.2 Experimental

3.2.1 Synthesis of Composite Polymer Electrolyte

In the present study, PVA (average molecular weight 124,000-186,000; Aldrich make), ammonium thiocyanate (NH4SCN), AR grade (s.d. fine chem make) and aprotic solvent dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO) (Merk Limited, Mumbai) were used for synthesis of composite gels. Al$_2$O$_3$ used in the study was obtained from Alfa Aesar, CAS Number: 1344-28-1 and the size of the particles was between 40 and 50 nm & MWNTs used in this

study was obtained from Aldrich, CAS Number: 308068-56-6, possessing average diameter 110-170nm and length 6-9 micron.

In the first step, PVA was dispersed in 1 M salt solution of NH_4SCN in DMSO in different stoichiometric ratios to form pristine gel electrolyte (PVA : NH_44SCN system). Composite polymer gel electrolytes were prepared by adding Al_2O_3 nanoparticles / MWCNTs in pristine gel electrolyte solution in different weight proportions followed by thorough mixing at slightly elevated temperature on a magnetic stirrer. The so-formed solutions were poured in PC petri dishes and covered with Al foils to avoid contamination. After synthesis, gels in the form of thick films were taken out and dried at room temperature for few a days to obtain stable gel electrolytes. The resulting gel films were stored carefully to avoid exudation of solvent.

3.2.2 Preparation of Electrode

Among the different techniques used for electrode formation, pressed metal foils are most common in electrical characterization of composite polymer gel electrolytes. In the present study, for cathode; graphite, venedium penta oxide (V_2O_5), ammonium thiocyanate (NH_4SCN) and poly vinyl alcohol (PVA) were taken in 1:2:2:2 weight ratio then mixed together and get the powder by using an agate mortar and pestle and then pressed to get the pellet. For anode, Zinc dust (Zn) and Zinc Sulphate ($ZnSO_4$) were taken in 3:1 weight ratio and repeat same process as cathode preparation.

3.2.3 Characterization of CPE

As synthesized composite gel electrolytes of (DMSO : NH_4SCN : PVA : Al_2O_3) & (DMSO : NH_4HCN : PVA : MWCNTs) have been characterization with the help of different experimental probes to assess their performance for device applications. The techniques have been enumerated below along with the parameters of investigation along with the conditions of measurement.

3.2.3.1 Conductivity Measurement

The samples were sandwiched between two platinum electrodes in a spring loaded sample holder and conductivity of composite gel electrolyte samples has been extracted with the help of Z' versus Z" data.

3.2.3.1 (a) Concentration dependence of conductivity

Agrawal and Awadhia (2004) have recently reported the effect of salt variation. It has been shown that complex formation takes place in the system, which tends to raise the conductivity of the system through greater dissociation of salts.

3.2.3.1 (b) Temperature dependence of conductivity

As the temperature of system is raised beyond 314 K, Segmental motion of polymer in polymer composite comes into play and starts affecting the conductivity, leading VTF nature described by the following relation:

$$\sigma = \sigma_{0exp}\left(\frac{-B}{T-T_0}\right) \tag{3.1}$$

Where σ_0 is the pre-exponential factor, B a constant related to activation energy and T_0 (T_g-60^0) is quasi-equilibrium glass transition temperature.

3.2.3.2 Electrical Characterization

3.2.3.2 (a) Wagner's polarization

This technique was used to assess the nature of charge transport and estimate ionic transference number.

3.2.3.3 Electrochemical Characterization

3.2.3.3 (a) Cyclic Voltametry

Cyclic voltametry is a kind of potentiodynamic measurement, Being a specific type of voltametry. It is used for studying the redox properties of chemicals and interfacial structures.

3.2.4 Fabrication of all Solid State Battery and cell potential measurements

In the present studies, all solid state batteries have been fabricated using SPE/NCPE OCC films in the following cell configuration, at as also mentioned earlier in Chapter 1 (section 2.4).

#1 Zn + ZnSO$_4$ | (PVA+Al$_2$O$_3$) polymer electrolyte films | C + V$_2$O$_5$ + NH$_4$SCN + PVA

#2 Zn + ZnSO$_4$ |(PVA+MWCNTs) polymer electrolyte films | C + V$_2$O$_5$ + NH$_4$SCN + PVA

Zn + ZnSO$_4$ (in the thin slice form) was used as anode and (C + V$_2$O$_5$) mixed with NH$_4$SCN and polymer electrolyte (PVA) as binder as cathode. The details on the preparation of active electrodes have been discussed later in Chapter 3. The Open Circuit Voltage (OCV) values were measured and compared with the theoretical values. The cell performances of the batteries have been tested under varying load conditions. All the cell

potential measurements were done with a high impedance multi display digital multimeter. Some important cell parameters have been calculated from the plateau region of the cell potential discharge profiles. Following basic cell parameters have been evaluated:

- Electric Power : $P = VI = I^2R = V^2/R$ [W]

- Electric Energy : $E = VI.t = qV$ [Wh]

- Current Density : $J = I/A$ [Amp/cm2]

- Discharge Capacity : Current × Discharge Time [Ah]

- Energy density (or Volume Capacity): Electric Energy/ Battery Volume [Wh/ cc]

- Specific Energy (or Weight Capacity): Electric Energy/ Battery Weight [Wh/ kg]

- Specific Power : Electric Power/ Battery Weight [W/ kg]

3.3 Result and Discussion

3.3.1 Conductivity Measurement

3.3.1.1 Concentration dependence of conductivity

Fig. 3.3.1.1 (a) shows the effect of salt concentration on ionic conductivity of Al_2O_3 nano particles filled PVA : NH_4SCN : DMSO polymer gel electrolytes. Agrawal and Awadhia (2004) have recently reported the effect of salt variation on ionic conductivity of DMSO : NH_4SCN : PVA gel electrolytes. It has been shown that complex formation takes place in the system, which tends to raise the conductivity of the system through greater dissociation of salts. Upon dispersal of 4 wt% Al_2O_3 nanoparticles in pristine gel electrolyte to form nanocomposite gel electrolyte, the bulk conductivity is seen to rise with salt molarity and attain an optimum at 1 M salt concentration. This conductivity behaviour corresponds to that for liquid electrolyte although the magnitude is lower for optimum conductivity (Patel et al 2007). This correspondence of conductivity response reflects the presence of trapped liquid electrolyte within polymer matrix, which affects the conductivity of composite system. It has been shown that addition of Al_2O_3 nanoparticles in pristine

electrolytes, they get entrapped within the chains in the pores. This affects the solvent holding capacity of matrix electrolyte and hence the conductivity. Thus, when the polymer and nano filler components are present in a composite gel system, the polymer matrix not only works as stiffener but also affects ionic conduction. At lower concentrations of salt, full dissociations of salt into respective ions may be considered and there is nothing to be dissociated by the polymer. Therefore as the concentration of salt enhances concentration of free ions increases and so the conductivity increases in accordance with the relation:

$$\sigma = nq\mu, \qquad\qquad (3.2)$$

where q represents the charge of mobile carrier, n the charge carrier concentration and μ the carrier mobility.

Increase in the amount of salt content leads to increase in fraction of undissociated salt in gel solution. However, the polymer-salt interaction, as reported earlier (Awadhia and

Agrawal 2007). This intantamount to higher conductivity values in accordance with relation (3.2). For very high salt contents (> 1 M concentration) dissociation of salt by polymer is restricted by further increase in fraction of undissociated salt in gel solution, which raises the viscosity of gel system and hence conductivity decreases. Figure 3.2.1.1 (b) shows the role of Al_2O_3 nanoparticles concentration on ionic conduction of polymer gel electrolytes. In the presence of filler, conductivity is seen to increase by an order of magnitude. Closer examination of conductivity behaviour shows two maximas, one around 2 wt% and the other around 6 wt% filler concentration a feature typical of nanocomposite polymer gel electrolytes (Pandey et al 2008). A flattening in conductivity response is noticed beyond 2 wt% Al_2O_3 contents. This can be associated to the fact that all the salt has been dissociated and so charge carrier concentration is limited. In situations when there is very large quantity of nanoparticles (beyond 6 wt%) present in the composite system, agglomeration of these nanoparticles takes place, which leads to decrease in conductivity due to creation of tortuous pathways for mobile ions. Another factor that can be associated with the fall in conductivity beyond 6 wt% filler

(b)

Concentration of MWNTs in dried pristine gel electrolyte (wt%)
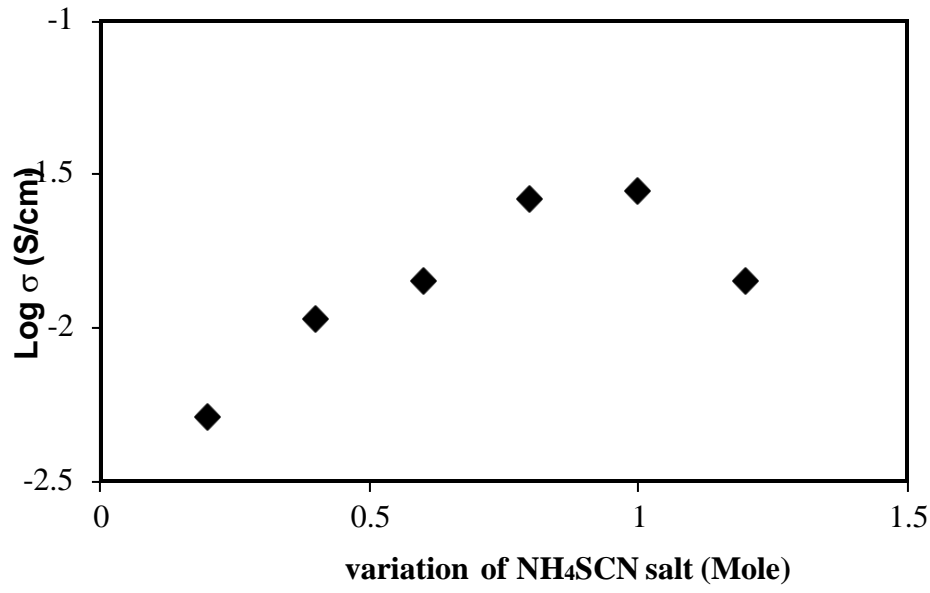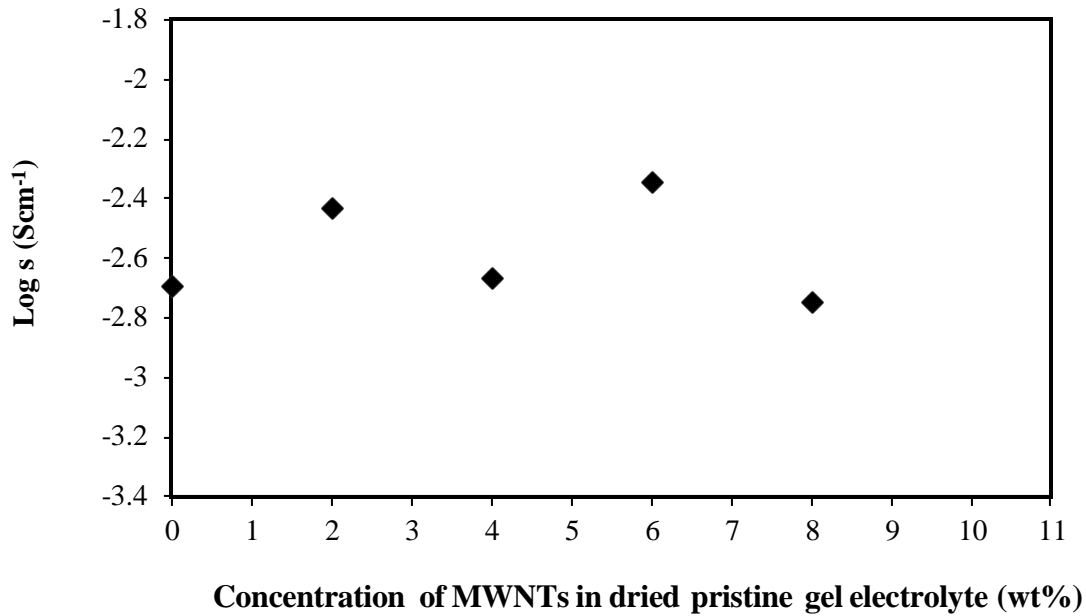
(c)

Fig. 3.2.1.1 (b) Variation of conductivity of polymer nanocomposite gel electrolytes with Al$_2$O$_3$ filler concentration.
(c) Variation of conductivity of nano composite gel electrolyte with MWCNTs filler concentration.

content is the increase in microscopic viscosity of the composite system. Thus, an optimum in conductivity was found (5·81 × 10^{-2} S/cm) for 6 wt% of Al2O3 nanoparticles.

Figure 3.2.1.1 (c) shows the effect of dispersal of MWNT on the ion conduction properties of PNCEF mats. It is apparent from the figure that the bulk conductivity of PNCEF gradually improves and tends to saturate at around 6 wt% MWNT loading in the electrolyte. This behaviour is different from the conventional report on composite electrolytes where two conductivity maxima have been witnessed with a change in filler loadings [82]. It has been shown that complex formation takes place in the system which tends to raise the conductivity of the system through greater dissociation of MWNTs. This reflects the presence of trapped liquid electrolyte within polymer matrix [83]. Thus, when the polymer and MWNTs contents are present in composite gel system the polymer matrix not only works as stiffener but also conducts itself. Presence of filler raises the surface area for ionic conductivity and thus an increase in conductivity is noticed. The optimum conductivity was found to be 2.03×10^{-2} S/cm for 6 wt% of MWCNTs.

3.3.2 Electrical Characterization

3.3.2.1 Wagner's polarization

Figure 3.3.2.1(a) depicts the Wagner's polarization curves for two composite gel electrolyte samples. The ionic transference number t$_{ion}$ was evaluated using the following relation:

$$t_{ion} = \frac{I_{initial} - I_{final}}{I_{initial}} = \frac{I_{total} - I_{electronic}}{I_{initial}} = \frac{I_{ionic}}{I_{total}} \qquad (3.4)$$

where I$_{ionic}$ is the current due to ions, I$_{electronic}$ (or I$_{final}$) the current due to electrons, and I$_{total}$ (or I$_{initial}$) the sum of ionic and electronic contribution to current. It is observed that the nature of charge transport is similar to that for solvent-free gel polymeric electrolytes (Shukla and Agrawal 2000). Moreover, the charge transport appears to exist when mobile ions are trapped within the polymer-matrix complex. It is noticed that t$_{ion}$ gradually increases (up to 0·98) upon addition of Al$_2$O$_3$ nanoparticles up to 6 wt% and thereafter it

decreases. Such a behaviour can be associated to loss of ionic conductivity after adding more than 6 wt% of Al_2O_3 nanoparticles in PVA gel electrolytes.

Wagner's polarization curves for MWNTs doped composite gel electrolyte samples is shown in the figure 3.3.2.1 (b).When a voltage V, which is below the decomposition potential of the electrolyte, is applied to the cell, ionic migration will occur until steady state is achieved. At the steady state, the cell is polarized and any residual current flows because of electron migration across the electrolyte and interfaces. This is because the ionic currents through an ion-blocking electrode fall rapidly with time if the electrolyte is primarily ionic [88]. Wagner's polarization curves for pristine electrolyte and 8 wt% MWNTs doped composite gel electrolyte samples which shown in the figure 3.3.2.1 (b). The ionic transference number (t_{ion}) was evaluated using the relation (3.4). The initial total current decreases with time due to the depletion of the ionic species in the electrolyte and becomes constant in the fully depleted situation. It is noticed from the table that t_{ion} steadily increases (upto 0.99 to be obtained for 6 wt% MWNTs PCGEMs) upon addition of MWNTs concentration in PCGEMs. This is due to the contents of MWNTs which provides the sufficient path to ionic species for mobility and hence promote the high ionic conductivity with MWNTs doped PCGEMs and also observed in conductivity examination (to be discussed earlier). Therefore, the ionic transference number is a key parameter as regards to the performance of the gel electrolyte in a battery is concerned [88].

3.3.3 Electrochemical Characterization

3.3.3.1 Cyclic Voltametry

Figure 3.3.3.1 (a) compares cyclic voltagrams of the PVA gel electrolyte systems having different concentrations of Al_2O_3 nanofiller. It is apparent from this figure that the electrochemical stability is moderately good without any filler which ranges from -1·2 to +1·4 V. On addition of the nanofiller, the stability is seen to improve (-1·3 to +1·4 V). Another effect of adding the nanofiller is the narrowing of faradic currents during oxidation and reduction cycles in the stable region. A stable potential window is of great practical importance for applications in batteries as it determines the maximum operating voltage of a capacitor (Kubota et al 2000, 2002; Kim et al 2002). An interesting observation is the appearance of a single oxidation/reduction peak for all pristine and composite gel electrolytes, which is possibly on account of NH_4^+ ion that contributes to ionic conduction. In the presence of the filler, the reduction peak was noticed to shift on the potential scale along with decrease in the intensity before virtually vanishing in the presence of

electrolytes containing 10 wt% filler. These studies indicate improvement in electrochemical stability of nanocomposite gel electrolyte in the presence of Al_2O_3 fillers. Optimum electrochemical window was observed to be ±1·65 V for composite gel electrolytes containing 6 wt% Al_2O_3 filler.

Figure 3.3.3.1 (b) compares cyclic voltagrams of the PVA gel electrolyte systems having different concentrations of MWCNTs nanofiller. These studies indicate improvement in electrochemical stability of nanocomposite gel electrolyte in the presence of MWCNTs fillers. Optimum electrochemical window was observed to be ±1·6 V for composite gel electrolytes containing 8 wt% MWCNTs filler.

3.3.4 Characterization of Solid State batteries

3.3.4.1 Characterization of Battery Parameters

The cell parameters were calculated and are shown in the Table 1.4. From the data, it is clear that the short open circuit voltage (OCV) and discharge time for the plateau region were found to be greater in (PVA+Al_2O_3) cell comparable to the (PVA+MWCNTs) film. This may

Table 1.5 Cell Parameters of CPE

Sl. No.	solid state rechargeable battery parameter	Composite polymer electrolyte system	
		DMSO:NH₄SCN:PVA:Al₂O₃	DMSO:NH₄SCN:PVA:MWCNTs
1.	Open circuit voltage (volt)	1.67	1.58
2.	Current (μA)	1.67	1.58
3.	Electric power (μw)	2.79	2.51
4.	Electrical energy (μwh)	5.58	4.91
5.	Current	0.5	0.45

	density (μA/cm^{-2})		
6.	Power density (mw/g)	5.73	29.7
7.	Energy density (μw/g)	11.5	59.44
8.	Discharge Capacity (μA.hr)	25.05	22.7

be due to the high ionic conductivity and higher degree of amorphosity of this system when compared to other systems. The cell parameters of the present electrolyte system are comparable with the earlier work reported on different polymer electrolyte systems [89, 90]. This supports the practical application of the present electrolyte in solid-state battery applications.

The OCV of the batteries made up of CPE with cathode C:V2O5:NH4SCN:PVA (1:2:2:2) samples was measured at room temperature (K). The best OCV of is found for C : ratio of 1:2:2:2 and is 1.67V, 1.58V respectively for batteries made up of the highest compositions of SPE. Different parameters described earlier in chapter 2 have been calculated and tabulated in form of table 1.4.

3.3.4.2 Cell Performance

In a battery system, a fast electrochemical response of cell is one of the important factors for good battery performances. The battery performance is analyzed based on results of polarization and discharge characteristics and presented.

3.3.4.2 (i) Polarization characteristics

Fig. 3.3.4.2(i) (a) &(b) shows the polarization characteristics of the cell prepared using (DMSO:NH4SCN:PVA:Al2O3) & (DMSO:NH4SCN:PVA:MWCNTs) system with respect to time at load of 4MΩ. The drop in voltage of the cell may be due to polarization by ohmic or iR drop across electrolyte & electrodes and nucleation & crystallization process at the electrode/electrolyte interface.

3.3.4.2 (ii) Discharge Characteristics

As mentioned, using NCPE film, all-solid-state batteries have been fabricated as Cell # 1 and # 2 and discharged through load resistance 4MΩ at room temperature. The Open Circuit Voltage (OCV) values 1.64 V and 1.58 V have been obtained for Cells # 1 and #2 respectively. Figures 3.3.4.2(ii) (a) & (b) shows the cell potential discharge profiles for Cells # 1 & # 2 respectively. The cell potential of both the batteries decayed to nearly half of their OCV value in 25-30 hrs. However, the rate of decay has been fairly low during discharging through 4MΩ load. The final decay afterward is due to the build – up of polarization and increase in

the internal resistance of the cell. Solid state electrochemical cells were fabricated with the configuration:

$Zn+ZnSO_4(anode)/(PVA+Al_2O_3)polymerelectrolyte/(C+V_2O_5+NH_4SCN+PVA)$ and $Zn+ZnSO_4(anode)/(PVA+MWCNT)polymerelectrolyte/(C+V2O5+NH_4SCN+PVA)(cathode)$ Zinc metal was used as the negative electrode, and a mix of graphite (C), vavadium pentaoxide (V_2O_5), ammonium thiocynate (NH_4SCN) and poly vinyl alcohol (PVA) in the ratio 1:2:2:2 as the positive electrode. The discharge characteristics of cell #1 and cell # 2 at ambient temperature for constant load of 4MΩ are presented in Fig. 3.3.4.2(ii) (a) & (b). The sharp initial decrease in voltage may be due to the polarization and/or the formation of thin layer Zinc at electrode-electrode interface.

3.4 Conclusion

Al_2O_3 nanoparticles-filled polymer gel electrolytes of PVA : DMSO : NH4SCN have been successfully synthesized by solution cast technique. Bulk conductivity of synthesized sample increases by an order of magnitude with increasing amount of Al_2O_3 nanofillers up

to 6 wt% of filler content. Maximum absorption of the nanofiller is found to be 6 wt%. Addition of Al_2O_3 nanofillers provides electrochemical current stability to PVA gel electrolyte. All these results indicate possible application of PVA : DMSO : NH4SCN : Al2O3 gel electrolytes in super capacitors, polymer membranes, fuel cells and smart windows.

Composite polymer gel electrolytes based on PVA dispersed with nanosized MWNTs filler have been successfully synthesized by solution cast technique and characterized. Ion-filler-polymer interactions play an important role in the ionic transport of the composite polymer gel electrolyte membranes, as found from IR studies. Bulk conductivity of synthesised samples is seen to increase by an order of magnitude with increasing amount of MWNT contents. Maximum absorption of MWNTs filler is 6 wt%. The optimized this gel system appears to be an excellent substitute for liquid electrolytes in various ionic devices that include rechargeable batteries and super capacitors.

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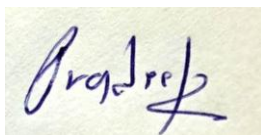
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Introduction

Income Tax Act 1961 governs the taxation of incomes generated within India and of incomes generated by Indians overseas. This study aims at presenting a lucid yet simple understanding of taxation structure of an individual individual's income in India for the assessment year 2023-24.

.Income Tax Act, 1961 is the guiding baseline for all the content in this report and the tax saving tips provided herein are a result of analysis of options available in current market. Every individual should know that tax planning in order to avail all the incentives provided by the Government of India under different statures is legal.

This project covers the basics of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as amended by the Finance Act,2021 and broadly presents the nuances of prudent tax planning and tax saving options provided under these laws. Any other hideous means to avoid or evade tax is a cognizable offence under the Indian constitution and all the citizens should refrain from such acts. The finance act is responsible for laying down the tax slabs that applies to tax payer.

1.Income from salary

2.Income from house property

3.Profits or gains from business and profession

4.Capital gain

5.Income from other sources.

 These are the few important element of income tax.

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Industry Profile

The CBDT is a part of Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance. On one hand, CBDT provides essential inputs for policy and planning of direct taxes in India, at the same time it is also responsible for administration of direct tax laws through the Income Tax Department. The Central Board of Direct Taxes is a statutory authority functioning under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963. The officials of the Board in their ex-officio capacity also function as a Division of the Ministry dealing with matters relating to levy and collection of direct taxes. The Central Board of Revenue as the Department apex body charged with the administration of taxes came into existence as a result of the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924. Initially the Board was in charge of both direct and indirect taxes. However, when the administration of taxes became too unwieldy for one Board to handle, the Board was split up into two, namely the Central Board of Direct Taxes and Central Board of Excise and Customs with effect from 1.1.1964. This bifurcation was brought about by constitution of the two Boards u/s 3 of the Central Boards of Revenue Act, 1963.

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Company Profile

Asian Associates is a government certified auditors and income tax and project finance consultants. It's located at 104/C Mustafa Apt. Dongre Nagar, Near Tanwar complex, B.P.Road, Kausa-Mumbra, Thane – 400612, it is easy to locate Assian Associates on the map.Asian Associates in Kausa is one of the most trustworthy names in the field. They have received a 4.0 rating from their customers. The best time to contact them is anytime between10:00am to 6:30pm.Vision Statement We will become the Tax advisor of choice through the creation of an environment where we want to give of our best Mission StatementPrime objective is the provision of an integrated range of client focused services that will exceed our client's expectations and assist them to improve and reduce and maintain tax liability. We are committed to creating a client focused culture and supporting our staff to achieve the prime objective. Our professional and local communities are an integral part of our ability to deliver on this mission.

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Chapter - II
Literature Review

Literature Review

The Income-tax Act, 1961 is the charging Statute of Income Tax in India. It provides for levy, administration, collection and recovery of Income Tax. Recently the Government of India has brought out a draft statute called the "Direct Taxes Code" intended to replace the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the Wealth Tax Act, 1956. Public Commentary has been called for the Draft Bill. The redrafted bill is supposed to be made public soon.

The Central Government has been empowered by Entry 82 of the Union List of Schedule VII of the Constitution of India to levy tax on all income other than agricultural income (subject to Section 10(1)). The Income Tax Law comprises The Income Tax Act 1961, Income Tax Rules 1962, Notifications and Circulars issued by Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Annual Finance Acts and Judicial pronouncements by Supreme Court and High Courts.

The government of India imposes an income tax on taxable income of all persons including individuals, Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs), companies, firms, association of persons, and body of individuals, local authority and any other artificial judicial person. Levy of tax is separate on each of the persons. The levy is governed by the Indian Income Tax Act, 1961. The Indian Income Tax Department is governed by CBDT and is part of the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India. Income tax is a key source of funds that the government uses to fund its activities and serve the public.

The Income Tax Department is the biggest revenue mobilizer for the Government. The total tax revenues of the Central Government increased from 1392.26 billion in 1997-98 to 5889.09 billion in 2007-08.

RESIDENTIAL STATUS

The residential status of the assessee is useful in determining the scope or chargeability of the income for the assessee, i.e., whether taxable or not. For an individual person, to be a resident, any one of the following basic conditions must be satisfied:-

Presence of at least 182 days in India during the previous year.

◆Presence of at least 60 days in India during the previous year & 365 days during 4 years immediately preceding the relevant previous year.

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However, in case the individual is an Indian citizen who leaves India during the previous year for the purpose of employment (or as a member of a crew of an Indian ship) or in case the individual is a person of Indian origin who comes on a visit to India during the previous year, then only the first of the above basic condition is applicable. To determine whether the resident individual is ordinarily resident the following both additional conditions are to be satisfied:-

→ Resident in India in at least 2 out of 10 years immediately preceding the relevant previous year.

Presence of at least 730 days in India during 7 years immediately preceding the relevant previous year.

A. AN EXTRACT FROM INCOME TAX ACT, 1961
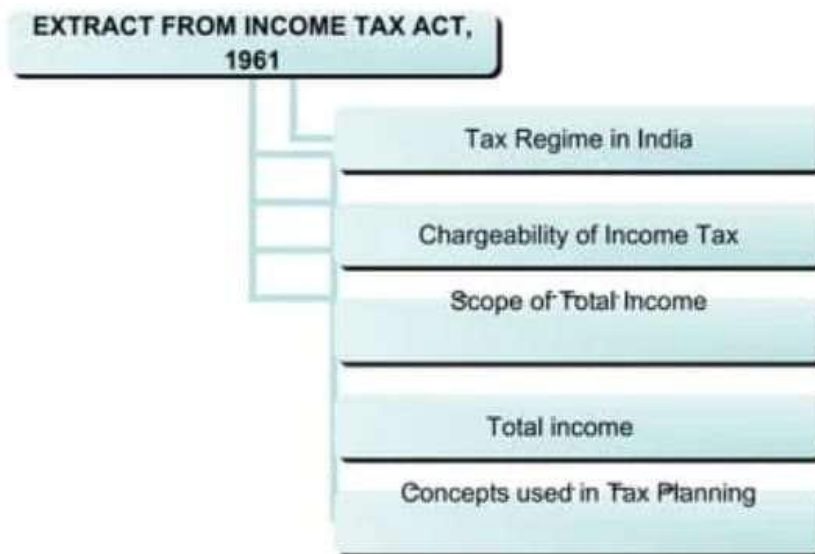
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Concepts used in Tax Planning

1. Tax Regime in India

The tax regime in India is currently governed under The Income Tax, 1961 as amended by The Finance Act, 2007 notwithstanding any

amendments made thereof by recently announced Union Budget for assessment year 2008-09.

2. Chargeability of Income Tax

As per Income Tax Act, 1961, income tax is charged for any assessment year at prevailing rates in respect of the total income of the previous year of every person.

Previous year means the financial year immediately preceding the assessment year.

3. Scope of Total Income

Under the Income Tax Act, 1961, total income of any previous year of a person who is a resident includes all income from whatever source derived which:

is received or is deemed to be received in India in such year by or on behalf of such person; or

accrues or arises or is deemed to accrue or arise to him in India during such year, or

accrues or arises to him outside India during such year:

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Provided that, in the case of a person not ordinarily resident in India, the income which accrues or arises to him outside India shall not be included unless it is derived from a business controlled in or a profession set up in India.

4. Total Income

For the purposes of chargeability of income-tax and computation of total income, The Income Tax Act, 1961 classifies the earning under the following heads of income:

1. Salaries

2. Income from house property

3. Capital gains

4. Profits and gains of business or profession

5. Income from other sources

5. Concepts used in Tax Planning

Tax Evasion

Tax Evasion means not paying taxes as per the provisions of the law or minimizing tax by illegitimate and hence illegal means. Tax Evasion can be achieved by concealment of income or inflation of expenses or falsification of accounts or by conscious deliberate violation of law. Tax Evasion is an act executed knowingly willfully, with the intent to deceive so that the tax reported by the taxpayer is less than the tax payable under the law.

Example: Mr. A, having rendered service to another person Mr. B, is entitled to receive a sum of say Rs. 50,000/- from Mr. B. A tells B to pay him Rs. 50,000/- in cash and thus does not account for it as his income. Mr. A has resorted to Tax Evasion.

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Tax Avoidance

Tax Avoidance is the art of dodging tax without breaking the law. While remaining well within the four corners of the law, a citizen so arranges his affairs that he walks out of the clutches of the law and pays no tax or pays minimum tax. Tax avoidance is therefore legal and frequently resorted to. In any tax avoidance exercise, the attempt is always to exploit a loophole in the law. A transaction is artificially made to appear as falling squarely in the loophole and thereby minimize the tax. In India, loopholes in the law, when detected by the tax authorities, tend to be plugged by an amendment in the law, too often retrospectively. Hence tax avoidance though legal, is not long lasting. It lasts till the law is amended.

Example: Mr. A, having rendered service to another person Mr. B. is entitled to receive a sum of say Rs. 50,000/- from Mr. B. Mr. A's other income is Rs. 200,000/-. Mr. A tells Mr. B to pay cheque of Rs. 50,000/- in the name of Mr. C instead of in the name of Mr. A. Mr. C deposits the cheque in his bank account and account for it as his income. But Mr. C has no other income and therefore pays no tax on that income of Rs. 50,000/-. By diverting the income to Mr. C, Mr. A has resorted to Tax Avoidance.

Tax Planning

Tax Planning has been described as a refined form of 'tax avoidance' and implies arrangement of a person's financial affairs in such a way that it reduces the tax liability. This is achieved by taking full advantage of all the tax exemptions, deductions, concessions, rebates, reliefs, allowances and other benefits granted by the tax laws so that the incidence of tax is reduced. Exercise in tax planning is based on the law itself and is therefore legal and permanent. Example: Mr. A having other income of Rs. 200,000/- receives income of Rs. 50,000/- from Mr. B. Mr. A to save tax deposits Rs. 60,000/- in his PPF account and saves the tax of Rs. 12,000/- and thereby pays no tax on income of Rs. 50,000.

Tax Management

Tax Management is an expression which implies actual implementation of tax planning ideas. While that tax planning is only an idea, a plan, a scheme, an arrangement, tax management is the actual action, implementation, the reality, the final result.

Example: Action of Mr. A depositing Rs. 60,000 in his PPF account and saving tax of Rs. 12,000/- is Tax Management. Actual action on Tax Planning provision is Tax Management.

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To sum up all these four expressions, we may say that:

Tax Evasion is fraudulent and hence illegal. It violates the spirit and the letter of the law.

Tax Avoidance, being based on a loophole in the law is legal since it violates only the spirit of the law but not the letter of the law

Tax Planning does not violate the spirit nor the letter of the law since it is entirely based on the specific provision of the law itself.

Tax Management is actual implementation of a tax planning provision. The net result of tax reduction by taking action of fulfilling the conditions of law is tax management.

The Income Tax Equation:

For the understanding of any layman, the process of computation of income and tax liability can be outlined in following five steps. This project is also designed to follow the same.

Calculate the Gross total income deriving from all resources.

Subtract all the deduction & exemption available.

Applying the tax rates on the taxable income.

Ascertain the tax liability.

Minimize the tax liability through a perfect planning using tax saving schemes.

B. COMPUTATION OF TOTAL INCOME

Total income can be calculated from the five sources of income which are as follows:-

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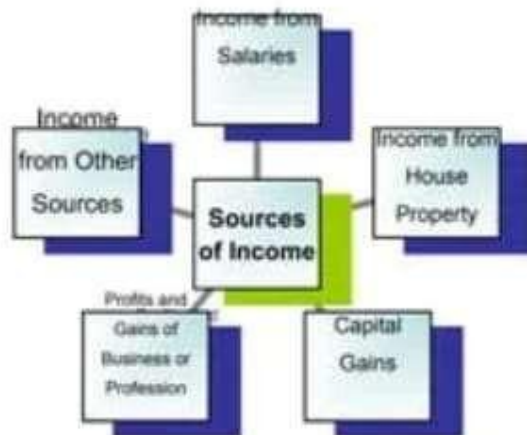
Figure :- 2.2

1. Income from Salaries

Incomes termed as Salaries: Existence of 'master-servant' or 'employer- employee' relationship is absolutely essential for taxing income under the head "Salaries". Where such relationship does not exist income is taxable under some other head as in the case of partner of a firm, advocates, chartered accountants, LIC agents, small saving agents, commission agents, etc. Besides, only those payments which have a nexus with the employment are taxable under the head 'Salaries'.

Salary is chargeable to income-tax on due or paid basis, whichever is earlier.

Any arrears of salary paid in the previous year, if not taxed in any earlier previous year, shall be taxable in the year of payment.

Advance Salary: Advance salary is taxable in the year it is received. It is not included in the income of recipient again when it becomes due. However, loan taken from the employer against salary is not taxable.

Arrears of Salary: Salary arrears are taxable in the year in which it is received.

Bonus: Bonus is taxable in the year in which it is received.

Pension: Pension received by the employee is taxable under 'Salary' Benefit of standard deduction is available to pensioner also. Pension received by a widow after the death of her husband falls under the head 'Income from Other Sources.'

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Profits in lieu of salary: Any compensation due to or received by an employee from his employer or former employer at or in connection with the termination of his employment or modification of the terms and conditions relating thereto;

Any payment due to or received by an employee from his employer or former employer or from a provident or other fund to the extent it does not consist of contributions by the assessee or interest on such contributions or any sum/bonus received under a Key man Insurance Policy. Any amount whether in lump sum or otherwise, due to or received by an assessee from his employer, either before his joining employment or after cessation of employment.

Allowances from Salary Incomes

Dearness Allowance/Additional Dearness (DA): All dearness allowances are fully taxable

City Compensatory Allowance (CCA): CCA is taxable as it is a personal allowance granted to meet expenses wholly, necessarily and exclusively incurred in the performance of special duties unless such allowance is related to the place of his posting or residence.

Certain allowances prescribed under Rule 2BB, granted to the employee either to meet his personal expenses at the place where the duties of his office of employment are performed by him or at the place where he ordinarily resides, or to compensate him for increased cost of living are also exempt.

House Rent Allowance (HRA): HRA received by an employee residing in his own house or in a house for which no rent is paid by him is taxable. In case of other employees, HRA is exempt up to a certain limit.

Entertainment Allowance: Entertainment allowance is fully taxable, but a deduction is allowed in certain cases.

Academic Allowance: Allowance granted for encouraging academic research and other professional pursuits, or for the books for the purpose, shall be exempt u/s 10(14). Similarly, newspaper allowance shall also be exempt.

Conveyance Allowance: It is exempt to the extent it is paid and utilized for meeting expenditure on travel for official work.

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2. Income from House Property

Incomes Termed as House Property Income: The annual value of a house property is taxable as income in the hands of the owner of the property. House property consists of any building or land, or its part or attached area, of which the assessee is the owner. The part or attached area may be in the form of a courtyard or compound forming part of the building. But such land is to be distinguished from an open plot of land, which is not charged under this head but under the head 'Income from Other Sources' or 'Business Income', as the case may be. Besides, house property includes flats, shops, office space, factory sheds, agricultural land and farm houses.

However, following incomes shall be taxable under the head 'Income from House Property'.

1. Income from letting of any farm house agricultural land appurtenant thereto for any purpose other than agriculture shall not be deemed as agricultural income, but taxable as income from house property.

2. Any arrears of rent, not taxed u/s 23, received in a subsequent year, shall be taxable in the year.

Even if the house property is situated outside India, it is taxable in India if the owner-assessee is resident in India.

Incomes Excluded from House Property Income: The following incomes are excluded from the charge of income tax under this head:

Annual value of house property used for business purposes

Income of rent received from vacant land.

Income from house property in the immediate vicinity of agricultural land and used as a store house, dwelling house etc. by the cultivators

Annual Value: Income from house property is taxable on the basis of annual value. Even if the property is not let-out, notional rent receivable is taxable as its annual value.

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The annual value of any property is the sum which the property might reasonably be expected to fetch if the property is let from year to year.

In determining reasonable rent factors such as actual rent paid by the tenant, tenant's obligation undertaken by owner, owners' obligations undertaken by the tenant, location of the property, annual ratable value of the property fixed by municipalities, rents of similar properties in neighbour-hood and rent which the property is likely to fetch having regard to demand and supply are to be considered.

Annual Value of Let-out Property: Where the property or any part thereof is let out, the annual value of such property or part shall be the reasonable rent for that property or part or the actual rent received or receivable, whichever is higher.

Deductions from House Property Income: House property income are allowed the following as deductions:-

Deduction of House Tax/Local Taxes paid: In case of a let-out property, the local taxes such as municipal tax, water and sewage tax, fire tax, and education cess levied by a local authority are deductible while computing the annual value of the year in which such taxes are actually paid by the owner.

Other than self-occupied properties: Repairs and collection charges: Standard deduction of 30% of the net annual value of the property.

Interest on Borrowed Capital: Interest payable in India on borrowed capital, where the property has been acquired constructed, repaired, renovated or reconstructed with such borrowed capital, is allowable (without any limit) as a deduction (on accrual basis). Furthermore, interest payable for the period prior to the previous year in which such property has been acquired or constructed shall be deducted in five equal annual installments commencing from the previous year in which the house was acquired or constructed.

Amounts not deductible from House Property Income: Any interest chargeable under the Act payable out of India on which tax has not been paid or deducted at source and in respect of which there is no person who may be treated as an agent.

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Expenditures not specified as specifically deductible. For instance, no deduction can be claimed in respect of expenses on electricity, water supply, salary of liftman, etc.

Self-Occupied Properties: No deduction is allowed under section 24(1) by way of repairs, insurance premium, etc. in respect of self- occupied property whose annual value has been taken to be nil under section 23(2) (a) or 23(2) (b) of the act. However, a maximum deduction of Rs. 30,000 by way of interest on borrowed capital for acquiring, constructing, repairing, renewing or reconstructing the property is available in respect of such properties.

In case of self-occupied property acquired or constructed with capital borrowed on or after 1.4.1999 and the acquisition or construction of the house property is made within 3 years from the end of the financial year in which capital was borrowed the maximum deduction for interest shall be Rs. 1,50,000. For this purpose, the assessee shall furnish a certificate from the person extending the loan that such interest was payable in respect of loan for acquisition or construction of the house, or as refinance loan for repayment of an earlier loan for such purpose.

The deduction for interest u/s 24(1) is allowable as under:

i. Self-occupied property: deduction is restricted to a maximum of Rs. 1,50,000 for property acquired or constructed with funds furrowed on or after 1.4.1999 within 3 years from the end of the financial year in which the funds are borrowed. In other cases, the deduction is allowable up to Rs. 30,000.

ii. Let out property or part there of: all eligible interests are allowed. It is, therefore, suggested that a property for self, residence may be acquired with borrowed funds, so that the annual interest accrual on borrowings remains less than Rs. 1,50,000. The net loss on this account can be set off against income from other properties and even against other incomes.

iii. If buying a property for letting it out on rent, raise borrowings from other family members or outsiders. The rental income can be safely passed off to the other family members by way of interest. If the interest claim exceeds the annual value, loss can be set off against other incomes too.

At the time of purchase of new house property, the same should be acquired in the name(s) of different family members. Alternatively, each property may be acquired in joint names. This is particularly advantageous in case of rented property for division of rental income among various family members. However, each co-owner must invest out of his own funds (or borrowings) in the ratio of his ownership in the property.

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3. Capital Gains

Any profits or gains arising from the transfer of capital assets effected during the previous year is chargeable to income-tax under the head "Capital gains" and shall be deemed to be the income of that previous year in which the transfer takes place. Taxation of capital gains, thus, depends on two aspects 'capital assets' and transfer'.

Capital Asset: 'Capital Asset' means property of any kind held by an assessee including property of his business or profession, but excludes non- capital assets.

Transfers Resulting in Capital Gains
Sale or exchange of assets;

Relinquishment of assets;

Extinguishment of any rights in assets;

Compulsory acquisition of assets under any law;

Conversion of assets into stock-in-trade of a business carried on by the owner of asset;

Handing over the possession of an immovable property in part performance of a contract for the transfer of that property;

Transactions involving transfer of membership of a group housing society, company, etc.., which have the effect of transferring or enabling enjoyment of any immovable property or any rights therein;

Distribution of assets on the dissolution of a firm, body of individuals or association of persons;

Transfer of a capital asset by a partner or member to the firm or AOP, whether by way of capital contribution or otherwise; and

Transfer under a gift or an irrevocable trust of shares, debentures or warrants allotted by a company directly or indirectly to its employees under the Employees' Stock Option Plan or Scheme of the company as per Central Govt. guidelines.

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Year of Taxability:
Capital gains form part of the taxable income of the previous year in which the transfer giving rise to the gains takes place. Thus, the capital gain shall be chargeable in the year in which the sale, exchange, relinquishment, etc. takes place.

Where the transfer is by way of allowing possession of an immovable property in part performance of an agreement to sell, capital gain shall be deemed to have arisen in the year in which such possession is handed over. If the transferee already holds the possession of the property under sale, before entering into the agreement to sell, the year of taxability of capital gains is the year in which the agreement is entered into.

Classification of Capital Gains: capital gains are classified as follows:-

Short Term Capital Gain: Gains on transfer of capital assets held by the assessee for not more than 36 months (12 months in case of a share held in a company or any other security listed in a recognized stock exchange in India, or a unit of the UTI or of a mutual fund specified u/s 10(23D)) immediately preceding the date of its transfer.

Long Term Capital Gain: The capital gains on transfer of capital assets held by the assessee for more than 36 months (12 months in case of shares held in a company or any other listed security or a unit of the UTI or of a specified mutual fund).

Period of Holding a Capital Asset: Generally speaking, period of holding a capital asset is the duration for the date of its acquisition to the date of its transfer. However, in respect of following assets, the period of holding shall exclude or include certain other periods.

Computation of Capital Gains:

1. As certain the full value of consideration received or accruing as a result of the transfer.

2. Deduct from the full value of consideration- Transfer expenditure like brokerage, legal expenses, etc.,

Cost of acquisition of the capital asset/indexed cost of acquisition in case of long-term capital asset and Cost of improvement to the capital asset/indexed cost of improvement in case of long term capital asset. The balance left-over is the gross capital gain/loss.

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Deduct the amount of permissible exemptions u/s 54, 54B, 54D, 54EC, 54ED, 54F, 54G and 54H. Full Value of Consideration: This is the amount for which a capital asset is transferred. It may be in money or money's worth or combination of both. For instance, in case of a sale, the full value of consideration is the full sale price actually paid by the transferee to the transferor. Where the transfer is by way of exchange of one asset for another or when the consideration for the transfer is partly in cash and partly in kind, the fair market value of the asset received as consideration and cash consideration, if any, together constitute full value of consideration.

In case of damage or destruction of an asset in fire flood, riot etc., the amount of money or the fair market value of the asset received by way of insurance claim, shall be deemed as full value of consideration.

Fair value of consideration in case land and/or building; and

Transfer Expenses.

Cost of Acquisition: Cost of acquisition is the amount for which the capital asset was originally purchased by the assessee.

Cost of acquisition of an asset is the sum total of amount spent for acquiring the asset. Where the asset is purchased, the cost of acquisition is the price paid. Where the asset is acquired by way of exchange for another asset, the cost of acquisition is the fair market value of that other asset as on the date of exchange.

Any expenditure incurred in connection with such purchase, exchange or other transaction e.g. brokerage paid, registration charges and legal expenses, is added to price or value of consideration for the acquisition of the asset. Interest paid on moneys borrowed for purchasing the asset is also part of its cost of acquisition.

Where capital asset became the property of the assessee before 1.4.1981, he has an option to adopt the fair market value of the asset as on 1.4.1981, as its cost of acquisition.

Cost of Improvement: Cost of improvement means all capital expenditure incurred in making additions or alterations to the capital assets, by the assessee. Betterment charges levied by municipal authorities also constitute cost of improvement. However, only the capital expenditure incurred on or after 1.4.1981, is to be considered and that incurred before 1.4.1981 is to be ignored.

Indexed cost of Acquisition/Improvement: For computing long- term capital gains, 'Indexed cost of acquisition and 'Indexed cost of Improvement' are required to deducted from the full value of consideration of a capital asset. Both these costs are thus required to be indexed with respect to the cost inflation index pertaining to the year of transfer.   17

Rates of Tax on Capital Gains:

Short-term Capital Gains: Short-term Capital Gains are included in the gross total income of the assessee and after allowing permissible deductions under Chapter VI-A. Rebate under Sections 88, 88B and 88C is also available against the tax payable on short- term capital gains.

Long-term Capital Gains: Long-term Capital Gains are subject to a flat rate of tax @ 20% However, in respect of long term capital gains arising from transfer of listed securities or units of mutual fund/UTI, tax shall be payable @ 20% of the capital gain computed after allowing indexation benefit or @ 10% of the capital gain computed without giving the benefit of indexation, whichever is less.

Capital Loss: The amount, by which the value of consideration for transfer of an asset falls short of its cost of acquisition and improvement/indexed cost of acquisition and improvement, and the expenditure on transfer, represents the capital loss. Capital Loss' may be short-term or long-term, as in case of capital gains, depending upon the period of holding of the asset, Set Off and Carry Forward of Capital Loss: Any short-term capital loss can be set off against any capital gain (both long-term and short term) and against no other income.

Any long-term capital loss can be set off only against long-term capital gain and against no other income. Any short-term capital loss can be carried forward to the next eight assessment years and set off against 'capital gains' in those years.

Any long-term capital loss can be carried forward to the next eight assessment year and set off only against long-term capital gain in those years.

Capital Gains Exempt from Tax

Capital Gains from Transfer of a Residential House: Any long- term capital gains arising on the transfer of a residential house, to an individual or HUF, will be exempt from tax if the assessee has within a period of one year before or two years after the date of such transfer purchased, or within a period of three years constructed, a residential house.

Capital Gains from Transfer of Agricultural Land: Any capital gain arising from transfer of agricultural land, shall be exempt from tax, if the assessee purchases within 2 years from the date of such transfer, any other agricultural land. Otherwise, the amount can be deposited under Capital Gains Accounts Scheme, 1988 before the due date for furnishing the return.

Capital Gains from Compulsory Acquisition of Industrial Undertaking: Any capital gain arising from the transfer by way of compulsory acquisition of land or building of an industrial undertaking, shall be exempt, if the assessee

purchases/constructs within three years from the date of compulsory acquisition, any building or land, forming part of industrial undertaking. Otherwise, the amount can be deposited under the 'Capital Gains Accounts Scheme, 1988' before the due date for furnishing the return.

Capital Gains from an Asset other than Residential House: Any long-term capital gain arising to an individual or an HUF, from the transfer of any asset, other than a residential house, shall be exempt if the whole of the net consideration is utilized within a period of one year before or two years after the date of transfer for purchase, or within 3 years in construction, of a residential house.

Tax Planning for Capital Gains: An assessee should plan transfer of his

capital assets at such a time that capital gains arise in the year in which his other recurring incomes are below taxable limits.

Assessees having income below Rs. 60,000 should go for short-term capital gain instead of long-term capital gain, since income up to Rs. 60,000 is taxable @ 10% whereas long-term capital gains are taxable at a flat rate of 20%. Those having income above Rs. 1,50,000 should plan their capital gains vice versa.

Since long-term capital gains enjoy a concessional treatment, the assessee should so arrange the transfers of capital assets that they fall in the category of long-term capital assets.

An assessee may go for a short-term capital gain, in the year when there is already a short-term capital loss or loss under any other head that can be set off against such income.

The assessee should take the maximum benefit of exemptions available u/s 54, 54B, 54D, 54ED, 54EC, 54F, 54G and 54H.

Avoid claiming short-term capital loss against long-term capital gains. Instead claim it against short-term capital gain and if possible, either create some short-term capital gain in that year or, defer long-term capital gains to next year.

Since the income of the minor children is to be clubbed in the hands of the parent, it would be better if the minor children have no or lesser recurring income but have income from capital gain because the capital gain will be taxed at the flat rate of 20% and thus the clubbing would not increase the tax incidence for the parent.

4. Profits and Gains of Business or Profession

Income from Business or Profession: The following incomes shall be chargeable under this head Profit and gains of any business or profession carried on by the assessee at any time during previous year.

Any compensation or other payment due to or received by any person, in connection with the termination of a contract of managing agency or for vesting in the Government management of any property or business is said to be income from business or profession.

Income derived by a trade, professional or similar association from specific services performed for its members.

Profits on sale of REP license/Exim scrip, cash assistance received or receivable against exports, and duty drawback of customs or excise received or receivable against exports.

The value of any benefit or perquisite, whether convertible into money or not, arising from business or in exercise of a profession.

Any interest, salary, bonus, commission or remuneration due to or received by a partner of a firm from the firm to the extent it is allowed to be deducted from the firm's income. Any interest salary etc. which is not allowed to be deducted u/s 40(b), the income of the partners shall be adjusted to the extent of the amount so disallowed.

Any sum received or receivable in cash or in kind under an agreement for not carrying out activity in relation to any business, or not to share any know-how, patent, copyright, trade-mark, licence, franchise or any other business or commercial right of, similar nature of information or technique likely to assist in the manufacture or processing of goods or provision for services except when such sum is taxable under the head 'capital gains' or is received as compensation from the multilateral fund of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

Any sum received under a Keyman Insurance Policy referred to u/s 10(10D).

Any allowance or deduction allowed in an earlier year in respect of loss, expenditure or trading liability incurred by the assessee and subsequently received by him in cash or by way of remission or cessation of the liability during the previous year.

Profit made on sale of a capital asset for scientific research in respect of which a deduction had been allowed u/s 35 in an earlier year.

Amount recovered on account of bad debts allowed u/s 36(1) (vii) in an earlier year.

Any amount withdrawn from the special reserves created and maintained u/s 36 (1) (viii) shall be chargeable as income in the previous year in which the amount is withdrawn.

Expenses Deductible from Business or Profession: Following expenses incurred in furtherance of trade or profession are admissible as deductions.

Rent, rates, taxes, repairs and insurance of buildings.

Repairs and insurance on machinery, plant and furniture.

Depreciation is allowed on:

. Building, machinery, plant or furniture, being tangible assets,

Know how, patents, copyrights, trademarks, licences, franchises or any other business or commercial rights of similar nature, being intangible assets, acquired on or after 1.4.1998.

Development rebate.

Development allowance for Tea Bushes planted before 1.4.1990.
Amount deposited in Tea Development Account or 40% profits and gains from business of growing and manufacturing tea in India,

Amount deposited in Site Restoration Fund or 20% of profit, whichever is less, in case of an assessee carrying on business of prospecting for, or extraction or production of, petroleum or natural gas or both in India. The assessee shall get his accounts audited from a chartered accountant and furnish an audit report in Form 3 AD.

Reserves for shipping business.

Scientific Research

Expenditure on scientific research related to the business of assessee, is deductible in that previous year.

One and one-fourth times any sum paid to a scientific research association or an approved university, college or other institution for the purpose of scientific research, or for research in social science or statistical research.

One and one-fourth times the sum paid to a National Laboratory or a University or an Indian Institute of Technology or a specified person with a specific direction

that the said sum shall be used for scientific research under a programme approved in this behalf by the prescribed authority.

One and one half times, the expenditure incurred up to 31.3.2005 on scientific research on in-house research and development facility, by a company engaged in the business of bio-technology or in the manufacture of any drugs, pharmaceuticals, electronic equipments, computers telecommunication equipments, chemicals or other notified articles.

Expenditure incurred before 1.4.1998 on acquisition of patent rights or copyrights, used for the business, allowed in 14 equal installments starting from the year in which it was incurred.
Expenditure incurred before 1.4.1998 on acquiring know-how for the business, allowed in 6 equal installments. Where the know-how is developed in a laboratory, University or Institution, deduction is allowed in 3 equal installments.

Any capital expenditure incurred and actually paid by an assessee on the acquisition of any right to operate telecommunication services by obtaining license will be allowed as a deduction in equal installments over the period starting from the year in which payment of license fee is made or the year in which business commences where license fee has been paid before commencement and ending with the year in which the licence comes to an end.

Expenditure by way of payment to a public sector company, local authority or an approved association or institution, for carrying out a specified project or scheme for promoting the social and economic welfare or upliftment of the public. The specified projects include drinking water projects in rural areas and urban slums, construction of dwelling units or schools for the economically weaker sections, projects of non-conventional and renewable source of energy systems, bridges, public highways, roads promotion of sports, pollution control, etc.

Expenditure by way of payment to association and institution for carrying out rural development programs or to a notified rural development fund, or the National Urban Poverty Eradication Fund.

Expenditure incurred on or before 31.3.2002 by way of payment to associations and institutions for carrying out programme of conservation of natural resources or afforestation or to an approved fund for afforestation.

Amortization of certain preliminary expenses, such as expenditure for preparation of project report, feasibility report, feasibility report, market survey, etc., legal charges for drafting and printing charges of Memorandum and Articles, registration expenses, public issue expenses, etc. Expenditure incurred after 31.3.1988, shall be deductible up to a maximum of 5% of the cost of project or the capital employed, in 5 equal installments over five successive years.

One-fifth of expenditure incurred on amalgamation or demerger, by an Indian company shall be deductible in each of five successive years beginning with the year in which amalgamation or demerger takes place.

One-fifth of the amount paid to an employee on his voluntary retirement under a scheme of voluntary retirement, shall be deductible in each of five successive years beginning with the year in which the amount is paid.

* Deduction for expenditure on prospecting, etc. for certain minerals.

Insurance premium for stocks or stores.

Insurance premium paid by a federal milk co-operative society for cattle owned by a member.

Insurance premium paid for the health of employees by cheque under the scheme framed by G.I.C. and approved by the Central Government.

Payment of bonus or commission to employees, irrespective of the limit under the Payment of Bonus Act.

Interest on borrowed capital.

Provident and superannuation fund contribution.

Approved gratuity fund contributions.

Any sum received from the employees and credited to the employees account in the relevant fund before due date.

Loss on death or becoming permanently useless of animals in connection with the business or profession. Amount of bad debt actually written off as irrecoverable in the accounts not including provision for bad and doubtful debts.

Provision for bad and doubtful debts made by special reserve created and maintained by a financial corporation engaged in providing long- term finance for industrial or agricultural development or infrastructure development in India or by a public company carrying on the business of providing housing finance.

Family planning expenditure by company.

Contributions towards Exchange Risk Administration Fund.

Expenditure, not being in nature of capital expenditure or personal expenditure of the assessee, incurred in furtherance of trade. However, any expenditure incurred for a purpose which is an offence or is prohibited by law, shall not be deductible.

Entertainment expenditure can be claimed u/s 37(1), in full, without any limit/restriction, provided the expenditure is not of capital or personal nature.

Payment of salary, etc. and interest on capital to partners

Expenses deductible on actual payment only.

Any provision made for payment of contribution to an approved gratuity fund, or for payment of gratuity that has become payable during the year.

Special provisions for computing profits and gains of civil contractors.

Special provision for computing income of truck owners.

Special provisions for computing profits and gains of retail business.

Special provisions for computing profits and gains of shipping business in the case of non-residents Special provisions for computing profits or gains in connection with the business of exploration etc. of mineral oils.

Special provisions for computing profits and gains of the business of operation of aircraft in the case of non-residents.

Special provisions for computing profits and gains of foreign companies engaged in the business of civil construction, etc. in certain turnkey projects.

Deduction of head office expenditure in the case of non-residents.

Special provisions for computing income by way of royalties etc. in the case of foreign companies.

Expenses deductible for authors receiving income from royalties

In case of Indian authors/writers where the amount of royalties receivable during a previous year are less than Rs. 25,000 and where detailed accounts regarding expenses incurred are not maintained, deduction for expenses may be allowed up to 25% of such amount or Rs. 5,000, whichever is less. The above deduction will be allowed without calling for any evidence in support of expenses.

If the amount of royalty receivable exceeds Rs.25,000 only the actual expenses incurred shall be allowed.

Set Off and Carry Forward of Business Loss: If there is a loss in any business, it can be set off against profits of any other business in the same year. The loss, if any, still remaining can be set off against income under any other head.

However, loss in a speculation business can be adjusted only against profits of another speculation business. Losses not adjusted in the same year can be carried forward to subsequent years.

5. Income from Other Sources
Other Sources: This is the last and residual head of charge of income. Income of every kind which is not to be excluded from the total income under the Income Tax Act shall be charge to tax under the head Income From Other Sources, if it is not chargeable under any of the other four heads-Income from Salaries, Income From House Property, Profits and Gains from Business and Profession and Capital Gains. In other words, it can be said that the residuary head of income can be resorted to only if none of the specific heads is applicable to the income in question and that it comes into operation only if the preceding heads are excluded.

Illustrative List: Following is the illustrative list of incomes chargeable to tax under the head Income from Other Sources:

Dividends: Any dividend declared, distributed or paid by the company to its shareholders is chargeable to tax under the head 'Income from Other Sources", irrespective of the fact whether shares are held by the assessee as investment or stock in trade. Dividend is deemed to be the income of the previous year in which it is declared, distributed or paid. However interim dividend is deemed to be the income of the year in which the amount of such dividends unconditionally made available by the company to its shareholders.

However, any income by way of dividends is exempt from tax u/s10(34) and no tax is required to be deducted in respect of such dividends.

Income from machinery, plant or furniture belonging to the assessee and let on hire, if the income is not chargeable to tax under the head Profits and gains of business or profession;

Where an assessee lets on hire machinery, plant or furniture belonging to him and also buildings, and the letting of the buildings is inseparable from the letting of the said machinery, plant or furniture, the income from such letting, if it is not chargeable to tax under the head Profits and gains of business or profession;

Any sum received under a Keyman insurance policy including the sum allocated by way of bonus on such policy if such income is not chargeable to tax under the head Profits and gains of business or profession or under the head salaries.

Where any sum of money exceeding twenty-five thousand rupees is received without consideration by an individual or a Hindu undivided family from any person on or after the 1st day of September, 2004, the whole of such sum, provided that this clause shall not apply to any sum of money received

(a) From any relative; or

(b) On the occasion of the marriage of the individual; or

(c) Under a will or by way of inheritance; or

(d) In contemplation of death of the payer.

Any sum received by the assessee from his employees as contributions to any provident fund or superannuation fund or any fund set up under the provisions of the Employees' State Insurance Act. If such income is not chargeable to tax under the head Profits and gains of business or profession

Income by way of interest on securities, if the income is not chargeable to tax under the head Profits and gains of business or profession. If books of account in respect of such income are maintained on cash basis, then interest is taxable on receipt basis. If however, books of account are maintained on mercantile system of accounting then interest on securities is taxable on accrual basis.

Other receipts falling under the head "Income from Other Sources':
i. Director's fees from a company, director's commission for standing as a guarantor to bankers for allowing overdraft to the company and director's commission for underwriting shares of a new company.

ii. Income from ground rents.

iii. Income from royalties in general.

Deductions from Income from Other Sources: The income chargeable to tax under this head is computed after making the following deductions:

In the case of dividend income and interest on securities: any reasonable sum paid by way of remuneration or commission for the purpose of realizing dividend or interest.

In case of income in the nature of family pension: Rs.15, 000or 33.5% of such income, whichever is low.

In the case of income from machinery, plant or furniture let on hire:

(a) Repairs to building

(b) Current repairs to machinery, plant or furniture

(c) Depreciation on building, machinery, plant or furniture

(d) Unabsorbed Depreciation.

'Any other expenditure (not being a capital expenditure) expended wholly and exclusively for the purpose of earning of such income.

C. DEDUCTIONS FROM TAXABLE INCOME

Following are the deductions which are allowed in the taxable income :-

1. DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 80C
    A new section 80C has been inserted from the assessment year 2006- 07 onwards. Section 80C provides deduction in respect of certain expenditure/ investments (which are specified in this section) paid or deposited by the assessee in the previous year.

    Deduction under this section is available only to individual & Hindu Undivided Family.

    Gross Qualifying Amount

    The following payments/investments qualify for deduction under this section. The total amount of investments made during the P.Y. under these below mentioned schemes is known as Gross Qualifying Amount (GQA)

    1. Life Insurance premium paid on a policy taken on his own life, life of the spouse or any child (child may be dependent/ independent).

    The premium paid should be maximum of 20% of sum assured.

    2. Any sum deducted from salary payable to a Government employee for the 168 purpose of securing him a deferred annuity (subject to a maximum of 20% of salary)

    3. Contribution towards statutory provident fund and recognized provident fund.

    4. Contribution towards 15 years public provident fund (maximum of Rs 70,000).

    5. Contribution towards an approved superannuation fund

    6. Subscription to National Savings Certificates, VIII Issue.

    7. Contribution for participating in the Unit-Linked Insurance Plan (ULIP) of Unit Trust of India. ..

8. Contribution for participating in the unit-linked insurance plan (ULIP) of LIC Mutual Fund (i.e. Dhan raksha plan of LIC Mutual Fund) 9. Payment for notified annuity plan of LIC (i.e. Jeevan Dhara, Jeevan Akshay New Jeevan Dhara, etc) or any other insurer.

10. Subscription towards notified units of Mutual Fund or UTI

11. Contribution to notified pension fund set up by Mutual Fund or UTI.

12. Any sum paid (including accrued interest) as subscription to Home Loan Account Scheme of the National Housing Bank

13. Any sum paid as tuition fees to any university/college/educational institution in India for full time education.

Amount of deduction

We add the amounts invested / spent in above mentioned schemes and this amount is known as Gross qualifying amount. The amount deductible is

a) Gross qualifying amount; or

b) Rs 1, 00, 000, whichever is less.

2. DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 80CCC

If the following conditions are fulfilled an assessee may claim deduction under this section

> The taxpayer is an individual

During the previous year, he has paid/deposited a sum under an annuity plan of the Life Insurance Corporation of India or any other insurer for receiving pension.

> If deduction has not been claimed under section 80C.

Amount of deduction

If the aforesaid conditions are satisfied, then

a) The amount deposited

b) Rs. 10,000, whichever is lower, is deductible.
Tax treatment of pension received

The pension amount received by the assessee or his nominee as pension will be taxable in the year of the receipt.

3. DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 80CCD

This section is for allowing deduction to new central Government employees, if the following conditions are satisfied:

> The taxpayer is an individual

He is employed by the Central Government on or after January 1, 2004.

He has in the previous year paid or deposited any amount in his account under a pension scheme notified by the Central Government.

Amount of Deduction

The amount deductible is

a) The total employee's contribution and employer's contribution to the notified pension scheme during the year.

b) Or 10% of salary of the employee, whichever is less

The aggregate amount of deduction under sections 80C, 80CC and 80CCD cannot exceed Rs. 1, 00,000.

4. DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 80D

If the following conditions are satisfied then an assessee may claim deduction under this section.

> The taxpayer is an individual or a Hindu undivided family

Insurance premium is paid by the taxpayer in accordance with the scheme framed in this behalf by the General Insurance Corporation of India and approved by the Central Government. The scheme is known as "mediclaim" insurance policy.
> The aforesaid premium is paid by cheque

Mediclaim policy is taken on the health of the taxpayer, on the health of spouse, dependent parents or dependent children of the taxpayer. In case of HUF on the health of any member of the family

Amount of Deduction:

If all the aforesaid conditions are satisfied, then the

a) Insurance premium paid

b) Rs. 10,000 whichever is lower, is deductible.

The aforesaid limit has been increased to Rs. 15,000 where the assessee or spouse or dependent parents or any member of the family is a senior citizen (i.e. one who is resident and at least of 65 years of age at any time during the previous year) and medical insurance is taken for such senior citizen.

5. DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 80 DD

Following are the provisions under this section:

* This deduction is available to only Individuals and HUF, who is resident in India.

* This deduction is given to the assessee if a person with disability is

dependent upon him.

* A person with disability means disabilities like autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, etc. as specified in Persons with Disabilities Act 1995.

* The assessee has incurred expenditure by way of medical treatment (including nursing), training and rehabilitation of a disabled dependent:

Or/and

* He has paid or deposited any amount under any scheme framed by the LIC of India or any other insurer for the payment of an annuity or a lump sum amount for the benefit of such dependent in the event of the death of the assessee.

* For claiming the deduction, the assessee shall have to furnish a certificate by the prescribed medical authority with the return of income.

Amount of Deduction

If the above mentioned conditions satisfy the amount of deduction is fixed at Rs. 50,000 irrespective of actual expenditure.

➤In case of a person with severe disability (over 80%) a higher deduction of Rs. 75,000 shall be allowed irrespective of actual expenditure.

6. DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 80DDB

Deduction is available if following are satisfied

* Assessee is an individual or HUF resident in India. 173

* The assessee has actually paid for the medical treatment of specified disease or ailment, for himself or any dependent or in case of HUF any member of the family.

* The assessee furnishes a certificate, in the prescribed form from prescribed authority, along with the return of income.

Amount of deduction

i) a) the amount paid

b) Rs. 40,000, whichever is less;

ii) Where the amount is paid in relation to a senior citizen the deduction shall be allowed for the amount paid or Rs. 60,000 whichever is less.

iii) The deduction shall be reduced by the amount received, if any, under insurance from an insurer for the medical treatment of person mentioned in this section or reimbursed by the employer.

7. DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 80E

Deduction is available if :-

* Assessee is an individual.

* He has taken a loan from any financial institution (bank) or an approved charitable institution.

* The loan is taken is for the purpose of pursuing his higher education.

* During the previous year he has repaid some amount as interest on such loan.

* Such amount is paid out of his income chargeable to tax.

Amount of deduction

a) The entire amount paid by way of interest on such loan

b) Rs.40, 000, whichever is less is deductible in this section.

Period of Deduction

Further, the deduction shall be allowed for the previous year in which the assessee starts repaying the loan or interest thereon and seven previous years immediately succeeding it or until the loan together with interest thereon is paid by the assessee in full, whichever is earlier.

8. DONATION UNDER SECTION 80G

To encourage donations for social cause all assessee are entitled to this deduction from their gross total income, if the donation is made in the previous year to the following funds or charitable institutions. For the sake of convenience, we have divided the donations into four categories depending on the quantum of deduction.

A. Donations made to following are eligible for 100% deduction without any qualifying limit.

1. Prime Minister's National Relief Fund 2. National Defence Fund

3. Prime Minister's Armenia Earthquake Relief Fund176

4. The Africa (Public Contribution - India) Fund

5. The National Foundation for Communal Harmony

6. Approved university or educational institution of national eminence

7. The Chief Minister's Earthquake Relief Fund, Maharashtra

8. Donations made to Zila Saksharta Samitis.

9. The National Blood Transfusion Council or a State Blood Transfusion Council.

10. The Army Central Welfare Fund or the Indian Naval Benevolent Fund or the Air Force Central Welfare Fund.

B) Donations made to the following are eligible for 50% deduction without any qualifying limit.

1. Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund

2. Prime Minister's Drought Relief Fund

3. National Children's Fund

4. Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust

5. The Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.

C) Donations to the following are eligible for 100% deduction subject to qualifying limit (i.e. 10% of adjusted gross total income).

1. Donations to the Government or a local authority for the purpose of promoting family planning.

2. Sums paid by a company to Indian Olympic Association

D) Donations to the following are eligible for 50% deduction subject to the qualifying limit (i.e. 10% of adjusted gross total income).
1. Donation to the Government or any local authority to be utilized by them for any charitable purposes other than the purpose of promoting family planning.

Amount of deduction

The quantum of deduction is as follows :-

> Category A-100% of amount donated

Category B-50% of the amount donated in the funds

> Category C 100% of the amount donated in the funds subject to maximum limit of 10% of Adjusted GTI.

> Category D 50% of the amount donated in the funds subject to maximum limit of 10% of Adjusted GTI.

The total of these deductions under categories A, B, C, & D is the quantum of deduction under this section without any maximum amount.

9. DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 80GG

This deduction is allowed to an individual assessee in respect of rent paid by him for an accommodation used for his residential purposes provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

* The assessee is either a self-employed person or such a salaried employee who is not in receipt of house-rent allowance from any source.

* The actual rent paid by him is in excess of 10% of his total income.

* He or his spouse or minor children or the HUF, of which he is a member, do not own any residential accommodation at the place where the assessee resides performs the duties of his office or employment or carries on his business or profession. Where, however, the assessee owns any residential accommodation at any other place and claims the concessions of self-occupied house property for the same, he will not be entitled to any deduction u/s 80GG even if he does not own any residential accommodation at the place where he ordinarily resides, performs the duties of his office or employment or carries on his business or profession.

* The assessee files a declaration in Form No. 10BA regarding the payment of rent.

Amount of Deduction

The assessee, who fulfills the above mentioned conditions, is allowed a deduction equal to least of the following three:

* Excess of actual rent paid over 10% of adjusted gross total income:

* 25% of his adjusted gross total income; and

•Rs. 2,000 p.m.

10. DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 80U

To help a disabled person by reducing his tax burden, this section has been incorporated. Following are the provisions.

* The assessee is an individual being a resident

* He is a person with disability.

* He is certified by the medical authority to be a person with disability, at any time during the previous year.

* He furnishes a certificate issued by the medical authority in the prescribed form along the return of income.

Amount of deduction

A fixed deduction of

Rs. 50,000 in case of a person with disability

Rs. 75,000 in case of a person with severe disability (having any disability over 80%)

D. COMPUTATION OF TAX LIABILITY
1. Tax Rates for A.Y. 2013-14

2. Layout of computation of taxable income

3. Filing of Income Tax Return

1. Tax Rates for A.Y. 2013-14

Following rates are applicable for computing tax liability for the current Financial Year ending on March 31, 2013 (Assessment Year 2013-14):

I. Individual (man and woman below 60 years of age)

	Income Slabs	Income Tax Rate
i.	Where the total income does not exceed Rs. 2,00,000/-.	NIL
ii.	Where the total income exceeds Rs. 2,00,000/- but does not exceed Rs. 5,00,000/-.	10% of amount by which the total income exceeds Rs. 2,00,000/-
iii.	Where the total income exceeds Rs. 5,00,000/- but does not exceed Rs. 10,00,000/-.	Rs. 30,000/- + 20% of the amount by which the total income exceeds Rs. 5,00,000/-.
iv.	Where the total income exceeds Rs. 10,00,000/-.	Rs. 130,000/- + 30% of the amount by which The total income exceeds Rs. 10,00,000/-.

Figure :- 2.3

Education Cess: 3% of the Income-tax.

II. Individual resident who is of the age of 60 years or more but below the age of 80 years at any time during the previous year

	Income Level / Slabs	Income Tax Rate
i.	Where the total income does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/-.	NIL
ii.	Where the total income exceeds Rs. 2,50,000/- but does not exceed Rs. 5,00,000/-	10% of the amount by which the total income exceeds Rs. 2,50,000/-.
iii.	Where the total income exceeds Rs.	Rs. 25,000/- + 20% of the amount by which

Figure :- 2.4

	Income Level / Slabs	Income Tax Rate
	5,00,000/- but does not exceed Rs. 10,00,000/-	the total income exceeds Rs
iv.	Where the total income exceeds Rs. 10,00,000/-	Rs. 125,000/- + 30% of the amount by which the total income exceeds Rs. 10,00,000/-.

Figure :- 2.5

Education Cess: 3% of the Income-tax.

III. Individual resident who is of the age of 80 years or more at any time during the previous year

	Income Level / Slabs	Income Tax Rate
i.	Where the total income does not exceed Rs. 5,00,000/-.	NIL
ii.	Where the total income exceeds Rs. 5,00,000/- but does not exceed Rs. 10,00,000/-	20% of the amount by which the total income exceeds Rs. 5,00,000/-.
iii.	Where the total income exceeds Rs. 10,00,000/-	Rs. 100,000/- + 30% of the amount by which the total income exceeds Rs. 10,00,000/-.

Figure :- 2.6

Education Cess: 3% of the Income-tax.

2. Layout for Computation of Total Income

	Particulars	Amount
1.	Income from Salary	XXX
2.	Income from House Property	XXX
3.	Profits and gains of business and profession	XXX
4.	Income from capital gains	XXX
5.	Income from other sources	XXX
TOTAL		XXXX
Less:	Adjustment on account of set off and carry forward of losses	XXXX
	Gross Total Income	XXXX
Less	Deduction u/s 80c to 80 U	XXX
	Total income	XXXX

Figure :- 2.7

3. Filing of Income Tax Return

Every individual (resident or non-resident) has to file the return of his income tax if his/her total income before allowing deduction under Chapter VI-A (gross total income) exceeds the exemption limit.

Even if you have been residing or working outside India, you must file income tax return if you have any income which is deemed to accrue in India. Refer to question "Income deemed to accrue in India" for list of such taxable incomes.

The exemption limit on gross total income for FY2012-13 is:

> General Taxpayer (male or female) (below the age of 65 years): Rs.

Senior citizen (between 60 to 80 years of age): Rs. 2,50,000

> Very senior citizen (above 80 years of age): Rs. 5,00,000

For example, a non-senior male having annual income above Rs. 2.0 lakh should file return, even if he can claim the entire Rs. 2.0 lakh in deductions.

Person who has achieved 60 years of age on or before 31st March, 2013 is considered as senior citizen. Person who has achieved 80 years of age on or before 31st March, 2013 is considered as very senior citizen.

The last date of filing income tax return is July 31, in case of individuals who are not covered in point 3 below.

If the income includes business or professional income requiring tax audit (turnover Rs. 40 lakhs), the last date for filing the return is October 31.

The penalty for non-filing of income tax return is Rs. 5000. Long term capital gain on sale of shares and equity mutual funds if the security transaction tax is paid/imposed on such transactions.

Reliable & efficient services to student. To reduce the paperwork & manual mistakes. To reduce the labour cost. To manage the tax records efficiently & Study accurately.

Chapter-III
Research Methodology

Research Methodology

A research methodology or involves specific techniques that are adopted in research process to collect, assemble and evaluate data. It defines those tools that are used to gather relevant information in a specific research study. Surveys, questionnaires and interviews are the common tools of research.

Objective of Study:

To study taxation provisions of The Income Tax Act, 1961.

To understand current tax system in india.

To understand various tools and techniques for tax planning.

To understand various investment avenues used by different assesse for tax planning.

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Need of Study :

□ To study taxation provisions of The Income Tax Act, 1961 as amended by Finance Act, 2015.

□ To explore and simplify the tax planning procedure from a layman's perspective.

□ To present the tax saving avenues under prevailing statures.

In last some years of my career and education, I have seen my colleagues and faculties grappling with the taxation issue and complaining against the tax deducted by their employers from monthly remuneration. Not equipped with proper knowledge of taxation and tax saving avenues available to them, they were at mercy of the HR/Admin departments which never bothered to do even as little as take advise from some good tax consultant.

Research Plan :-

Tax Planning Tools
Following are the tax planning tools that simultaneously help the assessees maximize their wealth too.
Here are some guidelines to help you wade through the various options and ensure the following:

1. Tax is saved and that you claim the full benefit of your section 80C benefits

2. Product are chosen based on their long term merit and not like fire fighting options undertaken just to reach that Rs 1 lakh investment mark Products are chosen in such a manner that multiple life goals can be fulfilled and that they are in line with your future goals and expectations

3. Products that you choose help you optimise returns while you save tax in the immediate future

Data Collection:-

Primary Data:- Primary research entails the use of immediate data in determining the for stable all tax system. Primary data is more accommodating as it shows latest information. The site ministry of finance , income tax reports data on quarterly/ monthly/ half yearly/ annually respectively

Whereas Secondary research is means to reprocess and reuse collected information as an indication for betterment of service or product. In this data related to a past period. As tax consultant I collected data of my project form work in chartered Accountants office related to different department are handle like tax planning ,auditing tax consultant, audit report etc.. List of customer for advisory, tax details, fee structure etc. Data is collected from past record that means history. & I collected the data for tax planning for the tax payer. Tools of Analysis Tax Planning Tools Following are the tax planning tools that simultaneously help the assessees maximize their wealth too. Here are some guidelines to help you wade through the various options and ensure the following: 1. Tax is saved and that you claim the full benefit of your section 80C benefits 2. Product are chosen based on their long term merit and not like fire fighting options undertaken just to reach that Rs 1 lakh investment mark 3. Products are chosen in such a manner that multiple life goals can be fulfilled and that they are in line with your future goals and expectations 4. Products that you choose help you optimise returns while you save tax in the immediate future.

Limitations

1) The project studies the tax planning for individual assessed to income Tax.

2) The Study relates to non-specific and generalized tax planning, eliminating the need of sample/population analysis.

3) Basic Methodology implemented in this study is subjected to various pros & cons and diverse insurance plans.

4) This study may include comparative and analytical study of more than one tax saving plans and instruments.

5) This study covers individual income tax assessee's only and does not hold good for corporate tax payers.

6) The tax rates, insurance plans, and premium are all subjected to FY2014-15.

Chapter - IV

Data Analysis and Interpretation

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1. Are you regular tax Payer?

Table no – 1

Sr No	Response	Respondent No	Percentage
1	Yes	45	75 %
2	No	15	25 %
Total		60	100%

Chart no – 1
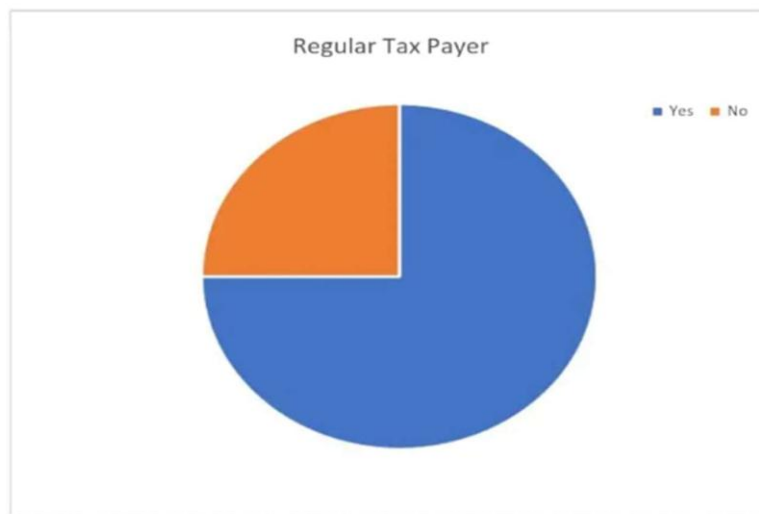
Regular Tax Payer

Analysis – From above chart, it is analyse that 75% respondent is regular tax payer and 25% respondent is not regular tax payer.

Interpretation – Maximum respondent has regular tax payer.

Figure :- 4.1

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2. Under which heads of income, your income become taxable?

Table no – 2

Sr No	Response	Respondent no	Percentage (%)
1	Income from Salary	25	41.67%
2	Income from House Property	10	16.67%
3	Profit and Gain from Business/Profession	15	25%
4	Capital Gain	5	8.33%
5	Income from Other Sources	5	8.33%
	Total	60	100%

Chart no – 2
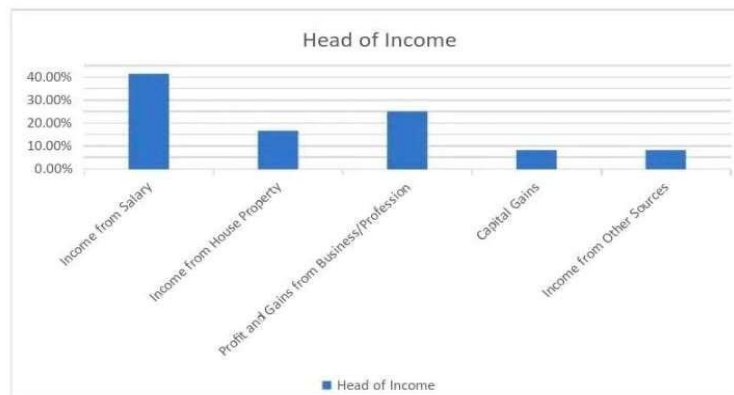
Analysis – From above chart, it is analyse that 41.67% Income from Salary and 16.67% Income from House Property and 25% Profit and Gain from Business/profession 8.33% Capital Gains and 8.33% Income from Other Sources respondent are heads of income become taxable.

Interpretation – Maximum respondent has Income from Salary.

3. What is your income range?

Figure :- 4.2

Table no – 3

Sr No	Response	Respondent No	Percentage(%)
1	Less than ₹2.50 lakhs	20	33.33%
2	₹2.50 lakh to ₹5 lakhs	30	50%
3	More than ₹5 lakhs	10	16.67%
	Total	60	100%

Chart no – 3
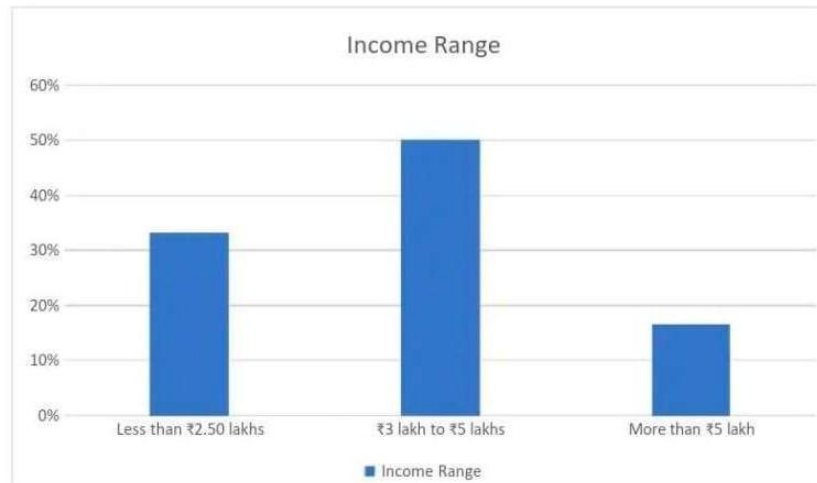
Analysis – From above chart, it is analyse that, less than ₹2.50 lakhs 33.33%, ₹2.50 lakhs to ₹5 lakhs 50% and more than ₹5 lakhs 16.67% these are the income range of respondent.

Interpretation – Maximum respondent has income range of ₹2.50 lakhs o ₹5 lakhs.

4. Does your tax consultant notify the various provision and submission?

Table no – 4

Sr No	Response	Respondent no	Percentage (%)

Figure :- 4.3

1	Yes	45	75%
2	No	15	25%
Total		60	100%

Chart no – 4
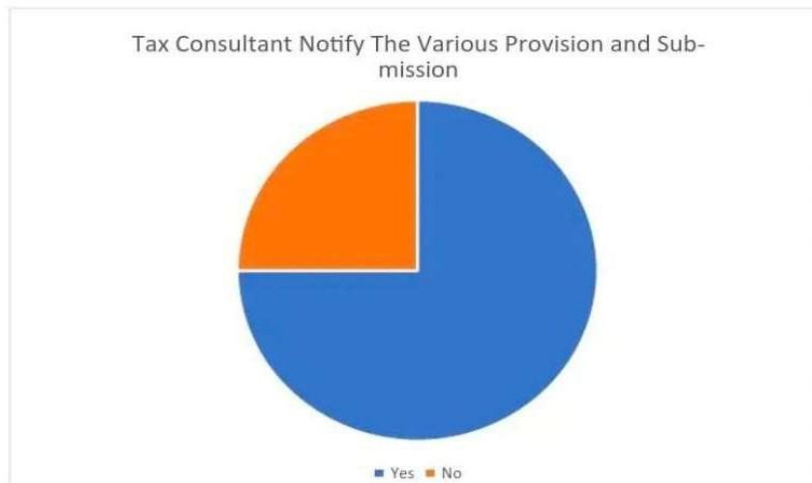
Tax Consultant Notify The Various Provision and Sub-mission

■ Yes ■ No

Analysis – From the above chart, it is analyse that 75% respondent tax consultant is notify the various provision and submission of all tax and 25% tax consultant is not notify the various provision and submission of all tax.

Interpretation – Maximum respondent has tax consultant is notify the various provision and submission of all tax.

5. Whether your tax consultant timely reminds you regarding tax obligation?

Table no – 5

Sr No	Response	Respondent no	Percentage (%)
1	Yes	46	77%

Figure :- 4.4

2	No	14	23%
Total		60	100%

Tax Consultant Timely Reminds You Regarding Tax Obligation

■ Yes ■ No
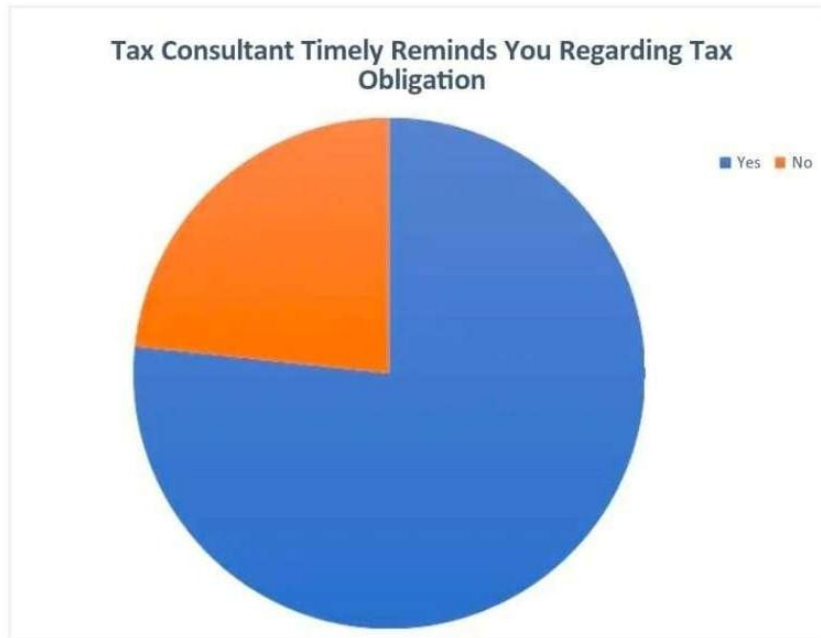
Analysis – From above chart, it is analyse that 77% respondent tax consultant reminds the tax obligation and 23% respondents tax consultant is not reminding the tax obligation.

Interpretation – Maximum respondents tax consultant reminds the tax obligation.

6. How do you get the information about taxation?

Table no – 6

Sr No	Response	Respondent No	Percentage (%)
1	Through Tax Consultant	26	43.33%

Figure :- 4.5

7. What is your impression about the fees charged by your tax consultant?

Table no – 7

Sr No	Response	Respondent no	Percentage (%)
1	Higher	6	10%
2	Lower	4	6.67%
3	Reasonable	48	80%
4	Any Other	2	3.33%
Total		60	100%

Chart no - 7

Impression About Fees Charged By Tax Consultant

■ Higher ■ Lower ■ Reasonable ■ Any Other
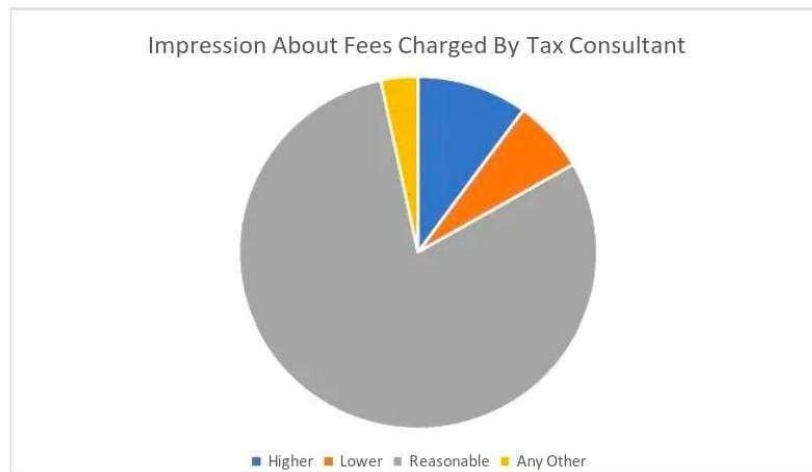
Analysis – From above chart, it is analyse that 10% respondent are higher and 6.67% are lower and 80% reasonable and 3.33% are any other fees charged by tax consultant.

Interpretation – Maximum is 80% respondent opinion that is fees charged by tax is reasonable and minimum is 4% for any other.

Figure :- 4.6

9. Reasons for filing return?

Table no – 9

Sr No	Response	Respondent No	Percentage (%)
1	Regular provision	44	73.33%
2	Refund claim	8	13.33%
3	Carry forward	6	10%
4	Notice from income department	2	3.34%
Total		60	100%

Chart no - 9
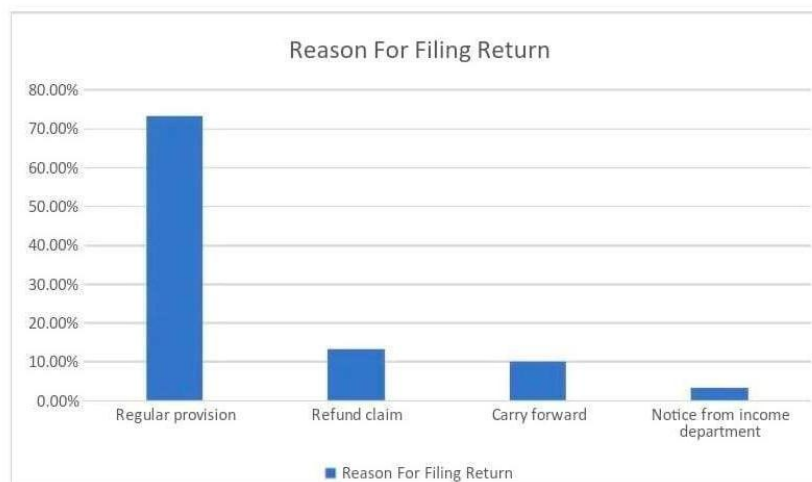
Analyse – From the above chart, it is analyse that 73.33% respondent is filing return for regular provision, 13.33% are refund claim 10% are notice for income from department.

Interpretation – Maximum respondent are filing the return for regular provision and minimum for notice from the income department.

Figure :- 4.7

10. Generally when you do prepare for filing the return?

Table no – 10

Sr No	Response	Respondent No	Percentage (%)
1	1 month before due date	19	31.67%
2	1 week before due date	33	55%
3	2-3 days before due date	6	10%
4	After due date	2	3.33%
Total		60	100%

Chart no - 10
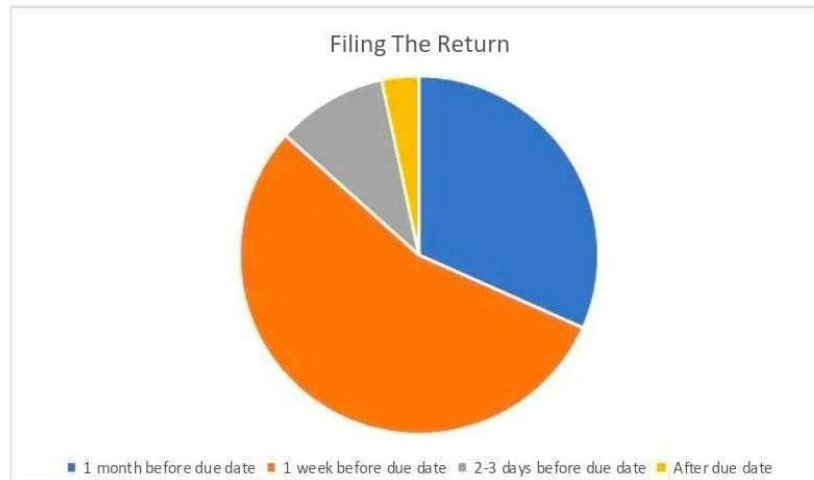
Analysis – From the above chart, it is analyse that 55% respondent is prepare the filing return in 1 month before due date, 31.67% is in 1 week before due date, 10% 2-3 days before due date and 3.33% is after due date.

Interpretation – Maximum respondent for prepare the filing return in 1 month before due date.

Figure :- 4.8

11. Are you sure that your tax consultant keeps all the information regarding your income tax matter confidential?

Table no – 11

Sr No	Response	Respondent No	Percentage (%)
1	Yes	55	91.67%
2	No	5	8.33%
Total		60	100%

Chart no – 11
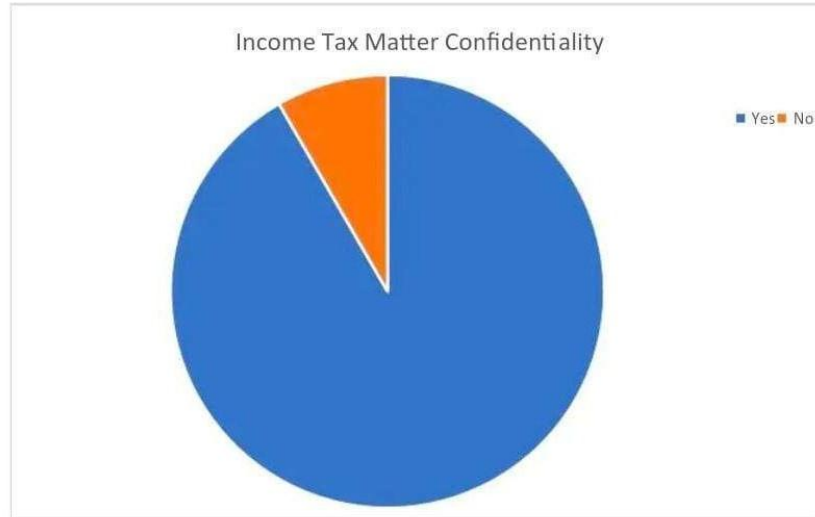
Income Tax Matter Confidentiality

■ Yes ■ No

Analysis – From the above chart, it is analyse that 91.67% respondent is tax consultant keeps all the information regarding income tax matter confidential and 8.33% is respondents opinion that is not confidential income tax matter.

Interpretation – Maximum respondent opinion that tax consultant keeps all the information regarding income tax matter confidential.

Figure :- 4.9

12. What is your preferred Investment to reduce tax liability?

Table no – 12

Sr No	Response	Respondent No	Percentage (%)
1	LIC	24	40%
2	Mutual fund	18	30%
3	Fixed deposit	10	16.67%
4	PPF	6	10%
5	Other	2	3.33%
Total		60	100%

Chart no - 12
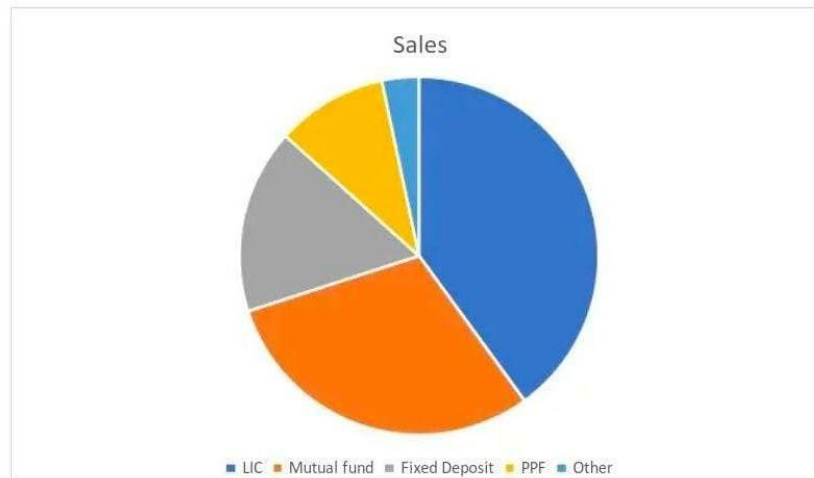
Analysis – From the above chart, it is analyse that 40% respondent is invest the money for reduce the tax LIC, 30% mutual fund, 16.67% fixed deposit, 10% PPF and 3.33% other.

Interpretation – Maximum respondent is invest the money for reduce the tax.

Figure :- 4.10

Chapter - V
Finding, Suggestion & Conclusion

Findings

.It is found that 75% maximum respondent regular tax payer and 25% do not pay taxregularly.2.It is found that 41.67% maximum respondent pay tax from head of income fromsalary.3.It is found that 50% maximum respondent income range is 2.50 lakhs to 5 lakhs.□ □4.It is found that 75% maximum respondent receive notification about provision andsubmission of tax by tax consultant.5.It is found that 77% maximum respondent get reminderfrom tax consultant regardingobligations.6.It is found that 43.33% maximum respondent get the information about taxation is through tax consultants.7.It is found that 80% maximum respondent pay fees of tax consultant is reasonable.8.It is found that 86.67% maximum respondent opinion that tax consultant helps in understanding the impact of budget provisionon his tax liability.9.It is found that 73.33% maximum respondent filing return for regular provision10.It is found that 55% maximum respondent prepare for filing return in 1 week before due date.11.It is found that 91.67% maximum respondent income tax matter is confidential.12. It is found that 40% maximum respondent invest in LIC for reduce tax liability.

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Suggestions

1. Every citizen of India who is liable to pay tax must regularly pay income tax so that government can take initiatives for infrastructure and various schemes for girls and senior citizens.

2. Majority of people should have tax awareness and they should be also aware about tax saving schemes and instruments. People should invest and save their money for future benefits. Maximum people should discuss union budget with their tax consultant for financial and tax awareness.4. There are a number of ways you can go about tax planning, but it primarily involves three basic methods such as reducing your overall income, increasing your number of tax deductions throughout the year, and taking advantage of certain tax credits.

Conclusion

At the end of this study, we can say that given the rising standards of Indian individual and upward economy of the country, prudent tax planning before-hand is must for all the citizens to make the most of their incomes. However, them is of tax savings instruments planning horizon would depend on an individual's total taxable income and age in the particular financial year. Tax evasion is a serious crime, in general assessee show lethargic attitude towards tax planning, this is likely to land the assessees in financial trouble. Tax planning is not just a strategy to reduce tax burden. Infect, it helps to say by encouraging investment in government securities. Tax planning reduces not only the tax hurdle but also gives mental satisfaction. If salaried assessee adopts tax planning measures it will help them to save a considerable amount of their hard-earned money in a legal way. When the government has given a wide chance of interesting money according to the assessee financial condition and taste, it is prime duty of every salaried assessee to utilize his/her chances and reaps the harvest. Saving reduces extravagance, correspondingly inflation tax saving is permitted only for investment made in government securities, which ultimately helps the whole nation. Therefore, the assessee saving in tax help central and state government to mobilize funds. Saving and investments are interconnected. To make investments there should be savings. To make savings there should be surplus. To make surplus there should be proper tax planning. To make proper tax planning there should be knowledge in tax laws and opportunities in the country. More often many assssee prefer paying tax rather than taking an additional step towards tax planning as they feel it very complicated actually this is far from the truth. What is required is knowledge of a few sections of the income tax Act. Thus, tax planning is not at all complicated and could be done with a certain degree of awareness and application.

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Research Report

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<u>Declaration</u>

I hereby declare that the project report on A Study on submitted by me for the project report. During the bachelor of business administration (BBA) at AKS University Satna. This is my own original work and has not been submitted earlier any other Institution for the fulfillment of the requirement of any course of study. I also declare that no part of this work has been incorporated for any other

Introduction

INDUSTRY PROFILE HISTORY OF BANKING IN INDIA

The first bank in India, though conservative, was established in 1786. From 1786 till today, the journey of Indian Banking System can be segregated into three distinct phases. They are as mentioned below: • Early phase from 1786 to 1969 of Indian Banks • Nationalization of Indian Banks and up to 1991 • Indian Financial & Banking Sector Reforms after 1991. • The General Bank of India was set up in the year 1786. Next came Bank of Hindustan and Bengal Bank. The East India Company established Bank of Bengal (1809), Bank of Bombay (1840) and Bank of Madras (1843) as independent units and called it Presidency Banks Government took major steps in this Indian Banking Sector Reform after independence. In 1955, it nationalized Imperial Bank of India with extensive banking facilities on a large scale especially in rural and semi-urban areas. Second phase of nationalization Indian Banking Sector Reform was carrie immense confidence about the sustainability of these institution This phase has introduced many more products and facilities in the banking sector in its reforms measure. In 1991, under the chairmanship of M. Narasimham, a committee was set up by his name which worked for the liberalization of banking practices. The country is flooded with foreign banks and their ATM stations. Efforts are being put to give a satisfactory service to customers. Phone banking and net banking is introduced. The entire system became more convenient and swift. The financial system of India has shown a great deal of resilience. It is sheltered from any crisis triggered by any external macroeconomics shock as other East Asian Countries suffered. This is all due to a flexible exchange rate regime, the Foreign Reserves are high, the capital account is not yet fully convertible, and banks and their customers have limited foreign exchange exposure

NATIONALISED BANKS IN INDIA

The nationalization of banks in India took place in 1969 by Mrs. Indira Gandhi the then prime minister. The major objective behind nationalization was to spread banking infrastructure in rural areas and make available cheap finance to Indian farmers. Fourteen banks were nationalized in 1969. Before 1969, State of India (SBI) was only public sector bank in India. SBI was nationalized in 1955 under the SBI Act of 1955. The second phase of nationalization of Indian banks took place in the year 1980. Seven more banks were nationalized with deposits over 200 crore. All the banks in India were earlier private banks. They were founded in the pre- independence era to cater to the banking needs of the people. But after nationalization of banks in 1969 public sector banks came to occupy dominant role in the banking structure.

List of private sector banks in Satna:

- **ICICI Bank**
- **Axis bank**
- **HDFC Bank**
- **Bank Of Baroda**
- **IndusInd Bank**
- **AU Small Finance Bank**
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
- **Bandhan Bank**
- **IDBI Bank**
- **Vijaya Bank**

ICICI Bank: is a major Indian financial services company, offering a wide range of banking products and services

Type: Multinational bank and financial services company
Headquarters: Mumbai, India
Services: Personal banking, business banking, corporate banking, NRI banking, wealth management, investment banking, and more
Online Banking: Yes, they offer secure internet banking services.
They have a large presence in India, and also offer services for Non-Resident Indian

About Satna Branch of ICICI Bank:

The SATNA branch of ICICI BANK is located in the SATNA district of the MADHYA PRADESH State at EKTA TOWERS, GROUND FLOOR, REWA ROAD. 485001. The IFSC Code of the branch is ICIC0000432 and its MICR Code is MICR not provided. The working hours of the SATNA branch of ICICI BANK are Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm* while the 2nd and the 4th Saturdays generally remain non-working days

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Address EKTA TOWERS, GROUND FLOOR,REWA ROAD. 485001
District SATNA
State MADHYA PRADESH

Axis Bank is a major private sector bank in India, ranking as the third largest in private sector banks, They offer a wide range of financial services including: Personal banking accounts and loans

Credit cards

Investment and wealth management
Business banking
Transaction banking
They have a large network of branches and ATMs across India, and are also known for their strong digital banking platform. Axis Bank has won numerous awards for their services, including Best Retail Bank and Best Digital Bank

About Satna Branch of Axis Bank

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IFSC Code: UTIB0000202
Bank AXIS BANK
Address TIWARI TOWERS, UPPER GROUND FLOOR REWA ROAD, SATNA
District SATNA
State MADHYA PRADESH
Branch SATNA

HDFC Bank

is a large private sector bank in India.
HDFC Bank Limited is an Indian banking and financial services company headquartered in Mumbai. It is India's largest private sector bank by assets and the world's sixth-largest bank by market capitalization as of August 2023, following its takeover of parent company HDFC

About Satna Branch of HDFC Bank

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The working hours of the SATNA MADHYA PRADESH branch of HDFC BANK are Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm* while the 2nd and the 4th Saturdays generally remain non-working days.

Bandhan Bank Ltd is a banking and financial services company,

headquartered in Kolkata. Bandhan Bank is present in 35 out of 36 states and union territories of India, with 6,250 banking outlets and 3.26 crore customers. Having received the universal banking license from the Reserve Bank of India, Bandhan Bank started operations on August 23, 2015, with 501 branches, 50 ATMs and 2,022 Banking Units (BUs). The Bank has mobilized deposits of Rs 1,17,422 crore and its total advances stand at Rs 1,15,940 crore as of December 31, 2023

About Satna Branch of Bandhan Bank

The SATNA branch of BANDHAN BANK LIMITED is located in the BHOPAL district of the MADHYA PRADESH State at OM TOWER,KRISHNA NAGAR,STATION ROAD WARD NO.22,NEAR SINDHI DHARAM SHALA,SATNA,MADHYA PRADESH,PIN - 485001.

The IFSC Code :BDBL0001422
The working hours of the SATNA branch of BANDHAN BANK LIMITED are Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm* while the 2nd and the 4th Saturdays generally remain non-working days

The IDBI Bank Limited

(IDBI Bank or IDBI) is a development finance institution under the ownership of Life Insurance Corporation of India and Government of India. It was established in 1964 as Industrial Development Bank of India, a development finance institution, which provided financial services to industrial sector. In 2005, the institution was merged with its commercial division, IDBI Bank, forming the present-day banking entity and was categorised as "other development finance institution" category.

About Satna Branch of IDBI Bank

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Latest Trends and techniques to use for employee performance improvements and potential in private sector banks

Definition of employee performance improvement:

Employee performance improvement and potential are two interlinked concepts that are crucial for both individual and organizational success. Let's break them down: Employee performance improvement: Definition: It refers to the ongoing process of helping employees develop their skills, knowledge, and abilities to achieve their full potential and better contribute to organizational goals. Methods: This can involve various strategies like: Setting clear goals and expectations: Employees need to know what they're aiming for and how their work contributes to the bigger picture. Providing regular feedback: Both positive and constructive feedback helps employees understand their strengths and areas for improvement. Offering training and development opportunities:

Latest Trends and techniques to use for employee performance improvements in private sector banks:

In the competitive landscape of private sector banking, employee performance is a critical driver of success. This research paper explores the latest trends and techniques utilized in this domain, focusing on private sector banks. It analyzes the shifting landscape, identifies emerging methodologies, and evaluates their potential impact on employee performance improvement. Introduction: The banking industry, particularly the private sector, is undergoing rapid change driven by technological advancements, regulatory shifts, and evolving customer expectations.

Some of the Latest Trends to use for employee performance improvements:

The world of work is constantly evolving, and so are the methods for improving employee performance and unlocking their potential. Here are some of the latest trends that are making waves: Focusing on Growth and Development: Upskilling and Reskilling: With the rapid pace of technological change, companies are investing heavily in training and development programs to equip their employees with the skills they need to thrive in the future. This includes things like coding, data analysis, and digital marketing. Personalized Learning: Gone are the days of one-size-fits-all training. Organizations are adopting personalized learning approaches that cater to individual needs and learning styles. This can involve microlearning modules, on-the-job coaching, and mentorship programs

Some of the Latest Techniques to use for employee performance improvements:

Employee performance improvement is a crucial aspect of any successful organization. Here are some key techniques that can be used to achieve this: Setting Clear Goals and Expectations: SMART goals: Establish Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound goals for each employee, aligned with company objectives. Regular communication: Clearly communicate performance expectations and ensure employees understand their roles and responsibilities. Providing Feedback and Support: Regular feedback: Conduct regular performance reviews, providing both positive and constructive feedback in a timely and specific manner. Coaching and mentoring: Offer coaching and mentoring opportunities to help employees develop their skills and overcome challenges.

How can employee performance be improved?

- Investigate underperformance issues

- Encourage continual communication

- Foster a positive work environment

- Training doesn't end at on boarding

- Utilize data and platforms

- Manage performance to encourage growth

Stratagies to improve employee performance

Train and develop your team

Reward Improvement

Communicate effectively

Keep Deadline Realistic

Embrace Flexibility
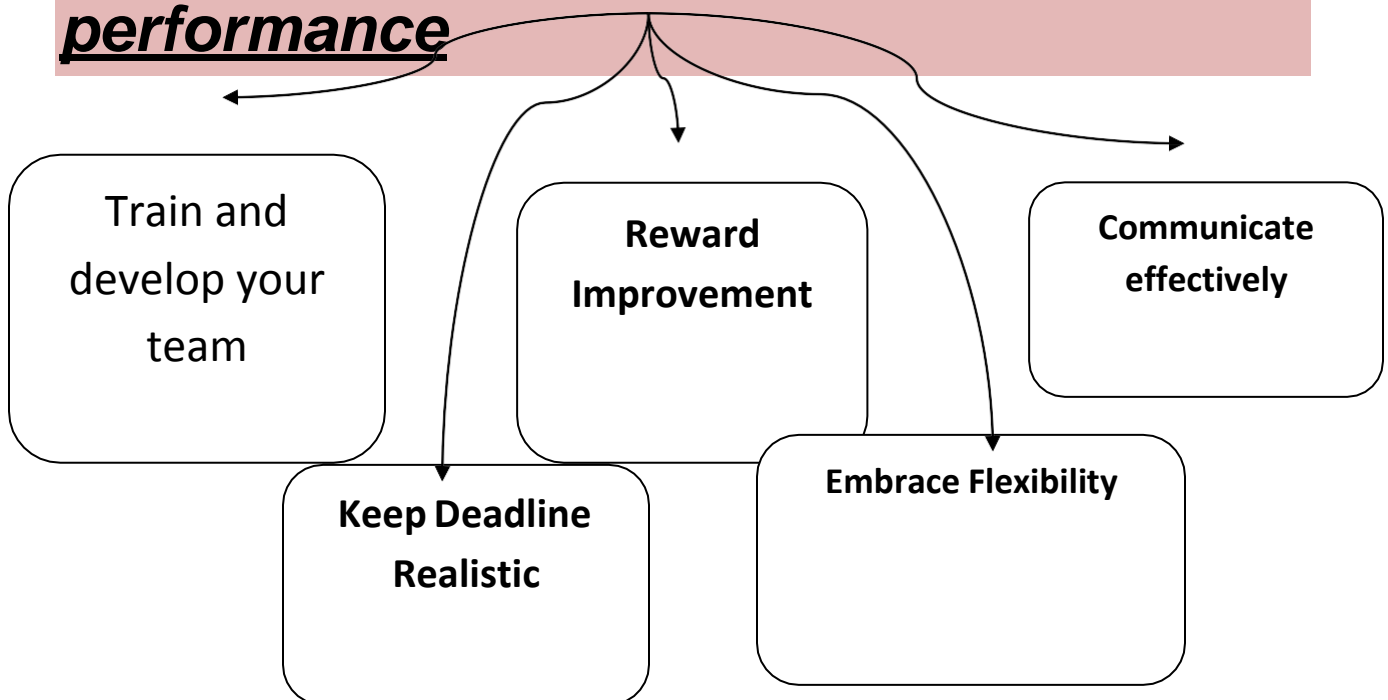
8 Trends in Employee Performance

- A hosts approach to performance

- The impact of hybrid work

- Continuous fee stack & performance

- Emphasis on goal alignment

- Using the advantage of technology

- Separate focus on tam performance

- New ways to recognize employees

- Humanized performance management

2.1 Objective of study

Objectives of the study

1. **To identify the latest trends and techniques to use for employee performance improvement**

2. **Analyzing the latest trends to use for employee performance in private banks**
3. **Examine how techniques are changed for employee performance improvement**
4. **Comparing the techniques then and now in private banks.**

Literature review

1. *Prihatini Dewi and Utami Wiji and Priyono Agus :*

(2019), their research shows an evaluation of the effectiveness of performance measurement that has been applied is needed because performance Management information is beneficial in preparing the next business development plan.

Performance Management Analysis (PMA) is one of the business performance appraisal tools that can cover weaknesses that arise when business organizations only assess their financial
Performance.

2. _Rekha Shrivastava Rekha and Mathur Mathur and Barodiya Parmanand (2019)_

Explorates PMS is an important tool in measuring and managing the performance of individuals as well as the teams. An organization which is aiming at improving its performance cannot ignore the performance of individuals and the teams. A PMS should be designed keeping in mind all the hurdles that may come in its way during the implementation.

3._Brown CTravor and O'Kane Paule and Mazumdar Bishakha and McCracken Martin_
_(2019),_

Their scoping review reveals that research in the field of PM is disproportionately distributed among elements of the process with PA elements such as format and psychometric properties more frequently explored and issues concerning feedback and goal alignment appearing less frequently.

4._Sullivan W.David and Yim Junhyok (2019)_

Journal examines the relationship between aspects of PM and each evaluative criterion considered separately, very little work has examined the longer "value chains" of PM. This represents an important opportunity for future work. This model and review (including the propositions we develop) can be very helpful for advancing both researches.

5. *Hanif Khaki (2006)*

He admires today's businessmen who recognize the value of hiring HR professionals with experience. The companies have learned the importance of good relations with their workforce. The company which does not realizes the importance of its human resource cannot progress. The employee also likes an organization which cares for them and rewards their services accordingly. Likewise, health benefits are probably the second most important factor, besides financial benefits which is always welcomed by the employee. The HR department is generally very open for such aspects in the workspace

6. *Sheth Hiral (2005)*

She did a global IBM study on human capital that provided a deep insight into the issues related to HR practices. He observed that the human resource team is more active and takes care of employee needs in an emerging or upcoming market than in a maturing or developing market. According to the study, the build strategy is a better option in the long term, than buy talent strategy. However a balance between the two is the best approach. It was found in the study that companies that invested in building talent, has higher profits per employee as compared to organizations.

7. *Suman Shikha (2006)*

She studied the knowledge athletes in organizations. Successful companies effectively manage their human resources to create and market new products and services. Human resource management strategies have the potential to fuel innovation and creativity in the organization. The four dimensions in which the HRM strategies that can push innovation and creativity are: human resource planning, Performance appraisal, Reward system & motivator the

motive is to maximize productivity and minimize turnover. The challenge lies in balancing team rewards with individual rewards. Managing employees careers to provide them a well-rounded professional experience. Innovation has as much to do with the environment that is created as the creativity.

8. *Perlow (2004)*

He noted that differences in reward systems were associated with distinctive patterns of helping, and certain helping-reward system configurations may be further reinforced by broader institutional conditions. Practices may not only be directly associated with emergent relational climates, but they may interact in ways that enhance or dilute another's effects. For example, in organizations where socialization and training protocols emphasize individual competencies, it would be counterproductive to use a team-oriented incentive system to determine the distribution of rewards. Employees would begin their organization tenure learning that instrumental help (i.e., market pricing climate) is paramount only to discover after experiencing a few performance appraisal cycles that such behavior is not rewarded and incurs social costs from coworkers who have developed behavior norms reflecting interpersonal sharing and concern. If managers want to increase the chances that employees will develop similar expectations regarding helping exchanges, they will need to first enact relationally consistent bundles of HR practices and then determine through employee feedback and observation whether the practices accomplish targeted relational effects. Processes that encourage employee participation in climate-conscious HR practices.

REASEARCH METHODOLOGY

It's a logical, systematic plan to resolve a research problem. A methodology details a researcher's approach to the research to ensure reliable, valid results that address their aims and objectives. It encompasses what data they're going to collect and where from, as well as how it's being collected and analyzed.

(a) Research design
This research study uses descriptive and aims to understand in this research we uses review literature for collecting information

(b) Sample area - the data is to be collected from top 5 private banks and 20 responses from each bank in Satna city

(c) Sample size - total 100 responses

(d) Sampling techniques - sampling selection is done though simple random sampling

(e) Data collection - Primary data - primary data is original data that is collected for the first time. This data is to be collected by conducting a survey though an offline questionnaire.

Secondary data - the data that is collected for the second time and that has been collected by someone other than the user

(f) Tools and techniques - the following tools are used in analyzing the data collected from and primary and secondary methods :
- Simple percentile method
- Bar diagrams and chats

Data Analysis and interpretation

Data interpretation is the process of reviewing data and arriving at relevant conclusions using various analytical research methods. Data analysis assists researchers in categorizing, manipulating data, and summarizing data to answer critical questions.
Analysis of data is a vital part of running a successful business. When data is used effectively, it leads to better understanding of

a business's previous performance and better decision-making for its future activities. There are many ways that data can be utilized, at all levels of a company's operations.

Result of the questionnaire

Q1) **gender**

S no	options	No of Respondents	Percentage
1	Male	60	60%
2	Female	40	40%
	Total	100	
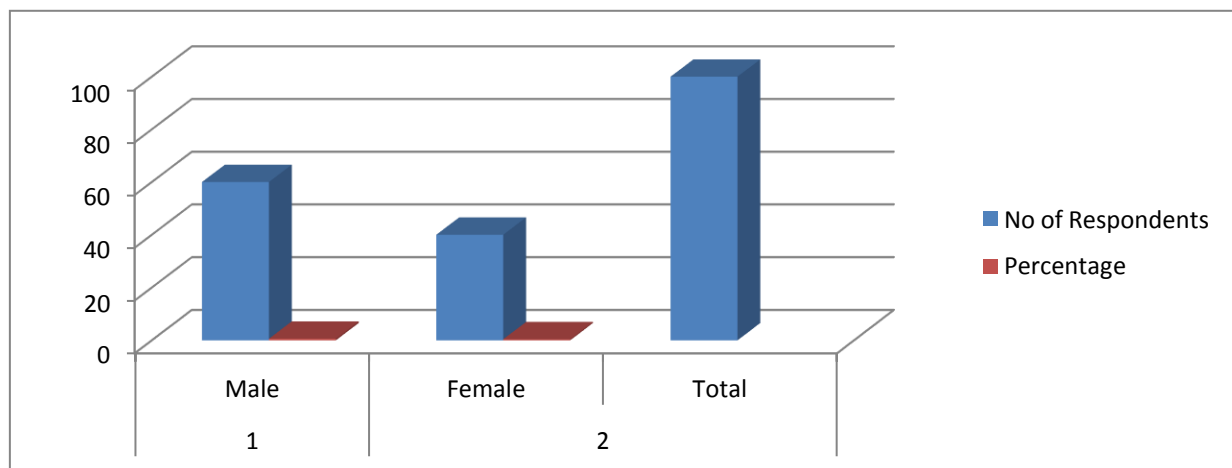
Analysis

In this research we found that 60% of male and 40% of female

Q2) **age**

S no	Options	No of respondents	percentage
1	20-30 years	40	40%
2	31-40 years	45	45%

| 3 | Above 40 years | 15 | 15% |
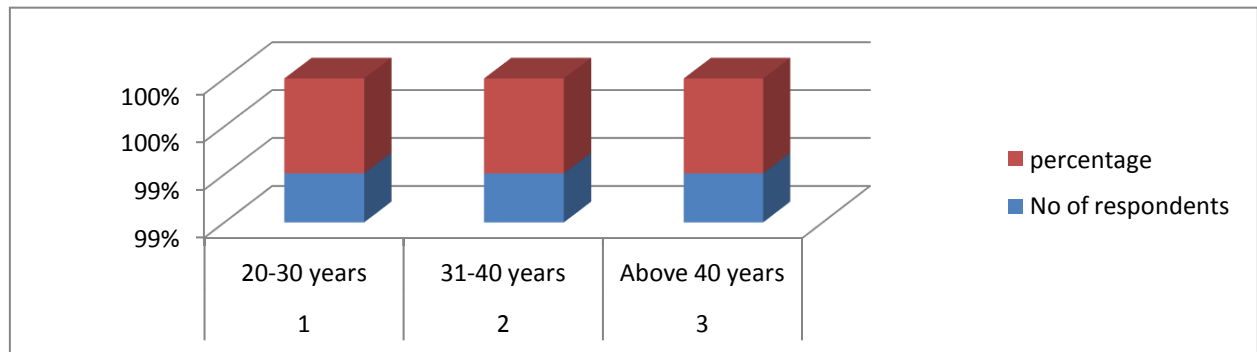
Analysis

In this analysis we found that age of respondents is maximum at 30-40 bracket with 45% , 40% of them are 20-30 age bracket and 15% Of them are above 40 years.

Q3) working type

S no	Options	No of respondents	Percentage
1	Part time	20	20
2	Full time	50	50
3	Shift basis	30	30
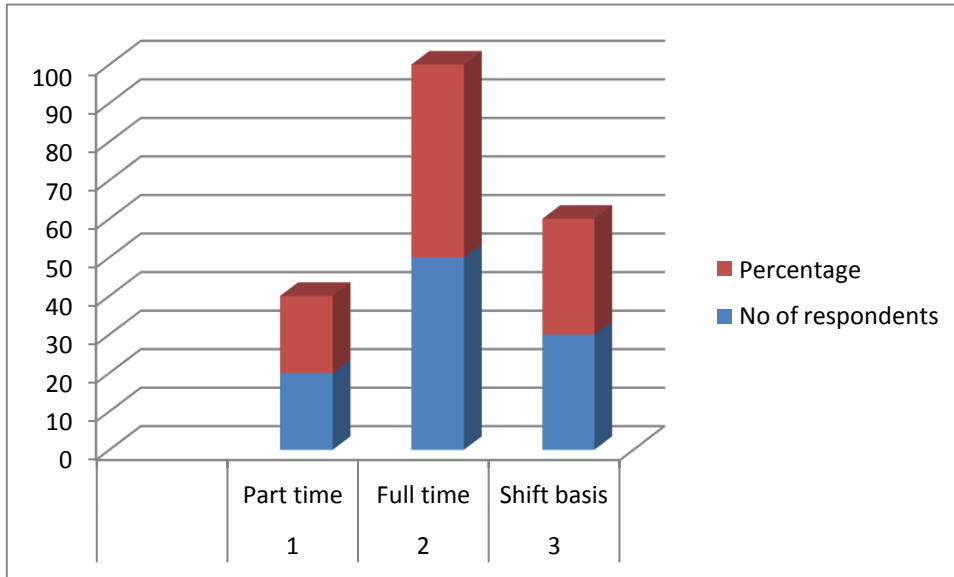
Analysis

In this research we found that 20% of respondents work on part time basis, 50% of them work full time and 30% of them work on shift basis.

Q1) what are the latest trends that are used for employee performance in private sector banks

Options	Opinion	Percentage
Aligned employee and business goals	20	20%
Invested in up skilling	20	20%
Improved approach to feedback	10	10%
Prioritizing Employee well being	10	10%
On the Job Coaching	40	40%
Total	100	
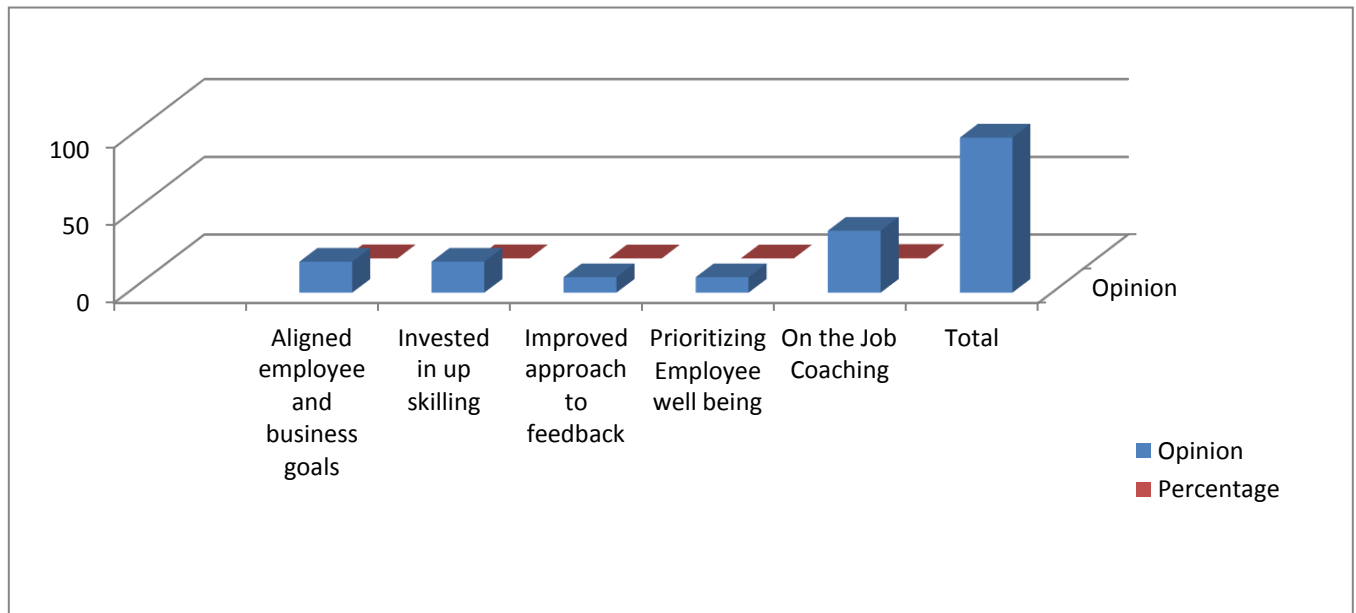
Analysis

In this research we found that 20% bank use aligned employee trend, 20% use invested and up skilling, 10 % use improved approach of feedback and 40% use on the job coaching.

Latest trends

Employee performance improvement is crucial to ensure that team members work towards the same goals and objectives. To help you better manage your team in 2024, some of the latest trends are :

- Gamification
- Tracking and monitoring
- On the job coaching

Q2) what are most used trends and techniques for employee performance improvement in private sector banks

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Options	opinion	percentage
Aligned Employee and Business	20	20%
Invested in up skilling	20	20%
On The job coaching	60	20%
Total	100	
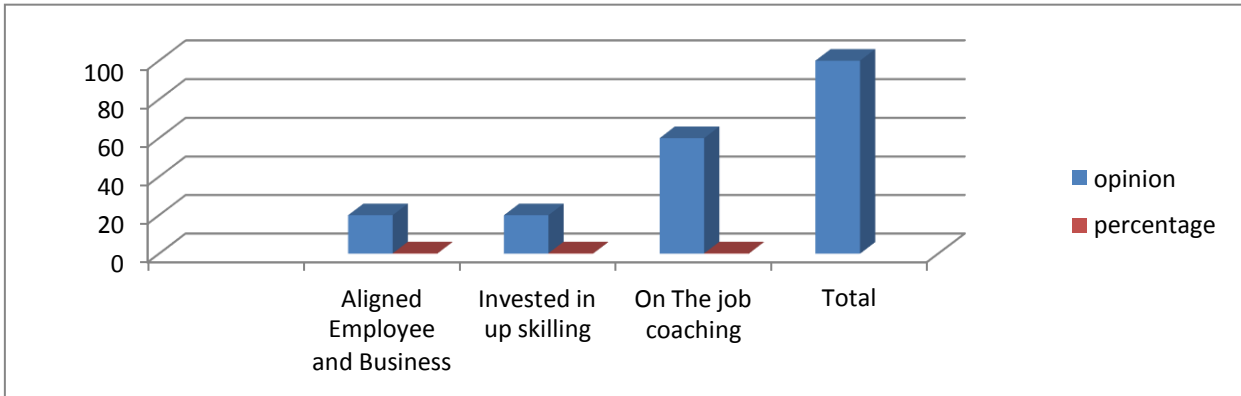
Analysis

In this research we found that aligned employee and business has 20 % 20 % opinions for invested up skilling and re many private banks prefer on the job coaching.

Most used trends - there are many trends that banks are following but some of them are most use:

- Gamification
- On the job coaching

Q3) how many private sector banks prefer on the job coaching?

Options	Opinions	Percentage
All banks	20	20%
Most of the banks	50	50%
Some of the banks	30	50%
Total	100	
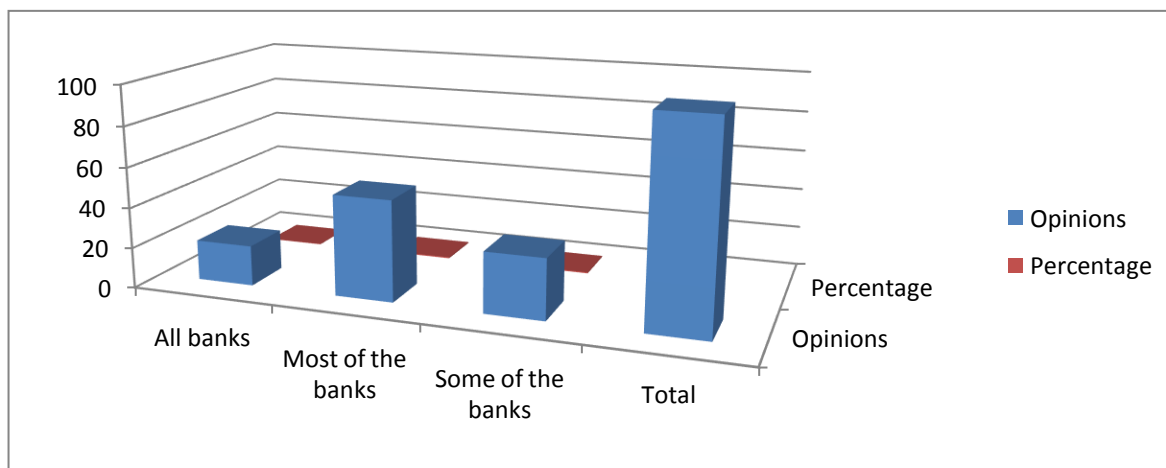
Analysis

In this research we found that 20% of people polled for 'all banks, 50% of them voted for 'most banks' and rest 30% voted for 'some banks'

On-the-job coaching

 On-the-job coaching is one way to facilitate employee skills training. It refers to an approved person training an employee on the skills necessary to complete tasks

Q4) how many banks are following latest trends for improving employee performance?

Options	Opinions	Percentage
All	20	20%
Most	40	40%
Some	40	40%
Total	100	
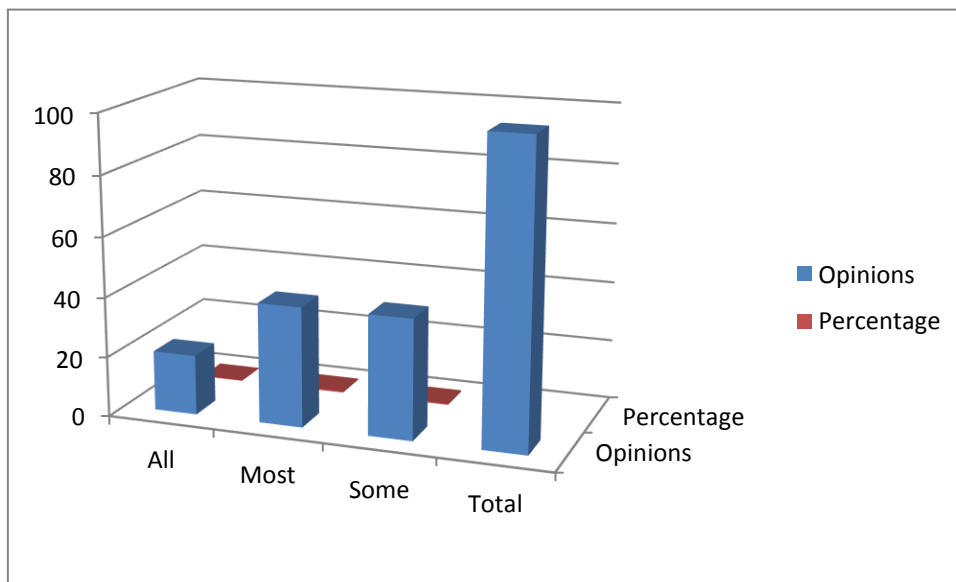
Analysis

In this research we found that 20% people polled for all banks using latest trends, 40% polled for most banks, rest 40% polled for some banks using latest trends for improving employee performance.

Q5) How many banks are still following old trends and techniques for improving employee performance?

Options	Opinions	Percentage
All	50	50%

Most	20	20%
Some	30	30%
Total	100	
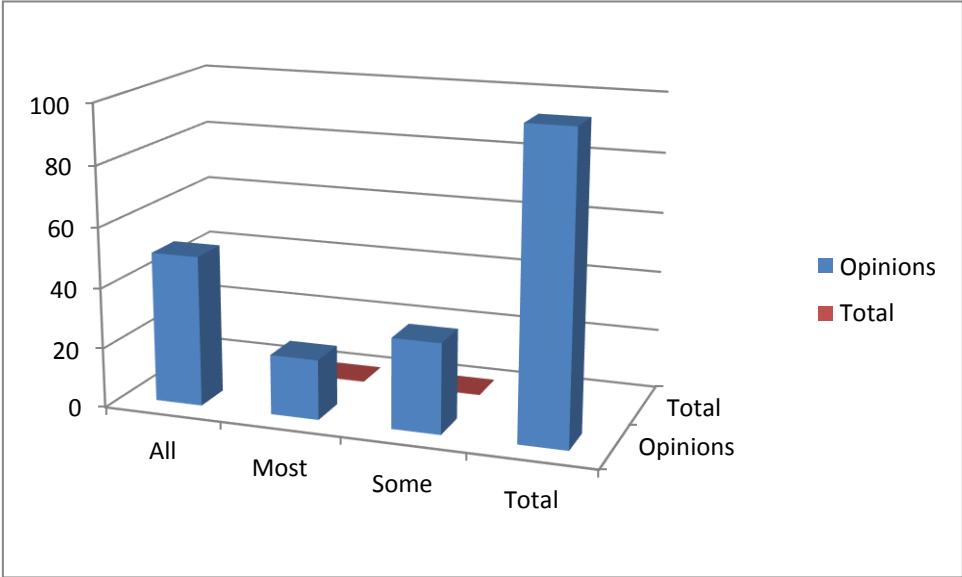
Analysis

In this research we found 50% of the people polled for all banks, 20% of the people voted for most banks and rest 30% of the people voted for some banks follow old trends for improving employee performance.

Q6) Which trends and techniques are most effective methods for improving employee performance?

Options	Opinions	Percentage
Old Trends	30	30
New Trends	70	70
Total	100	
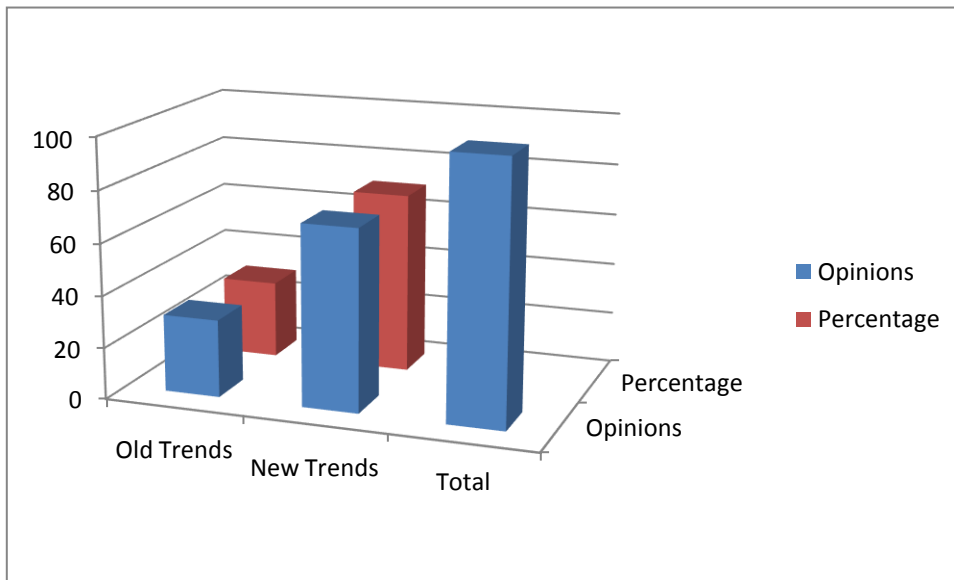
Analysis

Here we found that 30% of the people voted for old trends are more effective methods and 70% voted for the latest trends are more effective than older ones.

Most effective methods -

Old trends - Here are some trends that were once common in employee performance improvement, but are considered somewhat outdated today:

- Annual Performance Reviews
- Focus on Activity over Outcomes
- Top-Down Feedback

New trends - some of the latest trends are

- on the job coaching
- Aligned employee and business
- Invested in up skilling and re skilling

Q7) are the employees getting the benefits by using latest trends for improving employee performance?

Options	Opinions	Percentage
Every time	20	20%
Most of the times	40	40%
Some of the times	40	40%
Not at all	0	0%
Total	100	
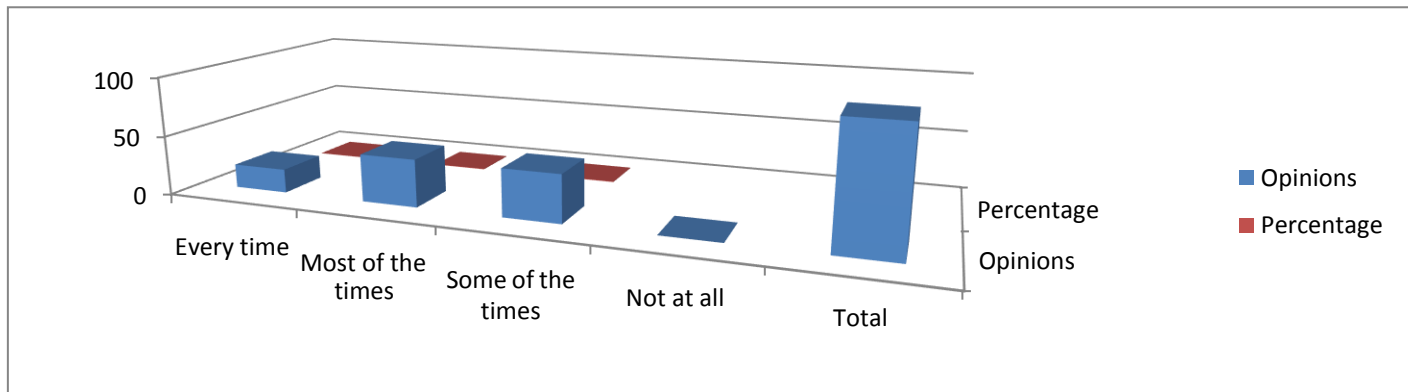
Analysis

Here we found that 20% polled that employees are benefitted every time, 40% of them says most of the time, 40% said some of the times employees are getting benefitted.

Q8) How much latest trends is benefitted for the employees?

Option	Opinion	Percentage

Highly benefitted	30	30%
Optimum	30	30%
Low Benefitted	40	40%
Total	100	
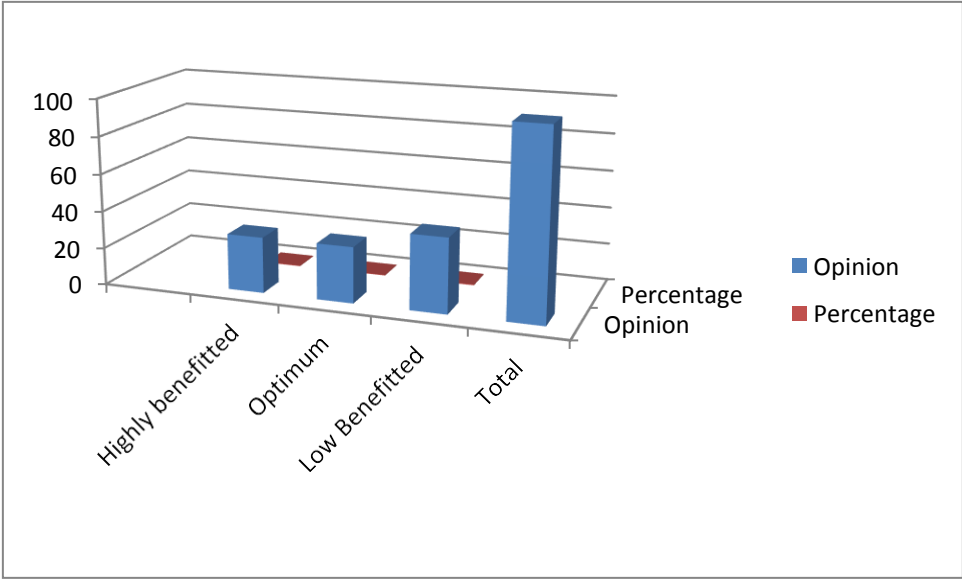
Analysis

In this research we found latest trends highly benefitted to employees is 30%, optimum at 30%, low benefitted at 40%.

Q9) What are the old trends which are used for improving performance in private sector banks?

Option	Opinion	Percentage
Top Down	30	30%
Linear Structured	20	20%

Static Process	50	50%
Total	100	
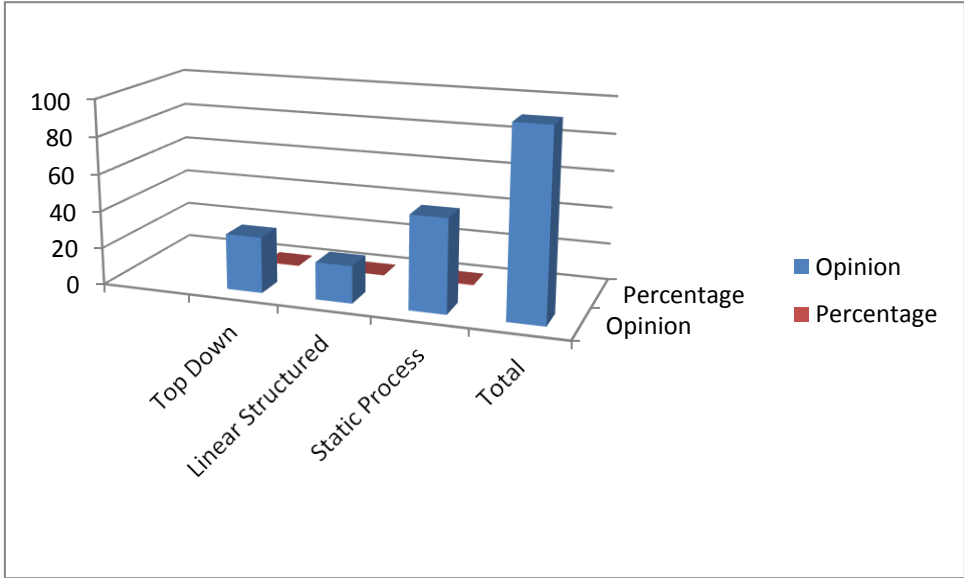
Analysis

In this research we found that old trend top down is used by banks 30%, linear structured is used by 20% banks and it is observed that static process in old trends used by 50 % of the banks

Top-down method
 The term "top-down method" can be applied to a variety of situations, but generally refers to an approach that starts with the big picture and then works its way.

Linear structure method –
Linear structures, with their clear chain of command and well-defined roles, offer advantages for performance improvement.

Static process:

The context of employee performance improvement, a static process refers to a one-time, rigid approach that lacks flexibility and ongoing development

Q10) which one is the one of the best and the more suitable latest trend for improving performance of employees in private banks?

Option	Opinion	Percentage
On The job coaching	30	30%
Continuous feedback	20	20%
Invested up skilling and re skilling	20	20%
Aligned employees and business goals	30	30%
Total	100	
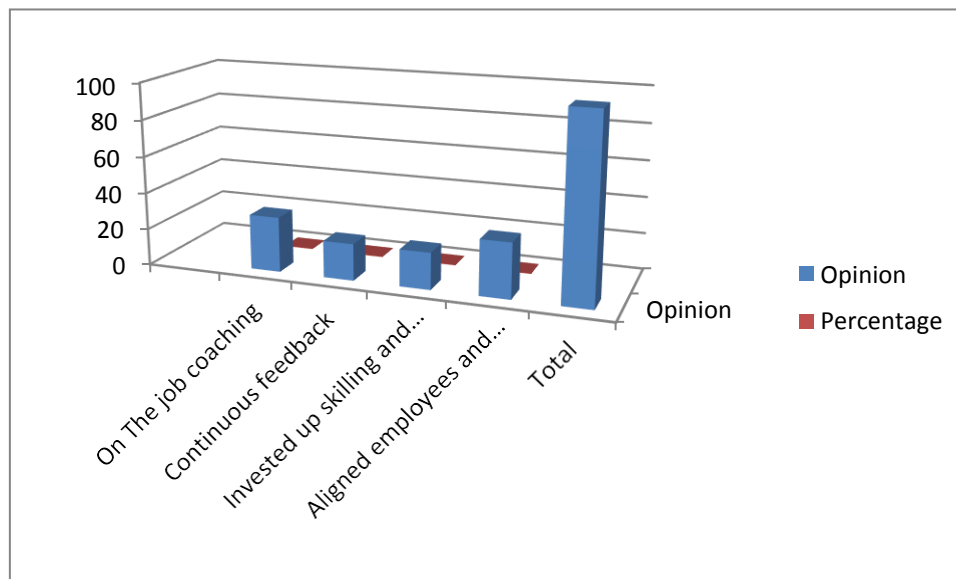
Analysis

In this research we found that on the job coaching is found best and the most suitable trend in 30% of the opinions, continuous feedback is 20% of the polls, Invested up re skilling contributes to 20% and rest contributes about 30% to aligned employees and business goals.

Best and most suitable trends -

On the job coaching - On-the-job coaching is one way to facilitate employee skills training. It refers to an approved person training an employee on the skills necessary to complete tasks.

Q11) Which technique for improving employees performance is better?

Option	Opinion	Percentage
On The job coaching	70	70%
Top Down	30	30%
Total	100	
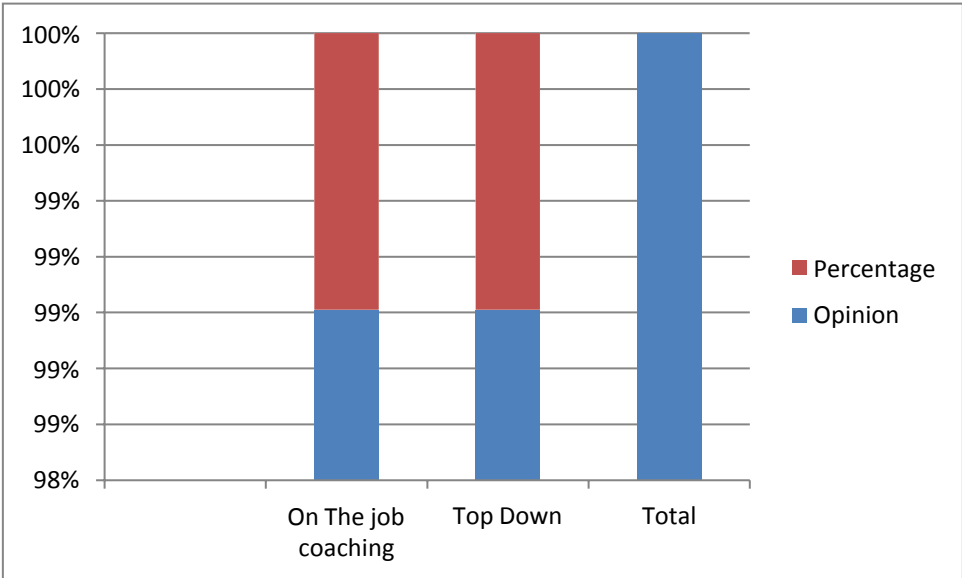
Analysis

In this research we found that on the job coaching is better technique for improving the employee performance.

Q12) How much employees getting benefitted by old techniques?

Option	Opinion	Percentage
100%	10	10%
80%	50	50%
50%	40	40%
Less than 50%	00	00%
Total	100	
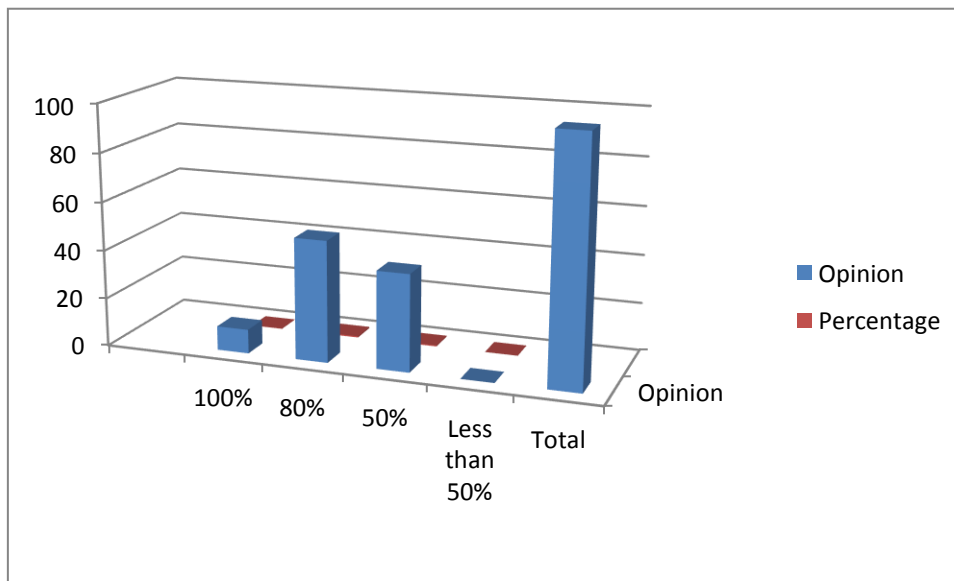
Analysis

In this research we found that 50 % employees got 80% benefitted, 40% of the employees got 40% benefitted and rest 10% got 100% benefitted.

Q13) Which of the following method is best?

Option	Opinion	Percentage
Static Process(old)	40	40%
Continuous feedback(new)	60	60%
Total	100	
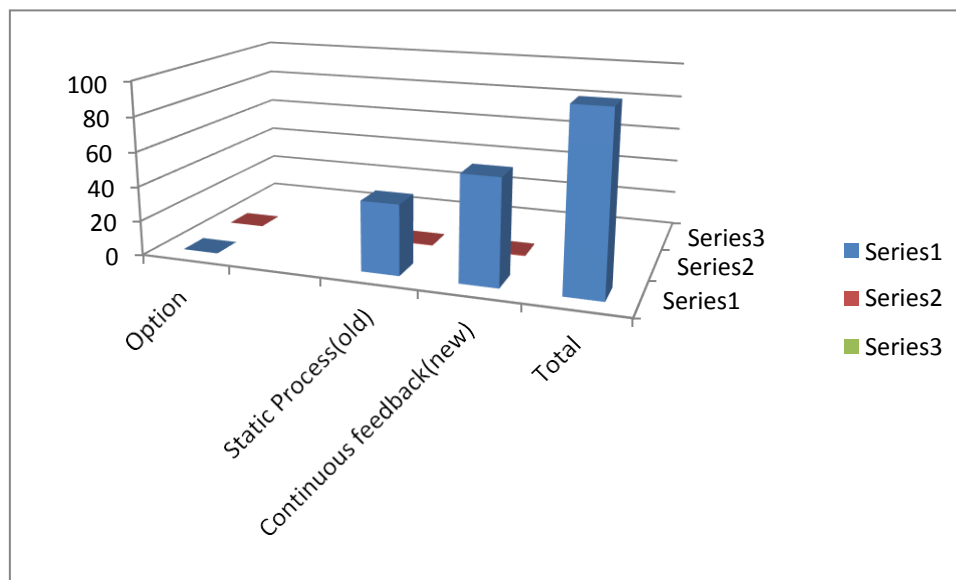
Analysis

In this research we found out that Continuous feedback is best.

Comparison between techniques - we compared which techniques is better:

Best method - continuous feedback: Continuous Feedback is defined as a mechanism or a process where an employee receives ongoing employee feedback and is guided in a systematic manner by openly discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the employee.

Q14) Which of the following method is best?

Option	Opinion	Percentage
Linear Structure	30	30%
Up skilling and reskilling	70	70%
Total	100	
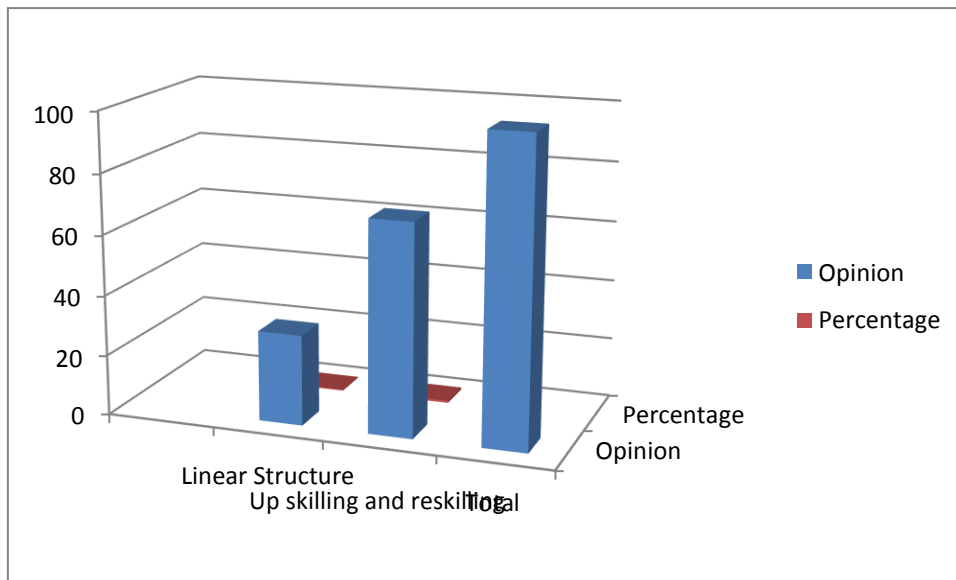
Analysis

In this research we found that invested upskilling and reskilling is best.

Best method –

Re-skilling: It is the process of acquiring new skills or updating existing ones to adapt to changes in the job market and enhance employability.

Up-skilling - Upskilling involves acquiring advanced skills within the employees' field while re-skilling entails learning entirely new skills for a different career path

Q15) in the opinion of the organization which is the best for improving employees performance?

Option	Opinion	Percentage
Old Techniques	20	20%
Latest techniques	80	80%
Total	100	
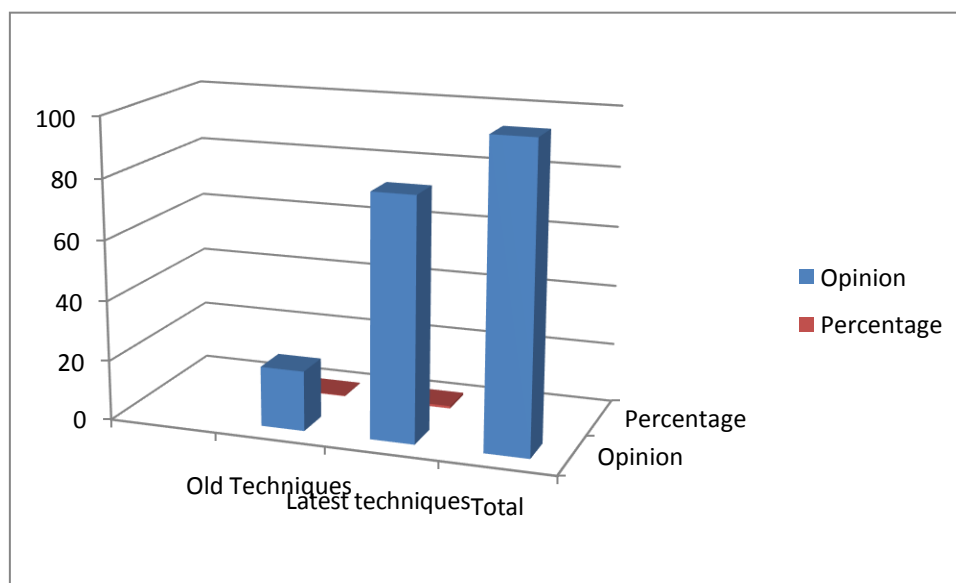
Analysis

In this research latest techniques are the best in the opinion of organizations.

Which techniques is better according to organization - *in this question we discussed which techniques is better according to organization.*

Q16) Is your bank is using gamification method for improving employees performance?

Option	Opinion	Percentage
Yes	50	50%
No	50	50%
Total	100	
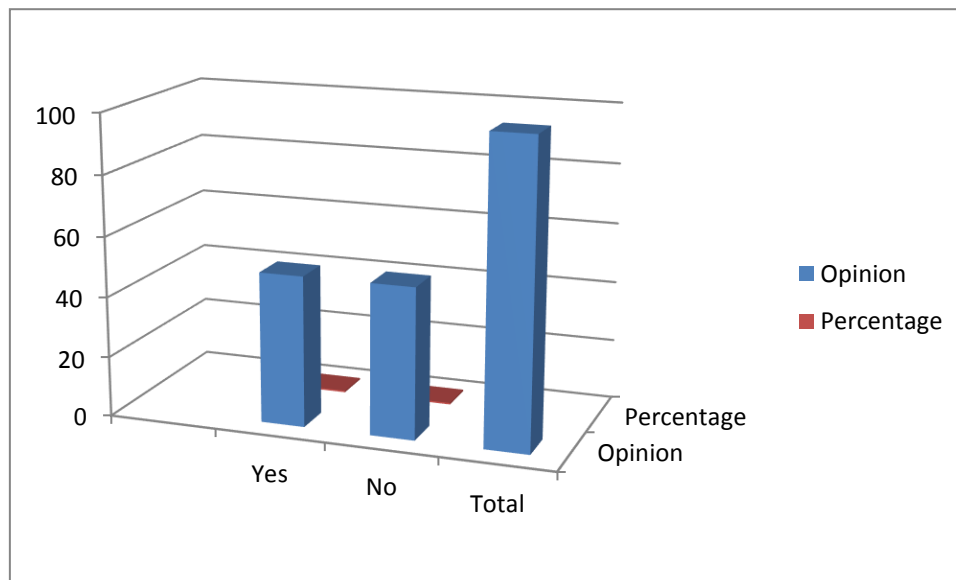
Analysis

In this research we found that 50 % of banks use gamification method

Gamifiction method - *gamification is the process of applying game mechanics to a non-gaming environment to increase engagement, happiness and loyalty. As such, gamified training is training that incorporates gaming elements or mechanics within its approach.*

Q17) Is your bank is following tracking and monitoring techniques for employee performance?

Option	Opinion	Percentage
Yes	50	50%
No	50	50%
Total	100	
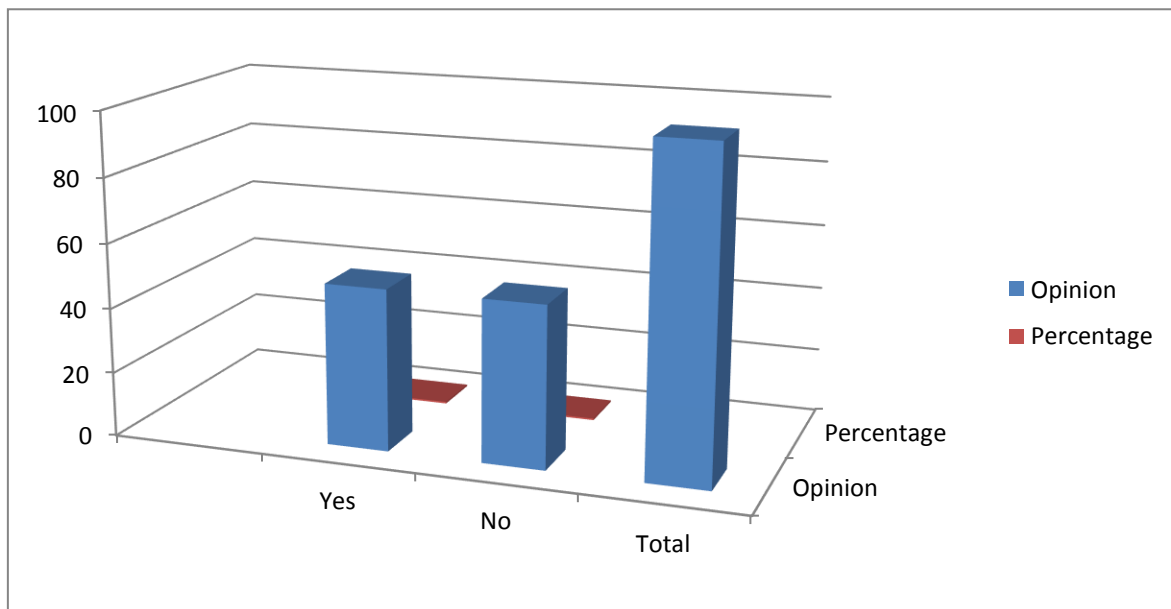
Analysis

Tracking and monitoring is used by 70% of the banks

Tracking and montering *- Tracking and monitoring involves gathering information to check that the intervention is being delivered well, is on track to meet its objectives, and that ethical codes are being properly observed.*

Q18) does your bank follows hybrid structure for improving employee performance?

Option	Opinion	Percentage
Yes	80	80%
No	20	20%
Total	100	
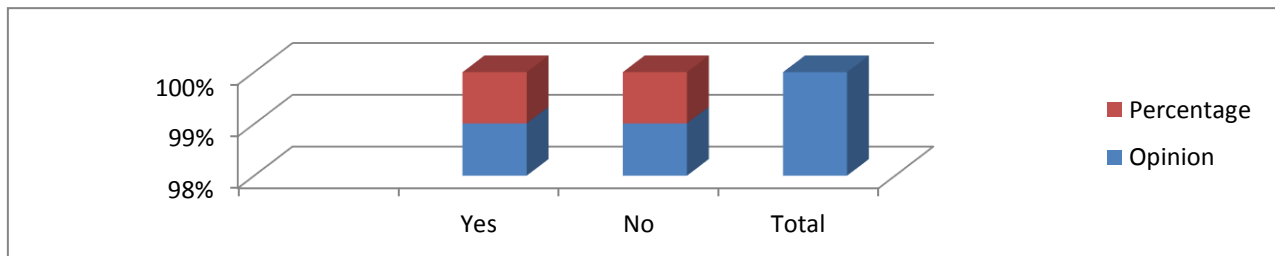
Analysis

In this research we found that 80% of banks follow hybrid structure

Hybrid structure *-hybrid form of organization, for example, is created by combining functional and product structures. Employees are required to work on many projects and report to multiple managers under a hybrid organizational structure.*

<u>Findings</u>

- 70% of respondents are opinioned that banks follow "on the job coaching" method.

- 20% respondents are opinioned that all banks are following latest trends

- 80% of respondents said best and most suitable trends is "on the job coaching"

- 70% respondents polled that banks is using hybrid structure

- 80% of respondents voted Gamifiction is best in latest trends

- 80% respondents voted that employee is getting benefitted by using latest trends and techniques for improving performance

<u>Suggestions</u>

- Banks should implemented more of new techniques for improving employee performance

- Banks should reviews towards continuous feedback for improving employee performance

- Banks should analyze incorporating micro-learning modules, gamification hybrid work , and personalized learning paths to enhance employee skills and performance

- banks are leveraging recognition and reward programs that cater to diverse employee needs and go beyond just financial incentives

- The banks needs to concentrate on improvisation of employee competencies required for personal

- improvement, because it helps in maximization of employee performance.
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Conclusion

The project is mainly concentrated on latest trends and techniques to use for employee performance improvement and potential private sector banks.

The study of performance management system is one of the significant aspects for the company

that is how effectively employees are engaged and contributes organizational success. PMS plays prominent role in Human Resource Management System. Effective performance management includes continuous feedback, reward & recognitions, performance analytics, goals management and performance reviews. I would like to conclude that without performance management system, employees do not get awareness about overall performance that would carry out in organization. So the management has to take a lead to design

a best performance management system and nowadays banks are following latest techniques for employee performance improvement. Some of latest that used by most of banks are:

- Gamification method
- Hybrid structure
- On the job coaching

By following latest trends performance of employee improved and motivation of employee also boost so that they can work efficiently to achieve further organization's goals.

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It is a great for me in taking this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and ineptness to AKS University, Satna (M.P.).

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I am deeply and forever indebted to my parents for their love, support and encouragement throughout my entire life.

<u>DECLARATION</u>

I hereby declare that the content displayed in this research project report is the work carried out by myself. I further declare that the information mentioned in this report includes neither the confidential Information nor trade secrets of the company that I worked for.

The research project report has been successfully completed in the partial fulfillment of Bachelor of Business Administration (Honor) at AKS University.

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INTRODUCTION

INDUSTRY PROFILE HISTORY OF BANKING IN INDIA

The banking sector plays an efficient role in economic development of a country. Banks are considered as back bone of any economy for financial growth and stability. Private sector banks in India play an important role along with public sector for overall financial sector reforms. The introduction of multinational private sector banks in India increased the competition in Indian Banking Industry. Banking in India Frames the base for the monetary development of the nation. Significant changes in the banking framework and the executives have been seen throughout the years with the advancement in innovation, considering the necessities of individuals. The History of Banking in India started before India got independence in 1947. The "*Bank of Hindustan*" was the first Indian Bank which was established in 1770 in the Calcutta. During the Pre Independence period over 600 banks had been registered in the country, but only a few managed to survive. In the British rule era, they established three banks namely the Bank of Bengal, Bombay and Bank of Madras and called them the Presidential Banks. These three banks were later merged into one single bank in 1921, which was called the "*Imperial Bank of India*." The Government chose to nationalize the Banks during post-independence period. Reserve Bank of India was nationalized in 1949 while Imperial bank was nationalised as State Bank of India during 1955. 14 banks were nationalized in 1969 and 6 banks were nationalised in 1980. After 1991 (Liberalization Period), the Government chose to encourage private banks in Indian banking industry (Gupta, 2014).

Private sector banks are banking organizations with higher stakes or value being held by private investors and not the Government of India. In 1991, the Narasimhan Committee laid attention on the significance of sound competition in the financial sector, which had been missing in the post nationalization period and thus, unambiguously upheld for the passage of private and unfamiliar financial organizations in the Indian market. With RBI's advancement strategy in the 1990s, the private sector banks rise once more. In India, they have been sorted into two kinds by the monetary controllers; Old Private Sector Banks (arose before 1968) and New Private Sector Banks (arose after 1968). The Old private

sector banks had been excessively little in 1969 to be remembered for the nationalization and thus protected their autonomy.

NATIONALISED BANKS IN INDIA

The nationalization of banks in India took place in 1969 by Mrs. Indira Gandhi the then prime minister. The major objective behind nationalization was to spread banking infrastructure in rural areas and make available cheap finance to Indian farmers. Fourteen banks were nationalized in 1969. Before 1969, State of India (SBI) was only public sector bank in India. SBI was nationalized in 1955 under the SBI Act of 1955. The second phase of nationalization of Indian banks took place in the year 1980. Seven more banks were nationalized with deposits over 200 crore. All the banks in India were earlier private banks. They were founded in the pre- independence era to cater to the banking needs of the people. But after nationalization of banks in 1969 public sector banks came to occupy dominant role in the banking structure.

LIST OF PRIVATE SECTOR BANKS IN SATNA

1. ICICI BANK
2. AXIS BANK
3. HDFC BANK
4. IDBI BANK
5. BANK OF BARODA
6. INDUSLND BANK
7. AU SMALL FINANCE BANK
8. KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK
9. BANDHAN BANK
10. IJAYA BANK

1. **ICICI BANK:** is a major Indian financial services company, offering a wide range of banking products and services.

   Type: Multinational bank and financial services company

   Headquarters: Mumbai, India

   Services: Personal banking, business banking, corporate banking, NRI banking, wealth management, investment banking, and more

   Online Banking: Yes, they offer secure internet banking services [ICICI Bank Internet Banking]

   About Satna Branch of ICICI Bank:

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   MICR Code MICR not provided

   Bank ICICI Bank

   Address EKTA TOWERS, GROUND FLOOR, REWA ROAD. 485001 District SATNA

   State MADHYA PRADESH

2. **<u>AXIS BANK:</u>** is a major private sector bank in India, ranking as the third largest in private sector banks, They offer a wide range of financial services including:

Personal banking accounts and loans, Credit cards
Investment and wealth management

Business banking &Transaction banking. They have a large network of branches and ATMs across India, and are also known for their strong digital banking platform. Axis Bank has won numerous awards for their services, including Best Retail Bank and Best Digital Bank

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Bank AXIS BANK
Address TIWARI TOWERS,UPPER GROUND FLOOR REWA ROAD, SATNA
District SATNA
State MADHYA PRADESH
Branch SATNA MADHYA.

3. **IDBI BANK:** The IDBI Bank Limited (IDBI Bank or IDBI) is a development finance institution under the ownership of Life Insurance Corporation of India and Government of India. It was established in 1964 as Industrial Development Bank of India, a development finance institution, which provided financial services to industrial sector. In 2005, the institution was merged with its commercial division, IDBI Bank, forming the present-day banking entity and was categorised as "other development finance institution" category.

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District SATNA
State MADHYA PRADESH
Branch SATNA

4. **HDFC BANK:** is a large private sector bank in India. HDFC Bank Limited is an Indian banking and financial services company headquartered in Mumbai. It is India's largest private sector bank by assets and the world's sixth-largest bank by market capitalization as of August 2023, following its takeover of parent company HDFC.

Branch About Satna of HDFC Bank:

The SATNA MADHYA PRADESH branch of HDFC BANK is located in the REWA ROAD district of the MADHYA PRADESH State at TMD Complex, Rewa Road Rewa Road Satna 485001. The IFSC Code of the branch is HDFC0000629 and its MICR Code is MICR not provided. The working hours of the SATNA MADHYA PRADESH branch of HDFC BANK are Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm* while the 2nd and the 4th Saturdays generally remain non-working days.

IFSC Code : HDFC0000629
Bank HDFC BANK
Address TMD Complex Rewa Road Satna 485001
Land Mark : Opposite Hotel Savera
State MADHYA PRADESH
Branch SATNA

5. **BANDHAN BANK:** Bandhan Bank Ltd. is a banking and financial services company, headquartered in Kolkata. Bandhan Bank is present in 35 out of 36 states and union territories of India, with 6,250 banking outlets and 3.26 crore customers. Having received the universal banking licence from the Reserve Bank of India, Bandhan Bank started operations on August 23, 2015, with 501 branches, 50 ATMs and 2,022 Banking Units (BUs). The Bank has mobilised deposits of ☐1,17,422 crore and its total advances stand at ☐1,15,940 crore as of December 31, 2023.

About Satna Branch of BANDHAN BANK:

The SATNA branch of BANDHAN BANK LIMITED is located in the BHOPAL district of the MADHYA PRADESH State at OM TOWER, KRISHNA NAGAR, STATION ROAD WARD NO.22, NEAR SINDHI DHARAM SHALA, SATNA, MADHYA PRADESH, PIN - 485001.

The IFSC Code : BDBL0001422

The working hours of the SATNA branch of BANDHAN BANK LIMITED are Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm* while the 2nd and the 4th Saturdays generally remain non-working days.

INTRODUCTION 1.2

A Study of Job Stress Management among the Private Sector Bank Employees

Definition of Job Stress:

Workplace stress is highly personal. Some people thrive in fast-paced jobs, such as emergency room nurses, police officers, and air-traffic controllers. These are stressful jobs where making a mistake can put people's lives at risk.

The rest of us likely wouldn't last a day in such high-pressure environments. But that doesn't mean our jobs are less stressful. Every job has its own kind of stress. There could be short deadlines, endless paperwork, or the occasional angry customer. Or there may be meetings that drag on for hours, putting everyone even more behind. All can cause stress.

In other words, it's not just the job that creates stress. It's also the way a person responds to the pressures and demands of each workplace that makes them stressed.

Types of Job Stress:

Demand stress: This type of stress is caused by having too much work to do, tight deadlines, or a lack of resources.

Effort-reward imbalance: This type of stress occurs when you feel like you're putting in a lot of effort at work, but you're not getting the rewards you deserve, such as pay, recognition, or promotion.

Lack of control: This type of stress happens when you feel like you don't have any control over your work, such as how tasks are assigned or how decisions are made.

Role conflict: This type of stress is caused by having to meet conflicting demands from your boss, colleagues, or clients.

Poor social environment: This type of stress can be caused by things like a lack of support from colleagues, a hostile work environment, or bullying.

Stress effects

Short-term effects of stress include:

- ⬈ Headaches
- ⬈ Shallow breathing
- ⬈ Trouble sleeping
- ⬈ Anxiety
- ⬈ Upset stomach

Long-term constant stress can increase the risk for:

- ⬈ Heart disease
- ⬈ Back pain
- ⬈ Depression
- ⬈ Lasting muscle aches and pains
- ⬈ A weakened immune system

Stress also can affect your mind. It can impair your ability to focus and your imagination. Stress also increases the chance you'll make mistakes because you're not thinking clearly. Constant stress can affect your emotions and behaviour. It can make you grouchy, impatient, less excited about your job, and even depressed.

What to do about work related stress

Check reality

When you're in a high-pressure situation, examine your train of thought to see if it's adding to the stress you feel.

Are you imagining a far worse outcome than is likely? Is the project or situation likely to affect your job approval, reputation, or income? Are you really out of your league? Or are the immediate demands really more of a challenge than a disaster in the making?

Manage your time

Correct time and priority management can reduce a lot of workplace stress. Start each day by making a to-do list of tasks, calls to make, and e-mails to write. Prioritize the list according to tasks you must do, those you would like to do, and those that can wait. Don't schedule too much. And build in time for interruptions.

Take a break

Hourly mini-breaks where you stretch your shoulders, back, and neck can provide physical stress relief. This can then reduce mental stress. Lunch is often skipped at the expense of more stress. Try to take lunch if you can.

Be realistic

Stop promising to do more than you can handle. Be polite as you say, "With the workload I have, I can't take on more at this time."

Repeat yourself

Every day, plan to spend some time at rest, but not asleep. Sit in a comfortable chair, close your eyes, and relax your muscles.

Then focus on breathing regularly as you keep repeating one simple word aloud or silently. This might be a word such as "peace," "relax," or "om." Keep doing this until your muscles and mind are relaxed.

Visualize

Sit or lie down and close your eyes. For 5 to 10 minutes, imagine you're in a place you love. This may be the beach, the mountains, or the house you grew up in. Breathe slowly and deeply as you imagine what you see, feel, hear, taste, and smell in your special place.

Eat a healthy diet and exercise regularly

A healthy diet rich in whole foods, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein may reduce stress. Having lots of caffeine, sugar, and alcohol can increase it.

Many studies have found exercise reduces stress. Aerobic exercise works best for most people. This includes running, swimming, or brisk walking. Yoga, Pilates, tai chi, or simple stretching can also help. They help create a calmer, meditative state.

Communicate

Talking with a family member or friend outside of work about the issues that cause your stress at work can help you put things in perspective. Explore solutions and ways to cope together.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

➢ To identify the determinants of private banking employees job stress.
➢ Examine the causes, types and effects of job stress on the individual and the banks.
➢ Highlight workable stress management techniques in the workplace.
➢ To identify stress management strategies to manage stress of private bank employees.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Khattak, Jamshed Khan et al. (2011) They have identified various factors of stress, were found that significantly correlated to all factors and acknowledged that sources of stress were the technological problems.

Eric S. Parilla (2012) This study attempted to develop an approach for stress management by determining the cause of stress experienced by the employees at various designations. Found that higher-level employees were experienced lower stress whereas middle-level employees were the highest stress level.

Khurram Zafar Awanand Faisal Jamil (2012) This research was focused on both private and public sectors banks. The survey was conducted by a random selection of samples.

A.Sharmila and J.Poornima (2012) The authors have undertaken occupational stress related to certain specific problems of private banks. Investigated that pathogenesis of various problems of stress and also helpful to policy for further studies, act as secondary data for further research.

K.S.Sathyanaraynan et al. (2011) The authors studied the impact of stress on the IT industry and its remedial measures. The study observed that due to various job related issues the employees often feel stress in their jobs and a result of this the productive outcome decreases. This is the biggest IT challenge that the industry is facing at present and to tackle these issue various stress management programmes have also been incorporated.

Tatheer Yawar Ali et al (2013) This research was carried out on bankers with various dimensions of stress, they come out with results that many bankers were facing a high level of stress due to long working hours, improper reward system and also noticed symptoms at the early stage.

Asim Masood et al (2013) Have examined the relationship between stress and employee retention and have observed consequences of high stress among employees in the banking sector. The study also reveals that employees were experiencing uncertainty and tension due to work pressure.

Harish Shukla and Rachita Garg (2013) This study showed that one of the competitive sectors in the Indian economy is banking sector like other sectors,

since these sector facing many challenges in term of technological bread through, diversification and globalization. Found that every employee cannot cope with rapid changes in their jobs will leads to a stressed situation.

Mrs. Aruna (2014) Are of the opinion that positive thinking in any situation will lead to a stress-free life. It could be drawn based on preceding discussion of the results.

Sunita G. Rao et al (2014) Have opined that the banking industry is one of the stressful industries since there are competitions among public and private-sector banks. Both private and public sector banks will experience stress to perform work at their workplace. Concluded that private banks employee will experience more stress than public bank employees.

Bindurani R S Shambushankar (2014) Have opined that stress could be various types like eustress, distress, eustress, stress is not always bad, and some stress like eustress may improve the productivity of the employees.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A research methodology describes the techniques and procedures used to identify and analyse information regarding a specific research topic. It is a process by which researchers design their study so that they can achieve their objectives using the selected research instruments. It includes all the important aspects of research, including research design, data collection methods, data analysis methods, and the overall framework within which the research is conducted.

(a) Research Design

This research study uses descriptive and aims to understand in this research we use review literature for collecting information.

(b) Sample area

The data is to be collected from top 5 private banks and 20 responses from each bank in Satna city.

(c) Sample size

The sample size selected for this study to managers and employees of private sector banks and this survey has done in city of Satna. Private bank contains some selected private banks like HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, IDBI Bank, BANDHAN Bank. Questionnaires were distributed and collected personally by the researcher in each and every bank.

(d) Sampling techniques

In this empirical study was used Simple random Sampling method.

(e) Data Collection

Primary data – Primary data is that which consist of original information for a specific purpose. Primary data is collected through questionnaire.

Secondary data - Secondary data consist of information which has already been collected by someone else for some other purpose.

(f) Tools and Techniques

In this research we used Simple percentile method and graphs.

(g) Analysis of Data

The data is collected through survey and books, reports, newspapers and internet etc., the survey conducted among the employees of private banks. The data collected is tabulated and analysed in such a way to make interpretations.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

Data interpretation is the process of reviewing data and arriving at relevant conclusions using various analytical research methods. Data analysis assists researchers in categorizing, manipulating data, and summarizing data to answer critical questions.

Analysis of data is a vital part of running a successful business. When data is used effectively, it leads to better understanding of a business's previous performance and better decision-making for its future activities.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The obtained results via questionnaire method have displayed by Table 1 and 2 and displays the built model between respondents and percentage.

Table 1. Results of questionnaire (General Information)

1. What is your Gender?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Male	60	60%
Female	40	40%
Total	100	100%
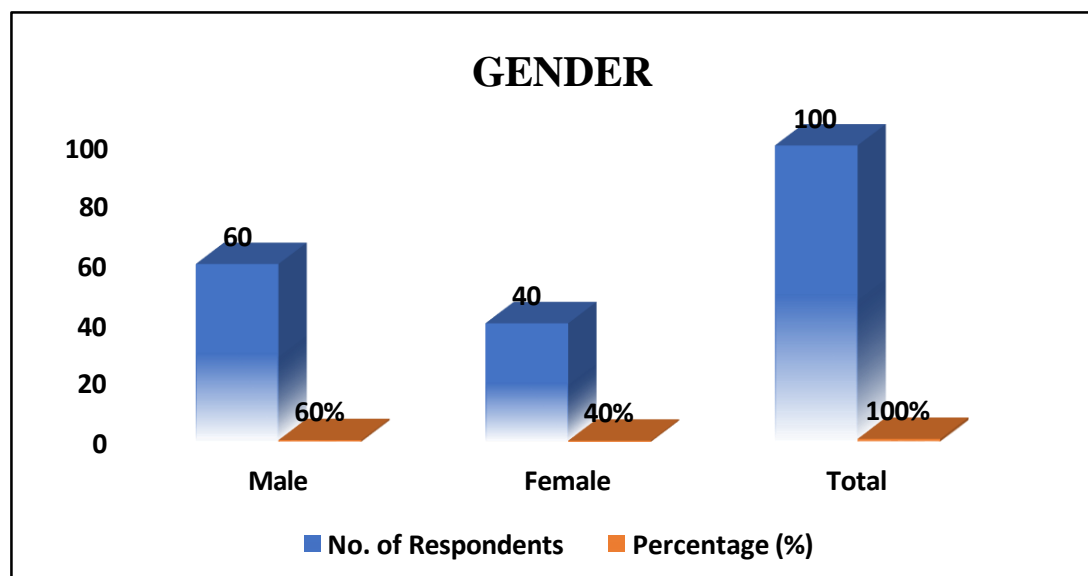
Analysis: The results shows in this graph, large number of respondents are male. Male respondents are (60%) out of the 100 respondents and in this survey small number of female respondents that is only (40%) out of 100 respondents. In private banks large proportion of male employees and less proportion of female employees are working.

2. What is your Age?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
20-30 years	40	40%
31-40 years	45	45%
Above 40 years	15	15%
Total	100	100%
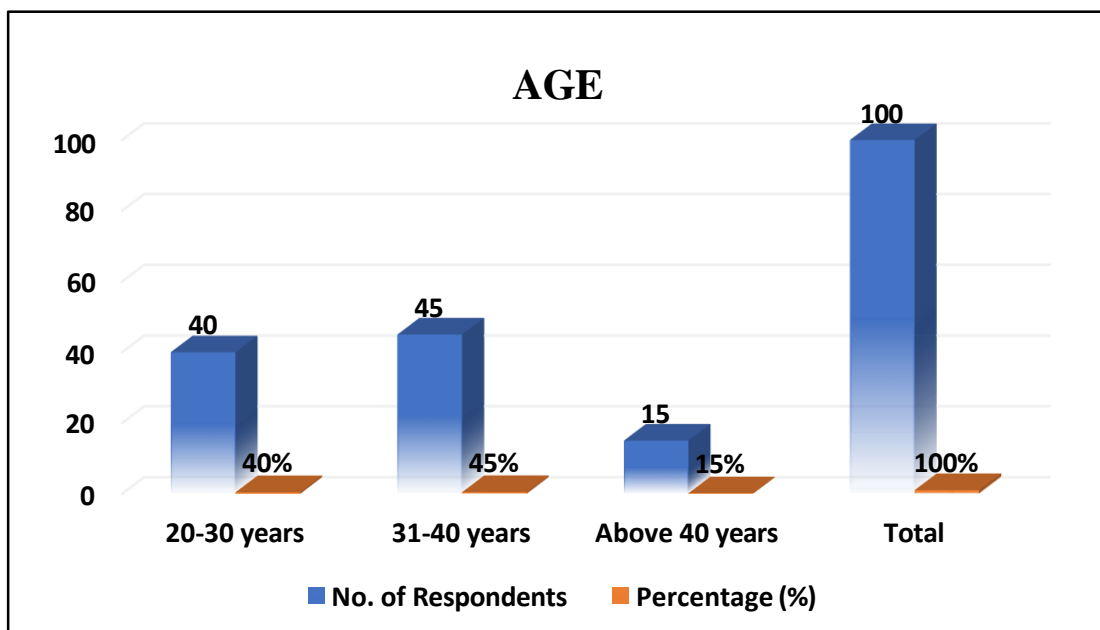
Analysis: In this research we found that age of respondents is maximum at 31-40 years with 45% of them are 20-30 years with 40% and 15% of them are above 40 years.

3. What is your working time?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Part time	20	20%
Full time	45	45%
Shift basis	35	35%
Total	100	100%

WORKING TIME
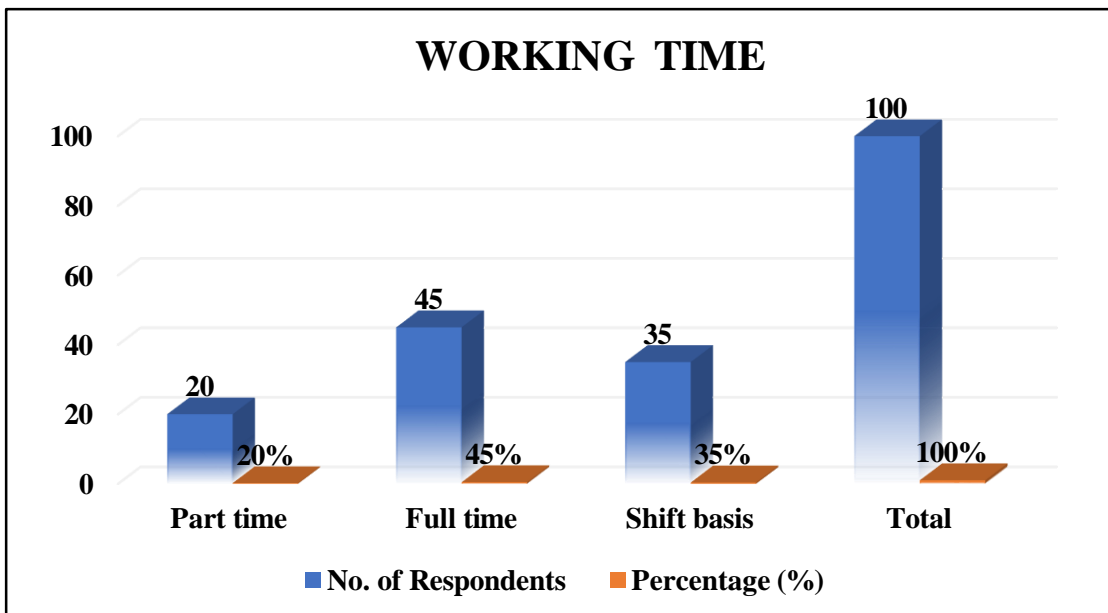
Analysis: In this research we found that 20% of respondents work on part time basis, 45% of them work full time and 35% of them work on shift basis.

Table 2. Results of Questionnaire (This Study)

1. Do you feel stress at work?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Always	**40**	**40%**
To Some Extent	**40**	**40%**
To Great Extent	**20**	**20%**
None	**0**	**0%**
Total	**100**	**100%**
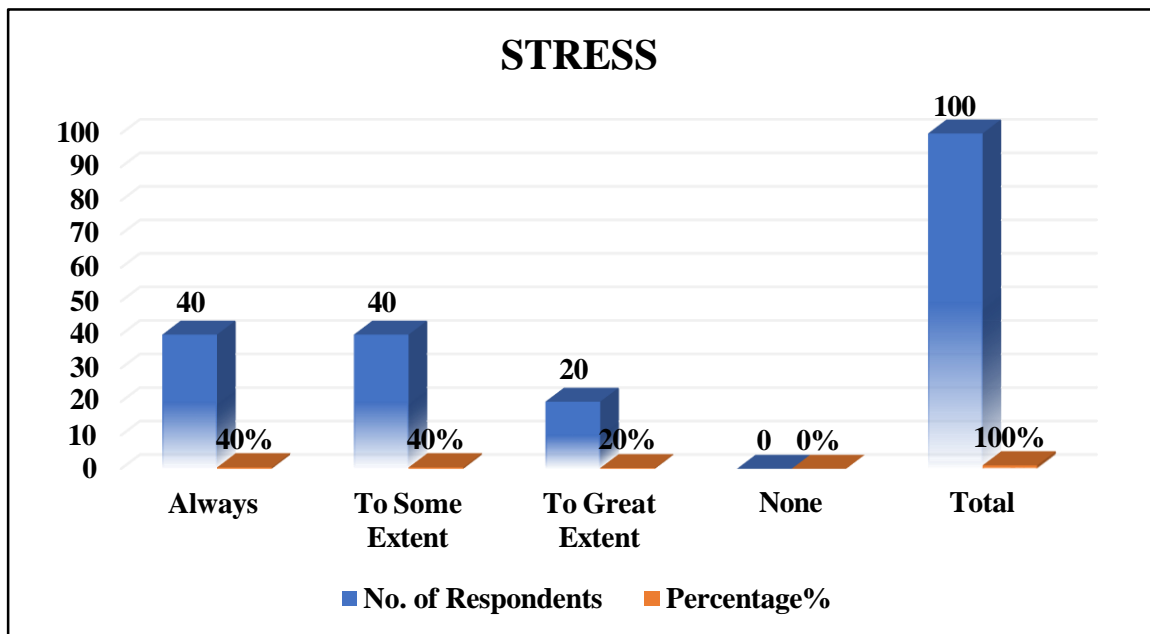
Analysis: In this research we found that 40% respondents for Always, 40% respondents for to some extent, 20% respondents for to great extent and 0% respondents for none. Stress is a feeling of emotional or physical tension. It can come from any event or thought that makes you feel frustrated, angry, or nervous. Stress is your body's reaction to a challenge or demand. In short bursts, stress can be positive, such as when it helps you avoid danger or meet a deadline.

2. What are the main cause of job stress at workplace?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Conflicts at workplace	30	30%
Over workload	40	40%
Job Security	20	20%
Salary Package	10	10%
Total	100	100%
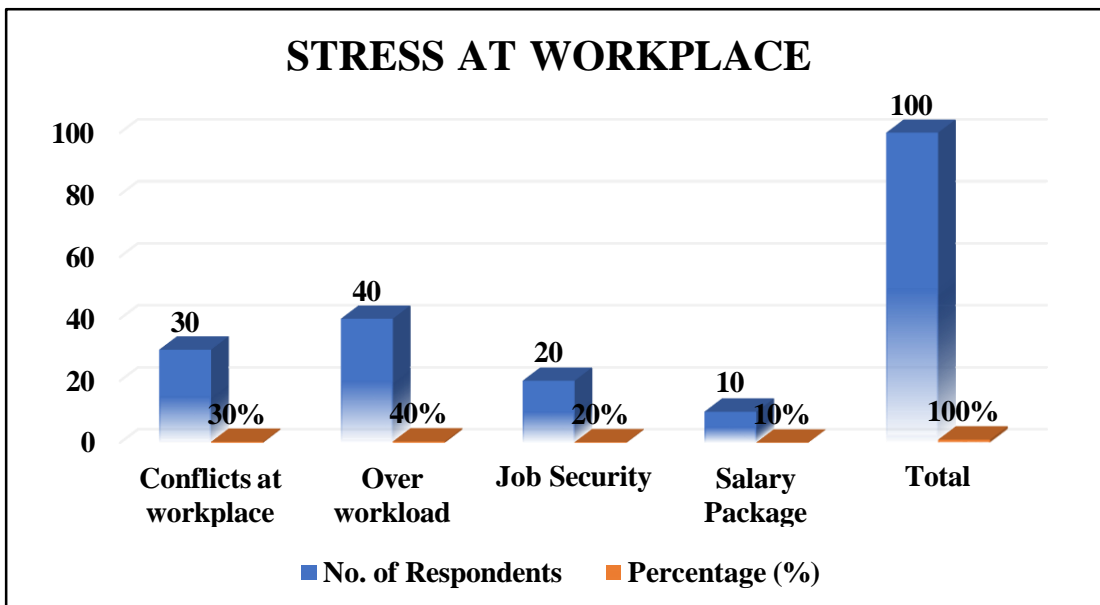
Analysis: Here we found that 30% of the people voted for Conflicts at workplace, 40% voted for Over workload, 20% voted for Job security and 10% voted for Salary package. Work-related stress is the response people may have when presented with work demands and pressures that are not matched to their knowledge and abilities and which challenge their ability to cope. Stress occurs in a wide range of work circumstances but is often made worse when employees feel they have little support from supervisors and colleagues, as well as little control over work processes.

3. How much "Salary package" affect the job stress in the workplace?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Highly affected	40	40%
Optimum	20	20%
Too much stress	40	40%
Low level	0	0%
Total	100	100%
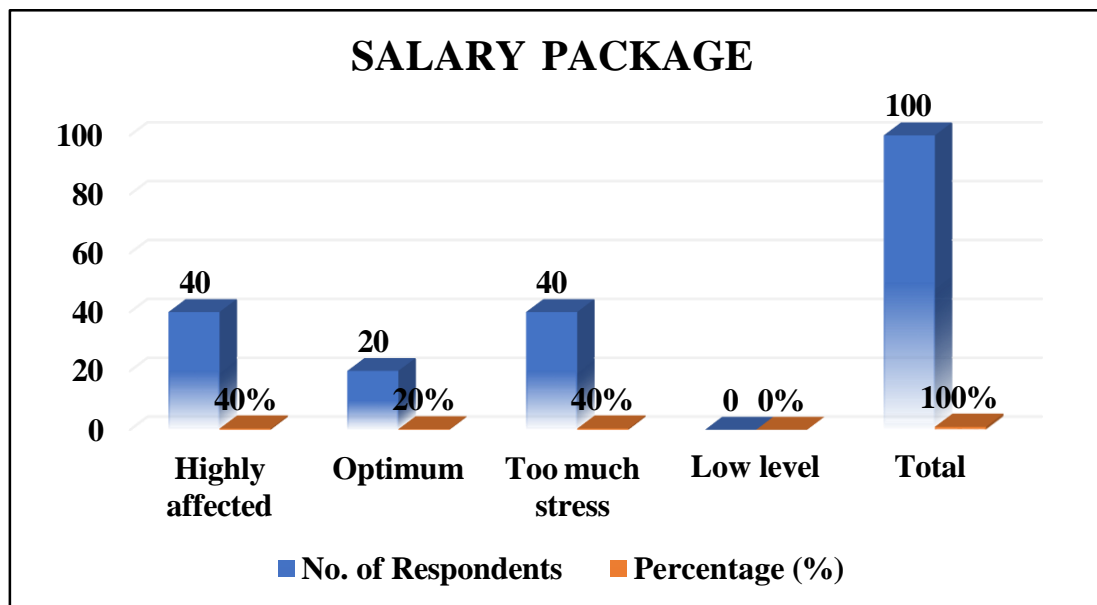
Analysis: In this research we found that 40% of respondents for Highly affected, 20% respondents for Optimum, 40% respondents for Too much stress and 0% for Low level. Salary Package means the annual anticipated gross remuneration package for a Placement, which includes gross annual salary, applicable benefits for which there is a cash equivalent paid to the Candidate, profit share, commission, bonus, living allowances, travel allowances, overseas allowances and joining inducements.

4. How much job stress affect the individuals?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
100%	40	40%
80%	10	10%
60%	40	40%
Less than 60%	10	10%
Total	100	100%

STRESS AFFECT THE INDIVIDUALS
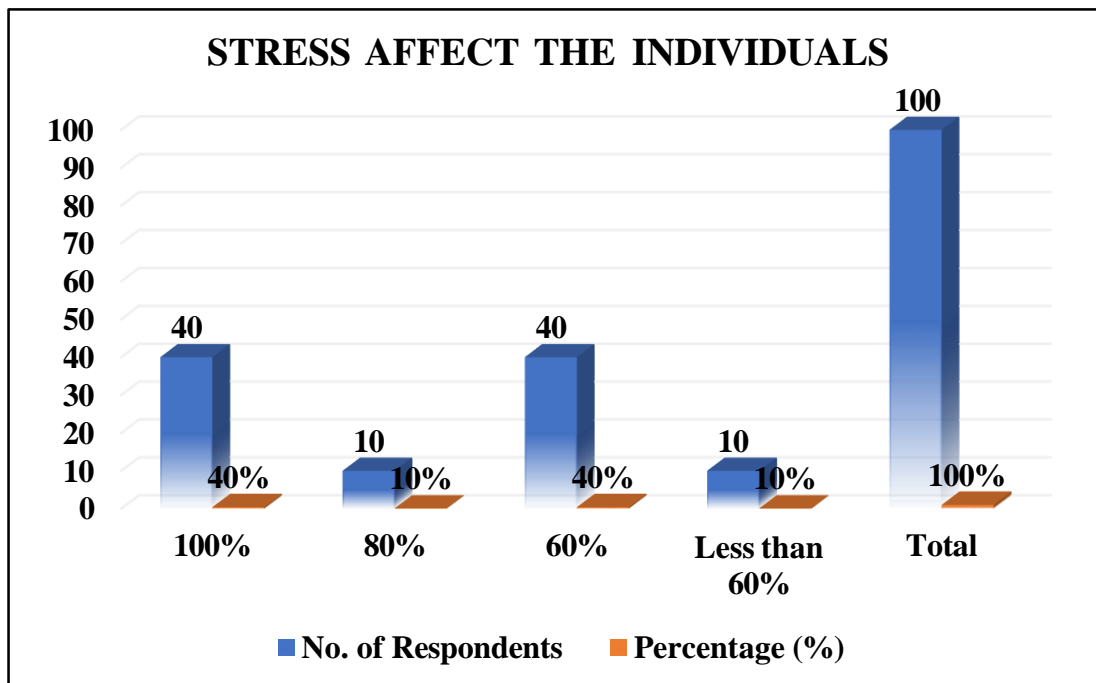
Analysis: In this research we found that 40% respondents for 100%, 10% respondents for 80%, 40% respondents for 60% and 10% respondents for Less than 60%. Stress symptoms can affect your body, your thoughts and feelings, and your behaviour. Knowing common stress symptoms can help you manage them. Stress that's not dealt with can lead to many health problems, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, obesity and diabetes.

5. Does stress affects your performance?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	20	20%
Agree	50	50%
Disagree	10	10%
Strongly disagree	20	20%
Total	100	100%

STRESS PERFORMANCE
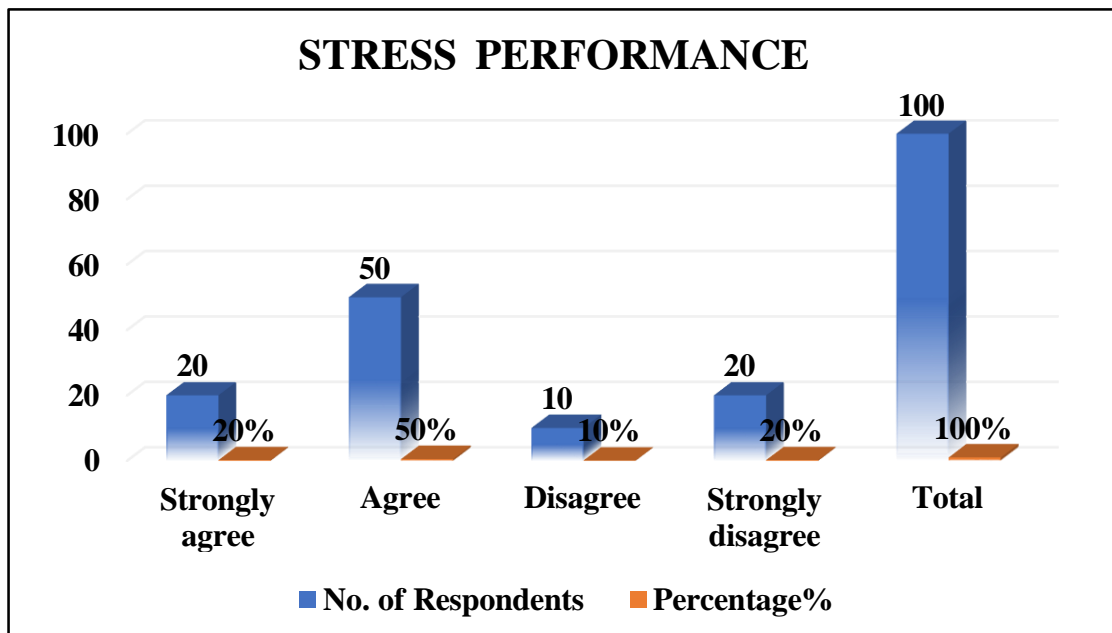
Analysis: Here we found that 20% of the people voted for Strongly agree, 50% people voted for Agree, 10 % voted for Disagree and 20 % voted for Strongly disagree. The Yerkes- Dodson law states that performance increases with physiological or mental arousal (stress), but only up to a certain point (Diamond, et al, 2007). Therefore, this means that when stress levels are too low or too high, performances decreases.

6. Do you feel time pressure create stress at workplace?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	30	30%
Agree	20	20%
Disagree	30	30%
Strongly disagree	20	20%
Total	100	100%
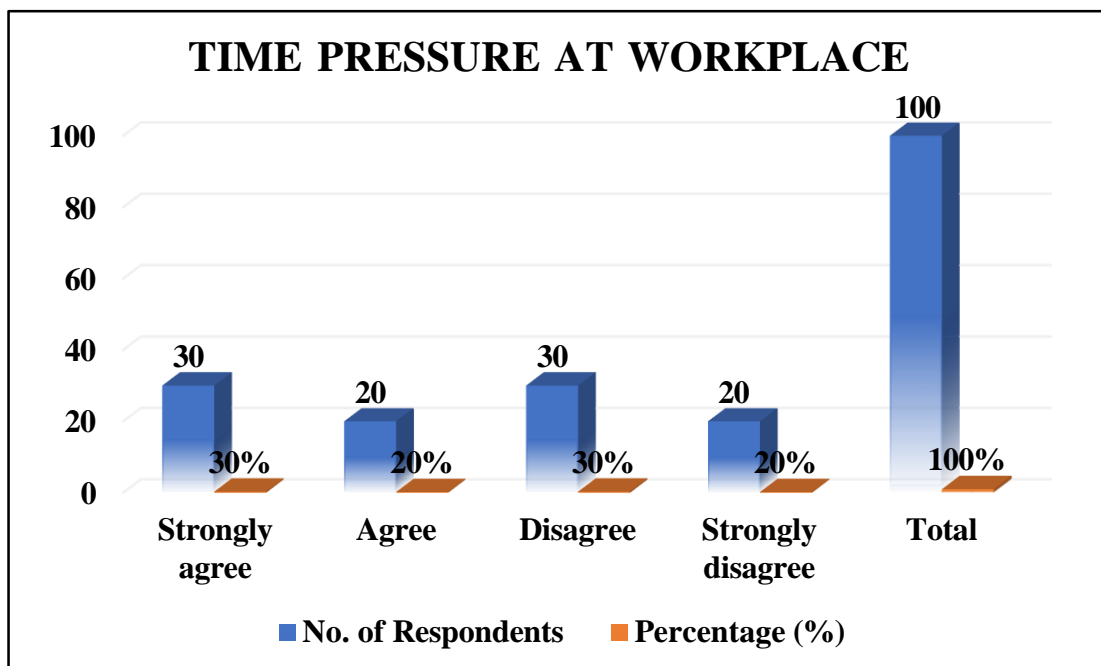
Analysis: In this research we found that 30% of respondents for Strongly agree, 20% respondents for Agree, 30% of respondents for Disagree and 20% respondents for Strongly disagree. Time pressure can arise during work when a large or too complex job has to be done within a certain time frame. For example, a person might feel under pressure if the demands of their job (such as hours or responsibilities) are greater than they can comfortably manage.

7. How organization helps employees to overcome in the stress?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Employee counselling	10	10%
Job rotation	20	20%
Effective training and development program	60	60%
Financial Motivation	10	10%
Total	100	100%
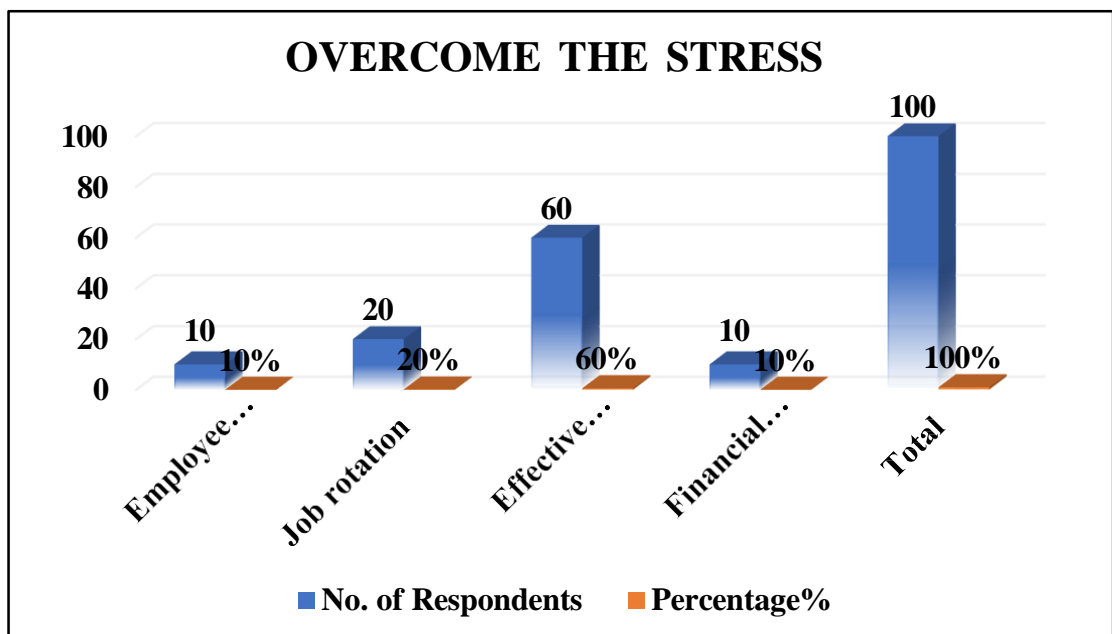
Analysis: In this research we found that 10% people polled for Employee counselling, 20% polled for Job rotation, 60% people polled for Effective training and development program and 10% people polled for financial motivation. Almost everyone feels job stress at times, even if you like your job. You may feel stress about hours, coworkers, deadlines, or possible layoffs. Some stress is motivating and can help you achieve. But when job stress is constant, it can lead to health problems. Finding ways to relieve your stress can help you stay healthy and feel better. So, take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate.

8. Does stress affect negatively at work?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Always	**20**	**20%**
To great extent	**30**	**30%**
To some extent	**40**	**40%**
Never	**10**	**10%**
Total	**100**	**100%**

STRESS AFFECT NEGATIVELY
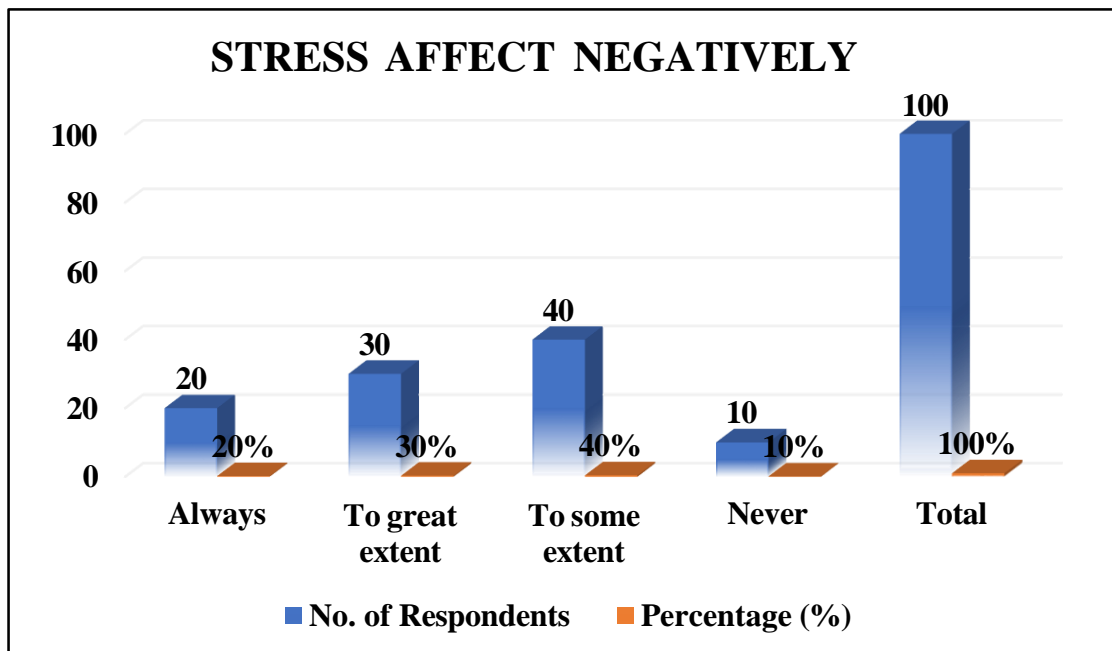
Analysis: In this research we found that 20% of respondents for Always, 30% respondents for to great extent, 40% of respondents for to some extent and 10 % of respondents for Never. Employees who experience excessive stress may become emotionally exhausted, leading to a lack of motivation that can negatively affect company culture. When people aren't motivated to work and get little satisfaction from their job, it can harm job performance and create a stressful environment for everyone.

9. What are the workable stress management techniques in the workplace?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Time management	0	0%
Clear communication	40	40%
Positive work environment	40	40%
Healthy workplace	20	20%
Total	100	100%

STRESS MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES AT WORKPLACE
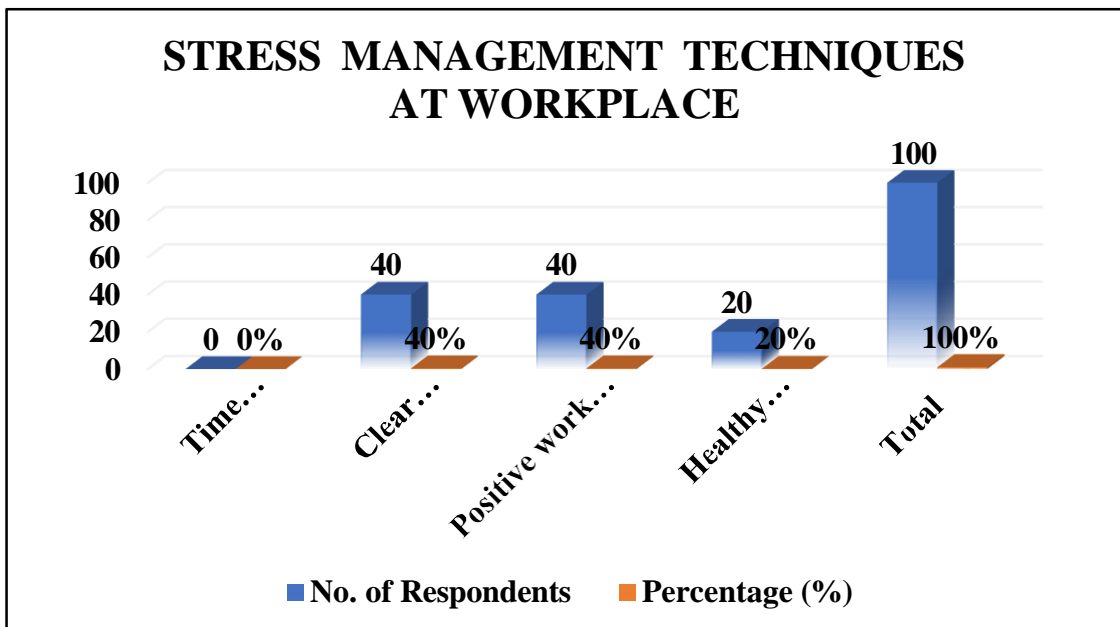
Analysis: Here we found that 0% of the people voted for Time management, 40% voted for Clear communication, 40% of the people voted for Positive work environment and 20% voted for Healthy workplace. Stress management techniques at the workplace are strategies you can use to cope with the pressure and demands of your job. The goal is to maintain your well-being and keep stress from interfering with your productivity and health.

10. Does really this stress management techniques if benefited?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Yes, every time	**20**	**20%**
Yes, most of the time	**40**	**40%**
Yes, some of the time	**40**	**40%**
No, not at all	**0**	**0%**
Total	**100**	**100%**
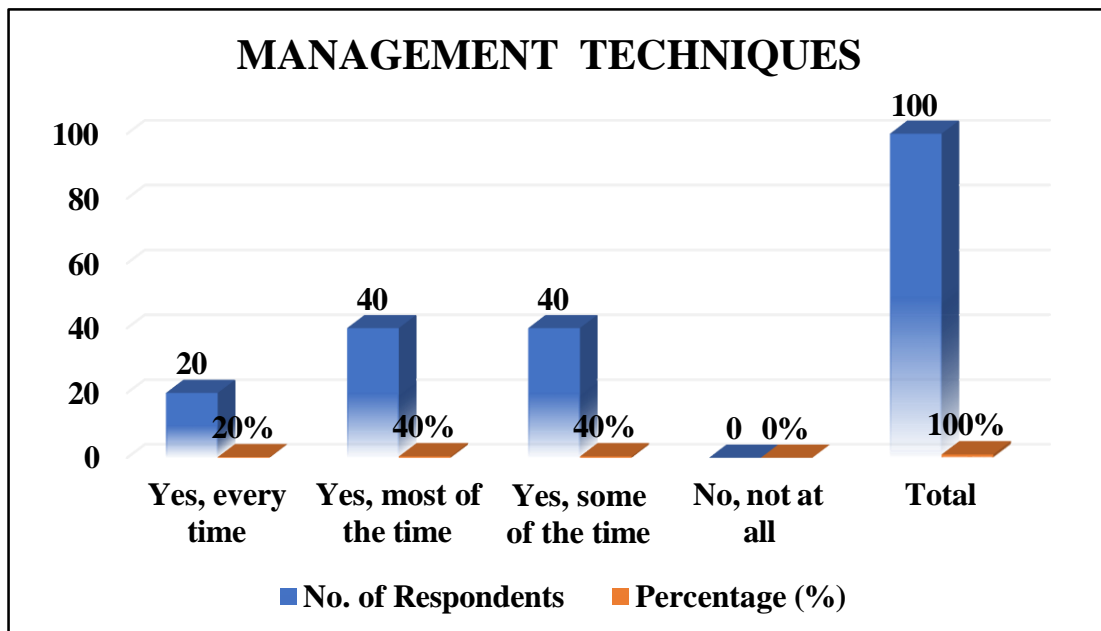
Analysis: In this research we found that 20% of the respondents for Yes, every time, 40% respondents for Yes, most of the time, 40% respondents for Yes, some of the time and 0% of the respondents for No, not at all. Management techniques in private banks are all about how the bank organizes itself to best serve its high-net-worth clients. These techniques can be broken down into two main areas: client relationship management and talent management.

11. How much these stress management techniques helps for employee in the workplace?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
100%	10	10%
60%	40	40%
50%	20	20%
Less than 50%	30	30%
Total	100	100%
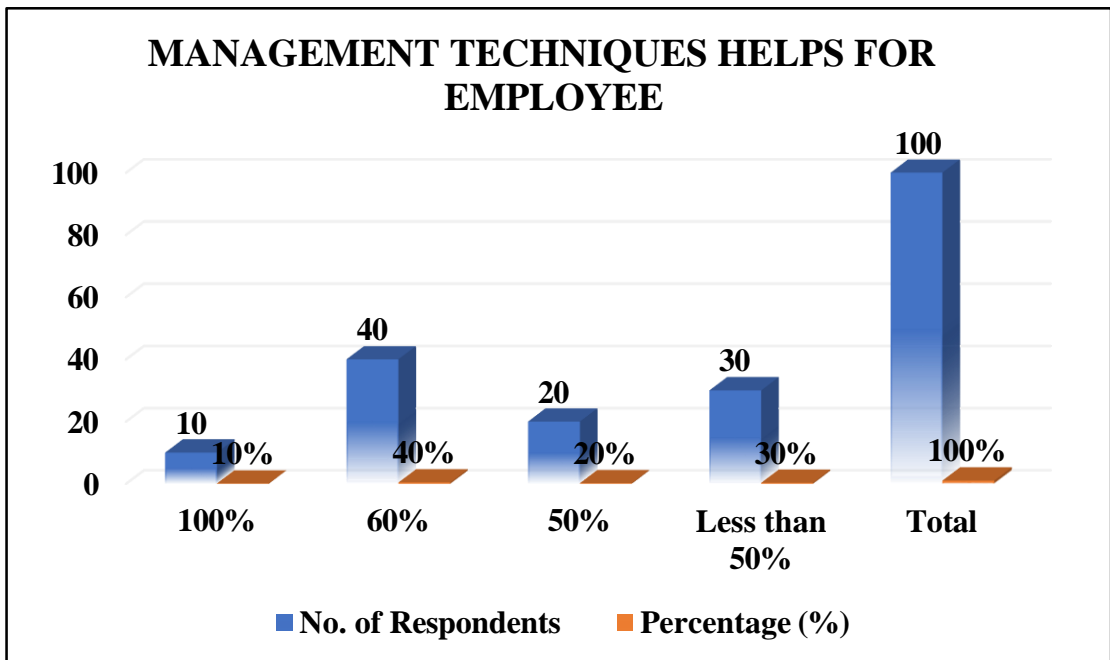
Analysis: In this research we found that 10% of people polled for 100%, 40% people polled for 60%, 20% of people polled for 50% and 30% people polled for Less than 50%. Management techniques are tools and strategies that managers use to effectively lead and motivate their employees. effective management techniques can lead to a happier, more productive, and more successful workforce.

12. What are the stress management strategies to manage stress in private sector bank?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Work-life balance	30	30%
Workload management	40	40%
Counselling activities	10	10%
Reward system	20	20%
Total	100	100%
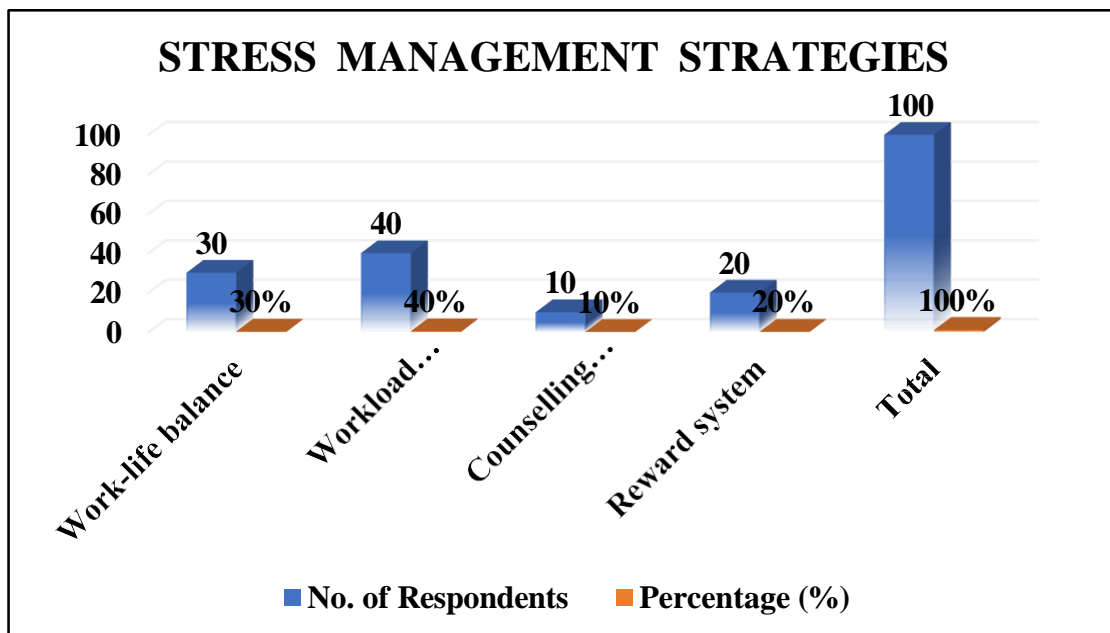
Analysis: In this research we found that 30% of respondents for Work-life balance, 40% respondents for Workload management, 10% respondents for Counselling activities and 20% of respondents for Reward system. Stress management strategies are techniques and methods you can use to cope with stress and its negative effects. Stress is a normal part of life, but when it becomes chronic or overwhelming, it can lead to a variety of health problems, including high blood pressure, heart disease, anxiety, and depression.

13. What do you think strategies followed to cope up stress in your organisation?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Very good	10	10%
Good	40	40%
Average	40	40%
Poor	10	10%
Total	100	100%
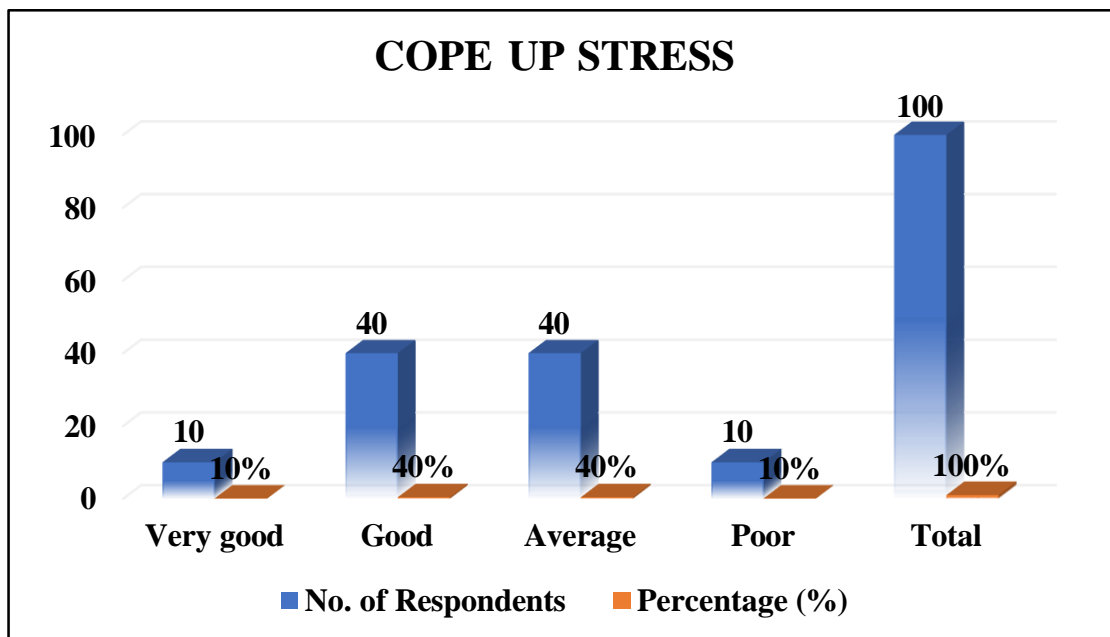
Analysis: In this research we found that 10% of respondents for Very good, 40% of respondents for Good, 40% of respondents for Average and 10% of respondents for Poor. Coping with stress is all about managing the emotional and physical effects of pressure and challenges. It involves finding healthy ways to reduce stress and improve your overall well-being. If you're feeling overwhelmed by stress, it's important to reach out for help. A therapist can teach you effective coping mechanisms and help you develop a plan to manage stress in the long term.

14. What is the most effective stress management strategies to use in the private sector banks?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Employee assistance Programs (EAPs)	50	50%
Focus on strengths	0	0%
Training and development	50	50%
Clear communication	0	0%
Total	100	100%
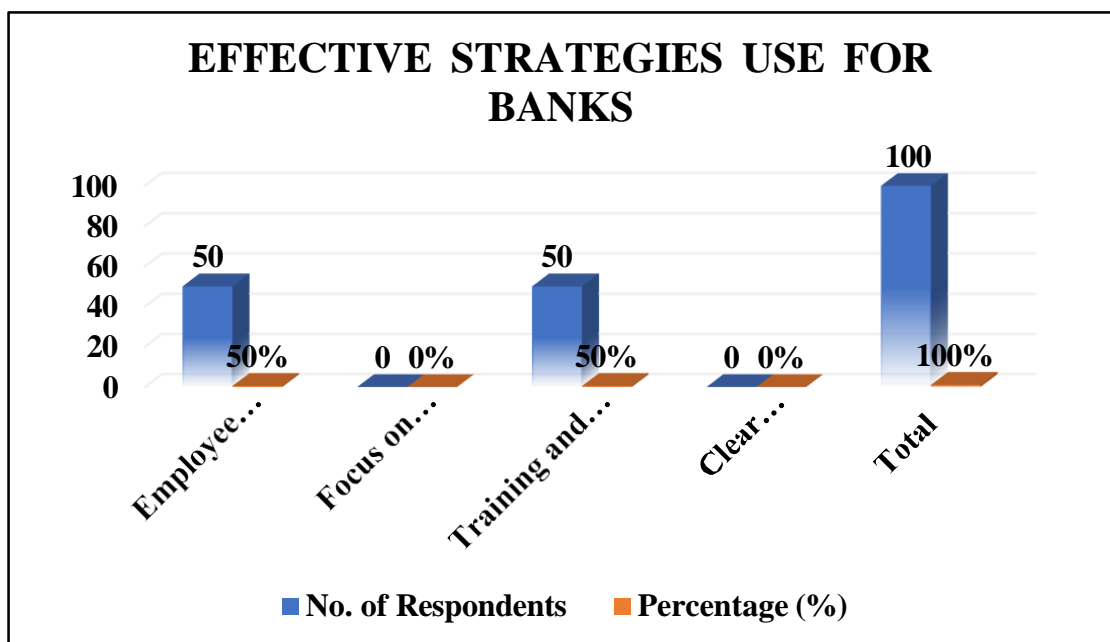
Analysis: In this research we found that 50% of people polled for Employee assistance programs (EAPs), 0% people polled for Focus on strengths, 50% of people polled for Training and development and 0% of people polled for Clear communication. Banks today face a complex landscape. They need to attract new customers, keep existing ones happy, and compete with innovative fintech startups. Here are some effective strategies banks are using like Understanding customer needs, investing in technology, Building trust and reputation etc.

15. What is your opinion on stress management programmed followed in your organization?

Options	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	**20**	**20%**
Agree	**40**	**40%**
Disagree	**30**	**30%**
Strongly disagree	**10**	**10%**
Total	**100**	**100%**
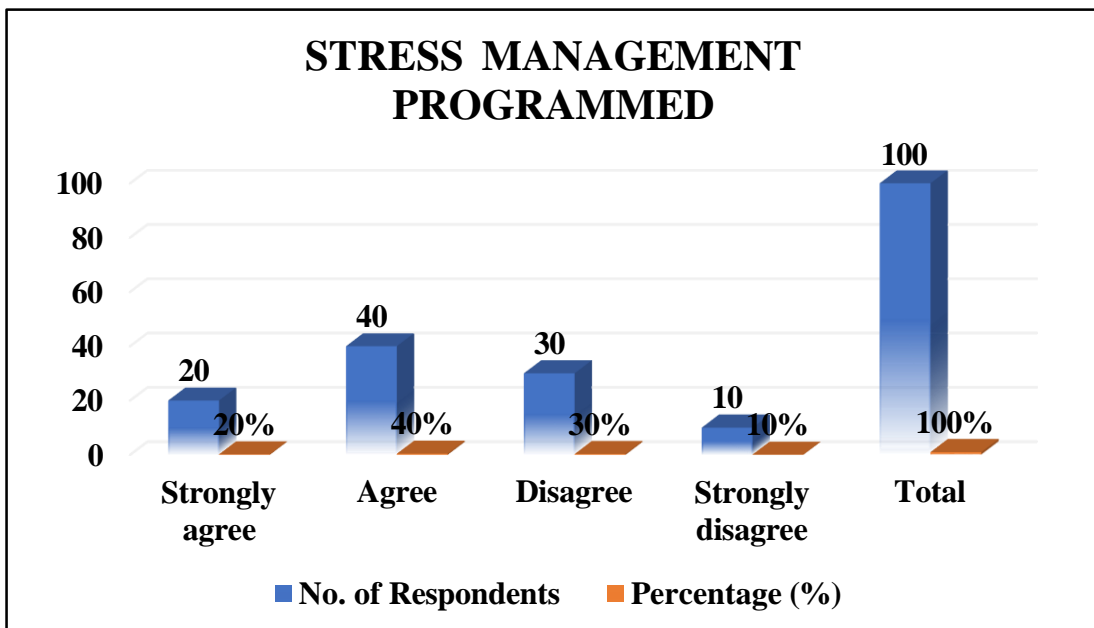
Analysis: In this research we found that 20% of respondents for Strongly agree, 40% of respondents for Agree, 30% of respondents for Disagree and 10% of respondents for Strongly disagree. Stress management programs are designed to equip individuals with tools and techniques to deal with stress effectively. These programs can be found in various settings, including workplaces, healthcare facilities, and even online platforms. stress management programs aim to promote overall well-being and resilience by empowering people to manage stress effectively.

FINDINGS

1. In this study male employees are more then to female employees. Most of the employees come under 31 to 40 ages.

2. Most of the employees agree that they completed their work on time and did not take their work in home and avoid staying late at the office to finish their work.

3. Mostly employees think that training programs are better for the employee's performance as well as banks performance.

4. The Employees must give importance to clear communication and positive work environment thereby they can complete their work within the deadline.

5. In private sector banks most of the employees physical and mental stress both.

6. Stress coping strategies can be customised to meet the needs if different types of employees coming from different backgrounds.

7. High percentage of respondents suffer headache, tiredness, mood swings and frustration and sleep difficulties.

8. Stress is unavoidable on the part of the employees as the systems, procedures; techniques are getting complicated with the use of advance technology.

9. Getting assistance from colleagues as well as annual leave and job rotation significantly reduced occupational stress while lunch breaks and listening to music while on duty were insignificant.

10. Most of the employees agree with EAP (Employee Assistance program) also very helpful to solve employees' personal issue and try to help to give them stress free life. So, there is a need to more focus on EAP.

SUGGESTIONS

1. The Proper work allocation should be done.

2. Targets should be realistic. Employees should be provided adequate authority and sufficient time to achieve the targets.

3. Sufficient hiring and allocation of staff is needed.

4. To uplift the morale and efficiency of employees, effective communication, proper training and motivation are required.

5. Appreciate the employees on accomplishing and over-exceeding their targets.

6. Employees friendly transfer policy should be framed.

7. Counselling of employees should be done on a regular basis. Employee counselling is a very good strategy to overcome employee stress. Through counselling, employees can become aware of their strengths and how to develop those strengths; their weaknesses and how to eliminate them; and they can develop strategies for changing their behavior.

8. Workshops on stress management should be organised by the organisation.

9. Employees should do effective time management. They should plan their work on a priority basis and make a "to-do "list regularly.

10. Employees should indulge in physical exercise, sports, yoga and meditation

CONCLUSION

The problem of stress is inevitable and unavoidable in the banking sector. A majority of the employees face severe stress- related ailments and a lot of psychological problems. Hence, the management must take several initiatives in helping their employees to overcome its disastrous effect. Since stress in banking sector is mostly due to excess of work pressure and work life imbalance the organization should support and encourage to take up roles that help them to balance work and family. Job stress has an impact on employee job satisfaction in both the sectors. The stress can be different among different employees, there by the management has to identify their problems and it will help to reduce stress. The employees are to be given enough time to complete their work which would reduce work overload. The employees are to be given more emphasis on working condition so, that they do their work with interest. Employees can practice yoga meditation etc. helps to reduce stress and strain. Counselling can be promoted which help a person feel relief from emotional distress which develops more self-assurance, having a greater ability to make dictions and experience an increased comfort in relationship with others.

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Shree Ram Wafers, Satna (MP):-

1. Introduction:

Shree Ram Wafers, a prominent player in the snack food industry, has established a state-of-the-art production facility in Satna, Madhya Pradesh. This report aims to provide an in-depth analysis of the production house, detailing its infrastructure, processes, and contributions to the local economy.

2. Location and Infrastructure:

The Satna facility is strategically located in the industrial hub of Rewa Divison, Madhya Pradesh, providing logistical advantages for the distribution of Shree Ram Wafers products across the region. The production house boasts modern infrastructure with cutting-edge technology, ensuring efficient and high-quality manufacturing.

The facility covers a vast area, accommodating various units such as raw material storage, processing, packaging, and warehousing. Additionally, the plant adheres to industry-standard safety and hygiene protocols, ensuring a conducive environment for both workers and the manufacturing processes.

3. Manufacturing Processes:

Shree Ram Wafers' production process is characterized by its commitment to quality and innovation. The raw materials, including potatoes, banana (plantains), bitter gourd (karela), Tapioca (cassava), spices, and other ingredients, undergo stringent quality checks upon arrival. The manufacturing process involves advanced machinery and automated systems to ensure precision and consistency in product quality.

Potatoes, edible oil, water, and other raw material's are sourced locally, promoting agricultural sustainability and contributing to the economic development of the region. The processing unit incorporates state-of-the-art techniques for peeling, cutting, slicing, frying, and seasoning, and packaging adhering to the highest standards of food safety and hygiene.

4. Quality Control:

Quality control is a paramount aspect of Shree Ram Wafers' production process. The company employs a robust quality assurance team that monitors each stage of production, from raw material inspection to the final packaging. Advanced testing equipment is utilized to assess factors such as taste, texture, and shelf life, ensuring that only premium-quality products reach consumers.

The commitment to quality has earned Shree Ram Wafers several certifications, including ISO and FSSAI, affirming its adherence to international food safety and quality standards.

5. Employment and Social Impact:

The production house at Satna will significantly contributed to employment generation in the region. Skilled and unskilled workers will find opportunities in various departments, ranging from manufacturing and packaging to administration and maintenance.

Shree Ram Wafers also engages in plans for several community development initiatives, including skill development programs, health camps, and educational support. This social responsibility reflects the company's commitment to the overall well-being of the local community.

6. Economic Contribution:

Shree Ram Wafers presence in Rewa Division will not only created job opportunities but will also contributed significantly to the local economy. The company's operations stimulate economic activities in the region, from raw material sourcing to transportation and distribution.

Moreover, the production house acts as a catalyst for the growth of ancillary industries, such as packaging material suppliers, transportation services, and maintenance contractors. This ripple effect further strengthens the economic ecosystem of Satna, MP and its surrounding areas.

Market Research:-

1. Marketplace:

We're setting up the manufacturing plant in Satna, Madhya Pradesh. Satna is a moderate populated location with 280,222 people residing in the district. People of this place is very responsive and appreciate the taste of life. Satna is famous for the indigenous taste and food variety available there, people really appreciate the taste.

So setting up the manufacturing plant in this location is worth it, and it increases the availability of the snacks in this market and facilitate the growth of this location.

2. Competitor Analysis:

At Shree Ram Wafers we provide the best and indigenous quality of snacks, but at the same time there are various companies that are having the cut-throat competition in market for the same. Our major competitor are Haldiram, BalaJi Wafers, Bikaner, Bingo (ITC), and so on.

Our main goal and objective is to reduce the cost as much as possible and provide high value standard product to the customers which will be beneficial for us in the long run of the business.

3. Target Audience:

- **Young Adults-** Including millennia's, gen-z as they want unique and minimal variety of snacks which will worth paying.
- **Families with Children-** Families often seek snacks that are good in taste.
- **Urban Professionals-** People who are working require energy during hectic work days so portable and easy to carry food items which will give the instant energy to the people consuming it.
- **Health conscious Consumer-** Baked Chips, Veggie Chips, Low sodium Chips, Less fat Chips are required by the consumers who are health conscious.
- **Snack Enthusiasts**
- **Price Conscious Consumer**

4. Regional Preferences:

India is very diverse country with varied traditions available. Considering regional preference and taste will increase the customer engagements and overall product growth. By creating various flavours inspired by various locations of India will be beneficial for our company. Example- Hyderabadi Masala, Bengali Chilli Perri, Punjabi Tadka and so on.

5. Distribution Channels:

After production portion is distribution of finished goods to the downstream market that is Wholesaler, Retailer, Agency, Distribution stores and so on.

Proper distribution leads to proper availability of finished goods to the marketplace and increase the overall sales of the market in market. At last the end consumer will receive the product from these inter-mediaries available in the market.

6. Regulatory Compliance:

We ensure the compliance with food safety and labelling regulations set by the Food safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to comply with all the rules and regulations to legal issues.

7. Price Sensitivity:

Price plays an important role in the market. In India, where consumer often prioritize value for the money, price sensitivity is particularly important.

The price is affordable so that more and more people can buy it, the size of packaging is also responsible for increase or decrease in the price, price of competitor is also important to balance affordability, and segmentation is also a valuable factor that plays an important role in market pricing and availability.

8. Feedback Analysis and Literation:

By continuously gathering the feedback from consumer, distributors and retailers to refine your products, packaging, and marketing strategies. Stay agile and be prepared to adapt and change market conditions.

Assumption's /Considerations:-

- **Materials Assumption:-** Assuming that we are required the following quantity of raw materials for the production process:-

Material Name for Potato Chips	Quantity Required per day
Potato	200 kg
Edible Oil	18 litres
Water	150 litres
Polythene Packets (BOPP/LDPE/STR)	05 rolls each (290 mtr × 170mm)

Carton Boxes	07
Filling Gas	25 kg
Spices/ Flavours and Essences	300 grams

Material Name for Banana Chips	**Quantity Required per day**
Banana (Plantain)	200 kg
Edible Oil	18 litres
Water	150 litres
Polythene Packets (BOPP/LDPE/STR)	05 rolls each (290 mtr × 170mm)
Carton Boxes	07
Filling Gas	25 kg
Spices/Salts	300 grams

Note: All the raw materials will required in same quantity in the production bitter gourd chip, Cassava Chips.

- **Machine Requirement:-** The following machines are required for the production process, to ensure full potential of the business:-

Name of Machinery
Potato Cutting, Washing and Peeling Machine
Continuous Fryer Machine
Chips Dehydrator & De-oiling Machine
Rotary Drum Flavouring Machine
Chips Packaging Machine/ Vacuum Sealing Packaging Machine
Elevator or Conveyer Belt at various locations for free and easy conveying movement.

- **Workforce Assumption:-** For efficient and smooth flow of working in our business we need loyal and flexible working staff, the requirements are as follows:-

Type of Worker	**Number of Workers Required**
Skilled Labour	01

Semi-skilled Labour	01
Unskilled Labour/Helper	03
Security Personnel	01
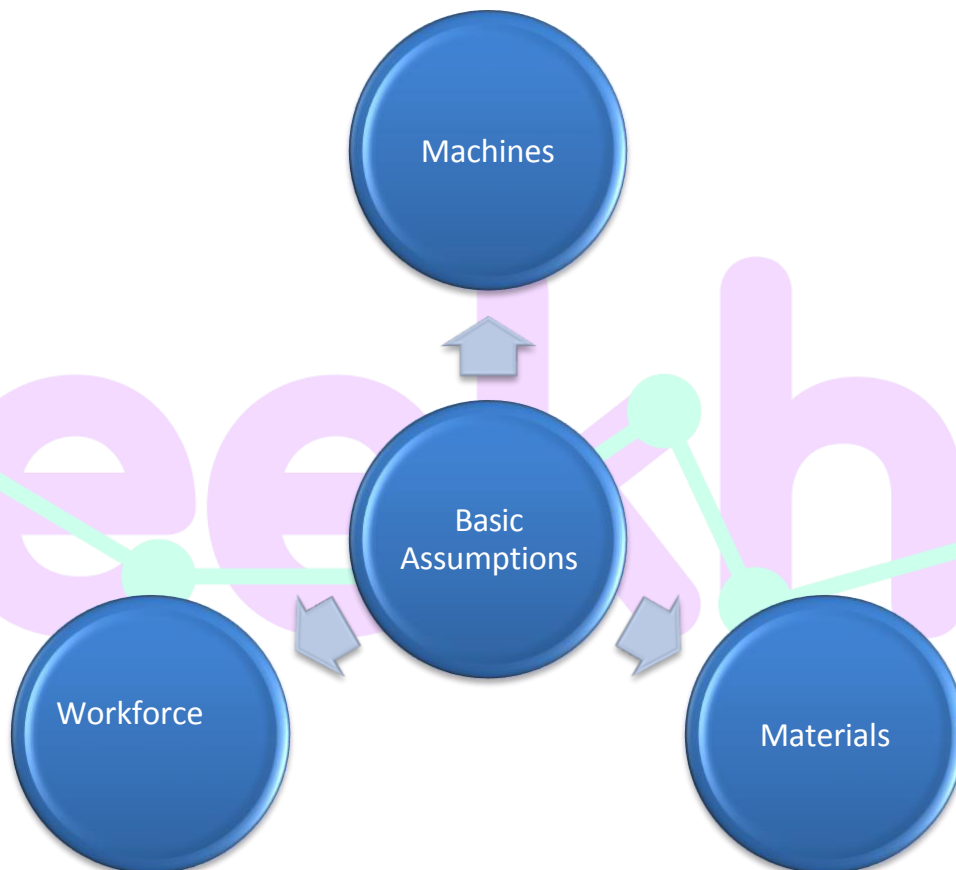
Business Model:-

We're working on chips and snacks manufacturing company typically operates under a vertical integrated business model that encompasses various aspects of production, distribution, and retail at its core the business model revolve around the following key components:-

1. **Product development and manufacturing**:-

The company begins by developing a diverse range of snack products including traditional snacks like, Namkeens as well as modern offering like potato chips, banana chips, Tapioca (cassava), bitter gourd chips and extruded snacks. Product Development involves research and development (R&D) to create unique flavour, textures, and packaging designs that appeal to consumer taste and preference manufacturing facilities are equipped with state-of-art machinery and adhere to stringent quality control standard to ensure consistency and safety in production process.

2. **Supply Chain Management:-**

For our product Shree Ram Wafers the crucial aspect of business model is managing the supply chain, this involves sourcing raw materials such as product, potato from reliable supplier, maintaining inventory level, and ensuring timely delivery to the manufacturing facilities. Efficient supply chain management helps minimise cost and optimise the production schedules for our product.

3. **Logistics and Distribution:-**

After manufacturing we need our product to be distributed to retailer, wholesaler, supermarket, convenience store, and outlet the company must establish the efficient distribution network which may involve partnering with distributor or setting up its distribution channel. Logistics play a crucial role in ensuring timely delivery with minimising transportation costs and benefiting the organisations profit generation goal.

4. **Marketing & Branding:-**

Building a strong brand identity essential for success in competitive snack market. The company invests in marketing initiative to raise brand awareness, create consumer demand, and differentiate its product from competitor. This may include advertisement campaign, social media, marketing sponsorship, and participation in various events and promotions.

5. Sales Channel:-

Our company utilises various sales channel to reach consumer effectively, this may include both traditional brick and mortar, retail outlet, and online platform establishing relationship with retailer and negotiating our key strategy to increase visibility and sales.

6. Revenue Generation, Cost Management and Strategy:-

In our business revenue is generated primarily through the sales of snack and product. Pricing strategy are carefully crafted to balance affordability, and profitability taking to account factors such as production, cost, market demand, and competitive landscape.

If we talk about the cost management and profitability cost controlling throughout the value chain is crucial for maintaining profitability this includes managing production cost, optimising distribution, logistics expense, and minimising overhead while ensuring quality and compliance with regulations.

Design & Development:-

- Land and Building Requirement- Land is required about 15,00 sq ft (approx.).
- Approximate rent for the same is 20,000 per month.
- Cost of machinery is included up to Rs. 210,000 excluding GST and other Transportation cost.
- Pouch Packaging Size – 50g, 100g, 250g.

- Machines should be maintained in regular basis so that the production doesn't gets interrupted.

- Power and Water Supply should be adequately available to the company in

Company can either procure their major raw material **POTATO** from the market/farmer or either directly farm themselves by owning a farm and cultivate their own **potato** 🙂.	**Warehouse 1/ Logistics Bay** • Stores the product that is incoming from supplier end and transfer it to production plant • And it also work as Logistics bay of loading and unloading of raw materials. • Sorting of raw material takes place according to size, quality and other factors.	**Warehouse 2/ Logistics Bay** • Stores the product that is finished and is ready to dispatch to downstream market. • In this warehouse inspection, quality checking, sorting of defective product takes place. • It also works as logistics bay from which product is being shipped to outlets, distributors, wholesalers, retailers and so on.

Outlet of the Product that is situated in the market place.

Roadway/Logistics Bay

Roadway/Logistics Bay (vertical)

Water Treatment Plant (WTP) that treats the water supply that is being used in supplying the water to various places of the organization.

Water is used in various steps in production process such as cleaning of potato, washing, chilling, scalding and so on.

We can also use water for creating

Production Plant/ Manufacturing Plant

Includes all the machinery, packaging dept., labelling dept., fryer, slicer, mixture, and so on.

Different machines are being used in manufacturing different types of chips and namkeens.

The raw materials that is used in manufacturing process is potato, vegetables, masala, edible oil, salt, plastic wraps, Besan, peanut, etc.

Distributor that distributes the product to retailer.

Waste Management Plant (WMP) is used in managing waste that Is created while producing chips such as potato peel, defective potato, deep fried oil, and so on.

It is very important to manage this waste to make our company a **ZERO-WASTAGE COMPANY.**

Retailers that sell the product to end customer in retail manner.

Roadway/Logistics Bay

Admin Office/reception

In this office the management work take place such as marketing and sales, r&d, HR, Finance, Quality, Chemical, Procurement, etc.

In this room board of directors takes meeting and handle the working of the production plant.

LOGISTICS & FLEET MANAGEMENT

order to get the production runs smooth.

Machinery Used:-

Machine	Description	Image

Potato Slicer	Used for quick slicing of chips batches.	
Peeler Machine	This machine is useful for peeling potato and chips, etc. The machine is fitted over frying pan.	
Electrical Burner /Heater	Used for frying various types of chips.	
Seasoning drum	Seasoning machine can be used to season and mix all kinds of Chips with spices. It can mix and season food evenly and then discharge them automatically.	

Packaging Machine	For packaging of chips into different size, weight and types of packets.	

Miscellaneous Assets:-

S.N.	Item Description	Rate (In Rs.)
1	Electricity connection (includes electricity connection, fitting and assembling of machinery)	40,000
2	Furniture and equipment's (includes the furniture and equipment used in plant)	20,000
3	Storage tank, collection tank etc. (Includes the water and filling gas storage tank, waste collection tank)	25,000
4	Computer Equipment's for Staff Members (includes the connection of computer equipment for staff member)	80,000
5	Security Systems & Services (includes the security gourd, surveillance cameras)	15,000

Methodology:-

The methodology employed for the preparation of this project report on Shriram Wafers a snack manufacturer located in Satna District, Madhya Pradesh involves the comprehensive approach integrating Internet research interaction with Chat GPT and extensive review of reliable article pretending to the subject matter:-

1. **Internet Research:-**

The primary source of information for this project report is Internet research various online platforms including official websites industry reports market analysis and new articles are utilised together data on Shree Ram Wafers product range, production process, market presence, and performance metrics. Additionally online database and repositories are explored to access relevant statistics, case studies, and regulatory guidelines influencing the snack manufacturing industry in the region.

2. **AI Interface interaction:-**

To supplement the information obtained through Internet research interaction with AI Interface is conducted AI Interface service valuable resource for answering specific questions providing insights and regenerating review ideas to the operations innovation and future prospect through dynamic conservation with AI Interface additional and prospective recommendation are sought to enter the project report with diverse viewpoint and expert opinions.

3. **Literature Review:-**

Furthermore an extensive literature reviews undertaken to explore academic journal research paper, white papers, and industry publication relevant to snack manufacturing food processing market dynamic consumer behaviour, and business strategies. By critically analysing existing literature key trend best practice and emerging issues on the strike industry and Shree Ram Wafers, operations are identified end synthesise to inform the project report finding and conclusions.

Testing & Validation:-

1. Statistical Analysis:

- Conduct a comparative analysis between Shree Ram Wafers and Snacks Manufacturing Plant and other similar manufacturing plants in the region.

- Use statistical tools to analyze the production efficiency, quality control measures, and overall performance of the plant.
- Gather data related to production yields, waste management, and cost-effectiveness for an in-depth comparison.

2. Quality Control Assessment:

- Evaluate Shree Ram Wafers and Snacks Manufacturing Plant's quality control processes.
- Conduct audits and inspections to observe their adherence to industry standards and regulations.
- Analyze the frequency and effectiveness of quality assurance procedures such as sampling, testing, and compliance tracking.

3. Product Sampling and Testing:

- Collect random samples of various snacks and wafers produced by the plant.
- Conduct laboratory tests to evaluate the nutritional content, sensory attributes, and shelf life of the samples.
- Compare the test results with industry standards and customer expectations to assess the product's quality.

4. Customer Feedback Analysis:

- Gather feedback from distributors, retailers, and end consumers of Shree Ram Wafers and Snacks products and other products/brand users.
- Administer surveys or interviews to evaluate customer satisfaction levels and perceptions of the brand.
- Analyze feedback data to identify areas of improvement and measure the production ability to meet customer expectations.

5. Environmental Impact Assessment:

- Assess the environmental footprint of Shree Ram Wafers and Snacks Manufacturing Plant's operations.

- Evaluate their waste management practices, energy consumption, and carbon emissions.
- Compare the plant's environmental performance with relevant industry benchmarks or sustainability frameworks.

6. Operational Efficiency Evaluation:

- Evaluate the overall efficiency of the manufacturing processes at Shree Ram Wafers and Snacks Plant.
- Analyze production timelines, equipment uptime, and supply chain management.
- Identify bottlenecks, if any, and propose recommendations to streamline operations and enhance productivity.

7. Compliance Verification:

- Ensure that Shree Ram Wafers and Snacks Manufacturing Plant complies with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.
- Verify the plant's adherence to health and safety standards, labor regulations, and food safety protocols.
- Conduct audits and inspections to confirm compliance and highlight any areas of non-compliance, if found.

8. Data Analysis and Interpretation:

- Analyze the collected data using appropriate statistical tools and calculations.
- Interpret the results, draw meaningful conclusions, and provide recommendations based on the findings.
- Ensure that the analysis aligns with the research objectives and addresses the research questions effectively.

9. Peer Review and Expert Opinion:

- Seek feedback and input from industry experts or professionals with relevant experience.

- Share your research findings and analysis with peers or colleagues for peer review.
- Incorporate constructive feedback to enhance the accuracy and credibility of the research report.

10. **Cross-Validation of Results:**

- Compare and cross-validate the findings of your research with existing studies or reports in the field.
- Ensure consistency and reliability of the results by corroborating with other reliable sources of information.
- Address any discrepancies or conflicting results through further analysis or explanation.

Projected Financial Reports:-

5.1 Cost of Project

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5.2 Means of Finance& Projected Balance Sheet

MEANS OF FINANCE	
PARTICULARS	**AMOUNT**
Own Contribution	2.20
Bank Loan	2.80
Working capital Limit	5.00
Total	**10.00**

Risk   Analysis:-

Shree Ram   Wafers faces

PROJECTED BALANCE SHEET

PARTICULARS	Amount (in Lakhs)
Liabilities	
Capital opening balance	0.62
Add:- Own Capital	2.20
Add:- Retained Profit	2.57
Less:- Drawings	1.75
Closing Balance	3.64
Term Loan	1.87
Working Capital Limit	5.00
Sundry Creditors	2.46
Provisions & Other Liab	0.50
TOTAL :	**13.50**
Assets	
Fixed Assets (Gross)	3.70
Less:- Gross Dep.	1.95
Net Fixed Assets	**1.75**
Current Assets	
Sundry Debtors	3.48
Stock in Hand	6.74
Cash and Bank	1.51
TOTAL :	**13.50**

various risk factors that could potentially impact its operations and overall business performance. This risk analysis report aims to identify and assess key risk factors, such as stockouts, strikes, natural calamities, and provide potential solutions to mitigate these risks effectively.

➢ **Risk Factors:**

A. Stockouts:

Risk Description:

Inadequate inventory management and unforeseen demand fluctuations may result in stockouts, leading to potential revenue loss and customer dissatisfaction.

Potential Solutions:

i. Implement robust demand forecasting techniques to accurately predict future demand and adjust production and inventory levels accordingly.
ii. Establish reliable supplier relationships to ensure timely delivery of raw materials and ingredients.
iii. Monitor inventory levels regularly and implement just-in-time inventory practices to minimize the risk of stockouts.
iv. Implement an efficient inventory management system that provides real-time visibility of stock levels and triggers automated reordering.

B. Strikes or Labor Disputes:

Risk Description:

Labor strikes or disputes may disrupt production schedules, resulting in production delays and decreased efficiency.

Potential Solutions:

i. Foster open and transparent communication channels between management and employees to address grievances promptly and avoid escalations.
ii. Develop a fair and competitive remuneration package to ensure employee satisfaction and reduce the likelihood of labour disputes.
iii. Establish alternative production arrangements, such as subcontracting or outsourcing, to minimize the impact of strikes on production capabilities.
iv. Maintain good relations with labour unions and proactively engage in dialogue to build mutual trust and understanding.

C. Natural Calamities:

Risk Description:

Natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, or storms may cause damage to the manufacturing plant, interrupt operations, and affect product delivery.

Potential Solutions:

i. Conduct a comprehensive risk assessment to identify vulnerability areas and develop disaster response and recovery plans.
ii. Implement appropriate safety measures and structural reinforcements to minimize the impact of natural calamities on the manufacturing facility.
iii. Establish backup power systems and emergency supply chains to ensure continuity of operations during unforeseen events.
iv. Obtain insurance coverage for property damage and business interruptions to mitigate financial losses caused by natural disasters.

D. Raw Material Price Fluctuations:

Risk Description:

Volatile prices of raw materials, such as potatoes, oil, spices, etc., can significantly impact production costs and profit margins.

Potential Solutions:

i. Establish long-term contracts with reliable suppliers to secure stable pricing and minimize the impact of price fluctuations.
ii. Diversify the range of suppliers to have more flexibility in sourcing raw materials and take advantage of competitive pricing.
iii. Monitor and analyze market trends and establish effective procurement strategies to mitigate the impact of price volatility.
iv. Evaluate alternatives to potentially replace or substitute raw materials if their prices become excessively volatile or uneconomical.

Marketing & Sales Strategy:-

- **Product Marketing Analysis:**

  a. Demographics:

  Conduct an in-depth analysis of the target market's demographics, including population, age groups, income levels, and cultural preferences. This information will help identify the target audience for Shree Ram Wafers' products.

  b. Consumer Behavior:

  Study consumer preferences, snacking habits, and purchasing patterns in the target market. Understand the factors that influence their buying decisions, such as taste preferences, price sensitivity, and brand loyalty.

  c. Competitive Analysis:

  Assess the competitive landscape by identifying existing local and regional competitors within the snack food industry. Analyze their product offerings, pricing strategies, distribution channels, and marketing tactics.

1. **Product Differentiation:**

Position Shree Ram Wafers' products as unique and superior in taste and quality. Highlight the use of high-quality ingredients, stringent quality control processes, and the company's commitment to delivering a delightful snacking experience.

2. **Branding and Packaging:**

Develop a strong and visually appealing brand identity for Shree Ram Wafers. Design attractive product packaging that conveys the brand's essence and differentiates it from competitors. Consider incorporating local elements or cultural references to enhance brand recognition.

3. **Pricing Strategy:**

Set competitive yet profitable prices for the products based on market research

and an understanding of consumer price sensitivity. Consider promotional pricing, discounts, or bundle offers to drive initial customer acquisition and encourage repeat purchases.

4. **Distribution Channels:**

Identify and establish distribution partnerships with local retailers, supermarkets, convenience stores, and snack food wholesalers in Satna, Maihar, Unchehra, Rampur, Rewa Division, Amarpatan, and other nearby places. Ensure reliable and timely product availability at various touchpoints within the target market.

5. **Promotional Activities:**

a. Offline Marketing:

Utilize traditional marketing channels such as print media, billboards, and local TV/radio advertising to create awareness and generate interest in Shree Ram Wafers' products. Sponsor local events, fairs, or sports tournaments to increase brand visibility.

b. Digital Marketing:

Leverage online platforms and social media channels to engage with the target audience. Create a visually appealing website and regularly update it with product information, offers, and engaging content. Leverage social media platforms to run targeted campaigns, engage with customers, and encourage user-generated content.

c. Local Partnerships:

Collaborate with local influencers, food bloggers, or community organizations to promote Shree Ram Wafers' products. Arrange product samplings at popular local events or community gatherings to allow consumers to experience the taste and quality firsthand.

6. **Customer Engagement and Loyalty Programs:**

Encourage customer loyalty by implementing reward programs, discounts for repeat purchases, and special promotions for brand advocates. Collect and analyze customer feedback to continuously improve products and customer experience.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation:

Regularly track sales performance, market share, and customer feedback to assess the effectiveness of marketing initiatives. Monitor competitor activities and adjust strategies accordingly. Conduct market research periodically to identify emerging trends and optimize marketing efforts.

8. Expansion Opportunities:

Once the brand gains traction in the initial target market, consider expanding distribution to nearby cities or regions. Evaluate the feasibility of product diversification, such as introducing new flavors or snack variations to cater to evolving consumer preferences.

- **Customer Engagement from Promotion**
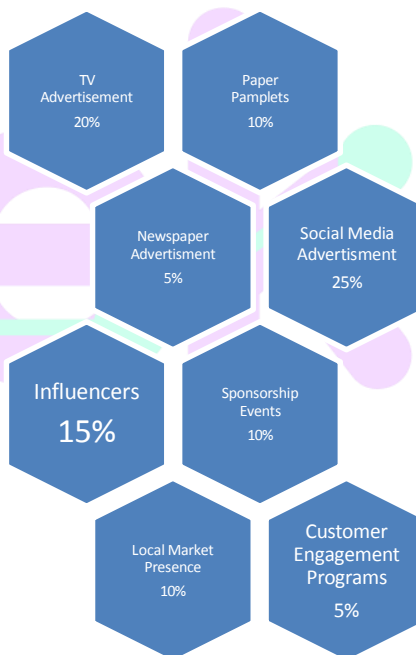
Supplier Information:-

- **Machinery Supplier-**

S. no.	Machine Name	Capacity	Price without GST	Price with GST (18%)
01	Potato Peeling and washing	20 kg	22,500	26,550

	Machine			
02	Potato Slicer	20 kg	27,000	31,860
03	Cooking Machine	10 kg	24,000	28,320
04	Frying Machine	20 kg	35,000	41,300
05	Flavouring/Seasoning Machine	20 kg	30,000	35,400
06	Packaging and Label Printing	700 packs	70,000	82,600

- **Raw Materials Supplier Details-**

S No.	Materials Name	Supplier	Usage per month	Daily Consumption
01	Potato	Farmers/Self Cultivation	6000 kg	200 kg (to produce 1 kg of finished chips we require 3 kg of raw potato.)
02	Edible Oil	Local oil wholesaler	540 litres	18 litres of oil
03	Water	Commercial Govt. Connection	4500 litres	150litres
04	Polythene Packets	5 rolls (290 Supplied through Indiamart	150 rolls (290x170mm)	5 rolls
05	Carton Boxes	Local vendors/Indiamart	210,000 packs	7000 packs
06	Spices/Flavour	Local Market	9 kg	300grams (as 6 grams is required for 1 kg of chips.)

<u>Machinery Maintenance:-</u>

Maintaining machinery is essential for ensuring optimal performance, efficiency, and safety in food processing operations. This report provides guidelines for the maintenance of various machinery involved in the production of chips, including peelers, belt conveyors, continuous fryers, dehydrators, deoiling machines, rotary drum flavoring machines, tunnel freezers, and packing machines.

Daily Maintenance of Machinery:-

- Daily cleaning procedures for peelers include turning on the machine without product, removing the abrasive plate, cleaning the stirrer, lid, cylinder, and base of the peeler with water, and cleaning the abrasive plate and filter.
- Belt conveyors should be regularly cleaned to prevent the buildup of residues and inspected for signs of wear. Lubrication of moving parts, tension adjustment, and inspection of motors and electrical components are also recommended.
- Continuous fryers require daily cleaning of fryer baskets, conveyor belts, and oil filtration systems. Regular inspection of components such as heating elements and thermostats is necessary, along with temperature calibration and lubrication of moving parts.
- Dehydrators and deoiling machines should be cleaned regularly, with attention to components like fans, heating elements, and filters. Oil management, filter replacement, and lubrication of moving parts are also important for optimal performance.
- Rotary drum flavoring machines require regular cleaning of the drum and adjustments for alignment and tension of drive belts. Lubrication of bearings and other moving parts is also necessary.

Six-Monthly Maintenance:-

- Six-monthly maintenance recommendations include checking the power cable, legs of the machine, cover, and silicone around the base of the food processing area. These checks help ensure safety and prevent damage to the machinery.

Product Quality Assurance:-

Quality assurance (QA) is a critical aspect of potato chips manufacturing to ensure that products meet safety, regulatory, and consumer expectations. This report outlines the key areas of quality assurance and highlights strategies for enhancing quality throughout the manufacturing process.

Raw Material Inspection and Cleaning:-

- Rigorous visual inspection and sampling of potatoes upon arrival to ensure they meet quality standards, including size, color, and absence of defects.
- Thorough washing and sorting of potatoes to remove dirt and ensure uniformity in slicing.

Precision Slicing and Frying:-

- Utilization of specialized slicing equipment and precise temperature control during frying to achieve consistent chip thickness and texture.
- Monitoring and testing of frying oil quality to maintain freshness and stability, including assessing smoke point, acid value, and peroxide value.

Seasoning and Packaging:-

- Uniform application of seasonings post-frying and adherence to flavor consistency standards through regular testing.
- Inspection of packaging materials for seal integrity, weight accuracy, and visual appearance to ensure product freshness and compliance with regulatory requirements.

Hygiene and Sanitation Practices:-

- Enforce strict hygiene and sanitation practices throughout the manufacturing process to prevent contamination and ensure food safety.
- Regular cleaning and maintenance of equipment to minimize the risk of cross-contamination and maintain operational efficiency.

Collaboration between R&D and QC:-

- Close collaboration between Research and Development (R&D) and Quality Control (QC) departments to drive product innovation while maintaining stringent quality standards.

- R&D focuses on flavor innovation, healthier options, texture improvement, ingredient quality, sustainability, functional ingredients, packaging innovation, customization, and reduced fat content.
- QC ensures that R&D innovations meet safety, regulatory, and quality standards through rigorous testing, inspection, and compliance monitoring.

Performance Evaluation:-

Shree Ram Wafers has experienced steady growth and maintained a strong market presence in the snack industry. This performance evaluation report provides an in-depth analysis of various aspects of the company's operations, including sales performance, product quality, customer satisfaction, and strategic initiatives.

1. Sales Performance:

- Monthly Sales Targets: The company's monthly sales target is set at 750 kg of chips, distributed across various flavors and packet sizes.
- Actual Sales Achieved: Detailed sales reports indicate the actual sales achieved for each flavor variant, comparing them against the set targets to assess performance.
- Sales Growth Trends: Analysis of sales data over time reveals trends and patterns, identifying areas of growth and potential opportunities for improvement.
- Market Share: Evaluate the company's market share compared to competitors, considering factors such as brand recognition, product availability, and customer loyalty.

2. Product Quality:

- Quality Assurance Measures: Assess the effectiveness of quality control procedures implemented throughout the production process to ensure consistent product quality.

- Feedback Analysis: Analyze customer feedback and complaints related to product quality to identify any recurring issues or areas for improvement.
- Compliance with Standards: Ensure that products meet regulatory standards and industry requirements for food safety, labeling, and packaging.

3. Customer Satisfaction:

- Customer Feedback Analysis: Review customer feedback collected through surveys, reviews, and direct interactions to gauge satisfaction levels and identify areas of improvement.
- Response to Customer Queries: Evaluate the company's responsiveness to customer inquiries, complaints, and feedback, assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of customer service efforts.
- Retention Strategies: Assess initiatives aimed at enhancing customer loyalty and retention, such as loyalty programs, promotional offers, and personalized marketing campaigns.

4. Strategic Initiatives:

- Product Expansion: Evaluate the success of recent product expansions, including new flavors, packaging options, and pricing strategies.
- Market Expansion: Review efforts to penetrate new markets or target specific customer segments, assessing the effectiveness of marketing campaigns and sales strategies.
- Operational Improvements: Identify operational efficiencies implemented to streamline production processes, reduce costs, and improve overall productivity.
- Investment in Innovation: Assess investments in research and development (R&D) to drive product innovation, improve product quality, and maintain competitiveness in the market.

5. Financial Performance:

- Revenue Analysis: Review revenue generated from chip sales, considering factors such as pricing, volume sold, and total sales revenue.

- Profitability Assessment: Evaluate the company's profitability by analyzing profit margins, cost of goods sold, operating expenses, and net income.
- Budget Adherence: Compare actual financial performance against budgeted projections, identifying any variances and implementing corrective actions as needed.

Implementation Report:-

This implementation report provides an overview of the recent initiatives and strategies implemented by Shree Ram Wafers to improve operations, enhance product offerings, and drive growth in the snack industry. The report highlights key areas of focus, progress made, challenges encountered, and future plans for continued success.

1. Product Innovation:

- Introduction of New Flavors: Shree Ram Wafers has successfully introduced new flavors such as Punjabi Tadka and Achari Masti to cater to diverse consumer preferences and expand the product portfolio.
- Healthier Options: The company has explored healthier alternatives by incorporating whole grains, reducing sodium content, and experimenting with alternative cooking methods to meet the growing demand for healthier snacks.

2. Quality Assurance:

- Enhanced Quality Control Measures: Shree Ram Wafers has implemented stringent quality control procedures throughout the production process to ensure consistent product quality and meet regulatory standards.
- Customer Feedback Integration: Feedback from customers is actively collected and used to identify areas for improvement, address issues promptly, and maintain high levels of customer satisfaction.

3. Market Expansion:

- Geographical Expansion: The company has expanded its distribution network to reach new regions and markets, increasing accessibility and brand visibility.
- Targeted Marketing Campaigns: Shree Ram Wafers has launched targeted marketing campaigns to raise brand awareness, attract new customers, and drive sales, focusing on digital marketing channels and social media platforms.

4. Operational Efficiency:

- Streamlined Production Processes: Efforts have been made to streamline production processes, optimize resource utilization, and minimize waste, leading to improved efficiency and cost savings.
- Investment in Technology: The adoption of advanced technology solutions has facilitated better inventory management, production planning, and decision-making processes, enhancing overall operational efficiency.

5. Customer Engagement:

- Personalized Marketing Initiatives: Shree Ram Wafers has implemented personalized marketing initiatives, including loyalty programs, promotional offers, and targeted advertising campaigns, to engage customers and foster brand loyalty.
- Improved Customer Service: The company has invested in training programs for customer service representatives to enhance communication skills, product knowledge, and responsiveness to customer inquiries and feedback.

6. Financial Performance:

- Revenue Growth: Shree Ram Wafers has experienced steady revenue growth due to increased sales volume, market expansion efforts, and successful product launches.
- Profitability Improvement: Efforts to optimize costs, improve operational efficiency, and enhance product offerings have contributed to improved profitability and margins.

Costing Report:-

I. **Per day Raw Material Cost to produce:-**

- Raw Potato- 200kg X ₹16/kg= ₹3200
- Edible Oil- 18 litres X ₹110/litres= ₹1980
- Packaging Roll or Foil- 5 rolls X ₹225 each= ₹1125
- Storage Cartons- 7 cartons X ₹22 each= ₹154
- Spices, Flavours & Essence- 300g X ₹250/kg= ₹75
- <mark>Total Raw Material Requirement per day= ₹6535/day</mark>

II. **Per day Electricity Cost:-**

- Rate- ₹10/unit
- Daily Consumption- 120units
- <mark>Total Electricity Cost= (120 units X ₹10)= ₹1200</mark>

III. **Per day Salary Cost of Employees:-**

- Total number of Workforce- 06
- Salary of Skilled Labour- ₹15,000/month
- Salary of Semi-Skilled Laboue- ₹12,000/month
- Salary of Unskilled Labour- ₹8000/month
- Total Salary Cost of Employees per day= (₹15,000+₹12,000+₹8000 X3)= ₹51,000/month
- <mark>Total per day Salary that is incurred on Product= ₹51,000/30 working days = ₹1700</mark>

IV. **Per day Water Requirement Cost in Production:-**

- Per day Requirement of Water- 1500 litres
- Rate per litres of Water- ₹0.45
- Total per day Water requirement= 1500 X ₹0.45= ₹675

V. Per day Fixed Cost Calculation:-

- Per day calculation of electricity connection- ₹40,000/30= ₹1333.33
- Per day calculation of furniture & equipment- ₹20,000/30= ₹666.67
- Per day calculation of storage tanks and collection tanks- ₹25,000/30= ₹833.33
- Per day calculation of computer & IT equipment- ₹80,000/30= ₹2666.67
- Per day calculation of Security Services- ₹15,000/30= ₹500
- Total Fixed Cost Incurred (₹1333.33+₹666.67+₹833.33+₹2666.67+₹500)= ₹6000

VI. Total Cost incurred in production process in per packet-

- (₹6534+₹1200+₹1700+₹675)= ₹ 10,109
- Production Capacity- 50kg/day or 50,000g/day.
- Packets Capacity- 15g, 23g

VII. Costing for per packet capacity-

Costing for 15g packets (Price-₹5)	Costing for 23g packets (Price-₹10)
Production capacity/Packet Capacity= 50,000g/15g= 3333.33g	Production capacity/Packet Capacity= 50,000g/23g= 2173.91g
Total Cost/Average weight= ₹10,109/333.33= ₹3.11/packet	Total Cost/Average weight= ₹10,109/2173.91g= ₹4.77/packet
Cost of producing 1 packet= ₹3.03	Cost of producing 1 packet= ₹4.65

VIII. Excel Sheet Costing:-

Costing Sheet Shree Ram Wafers.xlsx **-:Please refer to this enclosed worksheet for Costing References.**

Layouts and Designs:-

I. **Warehouse Layout-**

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Company can either procure their major raw material **POTATO** from the market/farmer or either directly farm themselves by owning a farm and cultivate their own **potato** 🥔.

Warehouse 1/ Logistics Bay
- Stores the product that is incoming from supplier end and transfer it to production plant
- And it also work as Logistics bay of loading and unloading of raw materials.
- Sorting of raw material takes place according to size, quality and other factors.

Warehouse 2/ Logistics Bay
- Stores the product that is finished and is ready to dispatch to downstream market.
- In this warehouse inspection, quality checking, sorting of defective product takes place.
- It also works as logistics bay from which product is being shipped to outlets, distributors, wholesalers, retailers and so on.

Outlet of the Product that is situated in the market place.

Roadway/Logistics Bay

Water Treatment Plant (WTP) that treats the water supply that is being used in supplying the water to various places of the organization.

Water is used in various steps in production process such as cleaning of potato, washing, chilling, scalding and so on.

We can also use water for creating

Production Plant/ Manufacturing Plant

Includes all the machinery, packaging dept., labelling dept., fryer, slicer, mixture, and so on.

Different machines are being used in manufacturing different types of chips and namkeens.

The raw materials that is used in manufacturing process is potato, vegetables, masala, edible oil, salt, plastic wraps, Besan, peanut, etc.

Roadway/Logistics Bay

Distributor that distributes the product to retailer.

Waste Management Plant (WMP) is used in managing waste that is created while producing chips such as potato peel, defective potato, deep fried oil, and so on.

It is very important to manage this waste to make our company a **ZERO-WASTAGE COMPANY.**

Roadway/Logistics Bay

Retailers that sell the product to end customer in retail manner.

Admin Office/reception

In this office the management work take place such as marketing and sales, r&d, HR, Finance, Quality, Chemical, Procurement, etc.

In this room board of directors takes meeting and handle the working of the production plant.

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II. Process Flow Design-

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

^{0}C:	Degree Centigrade
^{0}E:	Degree East
^{0}N:	Degree North
^{0}S:	Degree South
^{0}W:	Degree West
ANOVA:	Analysis of Variance
C.D.:	Critical Difference
CV:	Coefficient of Variation
d.f:	Degree of freedom
g.:	Gram
GM:	Grand Mean
GA:	Genetic Advance
GCV:	Genotypic Coefficient of Variation
PCV:	Phenotypic Coefficient of Variation
ECV:	Environmental Coefficient of Variation
h^2b:	Heritability Broad Sense
Kg:	Kilogram
cm:	Centimeter
MSS:	Mean Sum of Square
MSS(e):	Mean Sum of Square due to Error
MSS(r):	Mean Sum of Square due to Replications
MSS(t):	Mean Sum of Square due to Treatments
%:	Percentage
RBD:	Randomized Block Design
RSP:	Replication Sum of Products
RSS:	Replication Sum of Squares
SEm:	Standard Error of means
SP:	Sum of Products
SS:	Sum of Squares
CF:	Correction Factor
TrSP:	Treatment Sum of Products
TrSS:	Treatment Sum of Squares
TSS:	Total Sum of Squares
VE:	Environmental Variation
VG:	Genotypic Variation
VP:	Phenotypic Variation
Min.:	Minimum
Max.:	Maximum
Temp.:	Temperature

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CHAPTER - I

INTRODUCTION

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In India, the majority of the population follows a herbivorous diet, and pulses, commonly known as food legumes, play a crucial role in providing a healthy source of protein. Pulses contain approximately 20 to 30% protein, which is significantly higher than the protein content found in cereals.

Among the various pulses, mungbean, also referred to as green gram, is a well-established pulse crop that has been extensively cultivated in India. mungbean, scientifically classified as *Vigna radiata* (L.) Wilczek, is a diploid species with a chromosome number of 2n=2x-22. It belongs to the Leguminosae (Fabaceae) family, specifically the sub-family Papilionaceae. Originating from South Asia, particularly India, it is believed that *Vigna radiata* var. *sublobata* is the probable ancestor of mungbean. The crop's high protein content, easy digestibility, and minimal flatulence production have contributed to its widespread popularity worldwide.

Furthermore, its short growth duration, adaptability to various environmental conditions, low water requirements, and insensitivity to light make it suitable for cultivation in diverse crop rotation practices. Mungbean, a major pulse crop, is primarily cultivated in India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, and other Southeast Asian countries (Singh *et al*., 2015). In India, the main mungbean producing states include Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, and Tamil Nadu. This versatile crop can thrive in a range of climates, from arid to humid tropics, as well as semi-arid areas. Notably, mungbean stands out as an affordable source of dietary

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protein, with higher iron content compared to many other legumes (Nair *et al*., 2012). Its cultivation is concentrated in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Rajasthan. With its short growth cycle and adaptability, mungbean plays a crucial role in crop intensification, diversification, and sustainable production systems (Singh *et al*., 2013; Singh and Bhaj, 2013).

According to the latest data from the Annual Report of the Directorate of Pulses Development 2021-2022, India's green gram production stands at 24.48 lakh tonnes per year, making it the top producer globally with an average productivity of 531 kg per hectare Anonymous (2022).

Mungbean is a yearly plant featuring a tap root system. Its stem is upright and branched, bearing trifoliate leaves that can be sub-erect and sometimes twining in the upper branches. The leaves are trifoliate, entirely ovate, and occasionally lobed, with a long petiole. The inflorescence is either axillary or terminal raceme, with 10-20 flowers densely packed on a long peduncle. The flowers are pedicellate, hermaphrodite, complete, zygomorphic, perigynous, polypetalous, and come in shades of lighter yellowish olive or olive yellow. The calyx consists of 5 sepals fused into a tube (gamosepalous), while the corolla has 5 petals with a polypetalous condition (one standard, two wings, and two keel petals).

There are ten stamens in total, arranged in a diadelphous (9+1) condition. The ovary is superior, monocarpellary, unilocular, with numerous ovules and marginal placentation. Both the style and stigma are simple. The fruit is a pod, ranging from 4 to 16 cm in length and containing 9 to 16 seeds. Immature pods are typically green, while mature pods can be iron gray, olive gray, or snuff brown in color. They are round and slender, with short to moderate pubescence. Dehiscence of the pods occurs through both dorsal and ventral sutures, splitting them into two halves. The seed surface displays fine wavy ridges, with a white,

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more or less flat hilum. Seed germination is of the epigeal type (Ram and Singh, 2005).

Mungbean, a self-pollinated crop, is typically grown in warm, short-day conditions and is commonly found in arid and semi-arid regions. Known for its drought resistance and ability to thrive in low rainfall areas, mungbean is also heat tolerant and can withstand moisture stress. This crop requires minimal inputs for growth and maturity, making it a cost-effective choice for farmers. It can be cultivated in various soil types, including black, red lateritic, gravelly, and sandy soils. The most suitable soil for mungbean cultivation is well-drained fertile sandy loam with a pH level between 6.2 and 7.2. According to Sharma, (2016) waterlogged and saline soils are not conducive to mungbean cultivation.

Mungbean plays a significant role as a protein source for the human diet. Scientists have put forward strategies to enhance protein quality and diminish anti-nutritional factors in mungbean. Green gram, in comparison to other legumes, does not pose any health threats. Mungbean stands out among different pulses due to its high vitamin B content and rich essential amino acids like Arginine, Leucine, Lysine, Tryptophan, and Valine. Moreover, green gram sprouts are a good source of vitamin C and E (Engel, 1978).

Mung is typically consumed in different ways like Dal, sprouts, and green pods as a vegetable. It is also utilized in the production of various food items such as Mangori, Papad, Dalbada, Namkeen, etc. A local dish known as "Tahri," made with Mungdal and rice, is recognized for its easy digestibility, often suggested by doctors for individuals who are ill. Mungdal ka halwa, a renowned sweet in India, is crafted from mungbean (Sharma, 2016).

India stands out as a prominent green gram producer worldwide, although its productivity falls short in comparison to other nations. There exists a substantial opportunity to boost mungbean production and

productivity through advancements in breeding techniques, including the development of disease-resistant, high-yielding varieties with enhanced nutritional profiles. Mungbean displays notable diversity in traits like flowering time, plant height, and protein content, which has been harnessed in breeding initiatives to unveil a range of improved varieties. Nevertheless, the longevity of these released varieties is threatened by genetic erosion and susceptibility to diseases and pests.

The pulse improvement initiatives placed great emphasis on the need to generate variability in order to achieve high yield potential and identify genotypes suitable for new ecological niches. Understanding the genetic nature of varieties, the role of gene action in determining yield, and the impact of enhancing component traits on yield per unit area are all crucial aspects. Yield is a complex trait that is influenced by multiple quantitative inherited characteristics. Therefore, before initiating any breeding program, it is essential to have a thorough understanding of the nature and extent of genetic variability, as well as the associations between yield and other parameters.

Assessing genotypes to determine the existing variability is an essential initial step in any crop improvement program. Understanding the factors and extent of variation in the genetic material available, as well as the influence of the environment on the expression of plant traits, is crucial for evaluating the potential for improvement. The presence of variability in various traits within the source population is necessary for successful crop enhancement, as breeding and selection efforts would be ineffective without a significant heritable component of variability. Additionally, calculating genetic advance and heritability provides valuable insight into the expected level of improvement through selection and the reliability of phenotype-based selection methods. **(Falconer, 1989).**

Correlation estimates between yield and other characters are useful in selecting desired plant types in designing an effective breeding

programme. Correlation coefficient measure the degree of association. Genotypic or phenotypic relationship between two or more characters which forms the basis for selection. Path coefficients analysis **(Wright, 1921)** is an important tool for partitioning the correlation coefficient into direct and indirect effect of variables on dependent variable.

With this background the present study, this research work entitled as **"Genetic Variability and Path Coefficient Studies in Different Genotypes of Mungbean (*Vigna radiata* L.) Under Late Sown Condition"** was carried out conducted during kharif season, 2021 Research Farm of Genetics and Plant Breeding A.K.S University, Satna (M.P) with the objectives of evaluation of the germplasm lines with respect to per se, variability heritability, genetic advance and path coefficient analysis in terms of yield and its related traits:

1. To estimate the genetic variability among different genotypes of mungbean.

2. To determine the heritability and genetic advance for different quantitative traits.

3. To analyze the correlation and path coefficient among different traits.

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CHAPTER - II

REVIEW

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LITERATURE

REVIEW OF LITRATURE

The current study aims to determine statistical parameters such as genetic variability, correlation, and path analysis in 15 cultivars of mungbean (*Vigna radiata* (L.) Wilczek). This review examines the existing literature on genetic variability, heritability, genetic advance, correlation, and path analysis in mungbean and presents the findings.

1) **Genetic variability**
2) **Heritability and Genetic advance**
3) **Correlation Analysis**
4) **Path coefficient analysis**

2.1 Genetic variability

Kumar *et al.* (2005) evaluated 25 genotypes of mungbean for genetic variability and observed high PCV and GCV for number of pods per plant, harvest index and seed yield per plant. High heritability coupled with high genetic advance was noticed by them for days to 50 per cent flowering, plant height and number of pods per plant indicating the presence of additive gene action for these characters.

Pandiyan *et al.* (2006) studied genetic variability in 646 accessions of Mungbean and found high genetic advance led with high heritability and GCV for number of branches per plant, number of clusters per plant, number of clusters per branch, number of pods per plant, single plant yield and plant height.

Kumhar and Chaudhary (2007) evaluated 52 genotypes of Mungbean to estimate genetic diversity, variability, heritability and genetic advance as a percentage of mean. The study resulted high phenotypic and genotypic coefficients of variation for seed yield, number of pods per

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plant, 100-seed weight and primary branches per plant showed ample amount of variation for these characters. The heritability was high for all the characters except seeds per pod.

Suresh Babu *et al.* (2012) studied genetic variability in 20 genotypes of mungbean for 10 quantitative characters. They observed substantial amount of variation for all characters studied except pod length. Low magnitude differences between PCV and GCV observed for 100-seed weight indicating maximum reflection of genotype into phenotype. They also recorded high broad sense heritability coupled with high genetic advance as percent of mean for plant height, number of clusters per plant, number of pods per plant. 100-seed weight, seed yield per plant and harvest index suggesting the preponderance of additive gene action in the inheritance of these attributes.

Gadakh *et al.* (2013) evaluated fifty diverse genotypes of greengram for genetic variability, heritability, genetic advance and found that genotypes differ significantly for all characters studied indicating good amount of genetic variability.

Degefa *et al.* (2014) conducted an experiment to assess the magnitude of genetic variability among thirteen mungbean accessions for some growth and grain yield characters. The result showed that number of primary branches, pods per plant, seeds per plant and harvest index had high genotypic and phenotypic coefficients of variation value at both locations. For all characters, phenotypic coefficient of variation was higher than genotypic coefficient of variation indicating that there was environmental influence on these traits.

Raturi *et al.* (2015) conducted variability studies in 44 Mungbean genotypes for various morphological and biochemical traits. They reported that the tested genotypes exhibited significant to highly significant differences with respect to all the morphological and

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biochemical traits studied. They recorded higher heritability with corresponding PCV and GCV coupled with genetic advance for biochemical characters viz. fat and fiber content.

Anand *et al.* (2016) studied genetic variability among the yield and yield contributing characters in 26 Mungbean genotypes. They found high GCV in plant height, number of pods per plant and seed yield per plant and low GCV was observed in days to 50% flowering. High heritability was shown by seed yield per plant followed by plant height and number of pods.

Vir and Singh (2016) evaluated 38 indigenous and exotic accessions of greengram. The high degree of genetic variability was estimated during both seasons for seed yield per plant (g), 100-seed weight (g), number of seeds per pod, number of pods per plant, number of pods per cluster, number of branches per plant, number of clusters per plant, plant height (cm), number of days to 50% flowering and number of days to maturity. The moderate to high heritability coupled with moderate to high expected genetic advance were observed for all studied traits.

Garg *et al.* (2017) estimated genetic variability, heritability and genetic advance in 30 mungbean genotypes. They observed GCV & PCV were highest for seed yield per plant, followed by harvest index, biological yield and number of pods per plant. High genetic advance coupled with high heritability were observed for plant height, number of branches per plant, pod length, seed per pod, 100-seed weight, number of pods per plant, biological yield, seed yield and harvest index.

Kate *et al.* (2017) carried out an experiment to assess the genetic variability, heritability and genetic advance in 30 Mungbean genotypes. They found higher GCV and PCV for secondary branches per plant primary branches per plant, pods per plant and grain yield per plant. Genetic advance was found highest for plant height followed by days to

maturity and pods per plant. High heritability coupled with moderate genetic advance was observed for plant height, days to maturity, pods per plant and protein content.

Ghimire *et al.* **(2018)** reported low genotypic coefficient of variation was given by pod length, number of grains per pod and days to **50%** flowering in seven mungbean genotypes.

Malli *et al.* **(2018)** studied **40** mung bean accessions during Kharif, 2016. Maximum genotypic and phenotypic variance was recorded for harvest index, primary branches per plant, seed yield per plant, pods per plant. Maximum GCV and PCV were recorded for harvest index, biological yield/plant and seed yield/plant.

Mehandi *et al.* **(2018)** evaluated 48 mungbean genotypes for two years (2016 and 2017) to study genetic variability, heritability and genetic advance for yield and 13 yield associated traits. The genotypic coefficient of variations was the highest for characters viz. harvest index, number of effective branches/plant.

Ramakrishnan *et al.* **(2018)** estimated genetic variability, heritability and genetic advance in 374 Mungbean genotypes. They revealed that number of clusters per plant, number of pods per plant and number of seeds per pod showed high GCV and PCV values. Heritability estimates in broad sense and genetic advance were high for all the characters except for test weight.

Sharma *et al.* (**2018**) evaluated genetic variability parameters in 64 mungbean genotypes for different phenological, morpho-physiological, yield and related traits. None of the trait was found with high estimates for GCV and PCV, while moderate estimates were observed for number of pods/cluster. biomass/plant, number of pods/plant. 100-seed weight, plant height, grain yield/plant.

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Varma *et al.* (2018) evaluated Fifty-six genotypes of greengram were evaluated in RBD for estimation of genetic variability. The genotypes showed wide and highly significant variation in all these traits. Seed yield of the genotype varied from 1.8 to 6.1 g per plant. PCV and GCV estimates were high for primary branches per plant. Plant height, pods per plant, days to 50% flowering, and maturity had high heritability with high genetic advance which indicated additive gene effect.

Asari *et al.* (2019) studied 44 mungbean genotypes to assess the genetic variability, heritability, genetic advance, correlation and path coefficient analysis for yield and yield contributing characters. The genotypes differed significantly for all twelve characters studied. High GCV and PCV observed for primary branches per plant, number of pods per plant, seed yield per plant and clusters per plant.

Manivelan *et al.* (2019) evaluated ten green gram genotypes and their 21 Fi possible cross combinations for seven yield and yield attributing traits including yield and considerable variability existed for all the traits. The phenotypic and genotypic coefficient of variability (GCV) were high for plant height, seed yield per plant, number of pods per plant, number of primary branches per plant.

Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019) found that phenotypic coefficient of variation (PCV) was greater than that of genotypic coefficient of variation (GCV) for all the characters in greengram studied thereby indicating the influence of environmental effect on the characters. The high estimates of GCV, heritability and genetic advance were exhibited by plant height, number of primary branches per plant, number of clusters per plant, number of pods per clusters, number of pods per plant and seed yield per plant.

Talukdar *et al.* (2020) evaluated 38 green gram genotypes to determine the nature and extent of variation in the phenological traits. Analysis of

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variance revealed significant variation among genotypes for all the characters. The GCV and PCV estimates were high for number of pods per plant followed by plant height and number of branches per plant.

Wesly *et al.* (2020) studied 100 green gram genotypes to estimate genetic variability and divergence among genotypes for future breeding studies during Kharif, 2018 in RBD with three replications. Genetic analysis revealed that number of branches per plant showed high GCV and PCV followed by number of pods per plant, harvest index and seed yield per plant

Karthik *et al.* (2022) Evaluated genetic variability, genetic parameters like GCV, PCV, and observations were recorded for 13 characters and based on mean performance MASH -338 found to be superior in seed yield per plant followed by IPU-99. Among the 13 quantitative characters, high estimates of GCV and PCV were recorded respectively for number of pods per plant followed by number of clusters per plant.

Kumar *et al.* (2022) studied the genetic variability parameters for seed yield and its component traits in mungbean. Significant differences were observed among genotypes for all 11 characters studied. The high degree of genetic variability along with high heritability and high genetic advance as per cent of mean were recorded for seed yield per plant, number of pods per plant, harvest index, biological yield per plant and plant height; which indicates that these characters were under the control of additive gene action and therefore, form the basis of selection for mungbean improvement programme.

Thonta *et al.* (2023) conducted an experiment using 20 green gram germplasm for the 13 traits to study genotypic and phenotypic variances, GCV, and PCV for all the growth and yield contributing traits. Number of pods per cluster recorded highest GCV (23.93) and PCV (24.80) respectively.

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Gnanasekaran *et al.* (2024) estimated with 44 blackgram genotypes to study genetic variability of seven important yield contributing traits including yield trait. Result: Highest GCV and PCV value observed for seed yield per plant and for plant height.

Kumar *et al.* (2024) conducted an experiment to estimate genetic variability for yield and yield contributing characters among seventy-nine diverse genotypes of mungbean for eleven quantitative traits. Significant differences were observed among genotypes for all eleven characters studied.

Mundiyara *et al.* (2024) estimated the genetic variability parameters, for the various traits, thirty-five genotypes of mungbean. Based on the results, there were significant differences in the mean sum of square resulting from genotypes for each trait studied, indicating that the genotypes were genetically distinct. The PCV values was higher than GCV values for all the characters which reflect the impact of environment on the expression of traits. The estimates of GCV and PCV were higher for number of branches, number of pods per plant and seed yield.

2.2 Heritability and Genetic advance

It is well known that right selection of the material is one of the important causes for the success of any improvement programmed. The proper selection will depend on the knowledge of heritability. Estimate of genetic advance is an important parameter to evaluate effectiveness of selection.

Zubair *et al.* (2007) reported medium to high variance for days to flower initiation, days to flowering, days to pod initiation, days to maturity, plant height, pods per plant, biological yield per plant and harvest index. Also recorded low heritability in seed yield contributing traits.

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Rahim *et al.* (2008) reported high heritability coupled with high genetic advance in mungbean in the next generation for number of pods per plant, grain yield per plant and plant height, suggesting that these characters govern by additive genetic effect to a great extent.

Singh *et al.* (2009) reported high heritability coupled with high genetic advance for harvest index, pods per plant, seed yield per plant biological yield per plant, 100 seed weight, seeds per pod, plant height and number of productive branches per plant.

Choudhary *et al*. (2010) observed that the high estimated of heritability, genotypic coefficient of variation and genetic advance for plant height and number of per pod plant. These characters can be effectively improved through selection.

Das *et al.* (2010) reported high heritability with high genetic advance for seed yield per plant and number of seeds per pod resembling action of additive genes in controlling these particular characters and selection would be rewarding to yield improvement in mungbean.

Kumar and Senapati (2013) reported that high heritability coupled with high genetic advanced as percent of mean was recorded for seed yield per plant followed by number of pods per plant and 100 seed weight. However, high heritability associated with moderate with genetic advance was observed for number of seeds per pod, plant height, days to 50% flowering and pod length.

Degefa *et al.* (2014) conducted an experiment to assess the magnitude of heritability in broad sense and genetic advance among thirteen mungbean accessions for some growth and grain yield characters. The combined results for heritability showed that the high estimates of heritability and genetic advance were scored for seeds per plant and seed yield indicating that these characters were under the control of additive

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genetic effects. High genetic advance expected as percent of mean coupled with high heritability was observed for number of primary branches at hirna, number of seeds per plant at Rare and number of secondary branches, pods per plant and 100seed weight for combined analysis.

Ahmad *et al.* (2015) studied the genetic variability in 20 genotypes of mungbean analysis of variance was highly significant for all character studied except plant of plant. They reported high genotypic and phenotypic co-efficient of variation for count plant, and seed yield count plant while lowest for pod count. The estimate of heritability and genetic advance were high for pod count plant (0.98% and 64.37%) and yield of seed (0.94% and 45.56%), respectively.

Sharma *et al.* (2017) the reported that the heritability estimated was found to be high for days to maturity followed by seed yield per plant seed per pod and pod per plant.

Ghimire *et al.* (2018) studied seven mungbean genotypes to estimate the genetic variability and path coefficient analysis for yield attributing traits. High heritability was shown by test weight, secondary branches and seed yield per plant.

Malli *et al.* (2018) in their study conducted on 40 mungbean genotypes for growth and grain yield characters during *Kharif*, 2016 showed the maximum genotypic and phenotypic variance for harvest index, primary branches per plant, seed yield per plant, pods per plant and maximum GCV and PCV for harvest index, biological yield/plant and seed yield/plant. They also reported high heritability for biological yield/plant, days to maturity, seeds/pod, number of branches/plant and seed yield/plant along with high genetic advance as per cent of mean for biological yield/plant, branches per plant, number of pods per plant.

Mehandi *et al.* (2018) studied 48 mungbean genotypes two years (2016 and 2017) to estimate genetic variability, heritability and genetic advance for yield and 13 yield associated traits. The high heritability was observed for seed yield per plant and days to 50% flowering, therefore, direct selection for these characters would be effective and considered to be of prime importance in formulating the selection programme.

Sharma *et al.* (2018) observed high heritability estimates for most of the traits except per cent flower shed and pod length. Hence, direct selection may be exercised for improvement of these traits. High estimates of genetic advance were recorded for chlorophyll content and plot yield, whereas moderate for plant height and remaining traits had low estimates of genetic advance and indicated that most of the traits were controlled by polygenes. Maximum genetic advance as per cent of mean was registered for number of pods/cluster, biomass/plant, number of pods/plant, 100-seed weight, plant height, grain yield/plant.

Varma *et al.* (2018) evaluated 56 genotypes of green gram for estimation of genetic variability, heritability, genetic advance. The studied genotypes showed wide and highly significant variation in all these traits. Plant height, pods per plant, days to 50% flowering, and day to maturity had high heritability with high genetic advance which indicated additive gene effect.

Asari *et al.* (2019) reported high heritability along with high genetic advance as per cent of mean was observed for plant height, primary branches per plant, clusters per plant, number of pods per plant and seed yield indicating preponderance of additive gene action. Low genetic advance was observed of protein content.

Manivelan *et al.* (2019) evaluated ten green gram genotypes and their 21 Fis possible cross combinations for seven yield and yield attributing traits including yield and found considerable variability existed for all

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the traits. Heritability and genetic advance (GA) were high for plant height, seed yield per plant, number of pods per plant, number of branches per plant and 100 seed weight (g).

Muthuswamy *et al.* **(2019)** obtained high heritability and genetic advance as per cent of mean for days to 50% flowering, number of branches per plant, number of pods per plant, seed yield per plant in a study conducted on 100 mungbean genotypes to find out the magnitude of heritability as a measure of genetic advancement under selection. Moderate genetic advance was observed for number of seeds per pod.

Talukdar *et al.* **(2020)** evaluated 38 green gram genotypes to determine the nature and extent of variation in the phenological traits and observations were recorded on 17 morphological characters. High heritability coupled with high genetic advance as per cent of mean was observed for days to 50% flowering, number of pods per plant, number of branches per plant and seed yield per plant.

Wesly *et al.* **(2020)** evaluated 100 green gram genotypes to estimate genetic variability and divergence among genotypes for future breeding studies. High heritability coupled with high genetic advance as per cent of mean was observed for days to 50% flowering, plant height, number of branches per plant, number of pods per plant, pod length, 100 seed weight, harvest index and seed yield per plant.

Karthik *et al.* **(2022)** evaluated heritability, genetic advance, and observations were recorded for 13 characters and number of pods per plant showed high heritability and genetic advance.

Thonta *et al.* **(2023)** conducted an experiment using 20 green gram germplasm for the 13 traits to study heritability (H^2b), and genetic advance (GA), for all the growth and yield contributing traits. As per result, biological yield had highest heritability h^2b (94.2%). However,

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plant height (25.68) had high genetic advance. Moreover, number of pods per cluster (47.61) had highest genetic advance as percent mean (GAM).

Gnanasekaran *et al.* (2024) estimated with 44 blackgram genotypes to study heritability, and genetic advance of seven important yield contributing traits including yield trait. High heritability coupled with high genetic advance as percent of mean were recorded for plant height and seed yield (kg/ha) and selection of these traits was useful for further improvement in plant breeding programme.

Kumar *et al.* (2024) conducted an experiment to estimate heritability, and genetic advance for yield and yield contributing characters among seventy-nine diverse genotypes of mungbean for eleven quantitative traits. The high degree of genetic variability along with high heritability and high genetic advance as percent of mean were recorded for seed yield per plant, number of pods per plant, harvest index, biological yield per plant, and plant height; which indicates that these characteristics were under the control of additive gene action and therefore, form the basis of selection for the mungbean improvement program.

Mundiyara *et al.* (2024) estimated the heritability and genetic advance for the various traits, thirty-five genotypes of mungbean. Based on the results, highest heritability estimates were recorded for all the traits. High genetic advance as a percentage of mean along with high heritability was observed for plant height, number of branches, number of pods per plant, 1000 seed weight and seed yield.

2.3 Correlation coefficient analysis

A study of relative importance of quantitative characters in the expression of yield can be known through correlation coefficients and it is a statistical tool to find out the degree and direction of relationship

between two or more variables. When the effect in one variable causes the change in another variable, the variables are said to be correlated. If the change is in same direction, the correlation is positive and if it is in opposite direction, the correlation is negative. The value is zero when two variables are not related. In plant breeding, study of correlation is essential because most of the traits are more or less related to yield, it is the end products of interaction of genetic factors and combined interaction with environmental factors.

The path analysis is simply standardized partial regression coefficient analysis which may be useful in choosing the characters that have direct and indirect effect on yield.

The correlation coefficient provides important information about the degree of association between two characters. It is well known that most of the characters are polygenic and genes are pleiotropic in action such that each gene, apart from its direct contribution to a particular character can contributes to several other characters also. Thus, correlation coefficient alone would not be able to give a clear picture about the contribution of a particular character e.g. the estimates of correlation coefficient between two characters may be positive but the direct effect of the characters to the correlation coefficient may be negative. In such instances, indirect effect should be taken into consideration in formulating a selection strategy. Path analysis was initially suggested by **Wright (1921)** and he gave the concept and methodology of path analysis but it was first time applied in plant breeding by **Dewey and Lu (1959).**

Kumar *et al.* (2005) studied twenty-five genotypes and found the maximum positive and significant phenotypic correlation coefficient between number of pods per plant and seed yield per plant, seed yield per plant with harvest index, days to 50 per cent flowering and plant

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height, number of pods per plant and harvest index, days to 50 per cent flowering and biological yield, plant height and biological yield.

Biradar *et al.* (2007) studied correlation and path coefficient analysis in 116 mungbean genotypes and revealed significant positive correlation of grain yield with number of clusters per plant, number of pods per cluster, pod length, seeds per pod and 100 seed weight while days to 50 per cent flowering showed significant, low negative correlation with yield. The path analysis revealed maximum direct effect on seed yield was exerted by number of clusters per plant followed by number of pods per cluster, pod length and number of seeds per pod had positive direct effect on seed yield.

Singh *et al.* (2009) studied ten diverse genotypes of greengram for yield and nine other economic traits during *kharif* season. The study revealed that seed yield per plant exhibited positive association with harvest index followed by days to 50 per cent flowering at genotypic and phenotypic levels. Based on these findings, it was suggested that selection would be an effective tool for the genetic improvement in mungbean.

Tabasum *et al.* (2010) studied correlation and path analysis in 10 mungbean genotypes and revealed significantly negative correlation of pods per cluster with seed yield whereas positive significant genotypic and phenotypic correlations was found for seed yield with pods per plant, clusters per plant, total plant weight and harvest index. The path analysis study found positive direct effects due to secondary branches, pods per plant, pod length, 100 seed weight, total plant weight and harvest index whereas negative direct effects due to plant height, primary branches per plant, number of clusters per plant and number of pods per cluster.

Reddy *et al.* (2011) studied correlation and it indicated that seed yield per plant was positive and significantly associated with days to maturity, plant height, number of pods per plant, number of seeds per pod, 100-

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seed weight, and shoot dry matter per plant.

Patel *et al.* **(2012)** studied a set of 86 genotypes of greengram. Correlation analysis revealed that seed yield per plant was found to be highly significant and positively correlated with plant height, number of clusters per plant, number of pods per cluster, number of pods per plant and number of seeds per pod at genotypic level.

Kamleshwar *et al.* **(2013)** carried out an experiment to study the association and path analysis among different yield contributing characters in 50 F1 crosses of mungbean. They found that phenotypic coefficient of variation was slightly higher in magnitude than the genotypic coefficient of variation for number of secondary branches per plant, number of bunches per plant, number of pods per plant, number of grains per pod, pod length and 100 seed weight had shown positive and significant correlation along with their high positive direct effect with grain yield.

Garje *et al.* **(2014)** studied correlation and path coefficient analysis in 40 genotypes of mungbean. Their correlation coefficient analysis showed that number of primary branches per plant, number of secondary branches per plant, number of pods per plant, number of clusters per and number of seeds per pod were positively correlated with the seed yield per plant. The path analysis showed that number of pods per plant had direct effect on seed yield followed by number of clusters per plant and number of secondary branches per plant.

Kapadia *et al.* **(2015)** studied correlation and path coefficient analysis in 11 genotypes of mungbean. They found that seed yield per plant had positive and highly significant correlation with pod length, pods per plant, plant height, branches per plant, seeds per pod and days to maturity. Path coefficient analysis indicated that pod length, pods per plant, plant height, branches per plant and seeds per pod had positive

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direct contribution on seed yield per plant.

Anand *et al.* (2016) studied correlation and path analysis in 26 F6 family of mungbean and found that number of clusters per plant and number of pods per plant were the most important yield contributing components as they recorded high direct and indirect effects along with significant positive correlation towards seed yield.

Jyothsna *et al.* (2016) revealed that number of pods per plant shows significant positive correlation with seed yield per plant in greengram at genotypic and phenotypic levels and number of seed per pod shows significant positive correlation with seed yield per plant at genotypic level and plant height and pod length showed positive association with seed yield at phenotypic level. Days to fifty per cent flowering and plant height revealed negative and high significant association with seed yield.

Kritika and Yadav (2017) seventy greengram RILs (F_6 generation), made from a cross between ML-776 (high zinc and iron content) and MH 2-15 (MYMV resistant, high seed yield and low zinc and iron content), were evaluate during *kharif* 2015.Seed yield was found to have positive significant correlation with plant height, number of branches plant-1, number of pods plant-1, number of seeds pod-1,100-seed weight, biological yield and harvest index and negatively with days to flowering, days to maturity and reaction to MYMV.

Azam *et al.* (2018) studied 28 mungbean genotypes at Pulses Research Centre, Ishurdi, Pabna during *Kharif*, 2015. They reported that seeds per pod, plant height and pods per plant show positive significant phenotypic and genotypic correlation with yield. The result of path analysis indicated that pods per plant had maximum direct effect on yield followed by plant height and 100 seed weight and they contributed 31% variation in yield.

Ghimire *et al.* (2018) studied seven mungbean genotypes to estimate the genetic variability and path coefficient analysis for yield attributing traits. Seed yield was correlated positively with days to 50% flowering, pod length, primary branches per plant and number of pods per plant. Biological yield, pod length and number of seeds per pod contributed maximum positive and direct effect on seed yield.

Kumar *et al.* (2018) studied 79 genotypes of mungbean during *Kharif*, 2017 and reported that number of pods per plant, biological yield per plant, harvest index. number of seeds per pod, 100 seed weight and pod length had significant positive correlation and path analysis with seed yield. In addition to these traits, plant height and days to 50% flowering also had direct effect on seed yield in mungbean.

Ramakrishnan *et al.* (2018) studied twelve yield and yield related parameters in 374 diverse genotypes of greengram. Association analysis indicated that, seed yield per plant showed significant positive correlation with pod yield per plant followed by number of pods per plant, number of clusters per plant.

Varma *et al.* (2018) in a study on 56 genotypes of green gram evaluated in RBD, correlation studies indicated that plant height, number of pods per plant, pod length, and 100 seed weight showed positive correlation with seed yield. Number of pods per plant had highest direct positive effect on seed yield followed by 100 seed weight.

Asari *et al.* (2019) reported that characters clusters per plant and number of pods per plant showed positive and high significant correlation with seed yield per plant. Among the characters studied, days to 50% flowering had high positive direct effect on seed yield per plant followed by number of pods per plant and primary branches per plant on seed yield per plant.

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Hadimani *et al.* (2019) who studied that correlation coefficient and path analysis studies were conducted for thirteen component characters including seed yield and revealed significant positive association of grain yield had positive and highly significant association with pods per plant, 100 seed weight, seed yield per hectare, pod length, specific leaf weight observed. Further, it was found that 100 seed weight had the highest positive direct effect on green seed yield followed by pod length. Hence, it would be rewarding to lay stress on these characters in selection program for increasing the seed yield.

Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019) found highly significant and positively associated with plant height, number of branches per plant and number of pods per plant indicating that selection based on these characters will be effective. Number of pods per plant, 100 seed weight, number of seeds per pod and plant height had positive direct effects on seed yield indicating that there is always scope for enhancement of grain yield by selecting these traits.

Ahmad and Belwal (2020) studied 112 diverse genotypes of mungbean, along with five high yielding checks. Correlation analysis indicated that seed yield showed positive significant correlation with number of pods per plant, pod length, 100-seed weight, plant height, number of branches per plant. Path analysis revealed that number of pods per plant. 100-seed weight, pod length and plant height exerted a high magnitude of positive direct effect on seed yield.

Jadhav *et al.* (2022) calculated correlation analysis, recommends that plant traits like pods per cluster, 100-seed weight, shelling percentage and biological yield per plant showed extremely significant and positive association with seed yield per plant at both phenotypic and genotypic level. The character seed hardness showed significant negative correlation with seed yield per plant. While results of path analysis

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indicated that character pod length had highest direct effect on seed yield per plant subsequently harvest index, 100- seed weight, biological yield per plant, days to shattering, protein content, calcium content, clusters per plant, pods per cluster, both at genotypic and phenotypic level, while pods per plant and seed hardness at genotypic level only.

Thonta *et al.* (2023) revealed that seed yield showed significant and positively correlated with biological yield (0.9406 and 0.9318) followed by harvest index (0.7592 and 0.7573) and number of clusters per plant (0.5264 and 0.4585) at both genotypic and phenotypic level respectively.

Gnanasekaran *et al.* (2024) estimated with 44 black gram genotypes to study correlation of seven important yield contributing traits including yield trait. Association analysis revealed that seed yield exhibited significant and positive correlated with plant height and number of pods/plant. Yield component traits viz., plant height, number of pods/plant, 100 seed weight and single plant yield were highly correlated among themselves.

Mundiyara *et al.* (2024) estimated the characters association for the various traits, thirty-five genotypes of mungbean. Based on the results, correlation of seed yield was positive and significant at phenotypic and genotypic level with characters viz., number of branches, number of pods per plant and number of seeds per pod.

2.4 Path coefficient analysis

As number of factors is involved in correlation studies, their association becomes more complex and confusing. Under such circumstance, the path coefficient analysis help in removing the complication by measuring the direct and indirect influence of one variable upon the other by partitioning the correlation coefficient into the components of direct and indirect effects. This has also an advantage to

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point out the true yield determinants for genetic improvement of crop.

Verma and Garg (2007) reported that seed yield per plant was influenced directly by biological yield and harvest index It was indirectly influenced by days to 50 percent flowering and plant height via biological yield and harvest index. It was concluded that the characters biological yield and harvest index were main components of seed yield and could be considered for improving the seed yield of mungbean.

Singh *et al.* (2009) under taken investigation on eighty Mungbean germplasm lines. Path analysis using phenotypic and genotypic correlations identified biological yield per plant, clusters per plant and seeds per pod as most important direct and indirect yield component.

Tabasum *et al.* (2010) studied ten Mungbean genotypes. Positive direct effects were exerted through secondary branches, pods per plant, pod length, 100seed weight, total plant weight and harvest index while primary branches, plant height, clusters per plant and pods per cluster had negative direct effects.

Patel *et al.* (2012) studied a set of 86 genotypes of green gram. Path analysis indicated the highest positive direct effect for number of clusters per plant followed by plant height, 100-seed weight, number of pods per plant, number of seeds per pod and days to 50% flowering.

Kamaleshwar *et al.* (2013) conducted experiment on Mungbean. Number of secondary branches per plant, number of bunches per plant, number of pods per plant, number of grains per pod, pod length and 100 seed weight had hiding list meta data attachments shown positive and significant correlation along with their high positive direct effect with grain yield.

Patel *et al.* (2014) evaluated forty diverse green gram genotypes. Maximum direct effect of number of seeds per pod (0.642) and number

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of pods per cluster (0.432) on seed yield was observed.

Garje *et al.* **(2014)** studied genetic association and path coefficient analysis in 40 genotypes of green gram. Path analysis revealed that seed yield direct effected by number of pods per plant followed by number of clusters per plant and number of secondary branches.

Hemavathy *et al.* **(2015)** studied path analysis and revealed that, direct effect on seed yield was observed through number of pods per plant, number of clusters per plant, number of seeds per pod and 100 seed weight and indirect effect via days to 50 per cent flowering.

Baisakh *et al.* **(2016)** studied thirty genotypes of green gram including 22 mutant lines. Path-analysis showed that pods plant had highest direct positive effects on yield followed by plant height. Positive correlation of most traits with yield was greatly influenced by indirect positive effect via pods plant and plant height.

Parihar *et al.* **(2018)** studied path coefficient analysis and revealed that days to 50% flowering, primary branches per plant, secondary branches pre plant, 100 seed weight and no of seeds per pod had positive direct effect on seed yield, while plant height, days to maturity and pods per plant had negative direct effects on seed yield. Late flowering with numerous primary and secondary branches with more seed weight and more no of seeds per pod directly lead to increase in seed yield. Less pods per plant with high seeds per pods is more desirable trait for high seed yield.

Ghosh *et al.* **(2019)** studied path coefficient analysis. It exhibited that pods per plant have been excreted maximum positive direct effect on seed yield per plant followed by pod length and the number of seeds per pod, number of branches per plant where plant height showed minimum positive direct effect on seed yield through 100 seed weight, harvest

index. Here, branches per plant have been exhibited a positive direct effect on seed yield per plant through the highest positive pods per plant among the other traits. Pods per plant have been showed the maximum negative indirect effect on seeds per pod through pod length.

Manivelan *et al*. (2019) studied on twenty-one green gram hybrids which were laid out in randomized block design with three replications. Among the characters studied, plant height, clusters per plant, number of branches per plant, number of pods per plant, number of seed per pod showed high direct positive effect in path analysis and positive significant association with grain yield. Hence selection may be effective based on these characters.

Karthik *et al*. (2022) Evaluated correlation and path analysis and observations were recorded for 13 characters. Positive and significant correlation with number of clusters per plant at genotypic and phenotypic level. At genotypic level, the highest positive direct effect on Seed yield per plant effect was found for number of clusters per plant and harvest index at genotypic level.

Reshmi *et al*. (2022) evaluated for 10 quantitative characters and correlation and path analysis was done to study the character association and to understand the direct and indirect effects of different characters on seed yield per plant. The correlation analysis revealed that seed yield per plant exhibited significant and positive correlation with 100 seed weight, number of clusters per plant, pod length, plant height, number of pods per plant and number of seeds per pod at both genotypic and phenotypic levels.

Thonta *et al*. (2023) studied path analysis and result revealed that highest positive direct effect was noted for biological yield per plant (0.7526) and lowest for number of clusters per plant (0.0039).

Gnanasekaran *et al.* (2024) estimated with 44 blackgram genotypes to study path effects of seven important yield contributing traits including yield trait. It was observed that plant height and number of pod/plant had the maximum positive direct effects on seed yield. The indirect effect of plant height on grain yield was positive through days to maturity, days to fifty percent flowering and number of pods per plant. Hence selection of plants based on plant height and number of pods/ plant will help the improvement of seed yield in blackgram.

Mundiyara *et al.* (2024) estimated the path analysis for the various traits, thirty-five genotypes of mungbean. Based on the results, path analysis revealed that at phenotypic level, highest positive direct effect on seed yield was observed for number of pods per plant followed by days to 50% flowering, number of seeds per pod, pod length and number of branches. At genotypic level, highest direct positive effect on seed yield were observed for number of pods per plant followed by days to 50% flowering, number of seeds per pod and plant height.

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CHAPTER - III

MATERIAL AND METHODS

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present investigation entitled as **"Genetic Variability and Path Coefficient Studies in Different Genotypes of Mungbean (*Vigna radiata* L.) Under Late Sown Condition"** was carried out along with the techniques applied and materials used there in have been described under the following heads.

3.1. Experimental Site:

The field experiment under present investigation was conducted during *Kharif,* 2023 at Research farm Genetics and Plant Breeding AKS University Sherganj, Satna, Madhya Pradesh. Geographically, Sherganj situated between at $24^058'$ N latitude, $80^083'$ E longitude and at about 3 km. away from district head quarter of Satna and on 322 meters above the mean sea level.

3.2 Climate

The climate of district Satna is semi-arid and sub tropical type with hot dry summer and cold dry winter. Nearly 80 percent of total rain fall is received during the monsoon (only up to September) with a few showers in the winter. The annual rainfall is around 950 mm. May and June are the hottest month where maximum temperature reaches 45ºC. January is the coldest month of year when average minimum falls to 6ºC.

3.3 Weather conditions

The metrological data during the period of experiment pertaining to T=Average Temperature (°C), TM=Maximum temperature (°C), Tm=Minimum temperature (°C), SLP=Atmospheric pressure at sea level (hPa), H=Average relative humidity (%), PP=Total rainfall and / or snowmelt (mm), VV=Average visibility (Km), V=Average wind speed (Km/h) and RA=Indicate if there was rain or drizzle (In total days it rained) during the crop season has been given in the Table 3.1. The maximum average temperature recorded in the month of July 2023 30^0C and minimum

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average temperature recorded in the month of November 2023 22.3^{0}C. The maximum atmospheric pressure at sea level (hPa) recorded in the month of November 2023 1014.8 and minimum atmospheric pressure at sea level (hPa) recorded in the month of July 2023 999.6. The lowest rainfall recorded in the month of November, 2023 (6.1 mm). It was maximum (247.9 mm) rainfall in the month of September, 2023. The minimum relative humidity (59.3) was observed in the month of October, 2023 whereas the maximum relative humidity (79.4) was recorded in the month of August, 2023. The maximum number of days with precipitation recorded in the month of September 17 days and minimum number of days with precipitation recorded in the month of November only one day. The maximum average wind speed (Km/h) recorded in the month of August 0.9 km./h and minimum average wind speed (Km/h) recorded in the month of November 0.2 km./h. The average visibility over all the experimental period is around 4km. Month wise weather parameters have been given below. The soil type of experimental site was sandy loam in nature having neutral pH as 6.5-7.0.

Table 3.1 Meteorology of experimental period

Months	T	TM	Tm	SLP	H	PP	VV	V	RA
July, 23	30	33.6	26.7	999.6	76.6	114.03	4	0.5	12
August, 23	28.4	31.5	25.3	1001.8	79.4	184.41	4	0.9	11
September, 23	28.8	32.5	25.2	1002.9	79.3	247.9	4	0.5	17
October, 23	26.2	32.7	19.9	1010.8	59.3	5.33	4	0.4	3
November, 23	22.3	29.3	15.8	1014.8	63.4	6.1	3.8	0.2	1

Source: https://en.tutiempo.net/climate/11-2023/ws-425710.html.

3.4. Experimental materials:

The collections of 15 varieties/strains of mungbean (*Vigna radiata* L.) germplasm comprising indigenous genotypes, constituted the experimental materials for this study. These genotypes exhibiting wide spectrum of variability for various agronomic and morphological characters. Genotypes were collected three from JNKVV Jabalpur, and

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twelve genotypes from IIPR Kanpur U.P.

Table 3.2- Name of Varieties/Genotypes.

S.No	Variety	Source of Collection
1	Virat	JNKVV Jabalpur
2	Sikha	JNKVV Jabalpur
3	PDM 139	JNKVV Jabalpur
4	IC 76499	IIPR Kanpur
5	PDM 04-123	IIPR Kanpur
6	ML 2056	IIPR Kanpur
7	MH 521	IIPR Kanpur
8	IPM 99-125	IIPR Kanpur
9	TGM 37	IIPR Kanpur
10	PS 16	IIPR Kanpur
11	NDU 16	IIPR Kanpur
12	PUSA 9072	IIPR Kanpur
13	PPU 911	IIPR Kanpur
14	PGRV 95016	IIPR Kanpur
15	IPM 512-1	IIPR Kanpur

3.5. Experimental details:

The experiment was conducted to evaluate 15 mungbean germplasm under irrigated condition, following Completely Randomized Block Design. The entire experimental field divided in 3 blocks of equal size and each block had 15 plots. Each plot was consisted of 3 rows 2 meters length, following row to row spacing of 40 cm. and plant to plant spacing of 20 cm. Fertilizer dose was applied as per the ratio of 20:40:20 (N:P:K). Irrigation was given as and when required. Recommended cultural practices were applied to raise a good crop.

3.6. Observations recorded:

Observations on yield and yield contributing characters were recorded. In each plot, five competitive plants were randomly selected for recording observations for all the qualitative and quantitative characters, which were recorded on the plot basis. The data were recorded for the following 12 quantitative characters from randomly

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selected plant of mungbean trial:

1. **Days to 50% flowering**

2. **Days to first picking of pods**

3. **Days to second picking of pods**

4. **Total number of branches per plant**

5. **Number of cluster per plant**

6. **Number of pod per cluster**

7. **Number of pod per plant**

8. **Number of seed per pod**

9. **100 Seed weight (g.)**

10. **Seed yield per plant (g.)**

11. **Biological yield per plant**

12. **Harvest index percent**

1. **Days to 50% flowering:** The number of days was taken from the date of sowing to the time of initiation of flower blooming in percent a plot each entry of the replication.

2. **Days to first picking of pods:** When we observed that 75 percent of the pods have matured in mungbean, then we should do the first picking.

3. **Days to second picking of pods:** After 20-25 days of first picking, second picking should be done.

4. **Total number of branches per plant:** The number of pod bearing branches arising from the main axis at the time of maturity were recorded for each of plant and averaged.

5. **Number of cluster per plant:** It was counted as number of clusters in a selected Plant at the time of maturity.

6. **Number of pod per cluster:** Number of pod per cluster was counted at the time of maturity.

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7. Number of pod per plant: Total number of pod per plant was counted at the time of harvest.

8. Number of seed per pod: Total number of seed per pod was counted at the time of maturity stage.

9. 100 Seed weight (g.): Hundred healthy grains was taken from each plot in each replication and weighted through digital balance. It will be recorded in grams.

10. Seed yield per plant (g.): Total seed obtained by manual threshing randomly selected plants weighed in grams and then average was calculated.

11. Biological yield per plant: Biological yield of 5 randomly selected plants was recorded in gram separately and average for each replication before threshing.

Biological yield = Total dry plant weight × number of plant per unit area

12. Harvest index percent: Harvest index was calculated by dividing total seed weight by total plant weight and than expressing the result in percentage.

Harvest index (%) = (Grain yield/Biological yield) ×100

3.7. Statistical analysis:

The experimental data collected the respect of 12 characters on 15 mungbean genotypes were compiled by taking the main values of selected plants in each plot and subjected for following statistical analyses.

1. Analysis of variance **(Panse and Sukhatme, 1957)**
2. GCV and PCV: **(Burton and de Vane, 1953)**

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3. Estimation of heritability **(Burton and de Vane, 1953)**

4. Genetic advance **(Johnson *et al.*, 1955)**

5. Estimation of correlation coefficient **(Searle, 1961)**

6. Path Coefficient analysis. **(Dewey & Lu 1959)**

3.7.1. Step-1 Tabulation of Data:

The average data recorded on each character as arranged in the following manner,

Table 3.3- Tabulation of data.

Treatments	Replications			Total	Mean
	I	**II**	**III**		
T1	**X1.1**	**X2.1**	**X3.1**	**T1**	**M1**
T2	**X1.2**	**X2.2**	**X3.2**	**T2**	**M2**
T3	**X1.3**	**X2.3**	**X3.3**	**T3**	**M3**
T4	**X1.4**	**X2.4**	**X3.4**	**T4**	**M4**
-	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
-	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
T17	**X1.15**	**X2.15**	**X3.15**	**T15**	**M15**
Total	**R1**	**R2**	**R3**	**G.T.**	**G.M.**

$$General\ mean(G.M.) = \frac{M1 + M2 + M3 + M4 + \cdots + M15}{15}$$

3.7.2. Step-2 Calculation of Sum of Squares:

Sum of squares due to the various component of variance were calculated as given below:

1. $Correction\ factor\ (C.F.) = \frac{(Grand\ Total)^2}{N}$

2. $Total\ sum\ of\ squares\ (T.S.S) = (X^2 1.1 + X^2 2.2 + .. + X^2 3.15) - C.F.$

3. $S.S.due\ to\ Replications\ (R.S.S.) = \frac{RX1^2 + RX2^2 + RX3^2}{Number\ of\ Treatments} - C.F.$

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4. **$S.S.\,due\ to\ Treatments\ (Tr.S.S.)$** $= \dfrac{TX1^2 + TX2^2 + TX3^2 + \cdots + TX15^2}{Number\ of\ Replications} - C.F.$

5. **$Sum\ of\ squares\ due\ to\ errors\ (Er.S.S)$** = T.S.S.-(R.S.S. + Tr.S.S.)

3.7.3. Step-3 Analysis of variances:

The analysis of variance for the design of experiment was done for partitioning the variance into treatments and replications, which was carried out according to the procedure outlined by **Panse and Sukhatme (1957)**. The significance of difference among treatment means was tested by "F" test. To test the Hypothesis Ho: t1= t2…….t∗. The fixed effect modal for analysis of variance for Randomized Block Design is given below:

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + t_i + b_j + e_{ij}$$

Where,

Y_{ij} = Yield of ith entry in the jth replication
μ = General mean
t_i = Effect of the ith entry (i = 1, 2, V)
b_j = Effect of the jth replication (j = 1, 2, V)
eij = Environmental effect

Table 3.4- Anova table.

Source of variation	Degree of Freedom	Sum of Squares	Mean Sum of Squares	F Calculated Value
Replication Treatment Error	(r-1) (t-1) (r-1) (t-1) $= n^2$	R.S.S. = R Tr.S.S. = C T.S.S. − (R+C) = B	R/r-1 = M_1 C/t-1 = M_2 B/(r-1) (t-1) = M_3	M_1/M_3 M_2/M_3
Total	(r x t) - 1			

Where,

r = Number of replications
t = Number of treatments

Test of Significance:

The calculated 'F' value was compared with the Table 'F' value at 0.05 (5%) and 0.01 (1%) probability levels. The higher calculated 'F'

value than the table 'F' value at 0.05 (5%) probability level indicated that the differences among the treatment regarding the particular character were significant and if it was lower than that of table value, differences were considered to be non-significant.

3.7.4. Critical Difference (C.D.):

It was calculated by multiplying the "standard error of difference of two means" (S.E. d.) with the 't' value, (at error degree of freedom); as

$$C.D.= SE\ (d)\ x\ t$$

Where,

$$S.E\ (d) = \sqrt{\frac{2\ x\ Error\ M.S.}{Number\ of\ Replications}}$$

t = t value at error degrees of freedom at 0.05 or 0.01 probability level.

3.7.5. Estimation of variability:

1. Mean

The mean of ith trait was measured by dividing the total of all observations (ΣX_{ij}) by their number and was denoted by X_i

$$Xi = \frac{1}{N}(\sum_{J=1}^{n} Xij)$$

Where,

$\overline{X}$ = Mean of the ith trait

X_{ij} = The value of jth observations of ith trait

n = Number of observations

2. Range:

This was estimated as the differences between the least and the greatest value of a series of observations of accessions.

3. Estimation of coefficient of variation:

The coefficient of variation for i^{th} trait was estimated by using following formula;

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$$C.V. = \frac{\sqrt{MSE}}{\overline{Xi}} \times 100$$

Where,

MSE = The sample estimate of the experimental error

$\overline{X}$ i = Mean of the ith trait

The genotypic coefficient variation (GCV), phenotypic coefficient of variation (PCV) and environmental coefficient of variation (ECV) was computed following Burton and de Vane (1953)

$$GCV = \frac{\textit{Genotypic standard deviation } (\sigma g)}{\textit{Mean } \overline{X}}$$

$$PCV = \frac{\textit{Phenotypic standard deviation } (\sigma p)}{\textit{Mean } \overline{X}}$$

$$ECV = \frac{\textit{Environmental standard deviation } (\sigma e)}{\textit{Mean } \overline{X}}$$

3.7.6. Heritability:

Heritability in broad sense (h^2) was calculated using the formula suggested by **Burton and de Vane (1953)**.

$$h^2 = \frac{\sigma^2 g}{\sigma^2 g + \sigma^2 e}$$

Or

$$h^2 \, b. \, (\%) = \frac{\sigma^2 g}{\sigma^2 p} \times 100$$

3.7.7. Expected genetic advance:

Genetic advance was calculated by the method suggested by **Johnson** *et al.* **(1955).**

$$G.A. = \frac{\sigma^2 g}{\sigma^2 p} K. \sigma^2 p$$

$$= h^2. K. \sigma^2 p$$

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Where,

K = Selection differential at 5% selection intensity (2.06).

3.7.8. Genetic advance as percent of mean (G.A.) %:

It was calculated by following formula;

$$G.A.\% = \frac{Genetic\ advance}{\overline{X}} \times 100$$

Where,

$\overline{X}$ = Grand mean of the character

3.7.9. Correlation coefficient (r):

The simple correlations between different characters at genotypic and phenotypic levels were estimated using the formula suggested by **Searle (1961).**

Correlation coefficient (r) between character x and y

$$r_{xy} = \frac{Cov.xy}{\sqrt{(Var.x \times Var.y)}}$$

Where,

r_{xy} = Correlation coefficient between character x and y.

Cov.xy = Covariance between characters x and y.

Var. x = Variance for x character.

Var. y = Variance for y character.

1. Phenotypic Correlation Coefficient ($r^p xy$):

$$Phenotypic\ correlaion\ coefficient\ (r^p xy)$$
$$= \frac{Cov^p.xy}{\sqrt{(\sigma^2 px) \times (\sigma^2 py)}}$$

Where,

$\sigma^2 px$ = Phenotypic variance of character x

$\sigma^2 py$ = Phenotypic variance of character y

$Cov^p.xy$ = Phenotypic covariance of character x and y

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2. Genotypic Correlation Coefficient (r^{g}xy):

$$Genotypic\ correlation\ coefficient\ (r^g xy)$$
$$= \frac{Cov^g.\,xy}{\sqrt{(\sigma^2 gx) \times (\sigma^2 gy)}}$$

Where,

σ^2gx = Genotypic variance of character x

σ^2gy = Genotypic variance of character y

Cov^g.xy= Genotypic covariance of character x and y

3.7.10. Test of significance of correlation coefficient:

The test of significance of correlation coefficient was tested by comparing the correlation coefficient with the Table value at (n-2) degree of freedom, where "n" is number of varieties/genotypes **(Hayes *et al.* 1955).**

3.7.11. Path coefficient analysis:

Path coefficient analysis was carried out according to **Dewey and Lu (1959).** Grain yield was assumed to be dependent variable (effect) which is influenced by all. The fourteen characters, the independent variables (causes), directly as well as indirectly through other characters. The variation in grain yield unexplained by the fourteen causes was presumed to be contributed by a residual factor (x) which is uncorrelated with other factors. Path coefficients were estimated by solving the following simultaneous equation indicating the basic relationship between correlation and path coefficient. The equations used are as follows:

$$r_{ij} = P_{iy} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} r_{ijy} P_{jy}$$

Where,

i = 1,2,3,.......................11

The above equations can be written in the form of matrix.

$$[A]_{13x1} = [B]_{13x1} [C]_{13x1}$$

Where,

A = is column vector of correlations r_{ij}

B = is the correlation matrix of r_{ij} and

C = is the column vector of direct effect, P_{iy}

Residual factor was calculated as follows:

$$P_{xy} = 1-R^2$$

$$R^2 = \sum P_{iy}r_{ij}$$

The r_{ij} i.e. $r_{1.2}$ to $r_{10,11}$ denote correlations between all possible combinations of independent characters P_{1y} to P_{11y} denote direct effects of various characters on character y.

Where,

R_{iy} = Correlation coefficient between i^{th} and y characters.

P_{iy} = Direct effect of ith character on y.

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CHAPTER - IV

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

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A total of 15 diverse strains/varieties of mungbean (*Vigna radiata* L.) were examined during the kharif season of 2023. Data on yield and twelve related traits were gathered and analyzed through various statistical techniques. The results obtained from different analysis are presented in the following subheads:

1. **Analysis of variance (ANOVA) for the design of experiment.**
2. **Mean performance and range.**
3. **Coefficient of variation**
4. **Heritability**
5. **Genetic advance**
6. **Correlation coefficient**
7. **Path coefficient,**

1. **Analysis of variance (ANOVA) for the design of experiment.**

   The analysis of variance was conducted for the experiment design, which included 15 mungbean strains/varieties in a Randomized Block Design with three replications for the twelve quantitative characters. The results indicated significant differences for all the characters. The maximum variances due to replication and treatment were found for number of pods per plants (64.969) and (1226.528**), respectively. Non-significant differences due to replications were observed for all the characters. **Table 4.1** This indicates that the present sufficient variability for most of the characters among different genotypes and thus suggested a substantial scope of selection. The highest environmental, genotypical, and phenotypical variance observed for number of pods per plants (44.025, 364.817, and 408.843), respectively.

   These results are collaborates with earlier results of **Kadam *et al.* (2023), Joshi *et al.* (2021), Salman *et al.* (2021), Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019), Kumar *et al.* (2019), Mehandi *et al.* (2018), Ghimire *et***

al. **(2018), Sushmitharaj** *et al.* **(2018), Azam** *et al.* **(2018), and Govardhan** *et al.* **(2018), Jeberson** *et al.* **(2017)** indicating the presence of sufficient variability among the evaluated genotype for the traits under consideration.

Table 4.1 Analysis of variance (mean sum of squares) for 12 quantitative characters in mungbean.

S.N.	Characters	Source of Variation			Variance		
		Replication	Treatments	Error	Environmental	Genotypical	Phenotypical
		Df = 2	Df= 14	Df= 28			
1	Days to 50% flowering	4.108	153.432**	5.788	1.929	49.215	51.144
2	Days to first picking of pods	11.646	167.344**	8.533	2.844	52.937	55.781
3	Days to second picking of pods	9.074	148.052**	9.254	3.085	46.266	49.351
4	Total number of branches per plant	1.917	35.343**	5.648	1.883	9.898	11.781
5	Number of clusters per plants	4.319	50.804**	12.483	4.161	12.774	16.935
6	Number of pods per clusters	0.622	12.339**	1.532	0.511	3.603	4.113
7	Number of pods per plants	64.969	1226.528**	132.076	44.025	364.817	408.843
8	Number of Seeds per pod	0.115	8.073**	0.152	0.051	2.641	2.691
9	100 seed Weight (g.)	0.127	3.042*	0.127	0.042	0.972	1.014
10	Biological Yield (g.)	0.625	377.445**	17.201	5.733	120.082	125.815
11	Harvest index (%)	60.685	184.377**	29.549	9.850	51.609	61.459
12	Seed yield per plant (g.)	29.954	71.569**	9.247	3.082	20.774	23.856

*Significant at 5% probability level.

**Significant at 1% probability level.

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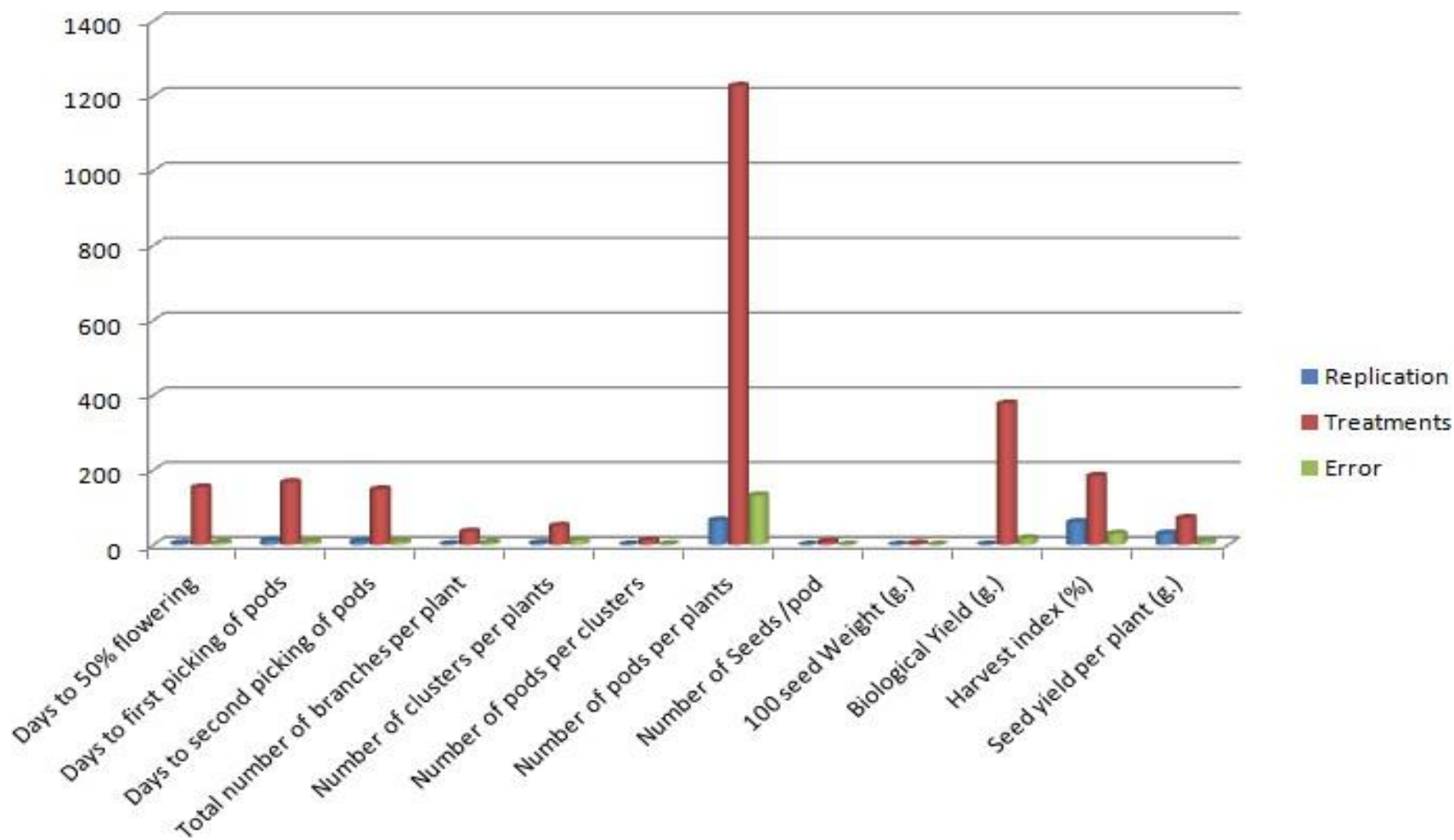
Figure 4.1 Analysis of variance

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4.2. Range, Mean, and Variability performance of mungbean genotypes.

Table 4.2 provides an overview of the grand means, range, GCV, and PCV for 12 quantitative characters across 15 different mungbean genotypes. Additionally, figures 2 and 3 visually represent this data.

4.2.1. Range:

The days to 50% percent flowering ranged from lowest IPM 99-125 (36.1333 days) to highest PGRV 95016 (59.5667 days).

The highest and lowest mean performance for days to first pods picking was shown by PGRV 95016 and IPM 99-125 (77.8433 days and 49.1967 days) respectively.

In terms of days to second pods picking, PGRV 95016 demonstrated the highest mean performance, whereas IPM 99-125 showcased the lowest mean performance (96.11 days and 70.25 days) respectively.

Among the varieties studied, PGRV 95016 took the highest no. of branches per plant, with an average of 16.6467 branches per plant. On the other hand, NDU 16 had the lowest no. of branches per plant, averaging 4.9433 branches per plant.

The lowest and highest number of clusters plants ranged from 6.5033 to 18.3333 (PPU 911 and Virat) respectively.

The highest and lowest mean performance for number of pods per clusters was observed in PDM 04 -123 and IPM 99-125 (9.9267 to 3.42) respectively.

IC 76499 exhibited the highest mean performance for the number of pods per plants, with a value of 86.3833. on the other hand, PPU 911 displayed the lowest mean performance, recording a value of 23.1733.

The number of seeds per pod varied from highest ML 2056 (12.3333 seeds/pod) to lowest IC 76499 (7.2167 seeds/pod).

The highest 100 seed weight (g.) was observed in genotype PGRV 95016 (7.12g.) while lowest 100 seed weight (g.) was observed in MH 521 (3.3833g.).

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The highest biological yield per plant (g.) (51.6467g.) was produced by PDM 04-123 while, the lowest total biomass (g.) (11.3133g.) was recorded for IPM 99-125.

The lowest and highest performance of harvest index (%) ranged from16.7333% and 43.9133% (Sikha and PDM 139) respectively.

The highest seed yield per plant (26.64g.) was produced by PGRV 95016 while, the lowest seed yield per plant (9.25g.) was recorded in IPM 99-125.

4.2.2. Mean performance of mungbean genotypes.

4.2.2.1. Days to 50% percent flowering:

The genotype IPM 99-125 (36.1333 days), followed by NDU 16 (41.4667 days), PPU 911 (41.6667 days), ML 2056 (45.2 days), and Sikha (49.8 days) has taken minimum days to 50% flowering. While the genotypes viz., Virat (58.5667 days), followed by PDM 139 (57.5 days), PUSA 9072 (56.7333 days), PDM 04-123 (56.5 days), and TGM 37 (55 days) has taken maximum days to 50% flowering.

4.2.2.2. Days to first picking pods:

The minimum days to first pods picking was observed by the variety viz., IPM 99-125 (49.1967 days), followed by NDU 16 (57.5 days), PPU 911 (58.3233 days), ML 2056 (61.6367 days), Sikha (65.1833 days), and MH 521 (67.6533 days).

4.2.2.3. Days to second picking pods:

The Varieties Viz., IPM 99-125 (70.25 days), NDU 16 (72.4933 days), PPU 911 (74.9733 days), ML 2056 (77.0633 days), Sikha (79.89 days), and MH 521 (82.07 days) has exhibited minimum days to second picking pods as per mean performance.

4.2.2.4. Total no. of branches per plant:

As per the mean performance top best lines for maximum total no. of branches per plant are PGRV 95016 (16.6467), followed by Virat (15.2667), PS 16 (13.6667), TGM 37 (11.17), ML 2056 (11.0667), MH 521 (10.57), and PDM 139 (10.3633).

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4.2.2.5. Number of clusters per plants:

More number of clusters plants were observed in Virat (18.3333), followed by PGRV 95016 (17.78), PS 16 (16.61), ML 2056 (14.4433), IC 76499 (12.4667), and PUSA 9072 (11.85).

4.2.2.6. Number of pods per clusters:

The maximum number of pods per clusters were recorded in genotypes viz., PDM 04-123 (9.9267), followed by IC 76499 (8.82), MH 521 (7.59), PGRV 95016 (5.2233), Sikha (4.64), and PUSA 9072 (4.5867).

4.2.2.7. Number of pods per plants:

The maximum number of pods per plants were recorded for the varieties like IC 76499 (86.3833), followed by PGRV 95016 (79.0933), PDM 04-123 (61.39), MH 521 (57.3733), ML 2056 (54.1667), and Virat (51.5133).

4.2.2.8. Number of Seeds per pod:

The most promising cultivar for number of seeds per pod are viz., ML 2056 (12.3333), followed by PGRV 95016 (12.3333), PUSA 9072 (10.7933), NDU 16 (9.6467), PPU 911 (9.4667), TGM 37 (9.4433), and PDM 04-123 (9.4067).

4.2.2.9. 100 seed Weight (g.):

The maximum 100 seed weight (g.) were recorded for the varieties like PGRV 95016 (7.12g.), followed by PUSA 9072 (6.4433g.), PDM 139 (5.7967g.), Sikha (5.7867g.), IC 76499 (5.7167g.), NDU 16 (5.6533g.), and PPU 911 (5.5767g.).

4.2.2.10. Biological Yield (g.):

The most promising varieties observed for this trait in order to high total biomass (g.) are PDM 04-123 (51.6467g.), followed by Virat (43.7467g.), PGRV 95016 (37.27g.), Sikha (36.5567g.), PPU 911 (31.08g.), TGM 37 (28.5767g.), and IC 76499 (24.3767g.).

4.2.2.11. Harvest index (%):

The varieties viz., PDM 139 (43.9133%), followed by IC 76499 (43.7767%), IPM 99-125 (43.5533%), MH 521 (43.5333%), PUSA 9072

(42.74%), and NDU 16 (42.3233%) have taken maximum harvest index (%).

4.2.2.12. Seed yield per plant (g.):

The most promising lines/varieties for this trait in order to merit were PGRV 95016 (26.64), Virat (22.9933), IC 76499 (20.1533), PDM 04-123 (18.74), PPU 911 (16.64), and ML 2056 (16.4533).

4.2.3. Coefficient of variability (GCV, PCV, and ECV)

The GCV, PCV, and ECV value of 13.834, 14.103, and 4.744 respectively, for days to 50% flowering suggest that the environment has plays valuable impact on the expression of this trait.

The observed values for GCV, PCV, and ECV of days to first picking of pods were moderate (10.924, 11.214, and 4.386) respectively. These low values of ECV suggest that the environment had plays less significant impact on the expression of this character.

The days to second picking of pods has shown a low genotypic coefficient variation and phenotypic coefficient variation, and environmental coefficient variation. This suggests that the environment has plays more significant role in determining the expression of this characteristic. The genotypic coefficient variation, phenotypic coefficient variation, and environmental coefficient variation for this trait are 8.224, 8.494, and 3.678, respectively.

For total number of branches per plant, the GCV, PCV, and ECV values are recorded as 31.741, 34.628, and 23.977, respectively. The presence of high genotypic coefficient variance (GCV), phenotypic coefficient variance (PCV), and environmental coefficient variance (ECV) indicates that the environment has plays relatively more significant role in shaping the expression of this trait.

The character, number of clusters per plants displays a high genotypic coefficient of variation (GCV) of 32.562, high phenotypic coefficient of variation (PCV) of 37.492, and a higher environmental coefficient of variation (ECV) of 32.19. The high ECV and GCV value suggest that the

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environment has plays more significant impact on the expression of this character.

The GCV, PCV and ECV exhibited by number of pods per clusters was (37.397, 39.96, and 24.389) respectively, indicated that high influence of environment for the expression of this character.

The environment has played high significant role in the expression of the number of pods per plants, as evidenced by the higher value of GCV, high value of PCV, and ECV obtained for the number of pods per plants. The character demonstrates GCV, PCV, and ECV values of 41.69, 44.134, and 25.085, respectively.

The character of number of seeds per pod shows a moderate genotypic coefficient variance (GCV) and phenotypic coefficient variance (PCV), along with a low environmental coefficient variance (ECV). This suggests that the environment has showed minimal impact on the expression of this particular trait. The values for GCV, PCV, and ECV are (17.806, 17.976, and 4.268) respectively.

The high value of GCV, PCV and moderate value of ECV exhibited by biological yield per plant (g.) (40.838, 41.802, and 15.456) respectively, indicated that the less significant role of environment in the expression of this character.

The genotypic coefficient of variation (GCV), phenotypic coefficient of variation (PCV), and environmental coefficient of variance (ECV) displayed by harvest index (%) are (18.556, 20.249, and 14.041) respectively. The moderate GCV, PCV and ECV values obtained for harvest index (%) suggest that the environment has significantly influenced the expression of this trait.

The substantial genotypic coefficient variance (GCV), phenotypic coefficient variance (PCV), and environmental coefficient variance (ECV) values calculated for seed yield per plant suggest that the environment has considerable impact on the expression of this trait. The GCV, PCV, and ECV for this trait are 29.44, 31.549, and 19.642, respectively.

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Various genotypes exhibited a wide range of variation in mean performance across all characters studied. The comparison of mean performance among 15 varieties/genotypes for 12 characters of mungbean highlighted a significant level of variability within the evaluated collections, as shown in Table 4.2. Those genotypes demonstrating exceptional performance in desirable traits, as outlined in Table 4.3, could potentially serve as valuable donors for enhancing specific traits in future breeding programs.

The maximum genotypic coefficient variation was observed in number of pods per plants (41.69), followed by biological yield (g.) (40.838), number of pods per clusters (37.397), number of clusters per plants (32.562), total number of branches per plant (31.741), and seed yield per plant (g.) (29.44). This is an indicative of less amenability of these characters to environmental fluctuations and hence, greater emphasis should be given to these traits. The magnitude of GCV ranged from highest number of pods per plants (41.69) to lowest days to second picking of pods (8.224).

The high PCV were recorded for number of pods per plants (44.134), followed by biological yield (g.) (41.802), number of pods per clusters (39.96), number of clusters per plants (37.492), total number of branches per plant (34.628), and seed yield per plant (g.) (31.549). The magnitude of PCV ranged from lowest, days to second picking of pods (8.494) to highest, number of pods per plants (44.134).

The traits observed high genotypic and phenotypic coefficient of variation with environmental coefficient of variation indicated more influence of environmental factors. Therefore, caution has to be exercised during the selection programme because the environmental variations are unpredictable in nature and may mislead the results.

The magnitude of phenotypic coefficients of variation (PCV) was slightly higher than corresponding genotypic coefficients of variation for all the seed quality parameters due to the environmental influence.

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High degree of GCV, PCV were recorded for the number of pods per plants, biological yield (g.), number of pods per clusters, number of clusters per plants, total number of branches per plant, and seed yield per plant (g.) indicating simple selection for these traits will be useful for the planning of a breeding programme.

Similar results were observed by **Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019), Azam *et al.* (2018), Govardhan *et al.* (2018), Ghimire *et al.* (2018), Sushmitharaj *et al.* (2018), Joshi *et al.* (2021)** also observed for Seed yield per plant and number of branches per plant. **Asari *et al.* (2019)** also observed for plant height, number of pods per plant and seed yield per plant. **Salman *et al.* (2021)** for number of pods per plant, seed yield per plant, number of cluster per plant and number of pods per cluster. **Singh *et al.* (2022)** for seed yield per plant, 100-seed weight, number of seeds per pod, number of pods per plant and number of nodes on main stem. **Dandale *et al.* (2022)** recorded for seed yield per plant. **Parsaniya *et al.* (2022)** observed for seed yield per plant, Pods per cluster, branches per plant, and pods per plant.

Table 4.2 Mean performance of 12 quantitative characters of mungbean genotypes.

S.N.	Genotypes	Days to 50% flowering	Days to first picking pods	Days to second picking pods	Total no. of branches per plant	Number of clusters plants	Number of pods per clusters	Number of pods per plants	Number of Seeds / pod	100 seed Weight (g.)	Biological Yield (g.)	Harvest index (%)	Seed yield per plant (g.)
1	Virat	58.5667	73.5367	88.1633	15.2667	18.3333	3.4333	51.5133	7.4067	5.2300	43.7467	33.6733	22.9933
2	Sikha	49.8000	65.1833	79.8900	9.4700	7.7433	4.6400	24.6767	8.5733	5.7867	36.5567	16.7333	11.3267
3	PDM 139	57.5000	71.9300	87.3533	10.3633	10.5233	4.3167	44.8400	8.2300	5.7967	17.8833	43.9133	12.4233
4	IC 76499	51.7333	68.3167	83.8900	9.4533	12.4667	8.8200	86.3833	7.2167	5.7167	24.3767	43.7767	20.1533
5	PDM 04-123	56.5000	70.3133	85.1167	9.1633	7.1700	9.9267	61.3900	9.4067	4.0900	51.6467	28.4167	18.7400
6	ML 2056	45.2000	61.6367	77.0633	11.0667	14.4433	4.0900	54.1667	12.3333	3.5000	21.8900	40.2867	16.4533
7	MH 521	51.5667	67.6533	82.0700	10.5700	8.8533	7.5900	57.3733	7.2600	3.3833	19.2167	43.5333	12.2467
8	IPM 99-125	36.1333	49.1967	70.2500	5.2267	7.6933	3.4200	29.4467	8.6467	5.4100	11.3133	43.5533	9.2500
9	TGM 37	55.0000	71.2833	87.5567	11.1700	10.2467	4.5567	37.5767	9.4433	5.2033	28.5767	33.7700	13.2867
10	PS 16	53.2333	70.1733	87.1067	13.6667	16.6100	3.6033	45.7800	7.8633	4.7667	19.1000	41.0600	14.7533
11	NDU 16	41.4667	57.5000	72.4933	4.9433	7.7633	4.1367	29.2333	9.6467	5.6533	18.6433	42.3233	12.2333
12	PUSA 9072	56.7333	72.5567	89.0400	8.8333	11.8500	4.5867	47.0767	10.7933	6.4433	17.3567	42.7400	14.6933
13	PPU 911	41.6667	58.3233	74.9733	6.1967	6.5033	4.1767	23.1733	9.4667	5.5767	31.0800	37.7467	16.6400
14	PGRV 95016	59.5667	77.8433	96.1100	16.6467	17.7800	5.2233	79.0933	12.3333	7.1200	37.2700	41.9100	26.6400
	Mean	45.9667	63.5767	79.5100	6.6433	6.6600	3.6100	15.4933	8.2667	5.4900	23.8400	47.3000	10.3933

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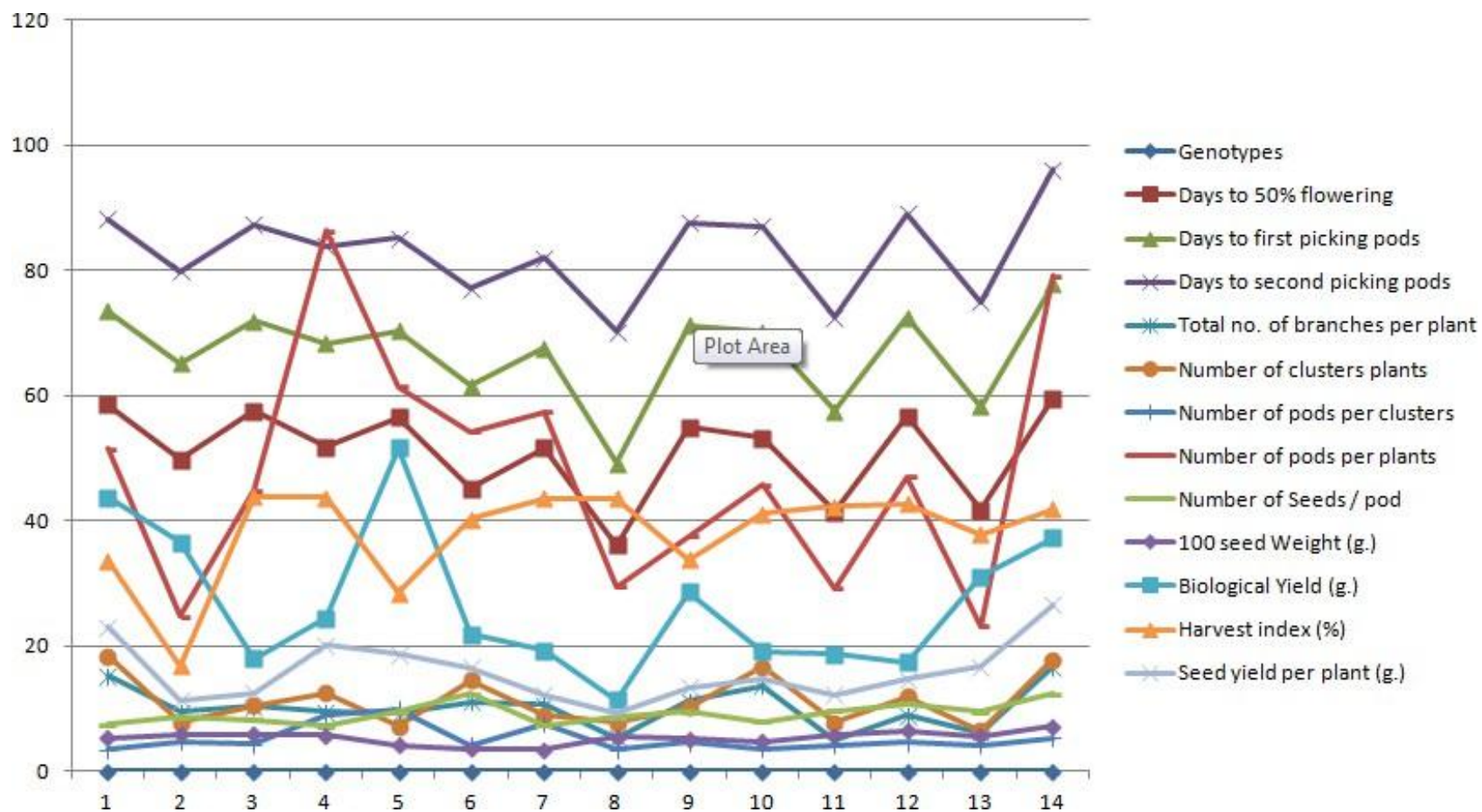
Figure 4.2. Comparison of mean performance of 12 quantitative characters

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Table 4.3 Most desirable genotypes of mungbean identified for 12 quantitative traits as per mean performance.

S.No.	Traits	Genotypes
1	Days to 50% flowering	IPM 99-125, NDU 16, PPU 911, ML 2056, and Sikha.
2	Days to first picking of pods	IPM 99-125, NDU 16, PPU 911, ML 2056, Sikha, and MH 521.
3	Days to second picking of pods	IPM 99-125, NDU 16, PPU 911, ML 2056, Sikha, and MH 521.
4	Total number of branches per plant	PGRV 95016, Virat, PS 16, TGM 37, ML 2056, MH 521, and PDM 139.
5	Number of clusters per plants	Virat, PGRV 95016, PS 16, ML 2056, IC 76499, and PUSA 9072.
6	Number of pods per clusters	PDM 04-123, IC 76499, MH 521, PGRV 95016, Sikha, and PUSA 9072.
7	Number of pods per plants	IC 76499, PGRV 95016, PDM 04-123, MH 521, ML 2056, and Virat.
8	Number of Seeds per pod	ML 2056, PGRV 95016, PUSA 9072, NDU 16, PPU 911, TGM 37.
9	100 seed Weight (g.)	PGRV 95016, PUSA 9072, PDM 139, Sikha, IC 76499, NDU 16.
10	Biological Yield (g.)	PDM 04-123, Virat, PGRV 95016, Sikha, PPU 911, TGM 37.
11	Harvest index (%)	PDM 139, IC 76499, IPM 99-125, MH 521, PUSA 9072, and NDU 16.
12	Seed yield per plant (g.)	PGRV 95016, Virat, IC 76499, PDM 04-123, PPU 911, and ML 2056.

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Table 4.4 Mean, Range, Genotypic, Phenotypic, and Environmental coefficient of variation for 12 quantitative characters in mungbean.

S.N.	Characters	Grand mean	Range		GCV	PCV	ECV	CV @ 5%
			Min.	Max.				
1	Days to 50% flowering	50.7089	36.1333	59.5667	13.834	14.103	4.744	4.7445
2	Days to first picking of pods	66.6016	49.1967	77.8433	10.924	11.214	4.386	4.3860
3	Days to second picking of pods	82.7058	70.2500	96.1100	8.224	8.494	3.678	3.6782
4	Total number of branches per plant	9.9120	4.9433	16.6467	31.741	34.628	23.977	9.9768
5	Number of clusters per plants	10.9760	6.5033	18.3333	32.562	37.492	32.190	12.1895
6	Number of pods per clusters	5.0753	3.4200	9.9267	37.397	39.960	24.389	8.3895
7	Number of pods per plants	45.8144	15.4933	86.3833	41.690	44.134	25.085	9.0848
8	Number of Seeds per pod	9.1258	7.2167	12.3333	17.806	17.976	4.268	4.2677
9	100 seed Weight (g.)	5.2778	3.3833	7.1200	18.678	19.079	6.741	6.7412
10	Biological Yield (g.)	26.8331	11.3133	51.6467	40.838	41.802	15.456	8.4559
11	Harvest index (%)	38.7158	16.7333	47.3000	18.556	20.249	14.041	7.0406
12	Seed yield per plant (g.)	15.4818	9.2500	26.6400	29.440	31.549	19.642	9.6416

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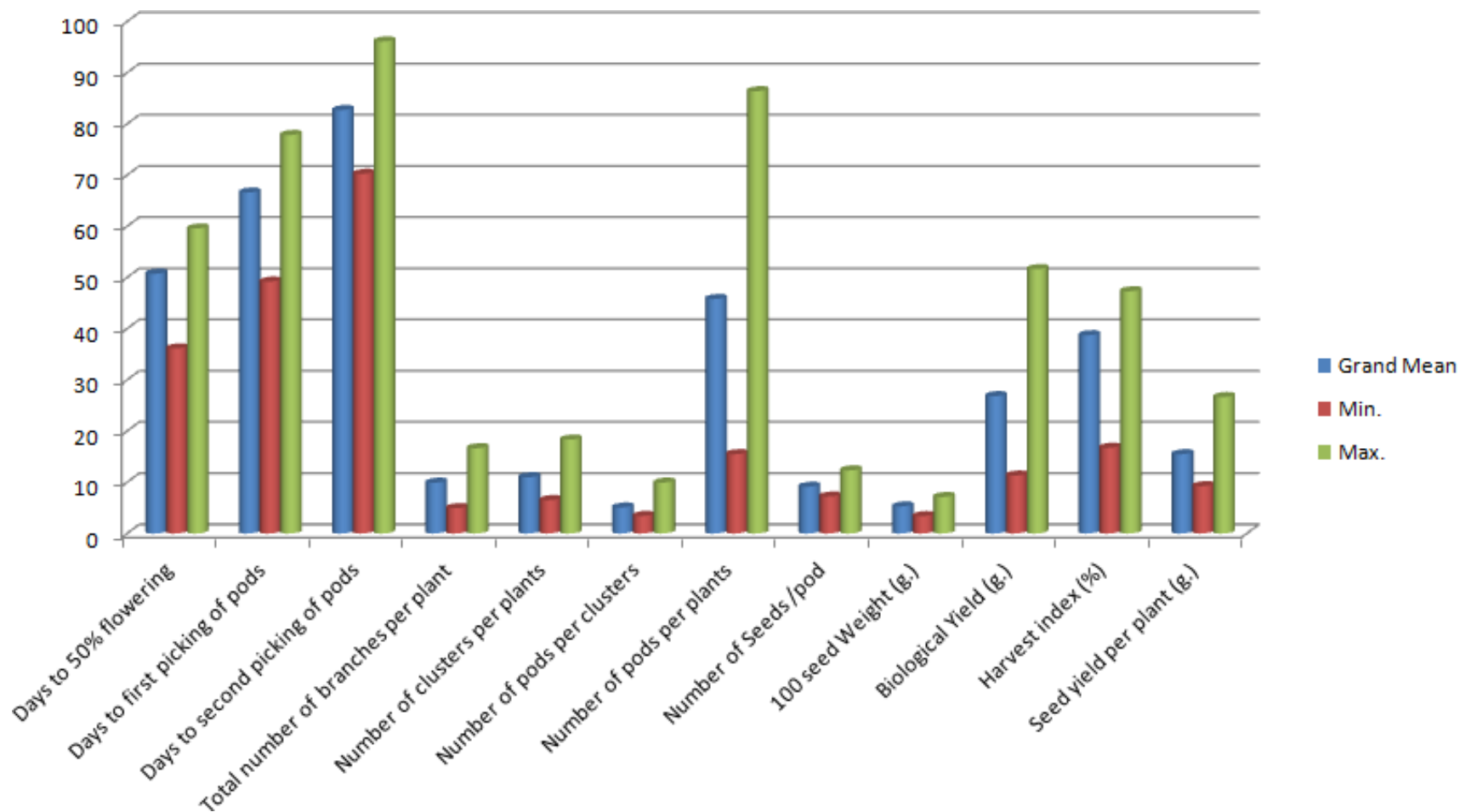
Figure 4.3. Comparison of between Mean, and Range, for 12 quantitative characters.

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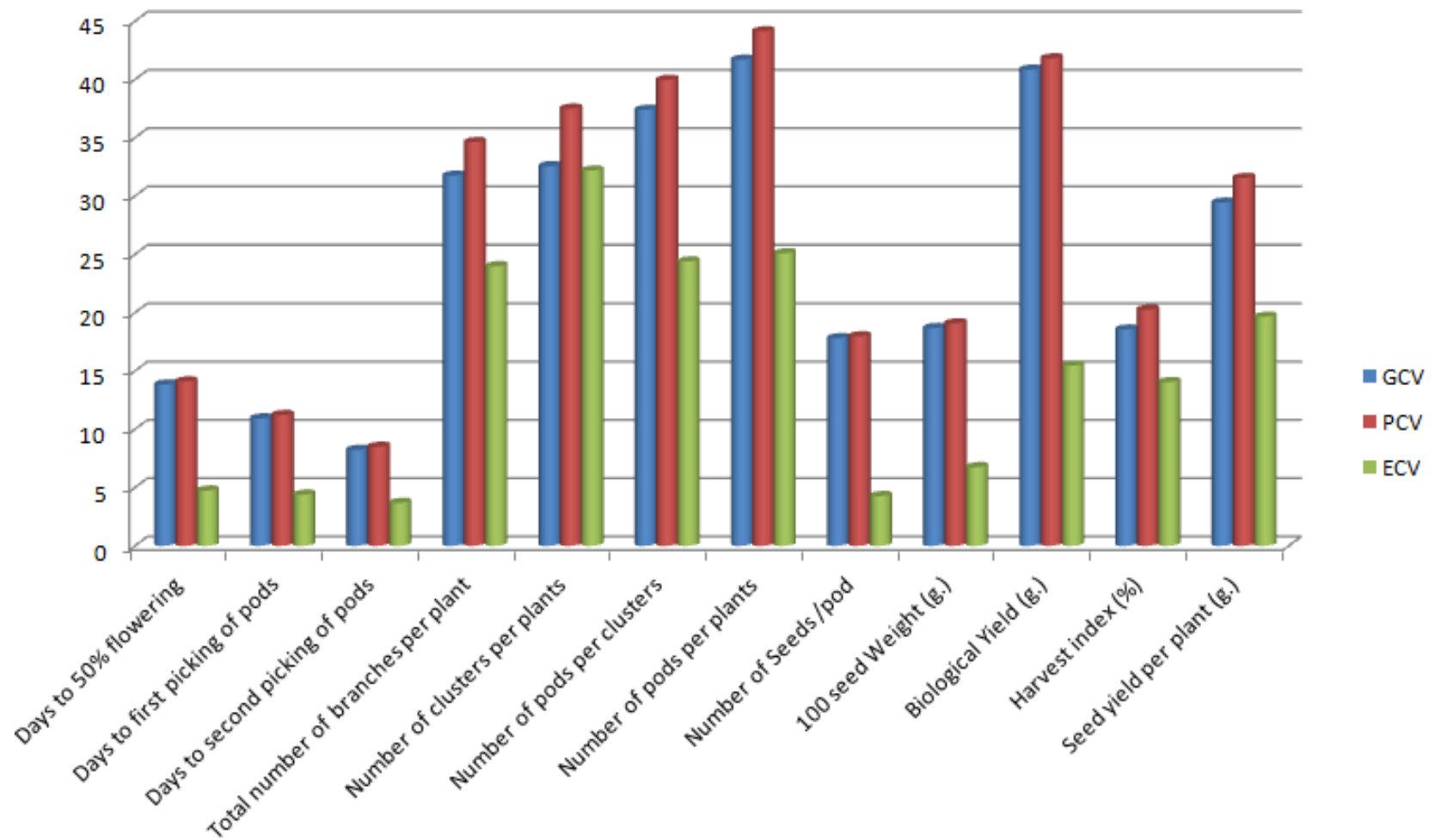
Figure 4.4. Comparison of between GCV, PCV, and ECV.

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4.3. Heritability:

The major function of heritability estimates is to provide information on transmission of characters from parents to the progeny. Such estimates facilitate evaluation of hereditary and environmental effect in phenotypic variation and thus aid in selection. Heritability estimates are used to predict expected advance under selection so that breeders are able to anticipate improvement from different of selection intensity. **Johnson *et al.* (1955)** have suggested heritability estimates in association with genetic advance are much useful for selection than heritability alone. **Burton (1953)** suggested that the GCV along with heritability estimate could provide better picture of the genetic advance to be expected by phenotypic selection. Heritability in broad sense includes both additive and non-additive gene effects **(Hanson *et al.* 1966).**

Heritability in broad sense was estimated for all the 13 characters and has been presented in **Table 4.4.** In general, higher estimates (h^2b) >80% were observed for all the characters except number of clusters per plants (75.4%). The heritability value ranged from highest number of seeds/pod (98.1%) and lowest number of clusters per plants (75.4%). High heritability estimates were found for number of seeds /pod (98.1%), days to 50% flowering (96.2%), 100 seed weight (g.) (95.8%), biological yield (g.) (95.4%), days to first picking of pods (94.9%), days to second picking of pods (93.7%), number of pods per plants (89.2%), number of pods per clusters (87.6%), seed yield per plant (g.) (87.1%), total number of branches per plant (84.0%), and harvest index (%) (84.0%) suggested that the characters are least influenced by the environmental factors and also indicates the dependency of phenotypic expression which reflect the genotypic ability of strains to transmit the gene to their progenies. However, moderate heritability (>40 % to <80%) observed for number of clusters per plants (75.4%) and low Heritability (<40%) was not observed for any studied character.

Conflicting results on high heritability for number of branches per plant have been given by **Pulagampalli and Lavanya (2017), Malli *et al.* (2018), Manivelan *et al.* (2019), Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019), Asari *et al.* (2019), Talukdar *et al.* (2020)** and **Wesly *et al.* (2020),** The early reports on high heritability for by 100 seed weight by **Manivelan *et al.* (2019),** and **Wesly *et al*. (2020),** The early reports on high heritability for seed yield per plant by **Katiyar *et al.* (2015), Garg *et al* (2017), Ghimire *et al.* (2018), Malli *et al.* (2018), Mehandi *et al.* (2018), Manivelan *et al*. (2019), Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019), Asari *et al.* (2019), Talukdar *et al.* (2020)** and **Wesly *et al.* (2020)**, High heritability for harvest index given by **Wesly *et al.* (2020), Joshi *et al.* (2021)** observed high heritability were number of branches per plant, 100-seed weight, pod length, days to maturity, seed yield per plant and days to flowering. **Salman *et al.* (2021)** was also observed high heritability for number of pods per plant, seed yield per plant and number of clusters per plant. Moderate heritability for days to maturity was reported by **Mehandi *et al.* (2018), Salman *et al.* (2021)** was also observed moderate heritability for pod length, hundred seed weight, days to initial flowering and days to 50% flowering. **Joshi *et al.* (2021)** was also observed moderate heritability for plant height and number of pods per plant. Low heritability values for number of seeds per pod were also reported by **Raturi *et al.* (2015), Varma *et al.* (2018).** Low heritability values for pod length were also reported by **Raturi *et al*. (2015), Mehandi *et al.* (2018), Ghimire *et al.* (2018).** Low heritability values for protein content were also reported by **Kumar (2011).**

4.4. Genetic advance:

The expected genetic advance in percent of mean ranged from highest biological yield (g.) (82.188%) to lowest days to second picking of pods (16.404%). High estimate of expected genetic advance as percent of mean (5%) were found for biological yield (g.) (82.188%), number of pods per plants (81.126%), number of pods per clusters (72.097%), total

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number of branches per plant (59.935%), number of clusters per plants (58.257%), and seed yield per plant (g.) (56.593%). However, moderate expected genetic advance observed for 100 seed weight (g.) (37.667%), number of seeds /pod (36.335%), and harvest index (%) (35.028%). Low estimate of expected genetic advance were found for Days to 50% flowering (27.956%), Days to first picking of pods (21.923%), and Days to second picking of pods (16.404%).

High genetic advance as percent of mean (1%) was observed for biological yield (g.) (105.328%), number of pods per plants (103.968%), number of pods per clusters (92.396%), total number of branches per plant (76.809%), number of clusters per plants (74.659%), seed yield per plant (g.) (72.528%), 100 seed weight (g.) (48.273%), number of seeds /pod (46.565%), and harvest index (%) (44.89%). Low estimates of expected genetic advance as percent of mean were found for days to 50% flowering (35.828%), days to first picking of pods (28.095%), and days to second picking of pods (21.022%).

High heritability coupled with high genetic advance observed for biological yield (g.), number of pods per plants, number of pods per clusters, total number of branches per plant, seed yield per plant (g.), 100 seed weight (g.), and number of seeds per pod indicating that these characters could be prominently governed by additive gene action. So the selection of these traits could be more effective for desired genetic improvement. Low heritability coupled with low genetic advance indicates that the trait is highly influenced by environmental effect and selection would be not effective.

Genetic advance is a measure of genetic gain under selection which depends upon main factors viz., genetic variability, heritability, and selection index **Allard RW (1960).** Heritability estimates alone do not provide reliable information about the gene action governing the expression of a particular character and also this does not provide the information of the amount of genetic progress resulting from the

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selection of the best individuals. **Johanson *et al.* (1955)** had pointed out that the heritability estimates along with genetic advance were more useful than heritability estimates alone in predicting the response to selection. The early reports on high genetic advance as a per cent of mean was recorded for plant height **Lavanya *et al*. (2006), Katiyar *et al.* (2015), Garg *et al.* (2017), Sharma *et al.* (2018), Varma *et al.* (2018), Manivelan *et al.* (2019), Asari *et al.* (2019), and Wesly *et al.* (2020).**

This finding is substantiated by similar results of high genetic advance as a per cent of mean for number of pods per plant reported by **Lavanya *et al.* (2006), Kumhar and Choudhary (2007), Singh *et al.* (2009), Reddy *et al.* (2011), Gadakh *et al.* (2013), Katiyar *et al.* (2015), Raturi *et al.* (2015), Garg *et al.* (2017), Ghimire *et al.* (2018), Malli *et al.* (2018), Sharma *et al.* (2018), Mehandi *et al.* (2018), Varma *et al.* (2018), Manivelan *et al.* (2019), Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019), and Asari *et al.* (2019).** The early reports on high genetic advance as a per cent of mean was recorded for number of branches per plant by **Kumhar and Choudhary (2007), Singh *et al.* (2009), Raturi *et al.* (2015), Pulagampalli and Lavanya (2017), Garg *et al.* (2017), Malli *et al.* (2018), Mehandi *et al.* (2018), Manivelan *et al.* (2019), Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019), and Asari *et al.* (2019), Salman *et al.* (2021)** was also observed High genetic advance as percent of mean for number of pods per plant, seed yield per plant, number of pods per cluster, number of clusters per plant, number of seeds per pod, number of branches per plant and plant height. **Joshi *et al.* (2021)** was noticed high heritability with high genetic gain for number of branches per plant, 100-seed weight and seed yield per plant. **Dandale *et al.* (2022)** was also observed high estimate of genetic advance as percent of mean for seed yield per plant, plant height, number of primary branches per plant, pod length and number of pods per plant.

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Table 4.5 Heritability (%) in broad sense, Genetic advancement (1% and 5%) and genetic advance as percent of mean (1% and 5%) for 12 quantitative characters in mungbean.

S.N.	Characters	Heritability (h²b)	Heritability (h²b %)	Genetic Advance 5%	Genetic Advance 1%	Gen. Adv. as 5% of Mean	Gen. Adv. as 1% of Mean
1	Days to 50% flowering	0.962	96.2	14.176	18.168	27.956	35.828
2	Days to first picking of pods	0.949	94.9	14.601	18.712	21.923	28.095
3	Days to second picking of pods	0.937	93.7	13.567	17.387	16.404	21.022
4	Total number of branches per plant	0.840	84.0	5.941	7.613	59.935	76.809
5	Number of clusters per plants	0.754	75.4	6.394	8.195	58.257	74.659
6	Number of pods per clusters	0.876	87.6	3.659	4.689	72.097	92.396
7	Number of pods per plants	0.892	89.2	37.168	47.632	81.126	103.968
8	Number of Seeds per pod	0.981	98.1	3.316	4.249	36.335	46.565
9	100 seed Weight (g.)	0.958	95.8	1.988	2.548	37.667	48.273
10	Biological Yield (g.)	0.954	95.4	22.054	28.263	82.188	105.328
11	Harvest index (%)	0.840	84.0	13.561	17.380	35.028	44.890
12	Seed yield per plant (g.)	0.871	87.1	8.762	11.229	56.593	72.528

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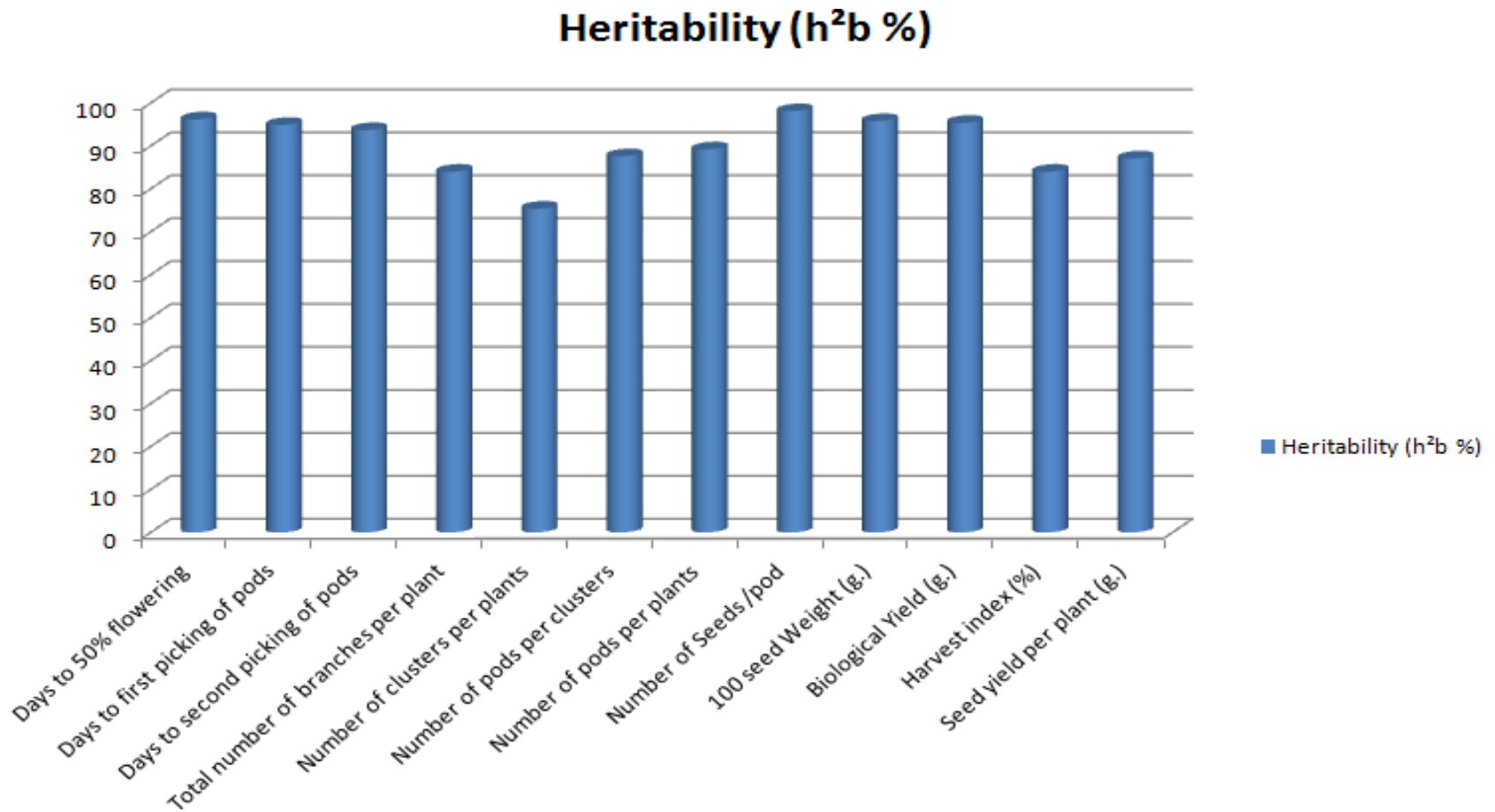
Figure 4.5. Comparison between 12 quantitative traits for heritability (h²b %)

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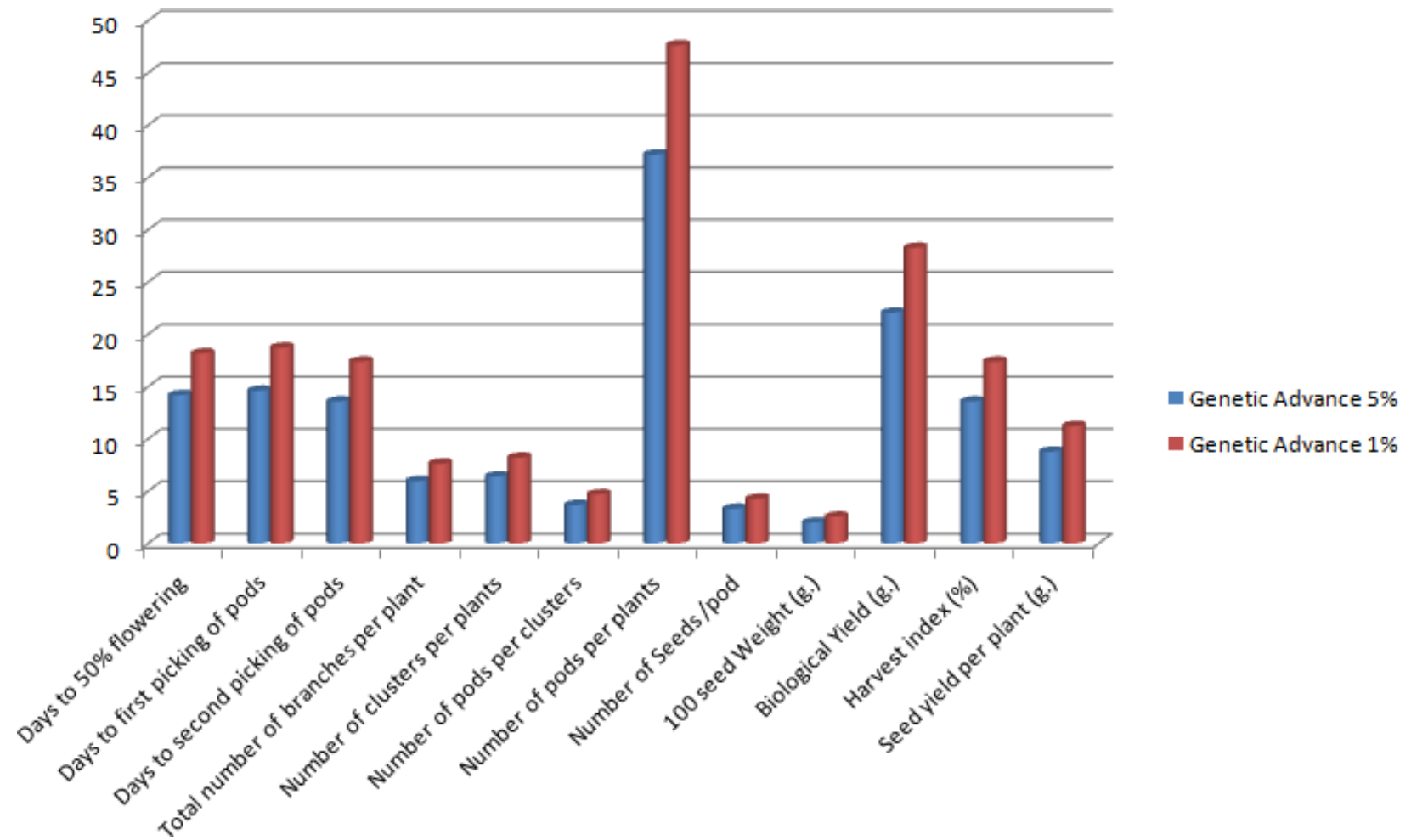
Figure 4.6. Comparison between genetic advance @ 5% and 1%

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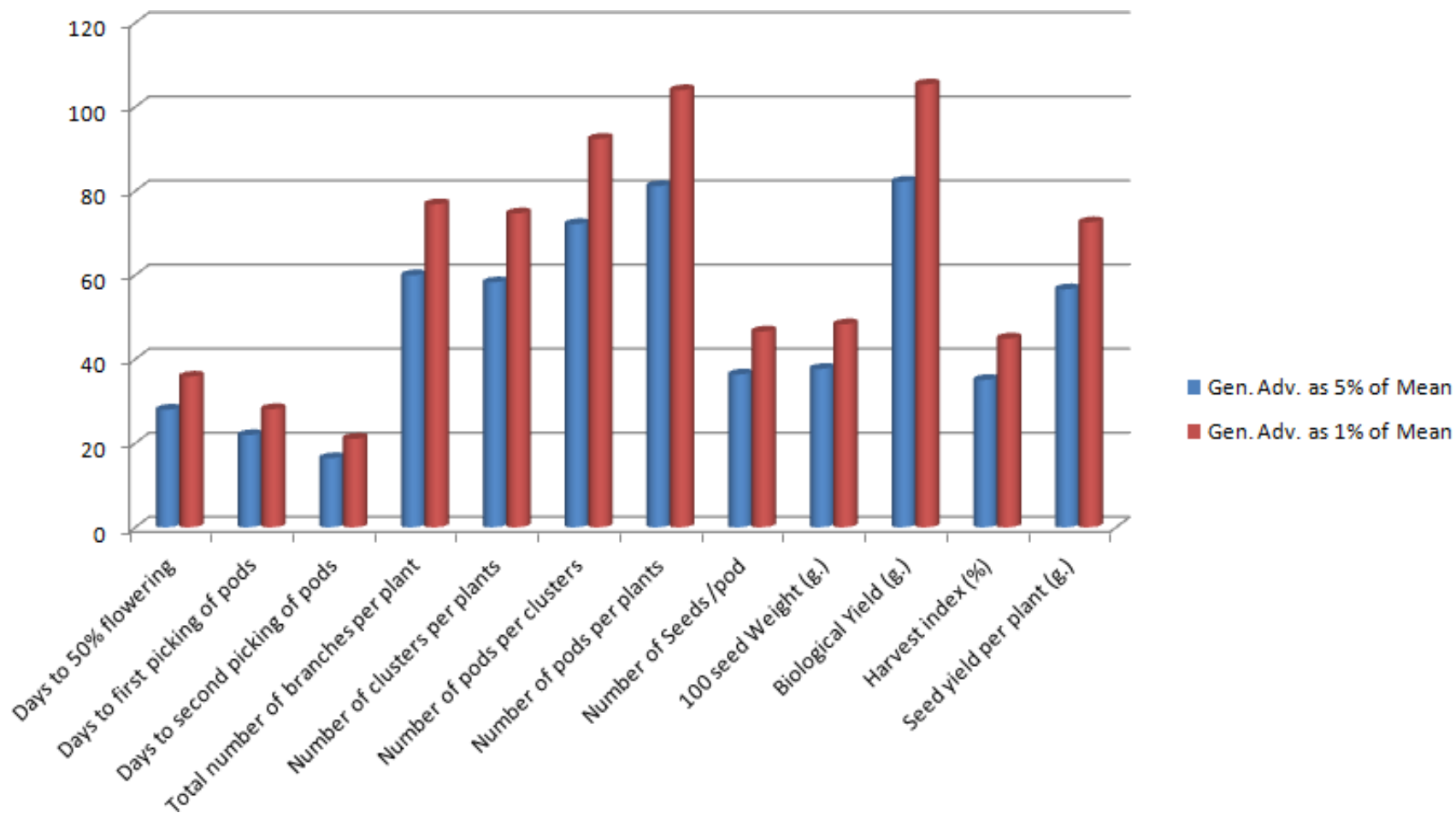
Figure 4.7. Comparison between genetic advance as percent of mean @ 5% and 1%

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4.5. Correlation coefficient:

In the present investigation correlation coefficient was worked out at genotypic and phenotypic levels for all the twelve quantitative traits and has been presented in **Table 4.6.**

The direction of genotypic and phenotypic correlation was similar for almost all the characters. In general, genotypic correlation was higher than phenotypic ones in magnitude for all the characters except correlation between days to 50% flowering and days to first picking pods, days to first picking pods and days to second picking pods, days to second picking pods and number of seeds/pod, days to second picking pods and biological yield (g.), total no. of branches per plant and number of seeds/pod, number of clusters plants and biological yield (g.), number of pods per clusters and biological yield (g.).

Days to 50% flowering showed highly significant positive correlation with days to first picking pods (0.9081** and 0.9830**), days to second picking pods (0.9788** and 0.9562**), total no. of branches per plant (0.8246** and 0.7749**), number of clusters plants (0.6289** and 0.5614*), number of pods per plants (0.6051** and 0.5732**), seed yield per plant (g.) (0.6020** and 0.5621**) and biological yield (g.) (0.4813* and 0.4685*) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively.

Days to first picking pods showed highly positive significant correlation with days to second picking pods (0.9181** and 0.9736**), total no. of branches per plant (0.8888** and 0.8012**), number of clusters plants (0.7182** and 0.5974*), seed yield per plant (g.) (0.6659** and 0.5977**), number of pods per plants (0.6168** and 0.5772**), and biological yield (g.) (0.4693* and 0.4436*) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively.

Days to second picking pods showed high positive significant correlation with total no. of branches per plant (0.8525** and 0.8224**), number of clusters plants (0.6893** and 0.6464**), seed yield per plant

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(g.) (0.6631** and 0.6188**), and number of pods per plants (0.6160** and 0.5915**) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively.

Total no. of branches per plant showed positive and significant correlation with the number of clusters plants (0.9470** and 0.8727**), seed yield per plant (g.) (0.7928** and 0.6956**), and number of pods per plants (0.6323** and 0.5979**) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively.

Number of clusters per plants exhibited the high positive significant correlation with seed yield per plant (g.) (0.7940** and 0.6940**), and number of pods per plants (0.6446** and 0.5913**), It is also showed the negative but non-significant correlation with number of pods per clusters (-0.3092 and -0.1755) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively.

Number of pods/clusters exhibited positive significant correlation at 5% probability level with number of pods per plants (0.7130** and 0.6357**) and negative but non-significant correlation with 100 seed weight (g.) (-0.2935 and -0.2912), number of seeds/pod (-0.1764 and -0.1564), and harvest index (%) (-0.1374 and -0.1439) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively.

Number of pods per plants showed non-significant correlation with number of seeds per pod, 100 seed weight (g.), biological yield (g.), seed yield per plant (g.), and harvest index (%) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively.

Number of seeds per pod exhibited non-significant correlation with 100 seed weight (g.), biological yield (g.), seed yield per plant (g.), and harvest index (%) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively.

100 seed weight (g.) exhibited non-significant correlation with biological yield (g.), seed yield per plant (g.), and harvest index (%) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively.

Biological yield (g.) exhibited positive significant correlation at

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5% probability level with seed yield per plant (g.) (0.6348** and 0.6159**) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively. It is also showed the negative but significant correlation with harvest index (%) (-0.6977** and -0.6693**) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively.

Harvest index (%) exhibited negative but non-significant correlation with seed yield per plant (g.) (-0.0763 and -0.0587) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels, respectively.

Days to 50% flowering, days to first picking pods, days to second picking pods, total no. of branches per plant, number of clusters plants, and biological yield (g.) have high positive significant correlation with seed yield per plant (g.). thus the present study supports the earlier findings that selection for days to 50% flowering, number of clusters per plants, number of seed per pods and seed yield per plant may bring about simultaneous improvement in seed yield.

Grain yield of a crop is the result of interaction of a number of inter-related characters. Therefore, selection should be based on these component characters after assessing their correlation with grain yield.

Character association revealed the mutual relationship between two characters, and it is an important parameter for taking decision regarding the nature of selection to be followed for improvement in the crop under study. This indicated that though there was a strong inherent association between the different traits studied, phenotypic expression of the correlation was depressed under the influence of environment.

Similar finding of positive and significantly correlation between seed yield per plant and plant height was earlier reported by **Reddy *et al.* (2003), Patel *et al.* (2014), Kapadia *et al.* (2015), Katiyar *et al.* (2015), Raturi *et al.* (2015), Baisakh *et al.* (2016), Azam *et al.* (2018), Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019), Ahmad and Belwal (2020), Khatik *et al.* (2022).**

Similar finding of positive and significantly correlation between

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seed yield per plant and number of pods per plant was earlier reported by **Kamaleshwar *et al.* (2013), Garje *et al.* (2014), Patel *et al.* (2014), Katiyar *et al.* (2015), Kapadia *et al.* (2015), Raturi *et al.* (2015), Baisakh *et al.* (2016), Vir and Singh (2016), Garg *et al.* (2017), Azam *et al.* (2018), Ghimire *et al.* (2018), Kumar *et al.* (2018), Asari *et al.* (2019), Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019), Ahmad and Belwal (2020), Dhunde *et al.* (2021), Nalajala *et al.* (2022).**

Similar finding of positive and significantly correlation between seed yield per plant and number of branches per plant was earlier reported by **Kamaleshwar *et al.* (2013), Garje *et al.* (2014), Patel *et al.* (2014), Kapadia *et al.* (2015), Raturi *et al.* (2015), Ghimire *et al.* (2018), Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019), Ahmad and Belwal (2020), Dhunde *et al.* (2021).**

Similar finding of positive and significantly correlation between seed yield per plant and number of seeds per pod was earlier reported by **Kamaleshwar *et al.* (2013), Garje *et al.* (2014), Patel *et al.* (2014), Katiyar *et al.* (2015), Kapadia *et al.* (2015), Raturi *et al.* (2015), Baisakh *et al.* (2016), Vir and Singh (2016), Azam *et al.* (2018), Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019).**

Similar finding of positive and significantly correlation between seed yield per plant and 100 seed weight was earlier reported by **Kamaleshwar *et al.* (2013), Gadakh *et al.* (2013), Patel *et al.* (2014), Raturi *et al.* (2015), Kumar *et al.* (2018), Ahmad and Belwal (2020), Dhunde *et al.* (2021), Khatik *et al.* (2022).**

Similar finding of positive and significantly correlation between seed yield per plant and days to 50% flowering was earlier reported by **Vir and Singh (2016), Ghimire *et al.* (2018), and Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019).**

Similar finding of positive and significantly correlation between seed yield per plant and pod length was earlier reported by **Kamaleshwar *et al.* (2013), Kapadia *et al.* (2015), Raturi *et al.* (2015),**

Baisakh *et al.* **(2016), Garg** *et al.* **(2017), Ghimire** *et al.* **(2018), Ahmad and Belwal (2020), Khatik** *et al.* **(2022).**

Similar finding of positive association between seed yield per plant and days to maturity was earlier reported by **Kapadia** *et al.* **(2015).**

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Table 4.6 Genotypic and phenotypic correlation coefficient for 12 quantitative traits in mungbean.

Traits		Days to 50% flowering	Days to first picking pods	Days to second picking pods	Total no. of branches per plant	Number of clusters plants	Number of pods per clusters	Number of pods per plants	Number of Seeds / pod	100 seed Weight (g.)	Biological Yield (g.)	Harvest index (%)	Seed yield per plant (g.)
Days to 50% flowering	Gen	1.0000	0.9081**	0.9788**	0.8246**	0.6289**	0.3357	0.6051**	-0.0019	0.1943	0.4813*	-0.1680	0.6020**
	Phe	1.0000	0.9830**	0.9562**	0.7749**	0.5614*	0.3061	0.5732**	0.0067	0.1691	0.4685*	-0.1808	0.5621**
Days to first picking pods	Gen		1.0000	0.9181**	0.8888**	0.7182**	0.3058	0.6168**	0.0552	0.2240	0.4693*	-0.1034	0.6659**
	Phe		1.0000	0.9736**	0.8012**	0.5974*	0.2709	0.5772**	0.0601	0.2045	0.4436*	-0.1199	0.5977**
Days to second picking pods	Gen			1.0000	0.8525**	0.6893**	0.1958	0.6160**	0.1132	0.3511	0.3751	0.0100	0.6631**
	Phe			1.0000	0.8224**	0.6464**	0.2033	0.5915**	0.1228	0.3090	0.3816	-0.0449	0.6188**
Total no. of branches per plant	Gen				1.0000	0.9470**	0.0035	0.6323**	0.1173	0.0715	0.4026	-0.0307	0.7928**
	Phe				1.0000	0.8727**	0.0217	0.5979**	0.1324	0.0411	0.3991	-0.1324	0.6956**
Number of clusters plants	Gen					1.0000	-0.3092	0.6446**	0.2279	0.1751	0.0771	0.3026	0.7940**
	Phe					1.0000	-0.1755	0.5913**	0.1982	0.1316	0.1347	0.1228	0.6940**
Number of pods per clusters	Gen						1.0000	0.7130**	-0.1764	-0.2935	0.3908	-0.1374	0.3311
	Phe						1.0000	0.6357**	-0.1564	-0.2912	0.3840	-0.1439	0.2886
Number of pods per plant	Gen							1.0000	0.1341	-0.0251	0.2367	0.1931	0.3311
	Phe							1.0000	0.1264	-0.0251	0.2402	0.1439	0.2886
Number of Seeds per pod	Gen								1.0000	0.2160	0.0706	0.0475	0.3273
	Phe								1.0000	0.1956	0.0728	0.0219	0.3034
100 seed Weight (g.)	Gen									1.0000	0.0168	0.0571	0.2749
	Phe									1.0000	-0.0021	0.0684	0.2312
Biological Yield (g.)	Gen										1.0000	-0.6977**	0.6348**
	Phe										1.0000	-0.6693**	0.6159**
Harvest index (%)	Gen											1.0000	-0.0763
	Phe											1.0000	-0.0587
Seed yield per plant (g.)	Gen												1.000
	Phe												1.000

*Significant at 5% probability level.
**Significant at 1% probability level.

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4.6 Path coefficient analysis:

Yield is the sum total of the several component characters which directly or indirectly contributed to it. The correlation evaluation offer an information that is incomplete inside the sense that it does now not throw light at the underlying causes which are operative for the various interrelationship.

The expression of a complicated character which include seed yield per plant depends upon the interaction of a number of factor attributes. The information derived from the correlation studies indicated only mutual association among the characters. Whereas, Path coefficient analysis helps in understanding the magnitude of direct and indirect contribution of each character on the dependent character like grain yield.

Partitioning of correlation coefficient into direct and indirect effects provides the information about the nature and magnitude of effects of other characters on grain yield. The goal of this analysis within the current investigation changed into to evaluate the results received from simple correlation and path coefficient analysis and to illustrate the importance of path coefficient analysis in figuring out the actual nature of character association. Now present study of path coefficient evaluation become computed both at genotypic and phenotypic degrees for all the characters.

The genotypic and phenotypic correlation coefficient of seed yield with the remaining characters under study were further partitioned into direct and indirect effects using path coefficient analysis at genotypic and phenotypic level are presented in **Table 4.7 and 4.8,** respectively.

4.6.1. Direct effect on seed yield at genotypic level:

Path coefficient analysis revealed that total no. of branches per plant (0.8153), followed by number of pods per plants (0.6587), biological yield (g.) (0.6183), 100 seed weight (g.) (0.3588), harvest index (%) (0.1496), and number of seeds/pod (0.0425) had exerted

maximum direct effect on seed yield at genotypic level. days to 50% flowering (-0.5204), followed by days to first picking pods (-0.1915), number of clusters plants (-0.1088), days to second picking pods (-0.0134), and number of pods per clusters (-0.0474) had exhibited negative direct effect on seed yield at genotypic level.

4.6.2. Indirect effect on seed yield at genotypic level:

Days to first picking pods (-0.5246), days to second picking pods (-0.5093), total no. of branches per plant (-0.4291), number of clusters plants (-0.3272), number of pods per clusters (-0.1747), number of pods per plants (-0.3149), 100 seed weight (g.) (-0.1011), and biological yield (g.) (-0.2505) showed negative indirect effect on seed yield via days to 50% flowering.

Days to 50% flowering (-0.193), days to second picking pods (-0.1949), total no. of branches per plant (-0.1702), number of clusters plants (-0.1375), and number of pods per plants (-0.1181) showed negative indirect effect on seed yield via days to first picking of pods.

Total number of branches per plant exhibited positive indirect effect on seed yield via days to 50% flowering (0.6723), days to first picking pods (0.7246), days to second picking pods (0.695), number of clusters plants (0.7721), number of pods per plants (0.5155), and biological yield (g.) (0.3283).

Via number of pods per plants, the characters viz., days to 50% flowering (0.3986), days to first picking pods (0.4063), days to second picking pods (0.4058), total no. of branches per plant (0.4165), number of clusters plants (0.4246), number of pods per clusters (0.4697), biological yield (g.) (0.1559), and harvest index (%) (0.1272) showed positive indirect effect on seed yield.

Days to 50% flowering (0.2976), days to first picking pods (0.2902), days to second picking pods (0.2319), total no. of branches per plant (0.2489), number of pods per clusters (0.2416), and number of pods per plants (0.1464) showed positive indirect effect on seed yield via

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biological yield (g.).

4.6.3. Direct effect on seed yield at phenotypic level:

Number of pods per plants (0.9384), followed by biological yield (g.) (0.8489) days to first picking pods (0.6336), harvest index (%) (0.1834), number of clusters plants (0.1643), 100 seed weight (g.) (0.0613), and days to second picking pods (0.0528) had exerted maximum direct effect on seed yield. While days to 50% flowering (-0.7197), followed by number of pods per clusters (-0.517), total no. of branches per plant (-0.3075), and number of seeds/pod (-0.0056) had exhibited negative direct effect on seed yield at phenotypic level.

4.6.4. Indirect effect on seed yield at phenotypic level:

Days to first picking pods (-0.7074), days to second picking pods (-0.6881), total no. of branches per plant (-0.5576), number of clusters plants (-0.404), number of pods per clusters (-0.2203), number of pods per plants (-0.4125), 100 seed weight (g.) (-0.1217), and biological yield (g.) (-0.3372) showed negative indirect effect on seed yield per plant via days to 50% flowering.

Via days to first picking of pods, the characters viz., days to 50% flowering (0.6229), days to second picking pods (0.6169), total no. of branches per plant (0.5077), number of clusters plants (0.3785), number of pods per clusters (0.1717), number of pods per plants (0.3657), 100 seed weight (g.) (0.1296), and biological yield (g.) (0.2811) exhibited positive indirect effect on seed yield per plant.

The characters like, days to 50% flowering (-0.2383), days to first picking pods (-0.2464), days to second picking pods (-0.2529), number of clusters plants (-0.2684), number of pods per plants (-0.1839), and biological yield (g.) (-0.1227) recorded negative indirect effect on seed yield per plant via total number of branches per plant.

via number of pods per clusters, the characters like days to 50% flowering (-0.1583), days to first picking pods (-0.1401), days to second picking pods (-0.1051), number of pods per plants (-0.3287), and

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biological yield (g.) (-0.1985) recorded negative indirect effect on seed yield per plant.

Days to 50% flowering (0.5378), days to first picking pods (0.5416), days to second picking pods (0.5551), total no. of branches per plant (0.5611), number of clusters plants (0.5548), number of pods per clusters (0.5965), number of seeds per pod (0.1186), biological yield (g.) (0.2254), and harvest index (%) (0.135) exhibited positive indirect effect on seed yield per plant via number of pods per plants.

Days to 50% flowering (0.3977), days to first picking pods (0.3765), days to second picking pods (0.3239), total no. of branches per plant (0.3388), number of pods per clusters (0.3259), number of pods per plants (0.2039), and number of clusters plants (0.1144) exhibited positive indirect effect on seed yield per plant via biological yield (g.).

The R square and residual effect was (9.9158 and 1.7421); respectively. Residual effect was moderate and indicating that some of characters affecting seed yield has to be include in the future study.

On the basis of path coefficient analysis showed that days to 50% flowering, days to first picking pods, number of pods per plants, biological yield (g.), and harvest index (%) were important characters that could be taken into consideration for selection and improvement of seed yield in mungbean.

Out of twelve traits study independent characters studied in path coefficient analysis only few characters showed maximum direct effect as well as indirect contributions via other characters on seed yield. Hence, these characters may be considered as essential quantitative traits in mungbean improvement programme and direct selection for these characters will be useful for crop improvement programme.

The early reports on genotypic level positive direct effect was recorded for number of pods per plant by **Kamaleshwar *et al.* (2013), Garje *et al.* (2014), Kapadia *et al.* (2015), Garg *et al.* (2017), Varma *et al.* (2018), Muthuswamy *et al.* (2019), Asari *et al.* (2019), Ahmad**

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and Belwal (2020), Dhunde *et al*. (2021), Parsaniya *et al*. (2022), Shakeer *et al*. (2022). The early reports on genotypic level positive direct effect was recorded for days to 50% flowering by **Parsaniya *et al*. (2022), Nalajala *et al*. (2022).** The early reports on genotypic level positive direct effect was recorded for number of seeds per pod by **Kamaleshwar *et al*. (2013), Gadakh *et al*. (2013), Patel *et al*. (2014), Kapadia *et al*. (2015), Hemavathy *et al*. (2015), Ghimire *et al*. (2018), Parihar *et al*. (2018), Muthuswamy *et al*. (2019), Parsaniya *et al*. (2022), Shakeer *et al*. (2022), Nalajala *et al*. (2022).** The similar reports on genotypic level positive direct effect was recorded for pod length by **Kamaleshwar *et al*. (2013), Kapadia *et al*. (2015), Garg *et al*. (2017), Ghimire *et al*. (2018), Ahmad and Belwal (2020), Dhunde *et al*. (2021), Parsaniya *et al*. (2022), Shakeer *et al*. (2022).** The similar observations on genotypic level positive direct effect was recorded for number of cluster per plant by **Shakeer *et al*. (2022), Nalajala *et al*. (2022).** The similar reports on genotypic level positive direct effect was recorded for number of branches per plant by **Dhunde *et al*. (2021), Parsaniya *et al*. (2022), Nalajala *et al*. (2022).** The similar findings on genotypic level positive direct effect was recorded for 100 seed weight by **Kamaleshwar *et al*. (2013), Gadakh *et al*. (2013), Hemavathy *et al*. (2015), Raturi *et al*. (2015), Azam *et al*. (2018), Parihar *et al*. (2018), Varma *et al*. (2018), Muthuswamy *et al*. (2019), Ahmad and Belwal (2020), Shakeer *et al*. (2022), Nalajala *et al*. (2022).** The similar observations on genotypic level positive direct effect was recorded for plant height by **Kapadia *et al*. (2015), Raturi *et al*. (2015), Azam *et al*. (2018), Kumar *et al*. (2018), Muthuswamy *et al*. (2019), Ahmad and Belwal (2020), Dhunde *et al*. (2021).** The early findings on genotypic level positive direct effect was recorded for days to maturity by **Ahmad and Belwal (2020),** The early findings on genotypic level positive direct effect was recorded for biological yield per plant by **Shakeer *et al*. (2022), Nalajala *et al*. (2022),** The early observations on genotypic level

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negative direct effect was recorded for number of branches per plant by **Muthuswamy** *et al.* **(2019),** The early reports on genotypic level negative direct effect was recorded for harvest index by **Gadakh** *et al.* **(2013).**

Table 4.7 Direct and indirect effect for different characters on seed yield per plant at genotypic level in mungbean.

Trait	Days to 50% flowering	Days to first picking pods	Days to second picking pods	Total no. of branches per plant	Number of clusters plants	Number of pods per clusters	Number of pods per plants	Number of Seeds per pod	100 seed Weight (g.)	Biological Yield (g.)	Harvest index (%)	Seed yield per plant (g.)
Days to 50% flowering	**-0.5204**	-0.5246	-0.5093	-0.4291	-0.3272	-0.1747	-0.3149	0.0010	-0.1011	-0.2505	0.0874	0.6020
Days to first picking of pods	-0.1930	**-0.1915**	-0.1949	-0.1702	-0.1375	-0.0586	-0.1181	-0.0106	-0.0429	-0.0899	0.0198	0.6659
Days to second picking of pods	-0.0132	-0.0137	**-0.0134**	-0.0115	-0.0093	-0.0026	-0.0083	-0.0015	-0.0047	-0.0050	-0.0001	0.6631
Total number of branches per plant	0.6723	0.7246	0.6950	**0.8153**	0.7721	0.0029	0.5155	0.0957	0.0583	0.3283	-0.0250	0.7928
Number of clusters per plants	-0.0684	-0.0781	-0.0750	-0.1030	**-0.1088**	0.0336	-0.0701	-0.0248	-0.0190	-0.0084	-0.0329	0.7940
Number of pods per clusters	-0.0159	-0.0145	-0.0093	-0.0002	0.0147	**-0.0474**	-0.0338	0.0084	0.0139	-0.0185	0.0065	0.3311
Number of pods per plants	0.3986	0.4063	0.4058	0.4165	0.4246	0.4697	**0.6587**	0.0883	-0.0165	0.1559	0.1272	0.8010
Number of Seeds per pod	-0.0001	0.0023	0.0048	0.0050	0.0097	-0.0075	0.0057	**0.0425**	0.0092	0.0030	0.0020	0.3273
100 seed Weight (g.)	0.0697	0.0804	0.1260	0.0257	0.0629	-0.1053	-0.0090	0.0775	**0.3588**	0.0060	0.0205	0.2749
Biological Yield (g.)	0.2976	0.2902	0.2319	0.2489	0.0477	0.2416	0.1464	0.0437	0.0104	**0.6183**	-0.4314	0.6348
Harvest index (%)	-0.0251	-0.0155	0.0015	-0.0046	0.0453	-0.0206	0.0289	0.0071	0.0086	-0.1044	**0.1496**	-0.0763
Seed yield per plant (g.)	0.6020	0.6659	0.6631	0.7928	0.7940	0.3311	0.8010	0.3273	0.2749	0.6348	-0.0763	1.00
Partial R²	-0.3133	-0.1275	-0.0089	0.6464	-0.0864	-0.0157	0.5276	0.0139	0.0987	0.3925	-0.0114	

R SQUARE =   9.9158

RESIDUAL EFFECT = 1.7421

Note: Diagonal & Red color = Direct path

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Table 4.8 Direct and indirect effect for different characters on seed yield per plant at phenotypic level in mungbean.

Trait	Days to 50% flowering	Days to first picking pods	Days to second picking pods	Total no. of branches per plant	Number of clusters plants	Number of pods per clusters	Number of pods per plants	Number of Seeds per pod	100 seed Weight (g.)	Biological Yield (g.)	Harvest index (%)	Seed yield per plant (g.)
Days to 50% flowering	**-0.7197**	-0.7074	-0.6881	-0.5576	-0.4040	-0.2203	-0.4125	-0.0048	-0.1217	-0.3372	0.1301	0.5621
Days to first picking of pods	0.6229	**0.6336**	0.6169	0.5077	0.3785	0.1717	0.3657	0.0381	0.1296	0.2811	-0.0760	0.5977
Days to second picking of pods	0.0505	0.0514	**0.0528**	0.0434	0.0341	0.0107	0.0313	0.0065	0.0163	0.0202	-0.0024	0.6188
Total number of branches per plant	-0.2383	-0.2464	-0.2529	**-0.3075**	-0.2684	-0.0067	-0.1839	-0.0407	-0.0126	-0.1227	0.0407	0.6956
Number of clusters per plants	0.0922	0.0982	0.1062	0.1434	**0.1643**	-0.0288	0.0972	0.0326	0.0216	0.0221	0.0202	0.6940
Number of pods per clusters	-0.1583	-0.1401	-0.1051	-0.0112	0.0907	**-0.5170**	-0.3287	0.0809	0.1505	-0.1985	0.0744	0.2886
Number of pods per plants	0.5378	0.5416	0.5551	0.5611	0.5548	0.5965	**0.9384**	0.1186	-0.0236	0.2254	0.1350	0.7355
Number of Seeds per pod	0.0000	-0.0003	-0.0007	-0.0007	-0.0011	0.0009	-0.0007	**-0.0056**	-0.0011	-0.0004	-0.0001	0.3034
100 seed Weight (g.)	0.0104	0.0125	0.0189	0.0025	0.0081	-0.0178	-0.0015	0.0120	**0.0613**	-0.0001	0.0042	0.2312
Biological Yield (g.)	0.3977	0.3765	0.3239	0.3388	0.1144	0.3259	0.2039	0.0618	-0.0018	**0.8489**	-0.5682	0.6159
Harvest index (%)	-0.0332	-0.0220	-0.0082	-0.0243	0.0225	-0.0264	0.0264	0.0040	0.0125	-0.1228	**0.1834**	-0.0587
Seed yield per plant (g.)	0.5621	0.5977	0.6188	0.6956	0.6940	0.2886	0.7355	0.3034	0.2312	0.6159	-0.0587	**1.00**
Partial R²	-0.4045	0.3787	0.0327	-0.2139	0.1140	-0.1492	0.6902	-0.0017	0.0142	0.5229	-0.0108	

R SQUARE = 0.9726

RESIDUAL EFFECT = 0.1656

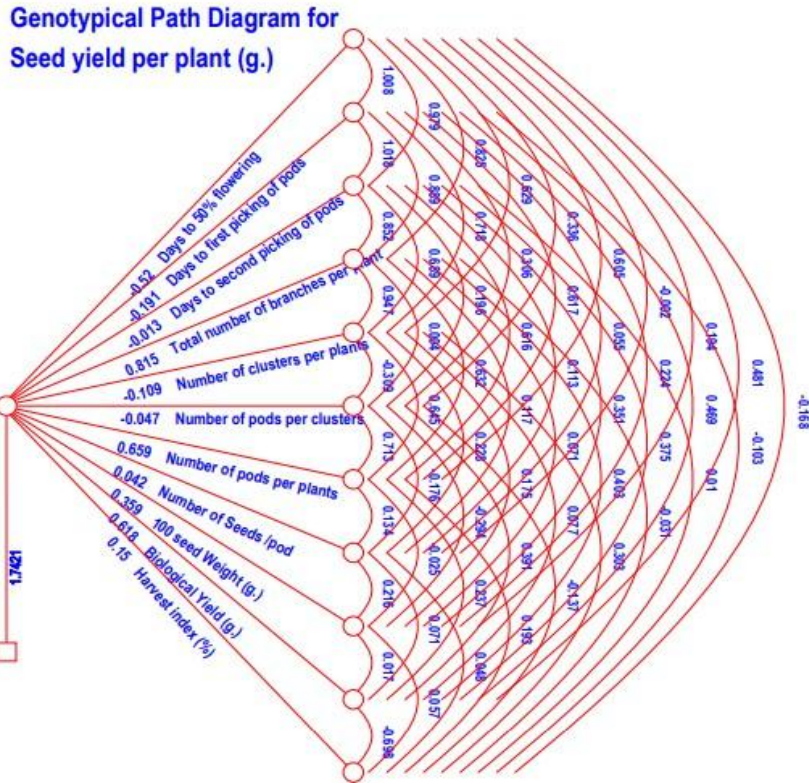**Note: Diagonal & Red color = Direct path**
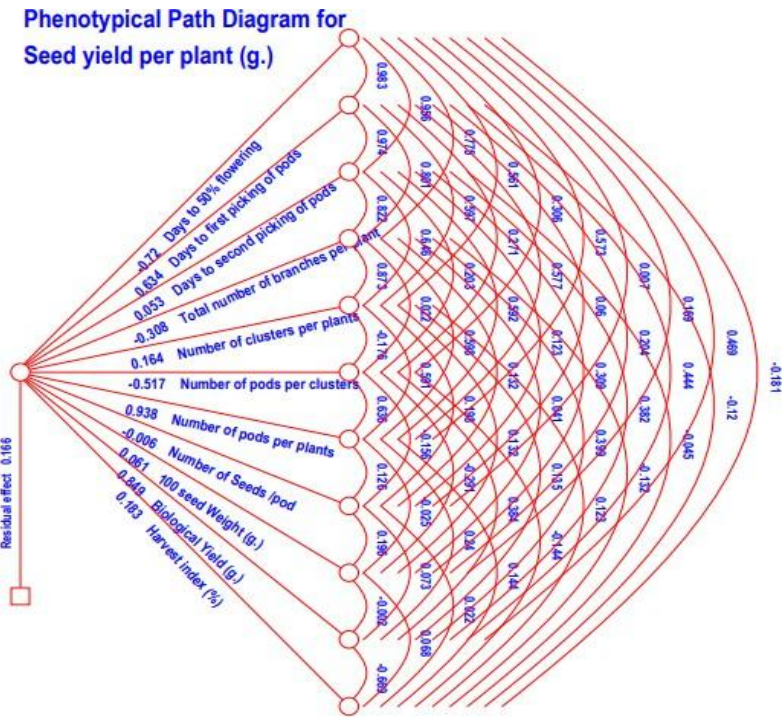
Figure 4.8. Genotypic path diagram

Figure 4.9. Phenotypic path diagram

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CHAPTER - V

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

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The present investigation entitled **"Genetic Variability and Path Coefficient Studies in Different Genotypes of Mungbean (*Vigna radiata* L.) Under Late Sown Condition"** was undertaken to obtain the information on nature and magnitude of genetic component of variation, heritability in broad sense, expected genetic advance in percent of mean, genotypic and phenotypic correlation coefficient and path coefficient analysis.

The experiment consisting of mungbean cultivar/varieties were laid out in Research farm (Genetics and Plant Breeding) AKS University Sherganj, Satna, Madhya Pradesh during *Kharif,* 2023.

The characters studied were days to 50% flowering, days to first picking of pods, days to second picking of pods, total number of branches per plant, number of cluster per plant, number of pod per cluster, number of pod per plant, number of seed per pod, 100 seed weight (g.), seed yield per plant (g.), biological yield per plant, and harvest index percent.

The analysis of variance for the design of the experiment was carried out according to the procedure outlined by **Panse and Sukhatme (1957).** The genotypic coefficient of variation (GCV), phenotypic coefficient of variation (PCV) and environmental coefficient of variation (ECV) was estimated by the formula suggested by **Burton and de Vane (1953).**

Heritability in broad sense (h^2b) was estimated using the formula suggested by **Burton and de Vane (1953).** Genetic advance was calculated by the method suggested by **Johnson *et al.* (1955).**

The simple correlations between different characters at genotypic and phenotypic levels were worked out between characters as suggested by **Searle, (1961).** Path coefficient analysis was carried out by formula suggested by **Dewey & Lu (1959).** The salient findings of the study and conclusions drawn are summarized below:

1. The design of the experiment indicated highly significant differences for all the characters among treatments. Wide range of variation was

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found for all the studied characters of mungbean.

2. Phenotypic coefficient of variability (PCV) was higher than genotypic coefficient of variability (GCV) for all the characters. The maximum genotypic coefficient variation was observed in number of pods per plants, followed by biological yield (g.), number of pods per clusters, number of clusters per plants, total number of branches per plant, and seed yield per plant (g.). The high PCV were recorded for number of pods per plants, followed by biological yield (g.), number of pods per clusters, number of clusters per plants, total number of branches per plant, and seed yield per plant (g.).

3. The magnitude of GCV and ranged from highest number of pods per plants (41.69) to lowest days to second picking of pods (8.224), and magnitude of PCV ranged from lowest, days to second picking of pods (8.494) to highest, number of pods per plants (44.134).

4. In general, higher estimates (h^2b) >80% were observed for all the characters except number of clusters per plants. The heritability value ranged from highest number of seeds/pod (98.1%) and lowest number of clusters per plants (75.4%).

5. The expected genetic advance in percent of mean ranged from highest biological yield (g.) (82.188%) to lowest days to second picking of pods (16.404%). High estimate of expected genetic advance were found for biological yield (g.), number of pods per plants, number of pods per clusters, total number of branches per plant, number of clusters per plants, and seed yield per plant (g.) at 5% level.

6. High heritability coupled with high genetic advance observed for biological yield (g.), number of pods per plants, number of pods per clusters, total number of branches per plant, seed yield per plant (g.), 100 seed weight (g.), and number of seeds per pod indicating that these characters could be prominently governed by additive gene action. so the selection of these traits could be more effective for desired genetic improvement.

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7. In general, genotypic correlation was higher than phenotypic ones in magnitude for all the characters except correlation between days to 50% flowering and days to first picking pods, days to first picking pods and days to second picking pods, days to second picking pods and number of seeds per pod, days to second picking pods and biological yield (g.), total no. of branches per plant and number of seeds per pod, number of clusters plants and biological yield (g.), number of pods per clusters and biological yield (g.).

8. Days to 50% flowering, days to first picking pods, days to second picking pods, total no. of branches per plant, number of clusters plants, and biological yield (g.) have high positive significant correlation with seed yield per plant (g.).

9. Path coefficient analysis revealed that total no. of branches per plant, followed by number of pods per plants, biological yield (g.), 100 seed weight (g.), harvest index (%), and number of seeds per pod had exerted maximum positive direct effect on seed yield at genotypic level. Days to 50% flowering, followed by days to first picking pods, number of clusters plants, days to second picking pods, and number of pods per clusters had exhibited negative direct effect on seed yield at genotypic level.

10. On the basis of path coefficient analysis showed that days to 50% flowering, days to first picking pods, number of pods per plants, biological yield (g.), and harvest index (%) were important characters that could be taken into consideration for selection and improvement of seed yield in mungbean.

11. The residual effect was **1.7421** at genotypic level was low indicating that most of the characters affecting seed yield has to be include in the future study. The residual effect was **0.1656** at phenotypic level was high and indicating that high influence of environment on the expression of some characters affecting seed yield has to be also include in the future study.

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In the light of above findings it may be concluded that wide spectrum of exploitable variability in the material studied with respect to seed yield per plant and its component characters and improvement in characters like number of primary branches/plants, biological yield per plant and 1000 seed weight will help in improving the seed yield in mungbean both directly and indirectly. Therefore, these characters should be considered for yield improvement in mungbean breeding programme.

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ANOVA for Days to 50% flowering

Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	8.216444	4.108222	0.7098	0.5004
Treatments	14	2148.049778	153.432127	26.5076	0.0000
Error	28	162.070222	5.788222		

ANOVA for Days to first picking of pods

Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	23.293018	11.646509	1.3648	0.2719
Treatments	14	2342.818924	167.344209	19.6108	0.0000
Error	28	238.931049	8.533252		

ANOVA for Days to second picking of pods

Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	18.149818	9.074909	0.9806	0.3876
Treatments	14	2072.724164	148.051726	15.9979	0.0000
Error	28	259.124316	9.254440		

ANOVA for Total number of branches per plant

Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	3.835720	1.917860	0.3396	0.7150
Treatments	14	494.807520	35.343394	6.2575	0.0000
Error	28	158.148280	5.648153		

ANOVA for Number of clusters per plants

Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	8.639214	4.319607	0.3460	0.7105
Treatments	14	711.249413	50.803530	4.0698	0.0008
Error	28	349.522253	12.482938		

ANOVA for Number of pods per clusters

Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	1.245693	0.622847	0.4065	0.6699
Treatments	14	172.758520	12.339894	8.0534	0.0000
Error	28	42.903507	1.532268		

ANOVA for Number of pods per plants

Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	129.938171	64.969086	0.4919	0.6166
Treatments	14	17171.398911	1226.528494	9.2865	0.0000
Error	28	3698.136836	132.076316		

ANOVA for Number of Seeds /pod

Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	0.229671	0.114836	0.7571	0.4784
Treatments	14	113.025031	8.073217	53.2259	0.0000
Error	28	4.246996	0.151678		

ANOVA for 100 seed Weight (g.)

Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	0.255218	0.127609	1.0081	0.3778
Treatments	14	42.585978	3.041856	24.0301	0.0000
Error	28	3.544382	0.126585		

ANOVA for Biological Yield (g.)

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Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	1.249098	0.624549	0.0363	0.9644
Treatments	14	5284.227098	377.444793	21.9444	0.0000
Error	28	481.600969	17.200035		

ANOVA for Harvest index (%)

Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	121.370781	60.685390	2.0537	0.1471
Treatments	14	2581.282431	184.377317	6.2396	0.0000
Error	28	827.385089	29.549467		

ANOVA for Seed yield per plant (g.)

Source of Var.	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Squares	f value	Prob.
Replicate	2	59.907219	29.953609	3.2393	0.0543
Treatments	14	1001.969124	71.569223	7.7398	0.0000
Error	28	258.913316	9.246904		

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