
EXPLORATORY FACTOR ANALYSIS FOR EMPLOYEES' RETENTION IN FOUR AND FIVE STAR HOTELS OF AHMEDABAD

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ABSTRACT

Purpose: *The purpose of this paper is to extract the factors responsible for retention of employees in four and five star hotels in Ahmedabad.*

Design/methodology/approach: *The researchers have analyzed data collected from 105 respondents and used exploratory factor analysis to extract the factors. Exploratory research design is used with convenience sampling method for data collected.*

Findings: *Various variables (total 66) related to pay scale, compensation, rewards, promotion, leadership, participation in decision making, work-life balance, job satisfaction, organizational work culture, superior-subordinate support, job security, retention strategies and organizational relationship are selected for the exploratory factor analysis. The result indicates that total five factors have been extracted from the listed variables. This explains three-fourth of total variance for the employees' retention in hotels.*

Research Limitations/Implications: *The study is limited because it did not include other cities of the state and also concentrates middle and lower hierarchy of the hotels. The results are applicable to this segment only.*

Practical Implications: *Findings highlighted can be helpful to hotel service provider in retaining their employees by understanding which factors are more influential toward retention.*

Keywords: *Hospitality, Retention, Attrition, Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA)*

INTRODUCTION

India's hotel industry has entered the global stage, supported by its growing economy and the development of 'Incredible India' tourism brand. Previous security concerns due to the Kashmir situation have reduced due to improved relations with Pakistan. Meanwhile the cost of travel has fallen following the government's liberalization of the airline industry. Given that these two barriers of travel have been tackled, the hotel performance has benefited.

The Indian hospitality industry has emerged as one of the key industries driving growth of the services sector in India. The fortunes of the hospitality industry have always been linked to the prospects of the tourism industry and tourism is the foremost demand driver of the industry. The Indian hospitality industry has recorded healthy growth fuelled by robust inflow of foreign tourists as well as increased tourist movement within the country and it has become one of the leading players in the global industry.

The industry is likely to experience robust growth on the back of rising disposable incomes and favorable industry statistics. The direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP was INR2,478.2bn (2.2% of total GDP) in 2014, and is forecast to rise by 7.6% in 2015, and to rise by 7.2% pa, from 2015-2025, to INR5,339.2bn (2.5% of total GDP) in 2025. In 2014 Travel & Tourism directly supported 23,024,000 jobs (5.5% of total employment). This is expected to rise by 1.9% in 2015 and rise by 2.2% pa to 29,020,000 jobs (5.7% of total employment) in 2025. (World Travel and tourism council 2015).

The hospitality industry suffers from a high-attrition rate at almost all levels. Whether hiring people at entry level or in senior management roles, there are many challenges. Lashley (1995) a hospitality organisation's ability to establish competitive advantage lies in the intangibles, especially the quality of service encounters. D. Davies, R. Taylor, C. Savery (2001) The role of appraisal, remuneration and training in improving staff relations in the Western Australian accommodation industry: A comparative study. Prince (2005) argued that talented employees are required for maintaining a competitive advantage and employees want career growth opportunities to develop and rise in their career ladder. Jauhari (2006) has elaborated on the weak labor market situation and high attrition rate for the hospitality industry in India. Walsh and Taylor, (2007) High worker turnover does lead to internal and external customer dissatisfaction. Poulston, (2008). Employee

turnover can have negative impacts on employees and organizations within the hospitality sector. Noah (2008) found in his research that employee involvement in decision making helps in creating a sense of belongingness among the employees, which helps in creating a good congenial working environment and contributes towards building a good employer-employee relationship. Kusluvan et al., (2010) Thus, employees are considered to be “key determinants of service quality, customer satisfaction and loyalty, competitive advantage and organizational performance” and talent management and development play an important strategic and operational role in the success of a hospitality organisation. Lalitha (2012) employee retention is the biggest challenge faced by HR in the modern economy. Pavitra Yadav (2014) Job hopping is a new concept in the field of human resource management and less work has been done in this area.

Considering a few of the researches carried out earlier, we are trying to identify the factors important for employee retention.

LITERATURE REVIEW

It is important to study the retention of the employees in hotel industry for which could be supplemented with the following list of references:

Compensation and employee retention Trevor et al. (1997) has shown that pay hike in the job encourages intention to stay. Davies, Taylor, & Savery (2001) has shown that very less organizations use the compensation strategically.

Gardner et al., (2004) have shown that salary is a motivator as well as employee retention technique. Milkovich and Newman (2004) have drawn a conclusion that among all types of reward, monetary pay is one of the most important factors affecting retention. In a research by Moncraz, Zhao and Kay (2009) it was concluded that compensation can be a critical factor in reducing managerial turnover and increasing commitment

Reward and recognition Agarwal (1998) explained reward as offering to the employees in response of the work as well as performance. Walker (2001) concluded recognition from bosses, team members, coworkers and customer enhances loyalty. “Watson Wyatt” a global consulting firm, in a survey in USA, in 2002 among 12750 employees at all levels of job and in all major industry sectors showed that recognition is important for workers and they want to listen that their work followed recognized and appreciated. Silbert (2005) has shown that reward creates an impression to be valued.

Promotion and Opportunity for growth Pergamit and Veum (1989) have shown positive correlation between promotions and job satisfaction. Research by Meyer et al, (2003) has shown that the predictor of commitment is internal career development of employees. Prince (2005) in his paper suggested that talented employees are required for maintaining a competitive advantage and employees require growth opportunities to rise in their career ladder. Eyster, et al. (2008) has stated that job flexibility is a predictor for all employees.

Participation in decision-making Hewitt (2002) has concluded involvement of employees in decision-making at all levels which can exploit their talents. The view Noah (2008) has shown that employee involvement in decision-making process helps in building a even employer-employee relationship.

Work-life balance and employee retention Hyman et al., (2003) has shown that interventions of work demands into the employee's personal life (e.g. long working hours and married to the job) exhaust among the employees. In a study conducted by the Australian Telework Advisory Committee (2006) it was found that 70% of businesses that incorporated telework options reported a number of positive benefits, such as increased business productivity and reduced costs, improved employee flexibility and work life balance, and increased workforce participation.

Work environment and employee retention In a study by Miller, Erickson & Yust (2001) employees get encouraged by a good work environment. Wells & Thelen (2002) have concluded that HR management policies work towards motivation and retention of employees. Ramlall (2003) derived that recognizing the individual needs of an employee encourages commitment.

Training and Development and Employee Retention Messmer (2000) found that training is a means of investing the skill towards career development. Tomlinson (2002) stated that technological advancement is important to keep employees abreast. Garg & Rastogi (2006) has concluded that in today's competitive environment feedback is very essential to meet the global standards. Handy (2008) has mentioned that knowledge and innovation go hand in hand enhancing the employee's job profile.

Leadership and Employee Retention Eisenberger and associates (1990) stated that superior subordinate relationship determines the brand image. McNeese-Smith (1995) concluded the relationship between productivity, work satisfaction and organizational and commitment of staff.

Brunetto and Farr-Wharton (2002) has shown that superiors enable work culture. Chung-Hsiung Fang, Sue-Ting Chang, Guan-Li Chen (2009) has stated that leadership can affect organizational commitment and work satisfaction positively and work satisfaction can affect organizational commitment and work performance positively.

Job Security and Employee Retention Abegglen (1958) in his study depicts Japanese workers that employment features like lifetime employment and seniority system, job security lead to high commitment, job satisfaction as well as retention of employees in an organization. Researchers such as Ashford et al., (1989) Davy et al., (1991) has shown that job insecurity is a major cause of job satisfaction Rosenblatt and Ruvio, (1996) has concluded that employee commitment is negatively correlated with job insecurity.

Job satisfaction -Hoppock (1935) concluded that job satisfaction is any combination of psychological, physiological and environmental circumstances, which cause a person truthfully, satisfied with his/her job. Locke (1976) defined job satisfaction as "a pleasurable or positive emotional state resulting from the appraisal of one's job or job experience."

Feldman and Arnold (1983) have defined job satisfaction as, "Job satisfaction will be defined as the amount of overall positive affect (or feelings) that individuals have towards their jobs". Davis et al., (1985) has worked upon both positive and negative feelings that workers have towards their work. Researchers such as Ashford et al., (1989) Davy et al., (1991) found in their studies that insecurity among employees leads job dissatisfaction. Rain, Lane & Steiner (1991) has shown that personal life satisfaction leads to job satisfaction.

Lane et al., (2010) and Vidal et al., (2007) have shown that there are various factors like salary, working environment, autonomy, communication and organizational commitment affecting each other. According to Reichheld (1996) the three criteria that affect the employment are: (1) they have job pride, (2) when they find their jobs interesting and meaningful, and (3) when they are recognized for their work and benefit from the work they have accomplished. A relevant research by Spector (1997) and Hirschfeld (2000) indicate that the different aspects of job satisfaction could be split according to Herzberg's two dimensions. The intrinsic satisfaction refers to job tasks and job content such as variety, autonomy, skill utilization, self-fulfillment and self-growth. Murray (1999) has concluded that job satisfaction is related

to level of absenteeism, commitment, performance and productivity. Sokoya (2000) in his study has concluded that salary or pay or compensation is the most valuable determinant of job satisfaction. In a study by Al-Aameri, (2000) it was suggested that the employees who are satisfied are more productive, creative, and committed.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study seeks to explore Middle and bottom Level employees of four-star and five-star hotels located in the city of Ahmedabad to see the influence of variables related to pay scale, compensation, rewards, promotion, leadership, participation in decision making, work-life balance, job satisfaction, organizational work culture, superior-subordinate support, job security, retention strategies and organizational relationship on the staying intention of employees in the hospitality sector. Explore feelings, organizational perceptions, and level of satisfaction of frontline employees as antecedents of intention to stay in their job in the sector.

The research was carried out using Exploratory Research Design method. The data collection was Convenience Sampling taking into consideration distance and contacts. The sample was composed of 105 respondents in 12 hotels of Ahmedabad. Exploratory Factor Analysis method was employed to extract the required data.

With four-star hotels, the service should come to you as needed, but with a five-star hotel your every need should be anticipated in advance (i.e., hotel staff of a five-star hotel will take control of luggage from guest's arrival outside to prompt delivery in bedroom, full 24-hour room service, and 24-hour reception and concierge services) therefore we have considered 4 and 5 star hotels for our study and also that out of 125 respondents only 19 were from the top level which is not taken as a part of the study for the reason that they spend the majority of their time supervising (on the management's behalf) staff in different departments and making sure that everything is ready for guests.

The consideration of eliminating top level respondents data is made on the understanding of the authors and the study is limited because it did not include other cities of the state and also concentrates middle and lower hierarchy of the hotels. The results are applicable to this segment only. A case study partly narrates this consideration "The Portman Hotel Company", By Charles Heckscher, August 1989 "The organization of the hotel sought to

maximize service while minimizing management overhead to cut out areas not essential to top service, particularly in middle management, such as the usual manager of food and beverage as “extending the bottom portion of the organization triangle” it meant putting more employees in front of the guests, rather than in management.”

This survey was carried out in 12 Hotels of Ahmedabad. 06 Five star Hotels namely, Gateway, Hansol Airport Road, Hyatt Regency, Ashram Road, ITC Fortune Landmark, Ashram Road, Inder Residency, Off Ashram Road, Regenta, Ashram Road and The Pride, Judges Bungalow road, Satellite road Ahmedabad and 06 Four Star Hotels namely, Metropole, RTO Circle, Fortune Park, Opp. Gujarat College, Radisson Blu, Off C.G. Road, Cama Hotel, Khanpur, The Fern, S.G. Highway and Platinum Hotel, S.G. Highway Ahmedabad. The respondents were from the (frontline) middle and bottom level employees of the 12 hotels of Ahmedabad.

The questionnaire contained measures for pay scale, compensation, rewards, promotion, leadership, participation in decision making, work-life balance, job satisfaction, organizational work culture, superior-subordinate support, job security, retention strategies and organizational relationship on the staying intention of employees in the hospitality sector. The objective was to understand factors that influence the intention to stay in other words employee retention in star category hotels of Gujarat, Ahmedabad in particular. There were two independent factors: intention to stay (psychological construct) and pay, performance, promotion (motivational construct). Only 12 hotels of Ahmedabad were examined in current study. The responses were taken on a five-point Likert scale with responses varying on the scale of 5 for strongly agree and 1 for strongly disagree.

A self-administered questionnaire through a random sampling technique was used to collect data in 12 no. of 4 and 5 star hotels of Ahmedabad. The employees were randomly selected according convenience in order to gain insight employee attitude across three level of hierarchy – top, middle and bottom. It is considered random and unbiased as respondents experience a sense of anonymity and are willing to cooperate in research.. Data collection was done over a period of three months. All the questions were close-ended and no in-depth interviews were conducted. More than 125 people were contacted for the survey; however, only 105 people cooperated with researchers. Most people refused to participate in the survey. Remaining questionnaires were incomplete or illegible and therefore removed

ANALYSIS AND FINDING

Various variables (total 66) related to pay scale, compensation, rewards, promotion, leadership, participation in decision making, work-life balance, job satisfaction, organizational work culture, superior-subordinate support, job security, retention strategies and organizational relationship are selected for the exploratory factor analysis.

KMO and Bartlett's Test of Sphericity are prerequisite of factor analysis. The KMO Value for measuring sampling adequacy comes out as 0.860. The Bartlett's Test of Sphericity is significant with 0.000 level. Both the conditions are fulfilled and therefore factor extraction process can be done further. Individual MSA value of the variables F-18, F-38, F-43, F-46 and F48 are lower than standard value of 0.5 and therefore they were deleted from the analysis. Communalities are the shared variance of variable by the extracted factors. Due to lowered communality value F-27, F-45 and F-47 were deleted from the factor analysis. Total five factors have been extracted from the data. Total five factors together explain 74 percentage of variance for the retention of employees in hotels. First factor explains 32 percentage of variance. Second factor explains 19 percentage of variance; third, fourth and fifth factors explain 12, 5 and 4 percentage of variance respectively. The factor analysis has been started with 56 variables. Total eight variables have been deleted. The final number of variables left at the end of exploratory factor analysis is 48.

The analysis employed is Exploratory Factor Analysis and the findings highlighted can be helpful to hotel service provider in retaining their employees by understanding which factors are more influential toward retention.

The rotation converged into 5 variables that showed stronger influence on the employee retention/ intention to stay. The naming of five factors based on the variables loaded on them is as under:

1. Performance and appraisals
2. Promotion
3. Pay package
4. Work-Life Balance
5. Recognition and Career Advancement

CONCLUSION

The variables were listed to highlight how our research reflects the retention components and extends current knowledge of the area in present

day operations. Our research has reinforced and demonstrates that there are five major components amongst very much that influence the intention to stay within an employee of any Hotel organization, it demonstrates the diminishing percentage of variance namely, Performance and appraisals, followed by Promotion, Pay package, Work-Life Balance and finally Recognition and Career Advancement. Highest variance explained is the most contributing.

1. Performance and Appraisals

Performance and appraisals explains 32 percentage of variance. Some organizations give a retention bonus which is payable for the period that an employee stays back in the organization. This is paid for the value added by the employee by virtue of mere presence and not necessary for the efforts or work output. Normally retention bonus is paid yearly or half-yearly which will incentivize the employee to stay back in the organization for the payment.

2. Promotion

Promotion explains 19 percentage of the variance. While a bigger title and recognition from peers are nice, employees will usually not feel completely satisfied with a promotion unless there is a meaningful increase in base pay. While promotional policies tend to vary from one organization to another, there are areas of consistency:

- Most organizations can define a promotion by the increase in pay, band, grade or level, or the addition of higher-level responsibilities.
- Some of the organizations have tenure requirements before an employee who was eligible for a promotion, nearly half allowed promotions right away.
- And a majority of organizations, employees are not eligible for promotional increases if they were moving laterally to a new position.
- Nearly 1 out of 5 organizations award promotions without a pay increase.

3. Pay Package

Pay Package explains 12 percentage of the variance. Payroll is a process that is guaranteed to touch every active company employee in a very tangible way, yet it is also a process where leading companies have taken a wide range of approaches to delivering payroll services. While Payroll is a process everyone has, there is no single organizational structure or sourcing option that can be regarded as an absolute best practice.

4. Work-Life Balance

Work Life balance explains 05 percentage of the variance. While creating a high-performing workforce starts with a progressive hiring process - by including problem solving, customer service, and conflict management skills as part of the selection process – it doesn't end there. Creating a culture of support and mutual respect with carefully designed programs to allow employees to balance their work responsibilities with life responsibilities can positively impact employee performance, retention, and overall engagement.

5. Recognition and Career Advancement

Recognition and career advancement explains 04 percentage of the variance. Recognition systems can have positive effect on individuals and the teams within. The degree to which they do can be debated, however some of the basic “blocking and tackling” such as simple recognition of a job well done is not always top of mind with leaders. Having a talented pool of employees is a key success factor for any organization to achieve in order to reach the highest levels of performance. Unfortunately, it is also one of the most difficult objectives to accomplish, with the demand for top-quality talent always high both inside and outside the company. Making this a top (and ongoing) priority for the senior leadership team is no small investment, but it will ultimately result in a significant contribution to the long-term success of the hotel operations.

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