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A STUDY ON PROBLEMS OF WORKING WOMEN EMPLOYEES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR COMMERCIAL BANKS IN TUTICORIN CITY

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Abstract:-Today's women must balance the family income using their prospective and skills that they acquire. Now they are the important part of economic development. They also produce employment opportunities and supply in improving family's living standard. Hence in the present study an attempt is made to examine the occupational, social and health problems faced by women employees in public sector commercial banks related to work performance.

The Stratified Random Sampling Technique has been used in order to collect the primary data. Questionnaires were distributed to a sample of 50 women employees located in Tuticorin city of Tamilnadu, working in public sector commercial banks were surveyed. The data collected were organized and subjected to descriptive (number, percentage, mean & standard deviation) and inferential statistical analysis (Chi-square test for homogeneity). The data was collected during the period September–November 2013.

Generally women employees working in the banks are facing the problems relating to health. It is inferred from the table that most of the health problems faced by women employees mainly relate to the problem of severe head ache was ranked first followed by severe backache problem. Problem of stress were ranked third, eyesight problem ranked fourth and throat related problems were ranked fifth respectively. The chi square test of significance does not show any significant association between occupational stress and opinion of the female respondents.

Keywords:Economic Development, Employment Opportunities, Occupational, Child Care, House Maintenance, Financial Freedom Social and Health Problems.

INTRODUCTION:

Women have been regarded as the nucleus of nation and builder and moulder of its future It is fact that when there is development of women, family develops, the society develops and the country develops. They are the channel of development. Time went out when Indian women are confined to four walls of their homes with their enormous power and prospective.

Now they are the significant part of economic development. They also produce employment opportunities and supply in improving family's living standard. Today's women must enhancement the family income using their potential and skills that they possess. Their skills and competencies may be sharpened and twisted by way of training. Thus, women in India, no longer need to wait for employment outside home.

The world of employment and commerce has undergone a paradigm shift in the current past. While IT uprising, globalization, liberalization, free trade etc are seen at the macro level, moving towards urbanization, demand for technical education, increased number of women in higher education and employment etc are the distinctive characteristics at the national level. One of the major costs of these changes is an increased concern for the frontier between employee work and non work lives (Hochschild, 1997).

Due to the fact that more women are joining the workforce dual career couples are becoming increasingly common (Moorhead, Steele, Alexander, Stephen and Duffin 1997). Balancing work and family roles has become an issue of concern not only for women, but also their spouses and families, organizations as well as the state (Rajadhyaksha, 2004).

The factors such as taking care of the family (Siew Kim, J.L., and Seow Kim, C. 2001), combining domestic work and

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office work leaves no time for making us fit for higher posts Parveen, S., (1984), physical strain necessitating longer hours of stay in the office (Adams, G.A., King, L.A., and King, D.W. 1996), difficulty of better judgment and quick decision-making required in higher posts (Burke, R.J. and Mattis, M. 2005), strain of frequent tours and/ field visits (Sivakumar 2010) and fear of transfer which disturbs family life and domestic peace (Azhar, R., 1978) are taken into consideration to find out the major factors curbing the desire to aspire for higher end positions in the banking hierarchy. Hence in the present study an attempt is made to examine the occupational, social and health problems faced by women employees in public sector commercial banks related to work performance in Tuticorin city of Tamilnadu. Keeping this in view the following objectives have been identified.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

To study the profile of women employees working in the public sector banks
To assess the degree of work-life balance among women employed in banking field.
To know the behaviour pattern at home and expectation from family members
To examine the problems faced by women employees in the public sector banks

METHODOLOGYAND TECHNIQUES OF ANALYSIS

For the purpose of this research both primary and secondary data have been used. Research is conducted through questionnaire method. The Stratified Random Sampling Technique has been used in order to collect the primary data. Women employees of the bank were asked to fill in the questionnaire. Structured Questionnaire was used to elicit the data required for the study. Questionnaires were distributed to a sample of 50 women employees located in Tuticorin city of Tamilnadu, working in public sector commercial banks were surveyed.

The women employees were asked about their demographic background including age, education level, marital status, and job level, year of experience, income and nature of problem. Secondary data is the data which is already published and is available through different media. It was collected through reports, books, websites, magazines, journals. The data collected were organized and subjected to descriptive (number, percentage, mean and standard deviation) and inferential statistical analysis (Chi-square test for homogeneity and Garrets ranking technique). The data was collected during the period September–November 2013.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

A total of 50 sample respondents were selected having an equal representation of 10 female employees of five public sector commercial banks from Tuticorin city, which includes State Bank of India, UCO bank, Indian bank, Central bank of India and Syndicate bank. Sample comprises of manager and Office Assistant (Group "A" and Group "B") staff of public sector commercial banks.

Table-1: Frequency distribution of Age of Respondents

| Age Group in years | No. of Respondents | Percentage |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Below 30 | 15 | 30 |
| 30-40 | 19 | 38 |
| 40-50 | 10 | 20 |
| Above 50 | 6 | 12 |
| Total | 50 | 100 |

Source: Primary Data

From percentage analysis it was found that 30% of respondents belonged to the age group below 30 years, 58% were in between 40 to 50 and 12% belonged to the age group above 50 years. As per the study middle age groups involvements is higher than that of old and young aged groups in the study area.

Table-2: Educational Qualification of the Respondents

| Qualification | No. of Respondents | Percentage |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Graduate | 30 | 60 |
| Post Graduate | 5 | 10 |
| Professionally Qualified | 15 | 30 |
| Total | 50 | 100.0 |

Source: Primary Data

Education makes a divergence in communication of opinions. About 60% of the respondents possessed graduate and about 10% had post graduate. Further, 30% remained professionally qualified.

Table-3: Marital Status

| Marital Status | No. of Respondents | Percentage |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Married | 38 | 76 |
| Single | 12 | 24 |
| Total | 50 | 100 |

Source: Primary Data

From the table, it is revealed that most of them are married (76%) and very few of the women employees are unmarried (24%).

Table-4: Frequency Distribution of Experience of Respondents

| Experience in years | No. of Respondents | Percentage |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Below 10 | 12 | 24 |
| 10-20 | 9 | 18 |
| 20-30 | 23 | 46 |
| Above 30 | 6 | 12 |
| Total | 50 | 100 |

Source: Primary Data

The experiences of employees were in the category below 10 years for 24% of the respondents; between 10 to 30 years for 64% of them and above 30 years for the rest 12% and standard deviation were about 7.4162.

Table-5: Opinion about Job Security

| Job Security | No. of Respondents | Percentage |
|--------------|--------------------|------------|
| Yes | 45 | 90 |
| No | 5 | 10 |
| Total | 50 | 100 |

Source: Primary Data

It was found out that 90% of the employees agreed about job security. The job security is well confident in public sector.

Table-6: Monthly Income of the Respondents

| Monthly Income (Rs.) | No. of Respondents | Percentage |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 10000-20000 | 2 | 4 |
| 20000-30000 | 10 | 20 |
| 30000-40000 | 5 | 10 |
| 40000-50000 | 33 | 66 |
| Total | 50 | 100 |

Source: Primary Data

The study revealed that 4% of the respondents are earning an income up to Rs.20000, 20% of the respondents are earning Rs.20000-30000 monthly, 10% of the respondents are earning Rs.30000-40000 monthly, and the others 66% of the respondents are earning Rs.40000-50000 monthly. The average monthly income of the women employees' family is Rs.37600.

Table-7: Level of balance between work and life of the respondents

| Work and Life Balance | No. of Respondents | Percentage |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Up to 15% | 7 | 14 |
| 26-50% | 12 | 24 |
| 51-75% | 23 | 46 |
| 76-100% | 8 | 16 |
| Total | 50 | 100 |

Source: Primary Data

The percentage to work and life is achieved from the bank employees in public sector banks with a help of the level of balance between work and life of the respondents. It is interesting to note that 42 respondents out of the 50 respondents balance their family up to 75% and standard deviation was about 7.32575.

Table-8: Behaviour pattern at home

| Response | No. of Respondents | Percentage |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| Always | 3 | 6 |
| Sometimes | 22 | 44 |
| Rarely | 5 | 10 |
| Never | 20 | 40 |
| Total | 50 | 100 |

Source: Primary Data

Tensions and all pressure related activities make their performance worsen to a great extent. From the above table it is clear 44 percentage women employees has a change in their behaviour pattern. It is interesting that 6% do not face such situations.

Table-9: Expectation from family members

| Expectation | No. of Respondents | Percentage |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Financial Freedom | 9 | 18 |
| House Maintenance | 13 | 26 |
| Security | 22 | 44 |
| Child Care | 6 | 12 |
| Total | 50 | 100 |

Source: Primary Data

Women employees expect different support from the family members such as child care, house maintenance, financial freedom and security. Out of 50 respondents 22 of the respondents anticipate security from their family member; 13 respondents expect house maintenance from their family members. Majority of the respondents such 44% expect security from the family members and standard deviation was about 6.95222.

Table-10: Opinion about Occupational Stress

| Occupational stress | Agree | Disagree | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|---------|
| Job is monotonous | 14(28) | 2(4) | 16(32) |
| No training is provided | 7(14) | 4(8) | 11(22) |
| No chances to utilize skill fully | 8(16) | 3(6) | 11(22) |
| Not Encouraging | 7(14) | 5(10) | 12(24) |
| Total | 36(72) | 14(28) | 50(100) |

Source: Computed from Primary Data

The respondents had agreed to the fact that they practised stress. Of the criteria, the opinion about the monotony of the job and no chance to utilize the skill fully were agreed by many respondents (28% and 16%). The chi square test of significance (χ 2=3.40, P=0.334, df=3) does not show any significant association between occupational stress and opinion of the female respondents. Hence, the significance of the results is that majority of the women public sector commercial bank employees had agreed to the fact that they experienced stress.

Table-11: Social and Other Problems faced by Women Employees

| Problems faced | Weighted Average | Rank |
|---|------------------|------|
| Lack of Interpersonal relationship at workplace | 68.4 | I |
| Being Women (Gender Discrimination) | 62.1 | II |
| Time consuming | 36.5 | VIII |
| Lack of Training | 54.5 | III |
| Overload of work | 48.6 | IV |
| Lack of family support | 41.4 | V |
| Lack of career growth | 39.2 | VII |
| Lack of Motivation | 40.1 | VI |

Source: Computed from Primary Data

It is found from the table that the problems faced by women employees mainly relate to the problem of lack of interpersonal relationship was ranked first followed by being a woman. Lack of training was ranked third, facing problems of overload of work ranked fourth. Lack of family support and motivation with their co employees were ranked fifth and sixth. Lack of career growth and also, time consuming were ranked seventh and eighth respectively.

Table-12: Health Problems faced by Women Employees

| Health Problems | Weighted Average | Rank |
|-------------------|------------------|------|
| Back ache | 45.4 | II |
| Stress | 41.4 | III |
| Eyesight Problems | 38.7 | IV |
| Head ache | 53.1 | I |
| Throat Problems | 22.5 | V |

Source: Primary Data

Generally women employees working in the banks are facing the problems relating to health. It is inferred from the table that most of the health problems faced by women employees mainly relate to the problem of severe head ache was ranked first followed by severe backache problem. Problem of stress were ranked third, eyesight problem ranked fourth and throat related problems were ranked fifth respectively.

CONCLUSION

This study shows the excellence of work life is higher in the public sector commercial bank employees. Workers in the public sector commercial bank employees are getting sufficient pay and compensation. Various policies and practices in the public sector commercial bank are implemented successfully, as a outcome safe and healthy circumstances are maintained.

There are abundant opportunities to enlarge human capacities and to have job satisfaction.

The main findings of the study illustrate that all the respondents have anguish due to personal and managerial sources. Managing the daily home activities, child care and looking after the family members are the major factors which cause suffering among the working women. The study concluded that employee's work better when they do make time for family and individual happiness.

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