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A STUDY ON CONSUMER BEHAVIOR TOWARDS **INSTANT FOOD PRODUCTS**



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ABSTRACT:

he present study made an attempt to analyze the existing buying behaviour of Instant Food product by individual households and to predict the demand for fast Food product of Hyderabad town in Andra Pradesh .All the respondents were awake to

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pickles and Sambar masala however solely fifty

six.67 per cent of respondents were awake to

Dosa/Idli combine. About 96.11 per cent shoppers of Dosa/Idli combine and over 1/2

shoppers of pickles and Sambar masala ready their own. Low value of

home preparation and variations in tastes were the main reasons for non consumption, whereas prepared

handiness and save time of preparation were t h e

explanations for intense Instant Food product. Retail retailers area unit the main supply of

data and supply of purchase of Instant Food product, the typical

monthly expenditure on Instant Food product was found to be highest in higher financial gain teams. the typical per capita purchase and per capita expenditure on Instant food product had a positive relationship with financial gain of households. High worth and poor style were the explanations for not getting explicit complete whereas highest quality, retailers influence and prepared handiness were thought of for preferring explicit complete of product by the shoppers. consumers.

KEY WORDS: Consumer, Instant foods, product mix, Households, Buying Behavior, Product Attributes, Shopping malls, market.

INTRODUCTION:

Collection of knowl edge regarding folks, together with rural folks, for govern ance and industrial functions could be a well-established activity the globe over, together with in Republic of India. Food is that the basic want of personalities. Food is any substance consumed to produce biological process support for the body, the full food production in

Republic of India is probably going to double within the next 10 years. Republic of India is one in all the world's major food producers however accounts for fewer than one.5 per cent of international food trade. fast transformation within the fashion of Indians, significantly those living in urban Republic of India, has resulted in dramatic increase within the demand for processed food. Demand for immediate food product is increasing because of increase in urbanization, calling it quits of the normal joint family system, want for quality, time that interprets into AN multiplied want for convenience, increasing range of operating ladies, rise in per capita financial gain, dynamical lifestyles and increasing level of wealth within the middle financial gain cluster had caused changes in food habits. Amount of cash spent by Indian on foods outside home has been assessed to possess quite doubled over the last 10 years to almost \$5 Billion a year and it's probably to double within the 5 years to come back. These trends entail vital growth potential for the food process business in future and, as a result, boost the attractiveness of investment during this sector. Processed product like 'chapaties', 'subzies' and portion packs of focused curries ar quick changing into regular diets, particularly for young couples. the merchandise vary includes foods like 'puri-bhaji' and 'dosa- vada'. Processed food product like pickles, chutneys, juices and curry powders have created their entry into the kitchens of most middleclass households.

The word 'food' refers to the chemical substances taken into the body so as to stay the body during a healthy and active condition. The body needs food for growth, repair and replacement of its wornout tissues. Hence, food must give the desired staple, energy and alternative regulation substances, like vitamins and for the sleek functioning of the body, besides meeting the hot necessities like carbohydrates, proteins, fats, etc., Republic of India is that the world's second largest producer of food next to China and has the potential of being biggest trade with food and agricultural sector contributive twenty six per cent to Indian GDP. it's the capability of manufacturing over 600 million heaps of food product each year; it's probably to be doubled in next 10 years. Food accounts for the most important share of client outlay. Food and food product account for concerning fifty three per cent of the worth of ultimate personal consumption. This share is considerably beyond in developed economies, wherever food and food product account for concerning twenty per cent of client outlay (www.tata.com). the typical monthly per-capita client expenditure (MPCE) was Rs. 511 for rural Republic of India, that comprised of Rs.305 for food and Rs. 206 for non-food commodities. For urban population, it is Rs. 1060, that comprised of Rs. 441 for food and Rs. 619 for non-food things. There was a decline within the share of food in total expenditure that's fifty four per cent in rural areas compared to sixty four per cent in 1987-88 and forty two per cent in urban areas compared to fifty six p.c throughout 1987-88 (National Sample Survey Organization, GOI).

In India, majority of food consumption continues to be reception. yet, out-of-home food consumption is increasing as a result of increase in urbanization, calling it quits of the standard joint family system, need for quality, time that interprets into associate magnified want for convenience, increasing variety of operating girls, rise in per capita financial gain, dynamical lifestyles and increasing level of richness within the middle financial gain cluster had caused changes in food habits. within the last 20 years, the share of urban population has magnified from twenty three.3 per cent in 1981 to twenty seven.8 p.c in 2001. throughout an equivalent amount the feminine work participation rate had magnified from nineteen.7 to 25.7 per cent. The per capita financial gain magnified from Rs.7, 328 in 1980-81 to Rs.10,306 in 2000-2001. The modification in food habits was evident from the expansion of food process industries.

INSTANT FOOD PRODUCTS

The terribly term 'instant food' suggests that easy, quick and convenient food that is straightforward and quick to arrange besides being hygienical, free from microbic contamination and

additionally convenient to eat. in contrast to past days wherever man accustomed have his food lavishly and slowly, this trend has modified the habits to foods that area unit easy and straightforward to digest. Hence, the existence of those foods consummated all the requirements of recent creature. The Instant food merchandise, that originated in Japan with Instant noodles and had its starting in Asian nation within the eighties, area unit found nowadays within the room shelves of each Indian social unit. the moment food merchandise don't seem to be solely simple to cook however even have a major role and place within the celebration of family and spiritual functions. Among the processed food section, instant food merchandise occupied a substantial shelf area in stores and super markets in Asian nation. Food firms through instant food merchandise had provided prime quality food decisions, which might are impossible even some years back. Instant food mixes fashioned a spread of food for households, being simple to use while not terminal process and girls found it terribly convenient to use. It helped them to avoid wasting time and energy and mitigated them of the tedious jobs of collection numerous ingredients, cleanup and sorting them and making ready food.

Modem homes conjointly don't provide the facilities necessary for ancient process and therefore these product gained instant acceptance. These instant mixes are often used for preparations of varied snack foods, sweets and preparations with rice.

CLASSIFICATION OF INSTANT FOODS:

Canned foods that embody canned fruits, canned vegetables and different canned merchandise Instant merchandise that embody instant mixes and instant powders

Table relishes that embody mayo, ketchups, sauces, jams, jellies, marmalades etc.,

Dairy merchandise like milk powders, dairy farm merchandise like curd, cheese, cream, dairy farm desserts, etc.,

Frozen foods

Baked products like Biscuits, cookies cakes, breads and various other bakery items.

Snack foods

Beverages

Pasta foods which include Vermicelli, noodles, macaroni, etc. ...

INDIAN FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

The food process trade in Asian nation is one in every of the biggest in terms of production, consumption, export and growth prospects. vital sub sectors in food process industries square measure fruit and vegetable process, fish-processing, milk process, meat and poultry process, packaged/convenience foods, alcoholic beverages and soft drinks and grain process. in step with Ministry of Food process Industries, the scale of the food process trade was regarding Rs.315,000 crores and enclosed Rs.99,000 large integer useful further merchandise. regarding three hundred million higher and class individuals consume processed food; two hundred million additional customers square measure expected to shift to processed food by 2010. The food process trade accounts for thirteen.5% of the country's industrial output. It generates eighteen of gross domestic product and employs regarding nineteen of the economic labour at national level. merchandise like papad, pickle and spice mixes are vastly successful in recent years. the scale of this explicit section alone is calculable at regarding Rs a hundred Crores. Rabo Asian nation Finance had projected that the Indian food process trade would increase to Rs eleven,500 billion by 2014-15. Processed merchandise like 'chapaties', 'subzies' and portion packs of focused curries square measure quick changing into

regular diets, particularly for young couples. the merchandise vary includes foods like 'puri-bhaji' and 'dosa-vada'. Processed food merchandise like pickles, chutneys, juices and curry powders had created their entry into the kitchens of most middleclass households a protracted time back. There square measure a walloping fifteen large integer middle.

class people, of that hr square measure below thirty five years — a phase that's more and more reckoning on processed foods. This throws open a perfect chance for little entrepreneurs WHO square measure eyeing this phase for creating a fortune. Over the past 5 decades, Asian country has taken big steps in manufacturing food grains, milk, fruits and vegetables. the assembly of raw food materials is calculable to price over Rs sixty,000 crore. once primary, secondary and tertiary process, the full size of the business is calculable to be as high as Rs one, 10,000 crore. This cost reflects the opportunities that food-processing business offers to the economy as an entire and entrepreneurs in individual. product targeted towards kids and young adults and product business to those that lead a quick contemporary life. Realizing the otential and so as to produce additional boost, the govt. has exempted from excise duty for milk, ice cream, preparations of meat, fish and poultry, pectins, food and yeast. Further, excise duty on bound ready-to-eat packaged foods is reduced to eight from Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire. the full exports of Indian food process business had augmented by concerning 3 times to Rs.53,000 crores in 2003-04, from Rs.17, 600 crores in 2002-03. Considering the larger potential for food process business in Asian country, government had committed to encourage varied activities for the event of this sector. Indian government had been giving importance to the food-processing sector, by approach of commercial enterprise incentives to encourage commercialisation and price addition of agricultural turn out, for minimizing pre/post harvest wastage, generating employment and export growth. the govt. gave five-year tax vacation for brand spanking new food process units in fruits and vegetable process. From 2000-01 to 2006-07 Government had conjointly approved proposals for joint ventures; foreign collaboration, industrial licenses associated a hundred per cent export minded units envisaging an investment of Rs.19,100 crores throughout 2002-03. Out of this, foreign investment was over Rs. 9100 crores.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The specific objectives of the study were; i. To study the extent of awareness towards Instant Food Products, ii. To analyze factors influencing the buying behaviour of Instant Food Products,

LIMITATION OF THE STUDY

This study was supported primary information collected from sample shoppers by survey methodology. As several of the shoppers stocked with the desired info from their memory and knowledge, the collected information would be subjected to recall bias. The study space was restricted to solely in populated area of province and therefore the findings might not be applicable to different markets, as huge variations exist among the shoppers with reference to demographic and psychographics characteristics. Hence, the findings of the study is also thought of applicable for the things kind of like study space and further care ought to be taken whereas generalizing the results.

AWARENESS OF CONSUMERS

1) That the requirement for effective organic process education for young customers has become progressively apparent, given their general food habits and behavior, notably throughout adolescence and analyzed that the interaction between young consumers' food preferences and their organic process awareness behaviour, at intervals 3 environments (home, college and social). The results

indicated that the perceived dominance of home, college and social interaction seems to be somewhat overshadowed by the young customers, whereas developing AN 'independence' attribute, notably throughout the adolescent years. The authors instructed that food preferences area unit usually of a 'fast food' kind and consequently the food habits of the many young customers might fuel the consumption of poorly nutritionally balanced meals. whereas young customers were tuned in to healthy ingestion, their food preference behavior failed to continually seem to mirror such data, notably at intervals the college and social environments.

- 2) To produce awareness of high fat content of pies, studied client and producer awareness concerning nutrition labeling on packaging. For this, seven leading pie brands were analyzed for fat content and square measure ranged from seven.1 to 19.2% fat. Potato topped or house pies had very cheap fat content (7.1-9.2% fat). Most pies failed to show biological process labeling on packaging. Over half the customers (52%) World Health Organization gone through the survey (42% response rate) were conscious of the campaign. The study was triple-crown at raising client awareness concerning the high fat content of pies and influencing the food surroundings with a bigger convenience of lower fat pies. it's attainable to supply acceptable lower fat pies and food firms ought to be inspired to form tiny changes to the fat content of food product like pies. Potato topped pies square measure lower in fat and square measure wide offered. Regular pie eaters may well be inspired to pick these as a lower fat possibility.
- 3) The shopping for behavior is immensely influenced by awareness and angle towards the merchandise. industrial advertisements over tv was aforesaid to be the foremost necessary supply of data, followed by displays in stores. shoppers do build opinion a few complete on the idea of that numerous product options play a vital role in higher cognitive {process} process. an oversized range of respondents set stress on quality and felt that value is a vital issue whereas the others hooked up importance to image of manufacturer

FACTORS INFLUENCING CONSUMPTION

- 1) There is complete agreement between ranking given by the housewives and dealing girls relating to the explanations promoting them to shop for Instant food product. Age, occupation, education, family size and annual financial gain had abundant influence on the per capita expenditure of the moment food product.
- 2)The factors influencing adolescents' fish consumption at school. Fish consumption was assessed by observation on four occasions. Attitudes towards the fish, friends' behavior and perceived management were vital predictors of the intention to eat fish and barriers for fish consumption were a negative angle towards each smell and accompaniments and concern of finding bones. however the eaters of fish were additional glad with the style, texture and look of the fish and rated safety considerably over those that resisted. They additionally thought to a bigger extent that the fish was healthy and ready with care. The results urged that, it's vital to change dishes in order that they attractiveness to kids and to listen to the entire meal, accompaniments enclosed. Finally it had been suggested to convey the pupils that the fish served would be healthy and ready with care.
- 3)A study on complete preference of soppy drinks in rural state, mistreatment Garrets ranking technique, to rank factors influencing the soft drinks most well-liked by rural shopper. They found that, the merchandise quality was graded as initial, followed by retail value. smart quality and convenience were the most factors, that influenced the agricultural shoppers of a selected complete of a product.
- 4)Buying behaviour is incredibly abundant influenced by expertise of their own and of neighbour shoppers and his family. The involvements of his family members were exerting most influence on his

purchases. Above all, the standard of the merchandise and its simple availableness were the first and also the very important determinants of his shopping for behaviour. shoppers were influenced by bit and feel facet of any promotional activity.

5) The modification in consumption pattern was attributable to changes in food habits. If financial gain and urbanization increase among customers, the proportion of financial gain spent on consumption will increase. The urban customers most well-liked largely branded product compared to rural customers. the foremost vital factors influencing shopping for choices were accessibility, quality, regular offer, door delivery and therefore the mode of payment.

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