THEORY OF MOTIVATION

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DEFINITION AND NEED OF MOTIVATION

- Certain workers generally come late, take more sick leave or produce low quality products-perhaps they are less motivated or not motivated at all as compared to other workers.
- Motivation is the means or inducements which inspire or impel a person to intensify his willingness to use his capabilities and potentialities for achieving goals of the organisation in which he works.
- Behind motivation is mainly the psychological force: physical or physiological factors exert comparatively lesser influence.
- Motivation moves an individual into action and urges him to work with sincerity and loyality.
- Motivation of workers is very important when supervisor wants to get things accomplished by them at right time, in right quantity and of right quality
- Workers not properly motivated may not mentally accept the orders or direction with the result that the company goals may not be achieved effectively and efficiently.

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE MOTIVATION

- **Positive motivation** adds to an individual's existing set of satisfaction, e.g.
 - A better and more responsible job
 - Higher wages, etc
- **Negative motivation** influences the behaviour of an individual through a threatened loss e.g.
 - Fear of losing one's person job
 - Reduced wages, etc.

FACTOR AFFECTING MOTIVATION

(a) Factors leading primarily towards motivation

- 1. Achievement: Personal satisfaction in job completion and problem solving.
- 2. Advancements: Promotion to higher job/level
- 3. Growth: Learning mew skills which will offer greater possibility for advancement.
- 4. Recognition: Acknowledgement of a job done well.
- 5. Responsibility and authority in relation to one's job.

FACTOR AFFECTING MOTIVATION

(b) Factors leading primarily towards dissatisfaction

- 1. Company policy and Administration: Feelings about the inadequate of company organisation and management, policies and procedure.
- 2. Job security: Tenure, company stability or instability.
- 3. Interpersonal relations: relation with supervisors, subordinates and peers.
- 4. Salary: pay and fringe benefits.
- 5. Status: size of office, private secretary, air conditioner etc.
- 6. Supervision: competency or technical ability of supervision.
- 7. Working conditions: Physical environment associated with the job.
- 8. Personal life: Personal factors which affect the job.

MOTIVATIONAL TECHNIQUES

- Praise the workers and give them credit for all good works done by them.
- Take a sincere interest in subordinates as individual persons.
- Promote healthy competition among the individual employees.
- Find ways to develop and utilise the appeal of pride in or about the workplace.Let the subordinates feel pride in work or in job accomplishment.
- Delegate the substantial amount or responsibility to the subordinates.
- Fix fair wages and monetary individuals or group incentives for the employees.
- Formulate a suitable suggestion system.
- If possible permit employee's participation in management matters.
- Provide opportunity for growth and promotion.
- Promote good and satisfying interpersonal relationships at work and outside.
- Promote good working condition.
- Formulate fair, clear, firm and consistent management policies.

MOTIVATIONAL TECHNIQUES

Beside the above mentioned positive motivating tools, there are few negative motivational technique also e.g.

- 1. Repyramid
- 2. Fines
- 3. Demotions
- 4. Lay off
- 5. Discharge.