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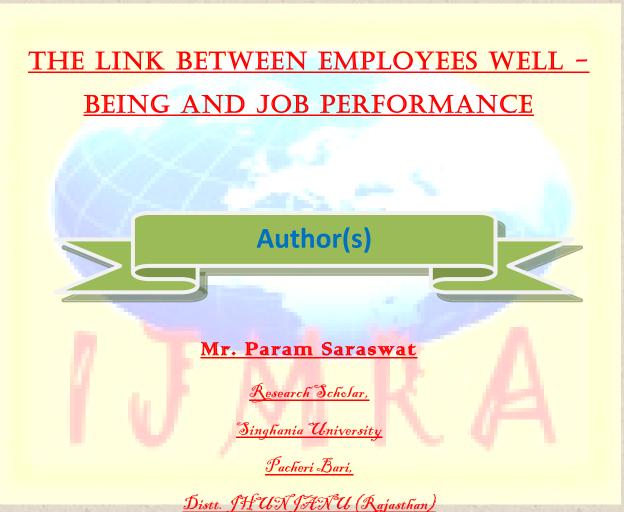
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#### **Abstract:**

The present world is fast changing and there are lots of pressures and demands at work. These pressures at work lead to physical disorders. Stress refers to individual's reaction to a disturbing factor in the environment. It is an adaptive response to certain external factor or situation or what can be called environmental stimuli as reflected in an opportunity, constraint, or demand the outcome of which is uncertain but important. In short stress is a response to an external factor that results in physical, emotional, behavioral deviations in a person. Stress is an all pervading modern phenomenon that takes a heavy toll of human life. Different situations and circumstances in our personal life and in our job produce stress. Those can be divided into factors related to the organization and factors related to the person which include his experience and personality traits. Job related factors are work overload, time pressures, poor quality of supervision, insecure political climate, role conflict and ambiguity, difference between company values and employee values. Person related factors are death of spouse, or of a close friend, family problems, change to a different line of work, prolonged illness in the family, change in social activities, eating habits.

**Keywords:** Work Stress, Job Performance, Job Related Factors, Employee Values.

#### **Introduction:**

The word stress is derived from a Latin word "stringere", meaning to draw tight. From the view point of physical sciences, the phenomena of stress are evident in all materials when they are subjected to "force, pressure, strain or strong-front". Every material steel, rock or wood has its own limit up to which it can withstand stress without being damaged. Similarly human beings can tolerate certain level of stress. Stress is highly individualistic in nature. Some people have high levels of stress tolerance for stress and thrive very well in the face of several stressors in the environment. In fact, some individuals will not perform well unless they experience a level of stress which activates and energizes then to put forth their best results.

For every individual there is an optimum level of stress under which he or she will perform to full capacity. If the stress experience is below the optimum level, then the individual gets bored, the motivational level of work reaches a low point and it results to careless mistakes,



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forgetting to do things and thinking of things other than work during work hours and also leads to absenteeism which may ultimately lead to turnover. If on the other hand, stress experience is above the optimum level, it leads to too many conflicts with the supervisor or leads to increase of errors, bad decisions and the individual may experience insomnia, stomach problems, and psychosomatic illness.

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#### **DEFINITION:**

Stress in individual is defined as any interference that disturbs a persons' healthy mental and physical well being. It occurs when the body is required to perform beyond its normal range of capabilities.

Stress is the way that you react physically, mentally and emotionally to various conditions, changes and demands in your life. High levels of stress can affect your physical and mental well being and performance.



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The results of stress are harmful to individuals, families, society and organizations, which can suffer from "organization stress". Ivancevich and Matteson define stress as individual with the environment.

Behr and Newman define job stress as "a condition arising from the interaction of people and their jobs and characterized by changes within people that force them to deviate from their normal functioning".

Stress is a dynamic condition, which an individual is confronted with an opportunity, constraint or demand related to what he or she desires and for which the outcome is perceived to be both uncertain and important. Stress is associated with constraints and demands. The former prevent you from doing what you desire, the latter refers to the loss of something desired.

Stress is highest for those individuals who perceive that they are uncertain as to whether they will win or lose and lowest for those individuals who think that winning or losing is certainty.

Canadian physician Hans Selye (1907-1982) in his book the stress of life 1956 popularized the idea of stress. According to Selye, the General Adaptation Syndrome consists of three phases.

Alarm Reaction: The first is the alarm phases. Here the individual mobilizes to meet the threat. The alarm reaction has two phases. The first phases includes in initial "stock shock phase" in which defensive mechanism become active. Alarm reaction is characterized by autonomous excitability; adrenaline discharges; increase heart rate, ulceration. Depending on the nature & intensity of the threat and the condition of the organization the period of resistance varies and the severity of symptoms may differ from "mild invigoration" to "disease of adaptation".

**Resistance:** The second is the phase of resistance. The individual attempts to resist or cope with the threat. Maximum adaptation occurs during this stage. The bodily signs characteristic of the alarm reaction disappear. It the stress persist, or the defensive reaction proves ineffective, it may overwhelm the body resources. Depleted of energy, the body enters the phase of third.

**Exhaustion:** Adaptation energy is exhausted. Sings of the alarm reaction reappear, and the resistance level begins to define irreversibly. The organism collapses.

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#### Research Methodology:

The proposed study is based upon primary as well secondary data. In the collection of primary data a questionnaire used for 300 employees in different industries on random sampling basis, which contained all necessary information needed for effectiveness and relevancy of research. Secondary data is collected from various government and non-government organization Graph and charts has been used for effectual presentation of data.

#### Objectives of the study:

- To undergo an in-depth study about the cause of stress among the employees of various industry.
- To find out the level and kind of stress among the employees of different age groups.
- To study about the effects of stress on employees performance.

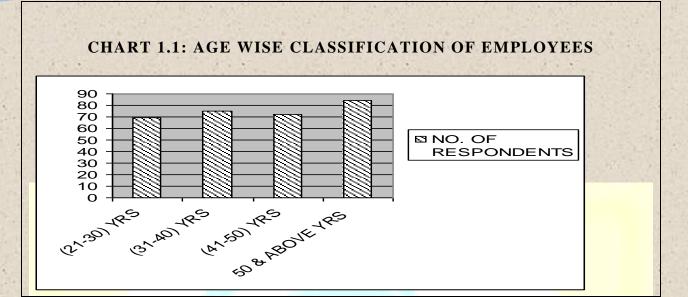
#### **DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATIONS:**

**Table 1.1: AGE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES** 

AGE	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
(21-30) YRS	69	23%
(31-40) YRS	75	25%
(41-50) YRS	72	24%
50 & ABOVE YRS	84	28%
Total	300	100%



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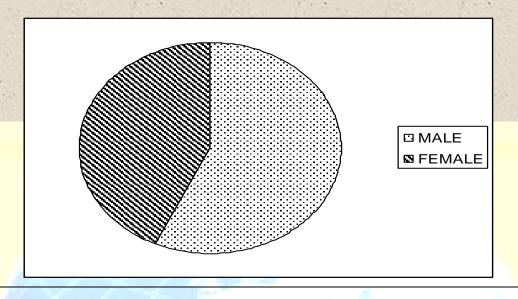
It is observed from the survey that 25% of the respondents are between (31-40) yrs, 24% of the respondents are between (41-50) yrs, 28% of the respondents are above 50 years and 23% of the respondents are between (21-30) yrs.

TABLE 1.2: GENDER WISE CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES

GENDER	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
MALE	171	57%
FEMALE	129	43%
Total	300	100%



#### **CHART 1.2: GENDER WISE CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES**



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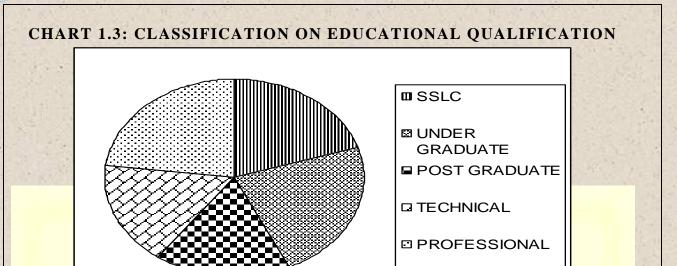
As the total sample size is 300 employees and out of which 171 male and 129 female. It is found from the survey that 57% of the respondents are male and 43% of the respondents are female.

TABLE 1.3: CLASSIFICATION ON EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATION	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
SSLC	60	20%
UNDER GRADUATE	69	23%
POST GRADUATE	51	17%
TECHNICAL	51	17%
PROFESSIONAL	69	23%
Total	300	100%







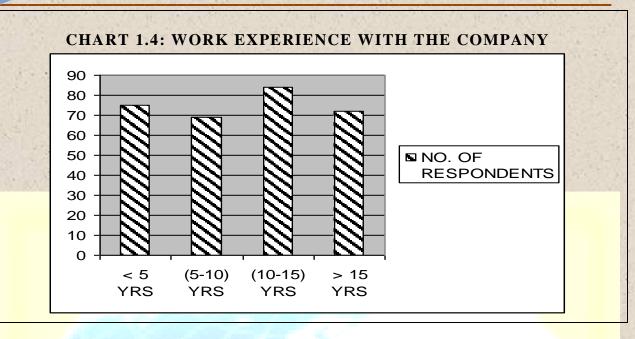
It is evident from the survey that 69% of the respondents are professionally qualified, 23% of the respondents have graduation, 17% of the respondents have post graduation and technically qualified, 20% of the respondents have only done finished SSLC.

TABLE 1.4: WORK EXPERIENCE WITH THE COMPANY

ATTRIBUTES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
< 5 YRS	75	25%
(5-10) YRS	69	23%
(10-15) YRS	84	28%
> 15 YRS	72	24%
TOTAL	300	100%







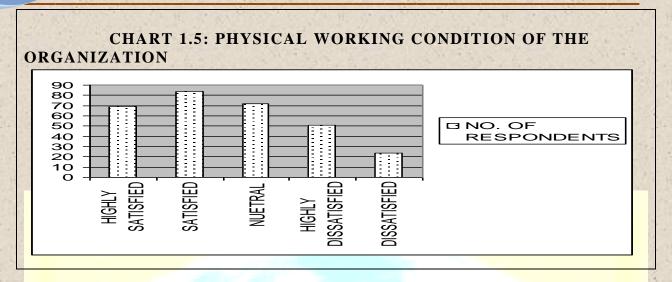
It is found from the survey that 24% of the respondents have more than 15 years of experience, 23% of the respondents have (5-10) yrs of experience and 28% of the respondents have their experience between (10-15) yrs remaining 24% of the respondents have less than 5 years of experience.

TABLE 1.5: PHYSICAL WORKING CONDITION OF THE ORGANIZATION

SATISFACTION	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
HIGHLY SATISFIED	69	23%
SATISFIED	84	28%
NUETRAL	72	27%
HIGHLY DISSATISFIED	51	17%
DISSATISFIED	24	8%
TOTAL	300	100%







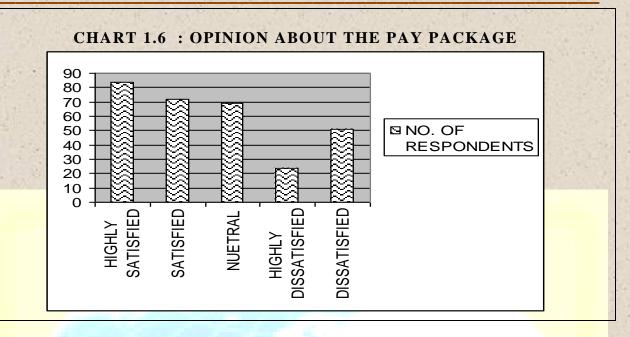
It is found from the survey that more than half of the respondents (28%) are satisfied with the physical working condition of the organization. 27% of the respondents are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with the physical working condition of the organization, 23% of the respondents are highly satisfied with the physical working condition of the organization, 17% of the respondents are highly dissatisfied with physical condition provided and 8% respondents are dissatisfied with physical working condition of the organization.

TABLE 1.6: OPINION ABOUT THE PAYPACKAGE PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZATION

SATISFACTION	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
HIGHLY SATISFIED	84	28%
SATISFIED	72	24%
NUETRAL	69	23%
HIGHLY DISSATISFIED	24	8%
DISSATISFIED	51	17%
TOTAL	300	100%





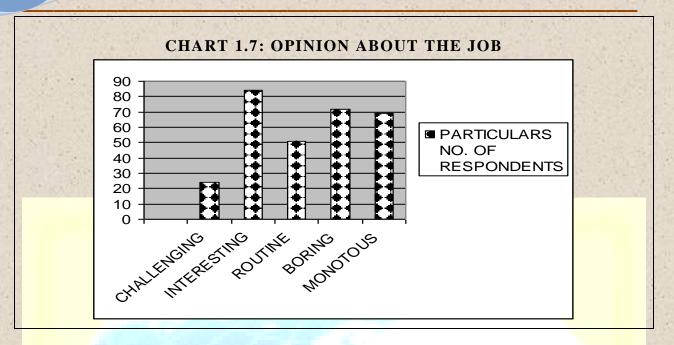


It is evident from the survey that 28% of the employees are highly satisfied with the pay scale provided, 24% of the respondents are satisfied with their pay scale, 23% of them are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 8% of them are highly dissatisfied, and 17% of the respondents are dissatisfied with the pay scale provided.

TABLE 1.7: OPINION ABOUT THE JOB

PARTICULARS	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
CHALLENGING	24	8%
INTERESTING	84	28%
ROUTINE	51	17%
BORING	72	24%
MONOTOUS	69	23%
TOTAL	300	100%



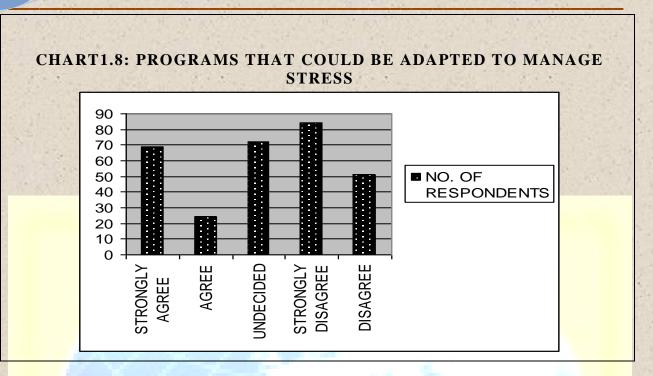


It is observed from the survey that 28% of the respondents feel the job interesting, 24% of them feel it boring, 17% of the respondent feel it routine, 23% of them feel it boring and 8% of them feel it challenging.

TABLE 1.8: OPINION ABOUT THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK AT
THE SPECIFIED TIME

SATISFACTION	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
STRONGLY AGREE	69	23%
AGREE	24	8%
UNDECIDED	72	24%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	84	28%
DISAGREE	51	17%
TOTAL	300	100%





It is found from the survey that 23% of them strongly agree that they can complete the work at time, 8 % of them agree that they can complete work at time, 24% of them have no idea, 28% of them strongly disagree that they cannot complete the work in time, 17% of them disagree that they cannot finish the work in time.

#### FINDINGS:

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