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Production Management: Analysis and Significance

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ABSTRACT:

A study of production management, a field that concentrates on organising, coordinating, and managing production processes to guarantee effective and efficient production of commodities. It examines important theories and methods of production management, including lean manufacturing, inventory control, and production planning. The importance of production management in resource optimisation, cost containment, and productivity enhancement is examined in the research. This study will analyse production management in order to shed light on its strategic significance and realworld applications in contemporary manufacturing operations.

KEYWORDS:

Inventory Management, Lean Manufacturing, Production Managemejnt, Production Planning, Quality Control.

I. INTRODUCTION

Production/operations management is the process of combining and transforming diverse resources employed in the organization's production/operations subsystem into valueadded products/services in a regulated way in accordance with the organization's rules. As a result, it ispart of an organization dealing with transforming a variety of inputs into the needed products/services with the required quality level.Production management refers to the collection of interconnected management tasks involved in the manufacture of certain products. When this notion is applied to service management, the appropriate collection of management tasks is referred to as operations management.During the 1930s to the 1950s, the term production management became accepted. Managers developed approaches centred on socioeconomic efficiency in production as F.W. Taylor's publications became more generally known. Employees were meticulously analyses in order to reduce inefficient efforts and achieve improved efficiency. Simultaneously, psychologists, socialists, and others. Other social scientists started to investigate individuals and human behavior in the workplace. Moreover, economists, mathematicians, and computational socialists added more advanced analytical methodologies. Two significant alterations in our perspectives arise with the 1970s. The most visible of these, as reflected in the new term operations management, was a change in the economy's service and manufacturing sectors. As the service sector gained prominence, the shift from 'production' to 'operations' highlighted the expansion of our area to include service firms. The second, more appropriate adjustment was the beginning of a focus in management methods on synthesis rather than merely analysis[1].

Concept of Production

The production function is the component of an organisation that is concerned with converting a variety of inputs into the appropriate outputs products of the required quality level.Production is described as the stepbystep conversion from one form of material into another form by a chemical or mechanical process in order to generate or improve the usefulness of the product to the consumer. As a result,

production is a valueadded process (Figure. 1). There will be value addition at each level of processing.Edwood Buffa describes production as the process of creating commodities and services.Manufacturing custommade items such as boilers with a certain capacity, building flats, some structural fabrication works for chosen clients, etc., and producing standardized products such as vehicle, bus, motorcycle, radio, television, and so on are instances of production.

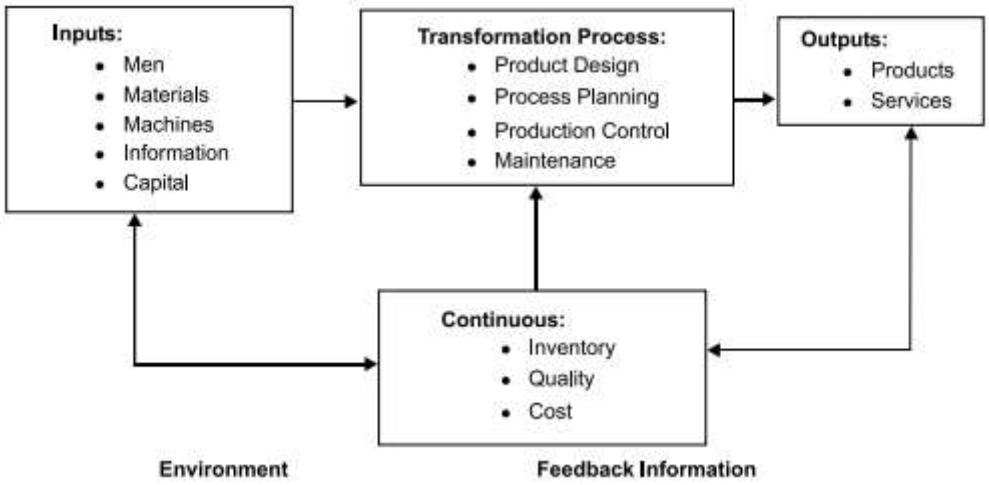

Figure 1: Represent the Schematic production system[Blogfa].

Production System

An organization's production system is the component that creates the organization's goods. It is the activity in which resources moving within a specified system are merged and changed in a regulated way to generate value in line with management's policies. Above is a simple manufacturing system.The following qualities characterise the production system:

- **i.** Since manufacturing is a planned activity, every production system has a goal.
- **ii.** The system converts numerous inputs into usable outputs.
- **iii.** It does not work independently of the other organisational structure.
- **iv.** There is feedback on the activities, which is necessary for controlling and improving system performance.

Classification of Production System

Job Shop Production

Job shop production is distinguished by the creation of a single or small number of items planned and manufactured to the specifications of clients within a certain time and cost. This is distinguished by its modest volume and wide range of items.A work shop is made up of general purpose machinery that are organised into several divisions. Each work has its own set of technical needs, which must be processed on equipment in a certain order.

Characteristics

1. When there is a high diversity of items and a low volume, the jobshop manufacturing method is used.
2. Make use of allpurpose machinery and facilities.
3. Extremely trained operators who see each task as a challenge due of its uniqueness.
4. A large stock of materials, tools, and components.
5. Extensive planning is required to sequence the needs of each product, the capacity of each work centre, and order priority.

Advantages

The following are the benefits of work shop production:

1. A wide range of items may be manufactured due to general purpose machinery and facilities.
2. Since each task provides possibilities for learning, operators will grow more proficient and competent.
3. Operators' full potential may be realised.
4. There is room for unique ways and fresh ideas.

Limitations

The following are the constraints of job shop production:

1. Increased costs as a result of frequent setup modifications.
2. More inventory at all levels, resulting in greater inventory costs.
3. Production planning is difficult.
4. More room is required.

Batch Production

The American Production and Inventory Control Society APICS defines batch production as a kind of manufacturing in which the work moves through the functional departments in lots or batches, and each lot may have a distinct routing. It is distinguished by the production of a restricted amount of items at regular intervals and stockpiled for future sales[2], [3].

Characteristics

The batch manufacturing method is utilised in the following situations:

1. When manufacturing runs are shorter.
2. When the plant and equipment are adaptable.
3. When a plant and equipment setup is employed to produce an item in a batch and a change in setup is necessary to process the following batch.
4. When the lead time and cost of manufacturing are lower than those of job order production.

Mass Production

Mass production refers to the continuous manufacture of discrete pieces or assemblies.The high volume of production justifies this manufacturing strategy. Machines are set up in a line or product configuration. Standardization of products and processes exists, and all outputs follow the same route.

Characteristics

In the following conditions, mass production is used:

1. Product and process sequence standardization.
2. Specialty machines with larger production capabilities and output rates.
3. A large number of items.
4. Reduced manufacturing cycle time.
5. Reduce process inventory.
6. Lines of production that are well balanced.
7. The flow of materials, components, and parts is constant and uninterrupted.
8. It is simple to plan and oversee production.

Continuous Production

Production facilities are organised in accordance with the sequence of manufacturing activities, beginning with the initial operations and ending with the final product. Material handling equipment such as conveyors, transfer devices, and so on are used to move the things through the sequence of

processes.Production management is the process of planning, coordinating, directing, and regulating the operations of the production function. It integrates and converts diverse resources employed in the organization's production subsystem into valueadded product in a regulated way in accordance with the organization's policies.Production management, according to E.S. Buffa, deals with decision making connected to production processes such that the resultant products or services are produced according to specifications, in the volume and by the schedule needed, and at the lowest possible cost.

Objectives of Production Management

The goal of production management is to create products and services of the correct quality and quantity at the right time and at the right manufacturing cost.6

Good quality

The product's quality is determined by the demands of the consumer. The best quality is not always the best quality. It is defined by the product's pricing and the technical attributes that are appropriate for the particular needs.

The Appropriate Quantity

The manufacturing company should manufacture the appropriate amount of items. If they are produced in excess of demand, capital will be trapped in the form of inventory, and if they are created insufficiently, there will be a product scarcity.

The Perfect Time

Timeliness of delivery is a key criterion for evaluating the success of the production department. To attain its goal, the manufacturing department must make the best use of its input resources.

Appropriate Manufacturing Cost

Manufacturing costs are determined before the product is produced. As a result, all efforts should be taken to create the items at predetermined costs in order to decrease the fluctuation between real and standard preestablished costs.Operations management is primarily concerned with resource utilisation, that is, getting the most out of resources while minimising their loss, underutilization, or waste. The degree of resource use may be described in terms of the fraction of available time utilised or occupied, space utilisation, activity rates, and so on. Each metric represents the amount to which such resources' potential or capability is used. This is known as the resource utilisation goal.

Operations management is also concerned with providing acceptable customer service and maximising resource use. An improvement in one will often result in a deterioration in the other. While both cannot always be maximised, a sufficient performance on both must be obtained. All operations management tasks must be undertaken with these two goals in mind, and many challenges will be encountered by operations managers as a result of this conflict. As a result, operations managers must seek to strike a compromise between these fundamental goals[4]–[6].The two goals of operations management The sort of balance formed between and among these core aims will be modified by market concerns, competitors, the organization's strengths and limitations, and so on. As a result, when these goals are established, operations managers should contribute.

Managing Global Operations

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1. To learn and apply the following principles, as well as those relevant to global operations, supply chain, logistics, and so on.
2. From various viewpoints, correlate global historical events with major drivers in global business.
3. To provide criteria for conceptualising and evaluating various worldwide operations.
4. To relate stories of global success and failure to political, social, economic, and technical settings.
5. To anticipate global operations trends.

To create a knowledge of the global view, regardless of their nation of origin, residency, or studies, in a respectful manner of individuals of various races, studies, preferences, religion, political affiliation, place of origin, and so on[10], [11].

Scope of Production

Production and operations management are concerned with the conversion of inputs into outputs via the use of physical resources in order to offer the required utilities to the customer while also satisfying the other organisational goals of effectiveness, efficiency, and adaptability. It separates itself from other activities like as people, marketing, finance, and so on by focusing on 'conversion via the use of physical resources.' The actions covered under production and operations management functions are as follows:

1. Facility location.
2. Plant layout and material handling.
3. Product development.
4. Process development.
5. Production and planning control.
6. Material management.
7. Quality control Management of maintenance.

II. CONCLUSION

Inventory management is another essential aspect of production management. In order to fulfil consumer demand and reduce inventory holding costs, it entails managing the availability of raw materials, workinprogress, and completed items. Justintime JIT and economic order quantity EOQ are two examples of efficient inventory management techniques that optimise inventory levels and speed up production.Working in this role might also lead to other profitable chances. As a product manager, you may advance to higher-level management and administrative positions such as Senior Product Manager, Director of Product, Vice President of Product, and Chief Product Officer.

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