Potential Effectiveness of Quality Tools and Techniques to Implement Total Quality Management (TQM) framework in Ready -Made Garment (RMG) Manufacturing Industries in Bangladesh

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Background and problem discussion: This study is a research program on the implementation of Total Quality Management (TQM) framework in the readymade garments (RMG) manufacturing industries detailing the order in which quality tools and techniques should be implemented. The inclusive aim of this study is to determine whether and how the application of Total Quality Management (TQM) practices (i.e. key factors) can improve organizational and quality performance in the readymade (RMG) garments manufacturing industries. There is a reason to believe that TQM can be and is a viable approach for improving productivity and performance in this sector, while readymade garments industries are facing many problems in producing quality garments, reducing scrap-rework, minimising lead production time and prevailing proper environment.

Purpose: The ultimate purpose of this research study is to implement TQM framework so as to develop quality performances within the ready-made garments (RMG) industries in Bangladesh by analysing, various quality tools, techniques and TQM approaches.

Method: A questionnaire survey i.e. following quantitative data analysis is being adopted. Primary data is collected from the readymade garments (RMG) companies by self-designed questionnaires, and analysed through statistical software i.e. SPSS and AMOS. Secondary data is to be collected from articles, journals, various ministry website of Bangladesh and related online resources.

Theory: The theory section looks at different concepts of quality as defined and viewed by various authors. Also the basic definitions, discussion, benefits, justification and hindrances of TQM implementation is to be reviewed.

Data analysis: Researcher uses SPSS & AMOS (for SEM) software to measure the various tests for data analysis, such as: reliability and validity, descriptive statistics, frequency distribution, p-test, chi-square, Ordinal Logic Method (OLM), confirmatory factor analysis, factor loading, average variance extracted, discriminant validity tests to find out proper findings.

Conclusion: The research findings are to establish the benefits that ensure the implementation of TQM. It seems that TQM is an indispensable strategic tool, RMG industries can employ in the quest to remain competitive through quality performances.

Keywords: TQM (Total Quality Management), RMG (readymade garments) industries, Quality Performance, productivity, SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Science), AMOS for SEM (Structural Equation Modelling).

Biography

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Member Practitioner-CQI, IMechE (U.K), IEB (Bangladesh), Member-AOM, (USA)
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An accomplished and experienced Mechanical Engineer with a major focus on manufacturing management, procurement, and tender process ,and technical operations. Possess hands-on experience in highly competitive real pressure in a mechanical engineering and production-based environment with managerial skills. Capable of thriving under a high-pressure working environment to achieve uphill goals. .Well organized and result oriented individual with proven ability to implement standards. Interested in engaging Operations and Management, Sales purposes job. Mr. Habib joined as an Assistant Engineer, promoted Executive Engineer. I had served at Production Control Department (PCD), Mold making shop and Machine & Tool shop in BITAC (Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Center) Dhaka, a leading and pioneer mechanical based Industrial Engineering organization and an advanced training center. Mr. Habib has successfully completed few advance technical training.

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- Expertise in Lean Manufacturing and Continuous Improvement; Project Management including Benefits Management Realisation and Quality Management and Systems.
- Lean in higher education.
- Special interest in Programme and Project Management of Change projects.

Desired research direction
- Linking Programme and Project Management with Continuous improvement approaches for sustainability.