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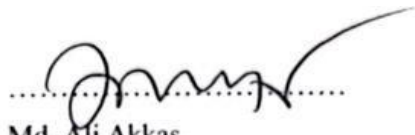
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Executive Summary

This investigation enquires the contemporary Human Resource Management (HRM) practices employed within premier multinational and indigenous corporations operating in Bangladesh. Additionally, it undertakes a comparative inquiry into these practices across the two distinct organizational categories. The study endeavors to elucidate and juxtapose the HRM methodologies embraced by multinational conglomerates and homegrown enterprises in the Bangladeshi business milieu. For a specific purpose, a careful selection process was undertaken, identifying ten multinational corporations (MNCs) along with local enterprises. These selections were based on a comprehensive array of human resource management (HRM) variables, covering areas such as recruitment and selection, training and development, compensation and benefits, employee engagement and retention, performance appraisal, talent management, workplace health and safety, among others. Furthermore, a detailed analysis was conducted, delving into various sub-variables within each HRM aspect.

The research methodology involved subjecting these variables to rigorous statistical scrutiny to ascertain their significance as contributing factors. Various statistical measurements were employed to gauge the extent to which these variables impact overall performance. The outcomes of this analytical process proved to be groundbreaking, as they revealed insights that were previously unexplored. These findings were presented through comprehensive assessments, shedding light on the intricacies of HRM practices within the selected companies. Subsequently, the research delved deeper into the identification of existing problems within the realm of performance appraisal practices. By thoroughly examining the data and drawing comparisons across the selected enterprises, critical issues were uncovered. These issues ranged from inconsistencies in evaluation criteria to disparities in performance feedback mechanisms. Moreover, the research did not stop at identifying problems; it also endeavored to provide viable solutions and recommendations. By synthesizing the findings and drawing upon best practices in the field of HRM, actionable recommendations were formulated. These recommendations aimed to address the identified limitations in performance appraisal practices effectively. On the whole, this research represents a significant contribution to the understanding and enhancement of HRM practices in both multinational corporations and local enterprises. By adopting a comprehensive approach that encompasses multiple variables and sub-variables, coupled with robust statistical analysis, the research offers valuable insights into the intricate dynamics of HRM. Furthermore, by offering practical recommendations, it seeks to bridge the gap between theory and practice, paving the way for more effective and efficient HRM strategies in the corporate world.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

HRM – Human Resource Management

MNC – Multinational Company

PA – Performance Appraisal

MBO – Management by Objectives

KPI – Key Performance Indicator

BARS – Behaviorally Anchored Rating Scales

T&D – Training & Development

R&D – Research & Development

HSE – Health, Safety, & Environment

SHE – Safety, Health, & Environment

BAT – British American Tobacco

PPE – Personal Protective Equipment

SOP – Standard Operating Procedure

LIST OF CRYPTIC TERMS

Recency Error: The tendency to focus disproportionately on an employee's most recent performance, overlooking earlier accomplishments or challenges.

Central Tendency Error: A bias where an evaluator tends to assign average ratings to all employees, regardless of individual performance variations, leading to undifferentiated assessments.

Leniency Error: Occurs when an evaluator consistently rates all employees higher than their actual performance warrants, often out of a desire to avoid confrontation or deliver positive feedback.

Halo Effect: The phenomenon where a single positive or negative trait influences the overall evaluation of an individual's performance, overshadowing a more comprehensive assessment.

Contrast Error: A bias arising when an employee's performance is judged relative to the performance of others rather than against predefined criteria, potentially leading to inconsistent evaluations.

Similarity Error: Occurs when an evaluator gives preferential treatment to employees who share similar characteristics or traits, influencing the assessment process.

Horn Effect: The opposite of the halo effect, where a single negative trait disproportionately influences the overall performance evaluation, potentially overshadowing positive aspects.

Spillover Effect: When an evaluator allows perceptions of an employee's past performance to unjustly influence the assessment of their current performance, irrespective of the actual achievements or improvements.

360-degree Appraisal: Involves gathering feedback from multiple sources, such as peers, subordinates, supervisors, and self-assessment, to provide a comprehensive evaluation of an individual's performance.

Essay Appraisal: A subjective method of performance evaluation where the appraiser writes a detailed narrative describing an employee's strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement.

Rating Scales: A method of performance appraisal where the appraiser assigns a numerical value or score to specific behaviours or traits exhibited by the employee.

Checklist: An appraisal method that involves assessing the presence or absence of specific behaviours or characteristics on a predetermined list.

Forced Choice Method: An appraisal technique where the appraiser selects the most appropriate statements from a set of predetermined pairs, often used to minimize bias.

Critical Incident Method: A performance appraisal method that involves documenting specific instances of exemplary or deficient behaviour for later review and assessment.

Field Review Method: A performance appraisal method where feedback is collected from individuals who interact regularly with the employee, such as colleagues, clients, or customers.

Performance Tests & Observations: Evaluation based on the actual performance of tasks or activities relevant to the job, often accompanied by direct observation by the appraiser.

Behaviourally Anchored Rating Scales (BARS): An appraisal method that combines elements of rating scales and critical incident techniques by describing specific behaviours relevant to the job and assigning them numerical ratings.

Ranking Method: An appraisal technique where employees are ranked from best to worst based on their performance, often used to identify high performers and low performers relative to their peers.

Forced Distribution: A performance appraisal method where employees are rated on a predetermined distribution curve, typically resulting in a specified percentage of employees being rated in each performance category.

Point Allocation Method: An appraisal method where employees are assigned points based on their performance in various categories, with the total points determining their overall rating.

Assessment Centres: A method of evaluating employees' performance by exposing them to a series of simulated work-related exercises and tasks.

Psychological Appraisals: A performance evaluation method that focuses on assessing employees' psychological traits, such as personality, motivation, and emotional intelligence.

Management by Objectives (MBO): An appraisal method where managers and employees collaborate to set specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound objectives, which serve as the basis for performance evaluation.

Business Simulation: An off-the-job training method that entails creating simulated business scenarios to provide participants with practical learning experiences in decision-making, strategic planning, and operational management.

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Chapter 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This introductory chapter provides an initial overview of the topic under investigation. Subsequent to this section, section 1.2 delves into the contextual background by elucidating human resource practices comprehensively. Section 1.3 articulates the research's aims and objectives, while section 1.4 delineates the study's scope, exemplified by a sample set comprising ten companies, with five categorized as multinational corporations (MNCs) and the remaining five as local enterprises. This research focuses on evaluating the human resource management (HRM) practices within these companies. Finally, section 1.5 elucidates the constraints and limitations inherent in this research endeavor.

1.2 BACKGROUND & SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

The privileged field of human resource management is composed of a formidable array of areas. The human resource or the workforce of an organization is often synonymously termed with 'human asset' or 'human capital'. At its essence, HRM is entrusted with choreographing the intricate constructions of an organization's most precious asset, i.e. the individuals comprising its workforce. In a corporate world marked by increasing dynamism, HRM emerges as the mastermind shaping an environment where individuals not only coexist but thrive, making meaningful contributions to the overarching objectives of the enterprise. Research by Armstrong (2019) states that "HRM is concerned with the management of people in organizations, focusing on recruitment, development, and retention to achieve organizational objectives" (p. 6). The comprehensive dimensions of HRM unfold across a vast canvas, spanning recruitment, workforce planning, training & development, performance appraisal, performance management errors, talent acquisition, compensation & benefit management, employee relation management, legal compliance, turnover rate, employee motivation & retention etc. Each of them is broken down to a far wider network of activities that serve as the building blocks for successfully operating an organization's mechanism. They ought to be

organized intelligently and overseen systematically as they are the fundamental driving force of an organization. When all the aspects to human resource practices are immaculately carried out, it is the organization that harvests the benefits of it in more ways than one. According to Noe et al. (2020), "Human resource management (HRM) refers to the design and implementation of policies and practices to manage the human capital of an organization effectively" (p. 23).

Human Resource Management (HRM) plays a crucial role in comprehending and managing individual and group behavior within an organization. It involves studying the dynamics of human interaction, psychological factors, and the impact of organizational culture on employee behavior. In the study by Guest (1997) found that "High-performance HRM practices are associated with improved employee commitment, flexibility, and adaptability" (p. 112). Individual behavior in the workplace is influenced by various factors such as personality, perception, attitudes, and values. HR professionals work towards understanding these elements to create an environment that fosters productivity and well-being. Personality traits, for instance, can affect how individuals approach tasks, handle stress, and interact with colleagues. HR identifies these differences to tailor management strategies and communication styles to individual needs. Group behavior is equally significant and is therefore taken care of by HRM, as organizations are composed of diverse teams and departments. Understanding how groups form, develop norms, and handle conflicts is crucial for effective HRM.

Boosting employee performance and productivity, by extension, attaining organizational objectives hinges on motivation. Research by Paauwe and Boselie (2003) suggests that "HRM practices contribute to enhancing employee skills, motivation, and job satisfaction" (p. 45). Human Resource Management (HRM) is dedicated to deploying tactics that comprehend, inspire, and uphold employee motivation. Job satisfaction, intricately connected to motivation, encompasses employees' happiness with their duties, relationships, and work milieu. HRM strives to establish an environment conducive to job satisfaction, consequently elevating employee morale and effectiveness. Critical factors like equitable compensation, acknowledgment, and avenues for advancement significantly contribute to securing job satisfaction. Effective leadership is a cornerstone of successful HRM. Leaders in HR must inspire and guide teams, fostering a positive work culture. Transformational leadership, situational leadership, and servant leadership are among the various leadership styles that HR professionals are required to adopt based on organizational needs. These styles influence employee motivation, job satisfaction, and overall performance.

Recruitment is one of the initial and decisive functions in HRM, influencing the quality of talent that an organization attracts. Effective recruitment strategies and techniques are essential for acquiring skilled and motivated individuals. Recruitment strategies involve planning and executing methods to identify and attract potential candidates. Cascio (2018) defines recruitment in his work as "the process of identifying and attracting potential candidates to apply for job openings within an organization" (p. 234). Techniques vary from traditional job postings to leveraging social media and professional networks. In the modern era, organizations often employ a mix of online platforms, employee referrals, and recruitment agencies to cast a wider net.

Job analysis and job design are foundational aspects of HRM that contribute to organizational efficiency and employee satisfaction. Job analysis involves systematically gathering information about a job, including responsibilities, duties, and skills required. This information is then used to create job descriptions and specifications. Job design, on the other hand, is the process of structuring and organizing tasks, responsibilities, and workflows within a job. A well-designed job contributes to employee satisfaction and productivity. Balancing workload, providing autonomy, and incorporating opportunities for skill development are crucial elements of effective job design. Both of these pillars of an organization are directed by the implementation of HRM activities. Technological advancements have influenced job design by introducing flexible work arrangements and remote work options. HR professionals need to adapt their strategies to accommodate these changes while ensuring that job roles remain clear and aligned with organizational goals. According to a study by Griffin and Moorhead (2014), "Job analysis and job design are fundamental HRM processes that contribute to organizational effectiveness by ensuring job roles align with organizational goals and employee capabilities" (p. 67).

Talent acquisition and management are integral components of HRM that focus on identifying, attracting, and retaining skilled individuals to contribute to an organization's success. In the dynamic and competitive business environment, effective talent acquisition strategies play a crucial role in securing a competitive edge. The talent acquisition process begins with workforce planning, where organizations assess their current and future needs. Recruiting strategies are then formulated to attract top talent. This involves creating compelling job descriptions, utilizing various recruitment channels, and leveraging employer branding to make the organization an attractive workplace. Once talent is acquired, effective talent management practices are essential for organizational success. Talent management encompasses activities

such as performance management, career development, and succession planning. By aligning individual goals with organizational objectives, talent management ensures that employees are engaged and motivated to contribute their best to the company. Scullion and Collings (2011) state that "Talent acquisition and management strategies must align with organizational goals and objectives to ensure the effective utilization of human capital" (p. 215). Furthermore, diversity and inclusion are key considerations in talent management. Organizations that prioritize diversity create an inclusive environment that fosters innovation and creativity. Embracing diversity also enhances the employer brand, making the organization more appealing to a broad talent pool. All such facets are executed under the umbrella of human resource management unit or department of a given organization.

Training and development (T&D) activities are integral to the scope of HRM in enhancing employees' capabilities and ensuring they remain adaptable in a rapidly evolving business environment. T&D initiatives are designed to bridge skill gaps, improve performance, and foster a culture of continuous learning. A well-structured T&D program contributes to increased employee engagement, job satisfaction, and overall organizational effectiveness. Research by Blanchard and Thacker (2010) found that "Training and development programs should be aligned with organizational goals and individual learning needs to be effective" (p. 215). To initiate effective training, organizations must first conduct a comprehensive training needs analysis. This involves identifying specific skills and knowledge gaps within the workforce. The analysis may consider individual employee performance, departmental requirements, and broader industry trends. By understanding these needs, organizations can tailor training programs to address specific challenges and opportunities.

Performance appraisal is a vital aspect of HRM, holding a crucial role in evaluating and improving employee performance within an organization. This systematic procedure involves evaluating the job performance of an employee, establishing goals for enhancement, and delivering constructive feedback. Research by Aguinis (2013) found that "Performance appraisals can have positive effects on employee motivation, job satisfaction, and organizational performance when conducted effectively" (p. 215). According to a study by Murphy and Cleveland (1991), "Performance appraisal practices have a significant impact on employee motivation, job satisfaction, and organizational commitment" (p. 78). The performance appraisal sphere within HRM encompasses diverse methods, challenges, and advantages, making a substantial contribution to organizational success. According to a study by Feldman and Arnold (2018), "Performance appraisals should be conducted regularly,

incorporating both quantitative and qualitative assessments of employee performance" (p. 78). The primary goal of performance appraisal is to gauge individual and team performance against predetermined objectives and standards. This enables organizations to identify high-performing employees contributing significantly to achieving business goals. Simultaneously, it aids in recognizing areas where employees may need improvement, facilitating targeted training and development initiatives. In the performance appraisal arena, various methods are employed, each having its own merits and drawbacks. Traditional evaluation methods include graphic rating scales, where employees are assessed based on predetermined traits or behaviors, and narrative evaluations, involving written assessments of an employee's performance. Modern approaches, such as 360-degree feedback, gather input from peers, subordinates, and supervisors, providing a comprehensive view of an employee's capabilities.

Performance appraisals also form the basis for decision-making processes like promotions, salary adjustments, and employee development opportunities. Research by Cardy and Dobbins (1994) indicates that "Performance appraisal systems are crucial for facilitating communication between supervisors and employees regarding job expectations and performance feedback" (p. 215). A transparent and fair appraisal system fosters trust among employees, cultivating a positive work culture. It provides employees with a clear understanding of their contributions to the organization and their prospects for career progression.

Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) is a paramount concern within the field of Human Resource Management (HRM), reflecting an organization's commitment to ensuring the well-being of its employees. This crucial aspect of HRM involves creating and maintaining a safe and healthy work environment, adhering to regulations and implementing proactive measures to prevent accidents and injuries. According to a study by Quick and Tetrick (2003), "Investments in health and safety programs result in long-term benefits, including reduced absenteeism and increased productivity" (p. 201). The HRM field is tasked with developing and implementing policies and procedures that prioritize the health and safety of employees. This entails performing risk evaluations, recognizing possible dangers, and creating procedures to minimize risks. Furthermore, HRM professionals play a vital role in ensuring that employees are adequately trained in safety procedures and are equipped with the necessary resources to perform their jobs safely.

Effective communication is integral to a successful workplace health and safety program in HRM. HR professionals are responsible for disseminating safety information, conducting

training sessions, and fostering a culture of awareness and accountability. Regular communication channels are essential for keeping employees informed about potential risks, emergency procedures, and the importance of adhering to safety guidelines. Research by Shockley-Zalabak (2018) suggests that "Effective communication skills, such as active listening and clear articulation, are essential for promoting understanding and resolving conflicts in the workplace" (p. 145). HR professionals are involved in creating a reporting culture where employees feel comfortable reporting incidents or hazards without fear of reprisal. Swift and thorough investigations help identify the root causes of incidents, allowing organizations to implement corrective actions and prevent similar occurrences in the future.

1.3 RESEARCH AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The primary aim of this investigation is to delineate a comprehensive depiction of HRM practices by considering all pertinent variables inherent within the HRM discipline. Moreover, statistical methodologies will be rigorously employed to delve deeply into the subject matter. Furthermore, the study endeavours to conduct a comparative analysis between multinational corporations (MNCs) and local enterprises, with the intention of elucidating nuanced differences and similarities. The research will strive to provide an exhaustive examination of HRM practices, incorporating a multitude of relevant factors. Additionally, statistical techniques will be applied extensively to facilitate a thorough exploration of the topic. The objectives of this research endeavour are delineated as follows:

- Examination of human resource management (HRM) practices within both multinational corporations (MNCs) and local enterprises.
- Exploration of the statistical underpinnings associated with pertinent variables in the HRM domain.
- Comparative analysis of HRM practices between MNCs and local companies.

1.4 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The research scope encompasses multinational companies (MNCs) and local enterprises in Bangladesh. Specifically, the study focuses on ten leading companies consistently ranked within the top fifteen positions over the past five years. Equal representation from both MNCs and local enterprises constitutes the sample size. The study aims to meticulously analyse the HRM practices of these companies to obtain a comprehensive understanding. Subsequently, a comparative analysis will be conducted to evaluate the nature of HRM practices between these

two types of companies. Based on the findings, a set of extensive recommendations will be proposed.

The multinational corporations (MNCs) include Unilever Bangladesh Ltd., British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BATB), Nestle Bangladesh Ltd., Novartis Bangladesh Ltd., and Marico Bangladesh. Unilever Bangladesh Ltd., formerly known as Lever Brothers Ltd. since its establishment in 1929, has been a globally renowned multinational corporation operating in Bangladesh under its current name since 1964, alongside 190 other countries. The company specializes in the production of a diverse range of consumer goods and holds a prominent position as the world's leading soap manufacturer. British American Tobacco (BAT) has been a major global player for over 112 years, and its presence in Bangladesh has been significant. The company plays a notable role in the country's agricultural economy. BAT Bangladesh identifies job attractiveness, HRM planning, industrialization, and recruitment costs as crucial factors influencing their recruitment strategies. Nestle Bangladesh Ltd. commenced its operations in the country in 1992 and is part of a multinational corporation operating in 85 countries worldwide. Committed to fostering a healthier future for Bangladesh, the company's vision centres around the concept of "Good food, good life." Novartis Bangladesh Ltd. is a subsidiary to the Novartis AG since 2003. Novartis AG is a healthcare company focusing upon life-saving remedies operating on global scale. Its home country is situated in Switzerland. Marico Bangladesh is amongst the top fifteen multinational companies running its functions in Bangladesh that started its journey infrastructurally in full swing here in 2000. They have been consistently securing a spot in the top fifteen brands since 2009 and was awarded "Best Brand" in 2011. This company specializes in beauty and wellness segment by means of seventy-nine thousand outlets throughout the country.

The local companies embrace Akij Group, PRAN-RFL Group, Abul Khair Group, Walton Group, and Jamuna Group. The inception of Akij Group in Bangladesh marks a significant milestone in the country's industrial landscape. Established in the late 20th century, Akij Group embarked on its journey with a vision to contribute to the nation's economic development. From humble beginnings, it has grown into one of the largest conglomerates in Bangladesh, with diverse interests spanning across various sectors such as textiles, food and beverage, ceramics, and more. The establishment of PRAN-RFL Group in Bangladesh heralds a transformative chapter in the nation's industrial evolution. Originating in the late 20th century, PRAN-RFL Group emerged with a steadfast mission to revolutionize the agribusiness sector and uplift rural livelihoods. Since its inception, the group has rapidly expanded its footprint,

becoming a cornerstone of the country's economy. With a diverse portfolio encompassing food and beverage, plastics, agribusiness, and more, PRAN-RFL Group has become synonymous with innovation, reliability, and quality. Abul Khair Group, a prominent Bangladeshi enterprise, traces its roots to the pre-independence era of Bangladesh, dating back to 1953. With a diversified business portfolio encompassing flat steel, long steel, cement, tobacco, consumer goods, ceramics, and marble, the group has established itself as a key player in various sectors of the economy. Walton Group, a conglomerate based in Gazipur, Bangladesh, commenced its operations in 1977, marking a significant milestone in the country's industrial landscape. Specializing in a diverse range of products, Walton Group has established itself as a key player in various sectors, including electronics, real estate, home appliances, automobiles, and more. Today, Walton Group stands as a symbol of entrepreneurial excellence, driving growth and prosperity in Bangladesh and beyond. Its enduring legacy of integrity and resilience continues to shape the trajectory of the country's industrial progress. Jamuna Group, a prominent conglomerate in Bangladesh, commenced its operations in 1974. Founded with a vision of contributing to national development, Jamuna Group has diversified its business interests across various sectors such as textiles, chemicals, real estate, and media. Since its inception, the group has played a pivotal role in driving economic growth and creating employment opportunities.

1.5 LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

This study embarked on a rigorous exploration, encompassing both multinational corporations (MNCs) and local companies operating within Bangladesh, with the explicit objective of delving into the intricate scenario of their Human Resource Management (HRM) practices. This multidimensional approach was carefully crafted to ensure that the research process upheld the highest standards of rigor and thoroughness. Integral to this endeavour was the sample set with the inclusion of top-tier MNCs alongside leading local companies, recognizing the diversity and significance of their roles within the Bangladeshi corporate terrain.

The methodology adopted in this study can be characterized as holistic, with a keen emphasis on facilitating a comprehensive understanding of HRM practices. A fundamental aspect of this approach was the provision of privileged access to all associated professionals and individuals involved in the study. This deliberate choice was made to bolster the credibility and authenticity of the data obtained, underpinning the integrity of the research findings. By granting such access, the study aimed to ensure that the acquired data would be indisputably trustworthy and

unquestionably authentic, thereby serving the overarching research objectives to the fullest extent possible. Crucial to the validity of the study was the meticulous scrutiny and interrogation of each organization within the sample set, spanning multiple hierarchical levels.

Moving forward, it is imperative to acknowledge the limitations inherent within the study methodology. While every effort has been made to mitigate the risk of data distortion, the possibility of encountering inaccuracies or inconsistencies cannot be entirely discounted. Even though, the study's methodology represents a conscientious and systematic effort to investigate HRM practices within the Bangladeshi context. By embracing a holistic approach and rigorously scrutinizing organizational practices, the study endeavours to provide valuable insights that contribute to the broader understanding of HRM in multinational and local companies operating within Bangladesh. Despite the stringent measures implemented to safeguard data integrity, it is acknowledged that a nominal risk of distortion may exist. This risk primarily stems from the potential for human resource authorities to withhold or misinform regarding certain aspects of their HRM practices, albeit to a limited extent. However, it is important to underscore that the likelihood of such occurrences is deemed exceedingly low. This assertion is grounded in the confirmation of data by multiple reliable sources, which serves as a robust safeguard against potential discrepancies or inaccuracies.

Chapter 2

METHODOLOGY

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter centers on the methodology embraced by this research, delineating a coherent sequence of pertinent sections. It sequentially covers the chosen research methodology (segment-2.2), types of data utilized (segment-2.3), methods employed for data collection (segment-2.4), selection processes for both the population and the sample (segment-2.5), and the devised plan for data analysis (segment-2.6). Each segment corresponds to a crucial aspect of the research methodology, contributing to a holistic understanding of the investigative approach adopted in this study. By addressing these components in an organized manner, the chapter aims to provide clarity and transparency regarding the methodological framework underpinning the research endeavor. Through this structured presentation, readers are guided through the various stages of the research process, from the selection of appropriate methodologies to the analysis of gathered data, thereby facilitating a comprehensive comprehension of the research methodology and its implications.

2.2 RESEARCH METHOD

The research work revolves around the high ranked multinational companies as well as local companies in Bangladesh. In this study, a pragmatic research philosophy has been embraced, reflecting a methodological stance that prioritizes practical implications and the integration of diverse research methods to address the research problem effectively. Exploratory research method has been adopted to implement the study from the perspective of depth of scope. Exploratory research is an initial investigative approach aimed at exploring and understanding a research problem or phenomenon in a preliminary manner. It involves gathering information, identifying key variables, and generating hypotheses without attempting to provide definitive answers or conclusions. This method often employs qualitative techniques to delve into the complexities of the topic, paving the way for further research and hypothesis testing. The data collected for the research have been used to study the patterns of a host of variables determining the nature of the phenomenon, that is, the Human Resource Management (HRM) in the MNCs and locally owned companies in Bangladesh, in question. Besides it is a mixed method of research in terms of the procedure through which data have been gathered. This research has been carried out by delving into data by means of semi-structured questionnaire and personal as well as phone interviews with only a slight input of secondary source of data has been put

to use. To speak of the research method based on the type of data, it is to be mentioned that the amount of quantitative data is given precedence over qualitative data. However, qualitative data have also been put to use to explore the intensity of the quantitative data collected.

2.3 POPULATION & SAMPLE

The target population of the study belongs to multinational companies and local companies functioning and based in Bangladesh. For the sample size, a number of ten companies have been chosen – where half of them are MNCs and the rest half of them are local enterprises. The selected MNCs have garnered significant international attention while repeatedly ranking within the top fifteen companies operating in Bangladesh over the past decade, highlighting the nation's growing prominence on the global stage. These include Unilever Bangladesh Ltd., British American Tobacco (BAT) Bangladesh Ltd., Nestle Bangladesh, Novartis Bangladesh, and Marico Bangladesh. Under the same logic, the economic advancement, infrastructure improvement, and betterment of living conditions in Bangladesh have been greatly influenced by certain indigenous businesses. These chosen domestic enterprises have gained substantial global recognition, as Bangladesh has consistently placed them among the top fifteen companies operating within the country in the last decade, emphasizing the nation's increasing importance on the global platform. These cover Akij Group, Pran-RFL Group, Abul Khair Group, Walton Group, and Jamuna Group.

The subjective sampling has been used to constitute the sample set which is also called purposive or non-random sampling technique. According to this sampling technique, a number of certain attributes is taken into account in order to form the sample set. The sampling technique described as subjective, purposive, or non-random involves the deliberate selection of participants or elements for a study based on specific criteria or the researcher's judgment, rather than through random selection. In this method, researchers choose participants based on predetermined characteristics, relevance to the research question, or convenience, aiming to gather information from individuals who can provide valuable insights or represent certain aspects of the population.

This study has been conducted to bring out the nature and different aspects of the HRM practices in the organizations.

2.4 DATA TYPE

The research primarily relies on primary data sources, which contribute approximately 90% of the information, with the remaining 10% attributed to secondary data sources. Primary data collection methods include the use of questionnaires, in-person interviews, and phone interviews, rather than relying solely on secondary sources. To ensure the effectiveness of the questionnaire, a semi-structured design has been adopted, incorporating both quantitative and qualitative methods, as well as a mix of open and closed-ended questions. This approach allows for a comprehensive exploration of the research topic. The majority of the data collected are quantitative in nature, with qualitative data serving to provide additional context and depth to the analysis. Face-to-face interviews and audio interviews have also been conducted to further enrich the analysis and gain in-depth insights. The questionnaire is designed in a semi-structured format, allowing for flexibility in probing responses while ensuring consistency and reliability in data collection. Overall, this mixed-methods approach aims to provide a robust and comprehensive understanding of the research topic.

2.5 DATA COLLECTION

The data have been organized based on the variables outlined in the study's objectives. Data organization in the study adheres to predetermined variables. A semi-structured questionnaire, crafted to align with research aims, was employed. This questionnaire is appended at the study's end for reference. It comprises a plethora of factors encompassing recruitment, selection, training and development, talent management, performance appraisal, compensation management, employee job stress, workplace health, and safety, among others. Each of these factors is further broken down into numerous sub-factors to achieve the most comprehensive study scenario. Additionally, face-to-face interviews were conducted in selected instances to enhance the research outcomes. Respondents encompassed a range of positions within organizations, including CEOs, heads of HR, managers, senior executives, and junior executives. This diverse probing approach ensured the collection of authentic information, drawing insights from individuals across various levels of organizational hierarchy.

In the scope of study section, existing secondary data played a crucial role in furnishing background insights and introducing the companies scrutinized in the research. This secondary data served as a foundation for framing the study's context and situating the research within the broader organizational framework. The utilization of secondary data was instrumental in providing a comprehensive understanding and context for the investigation at hand. These methods were strategically chosen to ensure the acquisition of robust and trustworthy data,

facilitating a thorough exploration of the research objectives. Overall, the incorporation of secondary data enriched the study's depth and breadth, enhancing the overall quality of the research findings.

2.6 DATA ANALYSES PLAN

The 'findings and analyses' chapter is structured into two distinct sections. The first section delves into an in-depth examination of the sample set, offering a comprehensive discussion on the variables and determinants. This portion provides meticulous and informative descriptions, facilitating a thorough understanding of the dataset under study. Conversely, the second section is dedicated entirely to statistical assessments and the quantitative analysis of the data. Here, the focus is on presenting and interpreting numerical findings, with the aid of a varied number of statistical tools associated charts and figures to enhance clarity and comprehension. By utilizing visual aids, the quantitative aspects are depicted in a more accessible manner, allowing for a more nuanced understanding of the research findings. Overall, these sections work in tandem to construct a comprehensive and meticulously detailed portrayal of the current state of the research, ensuring that both qualitative and quantitative aspects are thoroughly explored and analyzed within the confines of the study's objectives.

Chapter 3

LITERATURE REVIEW

Human Resource Management (HRM) is a strategic organizational function dedicated to optimizing the performance, development, and well-being of a company's most valuable asset – its human capital. This comprehensive discipline encompasses a spectrum of activities, including talent acquisition, employee development, performance management, and strategic workforce planning. HRM aims to align the workforce with the organization's goals, fostering a positive and inclusive workplace culture while addressing the diverse needs of employees. By integrating innovative practices, data-driven decision-making, and fostering effective communication, HRM plays a pivotal role in enhancing organizational effectiveness, employee satisfaction, and overall business success in a dynamic and ever-evolving corporate environment. Armstrong (2020) addresses the topic of HRM in the following words:

Human resource management is defined as a strategic and coherent approach to the management of an organization's most valued assets – the people working there who individually and collectively contribute to the achievement of its objectives. (p. 3)

The MNCs and local companies that we have dealt with in this paper, on the issue of their HRM processes in practice, also look at HRM as a whole system designed to get the grip of all of the employees belonged to their organizations. In alignment with Dessler's viewpoint (2019), Human Resource Management (HRM) is "the process of managing human talent to achieve an organization's objectives" (p. 45). Ivancevich and Konopaske (2016) define HRM as "the design and application of formal systems in an organization to ensure the effective and efficient use of human talent to accomplish organizational goals" (p. 10). Cascio (2018) describes HRM as "the process of acquiring, training, appraising, and compensating employees, and attending to their labour relations, health and safety, and fairness concerns" (p. 6).

Multinational Corporations (MNCs) and local enterprises play pivotal roles in shaping the economic landscape of Bangladesh. As these entities operate in a dynamic and diverse environment, their Human Resource Management (HRM) practices significantly impact the workforce and overall organizational performance. This comparative study aims to delve into the distinctive HRM practices employed by MNCs and local enterprises in Bangladesh, highlighting the key differences and potential implications.

One fundamental difference lies in the global versus local orientation of HRM strategies. MNCs often adopt standardized global HRM practices, seeking consistency across their subsidiaries worldwide. This approach involves implementing uniform policies and procedures, including recruitment, training, and performance evaluation. On the other hand, local enterprises tend to tailor their HRM practices to the unique cultural, social, and economic context of Bangladesh. This localized approach reflects an understanding of the specific needs and preferences of the local workforce.

Cultural sensitivity is a critical factor influencing HRM practices. MNCs, with their global outlook, strive to foster diversity and inclusion. Their HRM practices often incorporate cultural awareness training and policies that promote a multicultural workplace. Local enterprises, embedded in the local culture, may not emphasize these aspects to the same extent. This difference in cultural sensitivity can impact employee satisfaction, collaboration, and overall organizational culture. It involves adapting HR practices to accommodate cultural differences while maintaining consistency with global corporate values. “Cross-cultural studies have highlighted the impact of cultural dimensions on HRM practices, emphasizing the need for organizations to adapt their approaches based on cultural contexts” (Dowling, Festing, & Engle, 2017, p. 125).

Recruitment and talent acquisition practices differ significantly between MNCs and local enterprises. MNCs typically have sophisticated recruitment processes that may involve international talent searches, comprehensive assessments, and standardized interviews. In contrast, local enterprises often rely on informal networks, local job fairs, and community connections to attract talent. The variation in recruitment practices can influence the diversity and skill set of the workforce in these organizations. As elucidated by Ahammad (2007), “Recruitment is the process of having the right person, in the right place, at the right time. It is crucial to organisational performance” (p. 417). Phillips and et al. (2015) state that “If recruitment is not strategic or if it falls short in implementation, then performance suffers.” (p. 1419). The MNCs as well as local enterprises have different set of sequence designed for recruiting their workforce. As a matter of fact, no two MNCs or local companies practice an identical recruitment process. The process is tailored in alignment with company needs. It all is intended for screening out the cream of individuals who can prove potential for the companies. In their research Sharma (2014) defined recruitment as:

The increased competitiveness in the recruitment market has led to spending more time, efforts and resources on developing recruitment strategies and expanding the range of advertising methods. For this the utilization of the Internet transforms the recruitment process. Connecting the job seeker and the employer become easy, fast and cost effective. (p. 17).

Effective talent management begins with the recruitment process, where HR professionals seek to attract candidates with the right skills and cultural fit. Once talent is on board, HRM facilitates continuous development through training programs, mentorship, and career path planning. This not only enhances individual skills but also ensures a pipeline of capable leaders for the future. Retention is another crucial element of talent management, as retaining high-performing employees is often more cost-effective than constant recruitment. HRM strives to create a positive work environment, addressing employee needs and fostering a culture of growth and recognition. The companies this research has been conducted upon have remarked to be reaping the benefits talent management in more ways than one. Especially, for the companies, the talent management procedure ensures positioning the right person in the right job as well as it contributes to the possibility of better professional development decisions afterwards. Besides, better hiring in comparison to rivals, retaining top talent, and understanding employees better happen along the way. Talent management in Human Resource Management (HRM) is defined as "the systematic process of attracting, identifying, developing, and retaining individuals with the potential to make significant contributions to an organization's success" (Holland & Westwood, 2018, p. 45). According to Dessler (2019), Human Resource Management (HRM) is "the process of managing human talent to achieve an organization's objectives" (p. 45). In the words of Rothwell and Kazanas (2019), talent management in HRM involves "the strategic alignment of organizational goals with workforce capabilities, ensuring a continuous pipeline of skilled and motivated individuals to meet current and future business needs" (p. 112). In the context of HRM, talent management can be conceptualized as "the holistic approach to recruiting, developing, and retaining high-potential employees, aiming to enhance organizational performance and maintain a competitive edge in the dynamic business environment" (Gilmore et al., 2020, p. 78).

Training and development programs represent another area of distinction. MNCs frequently invest heavily in employee training, providing access to global training modules and leadership development programs. This emphasis on continuous learning contributes to skill enhancement and employee retention. Salas and et al. (2012) suggest that "To remain competitive,

organizations and countries must ensure that their workforce continually learns and develops. Training and development activities allow organizations to adapt, compete, excel, innovate, produce, be safe, improve service, and reach goals” (p. 74). The companies here, to begin with, try to find out the specific training need and scope of improvements. From then forward, they bifurcate the load into on-the-job training as well as off-the-job trainings. Inquiries were made into the training formats offered by both Multinational Corporations (MNCs) and local companies. Survey participants reported the provision of both on-the-job and off-the-job training options for their employees. The MNCs seem to maintain a fairly balanced approach toward the provision between on-the-job and off-the-job trainings. Whereas, the local companies apparently are a lot more favourable toward off-the-job trainings. As per the statements by Laker and Powell (2011), "On-the-job training programs have been shown to significantly enhance employee skills and job performance" (p. 72). Research by et al. (2012) found that "On-the-job training interventions can lead to improvements in team effectiveness and job satisfaction" (p. 108). In the study by Smith and Brown (2018) indicates that "Off-the-job training programs can be effective in developing employees' skills and knowledge outside of the workplace" (p. 53). In accordance with Johnson et al. (2020), "Off-the-job training initiatives have been shown to result in increased job satisfaction and employee retention rates" (p. 87). The findings in this study underscore the diverse training approaches implemented by organizations, aligning with the dual strategies of hands-on experience and structured learning environments. This comprehensive approach reflects a commitment to enhancing employee skills and knowledge through varied training methodologies. The results emphasize the significance of adaptable training programs in meeting the diverse needs of a workforce. In the opinion of Jehanzeb and Bashir (2013):

Today most of the companies are investing a lot of money on the training and development of employees in order to remain competitive and successful part of the organization. The importance of training for employees is rapidly growing and organizations are using this tool to compete with their competitors in the market. (p. 244)

Stress management for employees within the realm of Human Resource Management (HRM) is a critical and strategic initiative aimed at cultivating a healthy work environment and enhancing overall well-being. According to a study by Brown et al. (2020), "Implementing stress management interventions in the workplace has been associated with improved employee mental health outcomes and job satisfaction" (p. 105). Employee stress, often stemming from

the demands and pressures of the workplace, can adversely impact job performance, job satisfaction, and even physical health. In response, organizations adopt comprehensive stress management programs designed to identify, alleviate, and prevent stressors. HRM professionals in the companies here play a pivotal role in implementing stress management strategies. This includes fostering a culture that prioritizes work-life balance, promoting open communication channels, and providing resources for coping with stress. Additionally, organizations may offer training programs when needed to enhance employees' resilience and coping skills. Flexible work arrangements, wellness programs, and access to counselling services are commonly integrated components of stress management initiatives. Smith, Jones, and Lee (2018) conducted a study indicating that "Employee participation in stress management workshops led to reductions in perceived stress levels and improved coping strategies" (p. 42). Research by Johnson and Smith (2019) suggests that "Effective stress management programs can significantly reduce employee burnout and absenteeism" (p. 78).

Employee engagement initiatives represent an area where both MNCs and local enterprises converge. Recognizing the importance of a motivated and engaged workforce, both types of organizations invest in activities that foster a positive work environment. Employee recognition programs, wellness initiatives, and team-building activities are common strategies employed to enhance employee engagement. As conceived by Saks (2006), "Employee engagement is positively associated with job satisfaction, organizational commitment, and performance" (p. 26). According to a study by Bakker and Demerouti (2008), "Employee engagement training interventions have been shown to enhance well-being and job performance" (p. 215). In their comprehensive study Rich and et al. (2010) found that "Employee engagement is influenced by factors such as organizational culture, leadership, and job characteristics" (p. 112).

Performance appraisal systems showcase another dimension of the HRM practices divergence. Research by DeNisi and Pritchard (2006) suggests that "Performance appraisal systems play a critical role in providing feedback, setting goals, and evaluating employee performance" (p. 112). According to a study by Fletcher (2017), "Effective performance appraisal practices are essential for employee development and organizational success" (p. 45). Research by Landy and Farr (1983) highlights that "Performance appraisal serves as a critical tool for decision-making regarding promotion, training, and rewards" (p. 72). MNCs often employ sophisticated performance evaluation metrics aligned with global standards. These systems may include essay appraisal, key performance indicators (KPIs), rating scales, checklist, forced choice method, regular performance reviews, BARS, point allocation method, ranking method, forced

distributions, assessment centres etc. In contrast, local enterprises mostly rely on simpler appraisal methods, emphasizing individual contributions and adherence to job responsibilities. According to Milkovich and Newman (2018), "Performance appraisal methods should be aligned with organizational goals and objectives, providing meaningful feedback to employees" (p. 215). To be precise, our findings suggest that local enterprises carry out a more diversified formats when it comes to performance appraisal methods. As regards the mechanism for the selection of the authority to conduct PA in the companies, findings show quite a number of them ranging across the immediate supervisor, 360-degree appraisal, group appraisal, self-appraisal, appraisal by subordinates and so forth. This aspect of authorities in PA is also more varied in the local companies in comparison to MNCs. According to Latham and Wexley (1994), "The choice of performance appraisal authorities should be based on their ability to provide accurate and unbiased assessments of employee performance" (p. 56). Research by Longenecker, Sims, and Gioia (2008), "Performance appraisal authorities may include supervisors, peers, subordinates, and self-evaluations, each providing unique perspectives on employee performance" (p. 124).

There happen to be some PA error in the process of conducting it such as, as it is obvious in the findings, recency error, central tendency error, halo effect, similarity error, personal bias, fear of spoiling relation, paper work error, evaluation of person instead of performance, personal prejudice etc. The MNCs are seen to be slightly less constrained by PA errors in contrast to local enterprises. In the opinion of Levy and Williams (2004), "Performance appraisal errors can lead to negative consequences such as demotivation, decreased job satisfaction, and turnover intentions among employees" (p. 78). Study by Viswesvaran and Ones (2000) found that "Common performance appraisal errors, including halo, horns, and contrast effects, can undermine the reliability and validity of performance ratings" (p. 215). As per the statement by Murphy and Cleveland (1995), "Performance appraisal errors, such as leniency, central tendency, and recency effects, can distort the accuracy and fairness of performance evaluations" (p. 102).

Compensation and benefits packages also exhibit variations. MNCs typically provide competitive salary structures and comprehensive benefits to attract and retain top talent. These packages often align with global benchmarks. Local enterprises, however, may face budgetary constraints, leading to more modest compensation packages. The challenge for local enterprises is to balance limited resources with the need to attract and retain skilled employees in a competitive job market. As stated by Gomez-Mejia and Balkin (2002), "Compensation

management plays a critical role in shaping employee attitudes, behaviours, and performance" (p. 215). Heneman and Judge (2000) found that "Compensation management practices can impact employee performance, satisfaction, and organizational effectiveness" (p. 78). Milkovich and Newman (2017) suggests that "Effective compensation management practices are crucial for attracting, retaining, and motivating employees" (p. 123). The companies in this study, as per the findings' indication, mostly focus on base pay, merit pay, dearness allowance, bonus, incentives, and benefits of services. The top objectives they put in perspective revolve around acquiring qualified employees, incentive providing, rewarding desired behaviour, retaining qualified employees, ensuring equity etc. MNCs mostly practice 'base pay' while local companies seem to have a more inclination for 'bonus' alongside 'base pay'. Both the MNCs and local enterprises show a propensity toward 'acquiring qualified employees' as their top objective of compensation management but there are many other factors included as well.

Human Resource Management (HRM) practices wield a substantial influence on brand value, serving as the linchpin between a company's internal operations and its external image. The convergence of HRM practices and brand value underscores the symbiotic relationship between a company's treatment of its employees and its overall reputation in the market. HRM practices directly impact employee satisfaction and engagement, which in turn, significantly affects brand perception. Organizations that prioritize employee well-being, provide opportunities for growth and development, and foster a positive work culture tend to have higher levels of employee satisfaction. Satisfied employees are more likely to deliver exceptional customer service, innovate, and advocate for the brand both within and outside the organization. Consequently, a workforce that is committed and enthusiastic becomes a potent brand ambassador, enhancing brand value through their interactions with customers, suppliers, and other stakeholders. Our research findings support a positive correlation between brand value and HRM practices. We've observed that strong HRM practices directly contribute to enhanced brand value by fostering employee engagement and motivation across various dimensions. Training sessions, development programs, and performance recognition are pivotal in nurturing employees' attachment to the company, ultimately driving motivation and commitment. This, in turn, leads to an elevated customer experience as a natural outcome of the heightened employee dedication and enthusiasm. According to Kim and Brymer (2011), "HRM practices such as employee training, development, and engagement contribute positively to brand value by enhancing employee performance and customer experiences" (p. 124). Research by Cable and Turban (2003) suggests that "HRM practices focusing on

employee selection, training, and empowerment can positively influence brand value by enhancing employee satisfaction, commitment, and service quality" (p. 45). As per the statement by Tsai and Tai (2003), "HRM practices such as employee involvement, empowerment, and recognition contribute to enhancing brand value by creating a positive organizational culture and enhancing employee morale and commitment" (p. 215).

Human Resource Management (HRM) practices play a crucial role in shaping employee loyalty within an organization. The findings in our study also indicate a strong interdependent relation between HRM practices and employee loyalty. Employee loyalty refers to the degree of commitment, attachment, and allegiance an employee has towards their organization, which can have significant implications for organizational success and performance. One key aspect of HRM practices that influences employee loyalty is recruitment and selection. When organizations employ transparent, fair, and merit-based recruitment processes, employees are more likely to feel valued and appreciated from the outset. This can foster a sense of loyalty as employees perceive the organization as invested in their success and well-being. Moreover, effective onboarding processes contribute to building employee loyalty by ensuring that new hires feel welcomed, supported, and equipped with the necessary tools and information to succeed in their roles. A positive onboarding experience can enhance employee engagement and commitment to the organization. Training and development initiatives also play a vital role in fostering employee loyalty. When organizations invest in the continuous learning and skill development of their employees, it not only enhances their job performance but also demonstrates a commitment to their professional growth and advancement. Employees are more likely to feel loyal to organizations that invest in their long-term development and career progression. According to Guest (2001), "HRM practices such as training and development, performance appraisal, and career development programs are positively associated with employee loyalty and commitment" (p. 56). Research by Huselid (1995) found that "High-involvement HRM practices, including employee involvement, empowerment, and reward systems, are associated with increased levels of employee loyalty and retention" (p. 215). In the opinion of Jiang, Lepak, Han, Hong, and Kim (2012), "Strategic HRM practices, such as selective staffing, training, and compensation systems, are positively related to employee loyalty and organizational commitment" (p. 78).

Health and safety in Human Resource Management (HRM) is a critical dimension that ensures the well-being of employees within organizations. This aspect encompasses policies, practices, and regulations aimed at creating a safe working environment, preventing accidents, and

mitigating health risks. A robust health and safety framework in HRM not only safeguards employees but also contributes to organizational success by reducing absenteeism, enhancing productivity, and fostering a positive workplace culture. The literature emphasizes the importance of HRM's role in developing and implementing comprehensive health and safety programs, aligning them with legal requirements and industry standards. This research suggests that effective communication, training, and employee involvement are key factors influencing the success of health and safety initiatives in HRM. Overall, the integration of health and safety measures within HRM practices is crucial for promoting employee well-being and organizational resilience. As stated by Clarke and Cooper (2004) indicates that "Effective health and safety practices are essential for maintaining employee well-being and reducing workplace accidents" (p. 87). According to a study by Hofmann and Tetrick (2003), "Organizational commitment to health and safety is associated with reduced workplace injuries and higher employee morale" (p. 112). Leka and Jain (2010) formulate that "Effective health and safety management systems can lead to improved organizational performance and employee well-being" (p. 54).

Chapter 4

QUALITATIVE OVERVIEW BASED ON HRM PRACTICES

4.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an overview of the multinational corporations (MNCs) and local companies selected for the study, drawing from qualitative data sourced primarily from direct sources. Section 5.2 delves into the human resource practices of MNCs, spotlighting Unilever Bangladesh Ltd., British American Tobacco (BAT) Bangladesh Ltd., Nestle Bangladesh Ltd., Marico Bangladesh Ltd., and Novartis Bangladesh. These companies are examined to elucidate their approaches to managing human capital. In contrast, Section 5.3 explores the human resource strategies of local companies, including Akij Group, PRAN-RFL Group, Abul Khair Group, Walton Group, and Jamuna Group. This section aims to provide comprehensive insights into the distinctive practices adopted by these indigenous entities in Bangladesh. Through qualitative analysis, this study seeks to uncover the nuances of human resource management within both MNCs and local companies, shedding light on the diversity of approaches in the Bangladeshi business landscape. By examining primary data sources, the chapter offers valuable insights into the strategies and practices employed by these companies to effectively manage their human capital in a competitive market environment.

4.2 MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES IN BANGLADESH

This section delineates the human resource management (HRM) practices of multinational corporations (MNCs) within the sample set of ten companies. Based on data obtained from primary sources, the analysis is structured into five sub-sections, ranging from 5.2.1 to 5.2.5, corresponding to each MNC. These subsections provide detailed insights into the HRM approaches adopted by the respective multinational entities, facilitating a comprehensive understanding of their strategies and implementations in managing human capital within the study's framework.

4.2.1 Unilever Bangladesh Ltd.

Unilever Bangladesh Ltd. places significant importance on several key factors that influence its recruitment processes, including organizational image, goodwill, demographic considerations, and HRM planning. The company utilizes diverse recruitment sources such as state employment agencies, educational institutions, professional associations, and voluntary organizations. The selection process involves several stages including application reception, screening, interviews, medical examinations, and hiring decisions. Unilever Bangladesh Ltd.

employs a combination of structured and mixed interviews, incorporating both predetermined questions and elements of problem-solving and stress-inducing formats to assess candidates effectively. Identifying training and development needs is a crucial aspect of Unilever Bangladesh Ltd.'s HRM practices, which are determined through the observation and analysis of job performances and requirements. The company provides various training facilities, including on-the-job programs like apprenticeship initiatives and job instructions training, as well as off-the-job activities such as lectures and demonstrations. Employee stress management is also a priority for the organization, employing various strategies, with the performance appraisal system playing a pivotal role in the HRM framework. The performance appraisal system at Unilever Bangladesh Ltd. aims to establish job expectations, review job skills, and promote employee motivation. While it offers notable benefits in talent management, including placing the right individuals in suitable roles and enhancing the hiring process, there are acknowledged limitations. Time consumption is a highlighted concern, and human errors such as recency error, similarity error, and personal bias may occur in the appraisal process. The assessment is typically conducted by immediate supervisors and through group appraisals. Compensation management in the company focuses on acquiring qualified employees and rewarding desired behavior through base pay and incentives. Promotion opportunities are tied to meeting performance standards, and employee suggestions are considered in the reward review process. These HRM practices contribute to interpersonal relatedness and positively impact employee motivation. Respondents recognize Unilever Bangladesh Ltd.'s strengths but believe there is untapped potential for further excellence, particularly in the areas of job training and motivation. The company places the responsibility for health and safety squarely on team leaders, emphasizing their role in maintaining a robust management system. This includes appointing committees, managers, and experts, while actively involving employees in the process. Team leaders are tasked with identifying and managing health and safety hazards, ensuring compliance with local legislation and Unilever requirements. Regular reviews, Key Performance Indicator (KPI) reporting, incident disclosure, and emergency plan communication are considered vital components of Unilever Bangladesh Ltd.'s health and safety management system. The company emphasizes the global dissemination of its Code Policy through local Safety, Health, and Environment (SHE) teams, while stressing the responsibility of directors in certain countries for health and safety compliance. The policy explicitly prohibits working under the influence and mandates proactive risk reporting.

4.2.2 British American Tobacco (BAT) Bangladesh

BAT Bangladesh identifies job attractiveness, HRM planning, industrialization, and recruitment costs as crucial factors influencing their recruitment strategies. Recruitment sources primarily involve state employment agencies and private placements. The selection process at BAT Bangladesh follows a sequence of application reception, screening, interviews, reference checks, medical examinations, and the final hiring decision. Structured and mixed interview formats are used to evaluate candidates. Training needs are determined through management recommendations and job requirement analysis, with both on-the-job (apprenticeship programs, job rotation, temporary promotions) and off-the-job (lectures, demonstrations, case presentations, behavior modeling) training programs. The company actively supports employees in managing work and personal pressures to optimize performance. Performance appraisal at BAT Bangladesh aims for clarity in job expectations, maintaining a record of accomplishments, and retaining top talent. Talent management yields benefits such as enhanced employee motivation, promotions, effective management, and employee development. Employee trait, behavior, and job results are key criteria for performance assessment. The positive relationship between brand value, employee loyalty, and robust HRM practices is acknowledged. Performance appraisal methods include rating scales, field reviews, and ranking. Respondents express overall satisfaction with HRM practices, but performance appraisal encounters human errors like the halo effect, personal bias, and horn effect. Motives for performance appraisal include requirement and remuneration judgments. The immediate supervisor, group appraisals, and multiple raters are involved in performance analysis. The organization communicates its reward system effectively, and compensation criteria include dearness allowance and service benefits. Compensation management goals center on acquiring qualified employees and ensuring equity. Employees believe that meeting company expectations increases promotion prospects. Employee suggestions play a role in promotion decisions at BAT Bangladesh. Intrinsic motivation is fostered through HRM practices, emphasizing the importance of making information easily accessible. Overall, respondents agree that the organization has room for growth in areas like job training and motivation. BAT Bangladesh Ltd. is dedicated to guaranteeing the safety and well-being of individuals entering its premises while also minimizing its impact on the environment. The company expects its personnel within the facilities to prioritize safety to assure a secure return home. It is crucial for everyone to be mindful of potential risks associated with various activities and take necessary precautions to secure safety during business operations. To enhance safety during work at height activities, the company has procured standardized access

equipment, including mechanical and electrical ladders, custom scaffolding, and boom lifts for use at Dhaka Factory (DF), Kushtia GLT Plant (GLTP), and Manikganj Redrying Plant (RDP).

4.2.3 Nestle Bangladesh Ltd.

Recruitment at Nestle Bangladesh is influenced by factors such as the organization's size and growth potential, HRM planning, industrialization, and the labour market. Recruitment sources include private placements, educational institutions, and voluntary organizations. The selection process at Nestle Bangladesh involves multiple stages, including application reception, screening, interviews, reference checks, medical examinations, and the final hiring decision. The company utilizes a structured interview format for employee selection. Training and development needs are identified through the observation and analysis of job performances and requirements, with both on-the-job (apprenticeship programs, planned progression) and off-the-job (lectures, demonstrations, equipment simulators) training programs in place. Nestle Bangladesh prioritizes minimizing work-related stress for employees, sometimes even resorting to salary increases to address the issue. The primary objective of the performance appraisal system is to ensure clarity in job expectations. Talent management is seen as advantageous for placing the right individuals in suitable roles, while the key benefit of performance appraisal is cited as employee motivation. The criteria for performance assessment include employees' job results, and respondents express the interconnectedness of brand value and employee loyalty with a sound HRM system. Rating scales are employed as the appraisal method in the company, and respondents generally express satisfaction with the existing HRM system. Common errors in the performance appraisal process include recency error, similarity error, and fear of straining relations. Promotional requirements and remuneration serve as the fundamental motives behind the performance appraisal system at Nestle Bangladesh. Evaluation and feedback are conducted by the immediate supervisor and peers. The reward system, particularly extra base pay, is effectively communicated to employees. Acquiring qualified employees is the primary goal of compensation management, and employee promotions are anticipated for those who perform well. The company considers employee suggestions in reward reviews, and respondents highlight the significant role of sound HRM practices in motivating employees. Respondents suggest that providing enhanced financial security to employees could further strengthen the overall system. Nestle Bangladesh prioritizes worker health and safety as a cornerstone of its operational ethos. Implementing rigorous health and safety measures, the company ensures a secure and conducive work environment for its employees. Committed to upholding international standards, Nestle

Bangladesh invests in comprehensive training programs to instil a culture of safety awareness among its workforce. Regular risk assessments and audits are conducted to identify and mitigate potential hazards, fostering a proactive approach to workplace safety. The company emphasizes the well-being of its employees by providing access to health resources, preventive healthcare measures, and prompt medical assistance. Nestle Bangladesh's dedication to worker health and safety not only aligns with global best practices but also reflects its commitment to creating a sustainable and supportive workplace for its valuable workforce.

4.2.4 Novartis Bangladesh Ltd.

Several factors influence recruitment within the Novartis Bangladesh Ltd., including its reputation, size, HRM planning, and industrialization. Key sources of recruitment for Novartis Bangladesh Ltd. include state employment agencies, private placements, and educational institutions. The selection process involves receiving applications, screening, interviews, reference checks, medical examinations, and final hiring decisions, with a mix of structured and mixed interviews. Training needs are identified through job performance observation, management recommendations, surveys, reports, and inventories. Novartis Bangladesh Ltd. provides both on-the-job and off-the-job training, including apprenticeship programs, job instruction training, and lectures, demonstrations, seminars, and conferences. Employee recognition helps manage job stress, while performance appraisal focuses on clarifying job expectations and updating skills, with benefits including employee motivation, communication, and promotion. Time constraints and reliance on human assessment can limit the effectiveness of performance appraisal. Criteria for employee assessment include behavior and job results, impacting employee loyalty and brand value if HRM practices are implemented effectively. Appraisal methods include easy appraisal, performance tests, and observations. Although the respondents express satisfaction with Novartis Bangladesh Ltd.'s HRM system, errors such as recency and central tendency can affect performance appraisal. Promotional requirements and technical training drive performance appraisal, conducted by immediate supervisors, peers, and through self-appraisal. The reward system is effectively communicated to employees, with compensation comprising base pay and benefits, aimed at acquiring qualified employees and providing incentives. Promotions are offered to employees meeting performance standards, with employee suggestions considered in the review of rewards. Effective HRM practices result in a competitive human resource supply, though respondents suggest a focus on providing more training in relevant skills. Novartis Bangladesh oversees safety, health, and environmental (HSE) aspects within its business structure, leading strategy

and activities. It ensures resources for full HSE implementation and compliance with regulations, supporting audits and inspections. Emphasis is placed on efficient resource deployment and standardization to create value. Promoting on-site inspections with clear accountability is a priority. Participation in global and cross-functional HSE teams facilitates collaboration and knowledge exchange. Networking with other clusters and global teams addresses HSE challenges and promotes effective programs. Through engagement in committees and initiatives, the role advances HSE objectives locally and globally. It fosters a culture of safety, health, and environmental stewardship, aligning HSE strategies with business goals for consistent productivity and continuous improvement.

4.2.5 Marico Bangladesh

Recruitment factors at Marico Bangladesh revolve around organizational image, size, growth potential, HR planning, and outsourcing, drawing primarily from state employment agencies, private placements, and educational institutions. The selection process follows a sequence of application reception, interviews, references, medical examinations, and final hiring decisions, incorporating structured and mixed interviews. Training needs are identified through job performance observation, requirements analysis, surveys, reports, and inventories, offering a mix of on-the-job and off-the-job training, including apprenticeship programs, assistant-to positions, committees, junior boards, lectures, demonstrations, and behavioural modelling. Employee stress is managed through counselling. Performance appraisal focuses on job clarity, accomplishment records, and goals, yielding benefits such as talent management improvement, employee understanding, and professional development decisions, with motivations including employee training, standard establishment, and motivation. Limitations of performance appraisal include impacts on senior-junior relations and reliance on human judgment. Evaluation criteria are based on employee behaviour and job results, influencing brand value and employee loyalty through effective HR practices. Appraisal methods include easy appraisal and field reviews, with respondents expressing satisfaction with the current HR system. Common human errors in performance evaluation include recency, similarity, and paperwork errors. Promotion and remuneration drive appraisal execution, overseen by immediate supervisors and group appraisals. The reward system is effectively communicated, offering base pay, merit pay, and benefits. Compensation management aims for qualified employee acquisition and incentive alignment. Promotion is contingent on job performance, with employee suggestions valued. Competency stems from sound HR practices, with respondents recommending fair, performance-based compensation. Marico Bangladesh places a paramount

emphasis on creating a safe workplace, implementing rigorous safety measures and regularly conducting training to foster employee awareness. The company have separate codes of conduct in place designed to prevent sexual harassment at work. This policy, titled "Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace," aligns with the directives from the Supreme Court of Bangladesh outlined in Writ Petition No. 5916 of 2008. It defines sexual harassment comprehensively, encompassing unwelcome behaviours such as physical contact, advances, abuse of power, verbal representations, demands for sexual favours, and more. Employee well-being is addressed through regular health check-ups, access to medical facilities, and the presence of trained emergency response teams in Marico Bangladesh.

4.3 LOCAL COMPANIES IN BANGLADESH

the human resource management (HRM) practices of local companies within the sample set are elucidated, drawing upon data acquired from primary sources. The analysis is structured into five sub-sections, denoted from 5.3.1 to 5.3.5, mirroring the number of local companies under examination. These subsections meticulously outline the HRM strategies and implementations of each local company, offering a detailed portrayal of their approaches to managing human capital within the parameters of the study.

4.3.1 *Akij Group*

The factors influencing their employee recruitment entail Akij group's image and goodwill, job attractiveness, internal politics, industrialization, recruitment costs, and position constraints. Online platforms, particularly internet recruiting, serve as the primary source of recruitment for the company. The selection process at Akij Group involves a sequence of steps, including application reception, shortlisting, written exams, interviews, offer letters, and appointment letters. Structured interviews, featuring predetermined and sequenced questions in a problem-solving and stress-inducing format, are part of the selection process. Training and development needs are identified through management recommendations and analysis of job requirements, with both on-the-job and off-the-job training methods in place. On-the-job training includes job instructions, job rotation, and creating assistant positions, while off-the-job training involves lectures and case presentations. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and workflow are provided to employees for better job command and responsibility understanding. The main objectives of performance appraisal at Akij Group include recording accomplishments, goal achievement, and employee motivation. In terms of talent management benefits, the company emphasizes placing the right person in the right job and making better professional

development decisions. Top benefits of performance appraisal include employee motivation, effective management, employee development, and reward management. However, there is a noted negative impact on goodwill between senior and junior employees. Performance assessment criteria encompass employee behaviour and job results. Employee loyalty, considered an unwritten asset, is believed to be positively influenced by HRM practices, particularly the use of rating scales in performance evaluation. Respondents express satisfaction with the existing performance appraisal system, citing the monthly performance evaluation for individual employees as a key factor ensuring accuracy. Despite occasional central tendency errors as part of human error, the system is generally well-received. Promotional requirements drive the performance appraisal system, with authorities such as immediate supervisors, group appraisals, and 360-degree appraisal providing performance evaluations. The communicated reward system includes compensation in the form of dearness allowance and bonuses. Acquiring qualified employees remains a top objective in the company's compensation management. Successful performance is tied to promotion opportunities, and employee suggestions are considered in reward reviews. Overall, respondents agree that HRM practices in Akij Group are yielding positive results. As a piece of advice, respondents suggest a slight increase in focus on individual employee productivity within the HRM system. Akij Group of Companies prioritizes worker health and safety through comprehensive compliance standards and procedures. Daily floor visits enable the identification of hazards and risks, with management promptly informed for mitigation. Employees are equipped with proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and welfare issues are addressed. Regular orientation, awareness, and training programs ensure adherence to rules and regulations, encompassing fire, electrical, building, environmental, and chemical safety protocols. A robust fire safety management system is in place, with frequent checks on equipment and monthly fire drills. Compliance-related documentation is meticulously prepared and updated, including the renewal of licenses and permits. The company handles employee grievances and conducts internal audits to maintain efficiency and address non-conformities systematically. Akij Group actively prepares for certification audits like ISO standards, underscoring its commitment to providing a safe and healthy working environment for its workforce.

4.3.2 PRAN-RFL Group

When queried about their recruitment, the factors considered encompass the organization's image and goodwill, job attractiveness, size and growth potential, and recruitment costs. The

primary recruitment source for the company is the internet. The selection process follows a sequence involving application reception, shortlisting, written exams, interviews, offer letters, and appointment letters. The interviews conducted are structured, aimed at problem-solving and inducing stress. Training and development needs are identified through management recommendations and job requirement analysis. Both on-the-job and off-the-job training methods are provided, encompassing job instruction training, job rotation, creation of assistant positions, lectures, and case presentations. To address job stress among employees, the company utilizes Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and workflow. Performance appraisal is a crucial aspect of human resource management, with top objectives including recording accomplishments and ensuring motivation. Talent management benefits for Pran-RFL Group include the ability to employ the right person in the right job and make effective professional decisions. Performance appraisal brings benefits such as employee motivation, proper management, employee development, and reward management. However, it may have a negative impact on goodwill between senior and junior employees. Evaluation criteria for performance include employee behaviour and job results. The company acknowledges that well-executed HRM practices contribute to increased employee loyalty, and respondents believe that a company's brand value is linked to sound HRM practices. Rating scales are chosen as the method for performance appraisal. Respondents expressed satisfaction with the existing HRM system, highlighting the monthly performance evaluation for individual employees as a key factor ensuring accuracy. Central tendency error is identified as a potential human error in the appraisal process. Promotional requirements drive the motive behind performance assessment, with authorities like immediate supervisors, group appraisals, and 360-degree feedback involved in the evaluation process. The practiced reward system is effectively communicated to employees. Forms of compensation include dearness allowance and bonuses. Acquiring qualified employees is a primary objective of compensation management, and promotions are assured for employees who meet performance expectations. Employee suggestions are welcomed during reward reviews. Respondents unanimously agree on the positive impact of HRM practices on employee motivation. Finally, respondents emphasize the need for the company to continue developing a productive workforce, considering them as assets to the company. PRAN-RFL company places a strong emphasis on establishing a safe workplace environment through rigorous safety measures and health protocols. Employees undergo thorough training sessions concentrating on safety procedures and the appropriate utilization of personal protective equipment (PPE), such as hard hats, gloves, safety glasses, and masks. Regular inspections and audits promptly detect and resolve

safety issues, while robust emergency response plans ensure employee safety during unforeseen circumstances. The company consistently updates and reviews its safety protocols to comply with industry standards and regulations, illustrating a dedication to continual enhancement. By cultivating a culture of safety awareness and responsibility, PRAN-RFL Group fosters a workplace atmosphere that prioritizes the welfare of its employees.

4.3.3 Abul Khair Group

Khair Group's recruitment process is primarily influenced by job attractiveness, HRM planning, industrialization, labour market conditions, organizational constraints, and supply-demand dynamics. Recruitment sources include educational institutions, professional associations, departing employees, and internet recruiting. The typical selection process at Abul Khair Group follows a sequence involving departmental requisition, job analysis, CV sourcing, CV screening, pre-employment tests, interviews, reference checks, job offers, negotiation, and finally onboarding. The organization employs a mixed approach of structured and unstructured interviews, incorporating problem-solving and stress-inducing elements. Training and development needs are identified through analysis and observation of job performances. On-the-job training methods include job instruction training, job rotation, and assistant position creation. Off-the-job training methods involve lectures, discussions, business simulations, case presentations, experimental modelling, and computer-based training. The organization addresses stress through strategies like stress level assessment, identification of sources, and stress-reducing programs, including personal meetings, wellness programs, employee assistance, stress management, and counselling. The top benefit of talent management at Abul Khair Group is seen as placing the right person in the right job. Employee motivation emerges as the primary benefit from performance appraisal. Limitations of performance appraisal include potential negative impacts on senior-junior relations and goodwill. Employee behaviour and adherence to the code of conduct are crucial for determining performance quality. Respondents from Abul Khair Group remain neutral on the correlation between sound HR practices and employee loyalty, as well as the alignment of brand value with effective HR practices. Performance evaluation methods encompass rating scales, performance tests, observations, and behaviourally anchored rating scales (BARS). Surprisingly, when asked about satisfaction with the HRM system, respondents express disappointment. Human errors in the performance appraisal process include personal bias, paperwork, fear of harming relationships, and evaluation of individuals instead of performance. Promotional requirements drive the performance appraisal system, with immediate supervisors being accountable for the

process. Respondents hold a neutral stance on the effective communication of the reward system to employees. Compensation forms, including base pay, bonuses, and incentives, revolve around the retention of present employees and avoiding turnover. The prospect of promotion is optimistic for employees meeting performance expectations. Employee suggestions are considered for nominations, and employee performance determines rewards. Respondents link the impact of HRM practices with employee motivation, emphasizing that training and development opportunities enhance skills, knowledge, and job performance. Abul Khair Group suggests enhancing HRM practices by fostering a positive organizational culture, maintaining SOP in the workplace, aligning practices with strategic goals, leveraging technology, providing ongoing training, development, and emphasizing diversity and equity. Abul Khair Group is deeply committed to the safety and welfare of its employees and contractors across all its operations. We uphold a strong Occupational Safety & Health Policy, meticulously following local, national, and international regulations and standards, including those set by OSHA and NFPA. Certified consultants are brought in when necessary to ensure compliance and the implementation of best practices. Our dedication to safety is evident through comprehensive training, readiness for emergencies, and vigilant oversight by management. At all levels of the organization, there is a strong emphasis on accountability and adherence to safety procedures. Through proactive risk management and promoting a culture of safety, Abul Khair Group endeavours to cultivate a workplace environment that prioritizes the well-being of all individuals involved.

4.3.4 Walton Group

According to the respondents, the factors influencing recruitment at Walton Group cover the organization's image or goodwill and its size and growth potential. Educational institutions are the primary sources of recruitment for the organization. The selection process at Walton Group involves a sequence of tasks, including the reception of applications, interviews, screenings, examinations, and hiring decisions. Problem-solving and stress-producing interviews are conducted as part of the selection process. Training and development needs are identified through the observation and analysis of job performances. The organization utilizes apprenticeship programs, planned progression, seminars, and conferences as training methods. Stress management is addressed through fostering a positive work environment, providing training opportunities, and recognizing and rewarding employee contributions. Performance appraisal at Walton Group focuses on the top objectives of recording employee accomplishments and goals. Talent management is seen as beneficial for making better

professional development decisions. Proper management, employee development, and reward management are highlighted as the top benefits resulting from performance appraisal practices under the HR department. Negative feedback resistance is a significant limitation faced during performance appraisal. Employee job results serve as the basis for assessing performance. Respondents emphasize the proportional relationship between brand value, employee loyalty, and sound HR practices in the company. The organization employs performance appraisal methods such as the Field Review method and Management by Objectives (MBO). Respondents express a positive view of their practiced HRM practices at Walton Group, citing well-defined policies on recruitment, selection, training and development, performance management, and compensation and benefits. However, they acknowledge human errors in performance evaluation, including personal prejudice and evaluating the person instead of performance. Promotional requirements in Walton Group are primarily carried out through performance appraisal procedures, with the immediate supervisor holding authority for performance assessments. The respondents unanimously agree that the organization's reward system is effectively communicated to employees. Forms of compensation mentioned include base pay and bonuses. The top objectives of compensation management focus on acquiring qualified employees, and employees performing well can expect promotion within the organization. While reviewing employee rewards, suggestions from employees are welcomed. Respondents emphasize the significant impact of HRM practices on employee motivation, with practices such as performance management, training and development, compensation and benefits, and employee involvement influencing motivation. Building a positive organizational culture through regular communication, recognition programs, and team-building activities is suggested to enhance the effectiveness of HRM practices at Walton Group. In Walton Group of Bangladesh, worker health and safety is paramount. Adherence to Occupational Health and Safety Act regulations is mandatory, with strict enforcement of personal protective equipment (PPE) protocols such as wearing CSA-approved hardhats, footwear, and eye protection. Substance abuse is strictly prohibited, with immediate repercussions for offenders. Accident reporting is emphasized, requiring prompt notification to supervisors for investigation and management review. Smoking is prohibited on-site, and any suspicion of asbestos must be reported promptly for assessment. Hazardous situations and unsafe practices must be reported immediately for corrective action, with disciplinary measures taken if necessary. Specific safety measures, including tie-offs near shafts and protocols for structural demolition and hot work, are outlined to mitigate risks. Walton Group maintains a proactive approach to ensure a safe work environment for all personnel

4.3.5 Jamuna Group

Major sources of recruitment involve educational institutions, professional associations, and departing employees. The selection process at Jamuna Group involves application, screening, interview, and medical examination. The interview part is designed in a mixed format, combining structured and unstructured elements. Determining training and development needs employs methods such as staff conferences, recommendations, surveys, reports, and inventories. Jamuna Group provides both on-the-job and off-the-job training, covering job instructions training, job rotation, temporary promotions, and demonstrations, business simulation, equipment simulators, computer modeling, and sensitivity training, respectively. Stress management is a priority, with efforts to establish a friendly workplace for employees. The top objectives of the performance appraisal system at Jamuna Group include clarity of job expectations and the review and update of job skills. Talent management yields benefits such as placing the right person in the right job and enhancing hiring decisions. Performance appraisal benefits encompass the formulation of employee training programs, selection validation, proper management, and employee development. Despite facing limitations like the effect on goodwill between senior and junior, differences in performance appraisal processes in different companies, and nepotism affecting the appraisal system, the organization evaluates employee performance based on criteria like behavior and job results. Positive relations between HRM practices, employee loyalty, and brand value are emphasized. Performance appraisal methods include easy appraisal, forced choice, and critical incident. Respondents express satisfaction with the overall HRM system. Human errors in performance appraisal include the halo effect, personal bias, and paperwork. Motives behind the performance appraisal system range from promotional requirements to establishing a code of conduct and nominal considerations. Authorities in charge of the process include peers, subordinates, multiple raters, and self-appraisal. The practiced reward system is deemed well-communicated to employees. Forms of compensation provided include base pay and merit pay. Compensation management objectives involve acquiring qualified employees, rewarding desired behavior, and providing incentives. Respondents state that employees are assured promotions without obstacles. Suggestions from employees for reviewing rewards are encouraged. Employee motivation is seen as proportionate to sound HRM practices. Recommendations include aligning business strategies more effectively with external and internal factors. Jamuna Group Bangladesh prioritizes the safety of its workforce through a range of specific measures tailored to different sectors. Employees undergo comprehensive training sessions focused on safety protocols, including the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as helmets,

gloves, and safety goggles. Regular safety audits and risk assessments are conducted across all facilities to identify potential hazards, with immediate corrective actions taken. In hazardous areas, additional safety precautions are enforced, such as the provision of fire extinguishers, emergency evacuation plans, and designated safety zones. Machinery and equipment undergo regular maintenance checks to ensure they meet safety standards, and employees are trained in their safe operation. Accident reporting procedures are streamlined to encourage prompt reporting and investigation of incidents, with the aim of preventing future occurrences. Furthermore, Jamuna Group emphasizes continuous improvement, regularly updating safety protocols based on industry best practices and feedback from employees.

Chapter 5

Findings & Analyses

5.1 INTRODUCTION

Chapter 5 provides a comprehensive examination of the primary data and information sourced from leading multinational corporations (MNCs) and local companies, aimed at evaluating their current status in terms of human resource management (HRM) practices. This chapter is divided into two sections, 5.1 and 5.2, with the former serving the purpose of scrutinizing the collected data, while the latter involves in-depth analysis and interpretation of findings pertaining to various HRM issues under relevant sub-sections.

5.2 STATISTICAL ANALYSES & INTERPRETATIONS

Section 5.2 focuses on statistical analyses and interpretations, encompassing the extensive dataset obtained through a tailored semi-structured questionnaire devised for this research endeavour. Employing a diverse range of statistical tools and techniques, this section aims to analyse all core aspects of HRM systematically, thereby providing a categorical assessment devoid of ambiguity regarding the actual scenario observed.

5.2.1 The Factors Affecting Recruitment

The very initial stage of HRM practices commences with analysing the set of factors with a probable substantial impact on the issue of recruitment in an organization. The total scenario of

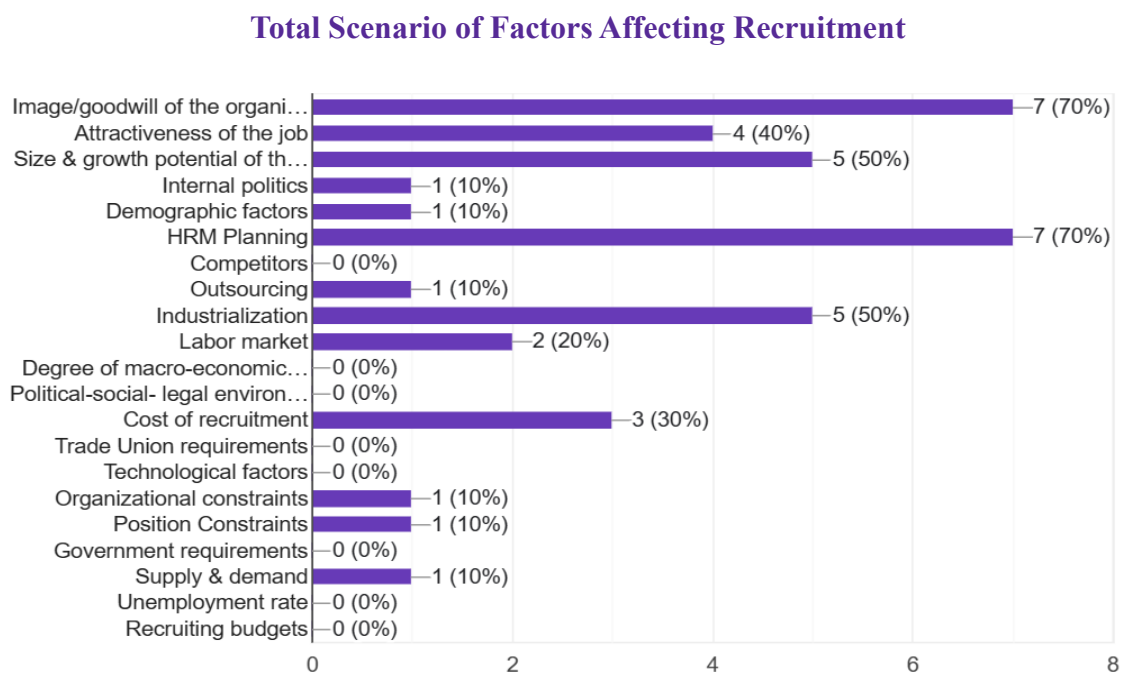


Figure 1: Total Scenario of Factors Affecting Recruitment

factors affecting recruitment in the MNCs as well as local companies is depicted by the **Figure 1**; where the HRM factors such as image/goodwill of the organization (70%), attractiveness of the job (40%), size & growth potential (50%), internal politics (10%), demographic factors (!0%), HRM planning (70%), competitors (0%), outsourcing (10%), industrialization (50%), labour market (20%), macro-economic growth (0%), political-social-legal environment (0%), cost of recruitment (30%), trade union requirements (0%), technological factors (0%), organizational constraints (0%), position constraints (0%), government requirements (0%), supply & demand (10%), unemployment rate (0%), and recruiting budgets have been dissected for the desired outcome.

The **Table 1** below is depictive of three main parts. The first one is that of the combined comparative percentages, the embodiment of overall percentages of the aforementioned factors affecting recruitment found from the Figure 1 above, have been examined for the MNCs and local companies together on a scale of 100%. Then it has been broken down into two more parts showing the separate percentages for MNCs as well as local companies.

Variables (Factors Affecting Recruitment)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
Image/goodwill of the organization	MNCs – 40% + Local Companies – 30%	=70%	80%	60%
Attractiveness of the job	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 30%	=40%	20%	60%
Size & growth potential of the organization	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 20%	=50%	60%	40%
Internal politics	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=10%	0%	20%

Demographic factors	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 0%	=10%	20%	0%
HRM Planning	MNCs – 50% + Local Companies – 20%	=70%	100%	40%
Competitors	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Outsourcing	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 0%	=10%	20%	0%
Industrialization	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 20%	=50%	60%	40%
Labor market	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	20%	20%	20%
Degree of macro-economic growth	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Political-social-legal environment	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Cost of recruitment	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 20%	=10%	20%	40%
Trade Union requirements	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Technological factors	MNCs – 0% +	=0%	0%	0%

	Local Companies – 0%			
Organizational constraints	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=0%	0%	20%
Position Constraints	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=0%	0%	20%
Government requirements	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Supply & demand	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=0%	0%	20%
Unemployment rate	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Recruiting budgets	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%

Table 1 : Factors Affecting Recruitment in Separate & Combined Percentages

Figure 2 delineates a more simplified picture version of data representation, received from the ‘combined comparative percentages’ column of Table 1, by means of a bar chart headlined under ‘combined comparative scenario of factors affecting recruitment’. This chart pits the percentage difference of the factors in question between MNCs and local companies belonging to the sample set of this study. Here, as a whole, the percentages stand at, respectively for MNCs and local companies; 40% and 30% for image/goodwill of the organization, 10% and 30% for attractiveness of the job, 30% and 20% for size & growth potential of the organization, 0% and 10% for internal politics, 10% and 0% demographic factors, 50% and 20% for HRM planning, 0% and 0% for competitors, 10% and 0% for outsourcing, 30% and 20% for industrialization, 10% and 10% for labour market, 0% and 0% for degree of macro-economic growth, 0% and 0% for political-social- legal environment, 10% and 20% for cost of

recruitment, 0% and 0% for trade union requirements, 0% and 0% for technological factors, 0% and 10% for organizational constraints, 0% and 10% for position constraints, 0% and 0% for government requirements, 0% and 10% for supply & demand, 0% and 0% for unemployment rate and finally, 0% and 0% for recruiting budgets.

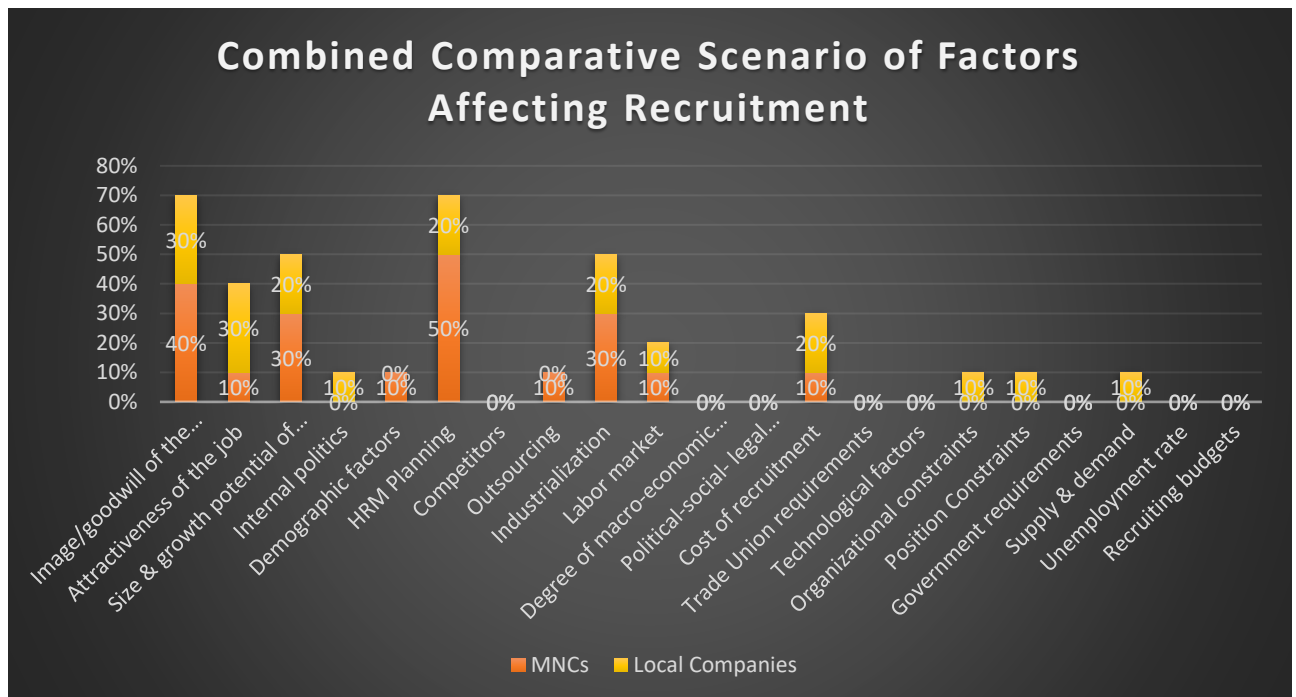


Figure 2 : Combined Comparative Scenario of Factors Affecting Recruitment

The ‘factors affecting recruitment in MNCs’ has been displayed by **Figure 3** in the form of a pie chart. There appear a number of nine factors here. The highest percentage stands at 100% in HRM planning. As for the second highest factor, it is image/goodwill of the organization with 80%. Industrialization as well as size & growth potential of the organization both come at 60%. The rest of the factors; labour market, cost of recruitment, attractiveness of the job, demographic factors, and outsourcing make up 20% each.

Factors Affecting Recruitment in MNCs

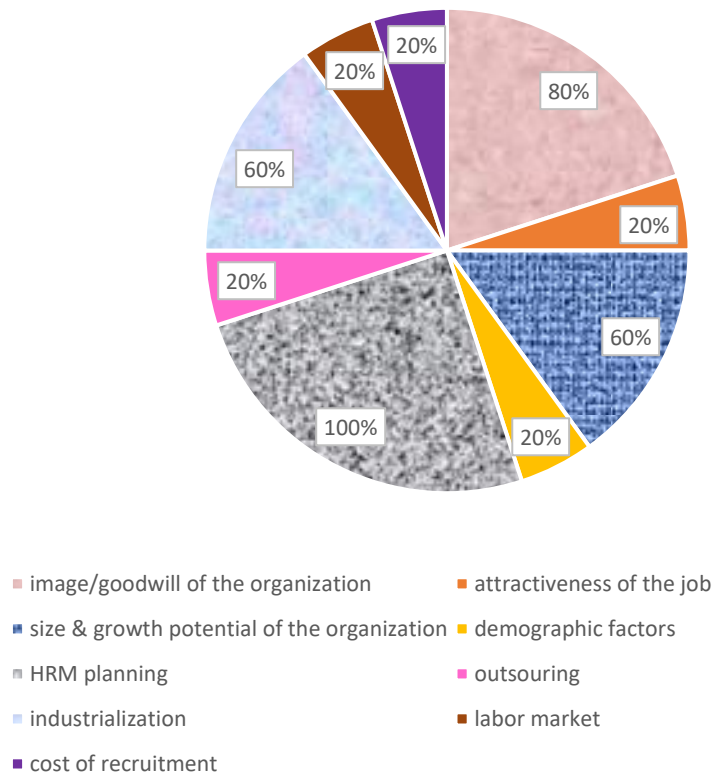


Figure 3: Factors Affecting Recruitment in MNCs

Factors Affecting Recruitment in Local Companies

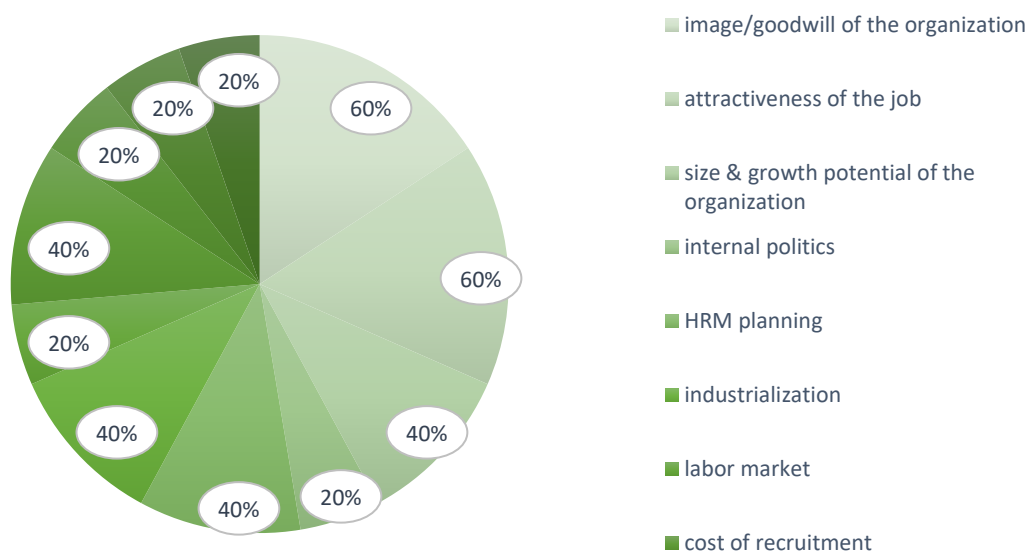


Figure 4: Factors Affecting Recruitment in Local Companies

Figure 4 manifests separate scenario of ‘factors affecting recruitment in local companies’ through another pie chart. Here, there are more factors affecting recruitment in local companies in comparison to Figure 3 showing the scenario for MNCs. The highest percentage here comes at 60% both for the factors of image/goodwill of the organization and attractiveness of the job. The second highest factor is 40% for four factors in total consisting of size & growth of the organization, HRM planning, industrialization, and cost of recruitment. all of the remaining five factors called internal politics, labour market, organizational constraint, positions constraints, and supply & demand stands at a percentage of 20% each.

As we can see, the topmost factor that affects recruitment process in the MNCs turns out to be ‘HRM planning’ (100%); whereas, the factor with highest percentage in the same arena of HRM boils down to two issues ‘image/goodwill of the organization’ and ‘attractiveness of the job’ (60% each).

The descriptive percentages and graphical representations provide a basic understanding of the factors affecting recruitment in MNCs and local companies. To strengthen the analysis, the data have been further examined using mean score ranking and comparative percentage difference analysis. This allows for clearer identification of the most influential factors and highlights key variations between the two organizational contexts. The following tables present a ranked and comparative view of these factors for more systematic interpretation.

Rank	Factors	Combined % (Mean Score)
1	HRM Planning	70%
1	Image/Goodwill of Organization	70%
3	Size & Growth Potential	50%
3	Industrialization	50%
5	Attractiveness of Job	40%
6	Cost of Recruitment	30%
7	Labor Market	20%

Rank	Factors	Combined % (Mean Score)
8	Internal Politics	10%
8	Demographic Factors	10%
8	Outsourcing	10%
8	Supply & Demand	10%
---	All Remaining Factors	0%

Table 2 : Mean Score Ranking of Factors Affecting Recruitment (Combined)

Rank	Factors	MNCs %
1	HRM Planning	100%
2	Image/Goodwill of Organization	80%
3	Size & Growth Potential	60%
3	Industrialization	60%
5	Attractiveness of Job	20%
5	Cost of Recruitment	20%
5	Labor Market	20%
5	Demographic Factors	20%
5	Outsourcing	20%
---	Remaining Factors	0%

Table 3: Mean Score Ranking of MNCs

Rank	Factors	Local Companies%
1	Image/Goodwill of Organization	60%
1	Attractiveness of Job	60%
3	Size & Growth Potential	40%
3	HRM Planning	40%

Rank	Factors	Local Companies%
3	Industrialization	40%
3	Cost of Recruitment	40%
7	Internal Politics	20%
7	Labor Market	20%
7	Organizational Constraints	20%
7	Position Constraints	20%
7	Supply & Demand	20%
---	Remaining Factors	0%

Table 4: Mean Score Ranking of Local Companies

Factors	Comparative Intensity (%)
HRM Planning	60% (Strong MNC dominance)
Image/Goodwill	20% (Moderate MNC dominance)
Size & Growth Potential	20% (Moderate MNC dominance)
Industrialization	20% (Moderate MNC dominance)
Attractiveness of Job	40% (Strong local dominance)
Cost of Recruitment	20% (Moderate local dominance)
Internal Politics	20% (Moderate local dominance)
Organizational Constraints	20% (Moderate local dominance)
Position Constraints	20% (Moderate local dominance)
Supply & Demand	20% (Moderate local dominance)
Labor Market	0% (Equal influence)
Others	0% (No influence reported)

Table 5: Factors Affecting Recruitment (Comparative Interpretation)

The analysis indicates notable differences in the factors influencing recruitment between MNCs and local companies. HRM planning emerges as the most dominant factor in MNCs, reflecting a highly structured and strategic approach to recruitment. In contrast, local companies place greater emphasis on organizational image and job attractiveness, suggesting

a stronger focus on external appeal to attract candidates. Factors such as size and growth potential, as well as industrialization, remain important across both contexts, indicating some level of commonality in recruitment considerations. The significant variations observed in key factors highlight how organizational structure, strategic orientation, and resource availability shape recruitment practices in different types of organizations.

5.2.2 Sources of Recruitment

Figure 5 below portrays the ‘total scenario of sources of recruitment’ where the overall responses by the entities (the sample set combined of MNCs & local companies) are included. The factors consist of state employee agencies (50%), private placement (50%), educational institutions (80%), professional associations (40%), labour unions (0%), voluntary organizations (20%), departing employees (20%), internet recruiting (30%), and open house (0%) on a total scale of 100%.

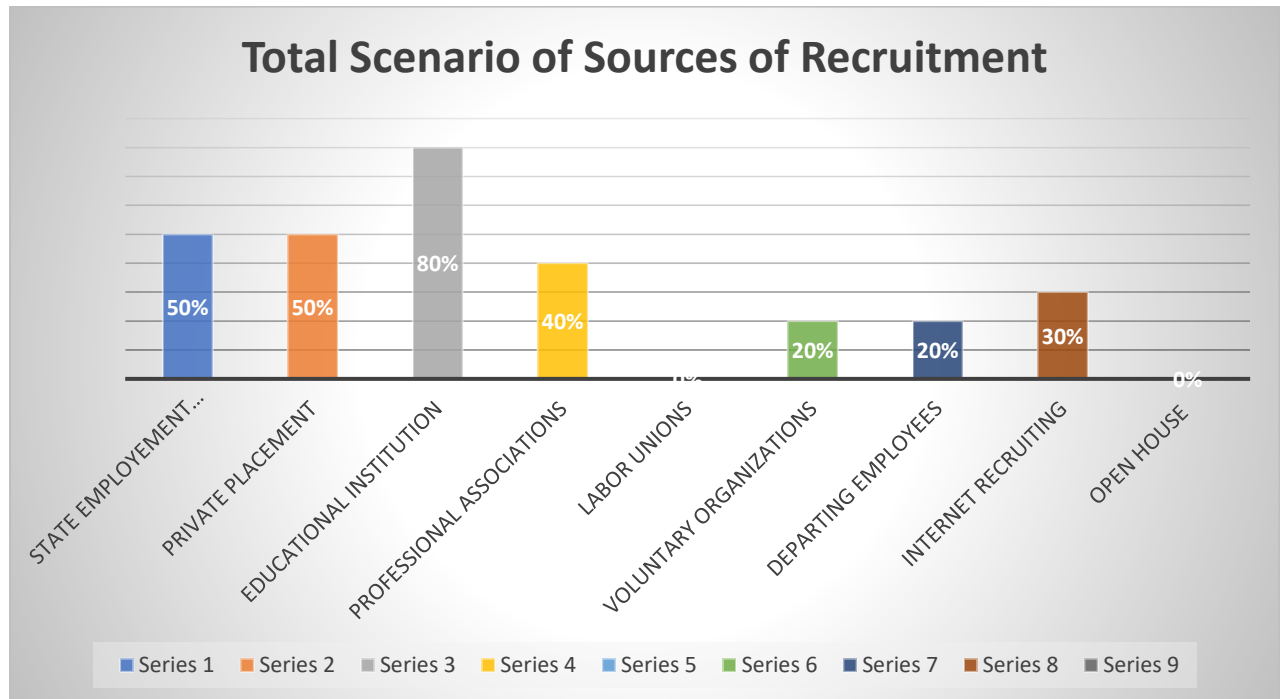


Figure 5: Total Scenario of Sources of Recruitment

Variables (Sources of Recruitment)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
State Employment Agencies	MNCs – 40% + Local Companies – 10%	=50%	80%	20%
Private placement	MNCs – 40% + Local Companies – 10%	=50%	80%	20%
Educational Institutions	MNCs – 40% + Local Companies – 40%	=80%	80%	80%

Professional Associations	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 30%	=40%	20%	60%
Labor Unions	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Voluntary Organizations	MNCs – 20% + Local Companies – 0%	=20%	40%	0%
Departing Employees	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 20%	=20%	0%	40%
Internet Recruiting	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 30%	=30%	0%	60%
Open House	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	= 0%	0%	0%

Table 6: Sources of Recruitment in Separate & Combined Percentages

Table 6 above dismembers the combined comparative and separate scenario in percentages. The second column shows divides the data from Figure 5 and presents them into MNCs and local companies on a combined scale of 100%. Then the Table goes on to exhibit the separate percentages for the MNCs and local companies with five entities in either of the columns.

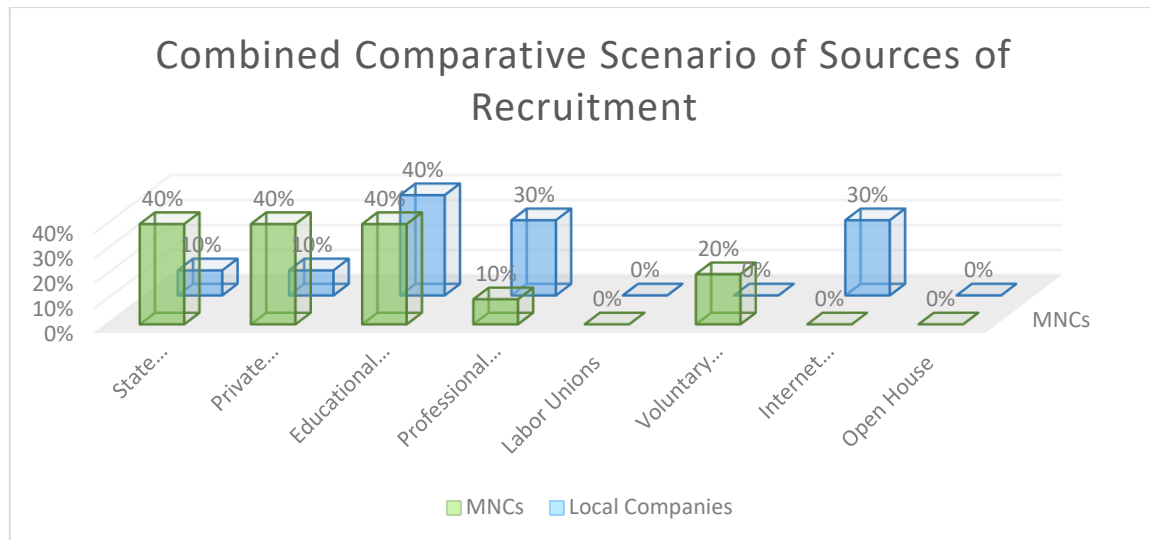


Figure 6 : Combined Comparative Scenario of Sources of Recruitment

Figure 6 above dissects the data retrieved from Table 6 in the previous page. This Figure basically the picture representation of the first column of the aforementioned Table 2 headlined under ‘combined comparative percentage’. The percentages for the factors of sources of recruitment are visualized through the columns in the Figure 6 wherein the percentages of ‘state employment agencies’ is a mixture of 40% and 10%, ‘private placement’ of 40% and 10%, ‘educational institutions’ 40% and 40%, ‘professional associations’ of 10% and 30%, ‘labour unions’ of 0% and 0%, ‘voluntary organizations’ of 20% and 0%, ‘internet recruiting’ of 0% and 30%, and ‘open house’ of 0% and 0% respectively for MNCs and local companies.

Figure 7 and **Figure 8** depicted in this study respectively explain the data we see in the ‘MNCs’ separate percentage’ and ‘local companies’ separate percentage’ columns of Table 6 for the sources of recruitment as a part of the HRM practices. The former pie chart (Figure 7) elucidates the scenario of MNCs in terms of sources of recruitment. The latter (Figure 8) pie chart particularizes the same variables but in the context of local companies.

In Figure 7, there are five factors in total actually playing a role to serve as recruitment sources for the MNCs which sum up state employment agencies with 80%, private placement with 80%, educational institutions with 80%, departing employees with 40%, and professional associations with 20%. Reversely, Figure 8 contains six factors as sources of recruitment for the local companies wherein there are educational institutions with 80%, internet recruiting with 60%, professional associations with 60%, departing employees 40%, state employment agencies with 20%, and private placement with 20%.

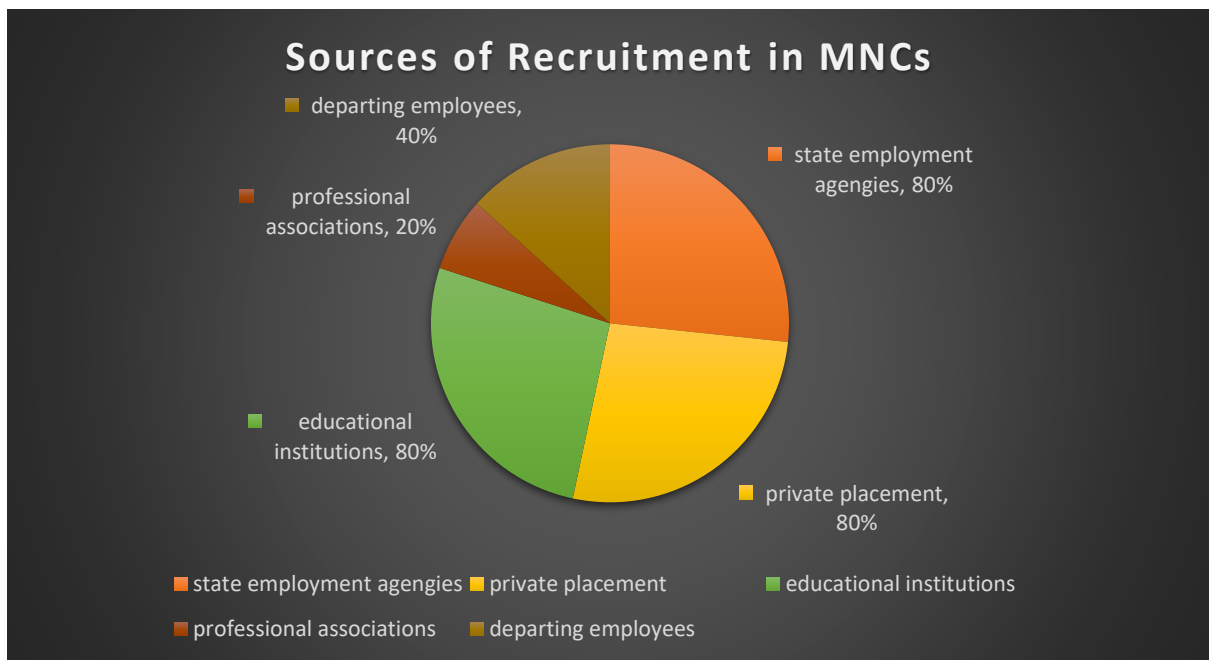


Figure 7: Sources of Recruitment in MNCs

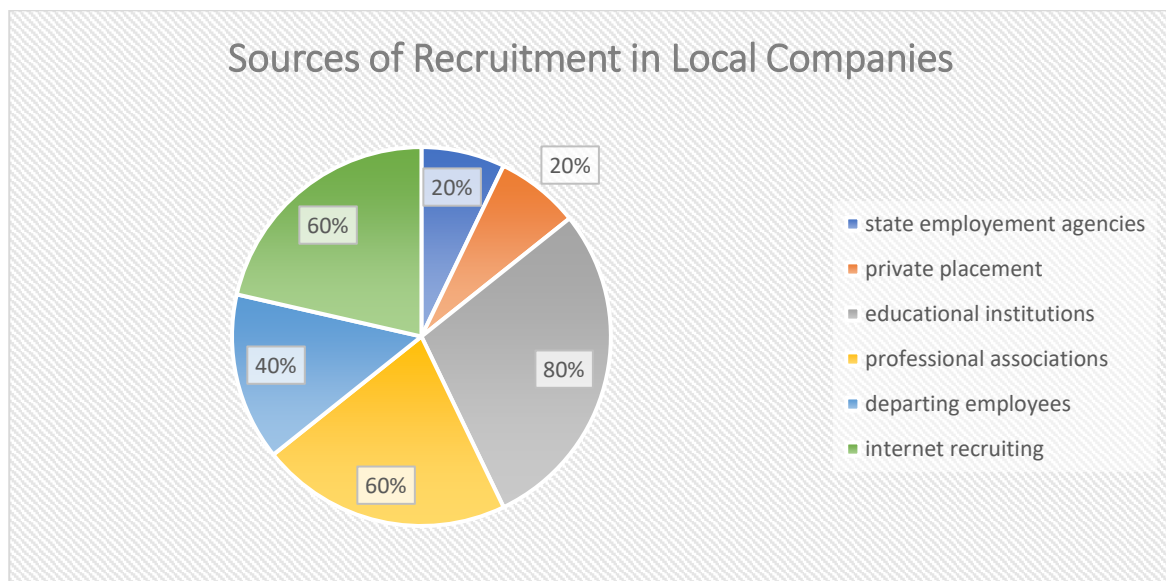


Figure 8: Sources of Recruitment in Local Companies

To size up, in the context of MNCs, three factors score the highest with 80% each among the five presented in the variable set of sources of recruitment which encompass ‘state employment agencies’ with, ‘private placement’, and ‘educational institution’. Comparatively, only one factor can be addressed as the highest in percentage in case of local companies, that is, educational institutions with 60%.

The descriptive statistics and graphical representations provide an initial overview of the sources of recruitment utilized by MNCs and local companies. To enhance analytical clarity,

the data have been further examined using mean score ranking and comparative percentage difference analysis. This approach facilitates the identification of the most preferred recruitment sources and highlights key variations between the two types of organizations. The following tables present a structured and comparative view of these findings.

Rank	Sources of Recruitment	Combined % (Mean Score)
1	Educational Institutions	80%
2	State Employment Agencies	50%
2	Private Placement	50%
4	Professional Associations	40%
5	Internet Recruiting	30%
6	Voluntary Organizations	20%
6	Departing Employees	20%
---	Labour Unions	0%
---	Open House	0%

Table 7: Mean Score Ranking of Sources of Recruitment (Combined)

Rank	Sources of Recruitment	MNCs %
1	State Employment Agencies	80%
1	Private Placement	80%
1	Educational Institutions	80%
4	Voluntary Organizations	40%
4	Departing Employees	40%
6	Professional Associations	20%
---	Labour Unions	0%

Rank	Sources of Recruitment	MNCs %
---	Internet Recruiting	0%
---	Open House	0%

Table 8: Mean Score Ranking of Sources of Recruitment of MNCs

Rank	Source of Recruitment	Local Companies %
1	Educational Institutions	80%
2	Internet Recruiting	60%
2	Professional Associations	60%
4	Departing Employees	40%
5	State Employment Agencies	20%
5	Private Placement	20%
---	Voluntary Organizations	0%
---	Labour Unions	0%
---	Open House	0%

Table 9: Mean Score Ranking of Local Companies

Sources of Recruitment	MNCs (%)	Local Companies (%)	Dominant User Group
State Employment Agencies	80%	20%	MNCs
Private Placement	80%	20%	MNCs
Educational Institutions	80%	80%	Equal usage
Professional Associations	20%	60%	Local Companies
Voluntary Organizations	40%	0%	MNCs
Departing Employees	40%	40%	Equal usage
Internet Recruiting	0%	60%	Local Companies
Labour Unions	0%	0%	Not used
Open House	0%	0%	Not used

Table 10: Sources of Recruitment – Comparative Usage Pattern

The analysis reveals a clear divergence in recruitment strategies between MNCs and local companies. Educational institutions emerge as the most consistent and widely utilized source across both organizational types, indicating their central role in talent acquisition. However, MNCs demonstrate a strong reliance on formal and structured channels such as state employment agencies and private placement, reflecting a more institutionalized recruitment

approach. In contrast, local companies show greater dependence on flexible and contemporary methods, particularly internet recruiting and professional associations. The significant differences observed across several sources emphasize the influence of organizational structure, resource availability, and strategic orientation in shaping recruitment practices.

5.2.3 The Sequence of Selection Process

Table 11 showcases the sequence of the selection process across companies within the sample set, where the initial column delineates the procedure in multinational corporations (MNCs), while the subsequent column illustrates the equivalent process in local companies. This tabulation provides comparative insights into the selection methodologies employed by MNCs and local firms within the sample population.

Sequence of Selection Process	
MNCs	Local Companies
Nestle Bangladesh Ltd. 1. Reception of applications 2. Screening 3. Interview 4. References 5. Medical examination 6. Hiring decision	Akij Group of Industries 1. Reception of applications 2. Shortlist from the applications 3. Written Exam 4. Interview 5. Offer letter 6. Appointment Letter
Unilever Bangladesh Ltd. 1. Reception of applications, 2. Screening, 3. Interview, 4. Medical examination 5. Hiring decision.	PRAN-RFL Group 1. Reception of applications 2. Screening 3. Written test 4. Computer knowledge test 5. Interview with HR 6. Interview with MGT 7. Hiring decision.

Novartis Bangladesh 1. Reception of application 2. Screening 3. Interview 4. References 5. Medical examination 6. Hiring decision	Abul Khair Group 1. Requisition from selected Department, 2. Job analysis, 3. Sourcing CV, 4. Screening CV, 5. Pre-employment test. 6. Interviews 7. Reference Check 8. Job Offer 9. Negotiation. 10. Onboarding.
Marico Bangladesh 1. Reception of applications 2. Interview 3. References 4. Medical examination 5. Hiring decision	Walton Group 1. Reception of applications 2. Interviews, screenings 3. Examinations 4. Hiring decisions
British American Tobacco Bangladesh Ltd. 1. Reception of applications 2. Screening, 3. Interview, 4. References, 5. Medical examination, 6. Hiring decision	Jamuna Group 1. Application 2. Screening 3. Interview 4. Medical examination

Table 11: Sequence of Selection Process

The selection process represents a critical stage in recruitment, reflecting how organizations evaluate and filter potential candidates before final hiring decisions. To understand variations in selection practices, this section examines the sequential flow of recruitment procedures adopted by multinational corporations and local companies within the sample. A comparative process analysis has been employed to identify structural similarities and differences across organizations.

Selection Stage / Activity	MNCs (Presence)	Local Companies (Presence)	Analytical Insight
Reception of Applications	✓ Common	✓ Common	Entry-level universal step
CV Screening / Shortlisting	✓ Common	✓ Common	Core filtering mechanism in both
Written Examination	✗ Rare	✓ Common	More emphasized in local firms
Computer / Technical Test	✗ Absent	✓ Present	Skill-based filtering in local firms
Interview (General / HR / Management)	✓ Strong	✓ Strong	Central selection stage across all
Reference Check	✓ Present	✓ Present (limited)	More structured in MNCs
Medical Examination	✓ Common	✓ Limited	More formalized in MNCs
Job Offer / Offer Letter	✓ Present	✓ Present	Standard finalization stage
sAppointment / Hiring Decision	✓ Present	✓ Present	Final approval stage
Negotiation Stage	✗ Absent	✓ Present	More flexible in local firms
Onboarding / Joining Process	✗ Not explicit	✓ Present	More developed in local firms
Requisition / Job Analysis Stage	✗ Absent	✓ Present	Strategic HR planning in local firms

Table 12: Comparative Mapping of Selection Process Stages (MNCs vs Local Companies)

Organization Type	No. of Selection Stages	Process Nature	Interpretation
MNCs	5–6 stages	Standardized & linear	Structured, efficiency-driven system
Local Companies	7–10 stages	Extended & flexible	More procedural variation and depth

Table 13: Process Complexity Comparison Index

Selection Element	Frequency Across Firms	Dominance Pattern
Interview	100%	Universal core stage
Screening	100%	Essential filtering step
Application Reception	100%	Entry point of selection
Medical Examination	High in MNCs	Formal compliance-based step
Written Test	Mostly Local Firms	Skill testing mechanism
Reference Check	Moderate	More structured in MNCs
Negotiation Stage	Low (only local firms)	Flexibility indicator
Onboarding	Low	Emerging HR practice in locals

Table 14: Frequency-Based Content Analysis of Key Selection Elements

The analysis of selection procedures reveals a clear divergence in structural design between MNCs and local companies. Multinational organizations tend to follow a relatively standardized and streamlined process characterized by screening, interviews, reference checks, and medical examinations. In contrast, local companies exhibit more diversified and extended selection frameworks, incorporating additional stages such as written examinations, technical assessments, and negotiation processes. These variations reflect differences in organizational scale, operational complexity, and human resource management sophistication, ultimately shaping how candidates are evaluated and selected.

5.2.4 Types of Interviews Conducted in Recruitment

Figure 9 below is the display of the ‘total scenario of the types of interviews conducted’ for the whole sample set of this study when it comes to the selection process of workforce. Here, we can see, four types of interviews are mentioned with different percentages which cover – structured interview (predetermined & sequenced questions) at 70%, mixed interview (a combination of structured & unstructured interviews) at 60%, problem solving & stress producing interviews at 50%, and unstructured interviews (non-planned & non-formatted interviews) as NIL or at 0%.

Total Scenario of Types of Interviews Conducted in Recruitment

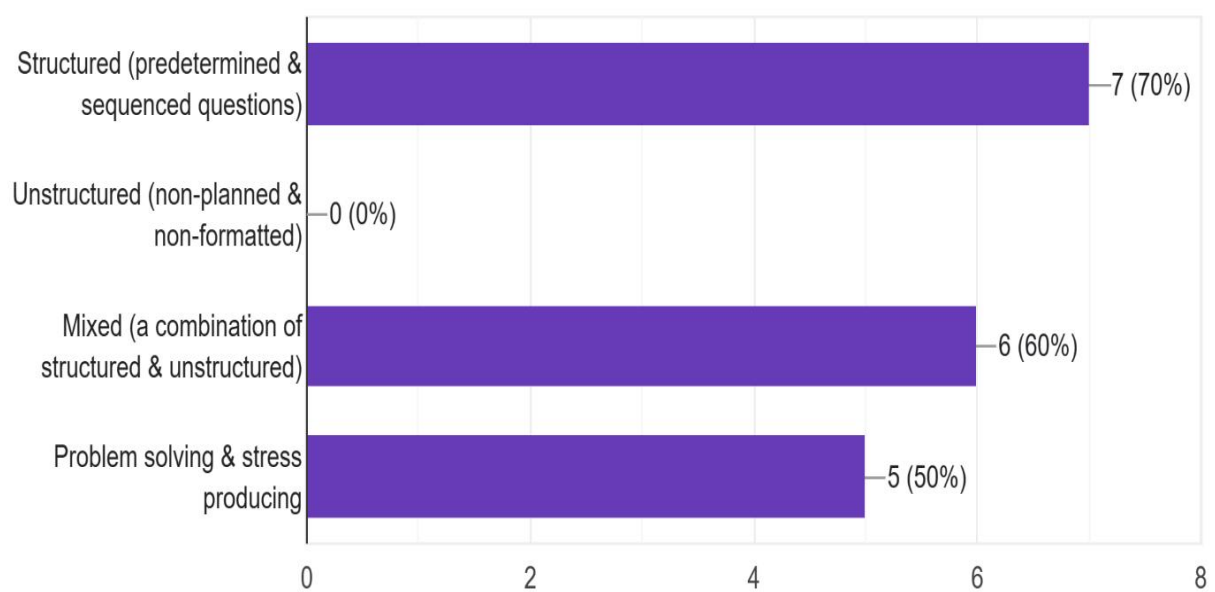


Figure 9: Total Scenario of Types of Interviews Conducted in Recruitment

Table 15 in the next page expounds upon the data displayed by Figure 9 above. Here, the percentages of the interviews are scrutinized in a more elaborate manner. The second column of the Table delineates the divided portions of the aforementioned variable factors. The next two columns show the separate percentages contained respectively by the MNCs & local companies.

Variable (Types of Interviews Conducted)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
Structured (predetermined & sequenced questions)	MNCs – 50% + Local Companies – 20%	=70%	100%	40%
Unstructured (non-planned & non-formatted)	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Mixed (a combination of structured & unstructured)	MNCs – 40% + Local Companies – 30%	=70%	80%	60%
Problem-solving & stress-producing	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 40%	=50%	20%	80%

Table 15: Types of Interviews Conducted in Separate & Combined Percentages

Figure 10 puts the comparisons in perspective between MNCs and local companies in terms of interviews conducted. The scenario is expressed on a scale of 100% wherein 50% are MNCs and the rest 50% is covered by local companies. Each of the companies from both categories of companies stands for 10%. Along the first couple of columns, 'structured interviews' show a comparative view of MNCs being 100% and local companies being 40%. 'Unstructured interviews' are absent in both the cases. 'Mixed interviews' exhibits a comparison of 80% and 60% for MNCs and local companies respectively. 'problem-solving & stress-producing interviews' score 20% in MNCs and with a sharp contrast at 80% in local companies. This chart is basically a simpler picturized format of the second columns of Table 15.

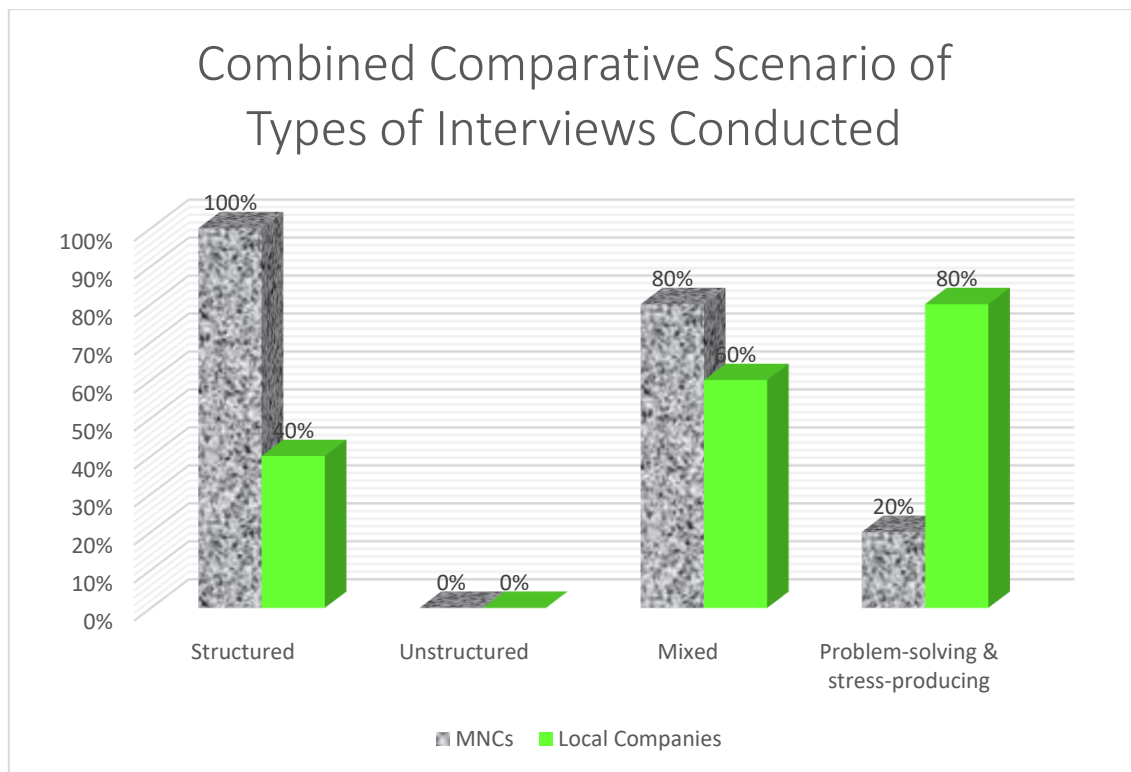


Figure 10: Combined Comparative Scenario of Types of Interviews Conducted

Figure 11 below and **Figure 12** depict separate scenarios of MNCs and local companies respectively. These are the graphical representation of the last two columns incorporated in Table 15 in the previous page. The former (Figure 11) contains three types of interviews – ‘structured interview’ with 100%, ‘mixed interview’ with 80% and ‘problem-solving & stress-producing interviews’ with 20% in the context of MNCs.

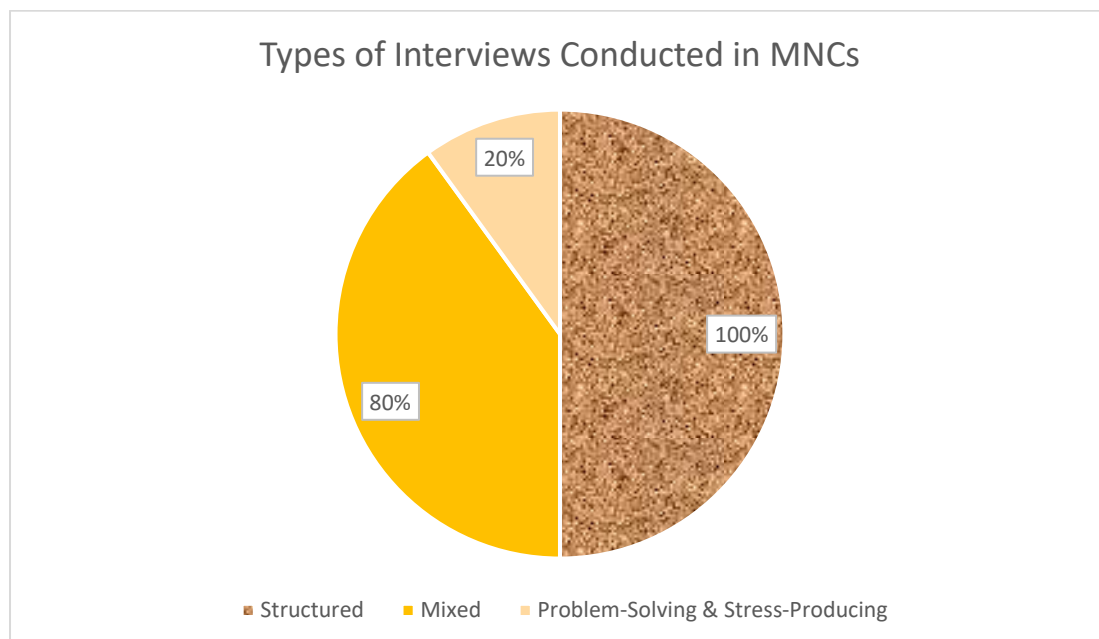


Figure 11: Types of Interviews Conducted in MNCs

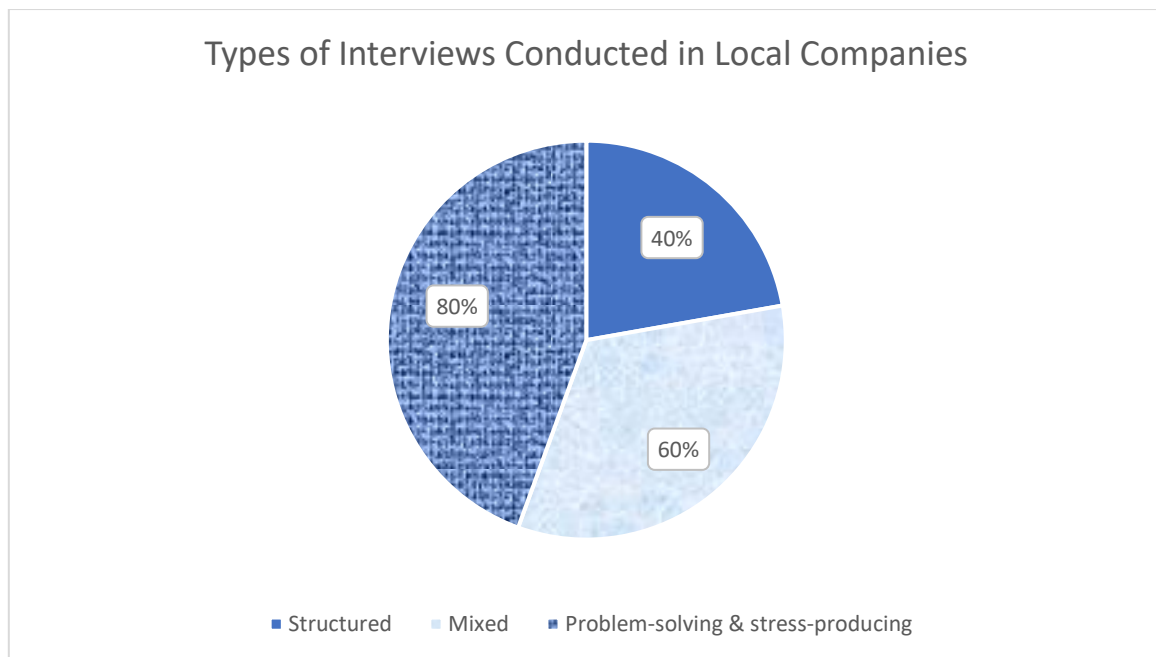


Figure 12: Types of Interviews Conducted in Local Companies

The latter (Figure 12) is the portrayal of the same variable set but in case of local companies. The ‘structured interviews’ stands at 80%, the ‘mixed interviews’ at 40% and the ‘problem-solving & stress-producing interviews’ at 40%.

Eventually, the findings in regards of types of interviews conducted can be summed up as such, the highest percentage in both groups of companies come down to ‘structured interview’ which scores 100% for MNCs and 80% for local companies. There is another similarity that, none of the companies conduct ‘unstructured interviews’ in their recruitment procedure.

The distribution of interview formats across the sampled organizations reveals a clear pattern in how candidate assessment is operationalized within recruitment processes. The categorization into structured, mixed, problem-solving and stress-oriented, and unstructured interview types captures the diversity of evaluative practices applied in both multinational corporations and local firms. The percentage breakdown presented in **Table 16** provides a consolidated view of these approaches, allowing the data to be interpreted in terms of their relative prevalence across the sample.

Interview Type	MNCs (%)	Local Companies (%)	Analytical Interpretation
Structured (predetermined & sequenced)	100%	40%	Highly dominant in MNCs; less formal in local firms
Mixed (structured + unstructured)	80%	60%	Common in both, but more standardized in MNCs
Problem-solving & stress-producing	20%	80%	Strongly emphasized in local companies
Unstructured (non-planned & informal)	0%	0%	Completely absent across all firms

Table 16: Comparative Distribution of Interview Types (MNCs vs Local Companies)

Pattern Dimension	MNCs Trend	Local Companies Trend	Key Insight
Standardization	Very High	Moderate	MNCs emphasize uniformity
Flexibility	Moderate	High	Local firms adopt adaptive methods
Stress-based evaluation	Low	High	Used more in competitive local hiring
Interview diversity	Balanced (structured-focused)	Broad variation	Local firms use more varied approaches

Table 17: Pattern-Based Comparative Analysis

Feature	Presence Level	Overall Observation
Structured Interviews	Very High	Dominant across organizations
Mixed Interviews	High	Widely adopted hybrid model

Feature	Presence Level	Overall Observation
Stress/Problem Interviews	Moderate	Context-specific usage
Unstructured Interviews	None	No longer used in formal recruitment

Table 18: Frequency-Based Summary of Interview Practices

The findings demonstrate a strong institutional preference for structured interview formats across the sampled organizations, indicating a reliance on standardized evaluation frameworks in recruitment. Mixed interview practices also appear prominently, suggesting an inclination towards combining formal and flexible assessment techniques. Unstructured interviews are entirely absent, reflecting a clear departure from informal selection approaches in contemporary recruitment systems. Meanwhile, problem-solving and stress-based interviews occupy a more targeted role within the selection process, applied selectively depending on organizational requirements. Taken together, these patterns reflect differentiated recruitment logics shaped by functional priorities and organizational design.

5.2.5 Methods of Identifying Training & Development Needs

The total scenario of identifying training & development needs is set forth by the bar chart below (**Figure 13**). The companies have to recognize the factors that play a vital part in identifying training and development needs. This set of variable focuses upon the factors of ‘observation & analysis of job performance’ (70%), ‘management recommendations’ (30%), ‘staff conferences & recommendations’ (20%), ‘analysis of job requirements’ (60%), ‘consideration of current & projected changes’ (0%), ‘surveys’, ‘reports & inventories’ (30%), and ‘interviews’ (0%) as the ways of crystalizing T&D needs.

Total Scenario of Methods of Identifying T&D Needs

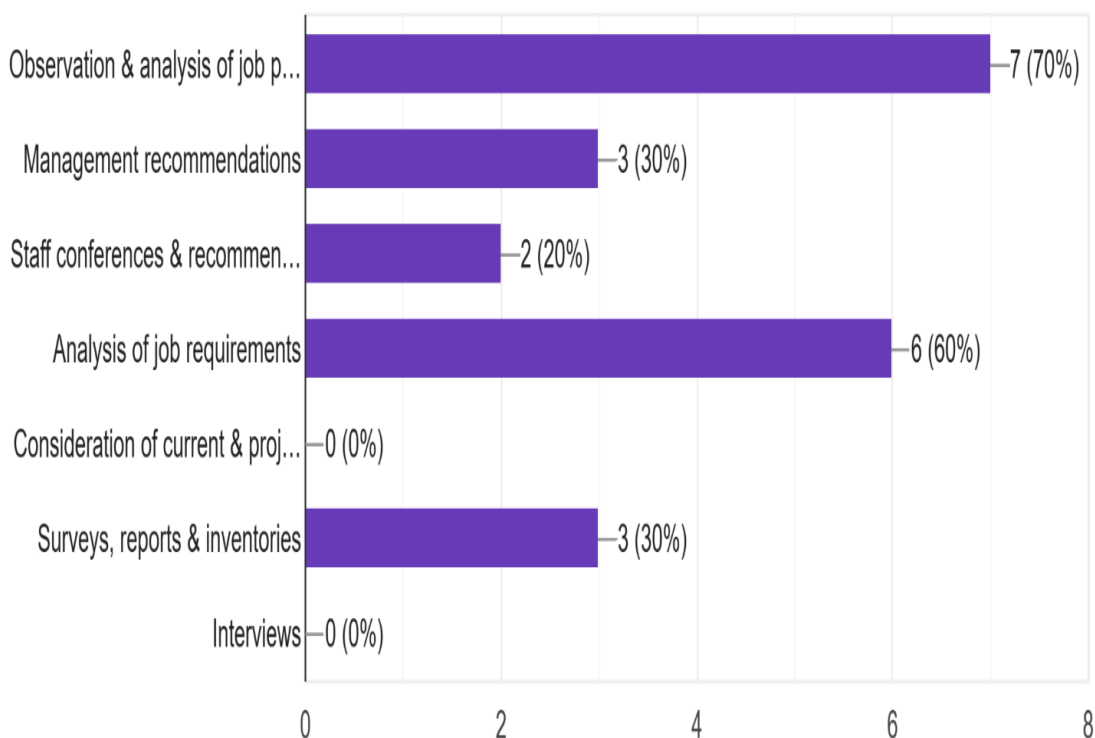


Figure 13: Total Scenario of Methods of Identifying T&D Needs

Table 19 deconstructs Figure 13 above in its effort to comprehend the actual percentages of MNCs and local companies both in a combinedly (on a scale of 100% considering all the 10 entities) and individually (on a scale of 100% for 5 entities of MNCs and local companies each). The second column is the manifestation of the former and the next two columns show calculations of the latter.

Variables (methods of identifying training & development needs)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%) [10 Entities]		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%) [5 Entities]	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%) [5 Entities]
Observation & analysis of job performance	MNCs – 40% + Local Companies – 30%	=70%	80%	60%
Management recommendations	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 10%	=40%	60%	20%
Staff conferences & recommendations	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 20%	=20%	0%	40%
Analysis of job requirements	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 20%	=50%	60%	40%
Consideration of current & projected changes	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Surveys, reports & inventories	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Interviews	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%

Table 19: Methods of Identifying T&D Needs in Separate & Combined Percentages

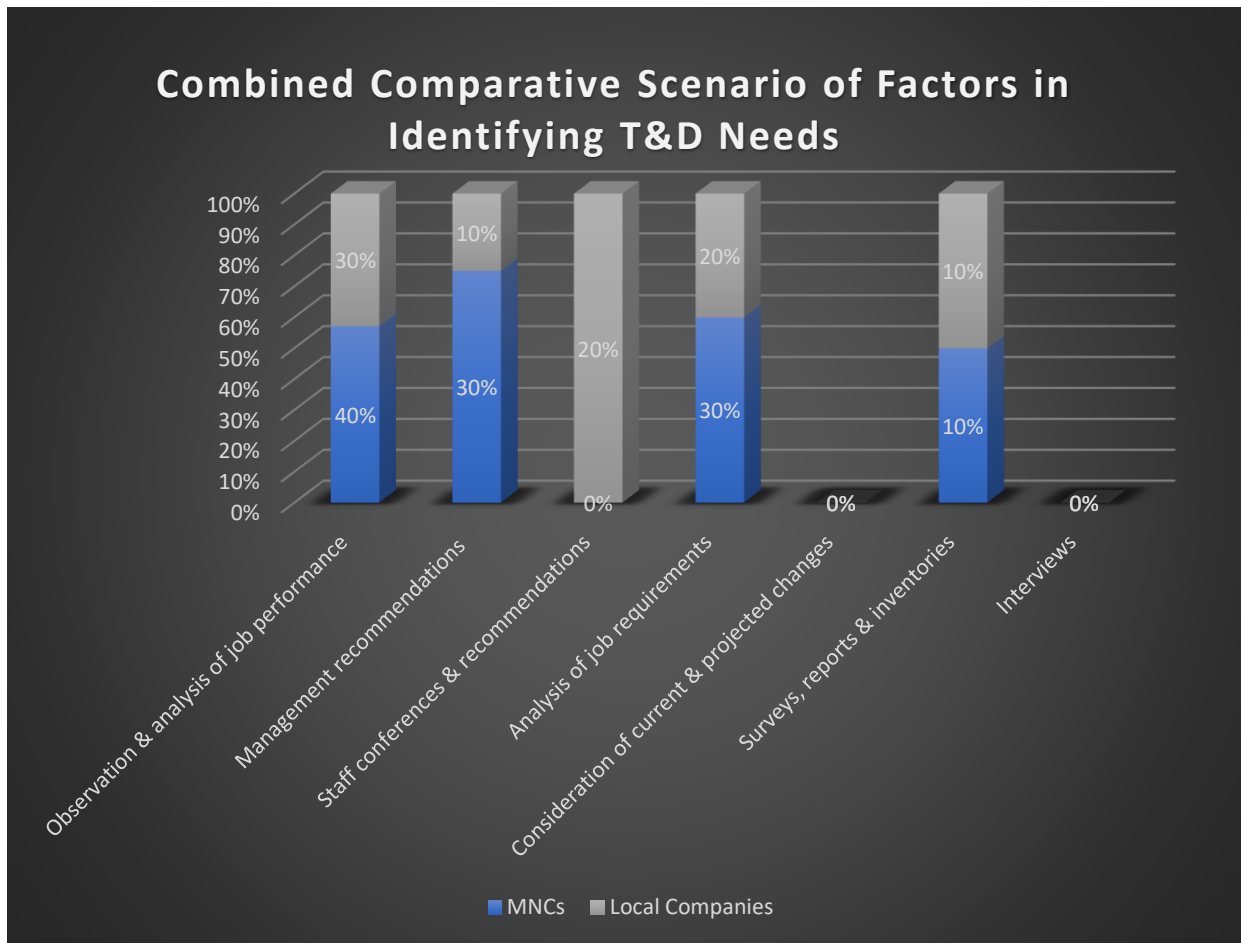


Figure 14: Combined Comparative Scenario of Factors in Identifying T&D Needs

Figure 14 above sheds light on the second column of the Table 19 incorporated under the headline of ‘combined comparative advantage’. Here, we can see, the methods for T&D needs identification are matched against each other in terms of MNCs and local companies. The seven factors are interpreted through seven columns which are the amalgamation of MNCs and local companies. the MNCs and local companies are respectively divided into 40% and 30% for ‘observation & analysis of job performance’, 30% and 10% for ‘management recommendations’, 0% and 20% for ‘staff conferences & recommendations’, 30% and 20% for ‘analysis of job requirements’, 0% and 0% for ‘consideration of current & projected changes’, 10% and 10% for ‘surveys, reports & inventories’, 0% and 0% for ‘interviews’.

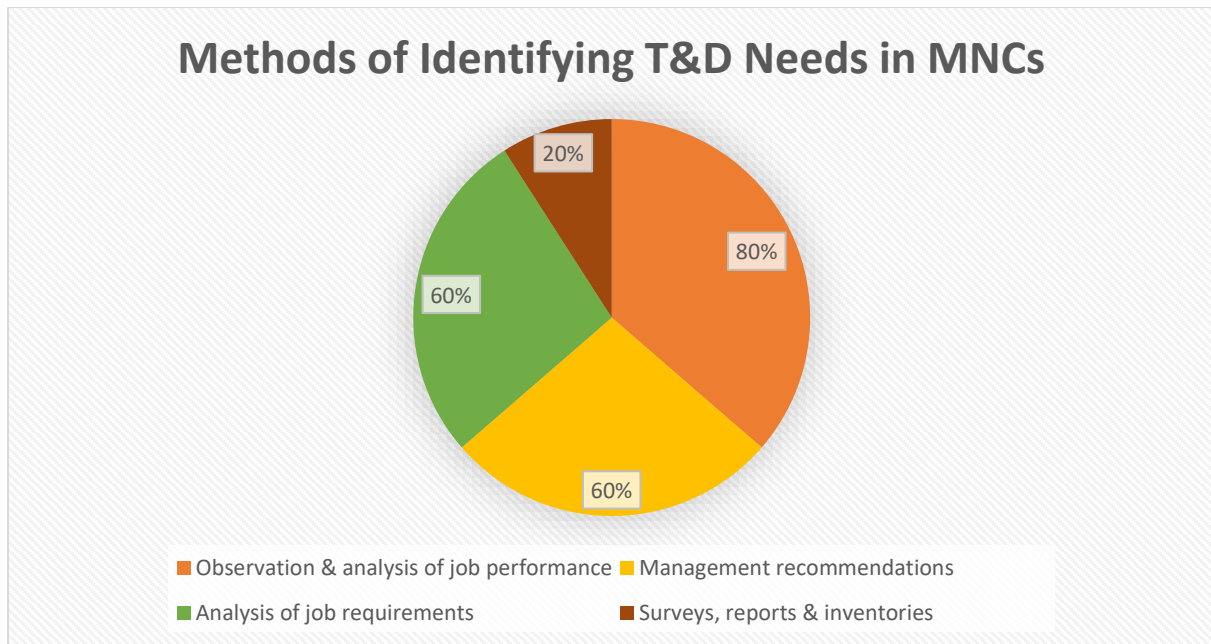


Figure 15: Methods of Identifying T&D Needs in MNCs

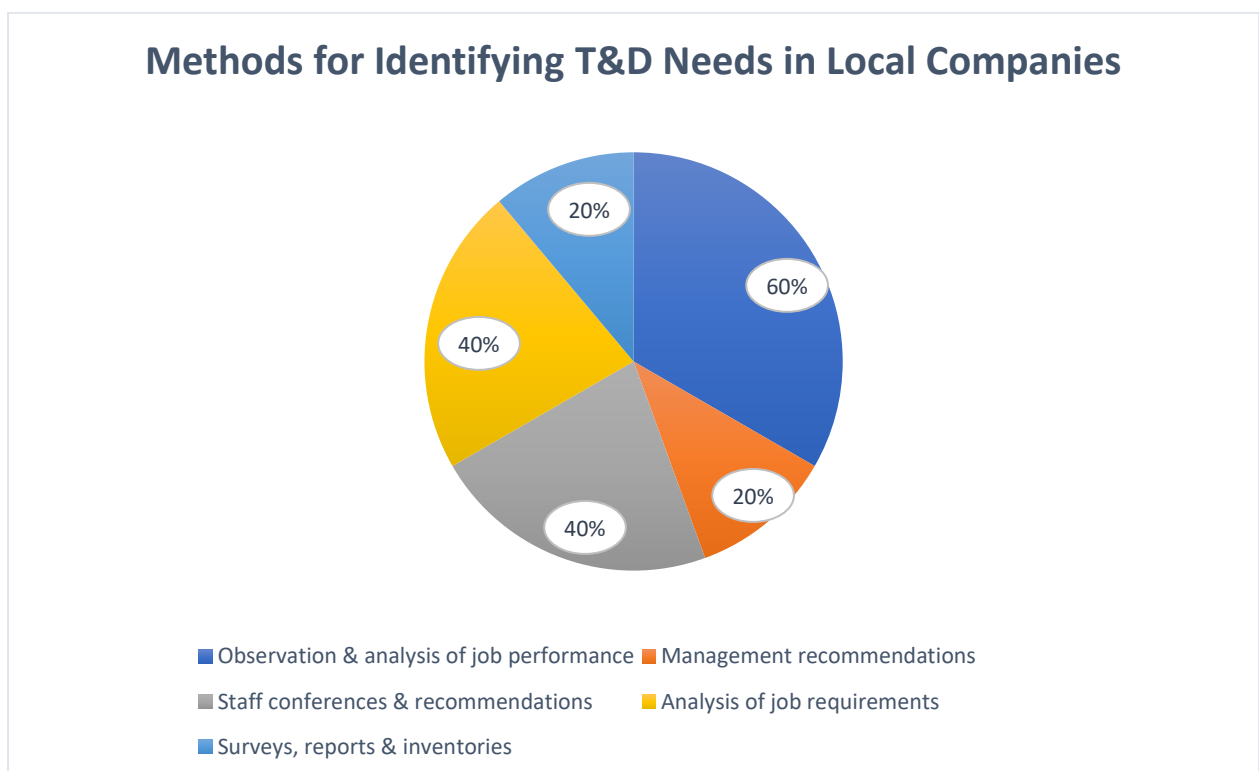


Figure 16: Methods of Identifying T&D Needs in Local Companies

Figure 15 and **Figure 16** respectively specify the separate scenarios of MNCs and local companies in the light of ‘methods of identifying T&D needs’. The former reflects upon the factors in MNCs which make up ‘observation & analysis of job performance’ at 80%,

‘management recommendations’ at 60%, ‘analysis job requirements’ at 60% and ‘surveys, reports & inventories’ at 20%.

The latter constructs around five factors of ‘observation & analysis of job performance’ at 60%, ‘staff conference & recommendations’ at 40%, ‘management recommendations’ at 20%, ‘analysis of job requirements’ at 40%, and ‘survey, reports & inventories’ at 20%.

To summarize, the top-scoring variable in both types of companies is the same – ‘observation & analysis of performance’. The MNCs stand at 80% whereas the local companies score 60% in the factor.

The distribution of methods used to identify training and development needs reflects the underlying approaches adopted by organizations in assessing employee capability gaps. The percentage patterns outlined above capture the relative reliance on performance-based evaluation, managerial input, and participatory mechanisms across the sampled firms. The tabulated data below consolidates these patterns, enabling a clearer interpretation of how different methods are utilized within multinational corporations and local companies.

Rank	Method	Combined %
1	Observation & Analysis of Job Performance	70%
2	Analysis of Job Requirements	50%
3	Management Recommendations	40%
4	Staff Conferences & Recommendations	20%
4	Surveys, Reports & Inventories	20%
—	Consideration of Future Changes	0%
—	Interviews	0%

Table 20: Mean Score Ranking of Methods for Identifying T&D Needs (Combined)

Method Category	MNCs	Local Companies	Analytical Insight
Performance-based	Strongly emphasized	Moderately emphasized	Core mechanism across organizations
Managerial input	Prominent	Limited	Reflects top-down decision orientation

Method Category	MNCs	Local Companies	Analytical Insight
Participatory approaches	Minimal presence	More visible	Indicates greater employee involvement
Analytical tools	Moderately used	Moderately used	Consistent but not dominant
Strategic/forward-looking	Not practiced	Not practiced	Limited long-term planning orientation
Direct interaction-based	Not practiced	Not practiced	Absence of interview-based assessment

Table 21: Comparative Orientation of T&D Needs Identification Methods

The observed distribution points to a strong reliance on performance-oriented approaches in identifying training and development needs, with observation and job analysis emerging as the most widely applied methods across organizations. Managerial recommendations also occupy a notable position, particularly within structured organizational settings. At the same time, participatory mechanisms such as staff conferences appear more selectively utilized, indicating variation in employee involvement across firms. Methods based on formal analytical tools maintain a moderate presence, while forward-looking and interaction-based approaches remain largely unutilized. These patterns suggest that organizations tend to prioritize immediate performance assessment over strategic or consultative mechanisms when determining training requirements.

5.2.6 On-the-job Training Methods

Figure 17 illustrates the total scenario of on-the-job training methods in the companies taken as the sample set of this study. This chart below outlines eight factors in total with different levels of percentages for on-the-job training methods that include ‘apprenticeship programs’ (70%), ‘job instructions training’ (50%), ‘planned progression’ (40%), ‘job rotation’ (40%), ‘creation of assistant – to positions’ (30%), ‘temporary promotions’ (20%), ‘committees & junior boards’ (10%), and ‘coaching’ (0%).

Total Scenario of On-the-job Training Methods

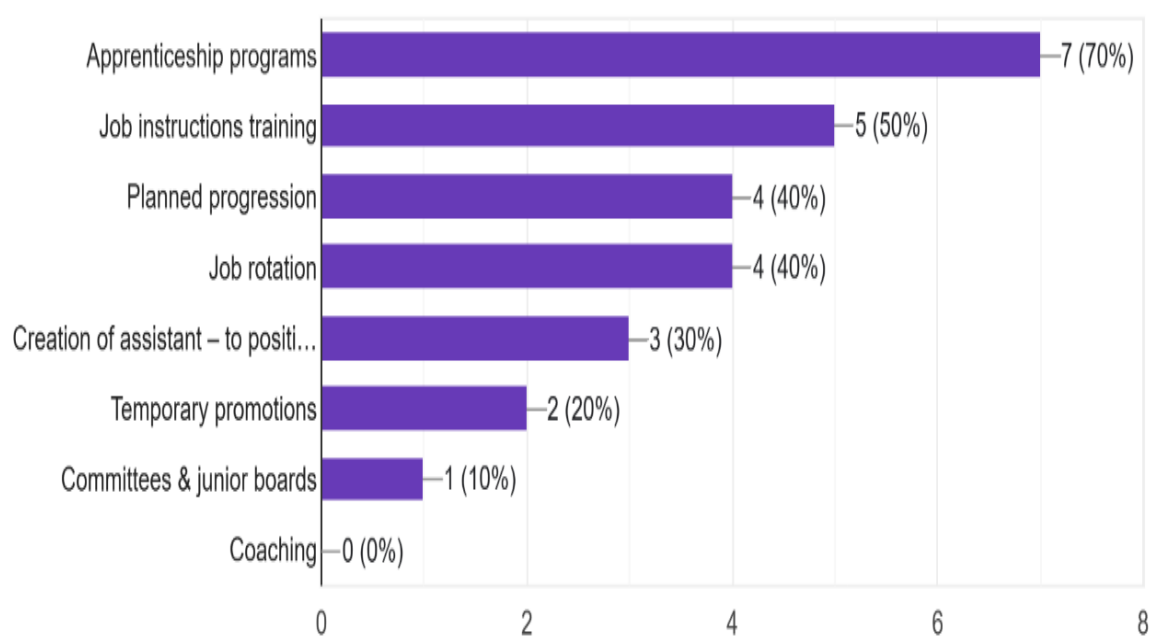


Figure 17: Total Scenario of On-the-job Training Methods

Variables (On-the-job Training Methods)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%) [10 Entities]		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%) [5 Entities]	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%) [5 Entities]
Apprenticeship programs	MNCs – 50% + Local Companies – 20%	=70%	100%	40%

Job instructions & training	MNCs – 20% + Local Companies – 30%	=50%	40%	60%
Planned progression	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 10%	=40%	60%	20%
Job rotation	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 30%	=40%	20%	60%
Creation of assistant – to positions	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 20%	=30%	20%	40%
Temporary promotions	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Committees & junior boards	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 0%	=10%	20%	0%
Coaching	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%

Table 22: On-the-job Training Methods in Separate & Combined Percentages

Table 22 explains Figure 17 in a combined and separate manner. There are four columns in the Table. The second column shows the composition of the MNCs and local companies in percentage with 10 entities. The third and fourth columns respectively portray the separate percentages of MNCs and local companies with 5 entities each.

Figure 18 sketches out the combined comparative scenario of on-the-job training methods. The data of it are retrieved from the column two of Table 6. This chart contains, for MNCs and local companies respectively, apprenticeship programs (50% & 20%), job instructions

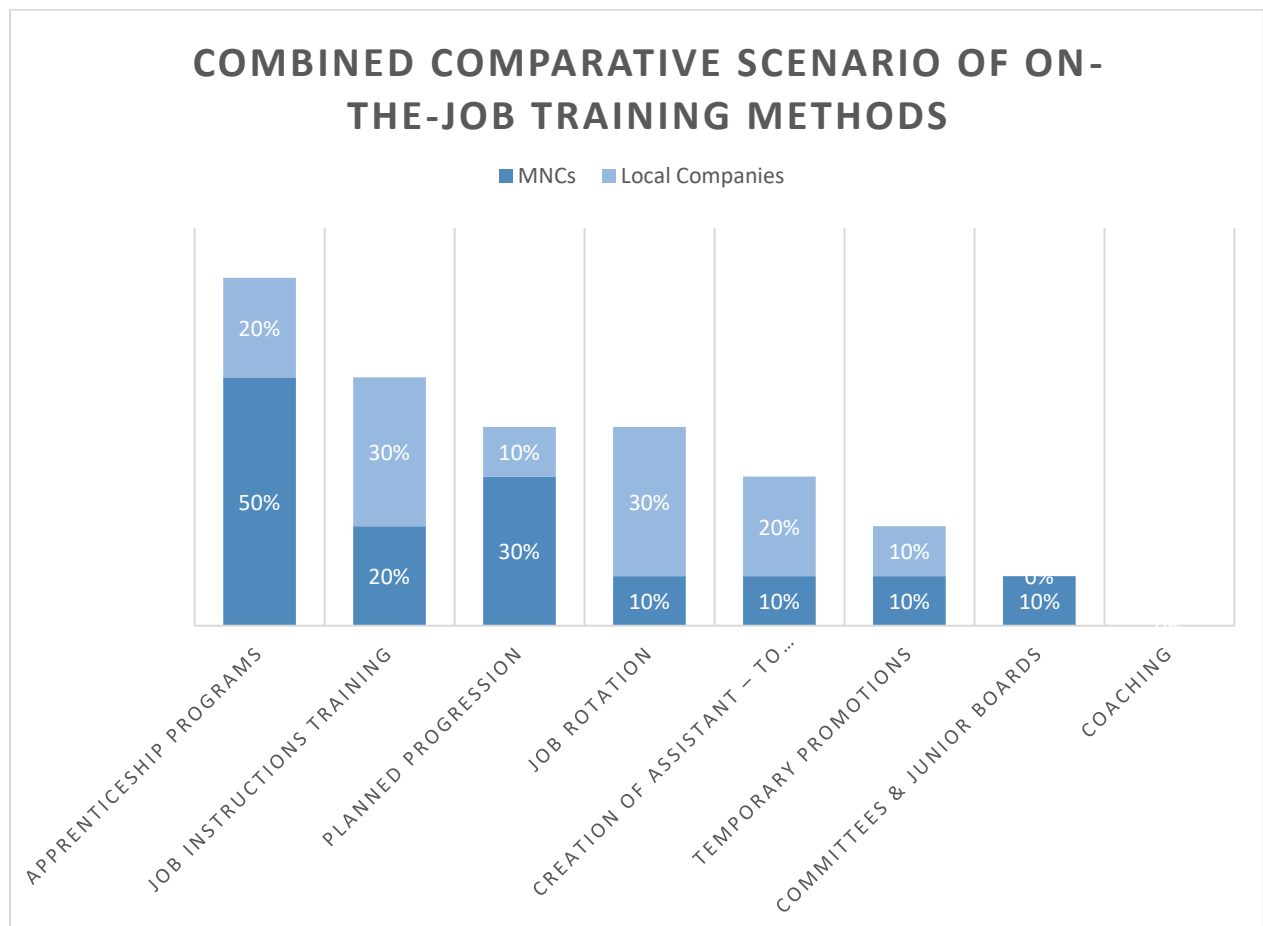


Figure 18: Combined Comparative Scenario of On-the-job Training Methods

training (20% & 30%), planned progression (30% & 10%), job rotation (10% & 30%), creation of assistant – to positions (40%), and temporary promotions (20%).

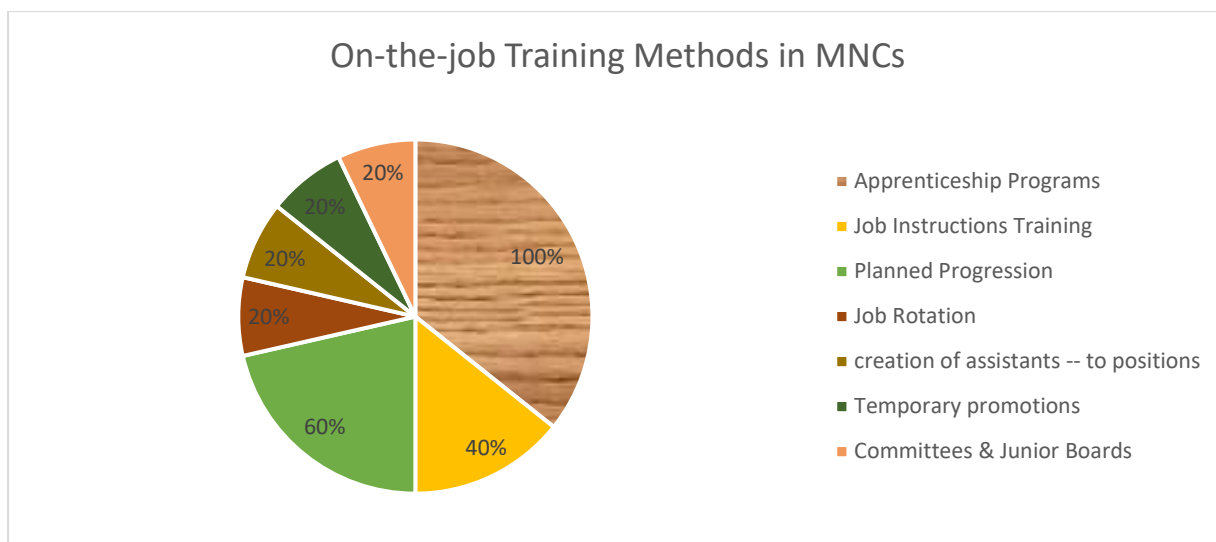


Figure 19: On-the-job Training Methods in MNCs

Figure 19 represents ‘separate scenario of on-the-job training methods in MNCs’. The range of aspects in MNCs revolve around apprenticeship programs (100%), job instructions training (40%), planned progression (60%), job rotation (20%), creation of assistant – to positions (20%), & 20%), temporary promotions (20%), and committees & junior boards (20%).

The **Figure 20** displays ‘separate scenario of on-the-job training methods in local companies. The set of factors in local companies pivots upon apprenticeship programs (40%), job instructions training (60%), planned progression (20%), job rotation (60%), creation of assistant – to positions (40%), and temporary promotions (20%).

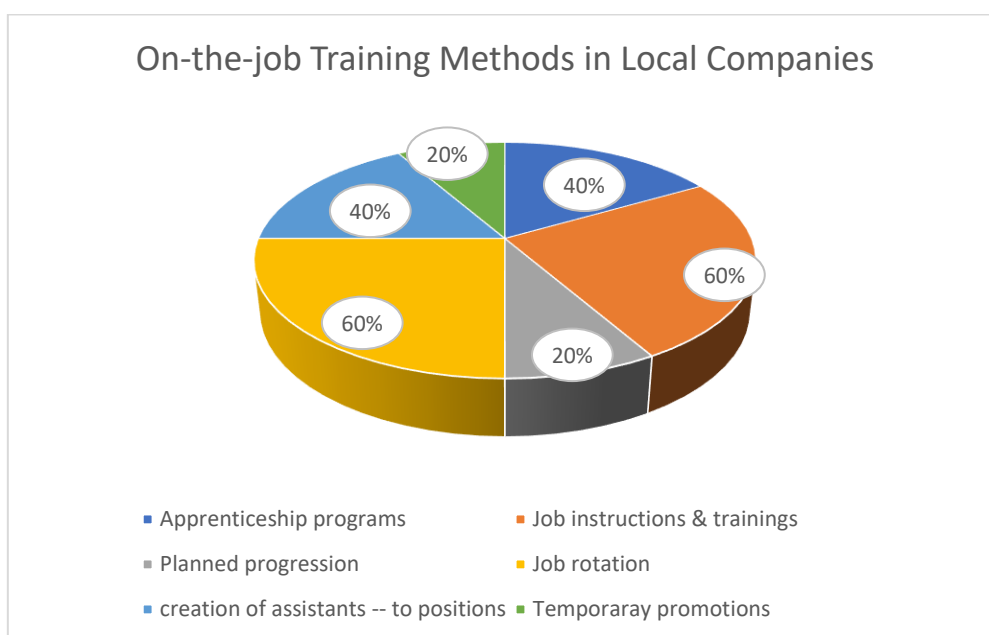


Figure 20: On-the-job Training Methods in Local Companies

Holistically, the highest ranking in MNCs and local companies is apprenticeship programs (100%) and job instructions & training as well as job rotation jointly for local companies. The second rate of percentages are 60% for temporary promotions in MNCs, 40% for apprenticeship programs as well as creation of assistant – to positions apiece in local companies. Finally, 20% for rest of the factors painted in the separate pie charts of MNCs and local companies.

This subsection presents an empirical examination of the on-the-job training methods adopted by the sampled organizations, drawing upon respondent-level data collected from both multinational and local companies. The analysis is structured to identify patterns in the adoption of specific training techniques and to assess whether these practices exhibit systematic variation across organizational types. By transforming responses into categorical variables, the subsection moves beyond descriptive representation toward a more analytically grounded interpretation.

The reported training methods were operationalized into binary variables, where the presence of a specific method within an organization was coded as 1 and its absence as 0. Organizational type was similarly defined as a categorical variable (MNC = 1; Local Company = 0), enabling structured comparison between the two groups.

A comparative assessment of frequencies indicates that apprenticeship programs are widely prevalent across both categories of organizations, with a notably higher concentration among multinational companies. In contrast, methods such as job rotation and job instruction training appear more frequently among local companies, suggesting a relatively flexible and task-oriented training structure within these firms.

To further examine this pattern, a cross-tabulation analysis was conducted for apprenticeship programmes. The observed frequencies indicate that all multinational companies (5 out of 5) reported the use of apprenticeship programmes, whereas only 2 out of 5 local companies adopted this method.

The contingency table is presented below:

Category	Yes	No	Total
MNC	5	0	5

Category	Yes	No	Total
Local	2	3	5
Total	7	3	10

Table 23: On-the-job Training Methods Cross-tabulation Analysis

Expected frequencies were calculated using the standard formula:

Expected value = (Row Total $\times$ Column Total) / Grand Total

Thus,

$$\text{MNC-Yes} = (5 \times 7) / 10 = 3.5$$

$$\text{MNC-No} = (5 \times 3) / 10 = 1.5$$

$$* \text{Local-Yes} = (5 \times 7) / 10 = 3.5$$

$$* \text{Local-No} = (5 \times 3) / 10 = 1.5$$

The Chi-square statistic is computed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^2 &= \sum (O - E)^2 / E \\ &= (5 - 3.5)^2 / 3.5 + (0 - 1.5)^2 / 1.5 + (2 - 3.5)^2 / 3.5 + (3 - 1.5)^2 / 1.5 \\ &= 0.643 + 1.500 + 0.643 + 1.500 \\ &= 4.286 \end{aligned}$$

With 1 degree of freedom, the result indicates the presence of an association between organisational type and the use of apprenticeship programmes.

To assess the strength of this association, Cramér's V was calculated:

$$V = \sqrt{(\chi^2 / (n \times (k-1)))}$$

Where $n = 10$ and $k = 2$

$$V = \sqrt{(4.286 / 10)}$$

$$= \sqrt{0.4286}$$

5.2.7 Off-the-job Training Methods

The off-the-job training methods are encompassed by the following factors in the chart below. The **Figure 21** renders a coalescence of it wherein both MNCs as well as local companies are included here as entities taken as entities; the factors here embrace ‘lectures’ (70%), straight lecture (20%), discussion method (10%), demonstrations (60%), seminars & conferences (30%), ‘reading, television & videos’ (0%), ‘business simulators’ (20%), ‘business games’ (0%), ‘experimental exercise’ (20%), ‘behavior modelling’ (30%), ‘computer modelling’ (10%), ‘vestibule training’ (0%), sensitivity training (10%), and ‘computer based training’ (10%) as the total percentages.

Total Scenario of Off-the-job Training Methods

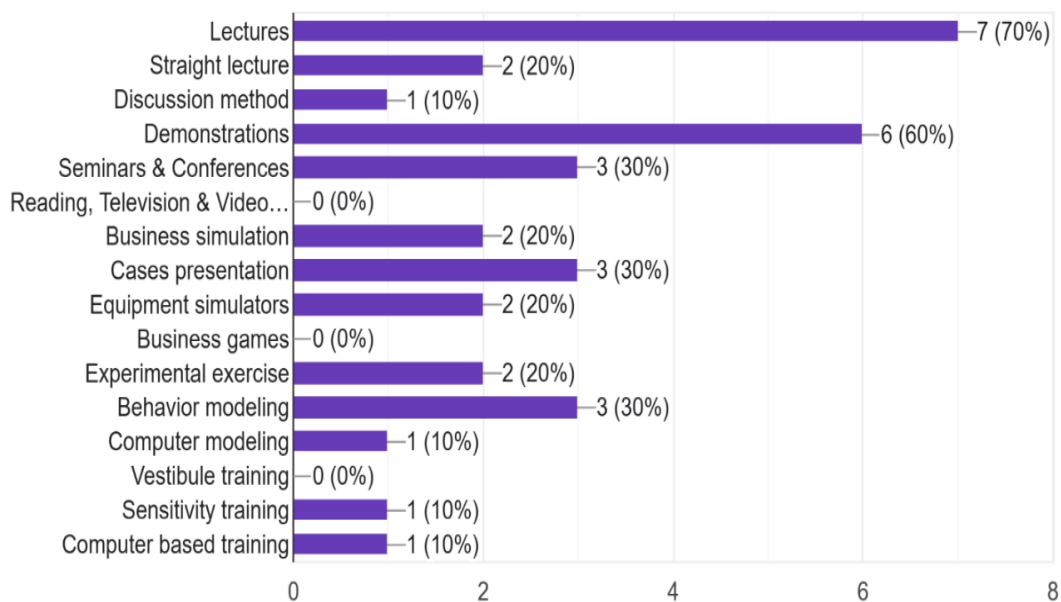


Figure 21: Total Scenario of Off-the-job Training Methods

Variable (Off-the-job training methods)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
Lectures	MNCs – 50%	=70%	100%	40%
	+ Local Companies – 20%			

Seminars & conferences	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 20%	=30%	20%	40%
Cases presentation	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 20%	=30%	20%	40%
Discussion method	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=10%	0%	20%
Business simulation	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 20%	=20%	0%	40%
Experimental exercise	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Behavioral modeling	MNCs – 20% + Local Companies – 10%	=30%	40%	20%
Computer based training	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=10%	0%	20%
Straight lecture	MNCs – 20% + Local Companies – 0%	=20%	40%	0%
Demonstration	MNCs – 50% + Local Companies – 10%	=60%	100%	20%
Equipment simulators	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Sensitivity training	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=10%	0%	20%

Computer modelling	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=10%	0%	20%
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Table 24: Off-the-job Training Methods in Separate & Combined Percentages

Table 24 pores over independent percentages of the factors covering off-the-job training methods. Which is the compartmentalized format of the Figure 21. The second, third and fourth columns are representative of combined comparative percentages (of MNCs & local companies), MNCs' separate percentages, and local companies' separate percentages in order.

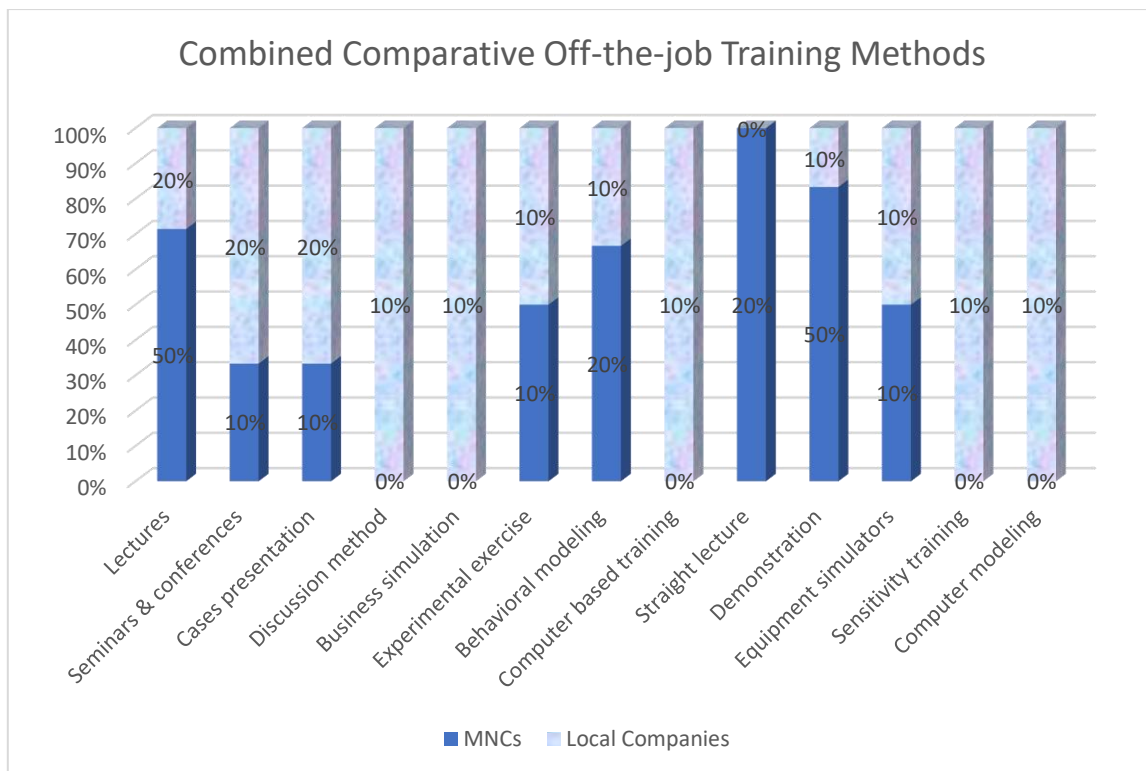


Figure 22: Combined Comparative Scenario of Off-the-job Training Methods

Figure 22 is the illustration of the second column of Table 24; wherein we can see the comparison in percentages of the factors between MNCs and local companies. It is made up of all the given factors of off-the-job training methods on a scale of 100% shared by both types of entities; such as, in the order of MNCs and local companies – lectures (50% and 20%, seminars and conferences 10% and 20%), cases presentation (10% and 20%), discussion method (0% and 10%), business simulation (0% and 20%), experimental exercise (10% and 10%), behavioural modelling (20% and 10%), computer based training (0% and 10%), straight lecture (20% and 0%), demonstration (50% and 10%), equipment simulators (10% and 10%), sensitivity training (0% and 10%), and computer modelling (0% and 10%).

The **Figure 23** is the depiction of MNCs' scenario of off-the-job training methods. The percentages here is the manifestation of the nature off-the-job training methods used in MNCs,

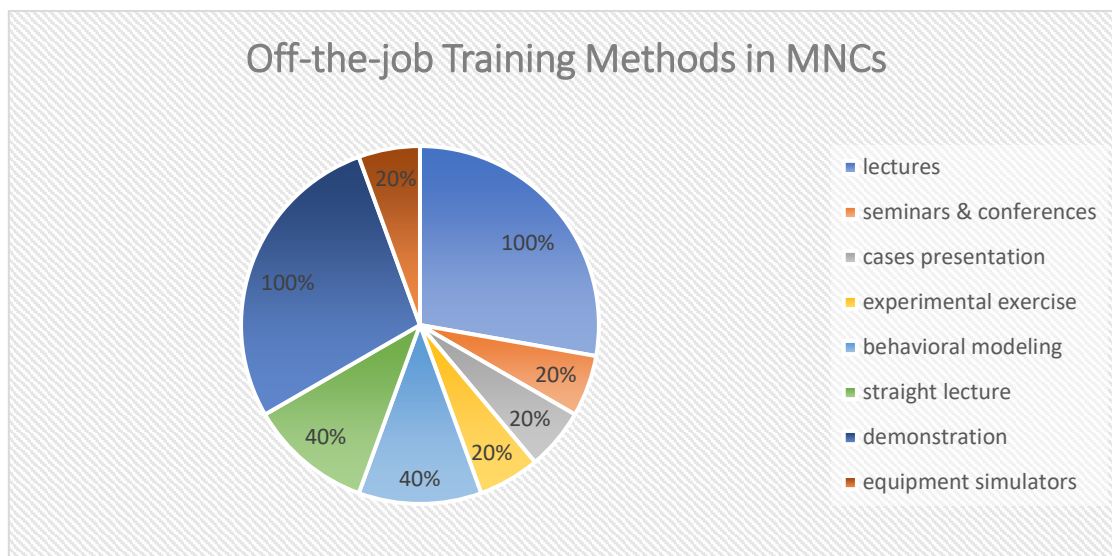


Figure 23: Off-the-job Training Methods in MNCs

The two factors of the variable set that affect the scenario of off-the-job training in MNCs with the highest percentage are demonstration and lectures with 100% each. Straight lectures and behavioural modelling jointly stand at 40% apiece. Each of the rest three factors come at 20% which are seminars & conferences, cases presentation, and experimental exercise.

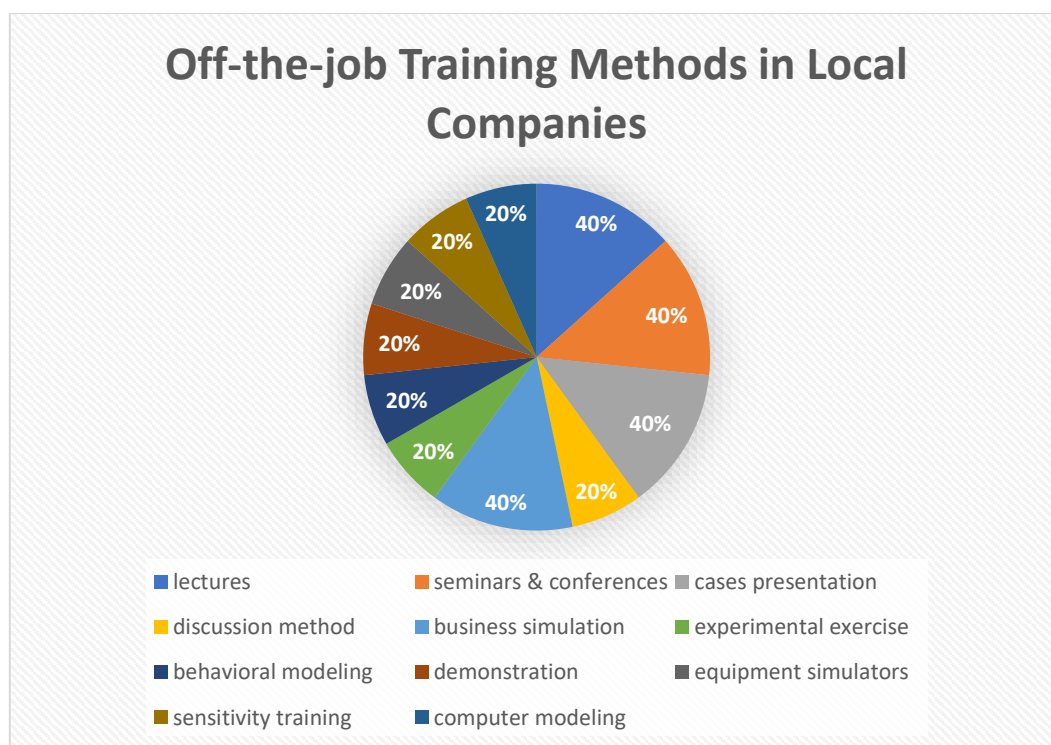


Figure 24: Off-the-job training Methods in Local Companies

which amounts to eight aspects in total, of the sample set. The **Figure 24** below indicates the individual scenario of off-the-job training methods. It is contained by eleven facets, such as – lectures (40%), seminars and conferences (40%), cases & presentation (40%), business simulation (40%), discussed method (20%), experimental exercise (20%), behavioural modelling (20%), computer based training (20%), demonstration (20%), equipment simulators (20%), sensitivity training (20%), and computer modelling (20%).

In summary, the more centralized system we can see is to be existing in MNCs with eight factors; whereas, the more divisional scenario is common in local companies according to the relevant pie chart with eleven factors. The highest percentages of MNCs and local companies are, in the order of the entities mentioned, score – lectures at 100% and demonstration at 100% jointly; lectures, seminars & conferences, cases presentation, and business simulation at 40% apiece.

This subsection undertakes a systematic investigation of off-the-job training practices implemented within the selected organizations, utilising respondent-level information gathered from both multinational and local firms. The purpose of the analysis is to map distributional tendencies in the application of various training approaches and to determine whether observable differences exist across organizational categories. By recoding responses into categorical formats, the discussion advances beyond simple description toward a more structured analytical interpretation.

The identified training practices were converted into dichotomous variables, where the existence of a particular off-the-job training method within an organization was assigned a value of 1 and its non-existence was assigned a value of 0. In a similar manner, organizational classification was defined as a binary variable (MNC = 1; Local Company = 0), allowing for systematic comparison between the two groups.

A frequency-based evaluation suggests that off-the-job training methods are broadly embedded across both categories of organizations, although variation can be observed in the extent of reliance on specific techniques. Methods such as lectures and demonstrations show comparatively stronger representation within multinational companies, whereas local organizations exhibit relatively greater dispersion across different training approaches, including simulation-based and technology-supported methods.

To examine this distributional pattern more closely, a cross-tabulation analysis was carried out for demonstration as a representative off-the-job training method. The observed values indicate that all multinational companies (5 out of 5) reported the use of demonstration techniques, while only 1 out of 5 local companies indicated its adoption.

The contingency table is presented below:

Category	Yes	No	Total
MNC	5	0	5
Local	1	4	5
Total	6	4	10

Table 25: Off-the-job Training Methods Cross-tabulation Analysis

Expected frequencies:

- $\text{MNC-Yes} = (5 \times 6) / 10 = 3$
- $\text{MNC-No} = (5 \times 4) / 10 = 2$
- $\text{Local-Yes} = (5 \times 6) / 10 = 3$
- $\text{Local-No} = (5 \times 4) / 10 = 2$

Chi-square statistic:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \chi^2 &= (5-3)^2/3 + (0-2)^2/2 + (1-3)^2/3 + (4-2)^2/2 \\
 &= 1.333 + 2.000 + 1.333 + 2.000 \\
 &= \mathbf{6.666}
 \end{aligned}$$

With 1 degree of freedom, this indicates a statistically meaningful association between organizational type and the use of demonstration as an off-the-job training method.

To assess the strength of this relationship:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \sqrt{(\chi^2 / n)} \\
 &= \sqrt{(6.666 / 10)} \\
 &= \sqrt{0.6666} \\
 &= \mathbf{0.816}
 \end{aligned}$$

This reflects a **strong association**, suggesting that multinational companies are significantly more inclined toward structured and formal off-the-job training methods such as demonstrations compared to local companies.

Similar directional variations are observable across other training methods, including lectures, seminars, and simulation-based learning, indicating that while both organizational types engage in off-the-job training, the degree of formalization and method selection differ systematically.

Overall, the analysis reveals that off-the-job training methods are widely adopted across all organizations; however, their distribution varies in a structured manner across organizational types. Multinational companies tend to emphasize more formalized and standardized training approaches, whereas local companies exhibit relatively diverse and flexible adoption patterns. These findings reinforce the role of organizational context in shaping training and development strategies within human resource management systems.

5.2.8 Top Benefits of Talent Management

The aspect of total benefits of talent management is laid out by five factors as the set of parameters which consists of ‘right person in the right job’ (80%), ‘retaining the top talent’ (20%), ‘better hiring’ (20%), ‘understanding employees better’ (20%), and ‘better professional development decisions’ (40%). **Figure 25** is the amalgamation of percentages of both MNCs as well as local companies for the aforementioned aspect to HRM practices.

Total Scenario of Top Benefits of Talent Management

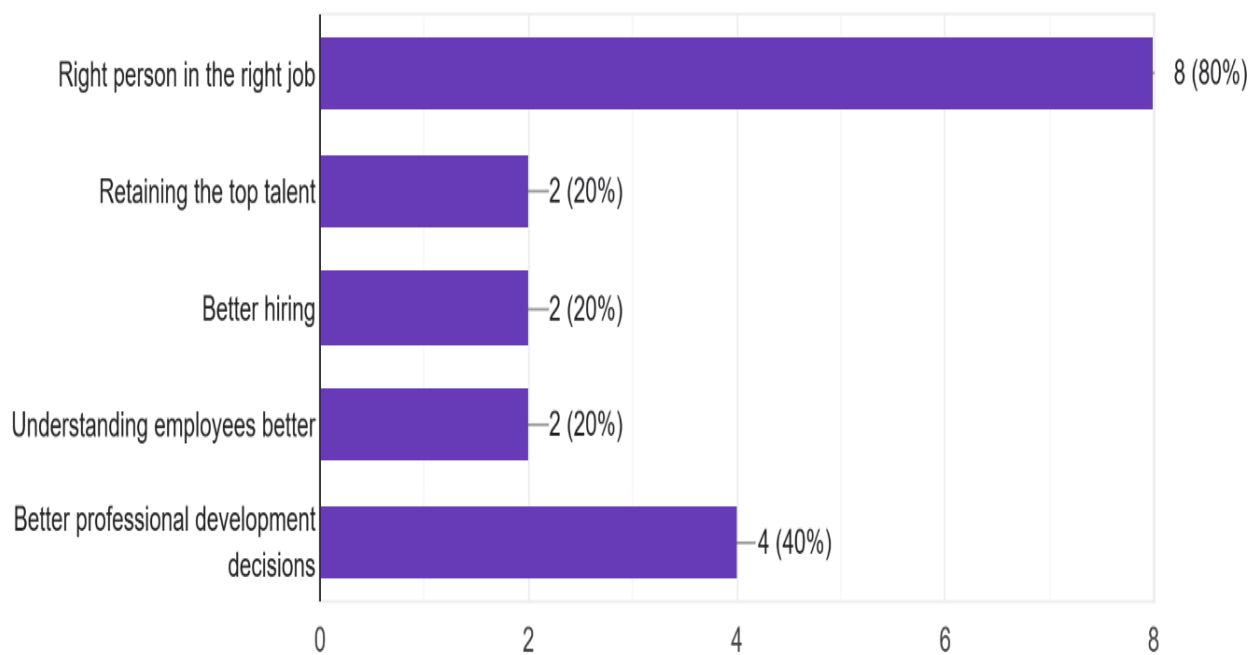


Figure 25: Total Scenario of Top Benefits of Talent Management

Variables (Benefits of Talent Management)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
Right person in the right job	MNCs-40% +	=80%	80%	80%
	Local Companies-40%			
Retaining the top talent	MNCs-10% +	=20%	20%	20%
	Local Companies-10%			

Better hiring	MNCs-10% + Local Companies-10%	20%	20%	20%
Understanding employees better	MNCs-10% + Local Companies- 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Better professional development decision	MNCs-10% + Local Companies-30%	=40%	20%	60%

Table 26: Top Benefits of Talent Management in Separate & Combined Percentages

Table 26 in the next page outlines the top benefits of talent management in individuality. This is basically the backbone of all the data represented both combinedly and separately. The first column is the listing of the factors in the variable set of benefits of talent management. The second column implicates the combined comparative percentages of the entities on a scale of 100% where the division of percentages (between MNCs & local companies) is also expressed. The following two columns are the exposition of separate percentages respectively for MNCs and local companies.

Next in line is the **Figure 26** headlined under ‘combined comparative scenario of top benefits of talent management’. Here, the 40% of the respondents from both MNCs and local

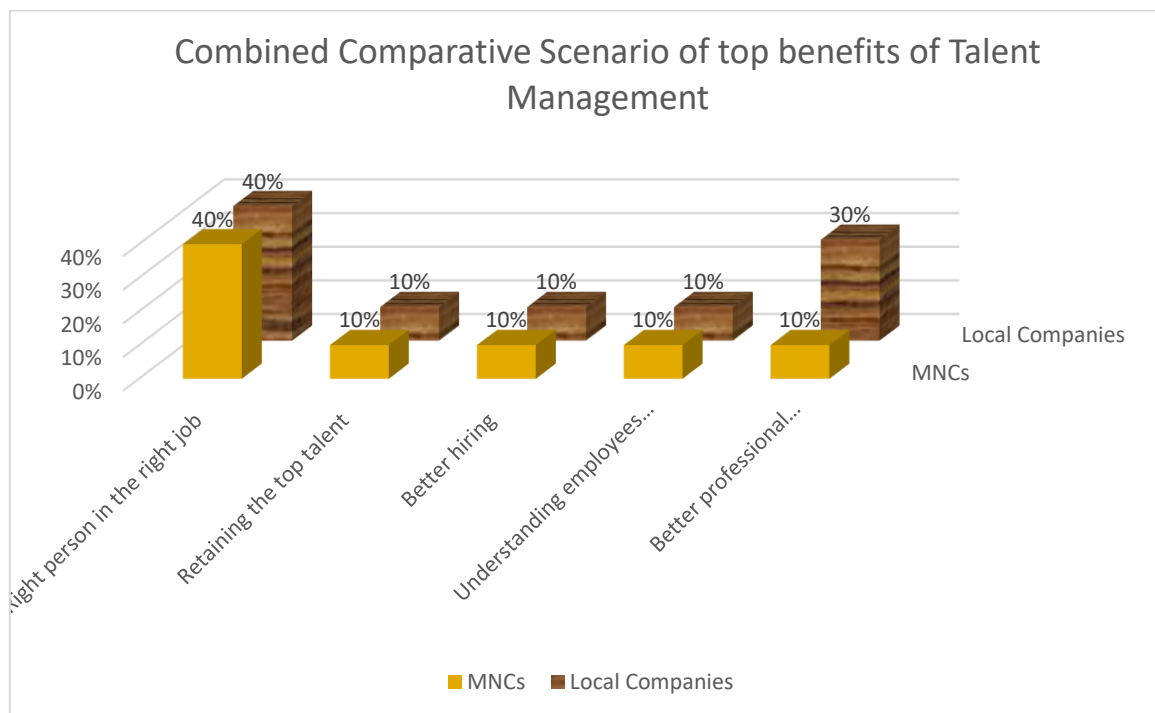


Figure 26: Combined Comparative Scenario of top Benefits of Talent Management

Companies have said they enjoy the benefit of right person in the right job due to talent management. 30% of the local companies have chosen better professional development decisions whereas only 10% of the MNCs have mentioned this factor. Retaining top talent, better hiring, and understanding employees better stand at 10% each.

Figure 27 below delineates the separate scenario of multinational companies in regards of top benefits of talent management. As we can draw from the pie chart, the highest responses

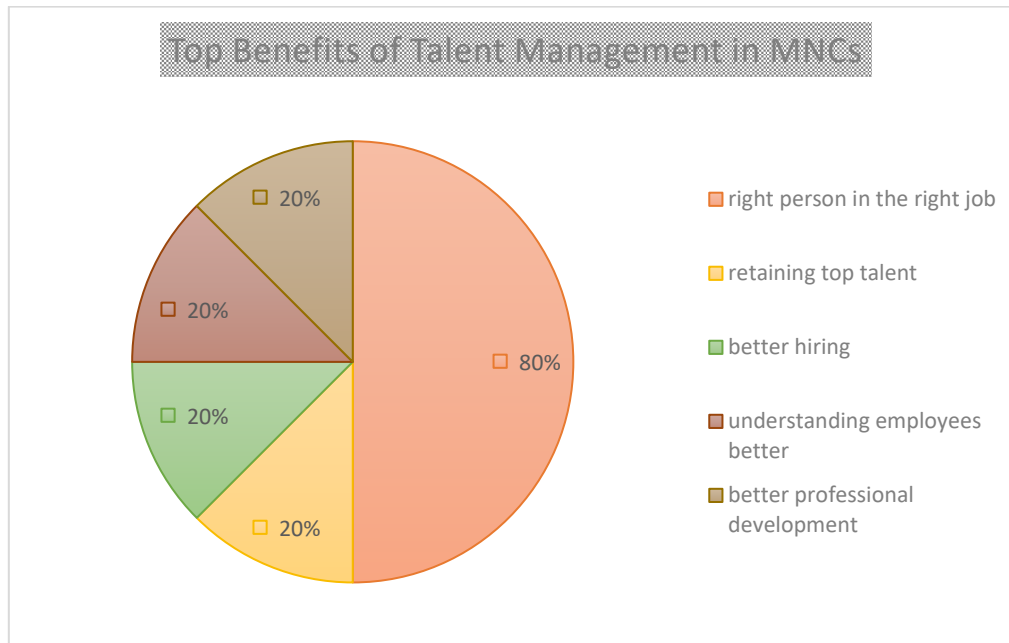


Figure 27: Top Benefits of Talent Management in MNCs

came in favour of right person in the right job with 80%. The other benefits were rated in equal percentage of 20% each which are retaining top talent, better hiring, understanding employees better, and better professional development.

The next pie chart is determined by **Figure 28** which zooms in on the same issue but in the context of local companies. The maximum response supported the benefit of right person in the right job at 80% rate. Better professional development decision score 60%; the rest of the factors come at 20% apiece which combine better hiring, retaining top employees, and understanding employees better.

Top Benefits of Talent Management in Local Companies

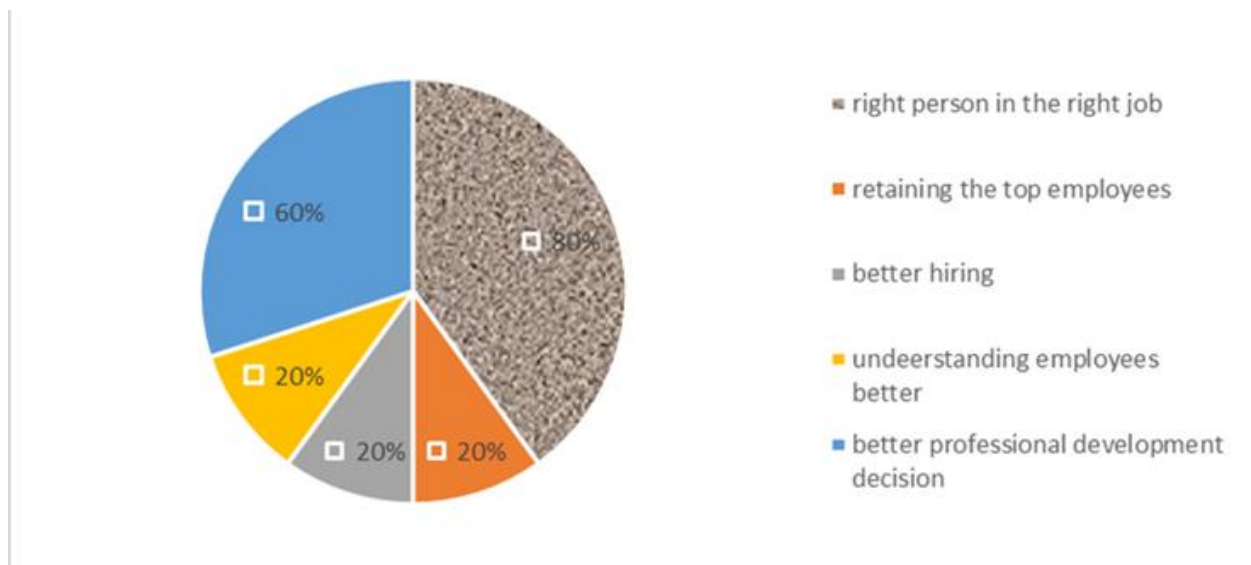


Figure 28: Top Benefits of Talent Management in Local Companies

The variable of benefits of talent management has the same factor at the highest percentage with the same percentage, that is, at 80% both in MNCs and local companies. As we can derive, all the five factors from Table 26 come in the picture with solid percentages and there is no NIL factor.

To evaluate variations in perceived benefits of talent management, the collected responses were organised into categorical variables representing key outcome dimensions. Each response was coded using a binary structure (1 = selected benefit, 0 = non-selected), allowing for comparative analysis across organisational types. The organisational classification variable was defined as MNC = 1 and Local Company = 0, facilitating group-wise examination of response distributions.

A frequency-based comparative assessment indicates that “right person in the right job” emerges as the most consistently reported benefit across both organisational categories, with identical representation in MNCs and local companies. Other dimensions such as “better professional development decisions,” “better hiring,” and “understanding employees better” demonstrate moderate variation, with local companies showing relatively stronger emphasis on development-oriented outcomes.

To further examine whether the distribution of responses differs systematically between organisational types, a Chi-square test of independence was applied for the key benefit

categories. The analysis assesses whether observed variations in response patterns are statistically independent of organisational classification.

For illustration, the dominant category “right person in the right job” showed identical distribution across both groups (MNC = 4, Local = 4 out of 5 each), indicating no meaningful statistical divergence for this variable. However, variation in “better professional development decisions” suggests a directional difference favouring local organisations.

Given the small sample structure ($n = 10$), the Chi-square results are interpreted cautiously, with emphasis placed on association trends rather than strict generalisation. To complement this, proportional comparison across groups is used as the primary interpretive tool for identifying organisational differences.

5.2.9 Initial Motives behind PA System

Figure 29 below is depictive of the total scenario of initial motives behind PA system. It is characterized by six factors which embrace ‘promotional recruitments’ (100%), ‘technical training’ (10%), ‘establishment of code of conduct’ (20%), ‘remuneration’ (30%), ‘for namesake’ (10%), and ‘a follow-suit trend’ (0%).

Total Scenario of Initial Motives behind PA System

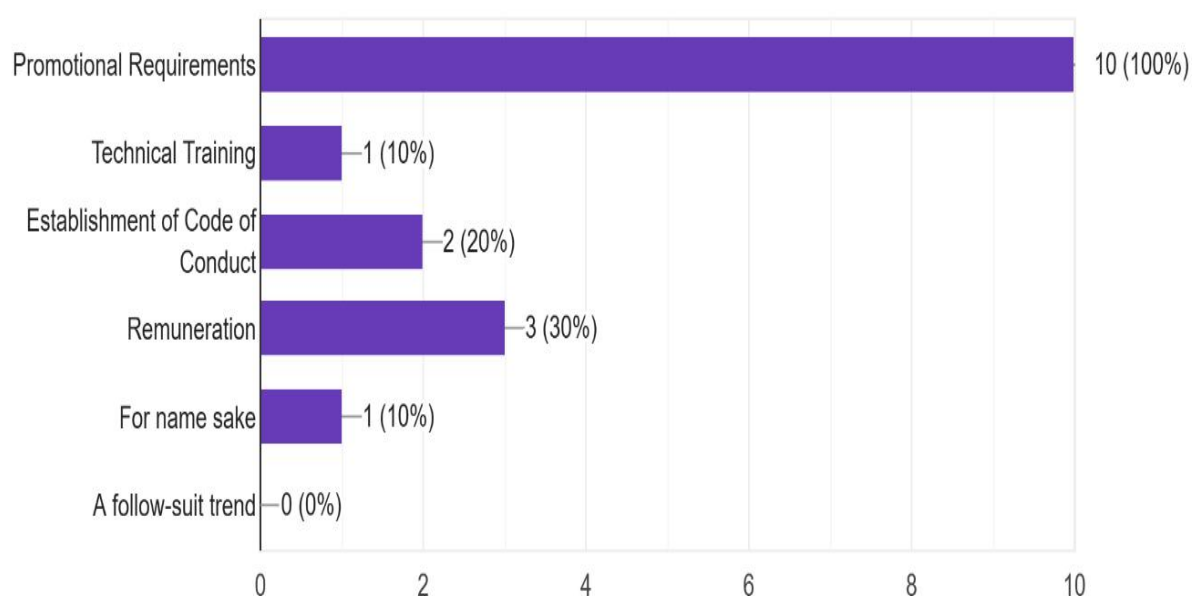


Figure 29: Total Scenario of Initial Motives behind PA System

Variable (Motives behind PA system)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
Promotional requirements	MNCs – 50% + Local Companies – 50%	=100%	100%	100%

Technical training	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 0%	=10%	20%	0%
Establishment of code of conduct	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 20%	=20%	0%	40%
Remuneration	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 0%	=30%	60%	0%
For namesake	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
A follow-suit trend	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%

Table 27: Initial Motives behind PA System in Separate & Comparative Percentages

Table 27 above represents initial motives for PA in terms of combined comparative percentages along with separate percentages for MNCs and local companies. The second column shows the comparison between MNCs and local companies on a scale of 100%. The third column is the exhibition of percentages of MNCs where five entities are involved. The next and last column depicts the percentages

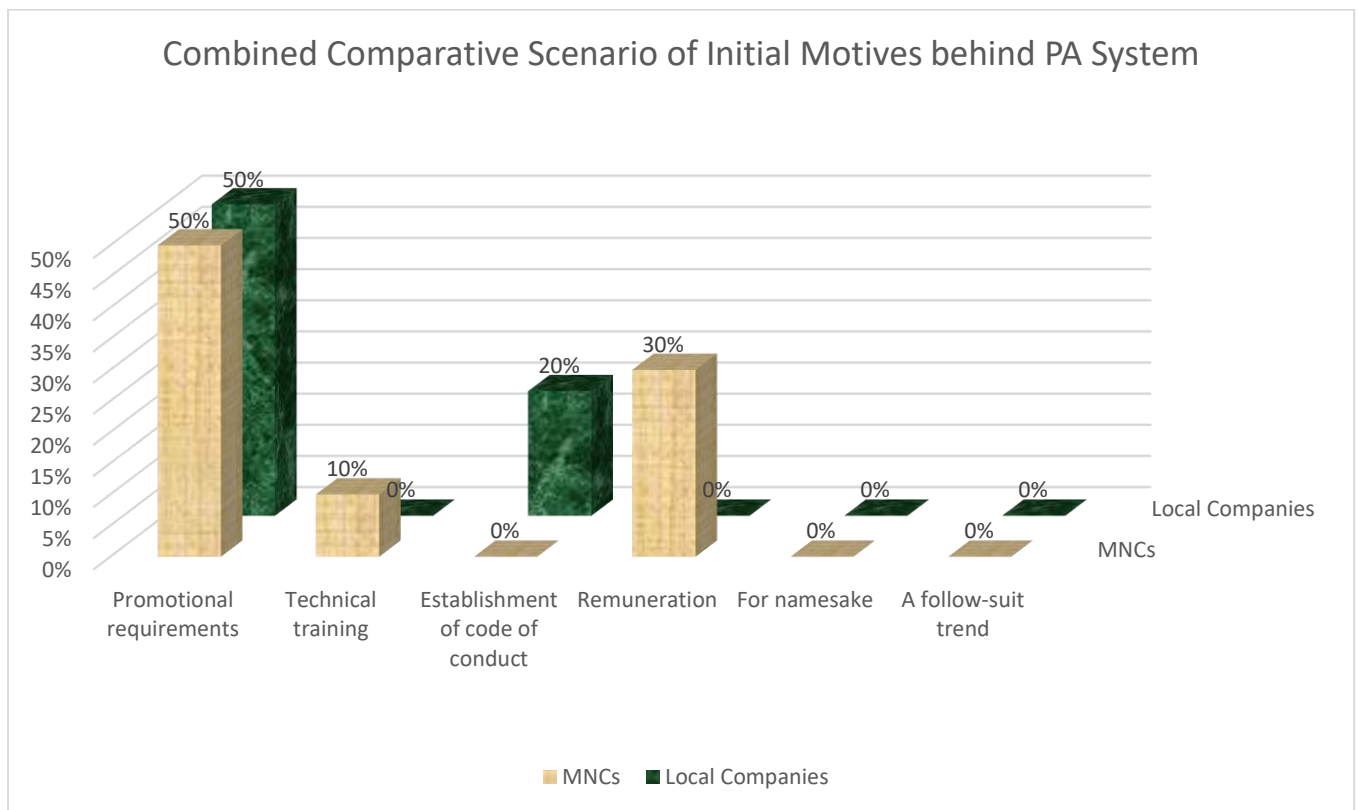


Figure 30: Combined Comparative Scenario of Initial Motives behind PA System

Figure 30 above exhibit the second column from Table 27; wherein the promotional requirements stand at 50% each which is the highest factor for both types of companies while analysing initial motives for PA system taking in all the ten entities. The technical training score 10% for MNCs and 0% for local companies. The establishment of code of conduct comes at 0% for MNCs and 20% for local companies, remuneration at 30% and 0%; for namesake at 0% each; and finally, a follow-suit trend at 0% each. In this bar chart, the NIL factors (factors scoring 0%) are also included.

The Figures **31** and **32** respectively illustrate the initial motive of PA in the context of MNCs and local companies. The NIL factors (factors with 0%) are not taken into consideration and both the pie charts are based upon five entities each belonging to their own groups. The former portrays the factors in MNCs which covers promotional requirement with 100%, remuneration with 60%, and technical training with 20%.

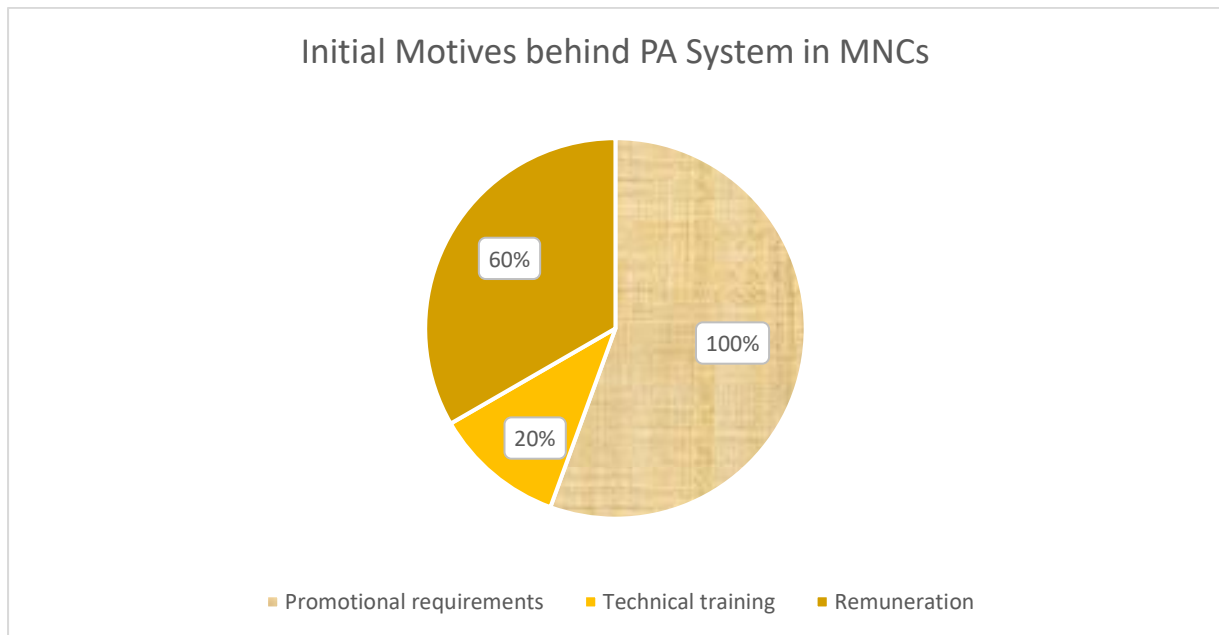


Figure 31 Initial Motives behind PA System in MNCs

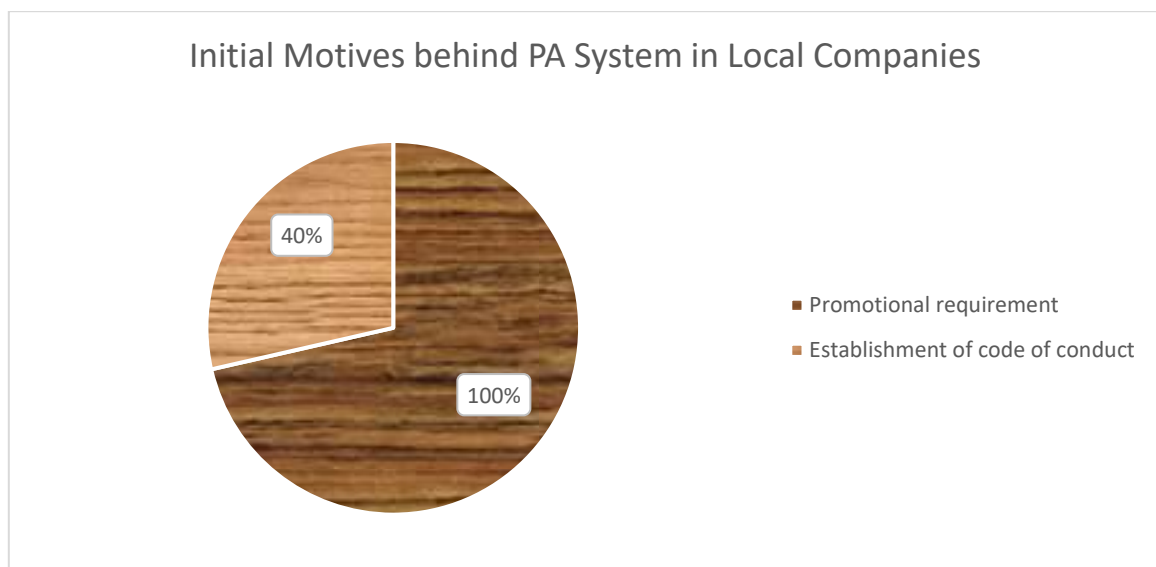


Figure 32: Initial Motives behind PA System in Local Companies

The latter projects the same scenario but in the arena of local companies which encompasses promotional requirement with 100% and establishment of code of conduct with 40%. In summary, the highest factors are the very same in both types of companies when they come to consider initial motives for PA but the number of factors influencing them is different.

This subsection extends the descriptive presentation by incorporating a structured statistical examination of the initial motives underlying the performance appraisal (PA) system across the sampled organizations. The categorical responses were systematically transformed into binary variables, where the presence of a specific motive was coded as 1 and its absence as 0. Organizational classification was likewise treated as a dichotomous variable (MNC = 1; Local Company = 0), allowing for a comparative analytical framework.

A frequency-based evaluation reveals that promotional requirements constitute a universally dominant motive, with complete representation across both multinational and local companies. Due to the absence of variation in this variable (100% occurrence in both categories), it is statistically invariant and therefore unsuitable for inferential testing such as chi-square analysis.

To identify patterns of divergence, attention is directed toward variables exhibiting observable variation, particularly remuneration and establishment of code of conduct. A cross-tabulation analysis was conducted for the motive of remuneration, given its asymmetric distribution across organizational types.

The observed contingency table is as follows:

Category	Yes	No	Total
MNC	3	2	5
Local	0	5	5
Total	3	7	10

Table 28: Remuneration as Initial Motive of Remuneration Cross-tabulation Analysis

Expected frequencies were computed using:

Expected value = (Row Total $\times$ Column Total) / Grand Total

Thus,

$$\text{MNC-Yes} = (5 \times 3) / 10 = 1.5$$

$$\text{MNC-No} = (5 \times 7) / 10 = 3.5$$

$$\text{Local-Yes} = (5 \times 3) / 10 = 1.5$$

$$\text{Local-No} = (5 \times 7) / 10 = 3.5$$

The Chi-square statistic is calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2 &= \sum (O - E)^2 / E \\ &= (3-1.5)^2/1.5 + (2-3.5)^2/3.5 + (0-1.5)^2/1.5 + (5-3.5)^2/3.5 \\ &= 1.500 + 0.643 + 1.500 + 0.643 \\ &= 4.286\end{aligned}$$

With 1 degree of freedom, this value suggests the presence of an association between organizational type and the consideration of remuneration as a primary motive for performance appraisal.

To further evaluate the strength of this relationship, Cramér's V was computed:

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \sqrt{(\chi^2 / (n \times (k-1)))} \\ \text{Where } n &= 10 \text{ and } k = 2 \\ V &= \sqrt{(4.286 / 10)} \\ &= \sqrt{0.4286} \\ &= 0.655\end{aligned}$$

This indicates a strong association, implying that multinational companies are comparatively more inclined to integrate remuneration-driven motives within their performance appraisal systems, whereas such considerations are largely absent in local companies.

A similar directional disparity is observable in the case of establishment of code of conduct, which appears exclusively within local companies. However, due to low cell frequencies and limited variation, further inferential testing in this instance remains constrained.

The statistical evidence cumulatively suggests that while certain motives, most notably promotional requirements, are universally embedded across organizational types, others demonstrate marked variation reflective of differing strategic orientations. Multinational companies exhibit a stronger alignment with performance-linked financial incentives, whereas local companies appear to emphasize normative and behavioural regulation through appraisal mechanisms.

5.2.10 Top Objectives of Performance Appraisal

Figure 33 below provides us with the total scenario of top objectives of performance appraisal in the sample set of the study. There are four aspects to this variable which cover ‘clarity of job expectation’ (70%), review & update of job skills’ (50%), record of accomplishment of goals’ (40%), and ‘motivation’ (10%).

Total Scenario of Top Objectives of PA

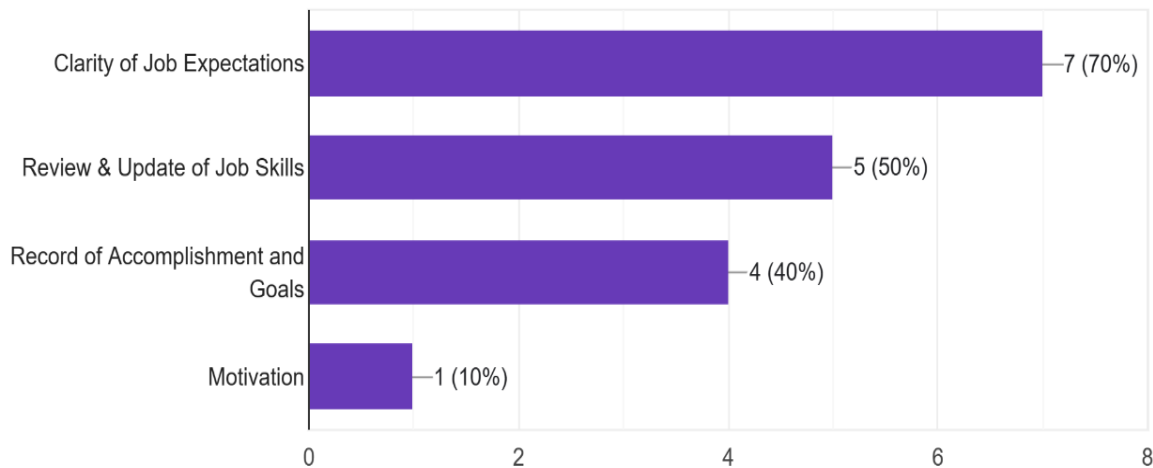


Figure 33: Total Scenario of Top Objectives of PA

Variable (Top objectives of PA Practices)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Enterprises' Separate Percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
Record of accomplishment & goal	MNCs-20% + Local Companies-20%	=40%	40%	40%
Motivation	MNCs-0% + Local Companies-0%	=0%	0%	20%

Review & update of job skills	MNCs-10% + Local Companies-40%	=50%	20%	80%
Clarity of job expectations	MNCs-50% + Local Companies-20%	=70%	100%	40%

Table 29: Top Objectives of PA in Separate & Combined Percentages

Table 29 above deals with the dissection task of Figure 33 with the aim of attaining individual percentages. The second column here deconstructs the combined percentages received from the aforementioned Figure for all the entities. The next and third column is the rendition of separate percentages for MNCs. The last and fourth column portrays the separate percentages for local companies of the sample set.

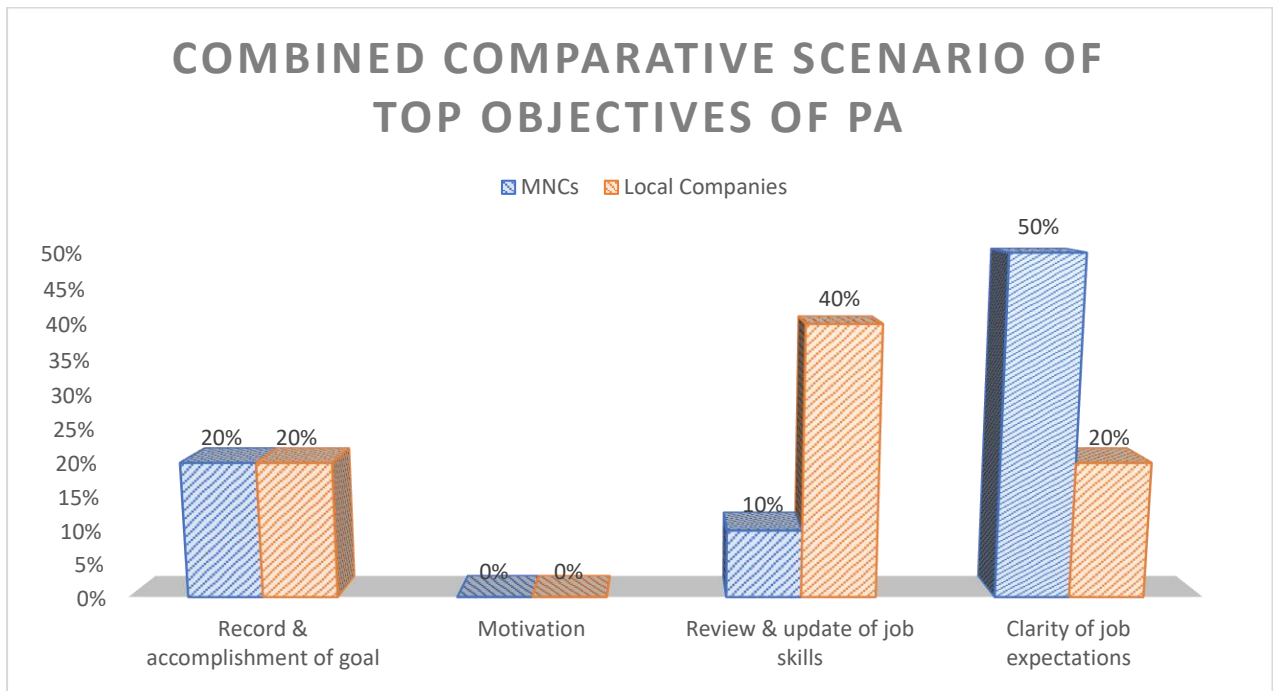


Figure 34: Combined Comparative Scenario of Top Objectives of PA

The combined comparative scenario represented by the **Figure 34** is the graphical explication of the second column of Table 10. Herein, the percentages for MNCs and local companies in the respective way stand at 20% and 20% for record of accomplishment, 0% and 0% for

motivation, 10% and 40% for review & update of job skills, 50% and 20% for clarity of job expectation.

The **Figure 35** maps out the top objective of performance appraisal exclusively in the context of MNCs where the factors are only those that have influence on the issue with real percentage (removing the factors with 0%). In this pie chart, the clarity of job expectations scores a unanimous 100%. Record of accomplishment & goals comes at 40%, and review and update of job skills stands at 20%.

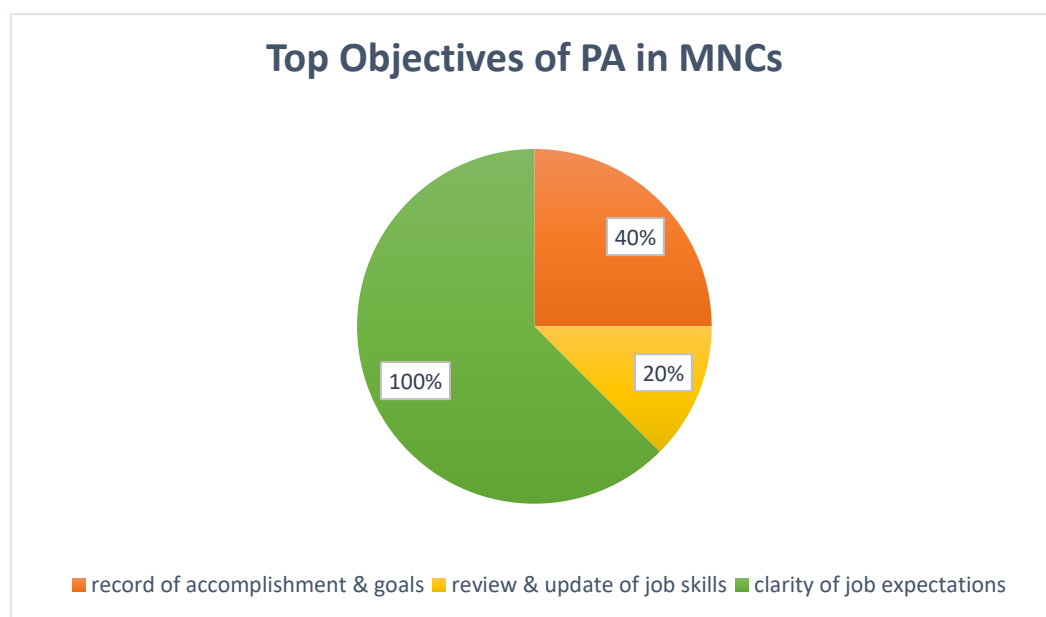


Figure 35: Top Objectives of PA in MNCs

The **Figure 36** is the representative of the same scenario as Figure 35 but in the context of local companies. The factor here scoring the highest is identified with review & update of job skills with 80%. The record of accomplishment & goals, clarity of job expectation, and motivation amount to 40%, 20% and 20% in that order.



Figure 36: Top Objectives of PA in Local Companies

To draw the comparison, the highest factors between MNCs & local companies are different. In the former, the top-ranking factor is clarity of job expectations with 100% and the pie chart of it is affected by three factors in total as we can derive; by contrast, the latter shows the highest percentage in review & update of job skills with 80% and the belonging pie chart is divided by four factors here.

This subsection advances the descriptive analysis by undertaking a systematic statistical evaluation of the principal objectives underpinning the performance appraisal (PA) system across the sampled organizations. All qualitative responses were converted into dichotomous variables, where the presence of a given objective was coded as 1 and its absence as 0. Similarly, organizational type was operationalised as a binary classification (MNC = 1; Local Company = 0), facilitating a comparative analytical framework between the two groups.

A distributional assessment of responses reveals that the most prominent objective of performance appraisal is ensuring clarity of job expectations, accounting for 70% of the overall sample. This is followed by review and updating of job skills (50%), record of accomplishment and goal tracking (40%), and motivation (10%). The pattern indicates that appraisal systems are predominantly oriented towards structural clarity and performance alignment, rather than serving primarily as motivational mechanisms.

To explore inter-organisational differences, a comparative breakdown between multinational corporations and local enterprises was conducted. The findings indicate that clarity of job expectations is entirely prevalent within MNCs (100%), whereas local organisations exhibit a stronger orientation towards review and updating of job skills (80%). The objective of record of accomplishment and goals remains evenly distributed across both organisational categories (40% each), while motivation is comparatively more visible in local firms (20%) and absent in MNCs (0%).

Given the categorical nature of the dataset and limited variability in certain responses, inferential testing is only feasible for variables demonstrating meaningful dispersion. Accordingly, a cross-tabulation analysis was performed for the variable “review and update of job skills,” which shows the most pronounced divergence between organisational types.

The observed contingency structure is presented below:

Category	Yes	No	Total
MNC	1	4	5
Local	4	1	5
Total	5	5	10

Table 30: Review and Update of the Job Skills as the Top Objective in PA Cross-tabulation Analysis

Expected frequencies were derived using the standard formula:

$$\text{Expected value} = (\text{Row Total} \times \text{Column Total}) / \text{Grand Total}$$

Thus,

$$\text{MNC–Yes} = (5 \times 5) / 10 = 2.5$$

$$\text{MNC–No} = (5 \times 5) / 10 = 2.5$$

$$\text{Local–Yes} = (5 \times 5) / 10 = 2.5$$

$$\text{Local–No} = (5 \times 5) / 10 = 2.5$$

The Chi-square statistic is computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2 &= \sum (O - E)^2 / E \\ &= (1-2.5)^2/2.5 + (4-2.5)^2/2.5 + (4-2.5)^2/2.5 + (1-2.5)^2/2.5 \\ &= 0.900 + 0.900 + 0.900 + 0.900 \\ &= 3.600\end{aligned}$$

With 1 degree of freedom, the result indicates a statistically relevant association between organisational classification and the emphasis on skill updating as a performance appraisal objective.

To quantify the magnitude of association, Cramér's V was calculated:

$$V = \sqrt{(\chi^2 / (n \times (k-1)))}$$

Where $n = 10$ and $k = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \sqrt{(3.600 / 10)} \\ &= \sqrt{0.360} \\ &= 0.600\end{aligned}$$

This reflects a moderate level of association, suggesting that local organisations are comparatively more inclined to employ performance appraisal as a mechanism for developmental refinement of employee competencies, whereas multinational firms prioritise structured role definition and expectation alignment.

A comparable directional tendency is evident in relation to clarity of job expectations, which is overwhelmingly concentrated within MNCs, while motivational orientation appears slightly more pronounced in local organisations. Nevertheless, due to restricted variability in several categories, further inferential testing remains methodologically limited.

In summary, the findings indicate that although clarity of job expectations remains the central and most consistent objective across organisations, notable divergence exists in secondary appraisal purposes. Multinational enterprises tend to emphasise procedural consistency and role specification, whereas local organisations demonstrate relatively greater inclination towards developmental and skill-enhancement dimensions of performance appraisal.

5.2.11 Criteria for Performance Appraisal

The **Figure 37** sketches out the total scenario of criteria for performance appraisal. ‘Employee trait’, ‘employee behaviour’, and ‘employee’s job results’ constitute this variable in the research. As is evident from the bar chart below, the first one stand at 20%, the second one at 60%, and the third one at 80%.

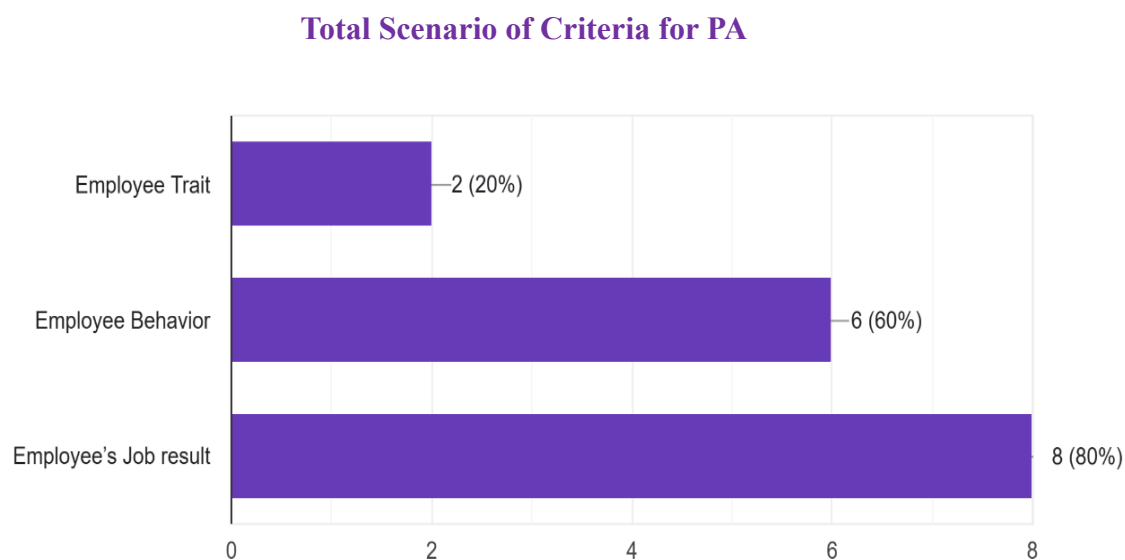


Figure 37: Total Scenario of Criteria for PA

Variable (Criteria for Assessing Performances)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNC's Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies; Separate Percentage (%)
	[5 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
Employee Trait	MNCs – 20% + Local Companies – 0%	=20%	40%	0%
Employee Behaviour	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 30%	=60%	60%	60%
	MNCs – 40% + Local Companies – 40%	=80%	80%	80%

Employees' Job Result	Local Companies – 40%			
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Table 31: Criteria for PA in Separate & Combined Percentages

The **Table 11** looks over the whole analytical aspect of the variable of criteria for performance appraisal in the categories of combined comparative percentage and separate percentages for MNCs as well as local companies. The factors here embrace, respectively for MNCs and local companies, where employee trait stands at 40% and 0%, employee behaviour at 60% and 60% each, and employee's job results at 80% each.

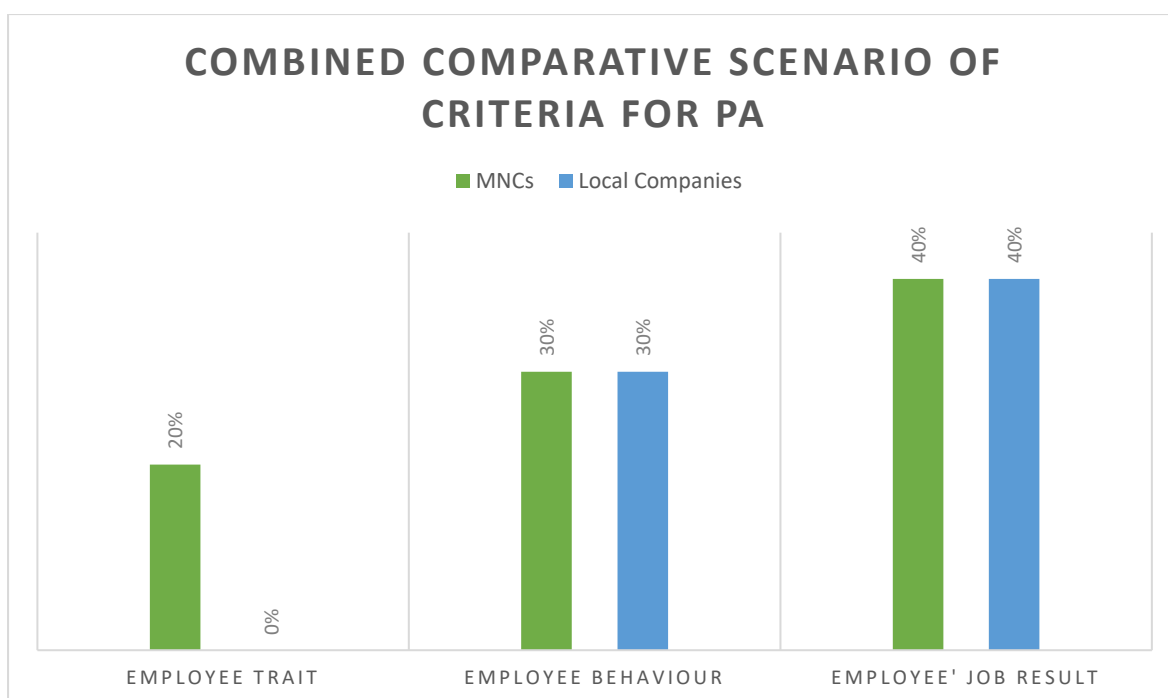


Figure 38: Combined Comparative Scenario of Criteria for PA

The **Figure 38** represents the combined comparative scenario of criteria for performance appraisal practices in the MNCs and local companies of Bangladesh. It is calculated on the basis of a 100% scale. In the order of MNCs and local companies, the first one at 20% and 0%; the second one at 30% and 30%; and finally, the third one at 40% and 40%.

The **Figure 39 and 40** portray separate scenario for MNCs and local companies on the issue of criteria for performance appraisal. The former is divided into three factors that cover employee's job result with 80%, employee behaviour with 60%, and employee trait with 40%. The latter, however, is influenced by two factors encompassing employee's job results with 80% and employee behaviour with 60%. The NIL factors (factors with 0%) are not included here.

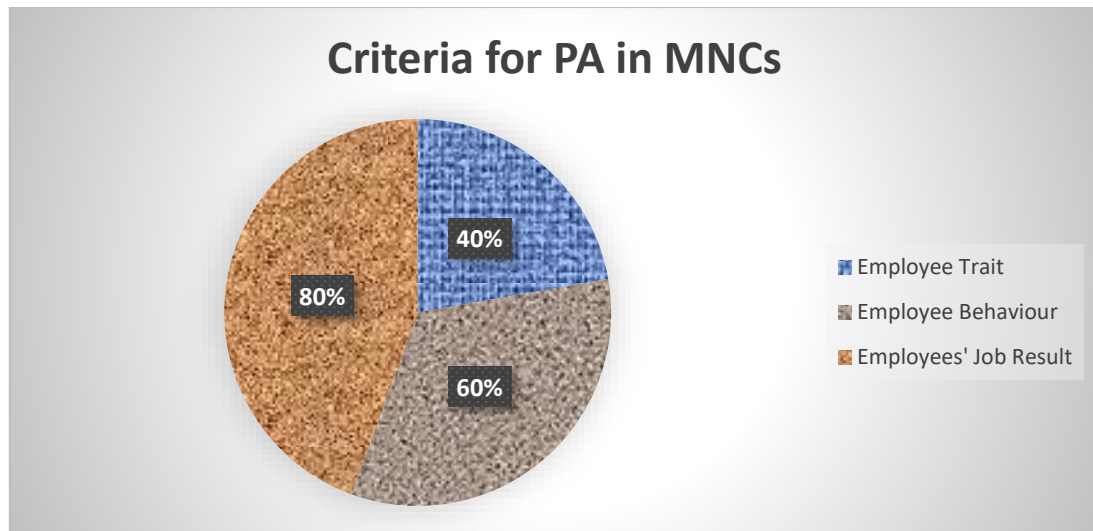


Figure 39: Criteria for PA in MNCs

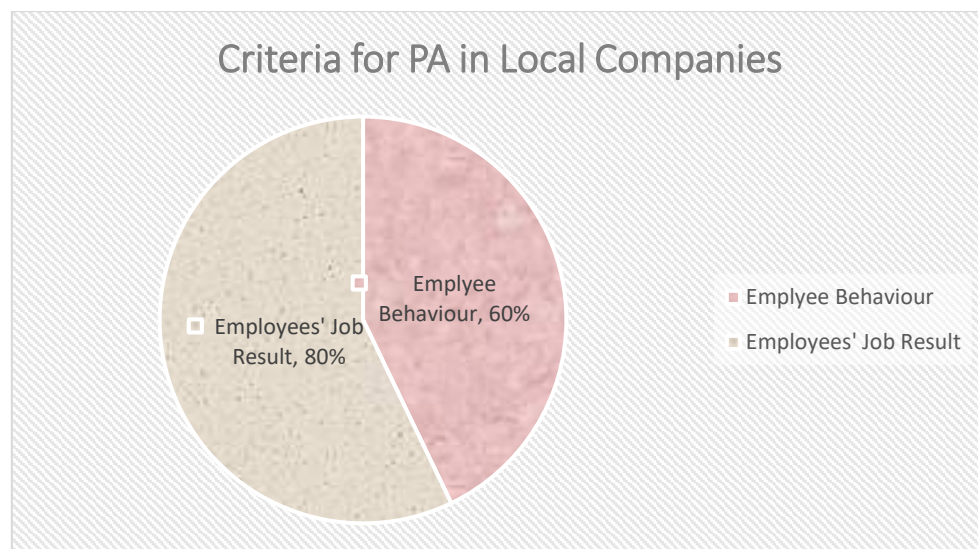


Figure 40: Criteria for PA in Local Companies

Employee's job results scores the same for both types of companies which stands at 80%. The factor percentage of employee behaviour is also the same with 60% each. The criterion of employee trait does not show up in the Figure 44 representing local companies but it does for Figure 43 manifesting MNCs with 40%.

This subsection extends the descriptive presentation by incorporating a structured statistical evaluation of the perceived primary benefits of talent management across the sampled organizations. The qualitative responses were systematically transformed into binary variables, where the presence of a specific benefit was coded as 1 and its absence as 0. Organizational classification was similarly operationalised as a dichotomous variable (MNC = 1; Local Company = 0), enabling a comparative analytical framework between the two groups.

A frequency-based assessment indicates that the most prominent perceived benefit of talent management is the acquisition of qualified employees, which appears consistently across the entire sample (100%). This is followed by retention of present employees (60%), incentive provision (40%), securing workforce stability (20%), and acceptance to employees (20%). The distribution suggests that talent management practices are primarily perceived as a mechanism for workforce quality enhancement and retention rather than purely motivational or strategic branding purposes.

To explore inter-organisational differences, a comparative breakdown between multinational companies and local enterprises was conducted. The findings reveal that acquisition of qualified employees is universally dominant in both MNCs and local firms (100% each), indicating a shared strategic priority. However, divergence emerges in secondary benefits: retention of present employees is more pronounced in MNCs (80%) compared to local companies (40%), while incentive provision is slightly more emphasized in MNCs (60%) than in local firms (20%). Conversely, benefits such as “acceptability to employees” appear relatively more in local organisations (40%) compared to MNCs (0%), indicating a more employee-centric orientation in local settings.

Given the categorical nature of the dataset and the limited variability in certain responses, inferential statistical testing is selectively applied. A cross-tabulation analysis was conducted for the variable “retention of present employees,” which demonstrates noticeable variation across organizational categories.

The observed contingency table is as follows:

Category	Yes	No	Total
MNC	4	1	5
Local	2	3	5
Total	6	4	10

Table 32: Criteria for PA Cross-tabulation Analysis for the “Retention of Present Employees”

Expected frequencies were calculated using:

Expected value = (Row Total $\times$ Column Total) / Grand Total

Thus,

$$\text{MNC-Yes} = (5 \times 6) / 10 = 3$$

$$\text{MNC-No} = (5 \times 4) / 10 = 2$$

$$\text{Local-Yes} = (5 \times 6) / 10 = 3$$

$$\text{Local-No} = (5 \times 4) / 10 = 2$$

The Chi-square statistic is computed as:

$$\chi^2 = \sum (O - E)^2 / E$$

$$= (4-3)^2/3 + (1-2)^2/2 + (2-3)^2/3 + (3-2)^2/2$$

$$= 0.333 + 0.500 + 0.333 + 0.500$$

$$= 1.666$$

With 1 degree of freedom, the result indicates a weak-to-moderate association between organizational type and perceived emphasis on employee retention as a benefit of talent management.

To measure the strength of association, Cramér's V was computed:

$$V = \sqrt{(\chi^2 / (n \times (k-1)))}$$

Where n = 10 and k = 2

$$V = \sqrt{(1.666 / 10)}$$

$$= \sqrt{0.1666}$$

$$= 0.408$$

This suggests a moderate relationship, implying that multinational companies tend to place greater emphasis on retention-oriented talent management outcomes, whereas local companies show relatively more variability in prioritisation and employee-centred perceptions.

A similar directional pattern is observed in relation to incentive provision, which appears more strongly associated with MNCs. However, due to limited variation across several categories, further inferential testing remains constrained.

Taken together, the findings indicate that acquisition of qualified employees remains the universally dominant objective of talent management across all organizations. Nonetheless, variation exists in secondary perceived benefits, with multinational companies demonstrating a stronger orientation towards structured retention and incentive systems, while local organizations reflect a comparatively more flexible and employee-responsive perception of talent management outcomes.

5.2.12 Performance Appraisal Methods in Practice

The bar chart below is denoted by **Figure 41** which is the representation of PA methods in practice on the same scale in 100%. It includes sixteen factors ranging across 'MBO' (10%), 'psychological appraisals' (0%), 'assessment centres' (0%), 'self-appraisals' (0%), 'paired comparison' (0%), 'point allocation method' (0%), 'forced distribution' (0%), 'ranking method' (10%), 'BARS' (10%), 'performance tests & observations' (30%), 'field review method' (30%), 'critical incident method' (10%), 'forced choice method' (0%), 'checklist' (20%), 'rating scales' (60%), and 'essay appraisals' (30%).

Total Scenario of PA Methods in Practice

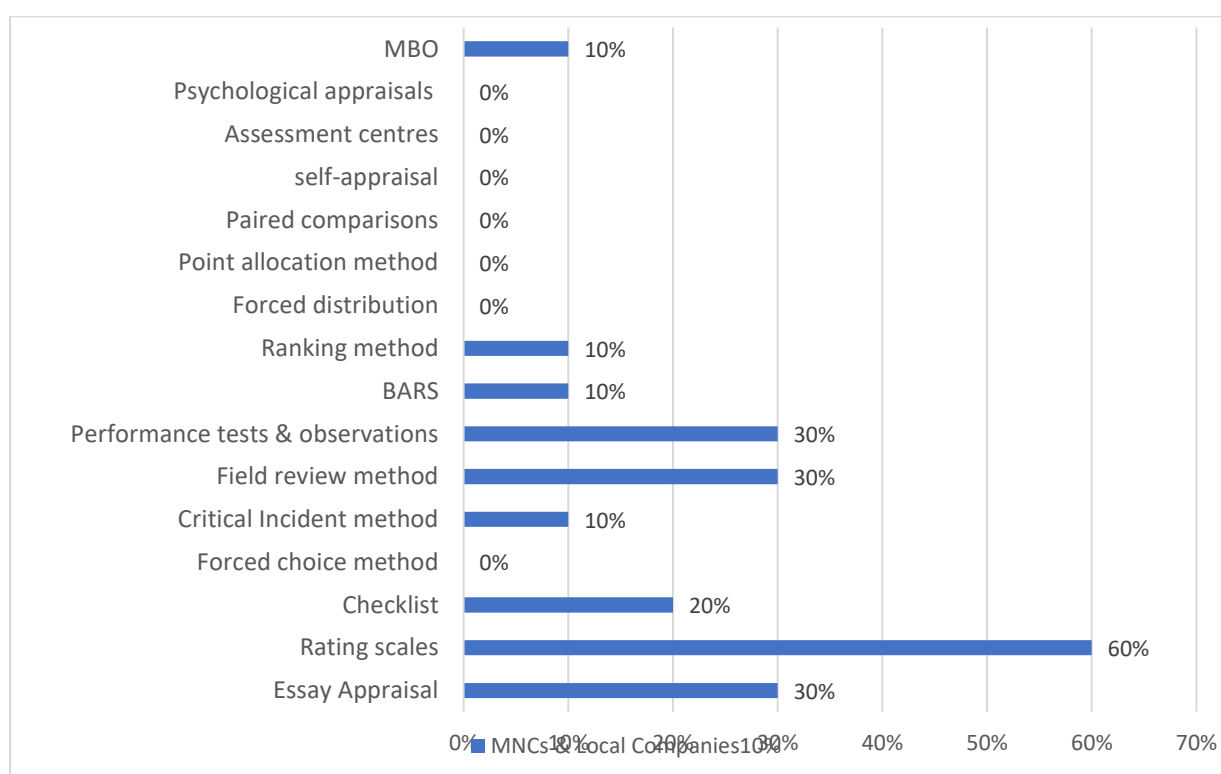


Figure 41: Total Scenario of PA Methods in Practice

Variable (Performance Appraisal Methods)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
Essay Appraisal	MNCs – 30%		60%	20%
	+	=40%		

	Local Companies - 10%			
Rating Scales	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies - 30%	=60%	60%	60%
Checklist	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies - 20%	=20%	0%	40%
Forced Choice Method	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies - 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Critical Incident method	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies - 10%	=10%	0%	20%
Field Review Method	MNCs – 20% + Local Companies - 10%	=30%	40%	20%
Performance Tests & Observations	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies - 20%	=30%	20%	40%
	MNCs – 0% +		0%	20%

Behaviourally Anchored Rating Scales (BARS)	Local Companies - 10%	=10%		
Ranking Method	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies - 0%	=10%	20%	0%
Forced Distribution	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies - 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Point Allocation method	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies - 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Paired Comparisons	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies - 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Self-appraisal	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies - 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Assessment centres	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies - 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Psychological appraisals	MNCs – 0% +	0%	0%	0%

	Local Companies - 0%			
Management by Objectives (MBO)	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies - 10%	=10%	0%	20%

Table 33: PA Methods in Combined Percentages & Practice in Separate

Table 33 exhibits PA methods in practice in combined and separate percentages for MNCs and local companies. The first column here is the listing of the PA methods; the second column shows the dissection of Figure 41 in analytical form. The third and fourth columns stand for the separate percentages for MNCs and local companies respectively on the issue in question.

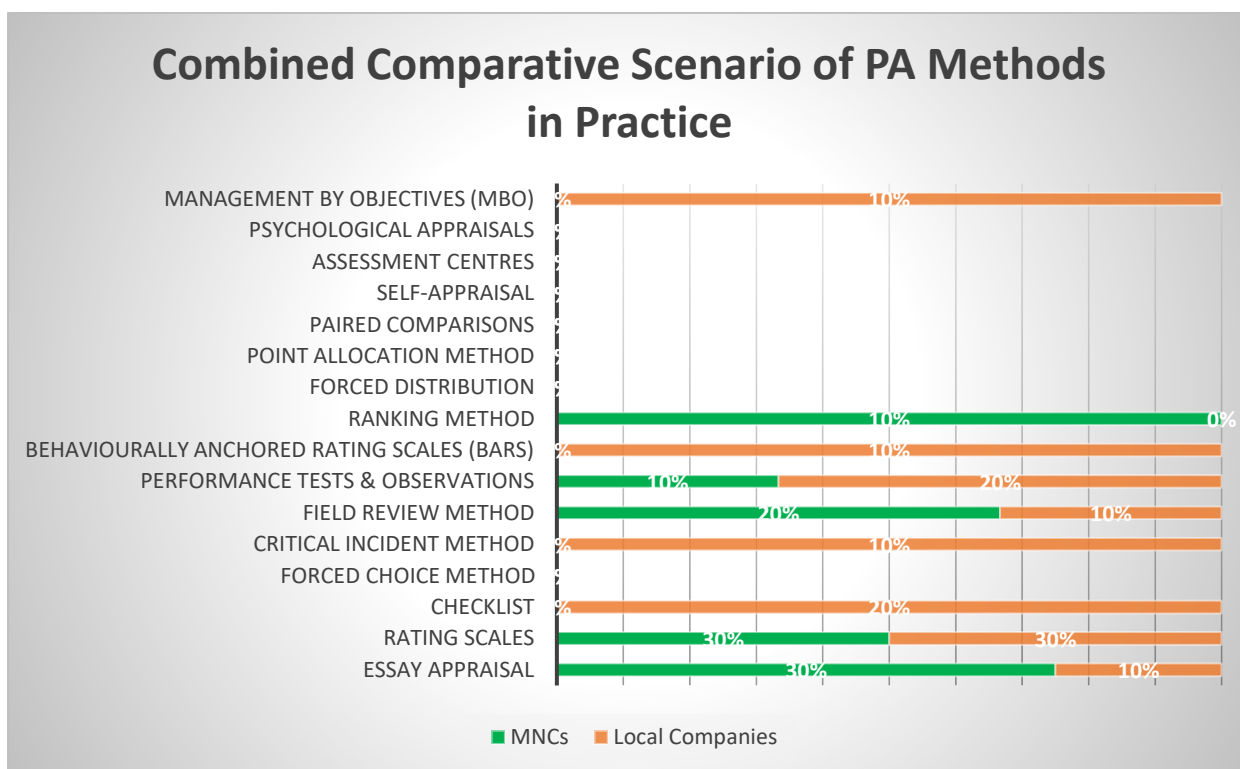


Figure 42: Combined Comparative Scenario of PA Methods in Practice

The **Figure 42** graphically delineates the information we get from the second column of Table 33. Herein, for MNCs and local companies in order, the MBO is 0% and 10%, psychological appraisals 0% each, assessment centres 0% each, self-appraisal 0% each, paired comparisons

0% each, point allocation method 0% each, forced distribution 0% each, ranking method 10% and 0%, BARS 0% and 10%, performance tests and observations 10% and 20%, field review method 20% and 10%, critical incident method 0% and 10%, forced choice method 0% each, checklist 0% and 20%, rating scales 30% and 30%, and finally, essay appraisals 30% and 10%.

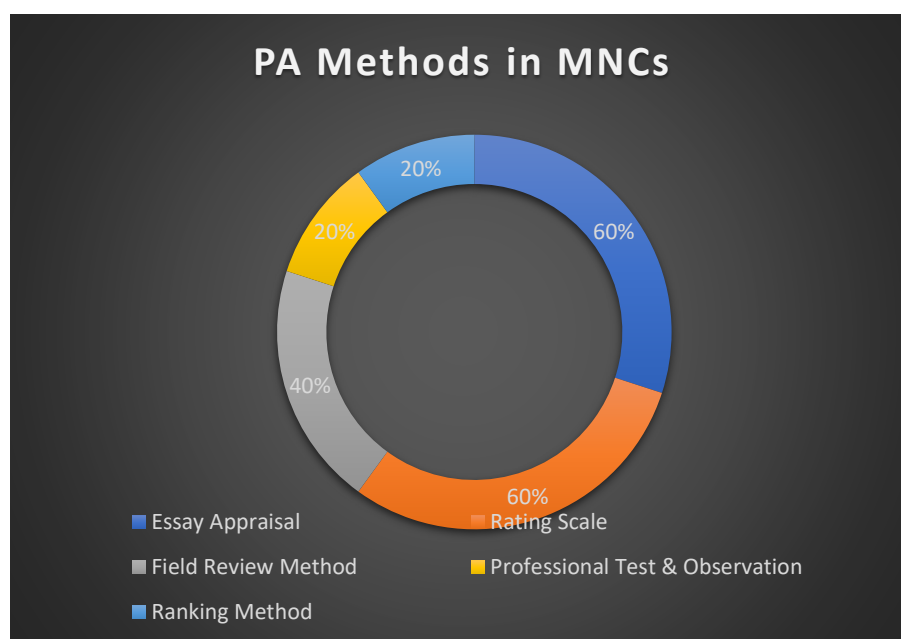


Figure 43: PA Methods in MNCs

The **Figure 43** homes in on the MNCs' PA methods in use in a separate percentage format. Herein, there are five methods that show up in total removing all the NIL factors (factors with 0%). These include essay appraisal with 60%, rating scale also with 60%, field review method with 40%, professional tests & observations with 20%, and rating method with 20%.

The **Figure 44** in the following page displays the PA methods adopted by local companies in separate percentages wherein a total of eight factors come up. These encompass rating scales with 60%, checklist with 40%, performance tests and observations with 40%; and the rest of the five factors; which are essay appraisals, critical incident method, BARS, field review method, and MBO score 20% apiece.

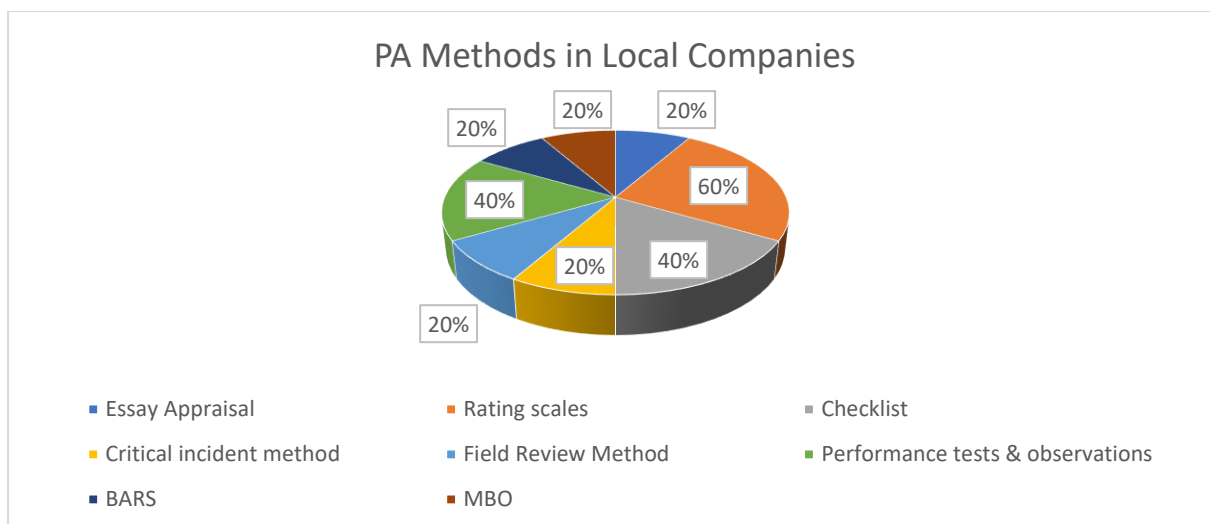


Figure 44: Separate Scenario of PA Methods in Local Companies

Analysing between Figure 43 and Figure 44, the conclusion can be drawn that the latter is more diversified when it comes to PA methods. The former focuses upon five factors where essay appraisal and rating scale score the highest with 60% each. In contrary, the factor with highest score comes for local companies through rating scales with 60% which is in fact halfway similar to the MNC's result for PA method in practice with highest percentage. As regards the lowest scores, the MNCs have performance tests & observations with 20% as well as ranking method with 20%. The local companies, however, centre around multiple factors, as mentioned earlier, with the lowest 20% score.

To complement the descriptive presentation, a quantitative assessment was carried out using frequency and percentage-based analysis. Given that respondents were allowed to report multiple appraisal methods, the dataset represents a **multi-response structure**, where each method was coded dichotomously (presence = 1; absence = 0).

The percentage distribution of each method was computed using the standard formula:

$$\text{Percentage} = (\text{Frequency} / \text{Total Respondents}) \times 100$$

For instance, the use of **rating scales** was identified in 6 out of 10 organizations. Therefore:

$$(6 / 10) \times 100 = \mathbf{60\%}$$

Similarly, **performance tests & observations** and **field review method** were each reported by 3 organizations:

$$(3 / 10) \times 100 = \mathbf{30\%}$$

Methods such as **ranking method**, **BARS**, and **critical incident method** were each observed once:

$$(1 / 10) \times 100 = \mathbf{10\%}$$

In contrast, several methods—including psychological appraisals, assessment centres, paired comparisons, point allocation method, forced distribution, and forced choice method which was recorded zero occurrences, indicating their absence across the sampled organizations.

A comparative numerical inspection between organizational types further highlights variation in methodological adoption. For example, **essay appraisal** demonstrates a higher concentration in multinational companies (60%) compared to local companies (20%), whereas **checklist** appears exclusively within local companies (40%). Similarly, **performance tests & observations** show a stronger presence among local firms (40%) relative to MNCs (20%), suggesting differing emphases in evaluation approaches.

It is important to note that the cumulative percentages exceed 100%, which is characteristic of multi-response data where organizations employ multiple appraisal techniques simultaneously. Due to this data structure, along with the limited sample size ($n = 10$) and the presence of numerous low-frequency categories, the application of inferential statistical techniques such as chi-square tests is not methodologically appropriate. Such tests require mutually exclusive categories and sufficient expected cell frequencies, conditions that are not satisfied in this case.

From a holistic perspective, the statistical evidence reinforces the descriptive findings by demonstrating that **rating scales remain the most dominant appraisal method**, while other techniques are applied selectively across organizations. Furthermore, the variation in frequency distribution reflects a broader methodological diversity, particularly among local companies, compared to a relatively more concentrated approach observed in multinational firms.

5.2.13 Authorities to Conduct Performance Appraisal

Figure 45 manifests the total scenario of authorities to conduct performance appraisal in the organizations. There are seven factors in total consisting of ‘the immediate supervisor’, ‘the peer’, ‘group appraisals’, ‘appraisals by subordinates’, ‘multiple raters’, ‘self-appraisals’ and ‘360-degree appraisal or feedback’. The factor that stays in the prime is that of the ‘immediate supervisor’ with 90%. The second highest factor is ‘group appraisals’ with 40%. The third highest deals with the factor of ‘the peer’ at 30%. The rest of the factors, however, range between 10% to 20%.

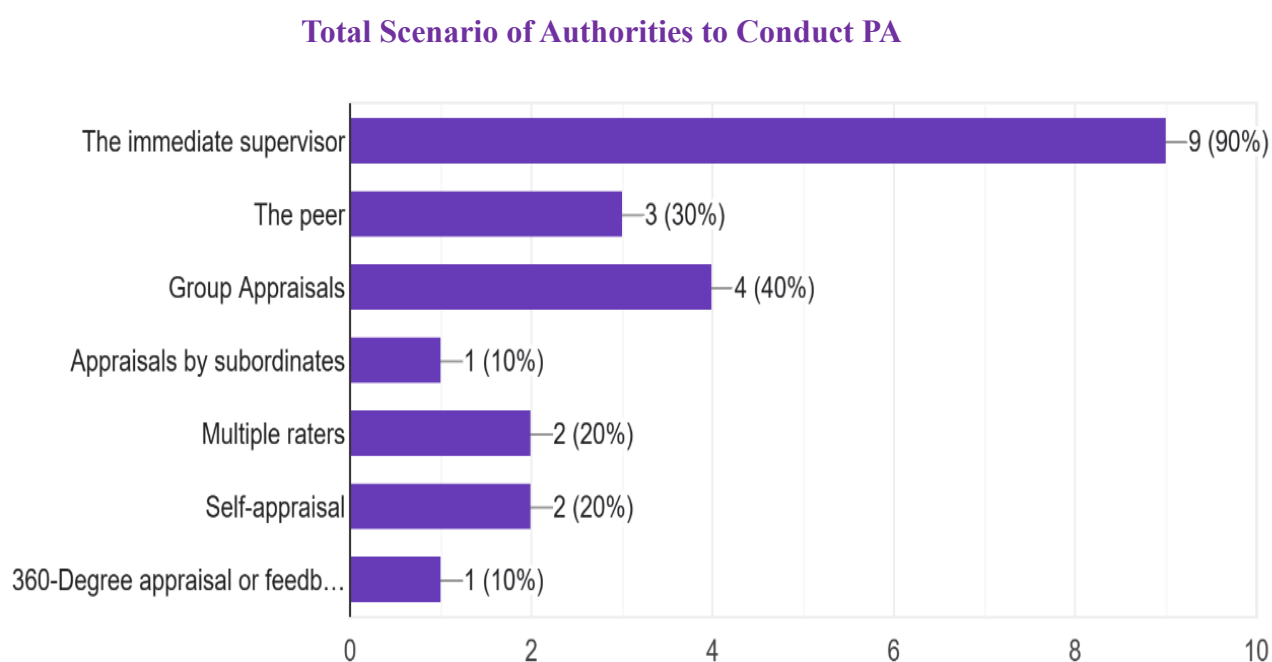


Figure 45: Total Scenario of Authorities to Conduct PA

Variable (Authorities for Performance Appraisal)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies' Separate percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
The immediate supervisor	MNCs – 50% + Local Companies – 40%	=90%	100%	80%
The peer	MNCs – 20% +	=30%	40%	20%

	Local Companies – 10%			
Group appraisals	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 10%	=40%	60%	20%
Appraisals by subordinates	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=10%	0%	20%
Multiple raters	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Self-appraisals	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=20%	20%	20%
360-degree appraisal	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=10%	0%	20%

Table 34: Authorities to Conduct PA in Separate & Combined Percentages

Table 34 categorizes the data and information received from Figure 45. There are analyses for MNCs and local companies in regards of authorities to conduct PA along the second columns where we can see combined comparative percentages for both types of entities. The last two columns are separate percentages of MNCs and local enterprises respectively showing the percentages entity-wise.

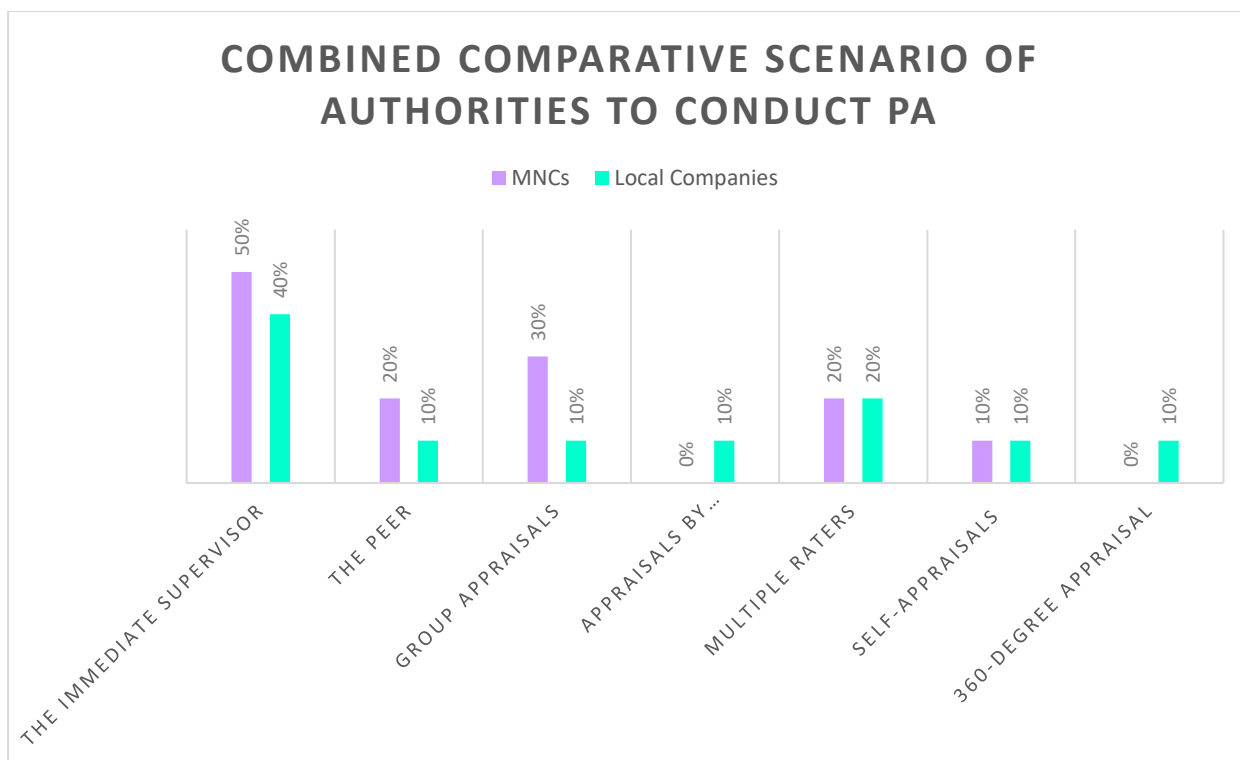


Figure 46: Combined Comparative Scenario of Authorities to Conduct PA

The **Figure 46** is the representation of the first column of the Table 34 on the same topic of authorities to conduct PA. Herein, we can see the display of the rates on a combined scale of 100%. For ‘the immediate supervisor’ option, 90% responses were received out of 100%, 50% response came from the MNCs and 40% did from the local companies. The ‘peer pressure’ is split between 20% and 10% respectively for MNCs and local companies. For ‘group appraisals’, it was 30% and 10%; ‘appraisals by subordinates’ 0% and 10%; ‘multiple raters’ 20% each; ‘self-appraisals’ 10% both; and ‘360-degree appraisals’ 0% and 10% correspondingly.

Next in line come **Figure 47** and **Figure 48**. They portray the issue of authorities to conduct PA. The former puts forward the scenario of MNCs and the latter does that of the local enterprises. Figure 47, as we can see, is divided into five segments while Figure 48 into seven.

The highest percentage in the **Figure 47** is ‘the immediate supervisor’ with 100%. The second highest factor for the MNCs is the ‘group appraisals with 60% which is way lower compared to the highest percentage here. Then comes ‘the peer’ in the third position with 40%. The rest of the factors score 20% both.

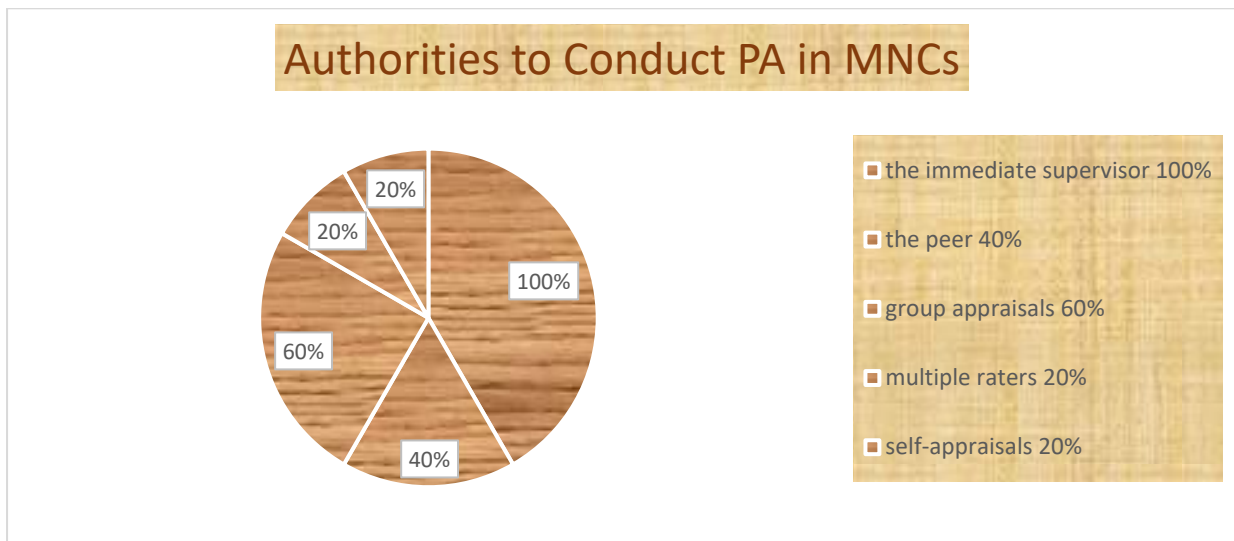


Figure 47: Authorities to Conduct PA in MNCs

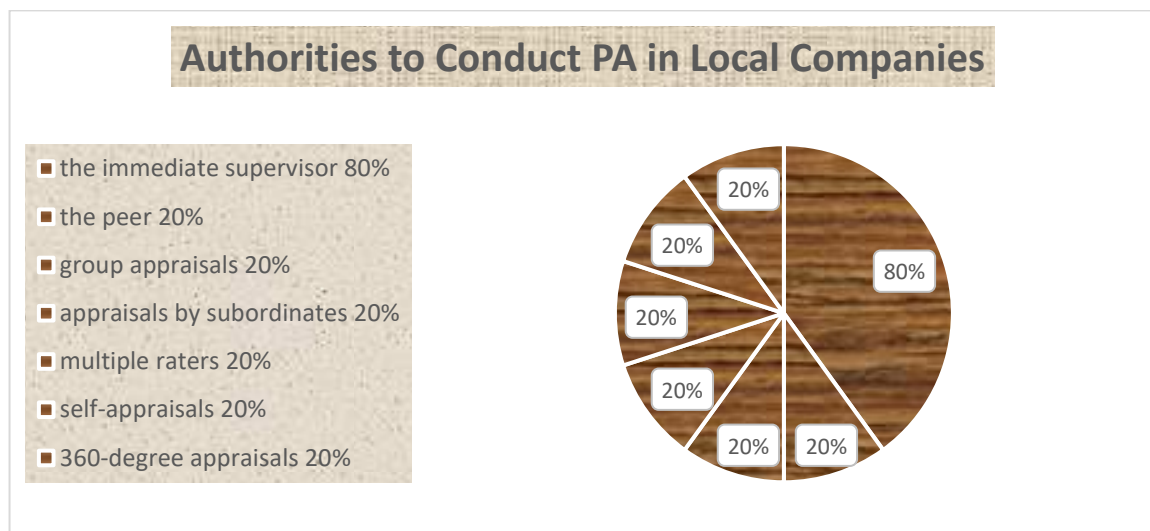


Figure 48: Authorities to Conduct PA in Local Enterprises

The Figure 48, showing the authorities to conduct PA in local companies, has every factor at 20% except for the highest percentage of ‘the immediate supervisor with 80%. The highest percentage comes out for ‘the immediate supervisor’ in both in the contexts of MNCs as well as local organizations at respectively 100% and 80%.

This subsection is further strengthened through a structured statistical assessment of the distribution of performance appraisal (PA) methods across multinational corporations (MNCs) and local companies. The categorical responses were transformed into binary indicators, where

the presence of a specific appraisal method was coded as 1 and its absence as 0. Organizational category was similarly treated as a dichotomous variable (MNC = 1; Local Company = 0), enabling comparative statistical evaluation.

An initial frequency examination suggests that **rating scales** represent the most consistently adopted method, with equal prevalence across both organizational types (60% each). Due to this symmetry, the variable demonstrates minimal variation and is therefore not suitable for inferential procedures such as chi-square testing.

Analytical attention is therefore directed toward appraisal methods exhibiting observable disparity, particularly **checklist method** and **performance tests & observations**, where differences between MNCs and local companies are more pronounced.

A contingency analysis was conducted for the **checklist method**, given its asymmetric distribution.

The observed frequency table is as follows:

Category	Yes	No	Total
MNC	0	5	5
Local	2	3	5
Total	2	8	10

Table 35: Checklist Method Cross-tabulation Analysis

Expected frequencies:

- $\text{MNC-Yes} = (5 \times 2) / 10 = 1$
- $\text{MNC-No} = (5 \times 8) / 10 = 4$
- $\text{Local-Yes} = (5 \times 2) / 10 = 1$
- $\text{Local-No} = (5 \times 8) / 10 = 4$

Chi-square statistic:

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2 &= (0-1)^2/1 + (5-4)^2/4 + (2-1)^2/1 + (3-4)^2/4 \\ &= 1.000 + 0.250 + 1.000 + 0.250 \\ &= \mathbf{2.50}\end{aligned}$$

With 1 degree of freedom, this value indicates a **moderate level of association** between organizational type and the use of checklist-based appraisal methods.

To determine the strength of this association, Cramér's V was computed:

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \sqrt{(\chi^2 / n)} \\ &= \sqrt{(2.50 / 10)} \\ &= \sqrt{0.25} \\ &= \mathbf{0.50}\end{aligned}$$

This reflects a **moderate relationship**, suggesting that checklist methods are more likely to be employed in local companies, while remaining largely absent in MNCs.

A similar directional contrast is evident in **performance tests & observations**, where local companies (40%) exceed MNCs (20%) in adoption. Although the variation is less extreme, it still reflects a tendency for local firms to rely more on practical and observation-based evaluation mechanisms.

Conversely, methods such as **essay appraisal** and **field review method** show relatively higher concentration within MNCs, indicating a preference for more structured and evaluator-driven appraisal techniques.

Taken together, the statistical findings indicate that while certain methods (notably rating scales) are uniformly embedded across both organizational types, other appraisal practices display clear divergence. MNCs tend to emphasize formalized and standardized evaluation tools, whereas local companies exhibit greater reliance on diverse and practice-oriented appraisal approaches.

5.2.14 Top Benefits of Performance Appraisal

Figure 49 below demonstrates the variable set of total scenario of the top benefits of PA which is constituted by eight factors – ‘employee motivation’ (80%), ‘better communication’ (10%), ‘employee promotion’ (30%), ‘formulation of employee training programs’ (20%), ‘selection validation’ (20%), ‘establishment of standards’ (20%), ‘proper management & employee development’ (50%), and ‘reward management’ (20%).

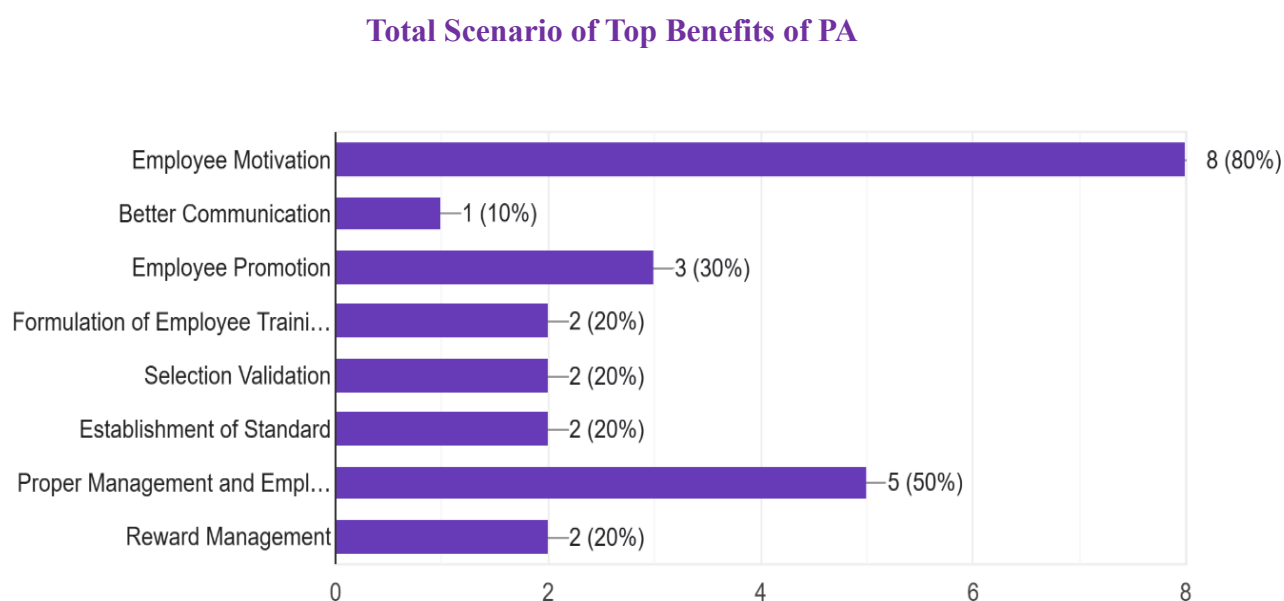


Figure 49: Total Scenario of Top Benefits of PA

Variable (Top Benefits of PA)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%) [10 Entities]		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%) [5 Entities]	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%) [5 Entities]
Employee motivation	MNCs - 50% + Local Companies - 30%	=80%	100%	60%
Better communication	MNCs - 10% + Local Companies - 0%	=10%	20%	0%
Employee promotion	MNCs - 30% + Local Companies - 0%	=30%	60%	0%

Formulation of employee training programs	MNCs - 10% + Local Companies - 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Selection validation	MNCs - 10% + Local Companies - 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Establishment of standard	MNCs - 10% + Local Companies - 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Proper management & employee development	MNCs - 10% + Local Companies - 40%	=50%	20%	80%
Reward management	MNCs - 0% + Local Companies - 20%	=20%	0%	40%

Table 36: Top Benefits of PA of Companies in Separate & Combined Percentages

Table 36 categorizes the percentages to full length. The first column here mentions all the factors of the variables set in question. The second column shows a comparative percentage combining the MNCs and local companies on a scale of 100%. The last two columns are respectively the separate percentages for MNCs and local companies.

The **Figure 50** reflects upon the second column of the Table 36. It draws the comparison in percentages of top benefits of PA process in both groups of companies. It does so on a scale of 100% putting together the percentages of MNCs and local companies. Herein, the percentages for MNCs and local companies stand respectively at 50% and 20%, better communication at 10% and 0%, employee promotion at 30% and 0%, formulation of employee training programs at 10% and 10%, selection validation at 10% and 10%, establishment of standard at 10% and 10%, proper management & employee development at 10% and 40%, and finally, reward management at 0% 20%.

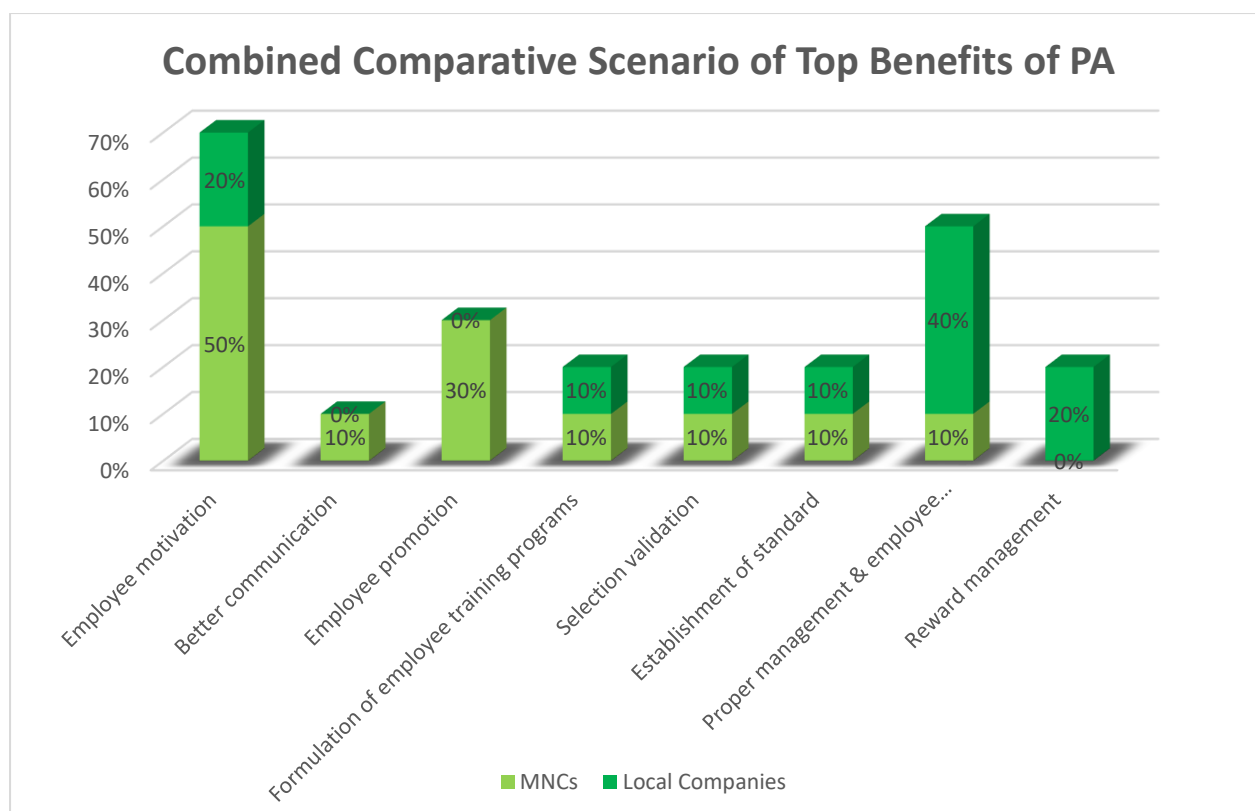


Figure 50: Combined Comparative Scenario of Top Benefits of PA

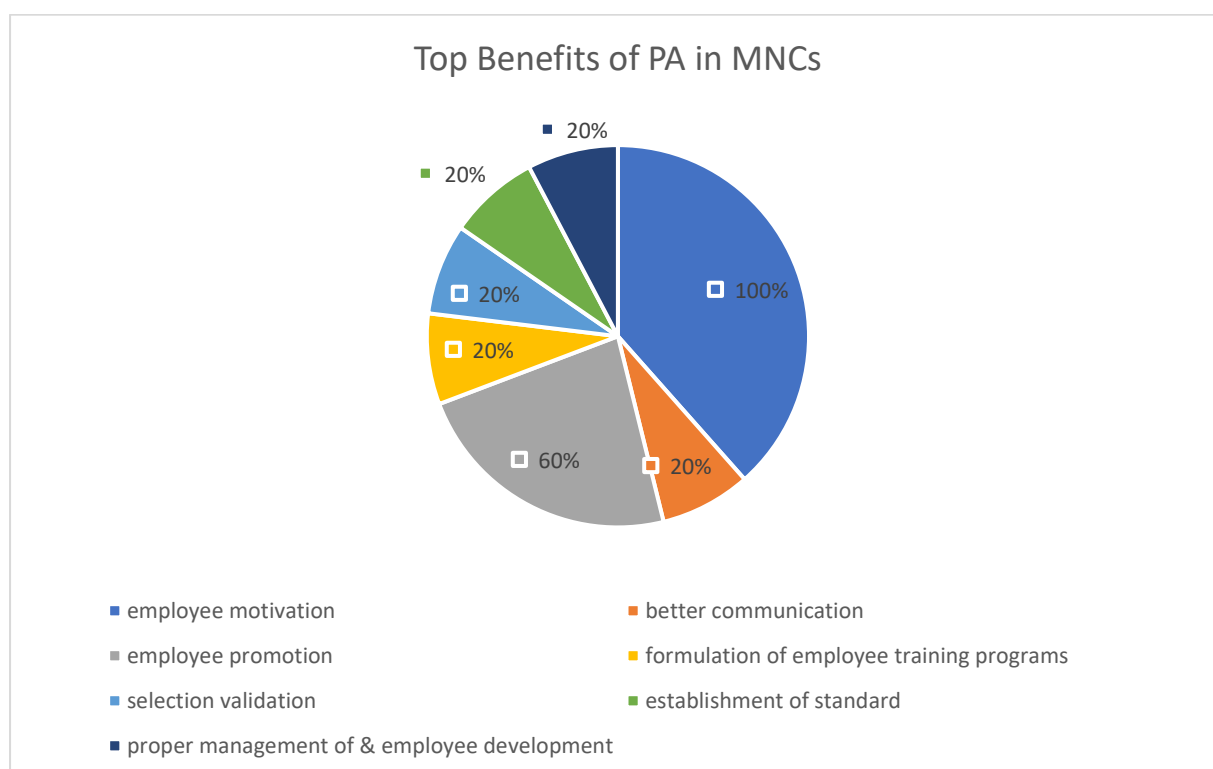


Figure 51: Top Benefits of PA in MNCs

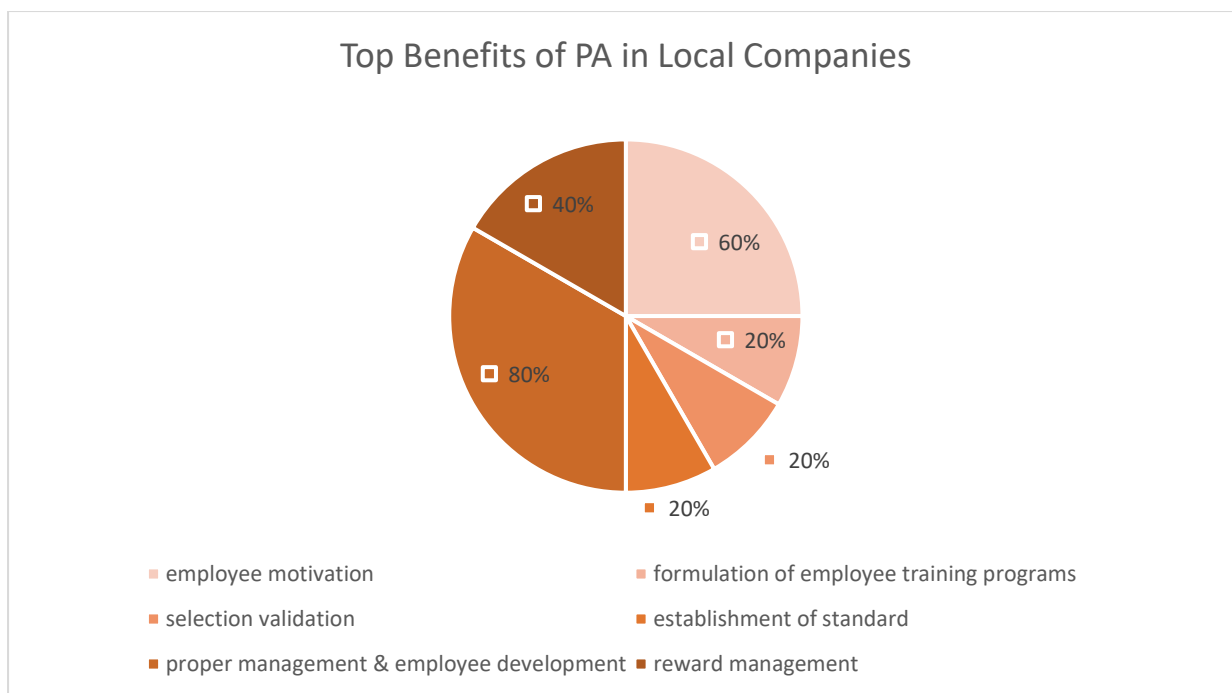


Figure 52: Top Benefits of PA in the Local Companies

The **pie charts 51 and 52** represent the separate scenarios of MNCs and local companies in the order. In both the Figures, the NIL factors (factors scoring 0%) have been excluded. The former ranges across employee motivation of 100%, better communication of 20%, employee promotion of 60%, formulation of employee training programs of 20%, selection validation of 20%, establishment of standard of 20%, and proper management & employee development of 20%. The latter is permeated by employee motivation with 60%, formulation of employee training programs with 20%, selection validation with 20%, establishment of standard with 20%, proper management & employee development with 80%, and finally, reward management with 40%.

In summary, it can be said that the maximum responses from MNCs are in favor of employee motivation (100%); by contrast, it is proper management & employee development for local companies (80%) for the variable set of top benefits of performance appraisal practices.

A further layer of statistical examination was conducted by converting the identified benefit categories into binary indicators (presence = 1, absence = 0) and classifying organizational type as a dichotomous variable (MNC = 1; Local Company = 0). This enabled a structured comparison of how perceived benefits of performance appraisal vary across organizational forms.

Given the distributional characteristics, emphasis was placed on variables demonstrating noticeable divergence, particularly *employee motivation* and *proper management & employee development*, as these exhibited the highest frequencies.

For **employee motivation**, the observed frequency distribution is as follows:

Category	Yes	No	Total
MNC	5	0	5
Local	3	2	5
Total	8	2	10

Table 37: Employee Motivation Cross-tabulation Analysis

Expected frequencies:

- $\text{MNC-Yes} = (5 \times 8) / 10 = 4$
- $\text{MNC-No} = (5 \times 2) / 10 = 1$
- $\text{Local-Yes} = (5 \times 8) / 10 = 4$
- $\text{Local-No} = (5 \times 2) / 10 = 1$

Chi-square statistic:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \chi^2 &= (5-4)^2/4 + (0-1)^2/1 + (3-4)^2/4 + (2-1)^2/1 \\
 &= 0.25 + 1 + 0.25 + 1 \\
 &= 2.50
 \end{aligned}$$

With 1 degree of freedom, the association appears **moderate but not strongly conclusive**, indicating that while employee motivation is widely acknowledged across both groups, it is more uniformly emphasized within MNCs.

To assess effect size:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Cramér's } V &= \sqrt{(2.50 / 10)} \\
 &= \sqrt{0.25} \\
 &= 0.50
 \end{aligned}$$

This reflects a **moderate strength of association**, suggesting a relatively stronger orientation of MNCs toward motivation-centric appraisal outcomes.

A second comparative test was applied to **proper management & employee development**, which displays a reversed pattern:

Category	Yes	No	Total
MNC	1	4	5
Local	4	1	5
Total	5	5	10

Table 38: Proper Management and Employee Development Cross-tabulation Analysis

Expected frequencies:

- All cells = $(5 \times 5) / 10 = 2.5$

Chi-square statistic:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \chi^2 &= (1-2.5)^2/2.5 + (4-2.5)^2/2.5 + (4-2.5)^2/2.5 + (1-2.5)^2/2.5 \\
 &= 0.90 + 0.90 + 0.90 + 0.90 \\
 &= 3.60
 \end{aligned}$$

Cramér's V:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \sqrt{(3.60 / 10)} \\
 &= \sqrt{0.36} \\
 &= 0.60
 \end{aligned}$$

This indicates a **relatively strong association**, demonstrating that local companies place considerably greater emphasis on developmental and managerial outcomes of performance appraisal compared to MNCs.

Other variables such as *formulation of training programs*, *selection validation*, and *establishment of standards* exhibit identical proportional distributions across both categories, thereby limiting their suitability for inferential testing due to lack of variability.

The statistical results reinforce the descriptive findings by revealing differentiated strategic priorities: MNCs demonstrate a comparatively stronger inclination toward motivation-driven appraisal benefits, whereas local companies display a more pronounced focus on managerial development and organizational structuring outcomes. This divergence highlights underlying variations in HRM orientation despite some shared functional objectives.

5.2.15 Top Limitations of Performance Appraisal

The total scenario of top limitations of PA is represented by the **Figure 53** below. A range of six factors come under this variable which are named as ‘time consuming’ (30%), ‘effect on goodwill between senior & junior’ (40%), ‘difference in PA process in different companies’ (40%), ‘dependency on human assessment’ (30%), ‘nepotism affecting appraisal system’ (20%), and ‘negative feedback being faced with resistance’ (20%). This bar chart puts together the MNCs and local companies on a scale of 100%.

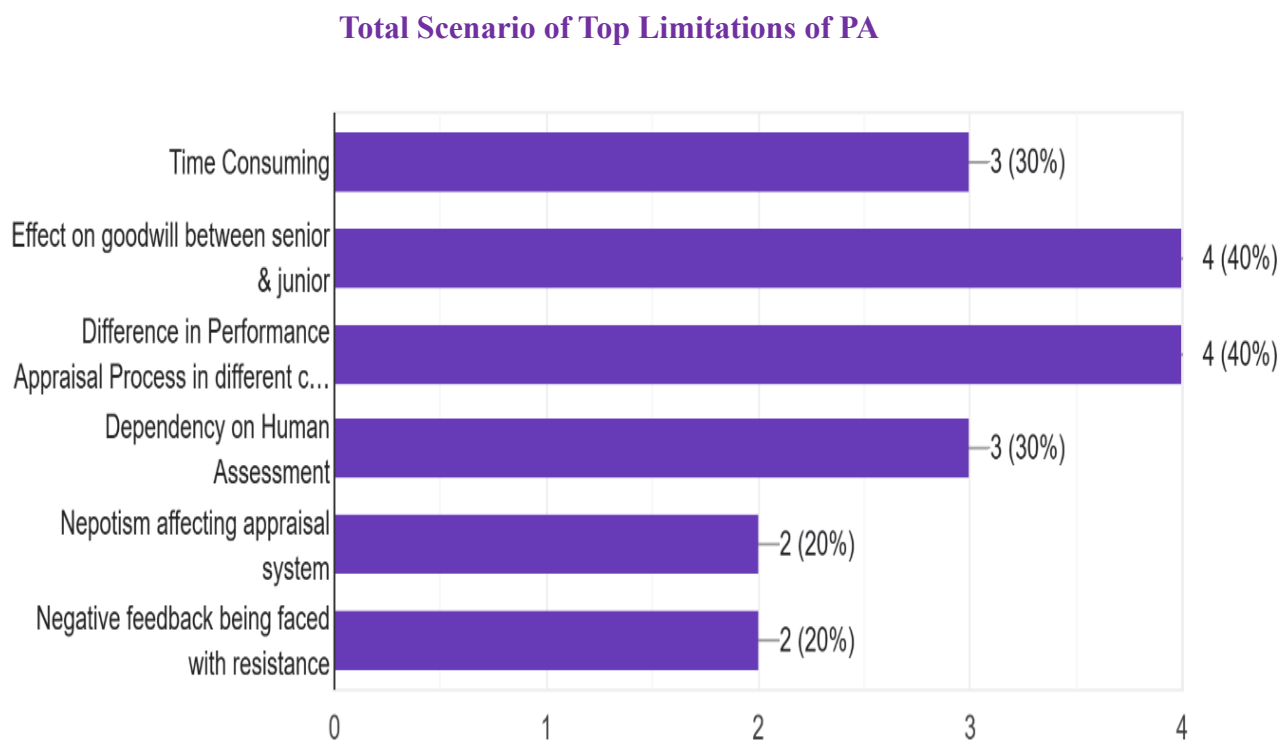


Figure 53: Total Scenario of Top Limitations of PA

Variable (Top Limitations of PA)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
Time Consuming	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 0%	=30%	60%	0%
Effect on goodwill between senior & junior	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 30%	=40%	20%	60%

Difference in Performance Appraisal Process in different companies	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 20%	=30%	20%	40%
Dependency on Human Assessment	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 0%	=30%	60%	0%
Nepotism affecting appraisal system	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 20%	=20%	0%	40%
Negative feedback being faced with resistance	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=20%	20%	20%

Table 39: Top Limitations of PA in Separate & Combined Percentages

Table 39 above compartmentalizes the percentages in the best possible manner altogether. The first column lists all the factors to judge for top limitations of PA in the companies. The second column is the display of combined percentages to show the difference between MNCs and local companies. The third and fourth columns are exclusively representative of separate percentages for MNCs and local companies.

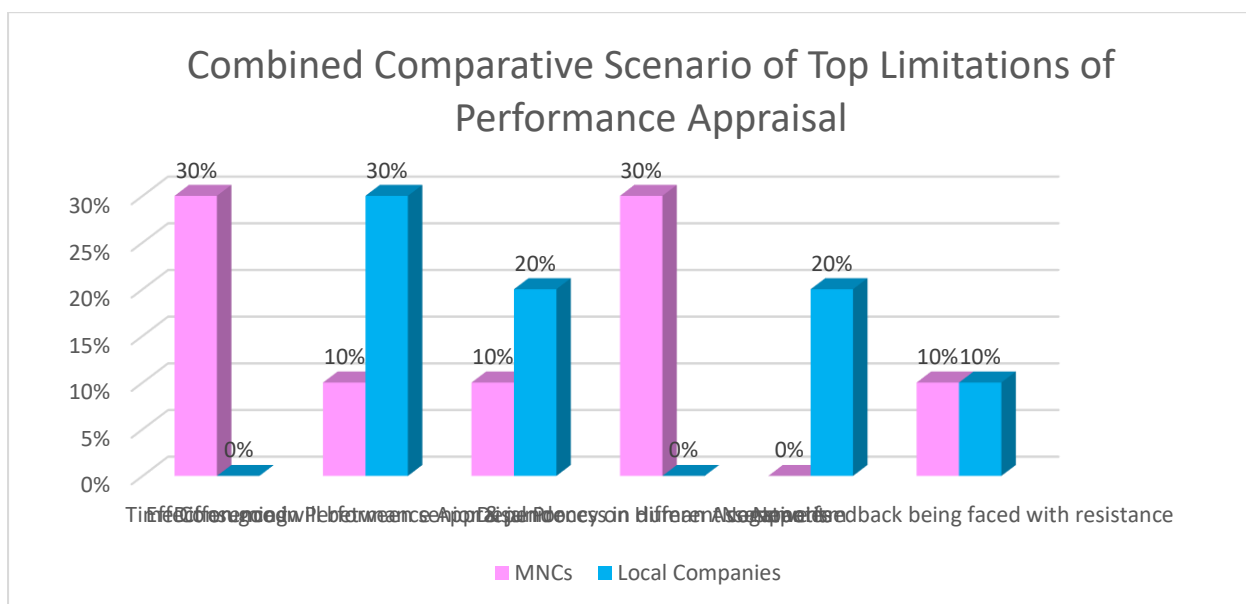


Figure 54: Combined Comparative Scenario of Top Limitations of PA

Figure 54 depicts the second column with graphical incorporation. As is evident, for MNCs and local companies respectively, time consuming with 30% and 0%, effect on goodwill between senior and junior with 10% and 30%, difference in PA process in different companies 10% and 20%, dependency on human assets 30% and 0%, nepotism 0% and 20%, and negative feedback being faced with resistance with 10% and 10%.

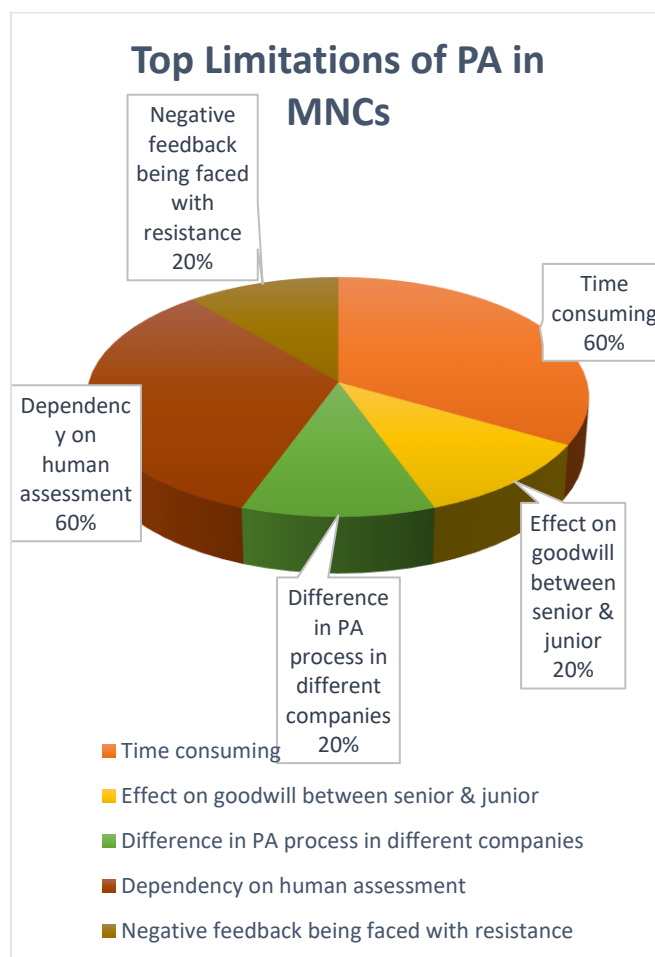


Figure 55: Top Limitations of PA in MNCs

Figure 55 portrays the top limitations of PA practices of MNCs where a number of five factors are playing the role. These make up time consuming with 60%, effect on goodwill between senior & junior with 20%, difference in PA process in different companies with 20%, dependency on human assets with 60%, and negative feedback faced with resistance with 20%.

Figure 56 delineates the four factors that cause hindrance in the PA for local companies. These deal with negative feedback being faced with resistance with 20%, effect on goodwill between senior & junior with 60%, difference in performance appraisal process in different companies with 40%, and nepotism with 40%.

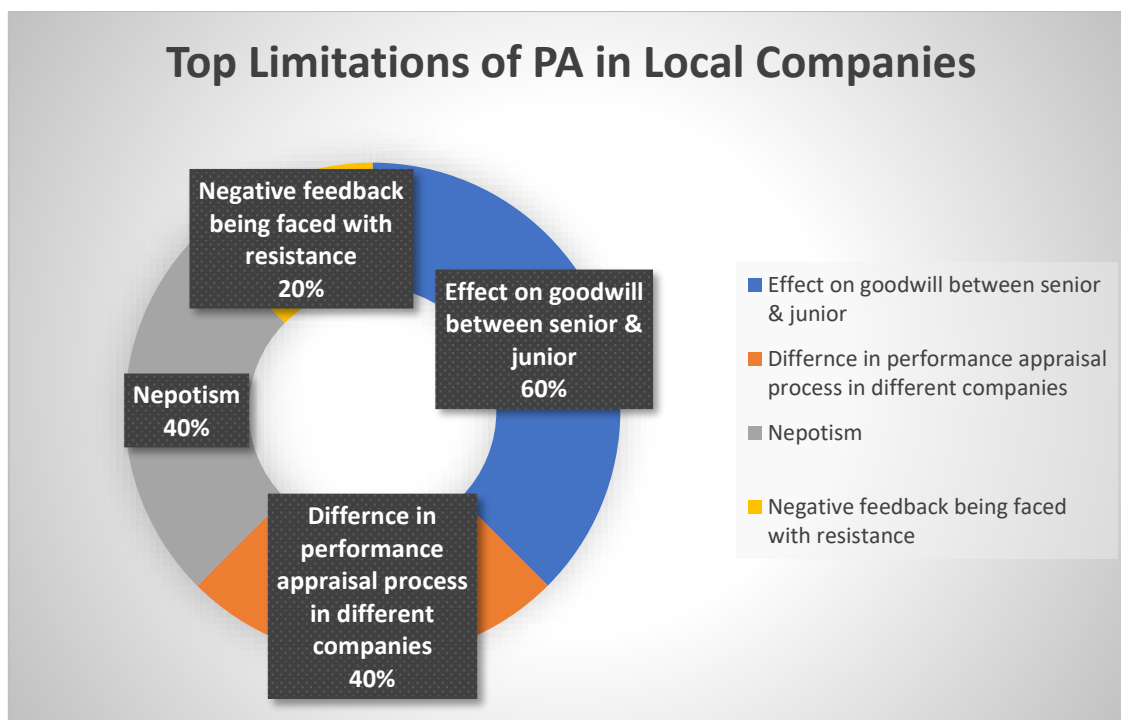


Figure 56: Top Limitations of PA in Local Companies

To draw the comparison, it is evident that there are three factors that are uncommon between the MNCs and local companies when it comes to limitations of PA practices which cover time consuming, dependency and human assets, and nepotism. Then again, there are three factors that are common in either of the type of companies such as – negative feedback being faced with resistance, effect on goodwill between senior & junior, and difference in PA practices in different companies.

To strengthen the descriptive interpretation, a comparative statistical examination was conducted between MNCs and local companies using mean comparison, gap analysis, and concentration assessment of response distributions.

Mean Comparison Analysis

The mean percentage of reported limitations was computed for both groups:

- **MNCs mean score:**

$$\frac{60 + 20 + 20 + 60 + 0 + 20}{6} = 30\%$$

- **Local companies mean score:**

$$\frac{0 + 60 + 40 + 0 + 40 + 20}{6} \approx 26.67\%$$

This indicates that **MNCs demonstrate a marginally higher overall perception of limitations**, suggesting comparatively stronger internal awareness of appraisal-related constraints.

Mean Difference (Comparative Gap)

The mean difference is:

$$30\% - 26.67\% = 3.33\%$$

This minimal gap suggests that **both organizational types face broadly similar levels of perceived limitations**, though the nature of challenges differs significantly.

Independent Percentage Gap Analysis

A variable-wise comparison highlights structural divergence:

- Time consuming → **+60% (MNCs higher)**
- Dependency on human assessment → **+60% (MNCs higher)**
- Nepotism → **+40% (Local companies higher)**
- Effect on goodwill → **+40% (Local companies higher)**

This indicates **two distinct limitation clusters**:

- MNCs → process efficiency & subjectivity issues
- Local firms → relational & governance issues

Concentration (Distribution Intensity) Analysis

- **MNCs:** Top two limitations = 60% + 60% = **120% (high concentration)**
- **Local companies:** Top two limitations = 60% + 40% = **100% (moderate concentration)**

This reflects that **MNC limitations are more sharply concentrated**, while **local firms exhibit a more distributed pattern of issues**.

5.2.16 Human Errors in Performance Appraisal Process

The Figure 57 below is the delineation of total scenario of human errors in performance appraisal. There are thirteen factors constituting this variable. These are ‘recency error’ (40%), ‘central tendency error’ (20%), ‘leniency error’ (0%), ‘halo effect’ (20%), ‘contrast error’ (0%), ‘similarity error’ (40%), ‘personal bias’ (50%), ‘personal prejudice’ (10%), ‘paper work’ (30%), ‘fear of spoiling relations’ (20%), ‘evaluation of person instead of performance’ (30%), ‘horn effect’ (10%), and ‘spillover effect’ (0%).

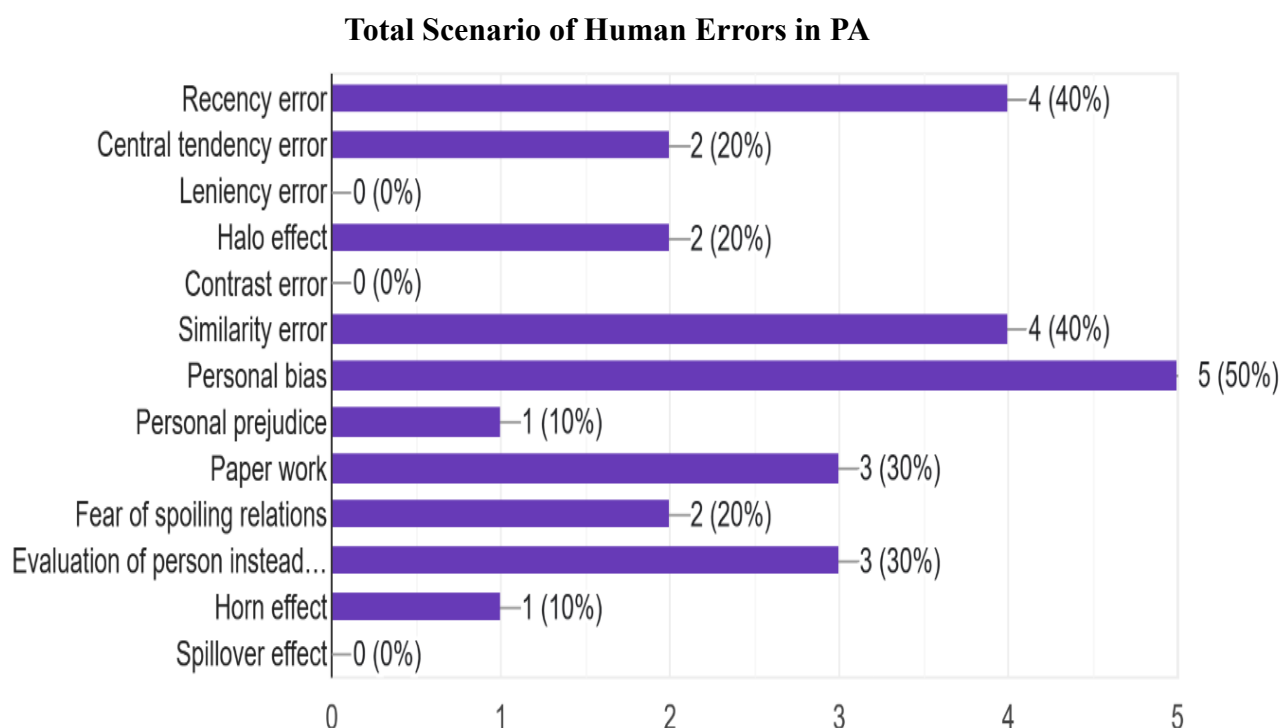


Figure 57: Total Scenario of Human Errors in Performance Appraisal

Table 40 dissects the percentages of human errors in PA process. There are incorporated thirteen factors as the human errors in the first column. The second column here is representative of combined comparative percentages where both groups of entities are measured against each other percentage on a scale of 100%. The next to columns calculate the separate percentages, depending of same group of companies only, for MNCs and locals companies.

Variable (Human Errors)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
Recency error	MNCs – 40% + Local Companies – 0%	=40%	80%	0%
Central tendency error	MNCs – 20% + Local Companies – 0%	=20%	40%	0%
Leniency error	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Halo effect	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=0%	20%	20%
Contrast error	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Similarity error	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 10%	=40%	60%	20%
Personal bias	MNCs – 20% + Local Companies – 30%	=50%	40%	60%
Personal prejudice	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=10%	0%	20%
Paper work	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 20%	=30%	20%	40%
Fear of spoiling relations	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=20%	20%	20%

Evaluation of person instead of performance	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 30%	=30%	0%	60%
Horn effect	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 0%	=10%	20%	0%
Spillover effect	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%

Table 40: Scenario of Human Errors in PA in Combined & Separate Percentage

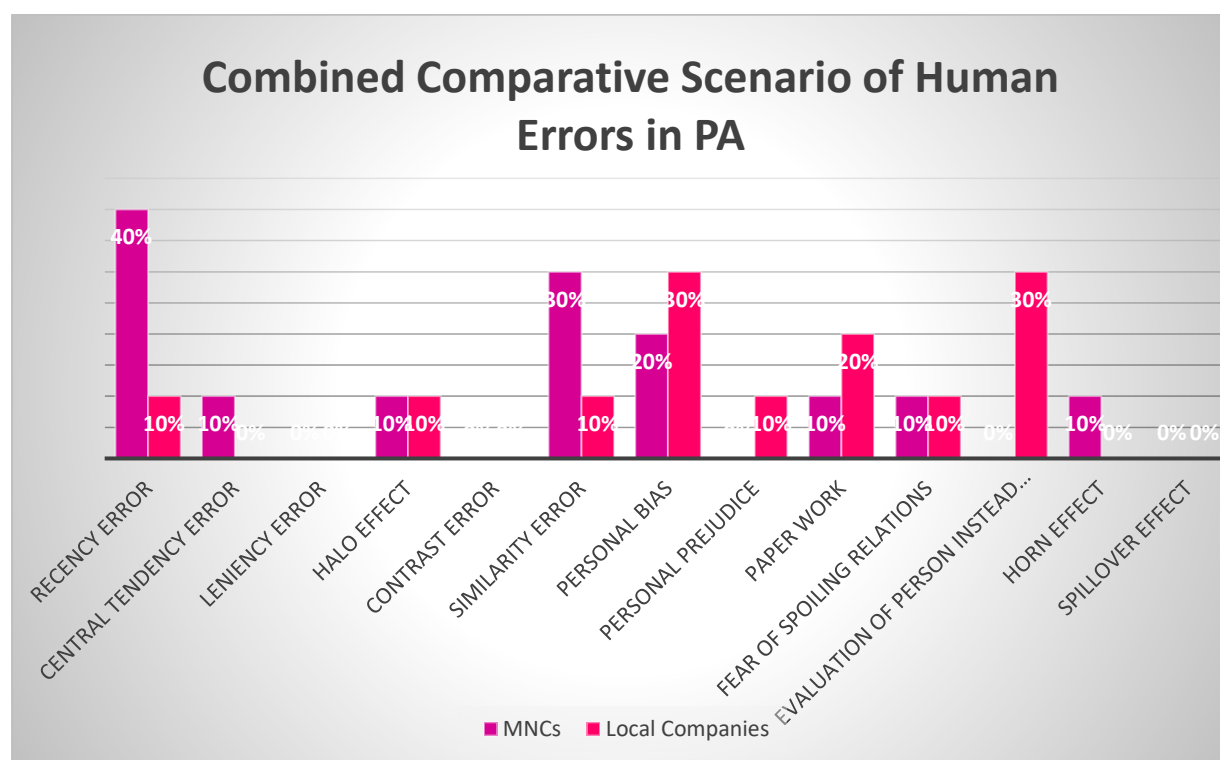


Figure 58: Combined Comparative Scenario of Human Errors in PA

Figure 58 graphically presents the second column of the Table 40 wherein, for MNCs and local companies respectively, the recency error stands at 40% and 10%; central tendency error at 10% and 0%; leniency error 0% and 0%; halo effect at 10% and 10%; contrast error at 0% and 0%; similarity error at 30% and 10%; personal bias at 20% and 30%; personal prejudice at 0% and 10%; paper work at 10% and 20%; fear of relations at 10% and 10%; evaluation of person instead of performance at 0% and 30%; horn effect at 10% and 0%; and finally, spillover effect at 0% and 0%.

Unlike the previous Figures on this issue of human errors in PA, this **Figure 59** demonstrates separate scenario of human errors in PA in MNCs excludes the NIL factors (factors scoring zero)

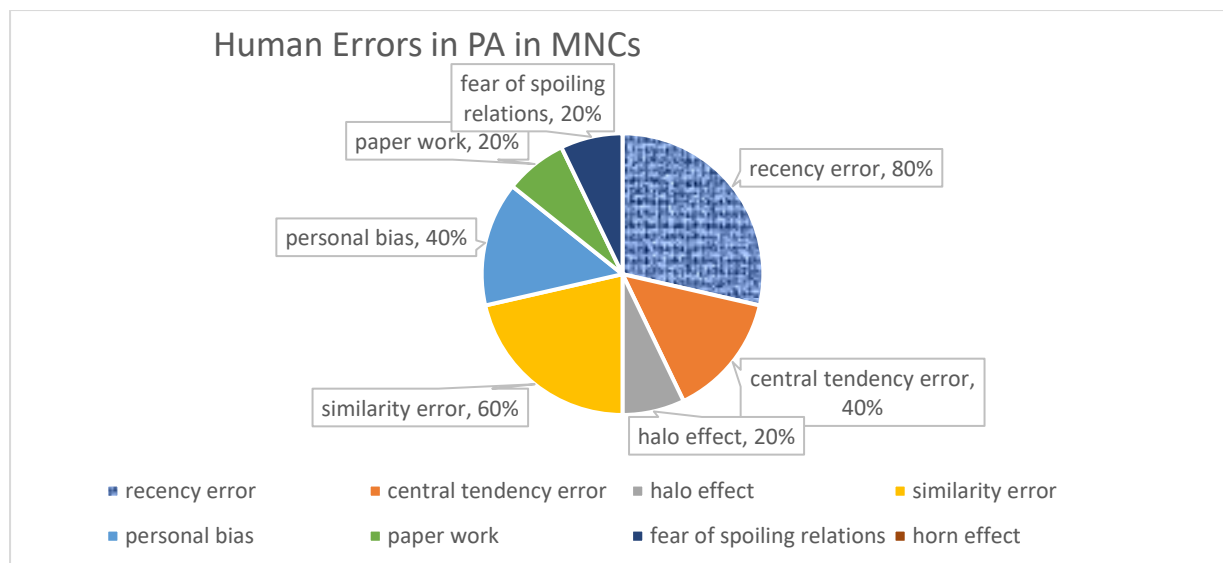


Figure 59: Human Errors in Performance Appraisal in MNCs

‘0’%). Because, here we focus upon the factors that come with concrete percentages to affect the separate scenario of the human errors in PA in MNCs. These make up fear of spoiling relation at 20%, recency error at 80%, central tendency error at 40%, halo effect at 20%, similarity error at 60%, personal bias at 40%, and finally, paper work at 20%.

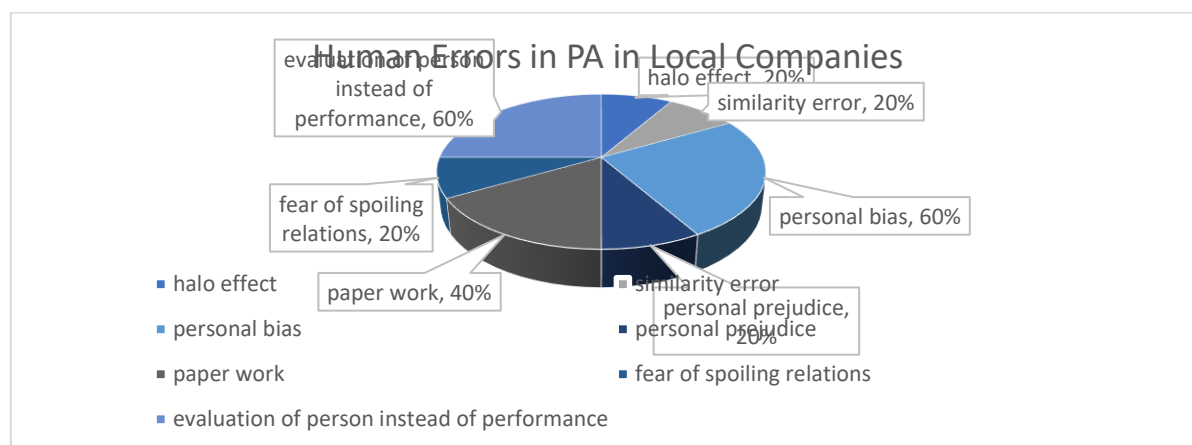


Figure 60: Human Errors in PA in Local Companies

The next Figure, illustrated by pie chart 60, represents the separate scenario of human errors in PA. The pie chart 60 is same as the pie chart 59, the Figure it separates specializes in local companies. herein, halo effect with 20%, similarity error with 20%, personal bias with 60%,

personal prejudice with 20%, paper work with 40%, fear of spoiling relations with 20%, and evaluation of person instead of performance with 60%.

To magnify the differences between MNCs and local companies, it is distinct that the former (Figure 59 – affected by seven factors) is influenced by more factors than the latter (Figure 60- affected by six factors). There are five factors in common between these Figures but some with different percentages, such as –paper work (20% % 40%), personal bias (40% & 60%), similarity error (60% & 20%), halo effect (20% & 20%), and fear of spoiling relations (20% & 20%).

To complement the descriptive interpretation, a comparative statistical analysis was conducted between MNCs and local companies using mean comparison, percentage distribution, and gap analysis of human errors in performance appraisal.

Mean Analysis of Human Errors

The average percentage of reported human errors was calculated as follows:

- **MNCs mean score:**

$$\frac{80 + 40 + 0 + 20 + 0 + 60 + 40 + 0 + 20 + 20 + 0 + 20 + 0}{13} \approx 21.54\%$$

- **Local companies mean score:**

$$\frac{0 + 0 + 0 + 20 + 0 + 20 + 60 + 20 + 40 + 20 + 60 + 0 + 0}{13} \approx 18.46\%$$

This indicates that **MNCs report slightly higher exposure to human errors in performance appraisal compared to local companies**, although the difference remains moderate.

Comparative Gap Analysis

A variable-wise gap analysis reveals strong structural differences:

- Recency error → **+80% (MNCs higher)**
- Central tendency error → **+40% (MNCs higher)**

- Similarity error → **+40% (MNCs higher)**
- Personal bias → **+20% (Local companies higher)**
- Paper work → **+20% (Local companies higher)**
- Evaluation of person vs performance → **+60% (Local companies higher)**

This indicates that:

- **MNCs are more affected by cognitive evaluation errors**, especially recency and similarity effects.
- **Local companies are more affected by subjectivity and structural bias**, particularly personal bias and misdirected evaluation.

Concentration Analysis

- **MNCs:** Top 3 dominant errors = 80% + 60% + 60% = **200% (high concentration of evaluator bias types)**
- **Local companies:** Top 3 dominant errors = 60% + 60% + 40% = **160% (moderate concentration)**

This suggests that **MNC errors are highly concentrated in a few dominant cognitive biases**, whereas **local companies display a more distributed pattern of appraisal weaknesses**.

Structural Interpretation

The analysis indicates two distinct error frameworks:

- **MNCs:** Primarily suffer from *psychological and perceptual appraisal errors* (recency, similarity, central tendency).
- **Local companies:** More affected by *administrative and relational errors* (personal bias, evaluation distortion, paperwork issues).
- Although both organizational types exhibit human errors in performance appraisal, the **nature of these errors differs significantly**. MNCs demonstrate higher cognitive bias-driven distortions, whereas local companies reflect stronger interpersonal and administrative weaknesses.

5.2.17 HRM Practices & Employee Loyalty

The bar chart below, **Figure 61**, portrays the total scenario of proportionate relation between HRM practices and employee loyalty. On this issue, 80% of the HR respondents have strongly agreed. 10% of them have concurred to this fact and the rest 10% have chosen to take a neutral stance.

Total Scenario of Proportionate Relation between HRM Practices & Employee Loyalty

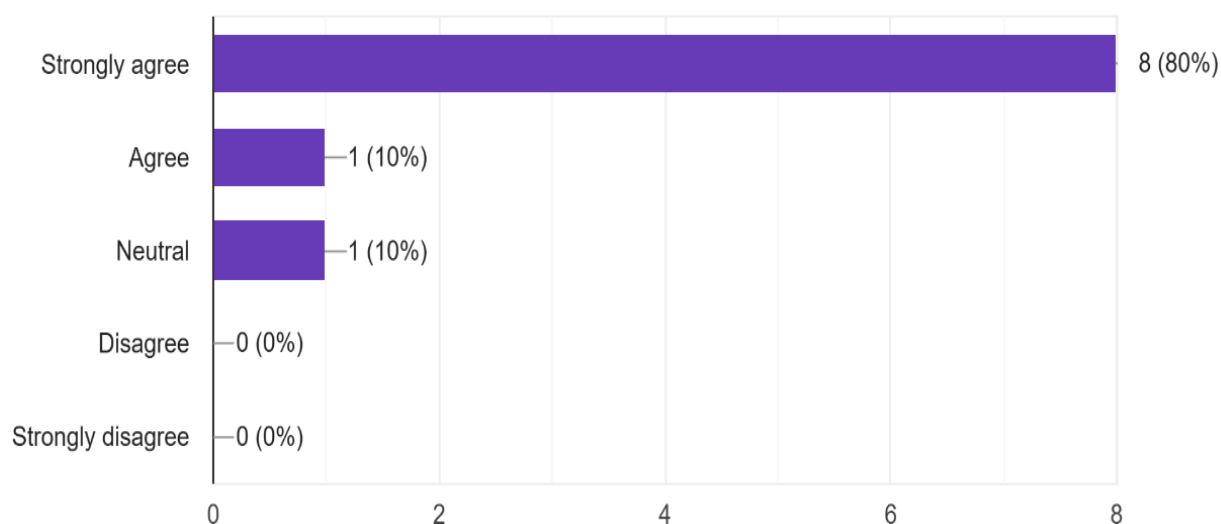


Figure 61: Total Scenario of Proportionate Relation between HRM Practices & Employee Loyalty

Table 41 is the depiction of linear scale of the MNCs and local companies in regards of the interdependency, relation and relevance between HRM practices and employee loyalty;

Entities	Degree of Relation between HRM Practices & Employee Loyalty					Combined Comparative Percentage (%)
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
Multinational Companies	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Strongly Agree – 50%

Local Companies	60%	20%	20%	0%	0%	Strongly Agree – 30%
						Agree- 10%
						Neutral – 10%

Table 41: Degree of Relation between HRM Practice & Employee Loyalty in Separate & Combined Percentages

which is an asset to any organization. To look at the complete picture, taking both groups of companies on a scale of 100%; the 50% of the companies who have strongly agreed to the subject-matter in discussion fall under MNCs. Whereas, for local companies, 30% of them have strongly agreed, 10% have agreed and 10% are neutral in their opinion.

To draw the comparison, it can be derived from the Table that among MNCs, 100% of them strongly are in accord with the correlation between employee loyalty and HR practices. On the other side, variety of responses actually have come from the local companies as 60% of them have strongly agreed, 20% of them have agreed and 20% of them are neutral on the variable in question.

A Chi-square test of independence was conducted to examine whether there is a significant association between company type (MNCs and local companies) and perceptions of the relationship between HRM practices and employee loyalty.

- χ^2 (Chi-square) = 2.99
- df = 2
- p-value = 0.22

The results of the Chi-square test indicate that there is no statistically significant association between company type and perceptions of HRM practices influencing employee loyalty ($p > 0.05$). This implies that, although variations exist in the distribution of responses between multinational and local organizations, these differences are not statistically significant.

The descriptive pattern of responses suggests a clear tendency. All respondents from multinational companies exhibit either strong agreement or agreement, with a dominant inclination towards strong agreement. In contrast, responses from local companies are comparatively more varied, including strong agreement, agreement, and neutral responses. This indicates that while both groups generally recognize the positive role of HRM practices in enhancing employee loyalty, multinational companies demonstrate a more consistent and stronger perception.

The findings confirm a positive relationship between HRM practices and employee loyalty. Both descriptive and inferential analyses suggest that effective HRM practices contribute significantly to enhancing employee loyalty across organizations. Although the Chi-square test does not indicate statistical significance, the observed patterns highlight stronger and more consistent agreement among multinational companies compared to local firms, suggesting differences in HRM implementation strength and organizational consistency.

5.2.18 HRM Practices & Brand Value

The Figure below, **pie chart 62**, recounts the proportionate relation between HRM practices and brand value. Keeping the whole sample set in perspective, 80% of the respondents have strongly agreed to the fact that there is correlation between the aforementioned variables. From the rest 20%, half of them have agreed and the other half has taken a neutral stance on the issue concerned.

Total Scenario of Proportionate Relation between HRM Practices & Brand Value

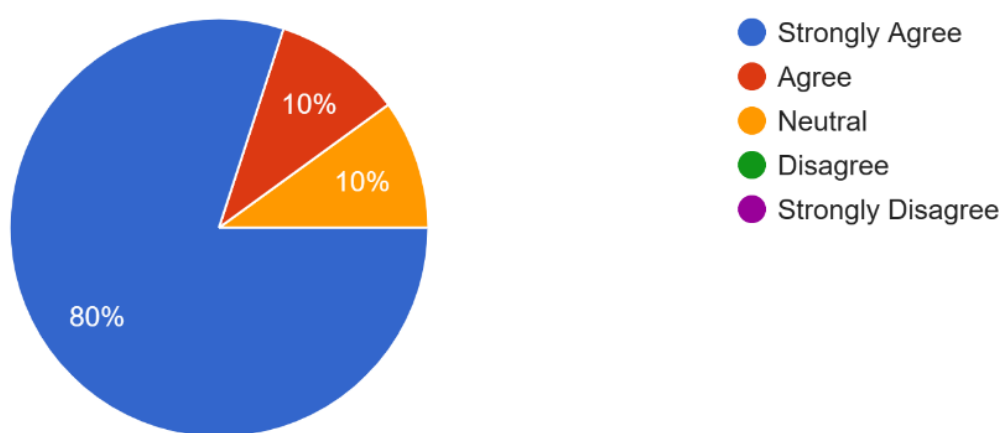


Figure 62: Total Scenario of Proportionate Relation between HRM Practices & Brand Value

Entities	Degree of Relation between HRM Practices & Brand Value					Combined Comparative Percentage (%)
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
Multinational Companies	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Strongly Agree – 50%

Local Companies	60%	20%	20%	0%	0%	Strongly Agree – 30%
						Agree – 10%
						Neutral – 10%

Table 42: Degree of Relation between HRM Practices & Brand Value in Separate & Combined Percentages

The linear scale represented by **Table 42** above maps out the previous Figure (pie chart 62) into individual percentages to understand the whole concept. Form the 80% of “strongly agree” category, 50% response has come from the MNCs; 30% response of the same category has been drawn from the local companies. 10% of the local companies opted for the “agree” category and rest of the 10% of local companies have chosen a “neutral” position.

At the end of the day, by comparison, 100% of the MNCs have strongly agreed when it comes to the interdependency between HRM practices and brand value. The local companies, on the other hand, have come up with a wider range of responses wherein 60% of them have strongly agreed, 20% agreed and rest 20% are neutral to the issue in question.

Local Companies	60%	20%	20%	0%	0%	Agree – 10%
						Neutral – 10%

Table 43: Degree of Proper Communication of Reward System to the Employees

Table 43 characterizes the degree of proper communication of reward systems to the employees on a linear scale. It is evident at the combined comparative percentages column that, on a scale of 100%, a total of 80% response were in the category of “strongly agree” where a portion of 50% comes from the MNCs and rest of the 30% from local companies. as for the remaining 20%, 10% of the response is in the category of “agree” and the other 10% in the “neutral” one respectively.

In comparison between MNCs and local companies, 100% of the MNCs have opted for “strongly agree” classification. As regards the local companies, the response is quite varied across the categories, such as – 60% in “strongly agree”, 20% in “agree”, and 20% in “neutral”.

5.2.20 Forms of Compensation offered by the Companies

The bar chart below, **Figure 64**, is the depiction of total scenario of forms of compensation offered by the companies. There is a total of six factors under this variable; these include ‘base pay’ (80%), ‘merit pay’ (20%), ‘dearness allowance’ (20%), ‘bonus’ (40%), ‘incentives’ (30%), and ‘benefits of service’ (30%).

Total Scenario of Forms of Compensations Offered by the Companies

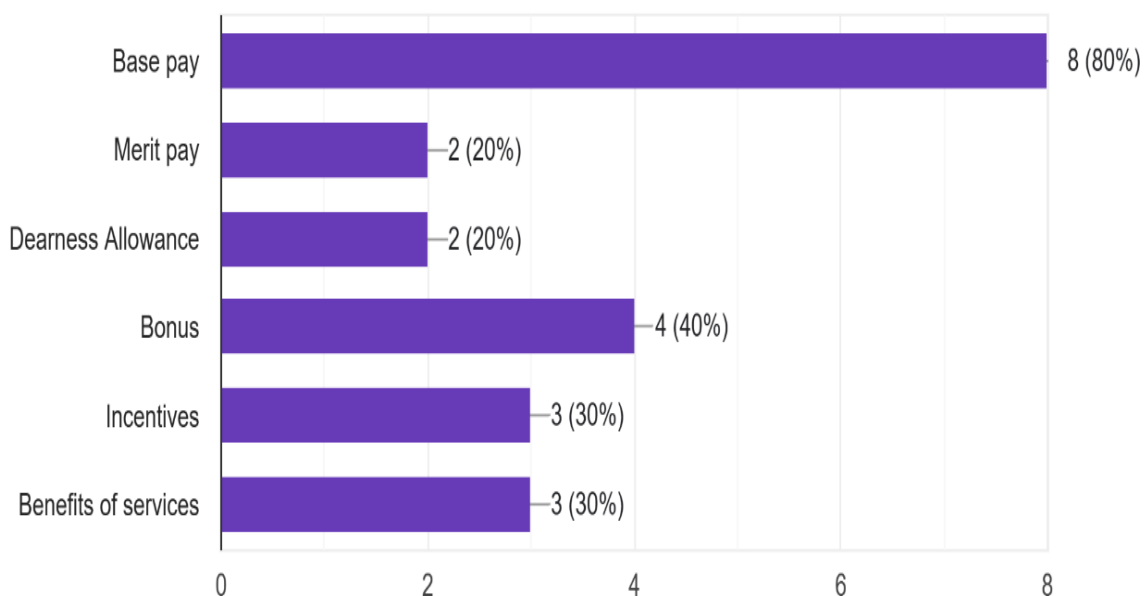


Figure 64: Total Scenario of Forms of Compensations Offered by the Companies

Variable (Forms of Compensation)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%) [10 Entities]	MNCs' Separate Percentage (%) [5 Entities]	Local Companies' Separate percentage (%) [5 Entities]
Base pay	MNCs – 40% + Local Companies – 40% =80%	80%	80%

Merit pay	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Dearness allowance	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Bonus	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 40%	=40%	0%	80%
Incentives	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 20%	=30%	20%	40%
Benefits of services	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies – 0%	=30%	60%	0%

Table 44: Comparative Scenario of Forms of Compensation in Separate Combined & Percentages

Table 44 is the representation of comparative scenario of forms of compensation in separate and combined percentages. The first column of it lists all the factors of forms of compensation variable. The second column dissects the combined comparative percentages from which the combined percentages as well as individual percentages come out on a scale of 100% (based on all of the 10 entities). The next two columns, however, zoom in on the separate scenario for the MNCs and local companies in that order (with 5 entities each in calculation).

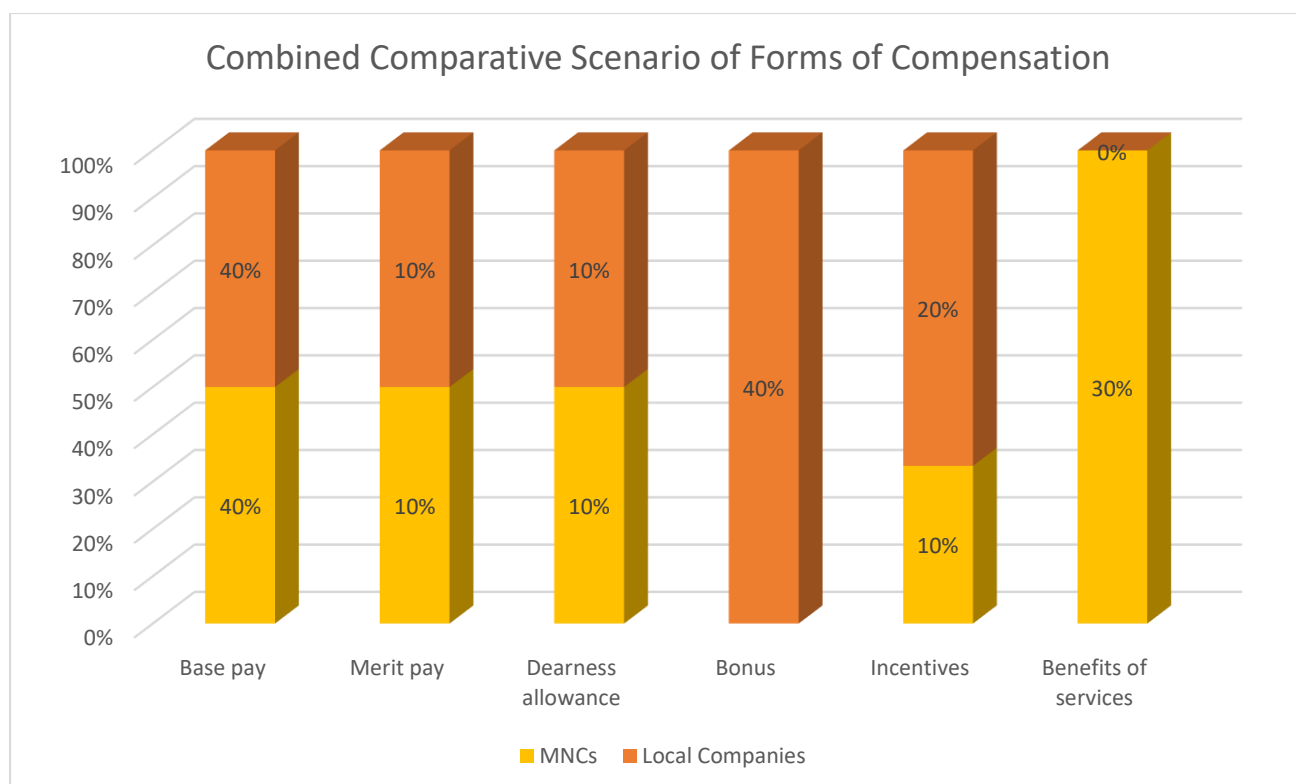


Figure 65: Combined Comparative Scenario of Forms of Compensation

Figure 65 is the portrayal of combined comparative scenario of forms of compensation. It is basically the graphical expression of the second column of the Table 20. The MNCs and local companies carry a range of percentages over these factors respectively, such as – base pay (40% & 40%), merit pay (10% & 10%), dearness allowance (10% & 10%), bonus (40% & 40%), incentives (10% & 20%), and finally, benefits of services (30% & 0%).

Figure 66 next in line showcases the scenario of forms of compensations for employees in place in the MNCs. The pie chart compartmentalizes the percentages in six segments wherein the highest one is ‘base pay’ at 40%, ‘benefits’ at 30%, and ‘merit pay’, ‘dearness allowance’, and ‘incentive’ at 10% each.

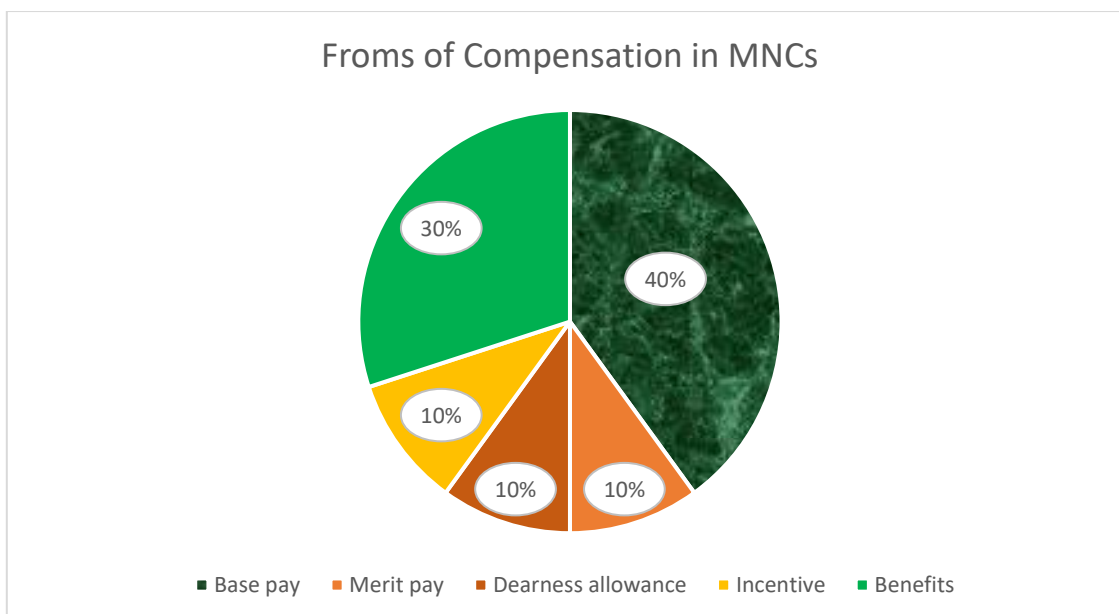


Figure 66: Forms of Compensation in MNCs

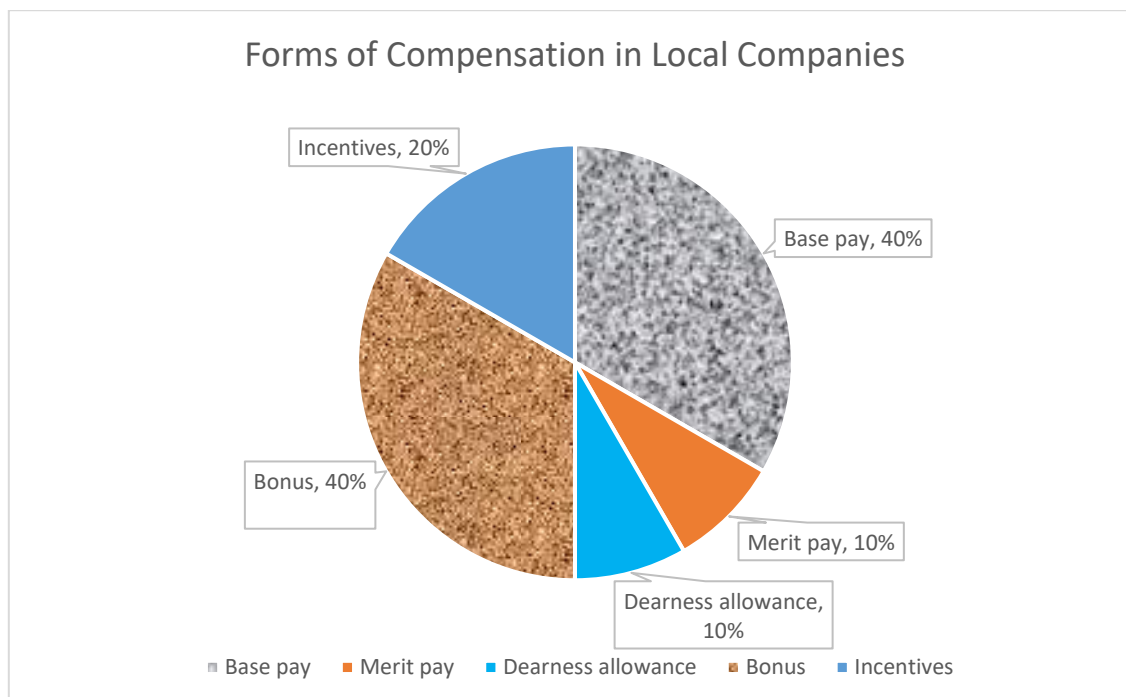


Figure 67: Forms of Compensation in Local Companies

Figure 67 is the depiction of the same issue as in Figure 66 but in the context of local enterprises. Herein, as is evident, there are five segments as well. The segments of ‘base pay’ and ‘bonus’ represent the highest percentages, each at 40% across the combined dataset, indicating that these two components are the most prominent forms of compensation within the organizations. The second highest percentage comes out for ‘incentive’ with 20%. ‘Merit pay’ and ‘dearness allowance’ with 10% which is the lowest range of percentage.

There appear to be five factors mostly influencing the scenario of forms of compensation both in case of MNCs and local companies out of the six. They both have four factors in common which are base pay, merit pay, incentive, and dearness allowance. The two factors that are mutually uncommon are benefits of service (for MNCs) and bonus (for local enterprises). For MNCs, the highest percentages have come for base pay and bonus with 40% each. For local enterprises, however, it is only base pay with 40% as the highest percentage.

The description of the forms of compensation offered by companies is further strengthened in this section through statistical calculations and comparative analysis. This allows a more precise interpretation of the observed patterns by converting qualitative responses into measurable frequencies and percentages. The responses were analysed to examine six key compensation components, namely base pay, merit pay, dearness allowance, bonus, incentives, and benefits of services.

The frequency and percentage distributions were computed using the standard formula:

$$[\text{Percentage}] = \frac{\{\text{Number of responses}\}}{\{\text{Total responses}\}} \times 100$$

Overall Distribution (n = 10)

The statistical results indicate that **base pay is the most widely practiced form of compensation (80%)**, followed by **bonus (40%)**, **incentives (30%)**, and **benefits of services (30%)**. Both **merit pay and dearness allowance account for 20% each**. This demonstrates a clear dominance of fixed salary structures over variable compensation components across the sampled organizations.

Company-wise Statistical Breakdown

Multinational Companies (n = 5)

- Base pay: 4/5 = **80%**
- Merit pay: 1/5 = **20%**
- Dearness allowance: 1/5 = **20%**
- Bonus: 0/5 = **0%**
- Incentives: 1/5 = **20%**
- Benefits of services: 3/5 = **60%**

Local Companies (n = 5)

- Base pay: $4/5 = 80\%$
- Merit pay: $1/5 = 20\%$
- Dearness allowance: $1/5 = 20\%$
- Bonus: $4/5 = 80\%$
- Incentives: $2/5 = 40\%$
- Benefits of services: $0/5 = 0\%$

Comparative Statistical Interpretation

The comparative analysis highlights both similarities and differences between the two groups. Base pay remains identical across MNCs and local companies (80%), indicating it as a universal compensation component. However, MNCs show a stronger tendency toward **benefits of services (60%)**, whereas this component is entirely absent in local companies (0%). In contrast, **bonus compensation is predominantly used by local companies (80%)**, while it is not practiced in MNCs (0%). Incentives are also higher in local firms (40%) compared to MNCs (20%), suggesting a greater reliance on performance-linked rewards in local organizations.

Chi-Square Test of Association (Bonus vs Company Type)

To further validate whether compensation practices differ significantly by company type, a chi-square test was conducted focusing on the bonus variable.

Observed frequency:

	Bonus Yes	Bonus No	Total
MNCs	0	5	5
Local Firms	4	1	5
Total	4	6	10

Table 45: Frequency Level of Bonus in Companies

Expected frequency:

$$[E = \frac{\text{Row Total} \times \text{Column Total}}{\text{Grand Total}}]$$

- MNC Bonus = $(5 \times 4) / 10 = 2$
- MNC No Bonus = $(5 \times 6) / 10 = 3$
- Local Bonus = 2
- Local No Bonus = 3

Chi-square calculation:

$$[\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}]$$

$$[\chi^2 = \frac{(0-2)^2}{2} + \frac{(5-3)^2}{3} + \frac{(4-2)^2}{2} + \frac{(1-3)^2}{3}]$$

$$[\chi^2 = 2 + 1.33 + 2 + 1.33 = 6.66]$$

At $df = 1$, the critical value at 0.05 significance level is 3.84. Since the calculated value (6.66) exceeds the critical value, the result is statistically significant.

The chi-square test indicates a statistically significant association between company type and bonus provision at the 0.05 level, as the calculated value exceeds the critical value. This suggests that bonus distribution differs meaningfully between MNCs and local companies in the dataset.

5.2.21 Top Objectives of Compensation Management

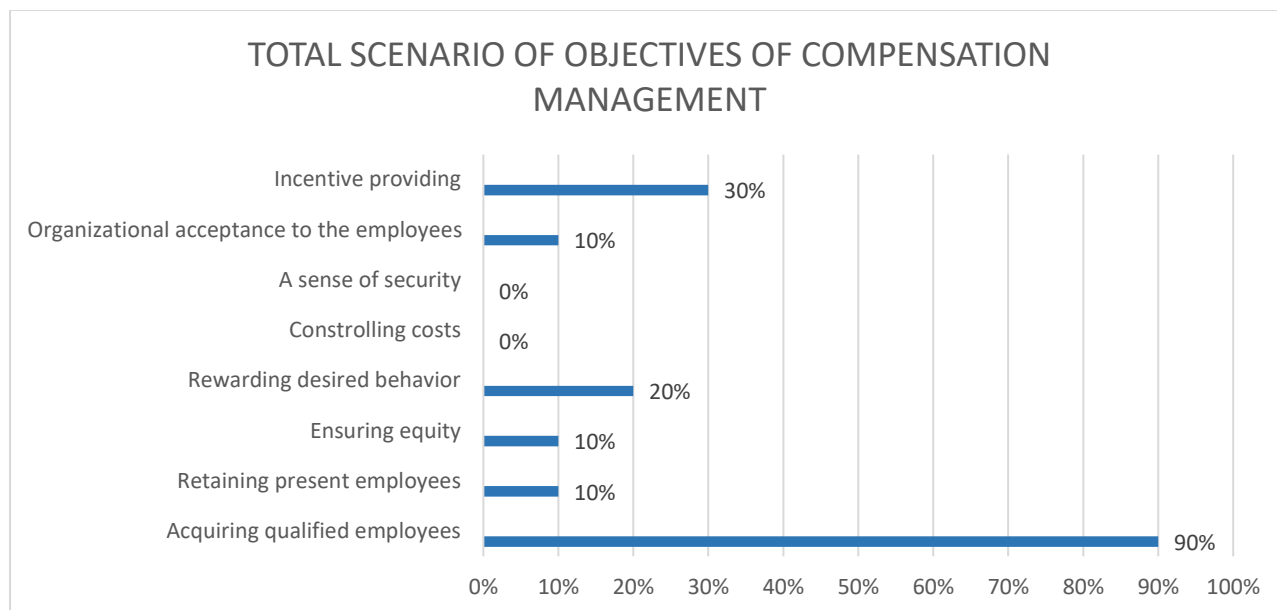


Figure 68: Total Scenario of Objectives of Compensation Management

Figure 68 denotes the scenario of objectives of compensation management which is made up by the same eight factors in total. The highest factor with 90% is the ‘acquiring qualified employees’. ‘Incentive providing’ comes second with a comparatively very low percentage at 30%. ‘Rewarding desired behaviour’ is in the third position with 20%. ‘Organizational acceptance to the employees’, ‘ensuring equity’ and ‘retaining present employees’ score at 10% each. However, factors such as ‘a sense of security’ and ‘controlling costs’ do not come in the running as they score 0%.

Variable (Objectives of Compensation Management)	Combined Comparative Percentage (%)		MNCs' Separate Percentage (%)	Local Companies' Separate Percentage (%)
	[10 Entities]		[5 Entities]	[5 Entities]
Acquiring qualified employees	MNCs – 50% + Local Companies – 40%	=90%	100%	80%
Incentive providing	MNCs – 20% + Local Companies – 10%	=30%	40%	20%

Organizational acceptance to the employees	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 0%	=10%	20%	0%
A sense of security	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Controlling costs	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 0%	=0%	0%	0%
Rewarding desired behaviour	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 10%	=20%	20%	20%
Ensuring equity	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies – 0%	=10%	20%	0%
Retaining present employees	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies – 10%	=10%	0%	20%

Table 46: Objectives of Compensation Management in Combined & Separate Percentages

Table 46 represents the dissection of the objectives of the compensation management into finest details and ultimate positions. The first column displays the variable of ‘objectives of compensation management’. The next column analyses the combined comparative percentages from which the combined percentages as well as individual percentages come out on a scale of 100% based on all of the 10 entities. The next two columns manifest the separate scenario for the MNCs and local companies in the separate manner.

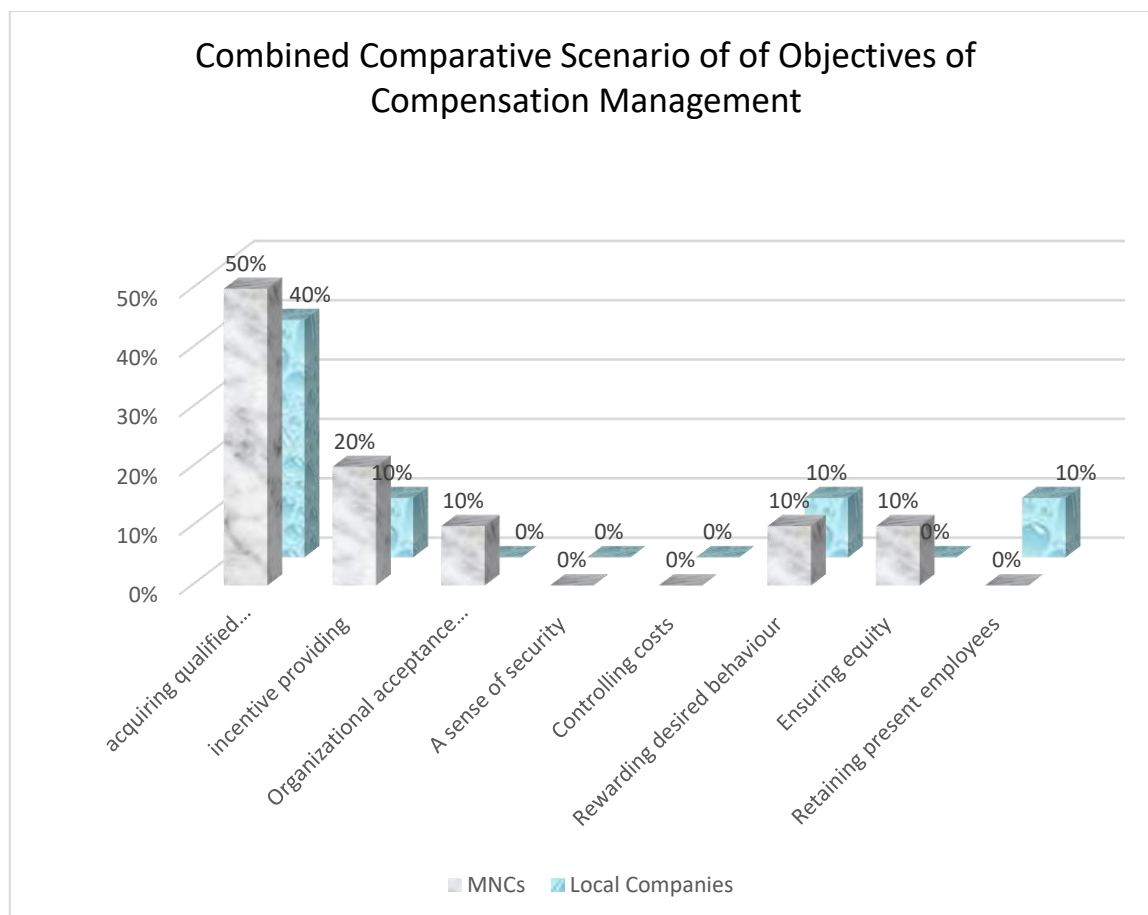


Figure 69: Combined Comparative Scenario of Objectives of Compensation Management

The combined comparative scenario of objectives of compensation management is portrayed by **Figure 69**. This Figure is basically the depiction of the second column of **Table 46** which is projected on a combined scale of 100% for all the ten entities. Herein, ‘acquiring qualified employees’ scores the highest for both MNCs as well as local enterprises. But this factor is 50% in MNCs and 40% in local companies. The second highest factor is incentive providing with 20%. However, the local companies have multiple second highest factors coming into play where all of them are levelled with 10% each.

Objectives of Compensation Management in MNCs

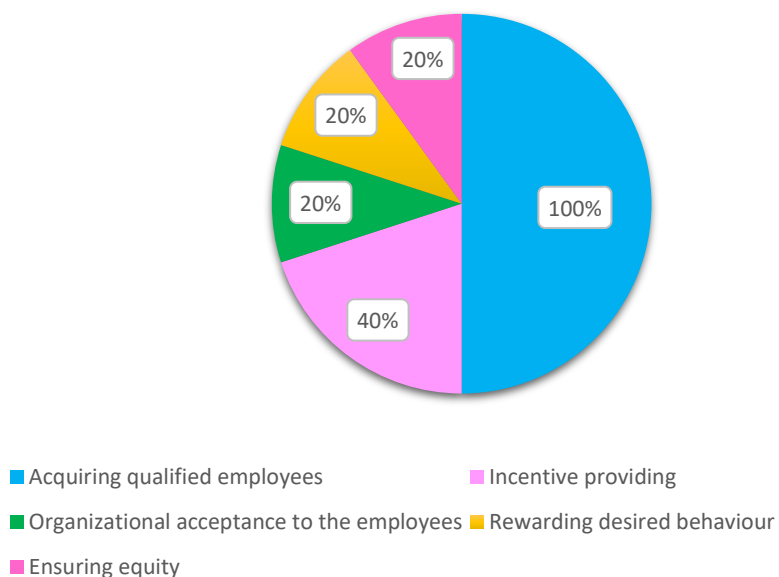


Figure 70: Objectives of Compensation Management in MNCs

The separate scenario of objectives of compensation management in MNCs has been analysed by **Figure 70**. Herein, the highest percentage, that is 100%, belongs to the ‘acquiring the qualified employees’ segment. The second highest percentage, however, comes for the ‘incentive providing’ with 40%. There are five segments in total. The rest of the three factors score at the same range of 20% which are consist of ‘organizational acceptance to the employees’, ‘rewarding desired behaviour’, and ‘ensuring equity’.

OBJECTIVES OF COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT IN LOCAL COMPANIES

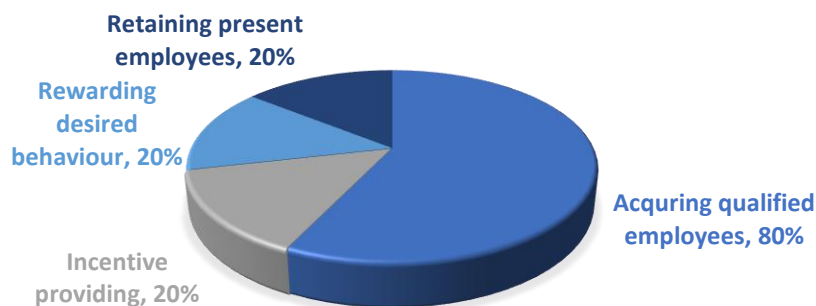


Figure 71: Objectives of Compensation Management in Local Companies

The separate scenario of objectives of compensation management in local companies is divided across four parts as is illustrated by **Figure 70**. The highest percentage here is that of ‘acquiring

qualified employees' with 80%. The other segments are covered by the factors of 'retaining present employees', 'rewarding desired behaviour', and 'incentive providing' at 20% each.

On the whole, it is evident that both in case of MNCs as well as local enterprises, the factor at the prime is the same that is 'acquiring qualified employees'. For MNCs, the percentage is 100% while for the local companies, it is 80%. There is one extra factor in MNCs making it having a total of five factors. On the other side, it is four factors for local companies. In terms of commonality, there are three factors for both MNCs and local companies in common which are 'acquiring qualified employees', 'rewarding desired behaviour', and 'incentive providing'.

5.2.22 The Initiatives for Job-stress Solutions

Table 47 presents the various initiatives adopted by multinational corporations (MNCs) and local companies to address job-related stress among employees. The responses reveal diverse stress management strategies, which can be classified into several thematic categories.

Within MNCs, emphasis is largely placed on financial and motivational mechanisms such as salary enhancement, incentive-based motivation, and performance-linked reward systems. Alongside these, several organizations prioritise psychosocial and managerial support measures, including counselling services, constructive feedback, and the cultivation of a supportive and performance-oriented workplace environment.

Initiatives for Job-stress Solutions	
MNCs	Local Companies
Nestle Bangladesh Ltd. Increase in salary	Akij Group of Industries SOP, Work Flow
Unilever Bangladesh Ltd. Motivational program	PRAN-RFL Group Incentives & bonus, Tours & trips
Novartis Bangladesh Rewarding hard work on part of the employees	Abul Khair Group Personal Meeting Wellness Programs, Employee Assistance Programs, Stress management programs, and finally Counselling.

Marico Bangladesh Developing friendly work environment & healthy competition	Walton Group By encouraging a positive work environment, providing training and development opportunities and recognizing and rewarding employee contributions are the ways of managing the job stress in my company.
British American Tobacco Bangladesh Ltd. Supportive feedback & counselling	Jamuna Group By establishing an organized culture of balanced workload

Table 47: Sequence of Selection Process

By contrast, local companies primarily adopt structured and procedural interventions. These include SOP-driven workflows, wellness initiatives, employee assistance schemes, formal stress management programs, and counselling support. Additional strategies also involve workload balancing, organisational harmony, and employee recognition through training and development practices.

The analysis highlights a clear divergence in approach: MNCs are more oriented towards incentive-driven and motivational stress reduction techniques, whereas local companies depend more on formalised systems and procedural support mechanisms. Nevertheless, both organisational types demonstrate a consistent commitment to mitigating workplace stress through a combination of psychological and structural interventions.

5.2.23 Guarantee of Promotion upon Outstanding Performance

It has been scrutinized whether or not the employees of the organizations are guaranteed to receive a promotion depending on their performance. **Figure 72** is the representation of total scenario of promotion for outstanding performances in MNCs. As it is obvious, 100% of the respondents have agreed to the fact that they are ascertained to be promoted given that they have performed up to the mark. The same goes for the total scenario of local enterprises, illustrated by **Figure 73** where we also see the response rate is completely tilted to one side with positive response.

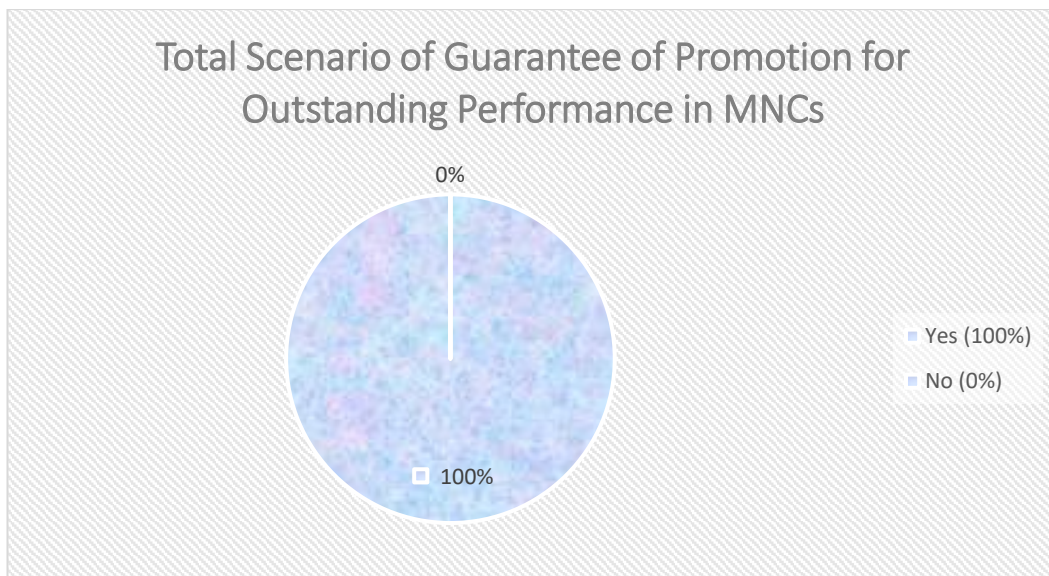


Figure 72: *Guarantee of Promotion for Outstanding Performance in MNCs*

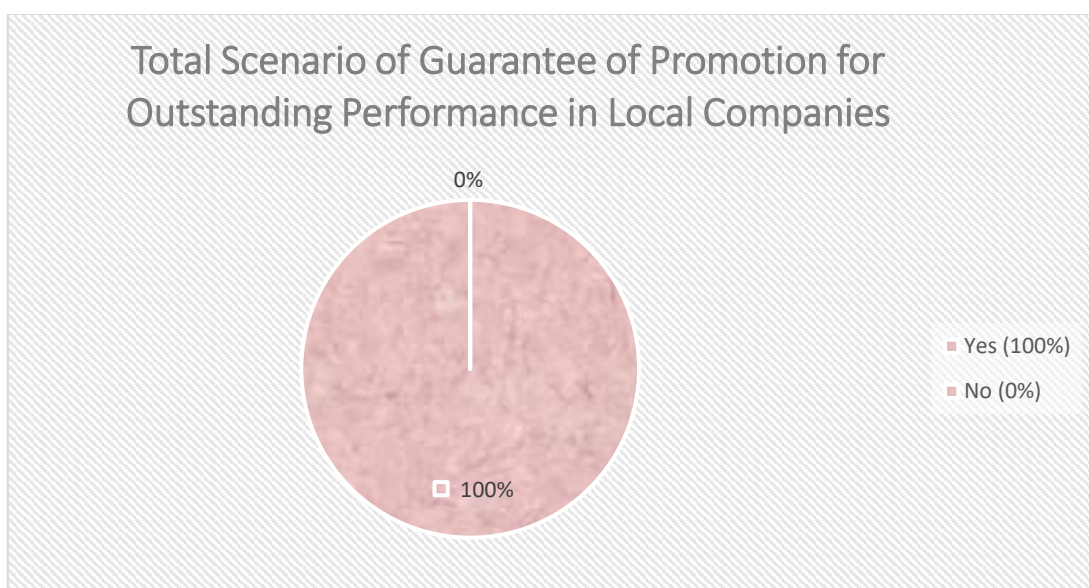


Figure 73: *Guarantee of Promotion for Outstanding Performance in Local Companies*

Entities	Degree of Guarantee of Promotion for Outstanding Performance					Combined Comparative Percentage (%)
	Very much	Much	Fair	Not much	Not at all	
Multinational Companies	60%	40%	0%	0%	0%	30%
						20%
Local Companies	40%	60%	0%	0%	0%	20%
						30%

Table 48: Degree of Guarantee of Promotion for Outstanding Performance

Table 48 looks into more details for examining the degree of guarantee of promotion for outstanding performance in the entities. The Table 48 is divided into five ranges of intensity from ‘very much’ to ‘not at all’. 60% of the MNCs have chosen ‘very much’ and rest of the 40% of them have opted for ‘much’. As regards the local companies, 40% of the respondents have gone for ‘very much’ and 60% of the rest supported the ‘much’ option. at the end of the Table 23, there is the calculations of combined comparative percentage. Herein, we can see the combined percentages of both types of entities on a scale of 100%.

5.2.24 Acceptance of Suggestions by the Employees in Reviewing Rewards

Figures 74 and 75 portray the rate of acceptance of suggestions by employees in reviewing their reward in their respective organizations. The former deals with the data and information received from the MNCs and the latter with the that of local enterprises. Both these Figures come up with 100% positive responses to address the issue in questions.



Figure 74: Acceptance of Suggestions by Employees in Reviewing Reward



Figure 75: Acceptance of Suggestions by Employees in Reviewing Reward in Local Companies

Table 49 here displays the degree of acceptance of suggestion by employees in reviewing reward. The Table is divided across five options from ‘strongly agree’ to ‘strongly disagree’ for both MNCs and local companies. This Table is the compartmentalized format of the intensity of the responses. As we have seen in the previous couple of Figures, there is 100% affirmative

Entities	Degree of Acceptance of Suggestions by Employees in Reviewing Reward					Combined Comparative Percentage (%)
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
Multinational Companies	40%	60%	0%	0%	0%	20%
						30%
Local Companies	20%	80%	0%	0%	0%	10%
						40%

Table 49: Degree of Acceptance of Suggestion by Employees in Reviewing Reward

response from both types of entities. If the MNCs’ response to break down, 40% of them have agreed strongly and 60% simply have agreed to the degree of acceptance of suggestions by employees in reviewing reward. When it comes to local companies, it is 20% of the respondents who have agreed strongly and 80% of them have just agreed on the issue in question.

5.2.25 General Awareness on Workplace Health & Safety

Figure 76 depicts the total scenario of general awareness on workplace health and safety in the companies. It is categorized into four degrees of ‘very familiar’, ‘familiar’, ‘somewhat familiar’, and ‘unfamiliar’. The highest score comes at the ‘familiar’ category with 40%. The second highest percentage comes both from ‘somewhat familiar’ and ‘very familiar’ segments. The lowest percentage, however, is zero percentage at the ‘unfamiliar’ category.

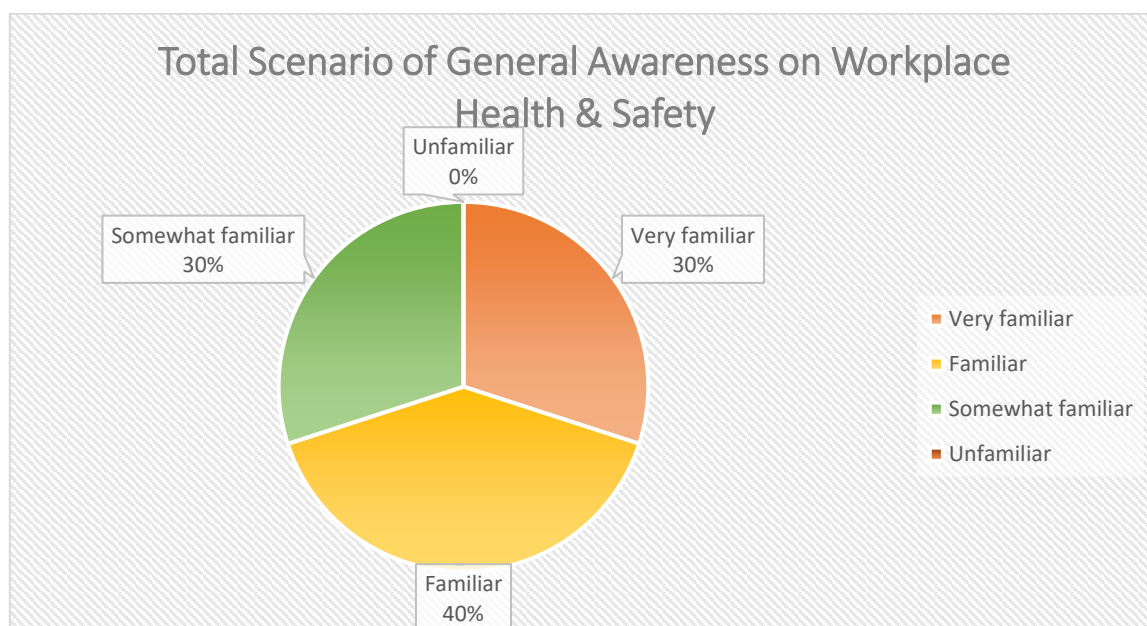


Figure 76: Total Scenario of General Awareness on Workplace Health & Safety in Companies

Table 50 detracts the data displayed by the Figure 76 in combined and separate percentages. The first column lists the four variables and the following columns correspondingly point the general awareness on workplace health and safety in combined percentages, MNCs’ separate percentages, and local companies’ separate percentage.

Variables (General Awareness on Workplace Health & Safety)	Combined Comparative Percentage [10 Entities]		MNCs’ Separate Percentage [5 Entities]	Local Companies’ Separate Percentage [5 Entities]
Very familiar	MNCs – 30% + Local Companies- 0%	=30%	60%	0%

Familiar	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies- 30%	=40%	20%	60%
Somewhat familiar	MNCs – 10% + Local Companies- 20%	=30%	20%	40%
Unfamiliar	MNCs – 0% + Local Companies- 0%	=0%	0%	0%

Table 50: General Awareness on Workplace Health & Safety in Combined & Separate Percentages

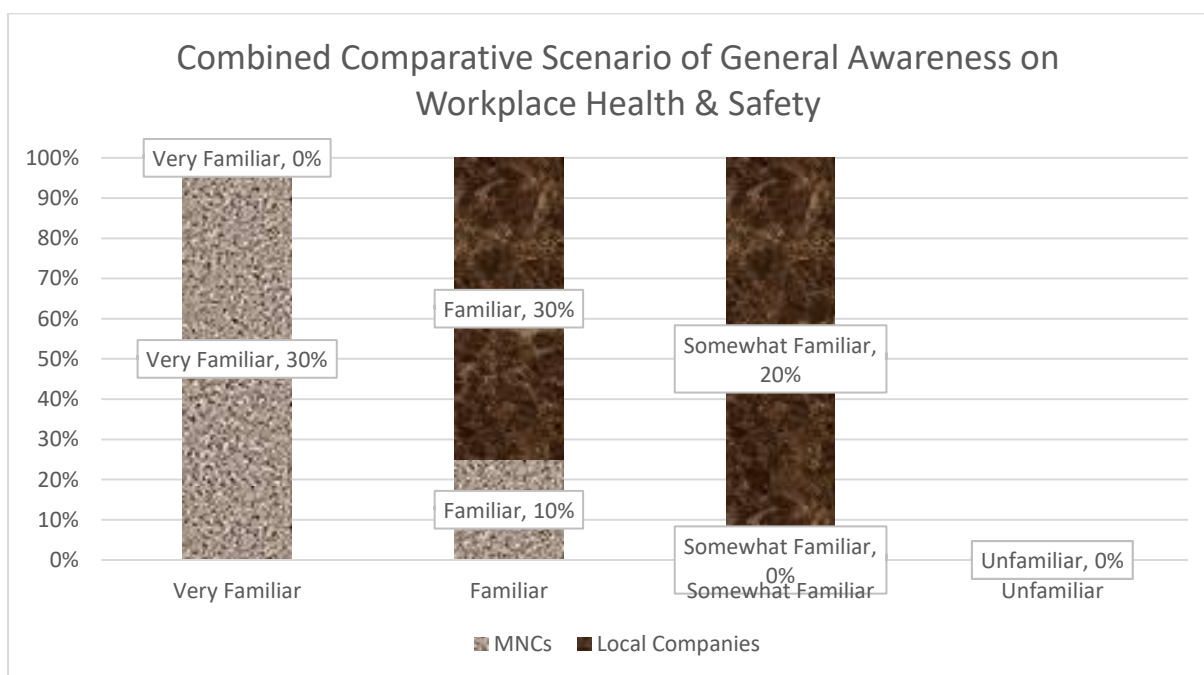


Figure 77: Combined Comparative Scenario of General Awareness on Workplace Health & Safety

Figure 77 is the visual representation of data that we have numerically broken down in the second column of Table 50. The MNCs and local companies have been measured on a combined scale of 100% herein taking in all the ten companies. 30% of the MNCs have mentioned to be very familiar of the issue of workplace health and safety. Whereas, none from the local companies has opined so. As for the being familiar (not ‘very familiar’) with the issue,

10% of the MNCs and 30% of the local companies have said so. As it comes to being somewhat familiar, 10% of the MNCs and 20% of the local companies have expressed being somewhat familiar with the issue of workplace health and safety in their organizations. However, none of the companies from MNCs or local enterprises have gone for the option of being unfamiliar with the issue in question.

The **Figure 78** portrays the general awareness on workplace health and safety in multinational companies (MNCs). As we can see, the ‘very familiar’ segment scores the highest with 60%. Secondly, the ‘familiar’ and ‘somewhat familiar’ segments come out at 20% each.

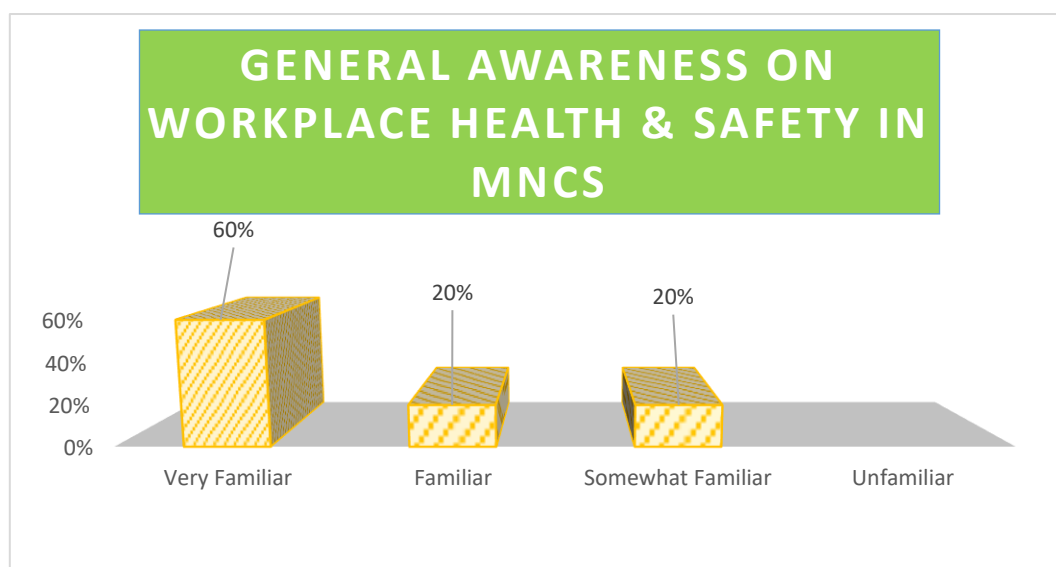


Figure 78: General Awareness on Workplace Health & Safety in MNCs

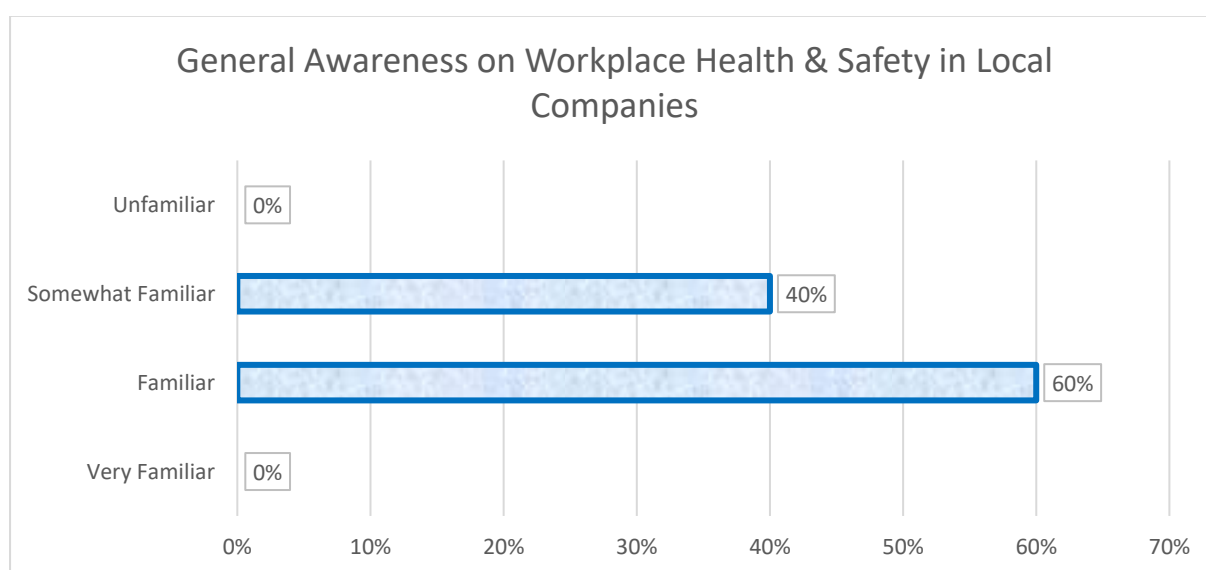


Figure 79: General Awareness on Workplace Health & Safety in Local Companies

Figure 79 sketches out the separate scenario of general awareness on workplace health and safety in local companies. The ‘familiar’ segment is the one that ranks the highest with 60%. The second most percentage comes from the ‘somewhat familiar’ segment. The rest of the factors score zero percentage for the local companies.

To sum up, the highest percentages for MNCs and local enterprises are from different categories. The former is from the ‘very familiar’ with 60% and the latter from the ‘familiar’ with 60%. The second highest percentages of the categories of both types of the companies also differ from each other at 20% in ‘familiar’ and ‘somewhat familiar’ categories; for local companies, it is 40% in ‘somewhat familiar’ category.

5.2.26 Provisions for Health and Safety Protocols & Trainings

The issue of proper provisions for health and safety protocols & trainings in the companies is delineated by the **Figure 80**. It is divided by four indicators covering ‘excellent’, ‘good’, ‘fair’, and ‘poor’. The highest response has come from the ‘fair’ segment with 50%. The second highest percentage shows up for the segment denoted by ‘good’. The ‘excellent’ segment comes out at 10% in the companies. The lowest percentage is zero for ‘poor’ category in assessing the health and safety provisions at work.

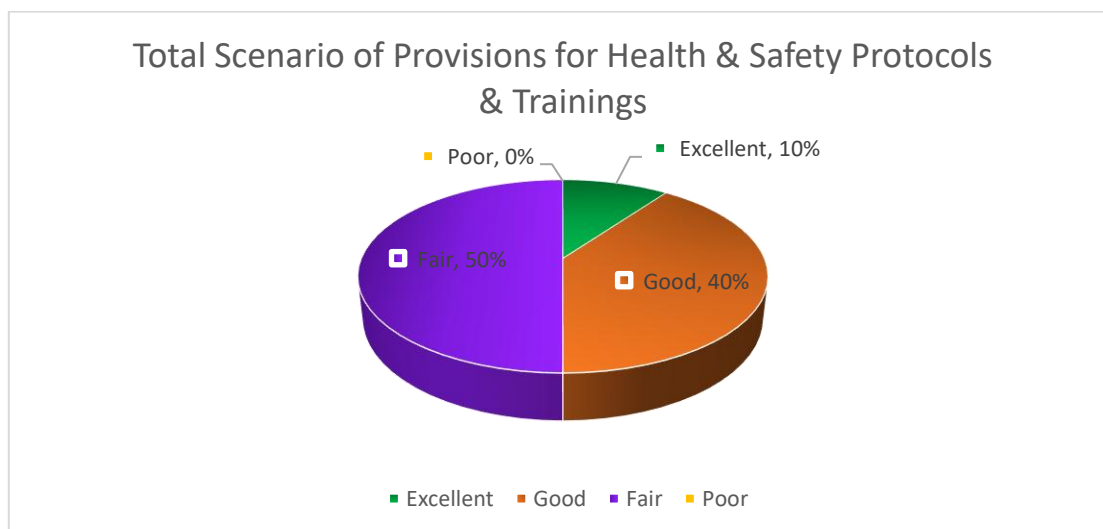


Figure 80: Total Scenario of Provisions for Health & Safety Protocols & Training

Table 51 dismembers the percentages derived from the Figure 79 into combined and separate company percentages. The first column represents the array of variables. The second column dissects the combined percentages. The columns fourth and fifth respectively presents the separate percentages in their business contexts to provide an insight into the individual situation.

Variables (Provisions for Health & Safety Protocols & Trainings)	Combined Comparative Percentage [10 Entities]		MNCs' Separate Percentage [5 Entities]	Local Companies' Separate Percentage [5 Entities]
Excellent	MNCs- 10% + Local Companies- 0%	=10%	20%	0%

Good	MNCs- 30% + Local Companies- 10%	=40%	60%	20%
Fair	MNCs- 10% + Local Companies- 40%	=50%	20%	80%
Poor	MNCs- 0% + Local Companies- 0%	=0%	0%	0%

Table 51: Provisions for Health & Safety Protocols & Trainings in Combined & Separate Percentages

Figure 81 visually elucidates the second column of the Table 51. As we can see, the

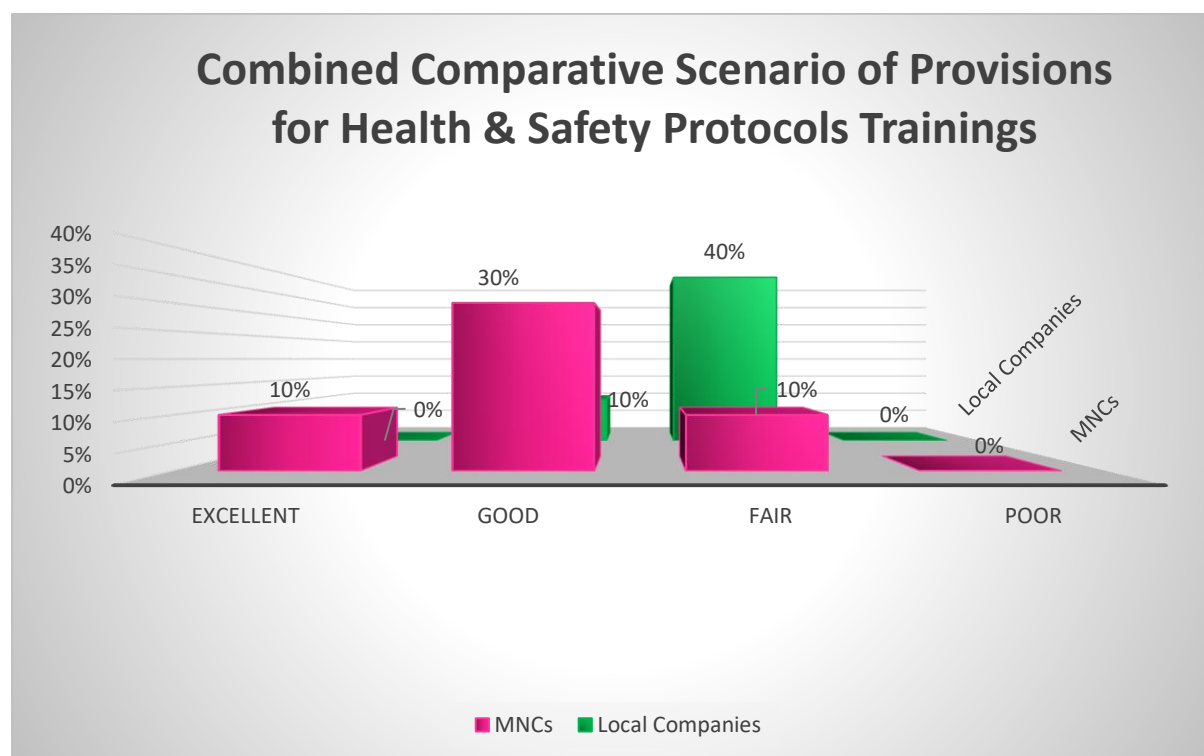


Figure 81: Combined Comparative Scenario of Provisions for Health & Safety Protocols & Trainings

categories – excellent, good, fair, and poor- for the measurement of combined comparative scenario of provisions for health and safety protocols & trainings on a scale of 100% have been put into comparison. As for the MNCs, 10% of them rated it as excellent; 30% as good; 10% as fair; and 0% as poor. On the contrary, none from the local companies rated the variable of organizational provisions for health & safety protocols & trainings as excellent; 10% as good; 40% as fair; and 0% as poor.

Figure 82 incorporates the separate scenario of MNCs in terms of provisions for health and safety protocols & training. The highest response comes from the category of ‘good’ with 60%. The second highest percentage is received from two categories, ‘excellent’ and ‘fair’, at the same percentage of 20%. The ‘poor’ category scores none at zero percentage or NIL.

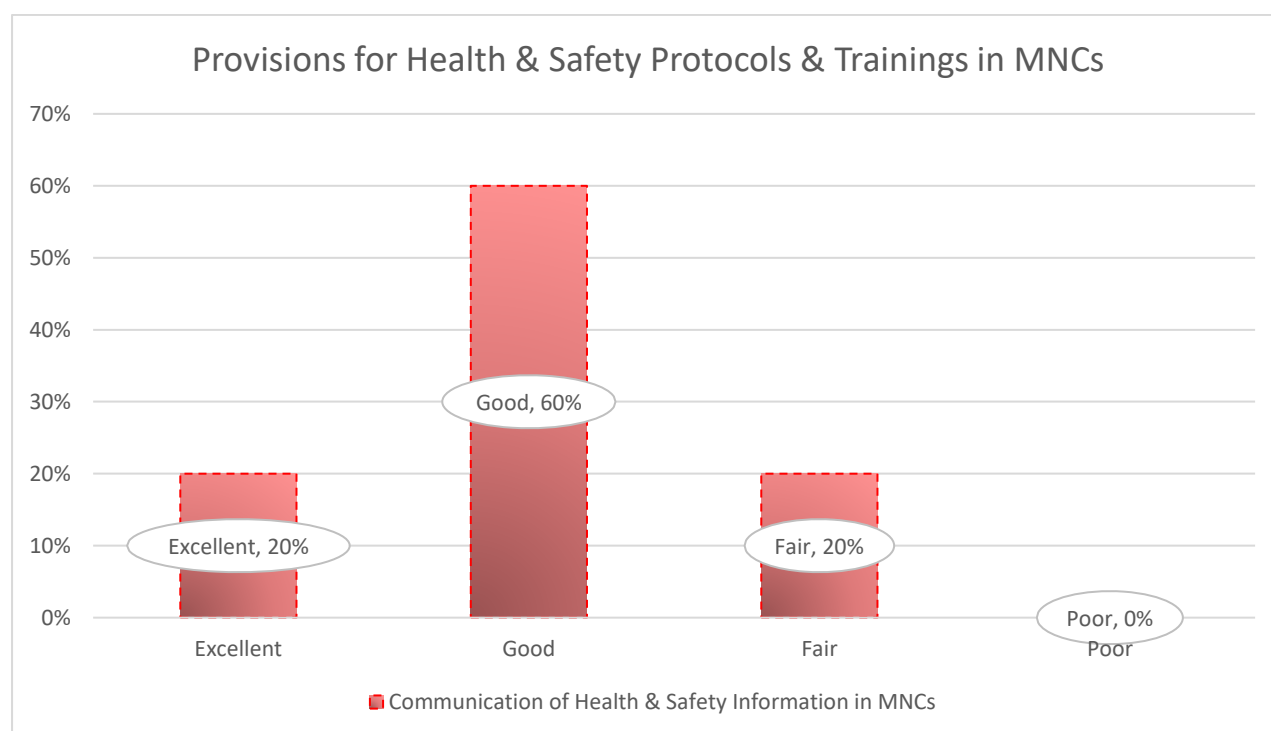


Figure 82: Provisions for Health & Safety Protocols & Trainings in MNCs

Figure 83 is the representation of provisions for health and safety protocols & trainings in local enterprises. The highest percentage stands at 80% in the ‘fair’ segment’. The ‘good’ category appears as having the second highest percentage at 20% in the local enterprises. The ‘poor’ segment amounts to zero percentage.

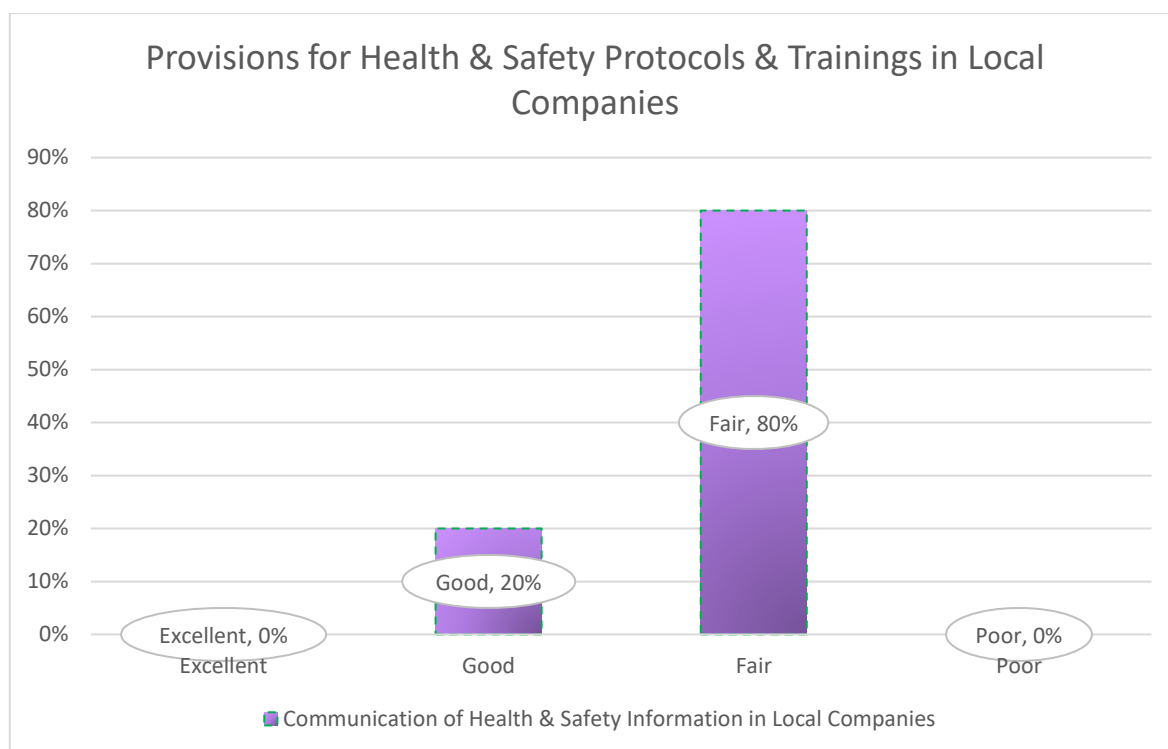


Figure 83: Provisions for Health & Safety Protocols & Trainings in Local Companies

To size up, the similarity between the MNCs and local companies is only for the lowest percentage in the same category while the rate of percentage is also same with NIL or zero percentage. The latter, in fact, has NIL score in two categories including ‘excellent’ segment as well. The highest percentages can be drawn from two different categories for the companies where the MNCs hold highest percentage in the ‘good’ segment at 60% whereas the local ones rank the highest in the ‘fair’ category at 80%. The second and third highest segments also differ in percentages in different segments.

5.2.27 Impact of HRM Practices on Employee Motivation

It is assumed in general that when employees are motivated, they work more diligently and dedicatedly. The opposite also holds true when companies have a demotivated group of employees. Proper HR management can significantly influence the way employee performance turns out. Therefore, it has been also put to test that *if* the current HRM practices in the organizations have an impact on their respective workforce. The result was completely one-sided where all of the MNCs and local companies replied in the affirmative which is depicted by **Figure 84** and **Figure 85**.

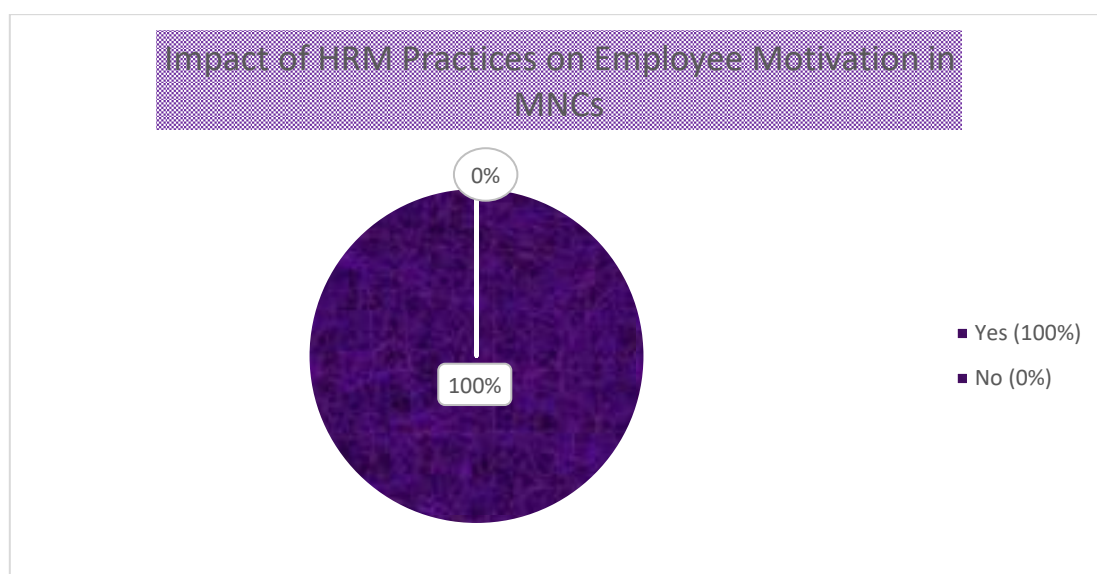


Figure 84: Impact of HRM Practices on Employee Motivation in MNCs

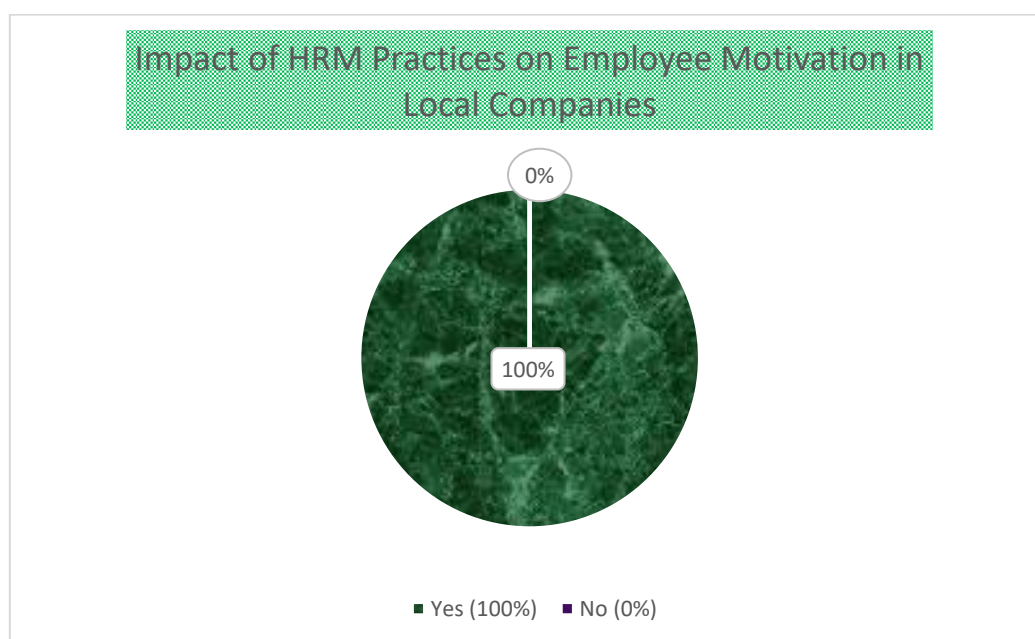


Figure 85: Impact of HRM Practices on Employee Motivation in Local Companies

Entities	Degree of Impact of HRM Practices on Employee Motivation					Combined Comparative Percentage (%)
	Very much	Much	Fair	Not much	Not at all	
Multinational Companies	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	50%
Local Companies	60%	40%	0%	0%	0%	30%
						20%

Table 52: Degree of Impact of HRM Practices on Employee Motivation

Having been ascertained by the positive response on the whole as to the impact of HRM practices on employee motivation. Their response has been measured against a liker scale with the expression ranging across 'very much', 'much', 'neutral', 'not much', and 'not at all' contained in **Table 52**. All five of the MNCs have opted for the 'much' option; whereas, 60% of the MNCs have chosen 'very much' and rest of the 40% have gone for 'much' to voice their intensity of opinion. At the end of the Table 52, there is combined comparative percentage displaying a total picture of the issue on a scale of 100%.

5.2.28 Satisfaction of Employees in the Companies

The employees are exceedingly positive about their existing HRM practice in their companies judging by the percentage. 90% out of the 100% of the respondents have said they are satisfied in their workplace. This includes employees both MNCs and local companies which is modelled by **Figure 86**.

Total Scenario of Satisfaction of Employees in the Companies

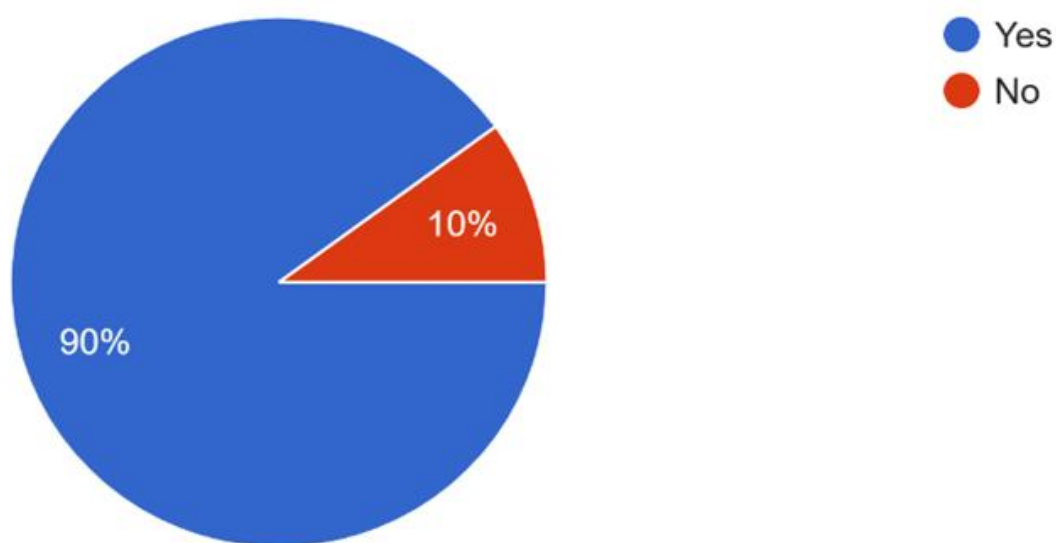


Figure 86: Total Scenario of Satisfaction of Employees on HRM Practices in the Companies

Table 53 breaks down the data poll received from the previous pie chart. Herein, the combined comparative percentage is shown of the ten entities. As is in sight, the 10%, which is

Entities	Satisfaction of Employees on HRM Practices		Combined Comparative Percentage (%)
	Yes (%)	No (%)	
Multinational Companies	100%	0%	Yes - 50%

Local Companies	80%	20%	Yes – 40%
			No – 10%

Table 53: Satisfaction of Employees on HRM Practices in the Companies

20% on the combined comparative scale, of the respondents who are not satisfied with their companies' HRM practices belong to the local companies. It means all of the respondents from MNCs, that is 100%, remarked in the affirmative on the HRM practices at work; which is 50% on the scale of combined comparative percentage. When it comes back to local companies, 80% of their employees claim to draw satisfaction from their HRM practices in place. On the combined calculation, it comes at 40% satisfied employee base of the local companies.

Entities	Degree of Satisfaction Level on HRM Practices					Combined Comparative Percentage (%)
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Multinational Companies	40%	60%	0%	0%	0%	Very Satisfied – 20%
						Satisfied - 30%
Local Companies	40%	40%	0%	20%	0%	Very Satisfied – 20%
						Satisfied – 20%
						Dissatisfied- 10%

Table 54: Degree of Satisfaction Level on HRM Practices

Table 54 expresses the data derived from Table into more rigorous details to bring up the categorized view which contains a liker scale. Herein, as is being displayed, the degree of satisfaction level on HRM practices has been analysed by means of five ranges of ‘very satisfied’, ‘satisfied’, neutral’, ‘dissatisfied’, and ‘very dissatisfied’. For MNCs, 40% of the respondents have mentioned that they are very satisfied with the existing HRM practices in their respective organizations. The rest of the 60% replied they are satisfied but not very satisfied. As far as local enterprises are concerned, 40% of the respondents are very satisfied, another 40% are satisfied but not exceedingly, and the rest of 20% are dissatisfied on the HRM practices followed by their company. Along the ‘combined comparative percentage’ section, the total degree of satisfaction on HRM practices has been calculated on a scale of 100% altogether for all the ten entities.

Chapter 6

RECOMMENDATION & CONCLUSION

6.1 INTRODUCTION

The concluding segment of this thesis delves into fundamental aspects, commencing with section 6.2 spotlighting the study's contributions. Here, the research's impact will be showcased, elucidating the areas where it significantly adds value. Moving forward, section 6.3 outlines notable recommendations drawn from a thoughtful analysis of the research findings. These recommendations stem from a comprehensive reflection on the study's outcomes. In the conclusive section 6.4, overarching sentiments and insights are presented to encapsulate the entirety of the study. Above all, this chapter predominantly highlights the deficiencies in HRM practices within multinational and local companies in Bangladesh. It not only identifies these shortcomings but also proposes targeted recommendations to address them. The emphasis lies in offering insights that can enhance the effectiveness of HRM practices, bridging the gaps observed in both multinational and local business contexts in Bangladesh.

6.2 CONTRIBUTION OF THE STUDY

Through this study, a comprehensive understanding of HRM practices in both multinational corporations (MNCs) and local companies operating in Bangladesh has been elucidated. Extensive personal interviews and meetings with key professionals and employees have significantly contributed to gaining a well-rounded perspective. The findings and analyses section authentically portrays the current state of affairs, relying on primary sources of data and information rather than theoretical frameworks. This research provides a holistic overview of HRM practices, encompassing various facets such as recruitment and selection, employee training and development, stress management, employee engagement and retention, loyalty, compensation and benefits management, performance appraisal processes, workplace health and safety, and more. The study delves into these critical issues with meticulous detail, ensuring a thorough examination that does justice to the complexity of HRM practices in the dynamic context of both multinational corporations and local enterprises in Bangladesh.

6.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

This research yields a set of recommendations for future endeavors in the same field. The data analyses have been conducted through personal interactions in official settings, utilizing a meticulously crafted questionnaire designed to delve into the intricacies of the subject matter. The findings highlight various aspects requiring consideration for instigating essential changes in HRM practices within both multinational corporations and local enterprises in Bangladesh. Officials expressed concerns about processes, procedures, strategies, loopholes, errors, and areas for improvement that hinder the attainment of robust growth in successful HRM practices. These insights underscore the need for targeted interventions to address identified challenges and enhance the effectiveness of HRM in fostering comprehensive and successful organizational growth in the context of both multinational corporations and local businesses in Bangladesh:

In multinational companies, the employer segment grapples with the formidable challenges of a time-consuming and highly dependent performance appraisal (PA) process. This crucial aspect of Human Resource Management (HRM) necessitates a well-structured approach from the outset. Addressing the time-related hindrance requires strategic scheduling. Furthermore, reducing dependency on human assessment can be achieved through the implementation of performance management software, automating data collection and analysis. This technological integration not only expedites the PA process but also minimizes the potential for biases associated with manual evaluations.

An additional key consideration for multinational companies is the establishment of clear and measurable performance metrics directly linked to job responsibilities. This ensures that the appraisal process aligns closely with organizational goals, promoting fairness and transparency. Conversely, local companies face a distinct set of challenges, with employees and employers expressing concerns about confidentiality during performance assessments. The issue of effect on goodwill between senior & junior is particularly salient in local contexts, emphasizing the need for maintaining trust and professional relationships. To mitigate this, it is imperative to communicate and assure all parties involved about the confidentiality of the evaluation process.

By addressing these challenges head-on, both multinational and local companies can foster a more robust and sound PA process within the HRM framework. This approach not only enhances efficiency but also safeguards critical relationships between supervisors and subordinates. Striking a balance between technological solutions, transparent metrics, and

maintaining confidentiality ensures that the PA process becomes a constructive tool for employee development and organizational growth, rather than a source of tension and inefficiency. In essence, a holistic and tailored approach is paramount for navigating the complexities of performance appraisal in diverse organizational settings.

In the performance appraisal (PA) process within multinational companies, inadvertent human errors, notably recency bias, pose significant challenges. Recency bias occurs when raters assess employees based predominantly on their recent performance, overlooking their past achievements or shortcomings. For instance, if an employee has recently missed a project deadline, the rater may assume a consistent pattern of tardiness, neglecting the individual's prior punctuality.

To address this issue, it is crucial to shift from relying solely on annual reviews to promoting regular performance check-ins throughout the year. This approach allows a more comprehensive evaluation of an employee's progress and challenges over time. Encouraging consistent documentation of employee performance throughout the year is essential, ensuring that managers maintain detailed records of accomplishments and difficulties to reference during evaluations.

A solution involves emphasizing the need for managers to be vigilant about avoiding recency bias and fostering a holistic perspective on employee performance. Training programs for managers should include insights on recognizing the impact of recency bias and practical strategies to mitigate its effects. By increasing awareness and providing education on these biases, evaluators can make more informed and impartial assessments.

Within multinational corporations, another significant flaw in the performance appraisal system is the prevalence of similarity errors, holding the second position among identified shortcomings. Similarity errors manifest when evaluators display favoritism towards employees who share comparable characteristics or traits, thereby exerting influence on the assessment process. This challenge underscores the importance of addressing biases arising from evaluators' preferences for individuals with resemblances in personal attributes. By recognizing and rectifying similarity errors, multinational companies can enhance the fairness and objectivity of their performance appraisal systems, fostering a more equitable evaluation of employees based on their merits and achievements.

However, addressing the challenge of similarity error in Human Resource Management (HRM) involves implementing strategic measures to enhance the fairness and accuracy of evaluations. One key approach is diversifying the evaluators themselves. By involving a diverse group of assessors with varied perspectives and experiences, the likelihood of similarity errors decreases. This inclusivity promotes a more comprehensive and unbiased evaluation of employees, mitigating the impact of individual preferences or biases. Additionally, instituting clear and objective performance criteria is essential. Establishing well-defined benchmarks for assessment helps ensure that evaluations are based on job-related competencies and accomplishments rather than subjective factors.

Local companies tend to exhibit elevated levels of personal bias in their evaluations, emphasizing the assessment of individuals irrationally based on evaluator's personal opinion, emotion and preconceived notion over objective performance criteria. This inclination towards personal bias involves subjective judgments influenced by an evaluator's personal opinions, emotions, or preconceived notions, deviating from the application of objective performance criteria. In simpler terms, evaluators in these companies often allow their personal perspectives to unduly influence the appraisal process, leading to judgments driven more by subjective factors than by objective performance metrics.

The evaluation of the person instead of performance is a prevalent issue in these local companies. This situation unfolds when evaluators appraise an individual's personal traits or characteristics rather than conducting an objective assessment of their job-related performance. Essentially, the emphasis shifts from measuring the effectiveness of an individual in their professional duties to subjective evaluations of their inherent qualities, introducing a potential source of bias and undermining the objectivity of the performance appraisal system within these local organizations.

The qualitative analysis of workplace health and safety feedback presented in chapter four of the study depicted a moderately positive picture. However, in chapter five, when attempting to quantify these findings, it became evident that respondents highlighted significant room for improvement. Merely 10% of respondents deemed the communication of health and safety information 'excellent,' while a substantial 50% rated it as 'fair.' This glaring disparity underscores the pressing need for corrective action. The data indicate a concerning trend that cannot be ignored by companies; instead, it demands proactive measures to promptly address deficiencies and prevent complacency. It is imperative for organizations to take pragmatic

initiatives for enhancing their communication strategies in reality in order to attain a greater level of trust and confidence of their workforce.

6.4 CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

Exploring the Human Resource Management (HRM) practices in the dynamic sector of multinational companies (MNCs) in Bangladesh emerged as a pivotal and necessary undertaking. The resilience exhibited by these companies during the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic, maintaining commendable consistency in revenue and growth, heightened the importance of understanding their HRM strategies. This led to the inception of a research initiative aimed at unraveling the intricacies of HRM practices within this influential domain. Simultaneously, delving into the less-explored landscape of HRM practices in local companies in Bangladesh added a layer of intrigue to the study. The comparative analysis between Human Resource management (HRM) practices in multinational and local companies offered a unique perspective on the organizational dynamics within the country. The disparities and similarities uncovered during this exploration provided valuable insights into the nuanced approaches these companies adopt in managing their human resources. The data collection process has been meticulous, extending to every hierarchical level encompassed by the Human Resource Management (HRM) within the associated organizations. This inclusive approach allowed for a comprehensive examination of perspectives and expectations from supervisors, subordinates, employers, and employees. The findings and analyses derived from this research serve not only as a contribution to the current exploration but also as a valuable resource for future projects. The in-depth understanding gained from scrutinizing HRM practices in both multinational and local contexts equips researchers and practitioners with nuanced insights that can be applied across diverse organizational settings. In conclusion, this research not only sheds light on the present state of HRM practices in Bangladesh's MNCs and local enterprises but also stands as a reservoir of knowledge for future endeavors. The knowledge gleaned from this study has the potential to guide and inform similar projects, fostering a deeper comprehension of HRM strategies and their implications in the ever-evolving landscape of organizational management.

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APPENDIX

MNCs & Local Enterprises' HRM Practices in Bangladesh: A Comparative Study

Name of the respondent:

E-mail address:

Organization:

Designation:

1.

- ☐ Image/goodwill of the organization
- ☐ Attractiveness of the job
- ☐ Size & growth potential of the organization
- ☐ Internal politics
- ☐ Demographic factors
- ☐ HRM Planning
- ☐ Competitors
- ☐ Outsourcing
- ☐ Industrialization
- ☐ Labor market
- ☐ Degree of macro-economic growth
- ☐ Political-social- legal environment
- ☐ Cost of recruitment
- ☐ Trade Union requirements
- ☐ Technological factors
- ☐ Organizational constraints
- ☐ Position Constraints
- ☐ Government requirements
- ☐ Supply & demand
- ☐ Unemployment rate
- ☐ Recruiting budgets

☐ **Other**

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2. Sources of recruitment:

☐ **State employment agencies**

☐ **Private placement**

☐ **Educational institution**

☐ **Professional associations**

☐ **Labor Unions**

☐ **Voluntary organizations**

☐ **Departing employees**

☐ **Internet recruiting**

☐ **Open house**

☐ **Other**

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3. What is the sequence of selection process in your organization? Please mention them in order of occurrence.

(Example – reception of applications, screening, application blank, interview, references, medical examination, hiring decision.)

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4. As a part of selection process, what types of interviews are conducted if any?

☐ **Structured (predetermined & sequenced questions)**

☐ **Unstructured (non-planned & non-formatted)**

- ☐ Mixed (a combination of structured & unstructured)
- ☐ Problem solving & stress producing

5. What are the methods of training & development needs in your organization?

- ☐ Observation & analysis of job performances
- ☐ Management recommendations
- ☐ Staff conferences & recommendations
- ☐ Analysis of job requirements
- ☐ Consideration of current & projected changes
- ☐ Surveys, reports & inventories
- ☐ Interviews
- ☐ Other

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6. What are the training methods existing in the HRM system?

a) On-the-job training:

- ☐ Apprenticeship programs
- ☐ Job instructions training
- ☐ Planned progression
- ☐ Job rotation
- ☐ Creation of assistant – to positions
- ☐ Temporary promotions
- ☐ Committees & junior boards
- ☐ Coaching

b) Off-the-job training:

- ☐ Lectures
- ☐ Straight lecture
- ☐ Discussion method
- ☐ Demonstrations
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Seminars & Conferences

- ☐ Reading, Television & Video instructions
- ☐ Business simulation
- ☐ Cases presentation

- ☐ Equipment simulators
- ☐ Business games
- ☐ Experimental exercise
- ☐ Behaviour modelling
- ☐ Computer modelling
- ☐ Vestibule training
- ☐ Sensitivity training
- ☐ Computer based training

7. Top benefits of Talent Management in your organization---

- ☐ Right person in the right job
- ☐ Retaining the top talent
- ☐ Better hiring
- ☐ Understanding employees better
- ☐ Better professional development decisions
- ☐ Other

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8. What, according to you, is the initial motives behind the performance appraisal system done in the organization?

- ☐ Promotional Requirements
- ☐ Technical Training
- ☐ Establishment of Code of Conduct
- ☐ Remuneration

☐ For namesake

☐ A follow-suit trend

☐ Other

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9. What is the top objectives of performance appraisal system according to you?

☐ Clarity of Job Expectation

☐ Review & Update of Job Skills

☐ Record of Accomplishment & Goals

☐ Other

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14. What is the criterion/criteria your organization follows for assessing performance?

☐ Employee Trait

☐ Employee Behaviour

☐ Employee's Job result

15. Which performance appraisal method/ is used in your company?

☐ Essay Appraisal

☐ Rating Scales

☐ Checklist

☐ Forced Choice Method

☐ Critical Incident method

☐ Field Review Method

- ☐ Performance Tests & Observations
- ☐ Behaviourally Anchored Rating Scales (BARS)
- ☐ Ranking Method
- ☐ Forced Distribution
- ☐ Point Allocation method
- ☐ Paired Comparisons
- ☐ Self-appraisal
- ☐ Assessment centers
- ☐ Psychological appraisals
- ☐ Management by Objectives (MBO)
- ☐ Other

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16. Who are the authorities in place to conduct performance appraisal in your organization?

- ☐ The immediate supervisor
- ☐ The peer
- ☐ Group Appraisals
- ☐ Appraisals by subordinates
- ☐ Multiple raters
- ☐ Self-appraisal
- ☐ 360-Degree appraisal or feedback
- ☐ Other

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17. What is the top benefit/s of performance appraisal?

- ☐ **Employee Motivation**
- ☐ **Better Communication**
- ☐ **Employee Promotion**
- ☐ **Formulation of Employee Training Program**
- ☐ **Selection Validation**
- ☐ **Establishment of Standard**
- ☐ **Proper Management and Employee Development**
- ☐ **Reward Management**
- ☐ **Other**

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18. What is the top limitation/s in the performance appraisal of your organization?

- ☐ **Time Consuming**
- ☐ **Effect on goodwill between senior & junior**
- ☐ **Difference in Performance Appraisal Process in different companies**
- ☐ **Dependency on Human Assessment**
- ☐ **Nepotism affecting appraisal system**
- ☐ **Negative feedback being faced with resistance**
- ☐ **Other**

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19. What are the human errors that tend to occur in the process of performance appraisal?

- ☐ Recency error
- ☐ Central tendency error
- ☐ Leniency error
- ☐ Halo effect
- ☐ Contrast error
- ☐ Similarity error
- ☐ Personal bias
- ☐ Personal prejudice
- ☐ Paper work
- ☐ Fear of spoiling relations
- ☐ Evaluation of person instead of performance
- ☐ Horn effect
- ☐ Spillover effect
- ☐ Other

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20. HRM practices increases employee loyalty –

☐ Strongly Agree	☐ Agree	☐ Neutral	☐ Disagree	☐ Strongly Disagree
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21. HRM Practices increases the brand value of the company to its target market –

☐ Strongly Agree	☐ Agree	☐ Neutral	☐ Disagree	☐ Strongly Disagree
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22. Is the practiced reward system properly communicated to the employees?

☐ Strongly Agree	☐ Agree	☐ Neutral	☐ Disagree	☐ Strongly Disagree	☐ Don't Know
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23. What forms of compensation does your company provide?

- ☐ Base pay
- ☐ Merit pay
- ☐ Dearness Allowance
- ☐ Bonus
- ☐ Incentives
- ☐ Benefits of services
- ☐ Other
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24. What is your top objective/s of compensation management?

- ☐ Acquire qualified employees
- ☐ Retain present employees
- ☐ Ensure equity
- ☐ Reward desired behaviour
- ☐ Control costs
- ☐ Secure
- ☐ Acceptable to the employee
- ☐ Incentive providing
- ☐ Other
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25. How do your organization manage the job stress among employees?

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26. If you perform well, can you count on being promoted in the organization?

☐ Yes

☐ No

27. How much, according to you, is the likelihood of your answer to the question 23.

☐ Strongly Agree	☐ Agree	☐ 30. Neutral	☐ 31. Disagree	☐ Strongly Disagree
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25. Are suggestions on your part, as an employee, considered while reviewing your reward?

☐ Yes

☐ No

26. Degree of acceptance of suggestion by the employees –

☐ Very much	☐ Much	☐ 35. Fair	☐ 36. Not Much	☐ Not at all
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27. The impact of HRM practices on employee motivation:

☐ Very much	☐ Much	☐ 40. Fair	☐ 41. Not much	☐ Not at all
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28. What suggestion would you offer to make HRM practices effective?

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29. How familiar are you with the workplace health and safety policies in your organization?

☐ Very familiar

☐ Somewhat familiar

☐ Not familiar at all

30. How would you rate the training programs on health & safety protocols within the organization?

☐ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

31. Are you satisfied with the HRM practices in your organization?

☐ Yes

☐ No

▪ **Justify your answer to question 31:**

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- Mark your level of satisfaction:

Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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