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METHOD OF WAGE PAYMENT

In Brief

- All wage system must satisfy the basic needs of the employee for food, shelter, clothing and reasonable compensation for their efforts.
- 1. TIME BASED WAGE SYSTEM
- 2. PIECE BASED WAGE SYSTEM

All other wage system are combination of these two methods of wage system

Time Wage System

- Wages are calculated on the basis of time worked irrespective of the quality of work done
- Thus the wages are calculated by multiplying the time spent by predetermined rate of wages
- Wage =Time spent*Rate per unit of time
 =T*R

Where T = Time spent in Hours

And R = Rate per hour

Advantages

- Simplest system and economical
- It gives workers a sense of security as they know that they will be compensated for time spent within the organization irrespective of their efficiency.
- The quality of the output can be maintained because workers are not in a hurry to complete the job for they are paid on time basis and not on the basis of output produced.
- Minimize material wastages as the work is not done in hurry
- This system works best on artistic jobs where quality of output is of prime consideration.
- Workers can easily understand the calculation of their wages.

Disadvantages

- The system doesn't differentiate between efficient and inefficient workers. As wages are paid in terms of time spent, it decrease the morale of efficient ones.
- It requires continuous supervision
- As the workers are not in hurry to work, production can suffer.
- Under this process the workers generally adopt the policy of go slow.
- This system has no positive inducement for workers so that they could enhance their efficiency.

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Piece Rate System

- Under this system, the wages are paid to a worker on the basis of output produced by him without considering the time taken in performing the work.
- Wages=N *R
- Where N = no. of unit produced.
- R= Rate per unit

The earning of workers depends on the speed of the work and his own individual skills and efficiency

Advantages

Disadvantages

- Work as an inducer for workers to produce more
- Here reward is related to efforts.
- This methods is fair to all as inefficient workers are penalized and efficient workers are rewarded.

- In an effort to produce more and earn more workers may exert themselves to fatigue.
- Workers feels insecure in this system because they will lose wages for the period of absence.
- This system requires an upto-date record of output produce by each workers which increase the clerical works

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