Organizational Ergonomics and its Framework

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Abstract: The work proposes that the ergonomic infrastructure of any organisation consisting of structural, technical, relational condition between organisational and stakeholders plays an important role as whole in the development of the ergonomics conditions. These conditions focus on positioning of stakeholders towards ergonomics issues, relationship between stakeholders and strategies they used for implementations. It also includes influences of the culture, attitude and exception of the organisation into implementation of ergonomics as engineering process. It is important to include all such elements because it causes issues at the time of ergonomics proactively (design phase), reactively (in response to injuries, discomfort and compensation claim).

Keywords: Production ergonomics, Organisational relations, Proactive ergonomics, Organizational ergonomics, macro ergonomics, Socio-technical systems.

I. INTRODUCTION

It is very difficult to design production based ergonomic system so that it can be compatible and applicable to all companies. Considering manufacturing-based production system, where human and automated recourses are combined to achieve desired product or service in timely and efficient manner. Human in such production system may face physical loading and strain which can cause risk of developing MSDS. Traditionally for a long period, ergonomics was concerned with measuring and preventing musculoskeletal disorders with the help of methods that identifies issues of posture, force and time of work. Those methods are rigorously focused on cumulative physical injuries and limited perspective towards context or situation in which methods and measurements had been done. To accurately consider the context or situation of environment, a holistic system view where human involvement is must be taken into account is required. So, interrelations between two individual elements, sometime as combination of groups, functional units and hierarchies to achieve goal as whole have unique properties and characteristics. Macro ergonomics is defined as “the sub discipline of ergonomics that focus on the design of the overall work system. It includes socio-technical system (system which consider both society and technology aspects) approach to the design of work systems. It combines socio-technology (the study of the processes on the intersection of society and technology) through overall work system design characteristics to the micro ergonomics design of the human-job, human-machine, and human-software interface to ensure that the entire work system is fully harmonized.” That discipline and practice of ergonomics is very diverse.

So, the research field of ergonomics is open to many influencing factors and acceptance of quantitative and qualitative research methodologies is required. Evolution of ergonomics as a disciple took place gradually by realisation while applying ergonomics theory on real life conditions. Resulting taking accounts of additional social, cultural and organizational influences that contribute to problems in the human technology interface.

II. LITERATURE REVIEWS

The following researches gave us a platform for the fresh arguments relating economic gains and advancing production ergonomic.

Pacholski (2011) [6] concluded that even very few literatures are available from an ergonomic practice perspective, rational and political aspects of ergonomics. From the management perspective few literatures exist which connects macro ergonomics with business structures however, all these literatures explain macro ergonomics very briefly in their abstract and suggesting an expansion in theoretical or research methodology notions, rather than a concrete practical approach.

Falck (2010) [3] concluded if ergonomic risk will be eliminated with in time then production system will become more profitable and cost efficient.

Zoellner (2009) [9] said constructivism is the idea that people learn effectively through making things where as constructivist is a practitioner of a style in which mechanical objects are combined into abstract mobile form. Thus, constructivist assumes realities are multiplied result of every individual who experience it. So, it depends upon understanding phenomenon of every individual rather than generalisation.

Imada and Carayon (2008) [5] find that “Improving the physical aspects of work was necessary, but it was not sufficient for ergonomics to improve human conditions (sick). To make a real difference, the discipline must consider the context of that change and forces which facilitate and inhibit ergonomic improvements.”

Vink (2008) [8] determines the involvement of stakeholder into the participatory ergonomics must be ideal and to determine it more research is needed. He gave attention and importance of non-ergonomist stakeholders such as employees, designers top and middle management.

Bucchann and Badham 2008 [2] find that power of any action is sum of ideas, perception of all individuals and cumulative efforts. Goal can be achieved by several ways and he termed it as power base. It is strategy used by one member to interact with another member or agents. Actually, such person is called change agent who can be from inside or outside of the organisation who transforms the organisation for its effectiveness, improvement and development.

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He specified eight such power bases along with its positive and negative effects. Poggi (2005) [7] said that improvement of ergonomics into an organization can be done by involvement of politics, culture, and environment along with different types of tactical analysis can be used to achieve the goals. Involvement of other stakeholders and alliances is even required to resolve issues.

Ackerman (2004) [1] observed constructivism as a constructivist learning theory and theory of instruction. It states that building knowledge occurs best through building things that are tangible and shareable.

Hendrick and kleineret, 2001 [4] according to him macro ergonomics is defined as “the sub discipline of ergonomics that focus on the design of the overall work system. It involves sociotechnical system (system which consider both society and technology aspects) approach to design the work systems. It combines sociotechnology (is the study of the processes on the intersection of society and technology) through overall work system design characteristics to the micro ergonomics design of the human-job, human-machine, and human-software interface to ensure that the entire work system is fully harmonized.”

III. PROBLEM FORMATION

Most of the literatures of macro ergonomics do not follow day to day ergonomics work in an organisation. They are mainly focused to establish a running and functional production system. So there is gap in research which cause ergonomics practice more complex. Most of the tools and methods are based upon output of work rather than how work has been done. Understanding how practitioner interact with their surrounding context (circumstances) and how they approach towards the challenges with the help of available resources & constraints and depending upon their experiences explains the requirement to develop practical guidelines to pursuit ergonomics objectives in an organizational context.

IV. PROPOSED PLAN

A. Quantitative & Qualitative Methods Of Evaluation

In this, evaluation of all work stations was done with two different methods first was Biomedical engineering method (BME) and second was done by occupational health services (OHS) professionals. Two different groups of ergonomist and occupational health specialist use two different evaluation methods in the gap of time period to study the risk factor rating for work stations. All evaluation where done on number of workstations under study. During OHS national standardised provision were used as acceptable criteria. For both common aim was to categorise the individual work station in red (unacceptable), yellow (need further evaluation) and green (acceptable) code. Then these reports were submitted to specific body for the comparison of the both report.

B. Communication Between Ergonomists And Engineers

In this a team of 5 ergonomist and 5 industrial engineers where involved because they have basic academic knowledge and professional training & experience in the field of ergonomics. So, they can take part in improving the ergonomics in an organisation. Aim of this study is to know what are problems they faced and how they analysis it and how they deal them as being a professional person.

Unstructured interviews were taken to collect their aspects of work practice. Questions were asked on following topics

a) Their organizational positioning (hierarchy).
b) Interaction with other stakeholders
c) How they give priority to the issues
d) Tools and methods used in daily works
e) Attitude within organisation

How work and responsibilities were distributed to the employees.

C. Relation Between Ergonomist Engineers And Stakeholders

It is based on the same interviews data collected in section B. Here we judge where participant realise himself into the whole process.

Here we study following things

a) What self-actualisation and self-realisation he feels about the issues.
b) How they point out the issues
c) What strategies they use to deal with issues
d) Techniques used by him to eliminate the issues.
e) How they will align the problems between the ergonomic goal and stakeholders so that outcome must be acceptable.

This study was focused on strategies made by ergonomist and engineers, pointing the issues with corrective actions, include opinions of stakeholders, floor employees, preparation of comparison, document and informing it to the higher management and owners, making all resources manageable.

D. External Guidance (Consultants)

A consultant who visits different types of companies has plenty of data and experience of working in different circumstances and culture of organisations that their knowledge can be used to improve present situations. He can give examples or demonstrate such example to the present company very easily. As he is not part of the system of organisation, he can easily find out those points upon which an organisation can work out to bring improvements.

Now they take interviews of different ergonomist, engineers, management owners etc and find out the current basic issues of the company. He discusses about medical concern of the workers, benefits like compensation that are provided by the companies and government.

They compare all issues from their past knowledge and experiences gained from other companies and correlate it very easily. So, he prepares a frame of reference for the issues and to work upon it.

This introduced the analysis on different culture, politics, attitude, technologies, layouts, and analysis over ergonomic agenda vs. organisation goals, number of absentees,

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compensation provided by company. Consultants establish a role to connect higher, middle and lower management including stakeholder, ergonomist and floor staff and make efficient strategies to eliminate ergonomics related issues.

Role of consultants are as follow

a) Work as a bridge to connect higher, middle and lower management including stakeholders and floor staffs.

b) To make efficient strategies to eliminate ergonomics related issues.

c) To form a team with in organisation to work upon ergonomics

d) To find out how much training is required

e) To introduce proactive and reactive ergonomics culture into the organisation.

f) They use different types of tool and techniques to demonstrate the benefits by implementation of the ergonomics into the required areas.

g) Arranging visits to another company while the process of demonstration, i.e. conformability.

E. Tentative Frame Work

To understand the finding of this research and relevant theoretical elements a tentative frame work is required which provides a guide to the draw a map of ergonomic infrastructure representing all people who are involved in improvement of production ergonomics. The finding of four studies are combined together and a theoretical model is prepared which states the circumstances and relational factor of the person involved in production system who influences the person involved in improvement of production ergonomics. This helps in preparing a model how things affect each other. This guides us in mapping the ergonomics infrastructure.

V. RESULT AND ANALYSIS

These studies explain how culture, politic, tactics, strategies, documents, data and hierarchy influence the improvement of the production ergonomics. It is found that without the knowledge of these dimensions, application of ergonomics is not efficient does not matter how sophisticated technologies are used. So, if there is lack of ergonomics infrastructure then it is impossible to attain full efficient ergonomics system. Such integrated approach has more possibilities of acceptance and sustainability.

A. Quantitative & Qualitative Methods Of Evaluation

Table 1 Frequently Used Body Parts

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<td>BB shell tread cutting</td>
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<td>BB shell bolt and cup fitting</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Head tube face cup fitting</td>
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<td>Final wrapping with PVC tape.</td>
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In this we have analysed 8 workstations by two different quantitative evaluation methods in the gap of time period. Rating of workstations was shows little difference. To understand the reason behind difference in rating is not cleared through this quantitative method. To clear it a qualitative approach was required so an interview was conducted with ergonomist present at BME and OHS specialist. Both interview groups stated that there are differences in rating due to difference in parameters, standard used by BME and national standard while considering the middle line (yellow). Even it is transpired that there were corporate cultural contextual factors which also effects the consideration of yellow line. The need of common approach is required. So, middle line is not only highly dependent upon standards but also upon culture, country, and attitude of individual who is conducting evaluation. So a quantitative approach is not sufficient to know the exact fact. A complete holistic view is required. As Occupational health specialist are more expert into their field so taking them as standard not only increase the safety level but even lower the work pressure of ergonomist. Second it will bring socio-technical view into the role.
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Issues pointed out in this proposal are as follow
a) No common parameters and standards where defined. Result of which extend of rating the work station was different.
b) Communication between ergonomist and engineer who are technical sound from ergonomics point of views was not established. The roles of ergonomist, engineers and stakeholders must be defined to align the issue with the ergonomics agenda.
c) Culture, attitude, circumstances was not taken into account as these factors highly influence the result of the evaluations.

These factors give a requirement for the further study to understand ergonomics at much deeper level to find out culture, circumstances, personal involvement and transformability.

B. Communication Between Ergonomists And Engineers

### Table 3 Interview of Ergonomist

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<td>How they give priority to the issues</td>
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<td>Attitude within organisation</td>
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<td>How work and responsibilities were distributed to the employees</td>
<td>Depending on skills</td>
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<td>Required productivity vs. Target</td>
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<td>Knowledge of individual</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
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Unstructured interviews were taken to collect their aspects of work practice. As the data collected were influenced by

a) Many levels of management
b) Ergonomist
c) Engineers
d) Stakeholders
e) Floor employees

So, it became more complex to achieve the goals of the ergonomics. As requirements of production, workloads, costs are such many factors which heavily influence the priority given to ergonomics at different situations. Many a time when a floor employees or workers do not want to adapt change and starts learning things from new level because their working hands and mind set is already set upon previous one so it very necessary for ergonomist to be little friendly with the floor employees.

Many times, misunderstanding happens between engineers and ergonomist. What an ergonomist can contribute is misunderstood. No doubt engineers are prepared for all types of technical and design work but small changes in ergonomics can bring much better outputs so to make communications much better between engineer and ergonomist they must communicate in form of data, design, mathematical expression.

Then it is role of engineers and ergonomist to prepare a comparison chart to represent how things can be better once such changes will be applied. With the help of which they can suggest high level management including owner of the company so the things can be acceptable. As engineers are more powerful into an organisation from the technical point of view so they can work as mediator for floor employees and high-level management.

In this we notice importance of the interaction of ergonomist and engineers because both of them are professionally trained upon ergonomics. They point out the issues at their level and communicate with each other in the form of data, design and matrix which gives base for the further determination of the solution and calculation of time, manpower, cost etc. It brings influences of stakeholders, floor employees and higher management. During the interaction they found many peoples who are not ready to accept the change that helps to judge how to train them and what strategies required to deal with them for the approval of the new concept.

This proposal help in

a) Understanding the role of the ergonomist and engineers for the improvement of production ergonomics.
b) Finding issues related to ergonomics
c) Developing a common platform to have communication between ergonomist and engineers.
d) Behaviour strategies
e) Finding the persons who required training of ergonomics.

In this proposal many points were not cleared such as

a) How an engineer and ergonomist essence their role (improver or mediator)
b) Ability to make judgement independently on ergonomics work
c) Level of knowledge of ergonomics
d) Strategies made by ergonomist and engineers
e) What are the corrective actions?
f) What will be negative and positive aspects by the change into production ergonomics

This gives a pathway for the next proposal to understand ergonomics at much deeper level.
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<td>How did the issues come into focus</td>
<td>What are the benefits by keeping the problem on agenda?</td>
<td>What are the areas which cause the issues such as safety, engineering design or operations?</td>
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<td>What benefits are expected from solving the problems</td>
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<td>How communication can been carried out between stakeholders</td>
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This proposal was focused on

a) Strategies made by ergonomist and engineers  
b) Pointing the issues with corrective actions  
c) Include opinions of stakeholders, floor employees  
d) Preparation of comparison document and informing it to the higher management and owners.  
e) Making all resources manageable.  
This proposal was unable to deal with problem like

a) Working culture  
b) Attitude of individuals  
c) politics and policies of the company  
d) what changes going into the other companies for the same type of issues  
e) Lack of confidence while performing an experiment.  
f) Lack of guidance and support  
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<td>To find out time required for the completion of the project?</td>
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<td>Are ergonomist are working as a team or individuals?</td>
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What are the possibilities of acceptance for the new ergonomics approach or technologies?

What are benefits going to achieve by implementing the solutions.

**Company levels**

What are areas (department) that are under influence of the issue?

Does those (department) have the solutions of the issue?

Is proposed solution is short termed or long termed?

What is the time required to find the solution?

What are the concern factors involved into the issues like engineering design, safety etc.

**Personal level**

What is the position of the human factor personnel into the hierarchy of the organisation?

Does ergonomist have commendations with other stakeholders of the organisations?

What is the knowledge level of ergonomist upon business, product and process?

What are supports provided by the senior level managements?

Are ergonomist are able to align ergonomics related issues and its solution to the company needs and goals

**Extra company level**

Does solution of the issues concerned from outside of the organisations

Are government bodies, organisational health professional and consultants are required to find out the solutions.

What are the solutions used by the other companies.

What are those companies who can be chosen as ideal and can help in demonstration and feedbacks?

**Temporal Dimension**

Estimating how far the company has reached in integrating the ergonomics into their business policies and what are the areas still need progress.

What are expertises of organisational ergonomists and from what time and in which areas they are serving the organisation?

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**Table 8 Power Base between ergonomist and Stakeholders**

| Reward | The stakeholders have the authorities to value the rewards which will be given in return of compliance. Examples rewards, compliments etc. |
| Coercion | Stakeholders have authorities to charge penalties upon those who are not working according to the agenda of ergonomics. Example verbal action, withdrawing facilities etc. |
| Authority | The stakeholders have authority to give direction with in their department. Examples make other members of the department to obey the regulation, reporting to senior person, being leader of their team. |
| Referent | Stakeholders can become ideal and a motivation factor for others. For example in terms of attitude, punctuality, disciple, work output etc. |
| Expert | They can work as an expert because they have sound knowledge and experience in their field of working. |
| Information | The stakeholders have lots of data and information which can be very useful and save precious time of ergonomist. |
| Affiliation | Stakeholders have authorities and they borrow power from associations. Examples acts as mentor for all supervisors, follow the regulation by superiors, can take action according to the performance of the subordinate. |
| Group | Stakeholders is a part of group belonging to an organisation. Example works in collective problem solving, gives their opinion and can work as a team leader etc. |

It introduced the analysis on

a) Different culture
b) Different Politics
c) Different Attitude
d) Different technologies
e) Different layouts
f) Analyse ergonomic agenda vs. organisation goals
g) Number of absentees
h) Compensation provided by company
i) Arranging visits to another company while the process of demonstration, i.e. conformability.

Because these can be correlated with past knowledge of the consultants who visit various industries and have gone through number of cultures, attitude of individuals and polices of the organisations. Consultants have deep knowledge over upgrading of technologies and layout which makes production ergonomics more efficient.

A consultant guides an organisation to work upon proactively rather than reactively it helps in saving cost and efforts to improve the production system at latter stage. A consultant takes major decision-making process and become signing authority for the implementation of ergonomics and be ready for its consequences. This gives confidence to the team appointed within the organisation to work accordingly.
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So, the knowledge collected from the consultant seems valuable for the ergonomic participants and upper level managements. They became more aware towards how ergonomic can be more efficient in an organisation as they gave path to communicate with employees of other companies. Most of the time for an employee, it is very difficult to point out issues against the present system because he faces lots of objections as other thinks, they are pointing their faults. In such cases consultants are very useful. They rarely have such fears because they are arranged by the higher management for those things and even management do not take it other ways as those suggestions have been demonstrated in front of them.

Consultants work upon present system and introduce reactive ergonomics while bringing step by step changes into the present circumstances so that ergonomic agenda can be fulfilled and they prepare proactive ergonomics agenda including goals of the organisation for the upcoming projects. They take responsibilities of the positive and negative aspects going to occur and became the signing authority for their responsibilities. Such risk cannot be taken by direct employees because they have fear of job insecurities and system.

E. 7 Steps Involved In Mapping Of Ergonomics Infrastructures

1) Identifying the ergonomist agents (human and non-human)
In this all human and non-human recourse, available to help in improvement of ergonomics are listed so that it will cover all important area required to implement it

2) Formulating the issue to be solved.
In this step all issues are listed and rechecked by the experts. Experts observe the issue very thoroughly and evaluate is priority to be solved.

3) Identifying the stakeholders who relate to the issues
In these steps an analysis is done to point out the influence of the issue. List of the person affected by issue and person and experts required for solving of issue is prepared. At this stage only time required for solution and implementation is estimated. Then finally consequence of implementation is discussed.

4) Answer the questions
Now with help of identified stakeholders upon the found issues the analysis find the practical solution by aligning the issue with organizational goal and ergonomic agenda.

5) Stratify the issue
In this step socio-technical approach is used to relate issue and its solution with stakeholders

6) Identifying power bases in relation to other stakeholders
In this process ergonomic agents interact with stakeholders and further documents prepared upon issues are communicated with higher management. Stakeholders are very useful as they are expert of their department and daily work.

7) Identifying opportunities for using strategies
The data collected are analysed to find out which solution is the best suitable in terms of cost and output.

So, mapping of ergonomic infrastructure works as guide to find the issues and relate it with stakeholders. It guides us to adding opinions of related stakeholders. It helps in forming a strategy needed for the approval and handle the situations which may arise as obstacles during planning and implementation.

VI. CONCLUSION

a) This analysis has contributed to macro ergonomics knowledge by focusing on evolution methods used by an organisation, influences of relationship between ergonomist engineers and stakeholders.

b) It is proposed that production ergonomics cannot be improve by adopting method alone. It involves culture, communication, attitude, policies, and documentation with the help of relational support.

c) It has been found that ergonomics agent is influenced by socio-technical environments, stakeholders and upon the person who takes responsibilities for ergonomics issues and solutions.

d) It is very important for ergonomist to communicate with engineers and stakeholders to prepare the documents containing matrix time cost and manpower required for implementation.

e) Any change upon present circumstances must be done step by step and in small segment which will not only reduces the cost but even saves production losses.

f) Small success not only helps in demonstrations but also gives confidence to the organisation that results are positive.

g) Proactive ergonomics approach must be adapted by the organisation with help of consultants.

h) Help in preparing tentative frame work for mapping of ergonomics infrastructure.

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