

The Importance of Providing Incentives and Motivation in Improving Employee Performance

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Abstract

This study aims to examine the effect of incentives and motivation on employee performance at PT. Hurip Utama Cikampek. This research was conducted using descriptive and verification methods, namely collecting, presenting, analyzing, and testing hypotheses, and making conclusions. Samples were collected using the Incidental Random Sampling method with a total sample of 128 respondents from a population of 281 people. Data analysis techniques used are scale range analysis techniques and SPSS version 22 path analysis. The results of this study prove that there is an influence between incentives and motivation on employee performance at PT. Hurip Utama Cikampek both partially and simultaneously.

Keywords: HRM, Incentives, Motivation, Performance.



A. INTRODUCTION

The growing business world in Indonesia requires companies to maintain and further improve the quality of work and the number of services to the company's stakeholders. Human resources need to be developed and considered so that the quality of human resources can be improved so that it has an impact on increasing company performance.

To be able to maintain good performance, management should pay attention to several factors that can affect performance, one of which is incentives. Providing incentives is a reward given to an employee who has done a job outside his main task or exceeds the target of the job. Incentives are very important for employees to stimulate someone to do work beyond what is desired by the company.

In addition to incentives, the factors that affect performance are motivation. According to Mathis & Jackson (2001), the factors that influence the performance of the individual workforce are their ability, motivation. The motivation that will affect the performance of the workforce is potential, where a person has to achieve optimal results. Based on the description above, the purpose of this study is to examine the effect of incentives and motivation on employee performance at PT. Hurip Utama Cikampek.

B. LITERATURE REVIEW

1. Incentive

According to Mangkunegara, incentives are rewards on the basis of high work performance which is a sense of recognition from the organization of employee work performance and contribution to the organization (Yani, 2012).

According to Martoyo, an incentive is an additional salary (bonus) due to an excess of achievement that differentiates it from the others, which is intended to increase employee productivity and maintain employees who excel to remain in the organization (Yani, 2012).

According to Panggabean, incentives are compensation that links salary to productivity, incentives are rewards in the form of money based on those who can work through predetermined standards (Yani, 2012).

2. Motivation

According to Robbins & Counter, motivation is the willingness to carry out high efforts to achieve organizational goals which are conditioned by the ability of efforts to meet the needs of certain individuals (Suwanto & Priansa, 2011).

According to Hasibuan, motivation is the giving of a driving force that creates the excitement of one's work so that they will cooperate, work effectively and be integrated with all their efforts to achieve satisfaction (Sutrisno, 2009).

According to Robbins, motivation is a willingness to try as optimal as possible in achieving organizational goals that are influenced by the ability of businesses to satisfy some individual needs (Sutrisno, 2009).

3. Employee Performance

According to Mahsum, performance is a picture of the level of achievement of the implementation of an activity/program/policy in realizing the goals, objectives, mission, and vision of the organization (Sembiring, 2012).

According to Mangkunegara (2011), performance is the result of the quality and quantity of work achieved by an employee in carrying out their duties in accordance with the responsibilities given to him.

According to Yunarsih & Suwanto (2008), performance is a real achievement displayed by a person after carrying out their duties and roles in the organization.

C. METHOD

This research was conducted at PT. Hurip Utama Cikampek by using descriptive and verification methods, namely collecting, presenting, analyzing, and testing hypotheses, and making conclusions. Based on the level of expansion of this study, including associative research. Associative Analysis is research that aims to examine the relationship between two or more variables. Samples were collected using the Incidental Random Sampling method with a total sample of 128 respondents from a population of 281 people. Data analysis techniques used in this study are scale range analysis techniques and path analysis using SPSS version 22.

D. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

1. Recapitulation of Incentive Variable Indicators (X_1)

Recapitulation of the results of respondents' answers to the incentive variable indicator (X_1) can be described in table 1 as follows:

Table 1 Recapitulation of Incentive Variable Indicators (X_1)

No	Indicator	Total Score	Information
1	Bonus	437	Agree
2	Commission	396	Quite Agree
3	Profit-sharing	454	Agree
4	Deferred compensation	491	Agree
5	Old age help	480	Agree
6	Problem guarantee	450	Agree
7	Awarding an award certificate	463	Agree
8	Granting promotions	476	Agree
9	Giving oral or written praise	488	Agree
Total Score		4.135	Agree
Average Score		459,4	

Source: Data Processing Results, 2018

The incentives for PT Hurip Utama Cikampek are good, this is evidenced by the respondents being in the criteria of agreeing with an average score of 459.4. But there are still indicators with the smallest score, which are commission indicators with a score of 396. And 8 other indicators with agreed criteria are bonus indicators, profit sharing, deferred compensation, old-age assistance, social security, awarding certificates, granting promotion, giving verbal praise or writing.

2. Recapitulation of Motivational Variable Indicators (X_2)

The recapitulation of the results of the respondents' answers to the indicator variable motivation (X_2) is described in table 2 as follows:

Table 2 Recapitulation of Motivational Variable Indicators (X_2)

No	Indicator	Total Score	Information
1	Meeting basic needs	509	Agree
2	Work uniform	499	Agree
3	Work safety protection	497	Agree
4	Safety and comfort at work	351	Quite Agree
5	Continuation of work	482	Agree
6	Association with coworkers	449	Agree
7	Co-workers' assistance	363	Quite Agree
8	Family support	472	Agree
9	appreciation	465	Agree
10	Part of the company	471	Agree
11	Useful for the company	454	Agree
12	Development of training and education	353	Quite Agree

Total Score	5365	Agree
Average Score	447,1	

Source: Data Processing Results, 2018

Motivation at PT Hurip Utama Cikampek is good, this is evidenced by the respondents being in the criteria of agreeing with an average score of 447.1. But there are still indicators with the smallest score, which are safety and comfort indicators in working with a score of 351, assistance of colleagues with a score of 363, development of training and education with a score of 353. And 9 other indicators with agreed criteria are indicators of meeting basic needs, work uniforms, protection work safety, continuity of work, association with colleagues, family support, appreciation, part of the company, benefit the company.

3. Recapitulation of Employee Performance Variable Indicators (Y)

The recapitulation of the results of respondents' answers to the employee performance indicator variable (Y) can be described in table 3 as follows:

Table 3 Recapitulation of Performance Variable Indicators (Y)

No	Indicator	Total Score	Information
1	Carry out the tasks well	509	Agree
2	Execution of tasks on time	499	Agree
3	Leadership satisfaction	497	Agree
4	satisfaction of coworkers	475	Agree
5	Knowledge of tasks and procedures	482	Agree
6	Provide ideas / suggestions	449	Agree
7	Collaboration with colleagues	363	Quite Agree
8	Cooperation with leaders	472	Agree
9	Leader's trust	465	Agree
10	Recognize and understand problems	471	Agree
11	Relationship with leadership	454	Agree
12	Relationships with coworkers	353	Quite Agree
Total Score		5489	Agree
Average Score		457,4	

Source: Data Processing Results, 2018

The performance of employees at PT Hurip Utama Cikampek is good, this is evidenced by the respondents being in the criteria of agreeing with an average score of 457.4. But there are still indicators with the smallest score, namely indicators of collaboration with coworkers with a score of 363, relationship with coworkers with a score of 353. And other indicators with agreed criteria are indicators of good task implementation, timely execution of tasks, leadership satisfaction, satisfaction of colleagues, knowledge of tasks and procedures, provide ideas or suggestions, collaboration with leaders, trust leaders, recognize and understand problems, relationships with leaders.

4. Path Analysis

The following presents the results of the path analysis between the incentive variables (X_1) and motivation (X_2) on employee performance (Y) in table 4 as follows:

**Table 4 Path Analysis
Coefficients^a**

Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta		
1 (Constant)	10.711	2.042		5.247	.000
Incentive	.386	.129	.329	2.985	.003
Motivation	.396	.093	.470	4.260	.000

a. Dependent Variable: Performance

Source: Data Processing Results, 2018

The table above shows the value of the path coefficient between the incentive variables (X_1) and motivation (X_2) on employee performance (Y). The path coefficient values for the incentive variable (X_1) on employee performance (Y) are 0.329. This shows that the variable of direct motivation (X_1) to the employee performance variable (Y) is 0.329, so the equation $Y = 0.329X_1$ is obtained. While the path coefficient for the motivation variable (X_2) to the employee performance variable (Y) is 0.470. This shows that the variable of direct motivation (X_2) on employee performance variables (Y) is 0.470, so that the coefficient $Y = 0.470X_2$ is obtained.

5. Analysis of the Coefficient of Determination

The total effect of the incentive variables (X_1) and motivation (X_2) on employee performance (Y) is expressed by the magnitude of the coefficient of determination (R^2). The amount of R^2 can be seen in table 5 below:

Table 5 Coefficient of Determination (R^2)

Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.771 ^a	.595	.588	3.91328

a. Predictors: (Constant), Motivation, Incentive

Source: Data Processing Results, 2018

Based on table 5 above shows that the coefficient of determination (R_2) of 0.595 or 59.5%, the employee performance variable (Y) can be explained by the incentive variables (X_1) and motivation (X_2) or can be interpreted as incentives (X_1)

and motivation (X2) has a contribution to employee performance (Y) of 59.5%, while the remaining 40.5% is contributed by other variables (ϵ) which are not examined.

E. CONCLUSION

The results of this study prove that there is an influence between incentives and motivation on employee performance at PT. Hurip Utama Cikampek both partially and simultaneously. Partially, the effect of incentives on employee performance is 0.108, while the effect of motivation on employee performance is 0.221. Because 0.108 is greater than 0.221, it is stated that the motivational variable contributes more to employee performance than the incentive variable. Simultaneously, the effect of incentives and motivation on employee performance was 59.5%, while the remaining 40.5% was contributed by other variables not examined in this study.

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