

# A STUDY ON CONSUMER SATISFACTION LEVEL OF DIMUL PRODUCTS IN DIMAPUR

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# 1.1 INTRODUCTION TO CONSUMER SATISFACTION

Consumer satisfaction is related to human activity directed at satisfying human wants through the exchange of goods and service.

Satisfying the customer occupies a most important position in business management. Customer satisfaction plays a crucial and critical role as it deals customers and their needs. The major task of organization is to satisfy customer by meeting their needs and wants.

The essence of the organization should be the customer and not the sales and profit for extension and expansion should be the heart of the business. "satisfaction of customer is the basic that cannot be considered as a separate function it is the way whole business seen from the point view of its final results i.e. ..,from the customers pint of view".

Customer satisfaction with a purchase depend on how well the products performance live up to the customers expectation customer satisfication is a key influence on the future buying behavior satisfied customer buy again and tell other about their good experience dissatisfied customer of ten switches to competitors and disparage the product to other. An insurance provider open only to activity duty, retired and separated military member and their immediate families and therefore not include in the rankings, achieved a satisfaction ranking equal to that any insurance company.

Customer satisfaction is a part of customers experience that expose a supplier behaviour on customers expectation. It also depend on how efficiently it is managed and promptly services are provided. The satisfaction could be related to various business aspect like marketing, product manufacturing , engineering, quality of products and services, response customer problems and queries, completion of project, post delivery services, complaint management etc.

Customer satisfaction is the overall essence of the impression about the supplier by the customer. This impression which a customer make regarding supplier is the sum of total of all the process he goes through, right from communicating supplier before doing any marketing to post delivery options and services and managing queries or compliant post delivery. During this process the customer comes across working environment of various departments and the types of strategies involved in the organization. this help the customer to make strong opinion about the supplier which finally results in satisfaction or dissatisfication.



Customers perception on supplier helps the customer choose among the supplier on basis of money value and how well the delivered products suit all the requirements. The suppliers services never diminishes after the delivery products more efficiently. If he is satisfied with the post marketing services then are good chances for supplier to retain the customers to enhance repeated purchase and make good business profits.

### 1.2 REVIEW OF LITERATURE:

Customer satisfaction (CS) has attached serious research attention that, this project review the research on how to measures the level of customer satisfaction, an classify research articles according to the approach and methodologies. This project also tries to supply some insight about the state of measuring customer satisfaction in Dimapur. The main objectives are to provide a conceptual basic to understand existing research method used for measuring customer satisfaction. I don't much refers on other articles, As i did much myself on individual, so a total of 3 articles are reviewed. A number of important research method used for measuring Customer Satisfaction are defined and classified into different approaches based on their nature. Another important contribution of this reports is to suggest some criteria which should be considered to make customer satisfaction measurement as a leading indicators of the financial performance. So, if customer satisfaction with the post marketing services then are good chances for supplier to retain the customer to enhance repeated purchase and make good business profit.

### **1.3 OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:**

- 1. To carry out activities, conducive to the economic and social-economic development of the milk producers by organizing effective production processing and marketing of commodities.
- 2. To achieve the above objective the union may:
  - i. Purchase ,pools,process,manufacture,distribute and market commodities of the members and others without affecting the intrest of the members.
  - ii. Own or hold on lease or otherwise ,movable or immovable properties and disposed of the same.
  - iii. Purchase and construct building plants and machinery and or ancillary equipments.
  - iv. Organized new milk producers cooperative societies and developed affiliated sociities to the outmost and advice, guide, rectify, control or take over their administrator by the Registrar or the request of the members.
  - v. Organize supervision or affiliated societies and for the purpose fix and collect the supervision charges with the permission of Registrar.



### FACTORS LEADING TO CUSTOMER DISSATISFACTION

When the supplier are unable to entertain customer or their strategies fail to build a good relationship with customers, they probably end up with customers dissatisfaction. There can be many reasons for the customers to become dissatisfied. Some of these reasons are

### 1.Not Keeping Promises:

If you give a promises ensure you keep it. Some promises sound great but if they have not been kept this may lead to compliant complaints, distrust and switching to competitors. Will you order again from a company which did not deliver in times as promises? I think we all know the answer.......

#### **2.Poor Customer Services:**

When customer services representative are not trained properly,keep customers waiting for a long time and do not resolve issues ,this is called poor customer services. It is very irritating to see rep effort in resolving your issue and at the end having a simple question unanswered or no solution provided. In addition to this, when customer always hear only your voice menu, see offline live chat button and wait about a week for an email reply, they will definitely start complaining. And be sure, they will not complaint to your staff, they will turn to social media because they want to be heard.

### **3.Transferring From One CSR to Another:**

Poor staff training leads to call or chat being transferred from one agent to another. And there is nothing more irritating than telling your story again and again. As you can see a human side of your business can sometimes generate more complaints than your operational side.

### 4.Rude Staff:

Do you check conversation and chat records of your staff with your customers? It'd be a good strategy to keep an eye on this as sometimes rude attitude,inability to listen and interrupting customer may become one of the main reasons for your customer to complain publicity and tell the world about your customer services quality.there are also people who treat customer as If they interfere into their daily routine. The way they communicate with people is enough to turn the most mild mannered of customers against your company. Do you have such reps in your company? Keep them away from customers!

## **5.**Not Listening To Customer:

Ignoring your customer and not listening to them is one of the biggest mistake a customer services rep can make and one of the reasons for customers to complaint. Just Walk a mile in your customers shoe to see what they fell when they are not listened to.



#### 6.Hidden Informationand Cost:

Play fair with your customers. Keeping some of your fees hidden and uncovering this in the middle of purchasing process is a frequent reasons for a human to complain. The impression given is that your company cheats its customer.

## 7.Low Quality of Products or Services:

If you promises high quality of your products or services and what you deliver is of lower quality, and then be sure your customer will share this bad experience publicity and most likely complain in social media network.

#### SOME RULES FOR GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICES

### 1.Commit to Quality services:

Everyone in the company needs to be devoted to creating experience for the customer. Always try to go above and beyond customer expectation. This can be achieved by ways of undertaking and solving their problems regarding their choice, modification and beautification of the products.

### 2.know your products:

Convey and articulate an in-depth knowledge of the product and services to win customer trust and confidence, know your company products, services and return policies inside ans out. Try to anticipate the type of question that customers will ask. Update and amend your FAQ page frequently.

### 3.Know your customer:

Try to learn everything about your customer in order to tailor your services approach to their needs and buying habits. Talk to customer about their experience with your company and listen to their complaints, in this way you can get to the root of the customer dissatisfaction.

### **4.Treat People With Courtsey:**

Remember every time you, your employees and your colleagues make contact with customer whether it by email phone written correspondence or a face to face meeting. Let your interaction leave an impression either the customer by way of using conciliatory phrases to demonstrate not only your commitment to customer satisfaction but your dedication to courtesy.



### **5.**Always provide what you promises:

If you guarantee a quote within a days ,hrs or fore night get the quote out by yours words as mentioned so as to win the heart and trust in your company. Apologies to customer and offer some type of compensation such as discount or free delivery if you fail to do so.

### **6.**Assume that your customer tell the truth:

Even though it may appear that the customer lies to manipulate situation to their advantages to give the benefits of the doubt. The majority of the customer don't like to complaint, in fact they 'll go out of their way to your competitors to avoid arguments. if you hear unhappy rumbling from your customers, take their complaints to heart and do your best to appease their dissatisfaction.

### 7. Focus On MakingConsumer Not Sales:

Some salesman especially those who get paid for commission focus on the volume instead of quality or profit on the sales remember that to keep customer is more important than a close sale. Research shows that it costs six times more to attract new customer than it does to keep an existing ones. moreover happy customer is the best and most effective way to find new customer.

### 8.Make It Easy To Buy:

The buying experience in your store, on your Web Site or through your catalog should be easy as possible. Elimiate unnecessary work and do whatever you can to facilitate transcation.

### 1.4 RESEARCH QUESTION:

The questionnaire of the study is prepared according to the objectives of the study each question in the questionnaire helps in their way to fulfill the objectives of the study .The questionnaire is prepared to those who are buying DIMUL products.the total number of questions is 12.

### **1.5 RESEARCH METHOD:**

The whole study and collection of data obtained from personal interview of the customers.the quality and reliability of research study is dependent on the information collected through questionnaire directly to the consumers, suppliers, retailer designed to know their satisfaction level of the products. While the answer of the questionnaire reveals the true perceptions of the consumer toward DIMUL products either of advantages or disadvantages.



#### **SOURCE OF DATA COLLECTION:**

All the relevant information is collected through primary and source of information during the project the research problems and interview have been formulated and tested on the basis of research objectives. The Source are:

### 1.PRIMARY DATA:

Primary data was collected through the following method:

### A. QUESTIONNAIRE:

In our study the main emphasis was on the questionnaire method. We used questionnaire method which consisted of 4 attributes and again they were further divided into 12 parameter. Questions, which were asked were of multiple choice in nature and were of closed ended.

#### **B. INTERVIEWS**

An interviews was made with the concerned authority of the organization to gather the relevant sources of information's.

### 2.SECONDARY DATA:

Secondary source of information's was collected from newspaper ,reports ,annual reports,prospectus of the organisatios,internet,etc.

### **SAMPLING:**

A method of random samplings has been used to circulate to the customers and the retailers of the Nagaland State CO-operative Ltd,Dimapur,Nagaland Since it is not possible to collect data from entire population and also not flexible I have used simple random sampling selected and interested customers.

### 1.SAMPLING SIZE

A sampling size of 70 consumers was chosen, but to incompletely filled question and unwillingness on the Part of the respondents, I was forced to reduced to 57.

### **2.SAMPLING SIZE:**

A sample of the consumes including regular customer at bakery,in the organization and temporary customers in Dimapur Nagaland.



### **ANALYSIS OF THE DATA:**

On the basis of the data collected through questionnaire, the analysis is drawn on various graphs and chart to draw a meaningful view of the study and also to implicate and find conclusion and suggestion.

### 1.6 LIMITATION OF THE STUDY:

- The response given by the respondent may not be true
- ➤ This study limit to a certain area cover
- ➤ Lack of proper information due to short period of time
- > Time limitations also one of the drawback of this project
- ➤ Through the consumers and sellers wanted to give information, they could not give as it wastes their times.



# **CHAPTER 2**

### 2.1 INTRODUCTION:

Dimapur District Cooperative Milk producers union Ltd. Known as by its brand name as DIMUL located in 7<sup>th</sup> mile in Dimapur is installed with a capacity of 2,315 kg of milk per days. The union produces toned milk,lassi,dahi,ice-cream and cattle feed. The various products of the union are sold under its brands name at different parts of Dimapur ,Kohima, and also part of Assam.

DIMUL was established as an initiative of Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandary, Government of Nagaland in the year 1985-86 in Dimapur at Burma camp.it was established under the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) rural development Programme called "Operational flood" phase 2.vvv

The Union was re-established later in the year 1997 with an installed capacity of 10000 litres at 7<sup>th</sup> mile Dimapur under Indian Dairy Development Project(IDDP). The Union earlier named KOAML.

DIMUL is an autonomous district level co-operative milk whose management and administrative functions are by governed by the provision of its own bye-law framed under the Assam co-operative societies Act 1949 and the ASSAM co-operative rules 1953 now enforced in Nagaland.

As on 1<sup>st</sup> march of 2014,the union organized 51 Dairy co-operative societies (DCS) of which 25 DCS are functional.1936 milk producers are enrolled as member of DCS. The company also has the latest modern machinery and equipment. This organization is also extensively exploiting the information Technology through application of computer software in the areas of procurements, marketing, production and financial management. The union has embarked upon acquiring ISO-HACCP certification and said certification is expected to be received very shortly.

The brand (DIMUL) is not only well accepted in Nagaland State but well sells well in adjoining Upper Assam including few Railway Milk Parlour. The products have high demand in all seasons. So, their main focus now is on Milk production at the producers level, at the same times provided better quality products to their valued customers.



DIMUI has an increasing demand for its products but due to deficiency of raw materials and technological potholes the organization fails to meet the demand on time. Its distribution channels is done through delears, retailers or through direct sale force.

### 2.2 PRODUCT OF DIMUL:

Products that are manufactured by DIMUL are:

- A. Ice-cream in various flavours like:
- 1.vanilla
- 2. choclate
- 3.mango
- 4.strawberry
- 5.butter scotch
- 6.kesarpista
- B. Dahi
- C. Lasi
- D. Ghee
- E. Tonned Milk

These various product are available in the district of Dimapur and Kohima and even part of Assam states. The products have been gaining lots of consumers attraction at large since its production and also yield good revenue for the company.

# 2.3 AREA OF SALE

Main area for DIMUL, operation and sale is Dimapur district and besides it DIMUL also reach partly to Peren and also neighboring districts of Assam such as Bokajan and Hojai. It also operates in Medzhiphema . It also has its own booths in Hojai Railway Platform.

• In Dimapur at total of 119 stores deals in DIMUL products, DIMUL products are available through retail outlets and few DIMUL milk booths and ice cream parlours.

The main areas in Dimapur where DIMUL products are available are:-



Purana Bazaar, Bank Colony, Nagarjan area, Burma camp, Airport Road, Khermahal, City Tower, Duncan Bosti, Midland, NutonBosti, Kashiram, DC Court, P.W.D Colony, Chmukedima, Nuiland, 4<sup>th</sup> Mile etc.

• In Kohima at total of 97 stores deals in DIMUL products. The areas where DIMUL products available are:-

N.S.T, Super Market R. Point, Tinpatti etc.

• In Assam, DIMUL products are available in the following parts of the States:-*Jorhat, Golaghat, Hojai, Bokajan, Bhilai, Doyapur etc.* 

### 2.4 SALES STRATEGY OF DIMUL

### **\*** ADVERTISEMENT:-

Advertisement is the most important tool in achieving the objective of the company. DIMUL advertise its product through News Papers, Magazines, Danglers, Signboards, Hoarding etc. The Union participates in exhibition at various level.. Besides, they also promote their sales through sponsorship of events such as beauty pageant, sporting and other cultural activities.

### **❖** MODE OF DELIVERY:-

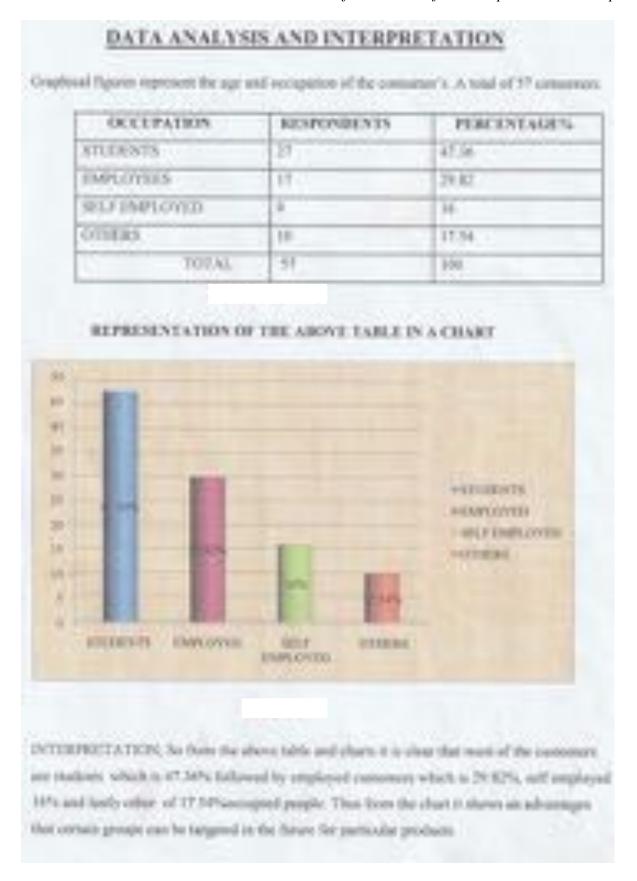
For the safety of delivery milk and improve upon the aesthetic and ensure hygienic handling of the product, milk delivery vans and carriage are made mandatory.

Other than thee insulated boxes are provided to all the retail outlets for safety of milk and milk products. The distributors' takes the responsibility for delivering the products.

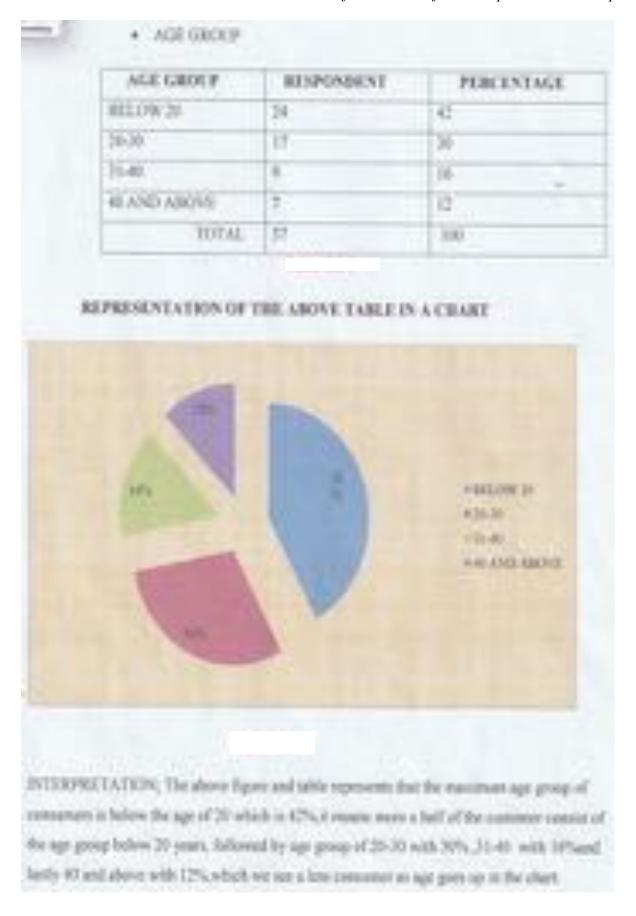


### **\*** HEALTH VALUE:-

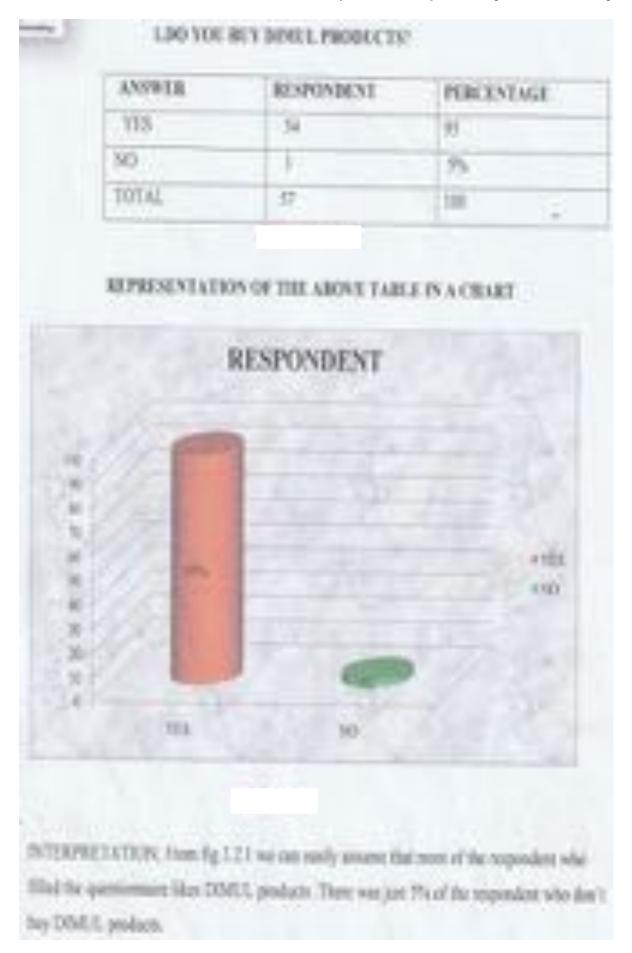
DIMUL follow different process while producing the final product. The most important technique used by DIMUL is pasteurization. In this process milk is first boiled at 76' Celsius and immediately cooled down at 4' Celsius which helps to destroy all the microorganisms, enabling us a safe life. Packaging of DIMUL products are done hygienically in food- graded polythene pouches. DIMUL milk contains a minimum of 3.0% milk FAT and 8.0% SNF (Solid Not Fat) which is n strict conformity to the provisions of preventions of food Adulteration Act and Rules, Government of India.





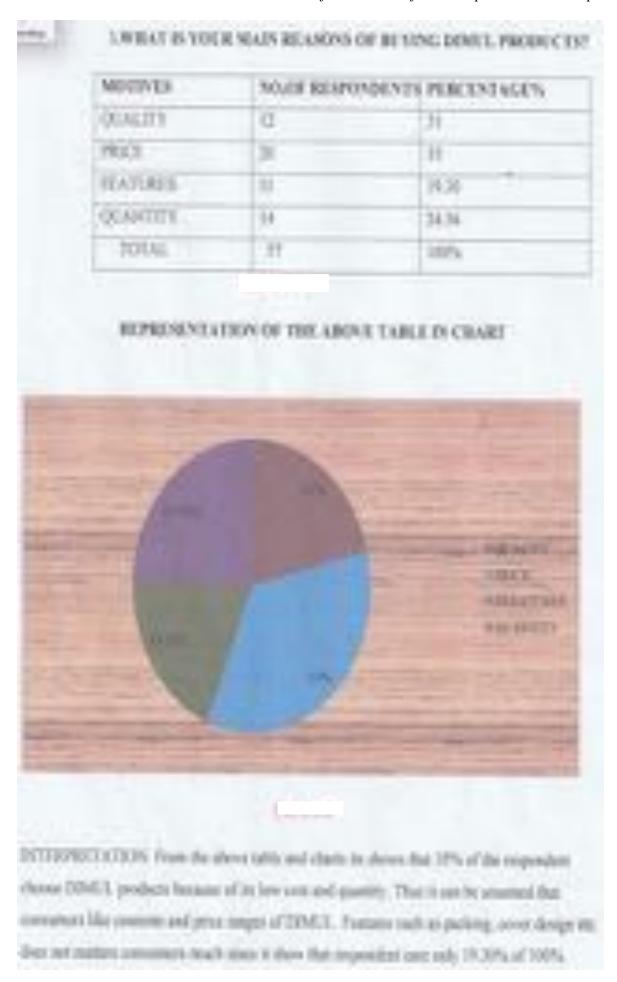




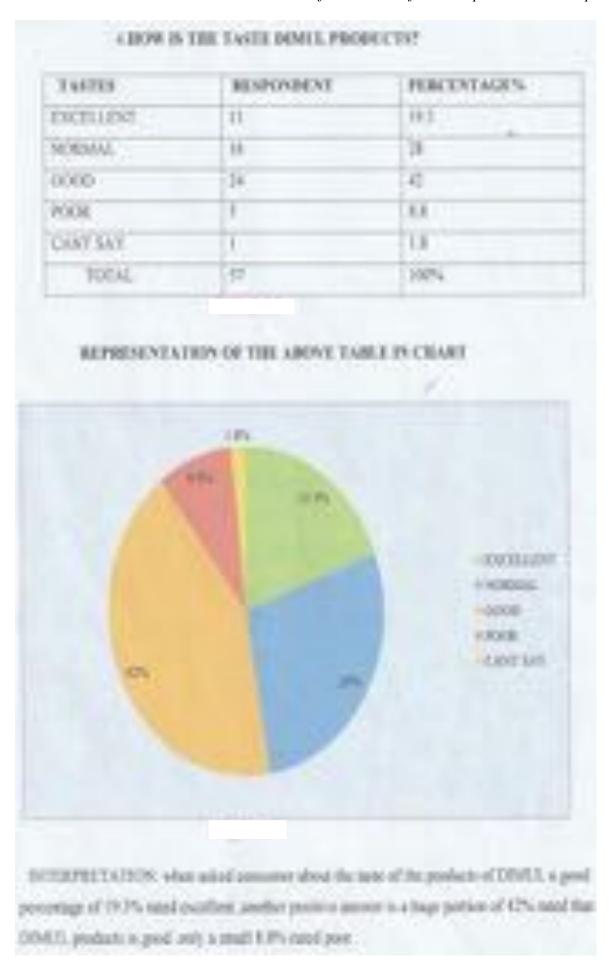




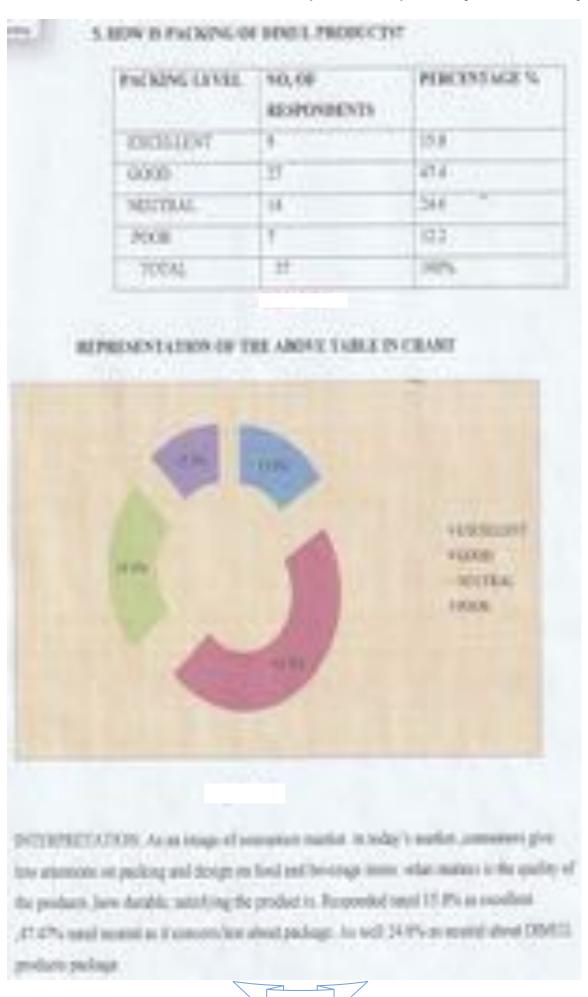




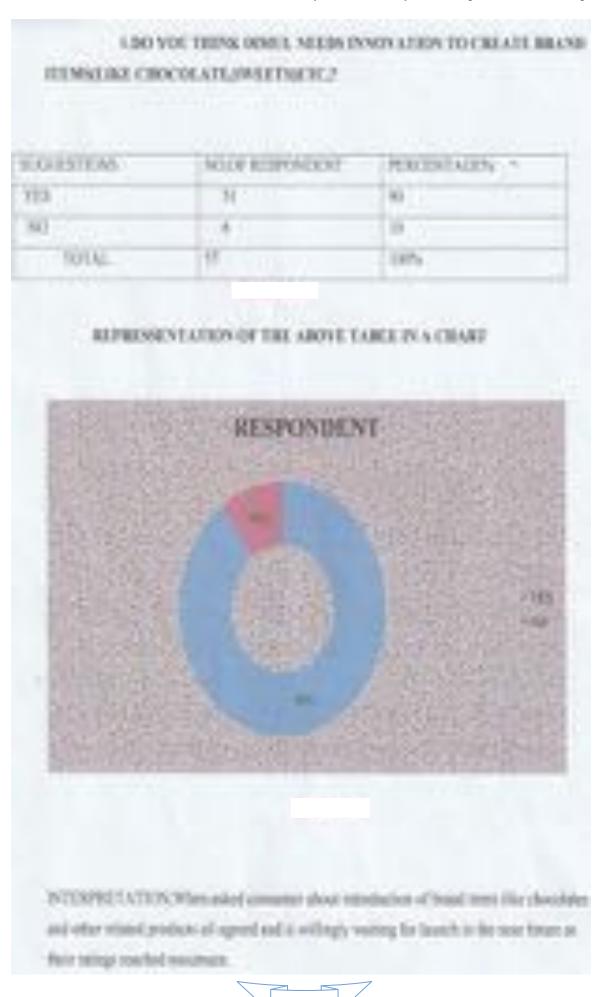




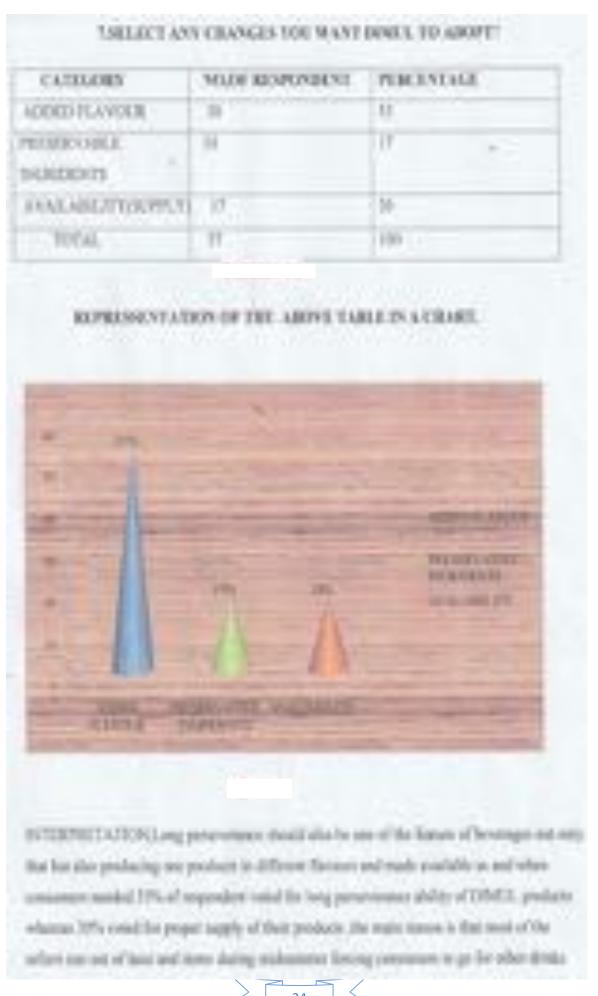


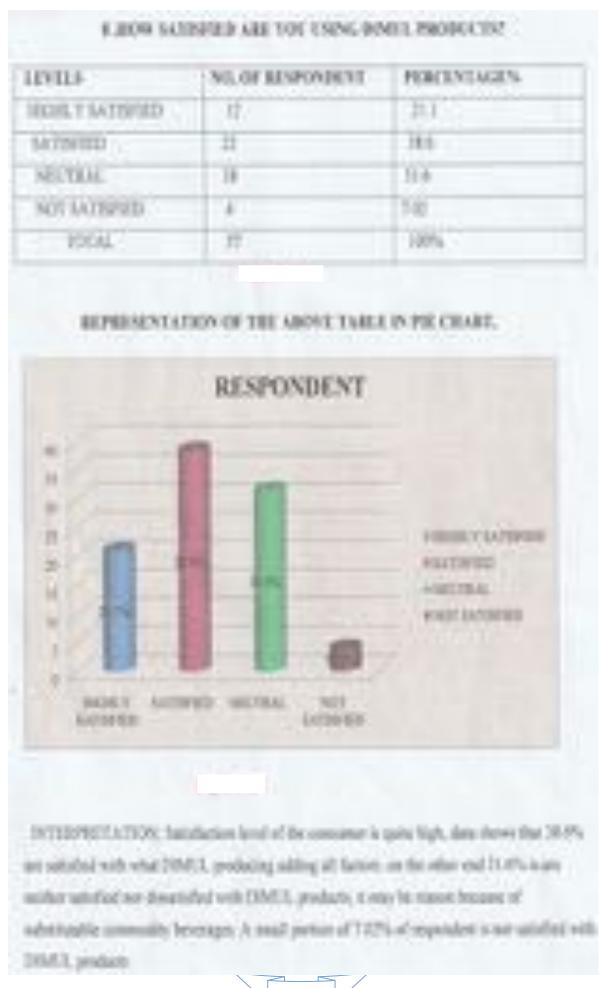


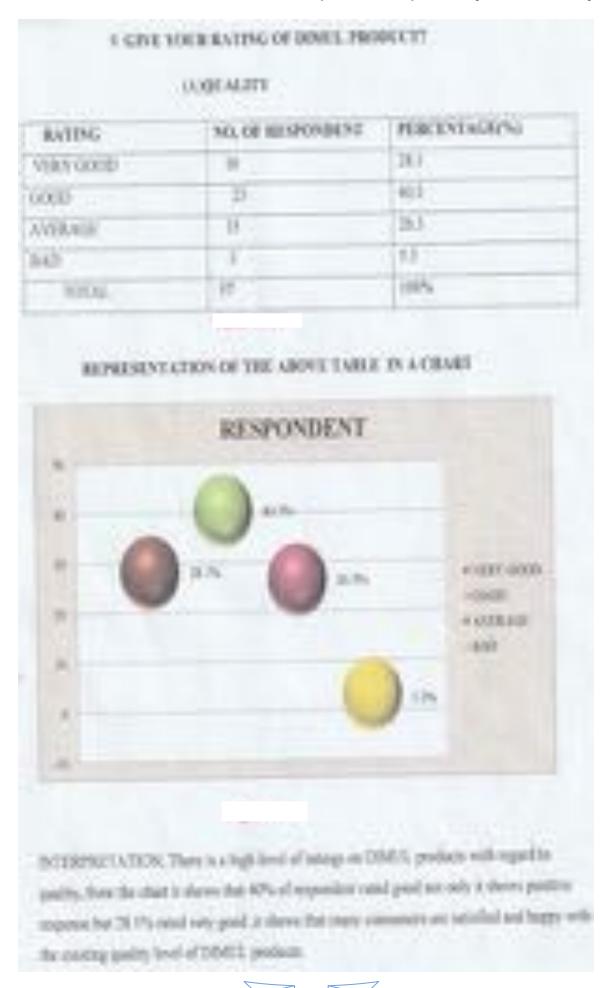




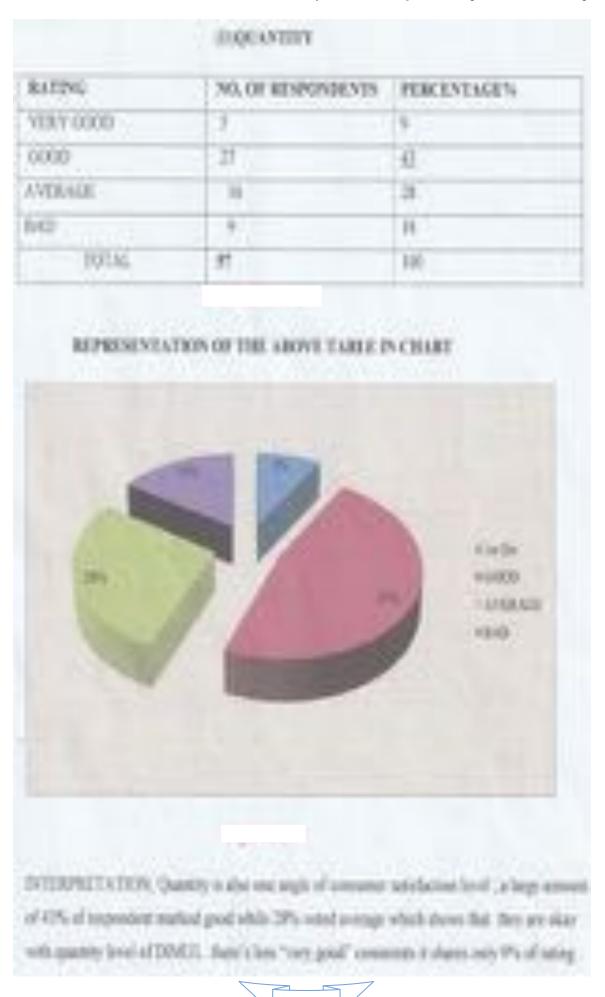


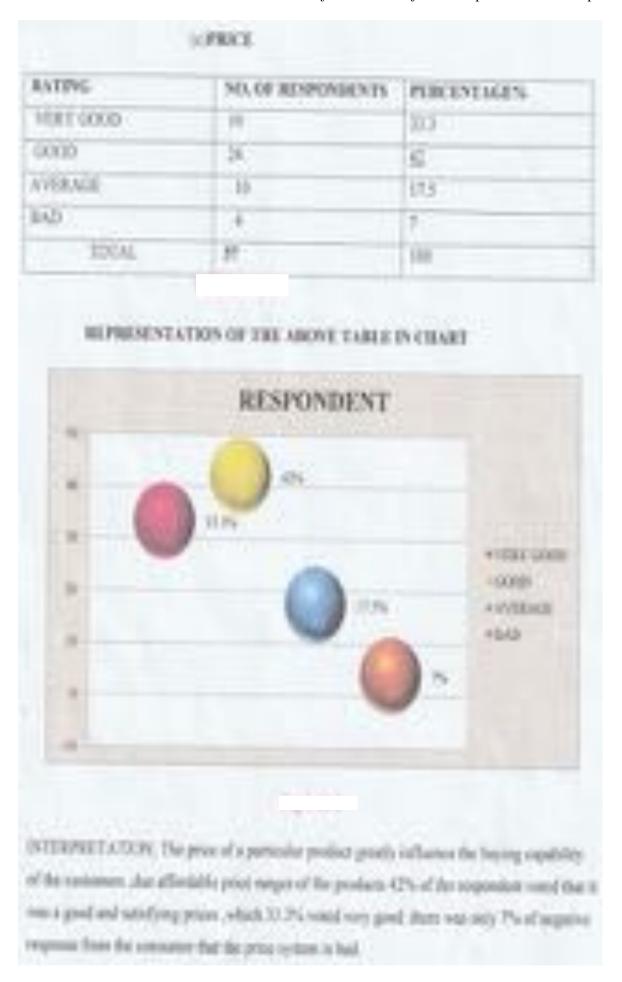


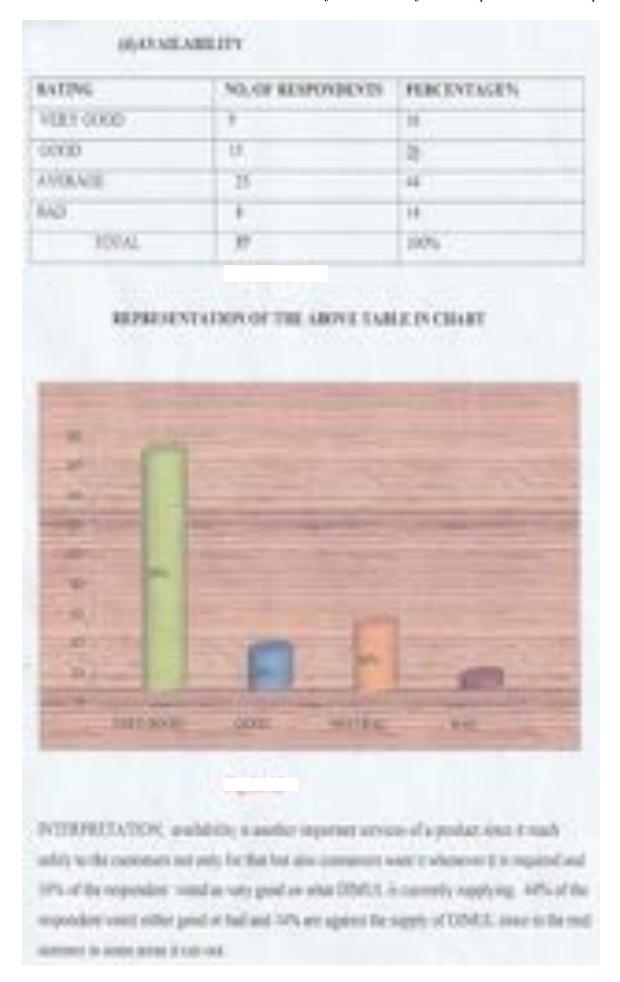


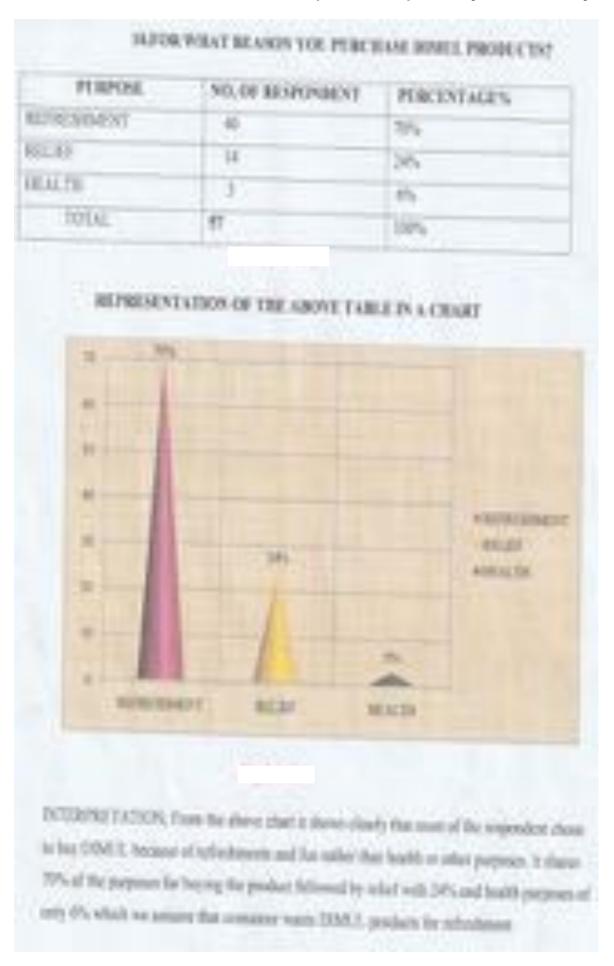




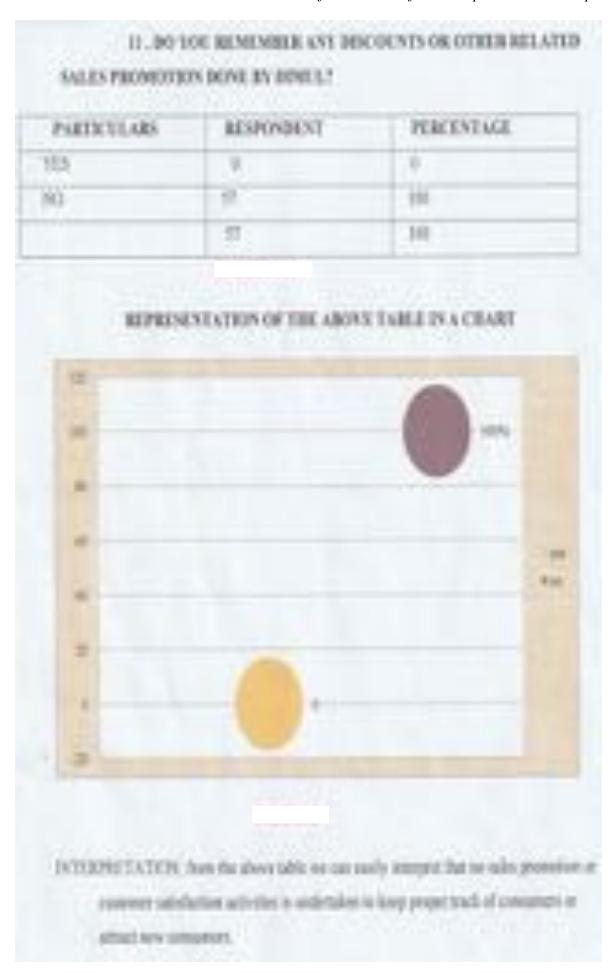




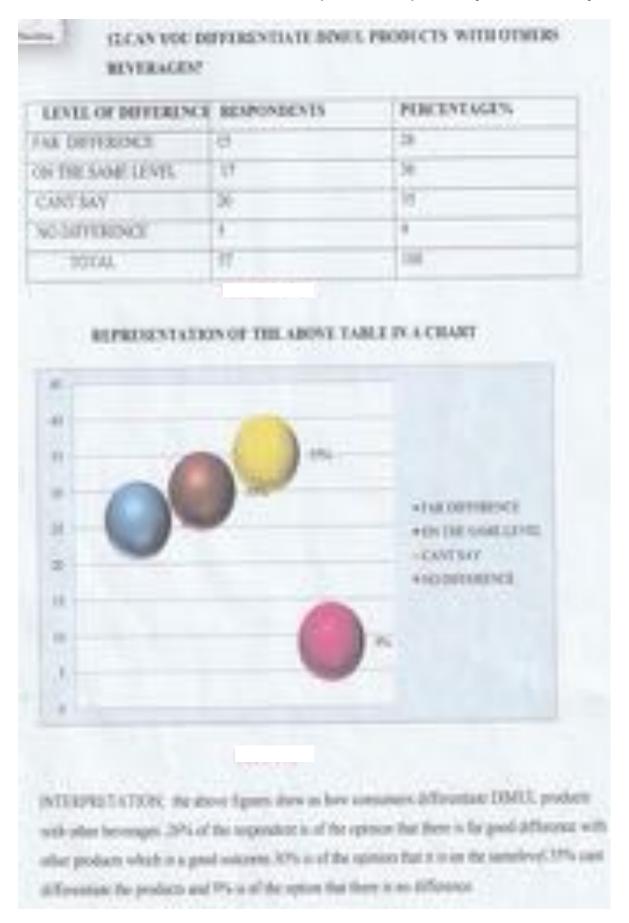














#### 2.5 FINDINGS:

- ➤ Majority of the respondents know about DIMUL products.
- ➤ Majority of the consumers are of the age group of below 20 and 21-30
- From the survey it found out that most of the consumers prefers lassi and dahi more than new products of DIMUL, it is because the consumers are yet to know more about their new products or expecting some changes in their other product. Products like peda, ghee, etc are not fully awarded to the consumers.
- Almost 90% of the respondent agreed to see DIMUL coming up with new innovative brands item like flavoured drinks, sweet, chocolate in the coming future.
- ➤ Production promotion done through advertisement newspaper and magazines is less effective at present.
- ➤ Consumers suggested for long preserve ability of the products for storage ability.
- There are no proper cells to redress consumers grievances
- Most of the consumers prefers DIMUL products because of its affordable prices ranges and are satisfied buying the product with the present price.
- Majority of the consumers like the features of DIMUL like cover design, packing, etc.
- Most of the respondent voted happily that are highly satisfied or satisfied with the product of DIMUL at present times.
- Most of the consumers who buy the products buy it for refreshment purpose.
- ➤ Some few consumers agreed that DIMUL is far good ahead of others company beverage which is a positive response.



# **CHAPTER 3**

### **SUGGESTION:**

- ➤ The organization should target consumers group in the coming years to gain more customers. Eg: introduction of choco flavoured lassi may attract consumers at the age group below 20.
- ➤ Most of the customers change their products frequently due to non availabity of stock during summer; hence proper flow of supply be considered by the company for satisfying the consumers needs.
- ➤ Product quality and prices of the products are till now excellent but other alternative tools like word to mouth promotion, personal selling, direct marketing etc can be introduced to promote products.
- There should be more executives so that the problems of consumer can be solved quickly so as to satisfy the unsatisfied customer with the help of the existing customer.
- The organization should enhance proper research and development department so as to satisfy fully or attractive new customers by introducing new products in the market.
- ➤ Consumers satisfaction can be achieved only by means of proper attention to customer which the organization lack response for customer cell.
- To satisfy existing customer, sales technique like discount ,offer etc should be offered at times in order to attract customer from buying alternative of DIMUL products like frooti, pepsi, amul,etc.
- > Proper study of consumers and their behaviour in selecting the product must be done so as to attach consumers and prevents from choosing other alternative products.



### **CONCLUSION:**

Every business organization success or failure depends on the consumers, without customers marketing cannot exist. Even though consumers satisfaction cannot be achieved at cent level proper precautions and suggestion among employees and consumers must be taken into consideration for proper management and relation with existing customer. There is no such things in business which runs not for profit but consumers while achieving sales target, it means at times sales promotion activities must be undertaken to motivate customer to buy more.

Price setting is the most Important advantages and tools in winning customers keeping aside advertisement, till to date consumer are highly satisfied in term of prices set by the company because of its affordability ranges customers are also influenced and satisfied with the quality of the products but on the other end they are not very well satisfied with preservability of the products.

Supply is one role that indirectly plays a very important role in keeping customers intact and not letting them choice other substitute products, ensuring proper flow of supply of the product will satisfy the customer more.

Therefore, the study is solely aimed to find out how customers are satisfied with all aspects on the product of DIMUL and to bring out comments on changes from the customers so as to give the best services to the customers by the organization in the coming future.



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