# Organizational Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior among Store Executives

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**Abstract** The purpose of the study was to find out the employee perceptions' of Organizational Justice or perceived fairness levels of employees and whether these positive perceptions would lead to citizenship behaviours and specifically, aimed at finding out if a certain notion of justice affects extra role behaviours more than the other among 72 store executives of a single retail chain in Bangalore. The researcher also aimed to find out if there were gender differences in justice perceptions. The measures used to assess the two variables were Organizational Justice Scale by Colquitt (2001) and Organizational Citizenship Behavior by Jain & Sharma (2010). The data was analysed using Pearson's Product Moment Correlation, a linear regression analysis and a t-test. A significant relation was found between Organization Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behaviors. It was also found that employees perceived interactional justice to be the most important in influencing extra-role behaviors and significant differences in overall as well as interactional justice perceptions were found among males and females.

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# 1. Introduction

"Justice is the set and constant purpose, which gives every man his due."

Marcus Tullius Cicero

"Justice, Sir, is the greatest interest of man on earth."

Daniel Webster

The above quotes highlight the importance of the justice construct among people in every aspect of their living. In today's world where awareness levels and communication have reached new heights, fair treatment is something that all employees expect from an organization, considering the time and effort they invest. If this is not given, the employees tend to seek these out in different ways - like absenteeism, turnover, counter-productive behaviors etc. In other words, they will not do justice to their work responsibilities. The quote below highlights this fact.

"Justice denied anywhere, diminishes justice everywhere."

Martin Luther King

Thus, we see employees not only want a lot of benefits and perks but also want something additional or extra that will make them 'stick' to the organization longer. The theme of Organizational Justice is the 'glue' that allows them to work together effectively and is the essence of Industrial relations in an organization.

Organizational justice refers to an employee's perception of whether an event or situation is morally right, which is defined by the ethics, religion, equity, fairness or law. It is thus a subjective concept, where one is less concerned with what is just and rather more concerned with what people think or believe is just. Researchers have adopted a descriptive paradigm to study and understand why employees might view certain situations or events to be labeled just or unjust. It is regarded as a personal evaluation about organizational conduct and moral standing. (Cropanzano et al., 2007)

In today's competitive world, organizations are constantly trying their utmost limit to retain the best talent and outdo their competitors by doing the same things differently. Employees have become more aware of their rights and value the employer's sense of justice and further expect and them to be fair or just at all times. Thus, fairness has become a prime aspect for organizations to take a deep look into - as it directly affects workplace attitudes and behavior. Thus, the construct of Organizational Justice is receiving a great deal of attention currently. The succeeding chapters go on to explain the concepts of Organizational Justice with respect to

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the Retail Industry in India.

#### 1.1. The Indian Retail Industry

The India Retail Industry is one of the largest among all the industries in the country. It accounts for the largest component of the services sector in terms of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) and around 8 per cent of the total employment. The Retail Industry in India has come forth as one of the most dynamic and fast paced industries with several players entering the market.

The retail industry has evolved over a period of time in India. It is basically divided into the unorganized and the organized sector. The unorganized sector comprises of the small and more localized shops, like 'kirana' stores, owner operated general stores (fondly called the 'mom & pop stores' in technical parlance), convenience stores, hand carts, pavement vendors etc. On the other hand India also boasts an organized form of the retail sector. It refers to trading activities undertaken by licensed retailers. These include corporate backed hypermarkets and retail chains as well as privately owned large retail businesses.

Unorganized retailing is by far the more prevalent form of retailing in India but a survey in 2007 by A.T. Kearney revealed that India is probably the most sought after retail investment destination and will be the world's largest consumer market by 2025.

Until 2011, the Indian Government denied Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in multi-brand Indian retail, forbidding foreign groups from any ownership in supermarkets, convenience stores or any retail outlets, or to sell multiple products from different brands directly to the Indian consumers. However, in the year 2012, the government led by Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister, announced that India would allow foreign groups to own up to 51 per cent in "Multi-Brand Retail" groups and also, allow a foreign company to start a fully owned "Single-Brand" retail business in India.

The opening of retail industry to global competition is expected to generate an additional 10 million new jobs by 2014. With this development it is important for the organizations to consider providing effective HR policies and a conducive environment to work in.

In any retail organization, the employees deal with the customers on a one-to-one basis and thus, are the brand ambassadors of the organization and making it imperative for every organization to have a system wherein, employees are managed, developed, rewarded and retained in an appropriate manner.

The present situation for retailers is that they experience high employee turnover, though industry experts point out that there is no lack of labour in the country. But training and developing an employee involves huge costs and time.

One measure of increasing productivity, customer satisfaction and sales as an end outcome could be to look at employee perceptions of the organization. An often-overlooked construct is Organizational Justice.

Tapping into these perceptions could help organizations formulate policies in a manner, which best suits, the organization as well as the employees.

#### 1.2. Organizational Justice and its Components

Organizational justice refers to the perceptions employees hold about the organization as being fair or unfair. These perceptions on justice have been linked to critical processes such as commitment, citizenship behaviors, satisfaction, and performance. (Colquitt, 2001) It has been recognized as a major component to get an insight into the attitudes of employees in an organization.

Employee reactions can be grouped into three different notions of fairness. These came about in three different waves, or time periods or intellectual themes.

- The Distributive justice wave
- The Procedural justice wave
- The Interactional justice wave

The Distributive Justice wave spanned from the 1950's through the 1970's, focusing on the distribution of resources.

The Procedural Justice wave shifted the focus on fairness in procedures rather than allocation of resources. It gained momentum around the mid 1970's and continued through the mid 1990's.

The third wave, known as the Interactional Justice wave has its beginnings in the mid 1980's and continues even today, concentrating more on the interpersonal aspects of justice.

Today in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, academicians have come up with another field of thought known as the "Integrative Wave" which emphasizes the integration of all the three notions of justice into one larger concept, called Organizational Justice.

Distributive justice refers to the appropriateness of outcomes. It has to do with outcomes and allocations that some get and some don't because of the inherent nature of employees to imagine that they are not treated alike. Outcomes such as pay/salary, benefits, satisfying supervision, job status and a variety of the formally and informally sanctioned pre-requisites are compared to the individual attributes like effort, education intelligence, experience skills, seniority, age, sex, ethnic backgrounds and social status (Adams, 1965). It concerns itself with:

- o Equity: Rewarding employees based on their contributions.
- o Equality: Providing employees of one level roughly the same compensation.
- o Need: Providing a benefit based on an employees' individual requirement.

The above three rules also map out Aristotle's famous dictum that all men wish to be treated like all other people (equality), like some other people (equity) and like no other person (need). (Cropanzano et al., 2007)

Adams in 1965 conceptualized the equity theory stating that employees look at how much they get (outcomes) relative to how much they contribute (inputs). (Cropanzano

et al., 2007) This ratio is compared to that of other co-workers and the ratio then helps to decide whether the employees feel the organization has been or not been fair. When these ratios are out of alignment, it results in employees becoming uneasy and balancing out the inequity.

Due to its focus on outcomes, distributive justice is predicted to be mainly related to the cognitive, affective and behavioral reactions of particular outcomes. (Cohen-Charash & Spector, 2001)

For example, if an employee feels that he is being paid lesser (perceived injustice), it affects his emotions i.e., anger, guilt, jealousy as well as his cognitions (cognitively distort input and output by comparing himself with his co-worker for doing the same work) and ultimately his performance drops due to perceived injustice, which is the behavioral aspect.

In contrast, Procedural justice focuses on the means through which decision making or outcomes are allocated. In other words, how the outcome was, decided carried considerable significance even when the outcome was not in accordance to one's expectations. (Cropanzano et al., 2007)

Leventhal (1980) defined procedural rules as an individual's belief that allocative procedures, which satisfied certain criteria, were fair and appropriate. He had given specific criteria that define the rule of fair procedures as:

- o Consistency- Procedures to be the same across time and kinds of people.
- o Bias Suppression- Procedures not to be affected by preconceptions.
- o Accuracy Correctability-Procedures to be based on valid and accurate information.
- o Representativeness- Procedures must reflect the basic concerns, values and outlooks of all stakeholders being impacted by the allocation.
- o Ethicality- Procedure must be consistent with the fundamental moral and ethical guidelines of all stakeholders.

According to Tyler and Blader (2000), procedural justice affects what employees think about the entire organization as a whole. If the process is perceived as just, employees show greater loyalty & willingness to go out of their way to perform. They are also unlikely to betray the organization.

The third notion of justice known as Interactional justice deals with the interpersonal factors that govern procedures. (Cropanzano et al., 2007) In other words, it simply refers to how one person treats another. If a person shares information and avoids any kind of negativity, the interaction is regarded as just.

It is regarded as the human side of organizational practices or the way the management deals with the recipient of Justice. (Cohen-Charash et al., 2001)

Accordingly, Colquitt (2001), Bies and Maog (1986) defined interactional justice as being sensitive to the quality of interpersonal treatment one receives during the enactment of organizational procedures.

Interactional justice is divided into two aspects:

o Interpersonal justice- Treating employees with dignity, courtesy and respect.

o Informational justice- Sharing relevant information with employees. (Cropanzano et al & Colquitt, 2001)

Bies and Maog (1986) drew up a list of four rules governing the fairness of interpersonal treatment or the four antecedents of fair treatment. They are as follows:

- o Truthfulness: Managers should be open, honest and straightforward in their conversations and should avoid playing with their words at all cost.
- o Justification: Managers should provide appropriate and timely reasoning or explanations for all the decisions taken.
- o Respect: Managers should treat everyone with dignity and should refrain from discriminating employees on any grounds.
- o Propriety: Managers should refrain from asking inappropriate questions or making discomforting statements.

The fourth intellectual theme or wave known as the Integrative waveseeks to explain Organizational Justice in terms of theoretical models to explain the multi-dimensional aspect of justice. The conceptualization of justice theories began in the 21<sup>st</sup> century but it was Folger in 1986 who called for a more integrative approach to justice, which led to the beginning of this phase.

### 1.3. Theoretical Framework of Organizational Justice

Scholars have come up with three kinds of approaches:

- 1.3.1. Counterfactual Conceptualizations
  - a) Referent Cognitions Theory
  - **b)** Fairness Theory
- 1.3.2. Group Oriented Conceptualizations
  - a) The Relational Model
  - b) The Group Engagement model
- 1.3.3. Heuristic Conceptualizations- Fairness Heuristic theory

#### **Counterfactual Conceptualizations**

a)Folger in 1986 suggested that it would be worthwhile in explicitly dwelling over the cognitive and affective aspects of how injustice leads to dissatisfaction. Unlike Adams (1965), who focused on a sense of distress in the equity theory, Referent Cognitions theory (RCT) focuses on a deprivation framework. It elaborates on how employees compare an existing reality to a more desired or favorable state and how feelings of anger and resentment can stem out of this relative deprivation.

The (RCT) theory purports that such feelings are heightened under three mental stimulations:

- When Referent Outcomes are high, i.e., when employees imagine a better and different or alternative state as compared to where they are right now. Employees become more aware of alternatives when they perceive others around them getting rewards different from them and think about 'what might have been'.
- When the perceived likelihood of amelioration is low, i.e., when employees have little hope that the future rewards

or outcomes will be better, the more they are dissatisfied.

• When outcomes are not justifiable, i.e., an appropriate and a convincing rationale are not provided, dissatisfaction increases.

Referent outcomes not only reflect distributive concerns but also procedural concerns (Justification) as well. They also explain the tenets of Interactional justice. Thus (RCT) explains how employees' make comparisons between existing and imagined states and how this eventually leads to feelings of injustice. (Williams, Pitre & Zainuba, 2002)

b)Folger and Cropanzano (2001) reflected on the (RCT) and shifted the focus from "if-only" or imagined alternatives to appraising the situations in a manner which takes into account extenuating events which might be responsible for a negative outcome or situation. For something to be regarded as Injustice, the theory purport's that blame will be placed only when three questions are answered in the affirmative. The questions are:

- Would I have been better off if a different Outcome or procedure had occurred? In other words, have I experienced some in jury?
- Could the authority have behaved differently? In other words, were there other feasible courses of action?
- Should the authority have behaved differently? In other words, were moral and ethical standards violated?

This theory captures all three notions of fairness; Distributive in the sense of end outcomes, Procedural concerns in the actions taken as well as Interpersonal justice concerns like bias or lack of ethicality. (Colquitt, 2001)

#### **Group Oriented Conceptualizations**

These conceptualizations stress the importance of Social Identity and social acceptance in a group.

a) Tyler and Lind (1992), drew attention towards the organization by conceptualizing what authorities need to do to function effectively? The relational model of authority in groups' focus is to determine the legitimacy of authorities, keeping in mind Tyler's three factors. Tyler and Lind (1992) concluded after many studies that, "a good relationship with the authorities promotes feelings of procedural fairness and that this, in turn, leads one to feel values by the group". The group value model and relational model are similar and have been used interchangeably in justice literature. (Colquitt, 2001)

b)This model also focuses on an organization with the fundamental question here being "What causes employees to perform behaviors which help the group reach its goals?" In other words, what makes employees engaged in their work in the group they belong to? Tyler and Blader (2000) suggest that justice is a major intrinsic motivation factor and task and citizenship forms of performance.

Unlike the group value and relational models, which focus on distributive justice as a factor to influence identity judgments, the group engagement model focuses on procedural and interactional justice coming from the authority figures in the organization. They believed that engagement influences identity judgments i.e., employees

cooperate with the group if the identity information flows through the group and this identity information in turns proceeds justice evaluations in the group.

This model is new and is yet to be fully tested but the little research done so far supports and highlights the fact that it fills up existing gaps in the literature. (Colquitt, 2001)

#### Heuristic Conceptualizations

Heuristics are simple, efficient and faster rules that have been proposed to explain how people make decisions, judgments, solve problems etc. Scholars have recently focused on mental shortcuts to explain psychological judgments of fairness.

The Fairness Heuristic Theory (FHT) was formed out of tests done on the relational model, which suggested justice as a key indicator of the legitimacy of authority figures. Scholars supporting (FTH) argue that employees rely on heuristics or a psychological shortcut to make judgments and decide whether or not to accept or reject directives from supervisors or other authority figures in an organization.

There are two concepts in this theory, primacy effect and trust as a proxy.

Primacy Effect refers the extent to which employees make use of information that is readily available or presented to them first. The theory asserts that information presented first will have more impact on the fairness judgment than information presented later. This proposition has been widely supported in many studies.

The second concept is that fairness heuristics are used as a proxy for trust. It was found that trust in authorities is critical in organizations but is much more difficult to judge than fairness. Studies revealed that when positive or negative trust information was presented, the effects of procedural justice on satisfaction and fairness ratings were neutralized. Thus, employees form fairness heuristics on the first few encounters with authority and then rely on them only to serve as proxies of trust in decision-making. (Colquitt, 2001)

# 1.4. Organizational Justice and its Outcomes: Organizational Citizenship Behavior

Empirical evidence has supported that organizational justice is associated with a variety of positive work attitudes and behaviors (Konovsky & Cropanzano-1991, Barling & Philips-1993, Brockner & Wiesenfeld-1996). Thus, justice should become a core value of management practices to build a competitive edge. (Cropanzano et al)

The Employees contribution is critical to any business and with increasing competition and rapidly changing market dynamics, employers also expect employees to go that extra mile and display initiative, collaboration, accountability, high quality in their workplace behaviors. Studies by (McFarlin and Sweeny, 1992), have found that positive justice perceptions could be linked to important individual as well as organizational outcomes. Greenberg, 1993 also found that organizations violate the norms of fair treatment receive negative reactions.

Justice perceptions, in the author's opinion, though

individual and subjective in nature, act collectively to influence employees' behaviour. Citizenship behaviour's are reflected in customer interactions in the retail industry to a very high level and they in turn, enhance the image of the store in the minds of the consumers, thereby increasing customer satisfaction and eventually benefitting the store.

Thus, positive justice perceptions have shown to foster what is known as employee Organizational Citizenship Behaviors (OCB's) or behaviors that go beyond the call of duty (Organ, 1988). In other words, it is individual behavior that is discretionary not directly or explicitly recognized by the formal reward system and that in the aggregate promotes the effective functioning of the organization. (Organ, 1988)

Organ (1988) postulated five specific categories of discretionary behavior and the contribution of each to efficiency.

- o Altruism is directed towards other individuals, but contributes to group efficiency by enhancing an individual's performance; thus participants help colleagues.
- o Conscientiousness is the thoughtful use of time to enhance the efficiency of both individuals and the group; participants give more time to the organization and exert effort beyond the formal requirements.
- o Sportsmanship increases the amount of time spent on organizational endeavors; participants decrease time spent on whining, complaining and carping.
- o Courtesy prevents problem and facilitates constructive use of time; participants give advance notices, timely reminders and appropriate information.
- o Civic Virtue promotes the interests of the organization broadly; participants voluntarily serve on committees and attend functions.

Several studies have found that justly-treated employees are more likely to comply with workplace policies, show extra conscientiousness, and behave altruistically toward others (Cohen-Charash & Spector, 2001). In-deed, workers tend to tailor their citizenship behaviors carefully, doling them out to those groups or individuals who have treated them justly and withholding them from those who have not.

Justice-inspired employees exhibit OCBs, such as behaving altruistically toward others, these also sound much like employee customer service—oriented behaviors, such as helping others and listening carefully to their needs. Building on this, Bowen, Gilliland and Folger (1999) suggested that just treatment of employees would lead to OCBs that "spill over" to customers (Cropanzano et al., 2007). This results in customers feeling appropriately treated, thereby yielding customer satisfaction and loyalty. Employee's perception of organizational justice was found to be positively correlated to extra-role behaviors towards the organization as well as the customer. (Lichtenstein, D. et. al, 2008)

Organizational Citizenship Behavior is one of the most widely linked outcomes of Organizational Justice. It refers to, organizationally beneficial behaviors that can neither be reinforced on the basis of formal role obligations nor can they be elicited by contractual guarantee of recompense. (Cohen-Charash et al., 2001) OCB thus consists of informal

contributions that employees' might choose to give or not give.

Recent studies have highlighted that procedural and interactional justice are predictors of OCB but the role and importance of distributive justice cannot be declined.

Organ (1990) has proposed that distributive-justice concerns may influence citizenship according to predictions derived from equity theory (Adams, 1965). If employees perceive unfair compensation, then they may be less likely to perform OCB because such behaviors are discretionary & falling outside an employee's formal role requirements. Failure to perform OCB is less likely than failure to perform a duty in the job description that may result in official sanctions or in the sacrifice of incremental rewards provided by the formal reward system. As a response to perceived inequity, an employee may withhold voluntary behaviors to adjust his or her input portion of the equity ratio calculation. (Williams, Pitre & Zainuba, 2002)

Organ (1990) suggested that perceived procedural unfairness alters an employee's relationship with the organization. Employees who perceive their relationship with the organization as one of social, rather than economic, exchange may be more likely to exhibit OCB because a social contract is more ambiguous than an economic contract and because extra role behaviors may be less likely to be perceived as exploitation or submission. (Williams et al., 2002)

Moorman (1991) suggested that procedural justice involves the fairness of the procedures to determine the outcomes for employees. According to Moorman, procedural justice is concerned with both the organization's formal procedures and the employees' interaction with or involvement in the decision-making process. Perceived interactional fairness demonstrated to employees that the supervisor considered them valuable and important as individuals, whereas perceived formal procedural fairness focused on the organization as a whole. From an employee's perspective, fair procedures may be in place, but the practice of fairness by supervisors demonstrates that justice actually occurs. (Williams et al., 2002)

Meta analysis by Cohen-Charash et al., 2001 suggests that all three justices are predictors of OCB but this may also vary due to cultural aspects, industry dynamics etc.

#### 1.5. The Need and Rationale for the Study

As we know, employees are just not automatons fulfilling the needs of the organization in its march forward. Whether the employer immediately recognizes this fact or not, each employee with the organization is there to fulfill a personal goal too, whether it is monetary or social, or both. Over the years, just as organizational systems have grown, so has employee maturity. An employee today needs to feel that he is receiving justice from the organization that wants him to behave as if he is a part of the system and reciprocate accordingly.

Therefore, of the fact that Organizational Justice is the need of the hour, there can be no doubt. Over the years as

organizations have grown and moved towards globalization, the importance of suitably trained and experienced employees has grown manifold. It is the employee who finally provides the impetus and drives the organization, much as the owners and the management steer it towards a pre-determined goal.

This puts a tremendous amount of pressure on the organization to ensure that the employee gets the justice he deserves and perceives this input of justice as equitably reasonable in his personal case. Finally, it is the employee satisfaction level that brings down attrition and gives to the organization the much-needed doses of suitable behaviors.

This study also brings out in detail the many kinds of justices that may be perceived by an employee, his possible reactions and the outcome of each in relation to the advantages to be gleaned by the organization.

As the possible scope for this study is huge and is as varied as the myriad different kinds of organizations that employ people, this study limits its scope to the emerging 'Retail Sector in India'. This study, therefore, aims to find out which kind of justices influence citizenship behavior of the employee to the maximum possible extent in the retail sector in India only.

Most of the earlier studies on organizational justice so far have focused on different industries in already developed countries. India is a developing nation and the organized retail sector is in its nascent stage with competition from national and international players. It requires a more focused approach to understand employees and further carve out policies in a way that will help improve performance and overall organizational effectiveness to bring us on par and possibly outstrip the developed nations in the just treatment of employees. It is now crucial that a deep study on Organizational Behavior and the resulting Organizational Citizenship Behaviors of the employees be done keeping these focused goals in mind.

#### 1.6. Statement of the Problem

The study aimed to find out the Employee perceptions of Organizational Justice and its influence on Organization Citizenship Behavior in the retail sector.

#### 1.7. Objectives of the Study

The study analyzed the influence of store executives' perceptions of Organizational Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior.

- 1. To find out if there is a relationship between Organizational Justice and Organization Citizenship Behavior.
- a) To find out if Distributive justice influences Organization Citizenship Behavior.
- b) To find out if Procedural justice influences Organization Citizenship Behavior.
- c) To find out if Interactional justice influences Organization Citizenship Behavior.
  - 2. To find out if there is gender differences in the

perceptions' of Organization Justice.

### 1.8. Hypotheses

- **I. H1**: There is a significant relationship between Organization Justice and Organization Citizenship Behavior.
- a): There is no significant relationship between Distributive justice and Organization Citizenship Behavior.
- b) There is a significant relationship between Procedural justice and Organization Citizenship Behavior.
- c) There is a significant relationship between Interactional justice and Organization Citizenship Behavior.
- **II. H2**: There are gender differences in the perceptions' of Organization Justice.

#### Resume of the Following Chapters

The following chapters discuss and highlight the related literature. The methodology is explicitly explained and the analysis and results are discussed.

## 2. Review of Literature

This chapter highlights the review of related literature and studies. The relationship between the Dependent and Independent Variables is considered and revolves around the key concepts of the problem. It is also the intention of the researcher to find out the research gap in this area and focus on the areas that have achieved little attention.

#### 2.1. Studies on Organizational Justice

Lee and Farh (1999) aimed to study the moderating effect of gender on the justice and organizational outcomes. The researchers hypothesized a stronger positive relationship between distributive justice and organizational outcomes among males than females and a stronger positive relationship between procedural justice and organizational outcomes among females than males. The study was conducted in two phases or research settings. In the first setting 354 employees of a consumer products company were asked to participate and employees attitudes towards a new pay plan implemented in the company were examined. In the second setting the data set of prominent researcher Folger and Konovsky were used and 217 employees were given questionnaire measuring distributive and procedural justices, pay satisfaction, trust in supervisor, organizational commitment and negative affectivity were measured. The results of this study contradicted the hypothesis and it was concluded that women concentrated more on distributive issues rather than procedural issues in order to address past pay discrepancies. This shows that gender did not effect organizational outcomes. These results indicate a work value of similarity and narrowing of gender differences in the recent times.

Mc Farlin and Sweeney (1992) conducted a study to find out the perceptions of distributive and procedural justice as predictors of job satisfaction, pay satisfaction, organizational commitment and subordinate's evaluation of supervisor among 675 bank employees. The results showed that both distributive and procedural justice have an impact on work outcomes but distributive justice tended to be a stronger predictor of personal outcomes like pay. Procedural justice on the other hand was a better predictor of organizational outcomes like job commitment.

Mc Farlin and Sweeney (1997) examined the gender differences in men and women for the two notions of justice i.e., distributive and procedural. The data came from another study done by the Federal office of Personnel Management in 1980. Surveys were mailed to civilian employees and 13862 mails came back in return. The survey-included details like employment data, attitudes towards work, supervisor and co-workers. Participants also provided information such as gender, race, pay level, tenure in the organization. Indexes for each distributive and procedural justice were constructed. Job satisfaction, intentions to stay and supervisor evaluations were made. It was found that procedural justice and its relation with organizational variables was stronger in women and stronger in men for distributive justice and organizational outcomes. Hence, managers must adopt different strategies for men and women to create an overall environment of fairness.

Colquitt, Conlon, Porter and Ng(2001) did a meta analysis of Justice literature. 183 justice studies were examined and concluded that organizational justice has evolved as a construct over time with different notions of justice coming into existence. It was also noted that justice is a moderate to high indicator of fairness perceptions and related to like organizational outcomes Job Satisfaction, Organizational Commitment, Trust, Turnover Intentions, Citizenship Organizational Behaviors, performance, withdrawal. A literature search was done using PsychINFO database starting fro the year 1975 to 1999. It was found that the three constructs of justice are theoretically distinct and that a three way interaction exists among thejustice constructs. The study also called for more research to be done on Interactional Justice as it was still an emerging concept.

Colquitt (2001) explored the construct of justice and provided a new measure for assessment. Items were constructed based on the previous literature. The measure was validated in two different settings, first in an university setting and secondly in an automobile manufacturing setting. This justice measure is an indirect one that is it does not ask how fair something is instead it assesses fairness criteria like bias, consistency explanation etc. Factor analysis showed four different constructs of justice i.e., distributive, procedural, informational and interpersonal. The nature of the measure being indirect makes it a better predictor of organizational outcomes than direct measures.

## 2.2. Studies on Organizational Citizenship Behavior

Posdakoff and MacKenzie (1994) studied the impact of OCB's on a sales performance unit and evaluate this effect on managerial evaluations of employees. This was done by evaluating the effect of OCB on overall performance of a

unit with a sample of 987 insurance agents and then by evaluating the effect an agent's performance on the overall organizational effectiveness. The results of these studies were then compared to find out the extent of weightage managers give to OCB when evaluating employees. Results revealed that managers gave lot of importance to OCB as a factor to evaluate a sales employee 's performance. However, it was also found that OCB do not increase overall unit performance always, rather some OCB behaviors enhance performance while some hinder it.

Van Dyne, Graham and Dienesch (1994) conceptualized OCB and proposed a network of antecedents and a new measure to assess OCB. A sample of 950 employees and 169 subordinates was taken. The new construct measured Obedience, Loyalty and Participation.

The other measures used were Commitment, Satisfaction, Cynicism, workplace values and job characteristics. Results showed loyalty to be the strongest mediating factor for OCB and its antecedents. The measure had a high validity.

Konovsky and Organ (1996) conducted a study on 402 professional and administrative employees to see if dispositional factors like Agreeableness, Conscientiousness and Equity Sensitivity could account for OCB. Questionnaires were given out to assess OCB, agreeableness and conscientiousness, perceived fairness, equity sensitivity, supervisor satisfaction. The results indicated that OCB were neither effected by satisfaction, fairness perceptions, equity sensitivity nor Agreeableness but Conscientiousness played a significant role predicting OCB behaviors.

Organ (1997) reexamined the construct of organizational citizenship behavior after his first book called 'Good Soldier Syndrome'. This paper aimed at developing a more precise definition of OCB. The author reviewed other studies done after his work in 1988 and reaffirmed some of the earlier meaning of concepts in his OCB construct. The author also suggested to look at OCB in the lines of Borman and Motowildo's work in 1993 called contextual performance.

Roberts, Coulson and Chonko (1999) researched salespersons' perceptions of equity and justice affected their commitment levels and turnover intentions. The study was conducted among 1000 salespersons across eight industries. A total of 249 questionnaires were usable and measures to assess turnover intent, commitment and internal and external equity to measure fairness perceptions, internal distributive and internal procedural justice were used. Results showed perceptions of equity and justice are good predictors of affective and behavioral dimensions of commitment. Perceptions of internal and external equity were positively correlated to commitment. Contrary to earlier studies, it was found that distributive justice also played a salient role as compared to procedural justice.

Chaitanya and Tripathi (2001) explored the dimensions of Organizational Citizenship Behaviors and its relation with Organizational Commitment. The study was undertaken with 100 public-sector employees in India. The measure used to assess OCB had six dimensions to it: Altruis m, Civic Sense, Courtesy, Sportsmanship and Perception of Organization

towards OCB. Factor analysis showed that Perception of Organization towards OCB, Sportsmanship, Altruism are significantly predicted commitment.

Maxham and Netemeyer (2003) proposed a theoretical model wherein they proposed employees perceptions of shared values and organizational justice trigger and stimulate customer directed extra role behaviors when handling complaints. They further elaborated that customers' perception of justice could lead to favorable customer outcomes. The sample for this study consisted of online customers making complaints about the electronic equipment purchased from a retailer. 320 survey sheets were completed and assessed customer related extra role behavior, distributive justice, procedural and interactional justice, overall firm satisfaction and purchase intent and likelihood of spreading a positive word of mouth using different scales. This study helps bridge the gap between theory and practicality by measuring both employee and customer perceptions in a complaint-handling situation. The study found that customer directed behaviors were a result of all the three kinds of justice being perceived as appropriate. This resulted in the customer justice being high in turn affecting customer outcomes like increased loyalty to the firm, spreading a good word about the product and the company.

Borman (2004) described the construct of citizenship behavior and summarized research done. It also addressed topics like the weightage managers give while making evaluations, personality factors impacting OCB, links between OCB and Organizational effectiveness and relation between Justice and OCB.

Gadot (2007) gave the construct of OCB a new dimension, wherein he proposed that OCB might emerge from external pressures rather than goodwill as proposed by Organ and the others. The author challenges the view OCB's are voluntary and asserts that they may even stem out of managerial strategies or coercive social pressure. He proposes the concept of CCB or Compulsory Citizenship behavior, which unlike OCB has a more destructive side to it. A sample of 28 teachers from 13 Isareli schools was taken and questionnaires on CCB, job stress, innovation, organizational politics, job satisfaction, intentions to leave, negligent behavior, burnout and group level OCB, OCB and in- role performance were administered. The findings confirmed that CCB existed in the system with no rewards offered for an employee's efforts. The paper explored new boundaries of extra-role behavior.

Lin, Hung and Chiu (2008) explored service oriented OCB's(loyalty, service delivery and participation) which are hypothetically influenced by personal cooperativeness, social approval, task interdependence and outcome interdependence. This proposed model was tested on 227 employees of the top five financial holding companies in Taiwan. The results showed that OCB was significantly related to loyalty, service delivery, participation, social network ties and organizational commitment. This research consistent with earlier research also shows that fairness perceptions go a long way in showing service oriented

OCB's.

# 2.3. Studies on Organizational Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior

Niehoff and Moorman (1993) studied the relationship among three methods of leader monitoring, employee perceptions of workplace justice, and employee citizenship behavior. The basic premise for the study was that strict or close monitoring would negatively affect citizenship behavior and keep employees from performing duties seen as extra and perhaps not leading to rewards. The researchers also hypothesized that monitoring through unobtrusive methods like informal meetings, observation, formal meetings helps in gathering unbiased information and avoids the managers in making attribution errors. Thus, the researcher's tested the premise that if employees feel that monitoring methods were justified and appropriate, employees' perceptions and outcomes would also be positive towards the organization.

Mauborgne and Kim (1996) developed a theory on how procedural justice affects managers' in-role and extra-role behavior in a business scenario. They did so by studying the direct and indirect effects of procedural justice judgments on the in-role and extra-role behavior of multinationals' subsidiary top management in the context of the global resource allocation decision process. This paper tested a theory, which predicted that the attitude of commitment to support decisions provided a bridge between procedural justice and extra-role behavior. 119 subsidiary top managers were given three questionnaires one on perceptions of procedural justice, second on the reflections after annual global resource allocation and lastly reflections on satisfaction with outcomes. The results suggested that procedural justice inspires managers to go beyond the call of duty and engage in innovative actions, spontaneous cooperation, and creative behavior on behalf of the organization in their execution of decisions.

Moorman and Blakely (1998) studied how procedural justice influences organizational citizenship behaviors by influencing perceived organizational support. Three questionnaires were given to a sample of 450 civilian subordinates of a military hospital out of which 255 were usable. Results suggested that procedural justice is an antecedent of perceived organizational support that in turn promotes citizenship behaviors.

Moorman and Blakely (1998) did a study to test how procedural justice may effect organizational citizenship behavior and how perceived organizational support may mediate this relationship. The study was conducted on 157 supervisors and their subordinates of a large military hospital. The results indicated that fairness in procedures is an antecedent to the perception of organizational support and influence organizational citizenship behaviors in an organization.

Fields, Pang and Chiu, (2000) studied the extent to which distributive and procedural justices predicted work outcomes like intention to stay, job satisfaction and evaluation of

supervisors. The major focus of the study was to find out if cultural differences play any role in work outcomes being different. The researchers had conducted this study on the notion that no study had been conducted in Hong Kong, which examined the differences in justice levels and resulting organizational outcomes unlike in the United States. 783 workers were given questionnaires to measure the two kinds of justice, satisfaction, and turnover intent. The results indicated both kinds of justice influenced work outcomes like Job Satisfaction, Intention to stay in Hong Kong. It was also found that perceptions of justice did not effect evaluations of supervisors. It was also seen that justice perceptions differ between the two nations and this could be due to cultural factors such as power distance, individualis m-collectivism.

Cohen-Charash & Spector (2001) examined the three kinds of justice in a meta-analysis study. The study clearly established or validated the three forms of justice to be distinct and unique as well as interacting with each other to form the overall notion of justice. It was found that satisfaction measures were mostly related to types of justice, whereas, OCB was related to distributive as well as procedural justice. Other outcomes of Justice such as Commitment, Trust, performance and counter-productive behavior were related to Procedural justice.

Aryee, Budhwar and Chen (2002) did a study on an Indian public sector organization to test a social exchange model of work attitudes and behavior. The researchers hypothesized that the three dimensions of justice were also related to the trust employees put in their supervisor and this would influence work attitudes like turnover intentions, organizational citizenship behavior, organizational commitment, task performance and job satisfaction of employees. The sample constituted of 179 supervisorsubordinate dyads that were given different questionnaires. The results indicated that distributive justice correlated to turnover intentions, organizational commitment and organizational citizenship behavior. Procedural justice correlated to Job satisfaction, turnover intentions and organizational commitment, whereas Interactional justice correlated to all the dimensions. Trust in the organization was a mediating factor for organizational outcomes like satisfaction, commitment, turnover intent and trust in supervisor helped in increasing organizational citizenship behavior and task performance.

Viswesvaran &Ones (2002) did a meta- analytic study both electronically and manually using Psych Info Database and psychological abstracts to examine the organizational justice construct and its influence on work attitudes and behavior. Correlation studies showed that both distributive and procedural justice had a high and positive correlation with organizational commitment, job satisfaction and organizational citizenship behavior. In conclusion the authors note that procedural justice was a better predictor of workplace behaviors.

Williams, Pitre & Zainuba (2002) conducted a study across industries (like manufacturing, banking, IT, financial

services and others), organizations and job positions to show that positive relationships with supervisors led to OCB intentions and not fair rewards and procedures. Questionnaires on Historical OCB, OCB Intentions and Organizational justice were given to 144 employees out of which 114 completed the questionnaires. The aim of the study was to find out if Interactional justice impacted OCB intentions and it was found that the present study supported early researchers perspective that it was fair treatment or employees who's supervisor supported and treated them fairly were more likely to exhibit citizenship behavior.

Tepper and Taylor (2003) conducted a study among 373 military supervisor-subordinates dyads. The researchers hypothesized that supervisor's mentoring behavior and role definitions would mediate the subordinates procedural justice perceptions and thus, organizational citizenship behavior. The results suggest that the hypothesized relationship was true.

Harvey, S and Haines, V(2005), studied the three notions of organizational justice during a crisis situation through a telephonic interview to 366 working individuals of ice-storm affected households. The researchers hypothesized that procedural and interactional justices play an important role in influencing an employee's perceptions. Justice was measured with a telephonic interview and commitment through a questionnaire. Results indicated that work attitudes like satisfaction and commitment were predicted by policies and procedures adopted at the time of a disaster. An interaction between distributive and procedural justice was found to predict job satisfaction.

Zinta (2005), did a study on 150 employees studied and the relationship between Organizational Justice and Organizational Politics, Turnover Intentions, Citizenship Behaviors and Performance. The results indicated that procedural justice played a significant role for employees to display OCB but did not seem to influence organizational politics much.

Blakely, Moorman & Andrews (2005), did a study on equity sensitivity as an explanation of individual differences in Organizational Citizenship Behaviors in response to the perceptions of organizational justice. Questionnaires were given to 150 MBA students for the three variables- equity sensitivity, Organizational Citizenship Behavior and Organizational justice. Results indicated that as the positive perceptions of justice increase so does the level of OCB. It suggests that a fair working environment promotes the performance of OCB's. The study also found that contrary to their expectations sensitivity did not vary OCB's according to justice perceptions.

Messer and White (2006) did a study to find the influence of employees' mood and fairness perceptions on Organizational Citizenship Behavior. The study was undertaken in five large service organizations among 138 employees'. The study suggested that employees' perception of fairness affected their likelihood to perform organizational citizenship behavior. Also, a positive mood influences extra-role behaviors.

Chiaburu & Lim (2008) conducted a study to find out the antecedents of Organizational Citizenship Behavior as Manager Trustworthiness or Interactional Justice. 120 supervisor dyads were asked to participate and were administered questionnaires for manager trustworthiness and interactional justice. The results indicated that both factors influenced OCB and also, found that manager trustworthiness can act like a substitute by lending support for the importance of trustworthiness over and above interactional justice.

Najafi et al. (2011) conducted a study to determine the relations between organizational psychological empowerment, organizational commitment, job satisfaction and OCB, by investigating the mediating role of job satisfaction and organizational commitment. A sample of 280 educational experts from universities participated in the study. Questionnaires were administered to assess the five variables. The study produced a number of findings: Organizational justice directly influences job satisfaction and psychological empowerment and turnover intentions. Also psychological empowerment directly and positively influences job satisfaction and psychological empowerment. Job satisfaction positively influences organizational commitment and organizational citizenship behavior. Organizational commitment directly influences organizational citizenship behavior. Also organizational justice and psychological empowerment positively and indirectly influences organizational citizenship behavior. The researchers concluded that if there is organizational justice and psychological empowerment within an organization, employees' job satisfaction and organizational commitment will increase and these will in turn improve organizational citizenship behavior.

### 2.4. Conclusions

The studies on Organizational Justice and Organizational Citizenship behavior show that justice is an antecedent of citizenship behavior. Though many studies have been done of find out which kind of justice influences citizenship behavior the most is not very clear. Cohen- Charash et al. (2001) called for more studies to be done.

The studies done in the past concentrate on other sectors and not specifically on the retail sector in India i.e., among store employees. Some studies have been done on Salespersons but a store comprises of other personnel also apart from the customer representatives.

According to Mc Farlin and Sweeney (1997) differences among employee perceptions on justice vary among the two genders. This study aims to identify if men and women give more importance to a certain kind of justice or not.

# 3. Methodology

This chapter discusses procedures adopted to evaluate the research. The terms and concepts used in the chapters have been operationally defined. The sampling technique, tools

for data collection and statistical techniques used are also stated. The purpose of the research was to find out the justice perceptions of Store Executives and how these perceptions influence Organization Citizenship Behavior.

#### 3.1. Variables under Investigation

Independent Variable: Organizational Justice Dependent Variable: Organization Citizenship Behavior

#### 3.2. Operational Definitions

- Organizational Justice- Employee's perception of the fairness of treatment received from organizations. (Cropanzano & Greenberg, 1997). It refers to the extent to which employees are treated fairly in the organization.
- Organizational Citizenship Behavior- Individual behavior that is discretionary not directly or explicitly recognized by the formal reward system and that in the aggregate promotes the effective functioning of the organization. (Organ, 1988)
- Store Executives Employees working in a store including customer executives, cashiering, inventory executives and managers.

#### 3.3. Research Design

The research method adopted for the present study was a quantitative paradigm, to study Organizational Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior among store executives.

## 3.4. Sample

#### 3.4.1. Brand / Organization

The international brand offers Apparel, Footwear and Accessories at affordable prices in an excellent shopping environment for its customers with a unique concept of delivering international fashion & value to the discerning shopper. The brand has more than 65 stores operating all over India.

#### 3.4.2. Location

## Bangalore, India

#### 3.4.3. Size

A sample of 72 store executives for the study was drawn from a Single Retail chain In Bangalore having eleven stores in the region.

#### 3.4.4. Positions / Job Roles

The sample comprised of Customer Relationship Executives, Department Managers, Cashiering Executives, Inventory Executives and the Store manager.

#### 3.4.5. Sampling Method

Purposive Sampling

#### 3.4.6. Profile of the Sample

ACE (IN VEADS)	GEN	DER
AGE (IN YEARS)	M	F
18-21	4	14
22-25	12	11
26-29	12	10
30-33	4	4
34-37	1	0
TOTAL	33	39

**Table 3.1.** Indicating the age range and the gender of the sample

Table 3.2. Indicating the work experience in the organization

EXPERIENCE IN THE ORGANIZATION (IN MONTHS)	GEN M	DER F
6-12	15	23
13-18	4	2
19-24	8	5
25-30	1	2
31-36	4	3
37 & ABOVE	1	4
TO TAL	33	39

#### 3.4.7. Inclusion Criteria

- 1. Both male and female respondents were included in the sample.
- 2. Participants were required to have a minimum of six months experience in the organization and maximum of five-year experience.
- 3. The participant's age should have been a minimum of 18 years.
- 4. Participants were only chosen from stores in the Bangalore region.

An Inclusion criterion of employees' with a minimum of six months experience was chosen as, the retail sector has a high attrition rate and six months is enough time for an employee to form fairness perceptions.

### 3.4.8. Exclusion Criteria

- 1. Participants without a minimum of six months experience in the organization were not included.
- 2. Participants below 18 shall not be included in the sample.
- 3. Participants were not chosen from stores in different cities.

#### 3.5. Measures Used

- 1. Organizational Justice Scale (Colquitt, 2001) was used to measure Organizational justice. The scale is a 5-point scale consisting of a total of 20 items: four items measuring Distributive Justice, seven items measuring Procedural Justice and nine items measuring Interactional Justice. The cronbach's alpha is 0.96.
- **2.** Organization Citizenship Behavior scale (Jain, S & Sharma, V, 2010) was developed to measure Organization Citizenship Behavior. The scale consists of 36 items. The items are on a 5point scale and sum of all scores would reflect OCB score. The reliability of the scale was

determined by split half- method on a sample of 260 subjects and the reliability coefficient was found to be 0.89. The Validity was found to be 0.94. The norms were established on 260 respondents working in the manufacturing industry in India.

#### 3.6. Procedure

The organization's permission was taken to administer the study. The researcher met the participants to established rapport. Participants were informed about the purpose of the study and the consent form was signed. Questionnaires were distributed to the participants in their duty hours. The researcher was present while participants' responded to the questionnaires, so that any doubts could be clarified. Each questionnaire set took about 15-20 minutes for completion.

# 3.7. Data Analysis

- Correlation analysis was done using Pearson's Product Moment correlation to find out the relationship between the Organizational Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior.
- A simple linear Regression Analysis was done to find out the variance.
- t-test was used to find out the gender differences in Organizational Justice.

#### 3.8. Ethical Considerations

- The anonymity of the subjects and the confidentiality of the responses were maintained.
- The subjects were asked to sign the consent form and were not coerced to participate. They were informed that they were free to withdraw from the survey at any time should they felt the need to do so.
- It was also clearly stated that the data collected from the study would be used for academic purposes only.

# 4. Results and Discussion

The present chapter gives an overview and interpretation of data. The data has been carefully processed, systematically classified and tabulated, scientifically analyzed, interpreted and concluded. The study aimed to find out the Employee perceptions of Organizational Justice and its influence on Organization Citizenship Behavior and if there were any gender differences in these perceptions, among retail sector employees. The sample chosen for the study were store executives from a single retail chain in Bangalore, having a minimum of six months of work experience in the organization and involved customer, inventory, cashiering executives and managers of the stores. Prior permission from the organization was taken and questionnaires to measure the Independent and Dependent Variables were administered.

The different sections of this chapter have been organized under the following sections:

- 1. Descriptive statistics
- 2. Pearson's Product Moment Correlation- Correlation

#### Analysis

- 3. Regression Analysis
- 4. T-test

#### 5. Discussion

The hypotheses generated after reviewing prior literature

**Table 4.1.** showing the Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Standard Deviation
Organization Justice	72	34	100	71.26	13.415
Distributive Justice	72	6	20	12.38	3.115
Procedural Justice	72	10	35	24.51	5.162
Interactional Justice	72	17	45	34.11	6.525
Organizational Citizenship Behavior	72	87	180	130.44	24.636

The above table reveals the sample size, the spread of scores within each dimension, the mean and the standard deviation. **Hypothesis 1**: There is a significant relationship between Organization Justice and Organization Citizenship Behavior.

Table 4.2. explains the correlation between Organizational Justice, its components and Organizational Citizenship Behavior, using Pearson's Product Moment Correlation. The measures used were Organizational Justice Scale –OJS (Colquitt, 2001) and Organizational Citizenship Behavior Scale -OCBS (Jain and Sharma, 2010)

Organization Justice (OJ) Pearson's Correlation N	Organizational Citizenship Behavior (OCB) 0.649 ** 72
Distributive Justice Pearson's Correlation N	Organizational Citizenship Behavior (OCB) 0.562** 72
Procedural Justice Pearson's Correlation N	Organizational Citizenship Behavior (OCB) 0.579** 72
Interactional Justice Pearson's Correlation N	Organizational Citizenship Behavior (OCB) 0.629** 72

<sup>\*\*</sup>Correlation is significant at 0.01 level (one-tailed test)

The above table indicates that there exists a positive correlation of (r =0.649) between Organizational Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior, which is significant at 0.01 level. Thus, Hypothesis 1 is accepted.

**Hypothesis 2** a): There is no significant relationship between Distributive justice and Organization Citizenship Behavior. The sample shows that there is a positive correlation of (r=0.562) between Distributive Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior, which is significant at 0.01 level. Thus, the hypothesis is rejected.

b) There is a significant relationship between Procedural justice and Organization Citizenship Behavior.

Procedural justice also influences Organization Citizenship Behavior as the findings suggest that there exists a positive relationship between the two (r=0.579), which is significant at 0.01 level. Thus, the hypothesis is accepted.

c) There is a significant relationship between Interactional justice and Organization Citizenship Behavior.

A positive relationship was also found between Interactional justice and Organization Citizenship Behavior (r=0.0629), which is significant at 0.01 level. Thus, the hypothesis is accepted.

 Table 4.3. Results of Regression Analysis Model Summary

Model	R value	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Standard Error of the Estimate
1	0.649	0.421	0.413	18.873

a. Predictors (Constant, Organizational Justice)

A simple linear regression was adopted to find the influence of Organizational Justice on Organizational Citizenship Behavior.

The model summary reveals that Organizational Justice accounts for 42% of the variance in Organizational Citizenship Behavior and the rest 58% may be attributed to other factors and that there exists a positive significant influence of Organizational Justice on Organizational Citizenship Behavior.

Table 4.4.	indicating	ANOVA*
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Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F
Regression Residual Total	18161.016 24932.761 43093.778	1 70 71	18161.016 356.182	50.988

a. Dependent Variable: Organizational Citizenship Behavior

Table 4.5. indicating Coefficients\*

	Unstandardized Co	efficients	Standardized Coefficients	
Model	В	Standard Error	Beta	t
Organizational Justice	45.486		0.649	3.758

<sup>\*</sup> Dependent Variable: Organizational Citizenship Behavior (OCB)

**Hypothesis 3**: There are gender differences in the perceptions' of Organization Justice.

Table 4.6. Results of t-test

Variable	Groups	N	Mean	Standard Deviation	t
Organization Justice	Male Female	33 39	67.52 74.44	13.802 12.382	2.242
Distributive Justice	Male Female	33 39	11.88 12.79	3.257 2.966	1.248
Procedural Justice	Male Female	33 39	23.33 25.51	5.470 4.729	1.814
Interactional Justice	Male Female	33 39	32.27 35.67	6.714 6.015	2.262

The above table indicated that difference in the perceptions of overall organization justice between both the genders was significant with a t value of 2.242 and with a mean 67.52 for males and 74.44 for females. The Standard deviation values for males were 13.802 and 12.382 for females.

The table suggested no significant difference in the perceptions of distributive and procedural justice with the t values for both being 1.248 and 1.814 respectively. No marked difference was also found between the means and standard deviations for both the groups with the mean values being 11.88 and 12.79 for distributive justice and 23.33 and 25.51 for procedural justice between males and females. The standard deviation values were also found to be close and thus, not significant of 3.257 and 2.966 for distributive justice and 5.470 and 4.729 for procedural justice.

The difference of perception in males and females was found to be significant for Interactional Justice with the t value being 2.262 and the mean being 32.27 for males and 35.67 for females. The standard deviation was 6.714 for

males and 6.015 for females suggesting that this justice component was the most important and that perceptions held were unique to each gender.

#### Discussion

The purpose of the study was to find out the relationship between Organizational Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior, as well as investigate if there were gender differences in justice perceptions.

The analysis of data indicated that, there is a significant positive relationship between Organizational Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior. This relationship has been established by earlier studies by Aryee et al, 2002, Colquitt, 2001, Viswesvaran and Ones in 2002, Neihoff and Moorman, 1993 and Organ and Ryan, 1995 in different cultural and work contexts before.

The present study focused on measuring the influence of justice on citizenship behaviors specifically in the Indian Retail sector. It was found that organizational justice is a key determinant of employees' OCB's. Justice theory contends

b. Predictors: (Constant, Organizational Justice)

that employees' work attitudes and behaviors depend on their notion of perceived justice of an organization's outcomes, procedures and the interpersonal treatment the recipient of justice receives. Thus, it could be probably said when employees think they are being treated fairly by their supervisors and the management and believe that the organization values, respects and are concerned about each and every individual employee's overall well being and that they are a pertinent organizational member, they would make a conscious effort to give back to not only their supervisor but also, the organization in some appropriate way. This may be in different ways like becoming less tardy, or a drop in absenteeism rates or a decrease in deviant behavior and increasing work outcomes like commitment, trust and most importantly citizenship behaviors which are vital to build a different competitive strategy in a service organization. The above argument leads to the prediction that employees extend their role definitions or boundaries or job breadths when they receive fair treatment from their supervisors. (Ando & Matsuda, 2010)

Further, a regression analysis concluded, that 42 % of variance in Organizational Citizenship Behavior could be explained through Organizational Justice. In other words, Organizational Citizenship Behavior can be predicted 42% of the times through Organizational Justice. Rest 58 % can be attributed to other factors like Loyalty, Organization Commitment, Social Network ties etc.

It was also hypothesized that there will be no significant relationship between Distributive justice and Organization Citizenship Behavior. This study's findings suggest a significant relationship between distributive justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior, which means that Compensation & Benefits, Supervision, Job Status etc. play an integral role in determining whether an employee will exhibit extra-role behaviors or not.

Thus, it can be probably said that when employees are satisfied with their pay or supervisors they will be motivated to going beyond the call of duty. Aryee, Budhwarand and Chen in (2002) also found distributive justice to be positively correlated to citizenship behavior, commitment and turnover intentions among the public sector employees of India. Charash & Spector's (2001) study also suggested that all three notions would have an influence on OCB. In a customer service enterprise, Brown and Bettencourt (1997) also found a positive relationship between pay satisfaction and distributive justice. On the contrary, Organ and Ryan in 1995 found no relation between distributive justice and exhibiting extra-role behaviors. The reason why distributive justice plays an important role could be attributed to the fact that India has one of the largest populations in the world. Since, the economy is still developing- inflation rates are high. In such a scenario, when store employees perceive the rewards not to be good enough, they may not exhibit citizenship behaviors and in an extreme case may even quit if they are offered even a slightly better pay or job status

Organ in 1990 noted that outcome fairness to predict OCB

suggested a contradiction as OCB is popularly defined as behavior not formally rewarded by an organization and questioned how could perceptions of distributive justice, which is the allocation of rewards, influence OCB in any way. Moorman in 1991 also, reported that when the two types of justice were measured separately, procedural justice predicted citizenship, but distributive justice did not.

Folger and Konovsky (1989) found that procedural justice was related to job attitudes, including organizational commitment and trust in management and suggested that procedural justice may influence OCB independent of any influence it has on perceptions of distributive justice.

The present study also reveals that Procedural justice influenced Organization Citizenship Behavior. The results indicated that employees judge means as well as the end result of the outcome. In other words, how the outcome was decided, how procedures were carried out are important to an employee even if the end result is unfavorable. Thus, if employees feel that there is consistency and objectivity when rules and procedures are applied it will lead to a marked display in extra-role behaviors. Viswesvaran &Ones 's (2002) meta-analytic study supports the above findings where the authors concluded that procedural justice was a better predictor of workplace behaviors. Kim and Mauborgne in (1996) also reported similar results where managers were found to be going beyond the call of duty to help the organization in acquiring more business.

The aim of the present study was to find out which form of justice impacts or motivates employees to perform extra role behaviors the most.

The results showed that Interactional justice has the most significant influence on citizenship behaviors. Thus, the findings indicate that interpersonal factors governing the functioning of the organization played the maximum role when extra role behaviors are expected out of employees. In the Indian scenario, interactional justice becomes significant as Indians have historically been a collectivist group living in close proximity to each other thus, highlighting the necessitating fair interpersonal treatment. In the workplace Indians would be able to identify behavior of their managers, supervisors, team members and then decide whether to perform extra role behaviors or not.

Moorman (1991) found that employees are more likely to exhibit altruism, courtesy, sportsmanship, and courtesy if they perceive interactional justice. The treatment employees receive from their supervisors, peers and the management has been given the maximum weightage by employees that will drive Citizenship Behaviors. Bettencourt and Brown (1997) noted that supervisors' inclination to provide appropriate feedback before delegating responsibilities and tasks results in extra-role behaviors towards customers. Thus, sharing accurate information at the right time, another aspect of Interactional Justice was also given importance. The quality of relationships in an organization will thus, steer citizenship behaviors or deviant behaviors. Williams, Pitre & Zainuba in 2002 also concluded that Interactional justice impacted OCB intentions the most.

It was assumed that there would be gender differences between the perceptions held on Organizational Justice.

According to Mc Farlin and Sweeny (1997) differences exist in the importance given to a certain component by both genders. They proposed that a stronger relationship between distributive justice and organizational outcomes among males and a stronger relationship between procedural justice and organizational outcomes among females.

In the present study, the aim was to find the overall justice perceptions as well as explore if men or women give more weight to a certain justice component more than the other.

The results showed that that there exists a difference in the overall perception of organizational justice between men & women. This could be attributed to the difference found between how men and women perceive interactional justice.

A probable reason why women value interactional justice the most can be attributed to cultural factors governing the expectations about their gender role. When women step out of their traditional roles to enter the workplace, it is an achievement in itself. Over and above, when they are treated with dignity and respect it results in the demarcation between the lines of what is required by the job and performing extra-role behaviors. Men on the other hand, in this particular cultural context are expected to work, make a living and rough it out in the real world. Thus, even though being treated well is something what every human being expects and has the right to, it may or may not influence discretionary behaviors in every situation. Thus, it can be said that a conducive work environment where employees are treated fairly can go a long way in giving rise to citizenship behaviors and in improving the organizational functioning. These findings were consistent with the findings of Ando & Matsuda, (2010), who proposed that employees' behaviors in an organization are affected by the deeply embedded cultural expectations about their gender role. They thus, define their in-role behavior in line with culturally, and socially-expected gender role but when they see their supervisors treating them fairly employees are often obliged to reciprocate in a suitable manner to the manager or the organization itself and thus respond in a way, which goes beyond their job duties to help the organization achieve its goal.

There was no significant difference between how men and women perceived the distributive and procedural justice. This could be attributed to the fact that the retail industry is one of the few industries where women account for more than 50% of the total employee count in the organized sector. Women employees have been found to be better at service standards and interpreting consumer moods and behavior. (Singh & Mishra, 2008) As times have evolved the importance to treat both men and women equitably has become one the prime objectives of organizations. Policies and procedures are framed in a way to support both parties. Thus, perceptions of justice do not differ.

# 5. Summary and Conclusions

#### 5.1. Summary

The study aimed to bridge the gap between employers and employees by giving an insight into how employees perceive the organization and it's functioning. This study particularly targeted if employees felt they were being treated fairly or not and how this impacted their work performance outcomes. With employees evolving to a more mature state of mind, organizations must treat providing justice as an input to be able to receive the desired output. This study enlightens employers on what their employees value and how modifying certain principles and procedures could lead to lowering attrition and increasing satisfaction and eventually going beyond from what their job description requires.

The study was carried out in the retail sector, which is one of the fastest growing sectors in India. The sample was taken from a leading apparel brand, which had stores in Bangalore. Two separate questionnaires were administered to measure the Independent Variable-Organization Justice and Dependent Variable-Organizational Citizenship Behavior. A total sample of 72 was analyzed using SPSS version 20.0.

The results signal towards a positive significant relationship between Organization Justice and Organizational Citizenship Behavior. The study also pointed out that employees value the construct of organizational justice itself. The three components of justice work in tandem with each other. Interactional Justice has emerged as one of the most important factors to be kept in mind if organizations want exceptional performance. There were significant gender differences found in the overall justice perceptions as well as in the interactional justice notion.

#### 5.2. Conclusions

The study examined the extent to which Organizational Justice predicts Organizational Citizenship behaviors in a store setting. According to the results, employees not only engage in citizenship behaviors when they perceive the rewards and outcomes to be sufficiently fair but also laid importance to the procedures that led to the allocation and distributions of the outcomes. Most importantly, the study also emphasizes how the role of the supervisors and the organization interpersonal relationships can inspire citizenship behaviors among employees. A gender difference among justice perceptions was also noticed.

#### 5.3. Implications

The below mentioned implications are relevant to the entire managerial cadre of the organization and need to be stressed by the Human Resource Department.

With recent developments in the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Policy, doors are now open to International players bringing in not only a variety of products and services but also newer business models which focus on human resources as the most vital asset an organization can possess. Human Resource managers will be required to create, develop and maintain a competitive advantage, aligned to the organization's competitive strategy in a

volatile environment.

The construct of Organizational justice thus, can help in providing this much needed competitive strategy by ensuring not only the smooth functioning of an organization but also create an organizational climate for service.

The results of the study show that Interactional justice which is the human side of organizational practices and the communication between the source and the recipient of justice was found to be the most influential in promoting citizenship behaviors, closely followed by procedural and distributive justice. Thus, employers looking for exceptional performance in terms of efficiency and effectiveness should treat employees fairly and appropriately, which will in turn result in transcending the demands of a formal job requirements to extra-role behaviors.

#### 5.4. Li mitations of the Study

Although the study provided interesting insights, the study also has shortcomings.

Firstly, the measures used in the study are self-report measures, which typically suffer the problem of a social desirability effect. Many a times, participants choose an ideal alternative instead of the truth.

Secondly, this study is restricted to the retail sector and the findings are provisional and cannot be generalized to other organizations in the same sector as well as to other sectors. Thus, the external validity of the study is low.

Thirdly, future researchers may also wish to develop their own set of questionnaires, as the Organizational Justice scale in the current study was adopted from a Western setting, which included certain words that may have implied a different meaning from what the question intended to measure

#### 5.5. Directions for Future Research

Future research can replicate the methodology adopted in the present study to other sectors.

Secondly, since Organizational Justice is one of the factors that influences Organizational Citizenship Behavior, the other influencing factors can be explored.

The present study does not investigate the antecedents of organizational justice. Literature reviews shows that trust, organizational support, organizational politics have a significant impact on justice perceptions. A future initiative can therefore, explore these aspects.

Thirdly, another project that can be carried out is to find out the extent to which Organizational Citizenship Behavior influences Organizational Justice Perceptions.

Fourthly, the development of scientific and practical tools and techniques to implement the above findings can be a future initiative.

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# Appendix A

#### Informed Consent Form

**Title of the study:** A study on the Organizational Justice And Organizational Citizenship Behavior among Store Executives.

Name of the Researcher: Shruti Mathur

**Cost/Compensation:** There are no costs or compensation for participating in this study.

Confidentiality: The participant will not be identified by name in any report using information from the results of questionnaire responses. Confidentiality of the participant in this study will remain secure. Any subsequent uses of information or data in this study will be subjected to ethical considerations that protect the anonymity of the participants and institutions.

**Voluntary Participation:** Participation in this study is voluntary. Participants have the right to withdraw or discontinue participation at any time without penalty.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have voluntarily given my consent to participating in a psychological study conducted by Shruti Mathur, for her research on A study on theOrganizational Justice And Organizational Citizenship Behavior among Store Executives.

I have received a clear and complete explanation of the general nature and purpose of the study and the specific reason(s) as to why I ambeing examined. I understand that I will be provided with the name and contact details of the researcher should I have questions about the research. I also understand that I will retain a copy of this form for my personal records.

Date:	Signature of the participant:
Signature of the F	Researcher:
Shruti Mathur	

(outcome) arrived at by those procedures?

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3 7. To what extent have those procedures been applied

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Appendix B	consistently?
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DEMOGRAPHIC SHEET:	8. To what extent have those procedures been free of bias?
Name:	1 2 3 4 5
Age:	9. To what extent have those procedures been based on
Sex:	accurate information?
Name of the Organization:	1 2 3 4 5
Work Experience in the Organization:	10. To what extent have you been able to appeal the
Contact Number:	outcome arrived at by those procedures?
Signature:	
Date:	11. To what extent have those procedures upheld ethical and moral standards?
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A 11 C	12. To what extent has (he/she) treated you in a polite
Appendix C	manner?
ORGANIZATIONAL JUSTICE QUESTIONNAIRE,	1 2 3 4 5
COLQUITT (2001)	13. To what extent has (he/she) treated with dignity?
	1 2 3 4 5
Kindly tick the most appropriate answer for the following questions. Please do not leave any questions	14. To what extent has (he/she) treated you with respect?
unans wered. The questions are on a 5 ponit rating scale,	1 2 3 4 5
where 1 indicates the smallest degree of extent and 5	15. To what extent has (he/she) refrained from improper
indicates the largest degree of extent.	remarks or comments?
1. To what extent does your (outcome) reflect the effort	1 2 3 4 5
you have put into your work?	16.To what extent has (he/she) been candid in (his/her)
1 2 3 4 5	communications with you?
2. To what extent is your outcome appropriate for the	1 2 3 4 5
work you have completed?	17.To what extent has (he/she) explained the procedures
1 2 3 4 5	throughly?
3. To what extent does your organization reflect what you	1 2 3 4 5
have contributed to the organization?	18. To what extent has (he/she) explanations regarding the
1 2 3 4 5	procedures reasonable?  1 2 3 4 5
4. To what extent is your outcome justified, given your	19. To what extent has (he/she) communicated details in a
performance?	timely manner?
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
5. To what extent ave you been able to express your views	20. To what extent has (he/she) seemed to tailor (his/her)
and feelings during procedures?	communications to individuals' specific needs?
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6. To what extent have you had influence over the	

# Appendix D

# Appendix D Part I

		Consumable Booklet
		of
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Dr. V	/ivek Sharma (Indore)	(Englishming version)
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	ification (शिक्षा)	Designation (पद)
Orga	nisation (संगठन)	City (शहर)
Ехре	erience (अनुभव)	
3. 4. 5.	This is not a test. Your opinion on the Answer to all 36 statements. There is no Right or Wrong Answer. There is no time limit, but you can complete Your answer will we kept confidential.  विदेश तथा निम्नांकित पाँच करें:  SA - पूर्णत: सहमत, A - सहम्म पूर्णत: सहमत, D - असह D - भूर्णत: असहमत कथन से सम्बन्धित अप यह कोई परीक्षा नहीं है। कार्य स्थितियों के बारे में आपके कोई भी उत्तर सही या गलत नहीं है।	it in 15 to 20 minutes. I ब बिन्दु आधार पर अपना उत्तर निर्धारित वित प्रमत ने उत्तर के खाने में लुका निशान लगायें। विवारों की जानकारी चाहिए। सभी 36 कथनों के उत्तर दें
3.	कोई समय सीमा नहीं है, फिर भी आप 15 से 20 मिनट में	इसे पूरा कर सकते हैं।

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Sr. No. क्रमांक	STATEMENTS / कथन	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutrai	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Score		
7.0	I create healthy and cheerful atmosphere at workplace. मैं अपने कार्य स्थल पर स्वस्थ व आनन्दमय वातावरण निर्मित करता हूँ।								
2.	I listen to co-workers problems and try to suggest solutions. मैं अपने सहयोगियों की समस्याओं को सुनत हूँ व उनको हल करने के सुझाव देने का प्रयास करता हूँ।		The second second second						
3.	I try to imporve the working conditions.  मैं कार्य की स्थितियों में सुधार लाने क								
4.	I volunteer to take additional tasks, not part of my work. में अपने कार्य के अतिरिक्त भी अन् उत्तरदायित्व लेने को तत्पर रहता हूँ।								
5.	l spread goodwill in the organization. भैं अपने संगठन में मैत्री-भावना पैदा कर	a II							
6.	I help co-workers when required मैं अपने साथियों को आवश्यकता के सम् सहायता करता हूँ।								

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Sr. No. क्रमांक	STATEMENTS / কথন	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Score		
13.	l put extra effort on my job. भैं अपने कार्य में आवश्यकता से अधिक योगदान देता हूँ।								
14.	I take feedback from my Co- workers and superiors. मैं अपने साथियों व अधिकारियों से कार्य विषयक सूचना प्राप्त करता हूँ।								
15.	I use cheaper resources during tours to save organizational resources. मैं अपनी व्यावसायिक यात्रा के दौरान सस्ते साधनों का उपयोग कर संगठन संसाधनों की बचत करता हूँ।			Total Action Comments					
16.	l oppose favoritism in the organization. मैं संगठन में पक्षपात का विरोध करता हूँ।								
17.	I encourage family members to patronize our organization. मैं परिवार के सदस्यों को भी अपने संगठन के सहयोग के लिए प्रोत्साहित करता हूँ।	Para I							
18.	I try to boost my organization's image. मैं अपने संगठन की छवि को बढ़ावा देने क प्रयास करता हूँ।	Bossell					- Continues		

# Appendix D Part II

Sr. I	ia STATEMENTS / कथन Strongly
patronical	Agree Agree Neutral agree Disagree Score
19	l promote my organization's products and services. ैं अपने संगठन के उत्पाद व सेवाओं को बढ़ावा देता हूँ।
20.	l project a good image of my organization to the people.  मैं समाज में अपने संगठन की अच्छी छवि प्रस्तुत करता हूँ।
21.	I praise the working conditions of my organization.  मैं अपने संगठन की कार्यस्थिति की सराहना करता हूँ।
22.	provide suggestions to co- workers related to their work. मैं अपने सहकर्मियों को उनके कार्य के बारे में सुझाव देता हूँ।
23.	l encourage co-workers to give suggestions for improving our productivity/efficiency. मैं अपने सहकर्मियों को उत्पादन व कार्यक्षमता बढ़ाने सम्बन्धी सुझाव सुझाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करता हूँ।
4.	l consult my colleagues whenever possible.  मैं जब भी आवश्यक हो अपने सहयोगियों से सलाह करता हूँ।

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		RESPONSES / प्रतिक्रिया							
Sr. No. क्रमांक	STATEMENTS / कथन	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Dis- agree	Strongly Disagree	Score		
25.	I follow my organization's rules even when not watched. में अपने संगठन के नियमों का सदैव ही पालन करता हूँ।					A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER		
26.	l welcome good change without resistance. मैं अच्छे परिवर्तन का बिना विरोध के स्वागत करता हूँ।	9122 200 50 51 9 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	TOTAL STREET,	FOR STANDARD		CONTRACTOR CO			
27.	! take initiative for new assign- ments. मैं नया कार्य दिये जाने हेतु पहल करता हूँ।					SUBSTITUTE OF STREET			
28.	I help new employees adjust in new working environment. मैं नये भर्ती हुए कर्मचारी को अपने कार्यस्थल के नये पर्यावरण में सामंजस्य बिठाने में सहायता करता हूँ।	Accessed and the control of the cont			Section of the sectio	THE STATE OF THE S			
29.	I do not take personal credit for teamwork. मैं सामूहिक कार्य के लिए व्यक्तिगत प्रशंसा प्राप्त नहीं करता।		CONTRACTOR STATES	A CONTRACTOR CONTRACTO		A SECURITY OF SECU			
30.	I protect the organizational resources. मैं संगठन में संसाधनों को सुरक्षा प्रदान करता हूँ।								
31.	My actions are such that they do not create problems for Coworkers or hurt them. मैं कोई ऐसा कार्य नहीं करता जिससे मेरे सहकर्मियों को कोई समस्या हो या उन्हें दु:ख पहुँचे।				Total Scale				
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