The Advantages Of A Career In Supply Chain Management

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Sept. 28, 2010 - *PRLog* -- In the fast-paced world of today, logistically impossible consignments have become a thing of the past. Regardless of where a consignment has originated from, latest high-end technologies and transportation systems have enabled it to reach any desired destination in the world. And, the development of globally streamlined supply chain management has helped the consumers to receive goods and necessities accurately and timely. In fact, supply chain management is the foundation that supports all the industry structures and performs a critical role at all the levels of business transactions in all companies alike.

The logistics and multiple-level distribution systems sectors are already facing a crunch of well-trained and qualified managers. As a result, reliable and efficient supply chain managers are in great demand at every level of the logistics industry. Technically skilled and efficient managers are needed to ascertain that companies achieve profitability and competency in business operations. A career in supply chain management has become one of the most probable career choices today as it has the capability to create enormous employment opportunities. Obtaining educational qualifications such as Masters Degree in business administration or short-term (http://www.ilamindia.com/bba-in-logistics-supply-chain-ma.... Chain Management Courses can be the 'stepping-stone' to secure a career in logistics supply chain management. The gamut of career options in supply chain management will definitely enable management aspirants to gather credible work experience and lucrative job offers. The technical aspects of supply chain management involve the systematic management of all activities; they may range from the elemental stage such as—sourcing and procurement to conversion and logistics management. Hence, the job responsibilities of a supply chain manager may require the following traits:

- •The ability to make quick decisions
- •Good communication skills and dynamic personalities
- •Be able to work in pressure and
- •Possess the excellent skills in management and co-ordination all parts of the supply chain.

In addition, supply chain management software is the technological platform used to run all the functions of supply chain and logistics sector. The advent of this software has enabled world economies to enter the next stage of globalization where various industries of the world are interconnected to execute maximum commercial transactions and profitable revenues generation. In other words, the career prospects for business graduates in this area of management can be rewarding in every sense, and the career graph in SCM, typically, follows:

- •Assistant Managers A fresh MBA student is usually offered the role of an Assistant Manager in SCM of an organization. Entry level stage allows the candidate to learn the company's supply chain, business strategies and vendors or clients. If the candidate is trained to be absorbed in the procurement department of the company, he/she would be responsible for purchases.
- •Managers Within a few years of being an Assistant Manager, the next level of likable internal growth in the company is the position of a Manager. Again, the requirement of the promotion may solely be subjected to one's performance and potential too. The role of manager is more magnified in terms of extensive vendor management, purchase and transportation management.
- •AVP This designation has come under the category of higher management where one may likely have

to look after business operations at the regional level.

- •VP (Sub-Business Head) A VP, generally, heads business units in their entirety, these may be inclusive of transport or procurement.
- •Chief Operating Officer— The position of a Chief Operating Officer demands years of industry experience, qualification and skills. He/ She may be responsible for all supply chain as well as production functions of a company.

Logistics & Supply chain is an emerging sector, with an enormous scope for job opportunities in India and in the global market. With the advent of e-procurement, network optimization and supply chain software, careers in supply chain management have become a viable option for futuristic jobs.

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