

MINIMIZATION OF WORK PROCESS TIME USING LEAN MANUFACTURING TOOL

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Abstract

Small and medium scale enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of the economy system. In context with consistency and its survival they are struggling before the customer market, because of the poor maintenance of quality and accuracy of the product and also varieties and variations of the products in customer views. Due to increased customer demands, high product variety, and a push production system, the organizations have been suffering from excessive wastes, poor working environment, which increases the production cost and product delays also. Under such conditions, improvement in existing working systems through the continuous improvement techniques are most useful. In this regard the use of lean manufacturing techniques are more effective for the SMEs. In this work we are using 5S as a lean tool for achieving the work flow, cleaning the production process by removing wastes in the organization. Which represents a fundamental technique to enhancing the efficiency and productivity, with systematic organizational work culture. In this research work, we are aiming to review the applications of 5S study and its efficiency in the various organizations, then through the case study of medium organization how the efficiency and productivity performance can be achieved in with good results.

Keywords : Quality improvement, 5S, Lean manufacturing tool.

1. INTRODUCTION

On the basis of continuous improvement technique like Total Quality Management (TPM), most of the work standards and their maintenance problems are solved in easy manner with lesser cost (J. Michalska D. and Szwieczek 2007), Here maximum equipment efficiency can obtain in an organizations, where an integrity of effective and autonomous maintenance is considered through the small group activities. In TPM all parties are participated with effective way to maximize the productivity with good efficiency. Mainly which involves skilled operators in work environment with a good work standards in work environment, and most of the time self maintenance and involvement is required as a special skill for an employee. but further improvement in this regard on operating level in work atmosphere will become more popular. In this regard the use of advanced manufacturing techniques are popular and effective. Among all the techniques lean manufacturing is most effective and less expensive. In this way the 5s is one of the effective lean tool, which were first developed by Hiroyuki Hirano. Initially this technique was originated from Japan. The 5S is the methodology of creation and maintaining well organized, clean, high effective and high quality workplace. Its result is the effective workplace in organization. Here elimination of wastes in manufacturing process is required, which leads to the quality and safety of work environment (T. Karkoszka, D. Szwieczek 2007). The basic principle is good house keeping around the work stations, that will result in reduction of waste, better cleanliness and creation of a culture to sustain long time. The philosophy of the 5S has its roots in Japan, which is an effective tool in lean manufacturing for the programme of

improvement in the quality and accuracy in products. The 5s means keep the work environment with less space with proper arrangement which leads to minimization of time in particular task with error free products with good quality. (Brah SA, Chong WK 2004) disciplined and clean. Actually in first stage the requirement to the work place is decided, next stage providing best support to the functions and finally identification of root cause and best solution is provided. (Bayo-Moriones et al. 2010). The total study of the 5s aims to analysis of previous drawbacks in the process of work stations and improve its efficiency of an organization. 5S is a Japanese Management Philosophy for safe Working Environment suited for especially shared work place like shop floor, office space. Originated from Japanese housekeeping idea their meanings are Seiri (sort), Seiton (set in order), Seiso (shine), Seiketsu (standardize), Shitsuke (sustain). For reducing ineffective time or waste in process. 5S application will improve personal standards and motivation to operators in their workplace and definitely which is an high impact on work area, work safety, quality, efficiency through the continuous observation with the effective team work. This work aims to study the previous works of 5s principle and their effects in organizations and the application of 5s tool to the medium organization and its improvement is made in simple manner with proper case study.

1.1 Implementation of 5s

5s is the standardized philosophy, through which we can achieve effective and clean, systematic work environment in simple manner. Here the planning and organization of work activities can decrease the time and improve the product

quality proper planning functions with good results for the customer satisfaction as per their desired products. 5S is a lean tool, which delivers results by a systematic approach of planning and organizing the activities. 5s is a lean tool which can reduce the waste in process and improve quality and accuracy of product. The total meaning of the 5s system is discussed below in simple way.

1.2 SEIRI (Sorting and disposing unnecessary items)

This is the initial step to remove the materials which are most unwanted for the manufacturing purpose, the equipments, materials and tools are first sorted and placed accordingly in their workplace which reduces searching time

1.3 SEITON (Set in order, Orderliness)

Keep everything must be in proper place for quick identification for work process. Materials, tools and equipments are arranged in systematic manner to search easily for work and access them quickly, so work flow is easy and effective

1.4 SEISO (Shining, Cleaning, Removal of waste and dust)

For good impression in work atmosphere, the cleaning should be a daily routine activity. After the use of any tools and equipment, they must be stored in proper place.

1.5 SEIKETSU (Consistent and Standardized work environment along with Cleanliness)

Seiketsu encompasses a clean and regular working and living environment, both personal and environmental cleanliness. This is because dust, dirt and wastes are the source of untidiness, indiscipline, inefficiency, faulty production and work accidents

1.6 SHITSUKE (Sustain, the above rules must keep with consistency)

This 5s application will motivate the employees discipline, so that they can obey the set of rules framed by these principles.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

By the various author's work, the contribution of 5s to the organizations are discussed with better productivity results in different manner. As per their achievements the 5s application to small and medium organizations are motivated to our work. Because the 5s application is more quality and accuracy concerned. The well ordered discipline and minimum defects are occurred while using 5s principle (Chapman, C.D 2005). 5s is a management provision technique in the manufacturing system, which reduces product complexity in work flow and giving perfect accuracy and more productivity with minimum time

possibility (Gapp, R et al. 2008). The use of 5s application is more better than a use of management principles (Kumar, M., et al 2006). The initial journey of 5s starts at Japanese house keeping works and most of the time it links with JIT and TPM related activities (Gapp, R et al. 2008). In case of data management techniques the 5s performance is more effective and proved with standard way with higher performance efficiency, and improvement of data processing work is focused clearly in simple manner (Ananthanarayanan 2006). In daily activities of the main organizations in all over the countries are practiced the 5s technique and got the good results also (Ho, S.K.M., 1999). The 5s application comes through the lean manufacturing principles and its norms. The minimization of non value added things to the product manufacturing system is focused in 5s practice and their study in all author's views, and which increases quality, accuracy and reduces all types of pollutions in the work environment of an organizations. (Nilipour, A. and M. Jamshidian 2005). The hongkong companies are practiced this 5s technique and got improved product quality in minimum time in most cases. The 5s application in case of manufacturing and service sectors also discussed in big business sectors (Ho, S.K et al. 1995). The Malaysian government also keen with the application of 5s tool to their industrial research institute standards for their improvements. (Ho, S.K. and S. Cicmil 1996). In small and medium scale industries they are not having more capitals to the new technologies, and they are waiting for the product profits to take up the challenges (Chauhan et al 2010). The development of key areas of manufacturing needs the new manufacturing philosophies and practices for the efficiency enhancement (Hudli and Imandar 2010). In case of plastic moulding industry, the significant effect on the productivity with less time is achieved in their working systems were discussed in author's case study (Khedkar et al 2012). In the above studies there must be a gap between the employees in their working environment which causes wasting resources, time and money with defective parts in nature. Another significant barrier poor awareness in training nature between top management and workers in shop floor. Therefore, it is believed that skilled training is needed for the employees working culture through the application of 5s principles. (Nilipour, A. and M. Jamshidian). The complete progress of all 5s tool is explained through the clear calculation (Prashant Koli 2012), But Especially in SMEs improvement in productivity with reduced cycle time can be achieved by the help of 5S technology implementation in effective manner is required for their existence in market with customer pull system manner. Through 5s methodology significance effectiveness achieved workplace improvement of small organization is discussed (S. Agrahari et al.) and achieved the good results in productivity. 5S technique has been strongly supports to achieve employee performance in organization as a quality management tool (P. Rai, 2016). The 5S describes how items are stored and how the new order is maintained. It reduces the service time and increase organization culture in continuous improvement criteria (Ravi Chourasia, Dr. Archana Nema, 2016)

3. COMPANY AND PROCESS BACKGROUND

In city municipality organization of Hassan, Karnataka, around 40 elected members in this organization and the functions of this enterproses were well organized y the officials.Thefunctions of muncipalty organization are given below in Table. 1

Table 1: Details of municipal organization funtions

Details /Functions of CMC	Capacity
City Population	1,55,000
Geographical area	30.6 Sq km
Assets count	28,835
Total wards	35
Road length	302 Km
Supply of water	17.8 MLD (Million Liter/Day)
Per Capita Water Supply	135 LPCD (Liter Per Capita /Day)

3.1 Problem Descriptions

From the past years, lean manufacturing and SCM concepts were incorporated in medium and large scale industries, but in case of SME,s and public enterprises are very limited in nature and very challenging also.Here the present work focuses with public problems and their requirements in the office of City Municipal Corporation (CMC) at Hassan. As per the above table. 2.1 The most of the customer problems and their needs are associate with public related and answering them in documentation form in CMC office is very difficult problem. To resolving the public problem, maintenance of records in record room in systematic manner is needed, and also searching files with in a short time is also essential to minimize the cycle time in office. in CMC office the files are stored in bulk manner randomly at record room which is very difficult to searching the required files with in a short time and the maintenance is also very poor manner as shown in below Fig.1



Fig.1: Poor maintenance of records in record room

3.2 Objectives

In current days, the customers are highly concern with the expectation of quick and quality service from the organization, for which the public enterprises have to improve their efficiency related with their system in their working environment. This research work is related to problems of CMC office hassn for their poor maintenance of record documentation for publics' requirements, hence

which is required to improve the working system in the CMC office through the incorporation of 5S principle from the lean manufacturing. Here in this case study the main objective is to reducing the total cycle time required to searching the required record from the record room. For which analysis of old records maintenance and its searching is essential after that finding a technical solution and apply the simple and systematic approach is proved in simple manner is considered.

4. METHODOLOGY

Here getting productivity by reducing the file searching time and its maintenance using simple 5S concept is used to improve the problem of publics. Here study of old system of record maintenance and its service to publics are considered. Hence the sorting technique is applying through the incorporation of 5S principle. Then the removal of non value added activities in the office system of CMC, hassan and showing the improvement in the record maintenance and its service to publics are shown in the below flow diagram of methodology in Fig. 2

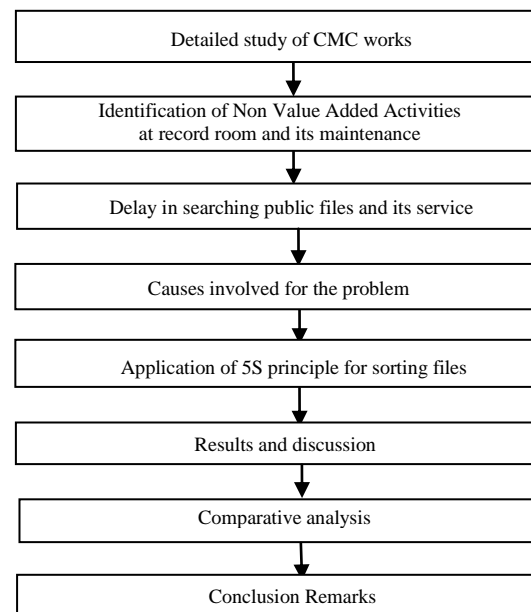


Fig. 2 : Methodology

4.1 Data Collection, Analysis and 5s Implementation

To improve the efficiency in a simple manner in any system or organization is the most challenging task,which requires the previous data's and its analysis with the real documentation. Here the fallowing record room data,s like descriptions of all papers of 5 years to 30 years documentations are needed as per the guidance of Karnataka municipalities (Guidance of officers, Grant of copies and miscellaneous provisions) (Amendment) Rules, 1967, Karnataka gazette are given in Table. 2

Table 2: Papers descriptions of municipal guidance

Paper	Validity	Descriptions of papers
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“A” Papers	Permanent	Register of proceedings of municipal council, Records expenditure on works, claims of sevice persons.
“B” Papers	30 years	Collection of register of taxes, Licenses, miscellaneous sales, Assessment list of buildings and lands liable to tax
“C” Papers	10 years	Work files with estimation of municipal, workspublic
“D” Papers	5 years	Bill of payment of suppliers on construction, reconstructions.
“E” Papers	1 year	Daily reports of plague, cholera, and small pox, annual administration works

4.2 Data Analysis

From the above set of data's collected is in form of papers descriptions and kept in respective files. Totally around 1, 00000 files were stored in record room randomly. Searching of 1980-82 data with respect to one customer is required 30 days in one simple case. Maintenance of files is not in a systematic manner, there are no numbering, labeling, bundles and files with the particular racks as per the order of priority basis considerations.

4.3 5s Technology Implementation to Process

After the data processing, the different 5S terminologies are suitable with the functions of CMC hassan and the details of the various functionalities are described in the below table for the exact 5S applications to reducing the wastes through the proper destruction of files after that the exact systematic arrangement of files and maintain consistency throughout the work environment process is obtained in simple manner is explained in the Table.3

Table 3: 5S implementation to CMC functions

5S Terminologies	Suitable CMC functions
SEIRI (Sorting and disposing unnecessary items)	Segregation of files
SEITON (Set in order, Orderliness)	Numbering, Labeling, Bundling of files
SHITSUKE (Sustain, realization of the above set of rules in order)	Preparation of check lists and files arrangement in proper racking system
SEIKETSU (Consistent and Standardized work environment along with Cleanliness)	Application of software
SEISO: (Shining,	Closing or destruction of

Cleaning, Removal of waste and dust)	files
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4.4 Data Processing Approach

After collecting respective files of papers descriptions, the files segregation process in record room starts with systematic manner through the following different steps as follows

- Segregation of files
- Numbering of files
- Preparation of check lists
- Application of software
- Labeling of files
- Bundling of files
- Files arrangement in proper racking system
- Closing or destruction of files

4.5 Segregation of files

Initially segregation process starts systematically as per the year wise, ward wise, subject wise and type wise as per the Table. 4

Table 4: File segregation descriptions

Sl.no.	Descriptions
Year wise	From 85-86 to 2014-15
Ward wise	Total 35 ward wise
Subject wise	Engineering, SAS declaration, accounts, mutation
Type wise	A type, B type, C type, D type, E type as per permanent, 30, 10, 5, and 1 year storage types respectively

4.6 Numbering of Files

Particular page numbers are allotted from first page to last pages as per type of files of every year . serial numbers are given from starting page to ending page of the complete year after that fresh number is allotted to next year file.

4.7 Preparation of Check Lists

Check list follows the 18 columns with their details as follows in Table. 5

Table 5: Checklist formulation

Sl.n o.	Contents	Details
1	Office name	Hassan municipality
2.	subject type	Mutation, bill payment..
3.	date of file commencement	Date of first page of file
4.	File number	Type, year, ward wise .
5.	Ward number	Respective ward
6.	subject details	Name, address..
7.	Movement	Type of files
8.	Date of closing	Date of last page of the file

9.	Total number of pages in file	First page to last page
10.	Paragraph	
11.	Color scanning pages	
12.	White and black scanning	
13.	Date of file destruction	Type wise
14.	Date of receive in record room	Date of file transfer to record room
15.	Date of acknowledgement receipt	
16.	Racking numbers	As per 35 wards
17.	Roll number	Mention rack number
18.	Bundle number	Mention bundle number (100 files per bundle)



Fig.4 : Permanent storage files



Fig.5 : Storage files up to 30 years



Fig. 6 : Storage files up to 10 years

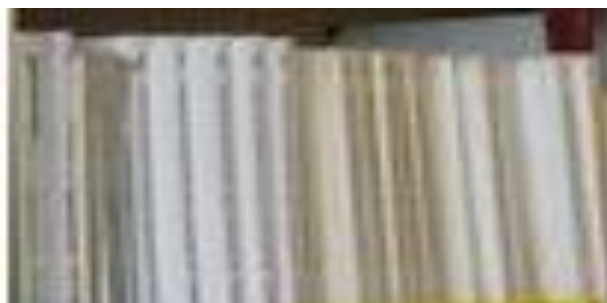


Fig.7: Storage files up to 5 years



Fig.8 : Storage files up to 1 year

4.8 Labeling of Files

Different colors are used to label the files as per their types, 100 files per one bundle and each bundles are with separate label should prepare. And labels are highlighting the details of check list given in Table 6

Table 6: Check list details

Type of files	Colors used
A type	Red (Permanent files)
B type	Green (30 years)
C type	Yellow (10 years)
D type	White (5 years)
E type	Blue (1 year)

4.9 Bundling of Files

The distributed files in random manner at record room were bundling as per the year wise as shown below Fig. 3



Fig.3: File Bundling process

4.10 Files Arrangement in Proper Racking System

1 to 35 numbers are allotted as per the total number of wards in hassan city. As per their storage pattern time with color code shown below Fig. 4, 5, 6 ,7 and 8

4.11 Closing or Destruction of Files

For 30 years old files are destroyed as per the higher instructions some of the images of files storage in racks with their color identifications are given below sketches

4.12 Software Application

On the basis of the check list the considering the input factors for the software application using Visual basic programme is discussed and this software application programme follows the three steps like , steps to fallow (input), details of requirement (output) and software development details are given below

a) Steps to fallow (input)

As per the customer requirements the input for the development of software to get the particular output are mentioned in in Table. 7

Table 7: Steps to fallow for programme development

Select year (from drop down box)	Box should show 1990-2016
Select Department (from drop down box)	Municipal Department
Category (from drop down box)	1) Health 2)revenue 3)accounts 4)administration
Sub Category (from drop down box)	1) Health-trade license, vehicle log box.. 2) Schemes-finance.. 3) Engineering bills, wards,vehicle books.. 4) Revenue-khatha exchange, SAS declaration.. 5) IT-GIS-birth and death sakala..
File number	
File register number	
Subject	
Nature of deposit (from drop down box)	A B C D E
Date of disposal	
Date of destruction (it should come automatically)	1) if we enter nature of disposal as A this column disables 2) if we enter nature of disposal as B this column disables, it should count from date of disposal and show 30 years 3) same way for C 10 years 4) for D 5 years 5) for E 1 year
6) Number of pages	7) Number of pages in a file
8) Record room serial number	9)
10) Record	11)

room number	row	
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b) Programme development

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Private Sub cbocategoryID_AfterUpdate( )
'Set the subcategory combo box to be limited by the selected category
Me.cbosubcategoryID.RowSource = "SELECT tblsubcategory.subcategoryID, tblsubcategory.subcategoryName FROM tblsubcategory " & _
" WHERE categoryID = " & Nz(Me.cbocategoryID) & _
" ORDER BY subcategoryName"
Me.cbosubcategoryID = Null
EnableControls
End Sub
Private Sub cbocategoryID_BeforeUpdate(cancel As Integer)
End Sub
Private Sub cbodistrictID_AfterUpdate()
'Set the taluk combo box to be limited by the selected district
Me.cbotalukID.RowSource = "SELECT tbltaluk.talukID, tbltaluk.talukName FROM tbltaluk " & _ " WHERE districtID = " & Nz(Me.cbodistrictID) & _
" ORDER BY talukName"
Me.cbotalukID = Null
EnableControls
End SubPrivate Sub EnableControls()
'Clear the combo boxes
If IsNull(Me.cbocategoryID) Then
Me.cbosubcategoryID = Null
End If
'Enable or disable combo boxes based on whether the combo box preceeding it has a value.
Me.cbosubcategoryID.Enabled = (Not IsNull(Me.cbocategoryID))
If IsNull(Me.cbodistrictID) Then
Me.cbotalukID = Null
End If
'Enable or disable combo boxes based on whether the combo box preceeding it has a value.
Me.cbotalukID.Enabled = (Not IsNull(Me.cbodistrictID))
End Sub
Private Sub Form_Load( )
'When the form loads, enable/disable the combo boxes.
Combo boxes are only enabled if the preceeding combo box has a value.
EnableControls
End Sub
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c) Data base I/P details

Here the database input details are required for the operator to search the customerrequirement as shown using M S access softare screen as shown in Fig. 9

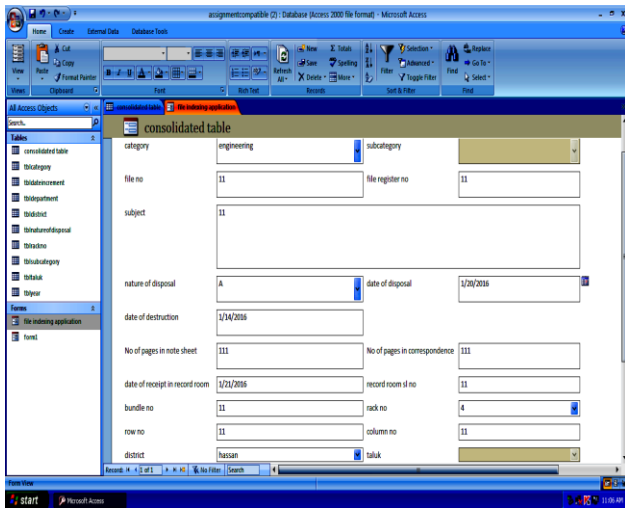


Fig .9 : Required Input source to software

d) Details of requirement (out put)

As per the input given to the software the output generated for the use of customer in the following format of record room list is given in Table.8 in last page.

5. COMPARATIVE STUDY

The comparison results of reduction of searching a file process time given by graphical method after the implementation of 5S technology to a file searching process at record room of CMC, hassan from previous to current status is as shown below. Figures 10, 11and 12

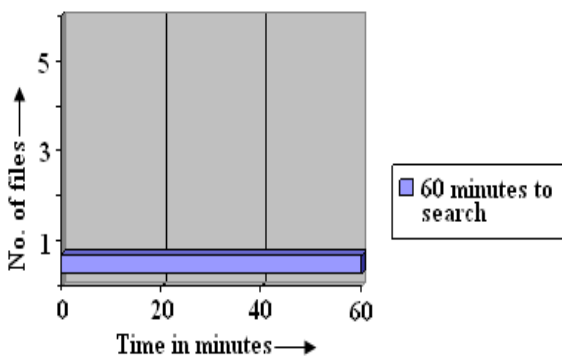


Fig .10 : File search before 5s application

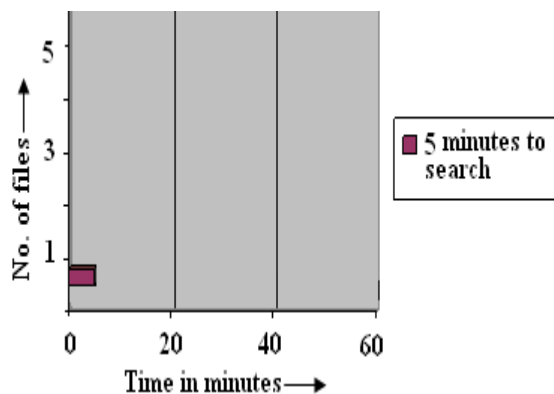


Fig.11 : File search after 5s application

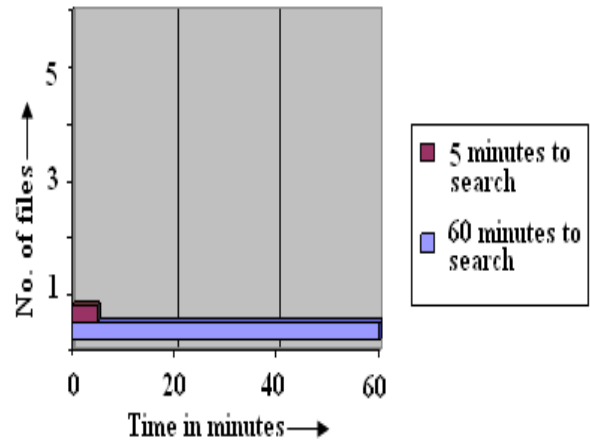


Fig .12 : File search comparison

6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

After the implementation of lean tools like 5S technology to the file searching process of CMC, Hassan, the total reduction time comparing with previous manual searching of file method is 60 minutes and after implementation of 5s to file searching process using software application the total file searching time for the public(customer) is reduced to 5 minutes only. This increases the time efficiency in terms of 91.6% . especially in public organization like CMC, Hassan , in this way the customer is getting maximum benefit using 5s application like segregation, labeling, checklist preparation, software application and closing of destructive files through the seiry, sheiton, shitsuke, seiketsu and seiso respectively. in this way simple changes in any process using lean manufacturing technology in supply chain activities can make better results and giving more satisfaction to the customer can achieve easily.

7. FUTURE WORK

The total study intension is to improve the CMC office from manual to computerized environment through the application of simple 5s principle to their other work environments, which reduces the total time required for searching files. Which helps to reduce the process time in office relate to record room files. In other way we can use this lean and supply chain technology to other processes like health and safety projects like garbage maintenance, hygienic management for hotels in city, water distribution network to publics are more powerful factors to study and their improvement through the application of lean and supply chain principles with minimum changes in the existing process is more powerful tool for any of the small and medium organizations. This will also give more powerful satisfaction to the customers.

8. CONCLUSION

Implementation of lean manufacturig principle to the supply chain line activities can helps to reduce the waste in the small and medium enterprises for the betterment of the customer or publics through the reduction of manpower and their errors in terms of time, quality and perfection towards the customer views in smooth manner and also strong data

management and their documentation can successfully achieved for the longer services to the publics with minimum expenditure is the main motive of this work.

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Table 8: Output Record room list of 2011-2012

Sl.no.	File category	Sub category	File year	File no.	Taluk	Hobli	Village	Sub
1	Revenue	Hakku vargavane	2010-11	W-34 SAS 888	Hassan			Rakha W/O Ramesh

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Nature of disposal	Date of closure	Total page	Total column	Date of destruction	Receipt date	Room sl.no	Bundle sl.no	row no.	Column no.
B	25-09-2011	15	0	25-09-2011	25-09-2011	1	1	1	1