



# Significance of Customer Engagement in Retail Banking Industry

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## ARTICLE INFO ABSTRACT

The Indian lender customers are currently left with infinite choices of retail goods and with increasing expectations. Within this circumstance the bankers need to fit with the expectations of their customers far better. This situation has direct the bankers to concentrate attention on customer relationship management, to possess the customers as partners; that consequently direct the bankers maintain functionality for an interval and to do. The customer relationship in banking throws open numerous problems and these problems have triggered the researcher to take this up research.

The topics identified comprise, affects leading to relationship building, sustaining the relationship and influences resulting in dissolution of relationship. The understanding of impacts, differ between the lender customers and bank officials. A comprehension of these impacts would clearly contribute towards coming in relationship building approaches and misunderstanding of these influences resulting in improper relationship plans. And, this is apparently the point in customer relationship building in retail banking and the exact same is recognized using these aims as the issue for the analysis.

**Keywords:** Customer Service, Customer Relation, Savings Account, Current Account, Customer Relationship Management

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Customer Relationship Management (CRM) is probably the best strategy which bolsters the advancement of administration division; it can likewise be called as one – to – one promoting, customer esteem management, customer-driven management, ceaseless relationship management or innovation empowered relationship showcasing. A customer situated association creates and oversees singular relationship with various customers for the since a long time ago run relationship.

Relationship in respects with the customers may change time to time. It might be a result of evolvement under various circumstances. Following are the phases at were relationship with customer may develop.

### 1.1 The Benefits of CRM

Serious competition in the banking business has been expanding because of deregulation and globalization. Banks have now more noteworthy opportunity in structuring their items offering serious loan fees that was not accessible beforehand. Subsequently it has gotten basic for banks to move away from the conventional exchange based perspective on banking, which included only automation of their branches, to an all-out relationship direction in order to develop dependable gainful relationships with their customers.

Spread of competence and societal changes have enhanced the banking propensities for people. By and by, a number of customers using shifting banking needs are at the general public. As company sectors separate to fragments, banks need the more focused on boosting approaches, making a discourse with littler parties of customers and understands singular needs. Experimentation with regard to angles connected with banking has been for a time in progress. Advances in banking products, the apparatuses that cause them have grown through analyses. Bank of America adopted a development of assessments for quite a while for making another help thought for banking. The lender changed lots of its branches in actuality, a laboratory at which corporate research team led help investigates different avenues regarding actual customers during regular business

hours, estimated consequences precisely and contrasted them and people of management divisions, and advocated alluring advancements for broader rollout with the objective of upgrading and building supportable customer relationships. The aforementioned, together with weights that were serious on fronts by enlarging variety of markets and banks posted, have added to evolution and the seeding of customer relationship management as yet another marketing methodology that was unbelievable.

### 1.2 Role of Banks

The banking segment has demonstrated surprising responsiveness to the necessities of the arranged economy. It has achieved an extensive advancement in its endeavors at store activation and has taken various measures in the ongoing past to quicken the pace of development of stores. To accomplish this end, business banks opened various branches in urban and provincial territories. Right now, the job of banks is significant for the development and advancement of customers just as economy. Banking division is offering customary and different administrations. The administrations offered are normal sparing and current a/c, ordinary FD, ATM, Visas and D-tangle a/c, understudy banking and child e-bank, exceptional NRI administrations, home credit, vehicle advance and home-machines advance, tele-banking, web banking, power pay roll a/c, web based exchanging, business multiplier a/c, advances against shares, protection, portfolio speculation plot, alleviation securities and common assets, senior resident unique store conspire and so forth.

### 1.3 Statement of the Problem

Time has changed; prior individuals were exceptionally faithful to their banks yet in the present serious time banks can't anticipate serious relationship from their customers. With variety of things banks and administrations and for all intents and purposes exchanging prices, customers are exchanging banks in whatever stage they find administrations and items. The nature of customer administration assume critical job with regards to supported business development in administrations, banking is one such which is incorporated it. It has gotten extremely hard for the banks to make due right now business condition. Anyway the basic quality of a bank lies in keeping up great customer relationship. Banks are surging towards picking up innovation and accomplishing productivity to confront the peril of overlooking key premises. Presently a day's banks are concentrating not exclusively to gain the new customers yet in addition to hold the current customers since they comprehend the significance and benefit because of held customers. For the most recent decade most banks have been consumed to such an extent that their own inward issues, especially merger drives, cost-cutting and re-designing, that customers and their relationship frequently got quick work. Banks need to turn out with inventive measures to fulfill the necessities of both the present and the potential customers simultaneously receive strategies to win bank the lost customers. It is with this foundation the analyst has made an endeavor towards contemplating CRM rehearses applied in the banking administration (Puthukulangara and Daniel, 2014).

### 1.5 Research Objectives

1. To analyze the importance of CRM model in the Indian retail Banking Industry
2. To study the customer perception on CRM practices.

### Hypothesis

H<sub>0</sub>: There is no relation between quality of service and customer relationship management

H<sub>1</sub>: There is an asymmetric relationship between service quality attributes and overall customer relationship.

### 1.6 Research Questions

This research basically seeks to study the opinion of the bank employees and customers on CRM practices through the following questions:

- What is the perception of customers about banking service?
- Are the customers satisfied about their relationship with the bankers?
- What is customer relationship as perceived by bankers?
- Which factor contributes more towards the customer relationship among the various banks?
- Does the banker understand the importance of customer retention?
- How can the banker customer relationship be strengthened?

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Madan Et al. (2015) found that relationship promotion offers benefits into the banks, customers as agents of the institution. Relationship boosting gives strategy to the banks to develop useful and significant haul relationships. These haul relationships are assisting banks in decreasing working expense and bringing in new customers.

Thirumoorthi And Manjula (2015) the banking component has been facing strong competition among intra and involving banks on both sides and distant banks across other hand following monetary alterations. Banks

will need to put forth efforts to create due in a industry that is severe. They've known that overseeing customer relationships is a substantial element due to their achievement over the long haul.

Magasi (2015) study found that satisfaction is not a forerunner to customer care and a satisfied customer with administrations gave the lender will not generally remain a loyal customer to the company. The evaluation found that satisfaction with lender administrations availability to banking administrations and watched government quality would be the determinants of both unwaveringness.

Parthasarathy And Ramasamy (2015) the customer is coming the information about an range of things and administrations, it's attracting hard for banks to innovate. At the moment, customer requests aren't fulfilled effectively or trades are emptied, the customer will asks new amounts administrations, and only decide on those banks that are putting on a real attempt to provide an important degree of value, fast and skilled aid throughout the lender focuses, ATMs, and other e-banking administrations. The company banks are considering this fact together with the upkeep of relationship. This investigation's discoveries demonstrate that the effects of section variables on customers mindfulness towards CRM structures. The results demonstrate that there was no comparison in suggests between customers mindfulness on CRM arrangements among banks. This might imply that customers mindfulness on CRM structures in Canara bank was relative paying heed. The customer discernment on customer relationship management rehearses is agreed about nine clinics. This evaluation recognized six elements of precursors of CRM; they're unwavering quality in management, guidance in management conveyance management, require understanding and government help.

Ahmed Et al. (2014) customer relationship management centres about caring for the relationship among bases and its current and impending customer base as a key to advancement, whilst data management recognizes the data accessible to the institutions as a substantial accomplishment element. From a business plan administrator's standpoint both the customer relationship management and data management plans guarantee a beneficial impact on price structures and income flows as a portion of this designation of resources The principle notions of customer relationship management and data management equally utilized to accentuation the institutions assets to enhance the presentation of exercises in order to improve upper palms.

Syed And Upadhyay, (2017) conducted a study to analyze the degree of the customer's satisfaction in transacting with Indian Public Sector and international currencies. Findings of this analysis have been that the banks are fast and effective in the supply of services compared with the public sector banks. It was also discovered that the customers of private and foreign banks are proven to be exceptionally satisfied in a larger number than the customers of the Indian banks, customers of both foreign banks and public sector banks are met with the time needed to find the cash credited after submitting neighborhood cheques of a few other bank/branches. It is the customer of the banks rather than banks that at a number have reported to have demanded time. On this account the banks appear to be more effective in contrast to the banks. The analysis also revealed that private and foreign banks are favored by the customers due to the high caliber of services supplied, variety of services supplied, clean and neat environment and great design and institution of status symbol in being a foreign exchange customer, despite the simple fact of having a fantastic number of public sector banks at precisely the exact same site.

Chaudhari (2020) within an evaluation on Customer Service in Public Sector Banks discovered the larger portion of their customers were exploiting only Saving Bank Accounts, Customers report that surplus time was obtained in doing employments, as an instance, saving money, bringing back money, Customers were similarly disappointed about passbook passages as a consequence of slip-ups, obscured penmanship and ridiculous time obtained, Customers also face difficulties in accepting annuity, Counter brokers give the outstanding aid with case of demand for the large part in their level, so much as overall condition and arrangement of lender, fulfilled customers dwarfed dissatisfied customers, all matters considered the expertise of customer in the hour of department was quite optimistic and also an exceptionally vast dominant portion of customers held there was demand for growth in customer administrations.

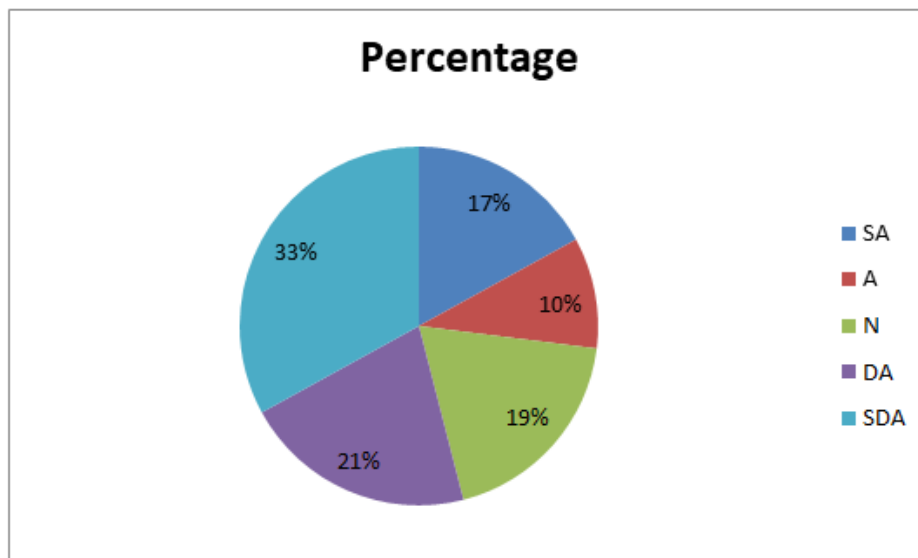
Gupta (2018) within a test on Customer Support and Performance in Commercial banks Found that customers confronted challenges, to be particular long Holding up non-accessibility of structures that are essential, in the counters, Guest that is Insufficient program. It was found that customers are Getting help that is valid As soon as they've been the customer of the lender, they do not find helping Demeanor of the bank personnel. Customers Have the impression that bank personnel Does not give consideration about the state and Drinking water . A general objection was that banks Aren't currently becoming explanation of account and banks do not Follow Reserve Bank in time Time taken for variety and encashment of attention and saving money.

### 3. FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS

#### 3.1 Frequency Analysis

##### Higher banking charges ensure better quality service

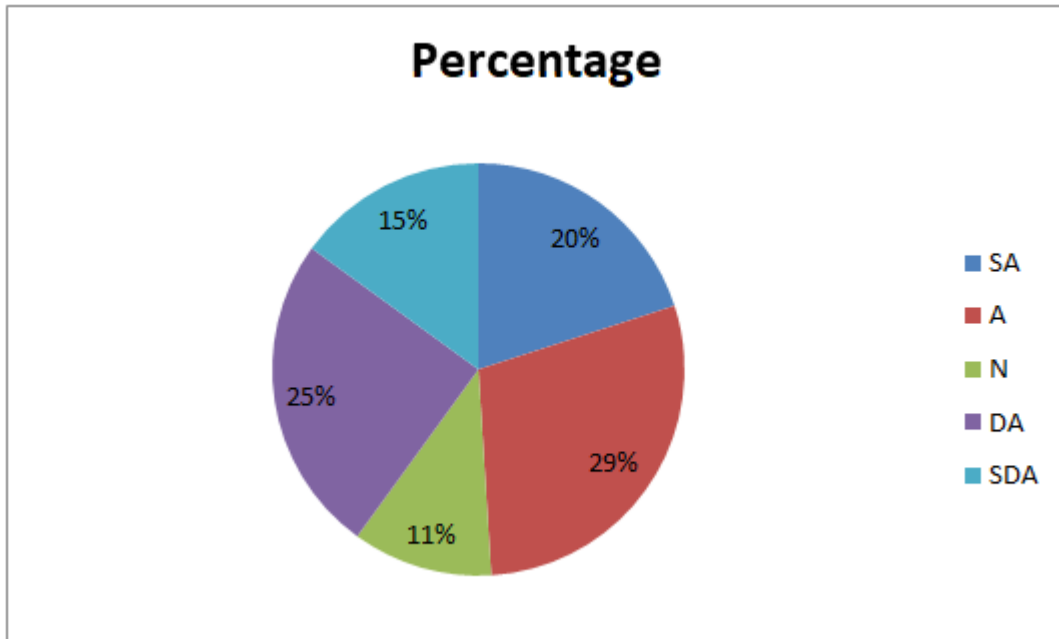
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	17	17
A	10	10
N	19	19
DA	21	21
SDA	33	33



It was observed from the previous question that 17 respondents picked option 1, 10 respondents picked option 2, 19 respondents picked option 3, 21 respondents picked option 4 and 33 respondents picked option 5.

##### Computerized branches provide better services

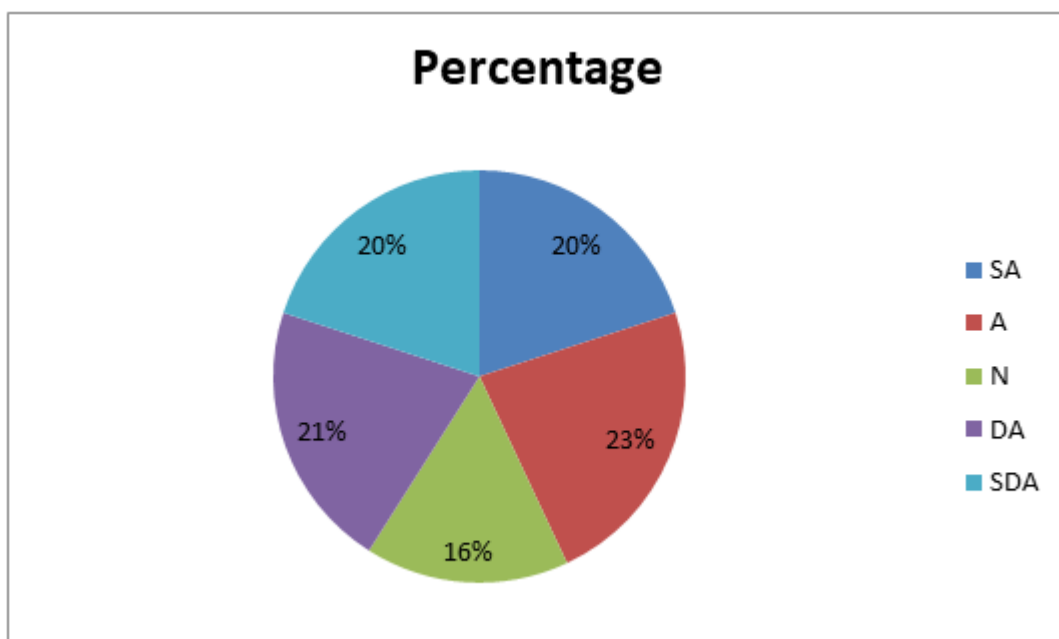
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	20	20
A	29	29
N	11	11
DA	25	25
SDA	15	15



It was observed from the previous question that 20respondents picked option 1, 29respondents picked option 2, 11respondents picked option 3, 25respondents picked option 4 and 15respondents picked option 5.

**Brand image of Bank is important**

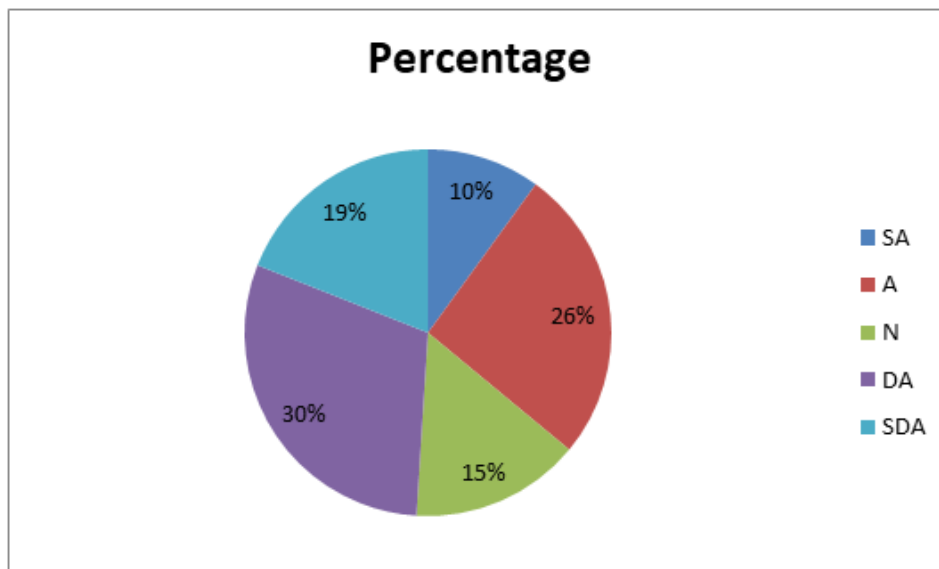
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	20	20
A	23	23
N	16	16
DA	21	21
SDA	20	20



It was observed from the previous question that 20respondents picked option 1, 23respondents picked option 2, 16respondents picked option 3, 21respondents picked option 4 and 20respondents picked option 5.

#### Cost of transacting in nationalized bank is cheaper

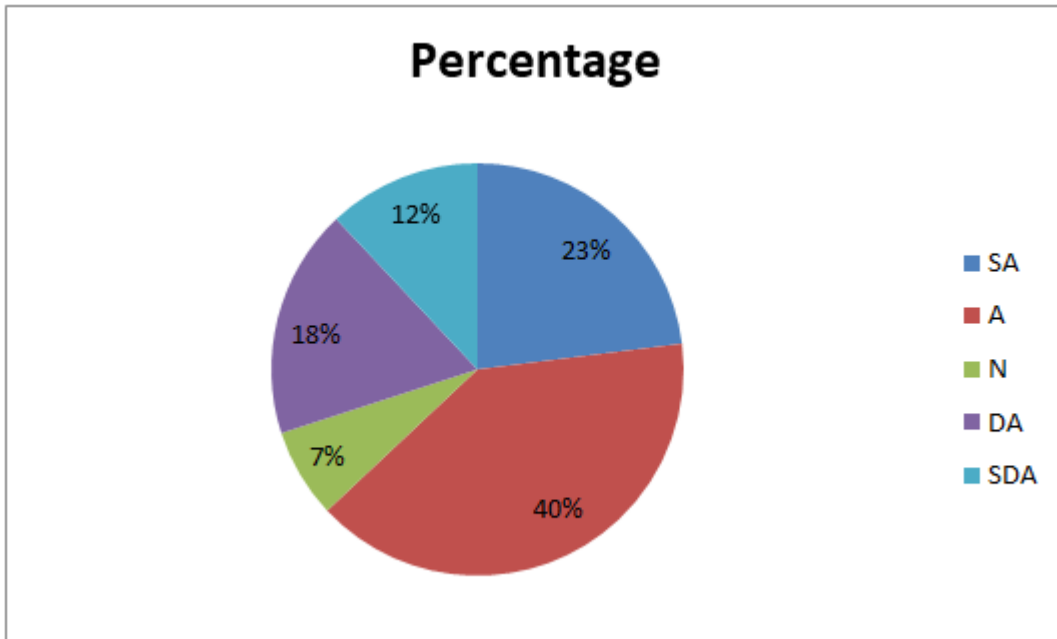
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	10	10
A	26	26
N	15	15
DA	30	30
SDA	19	19



It was observed from the previous question that 10respondents picked option 1, 26respondents picked option 2, 15respondents picked option 3, 30respondents picked option 4 and 19respondents picked option 5.

#### Foreign bank provide better service

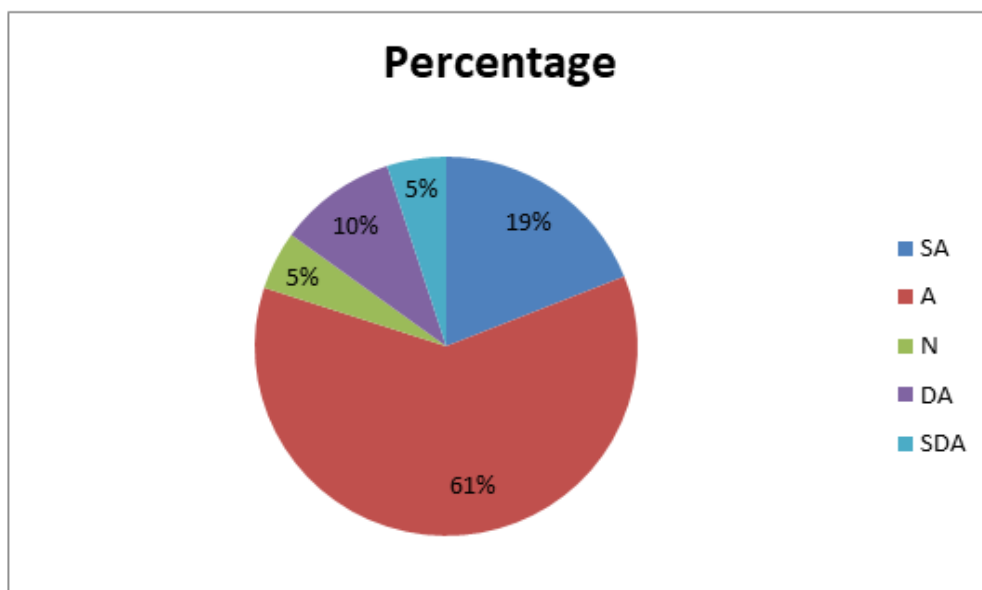
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	23	23
A	40	40
N	7	7
DA	18	18
SDA	12	12



It was observed from the previous question that 23respondents picked option 1, 40respondents picked option 2, 7respondents picked option 3, 18respondents picked option 4 and 12respondents picked option 5.

**My bank understands my expectations**

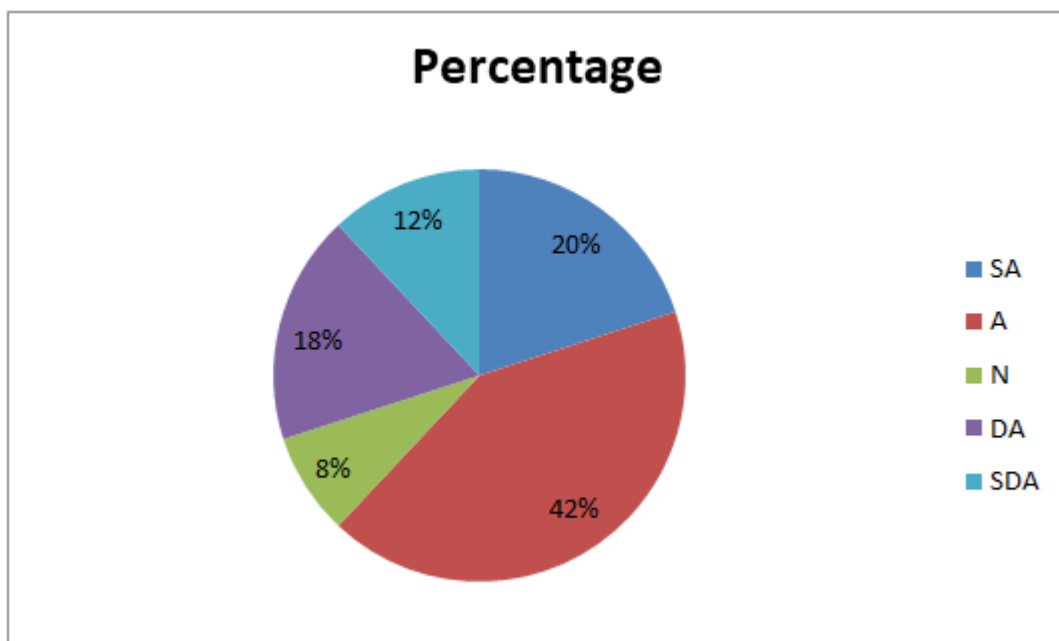
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	19	19
A	61	61
N	5	5
DA	10	10
SDA	5	5



It was observed from the previous question that 19respondents picked option 1, 61respondents picked option 2, 5respondents picked option 3, 10respondents picked option 4 and 5respondents picked option 5.

**Bank provide courteous service**

Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	20	20
A	42	42
N	8	8
DA	18	18
SDA	12	12

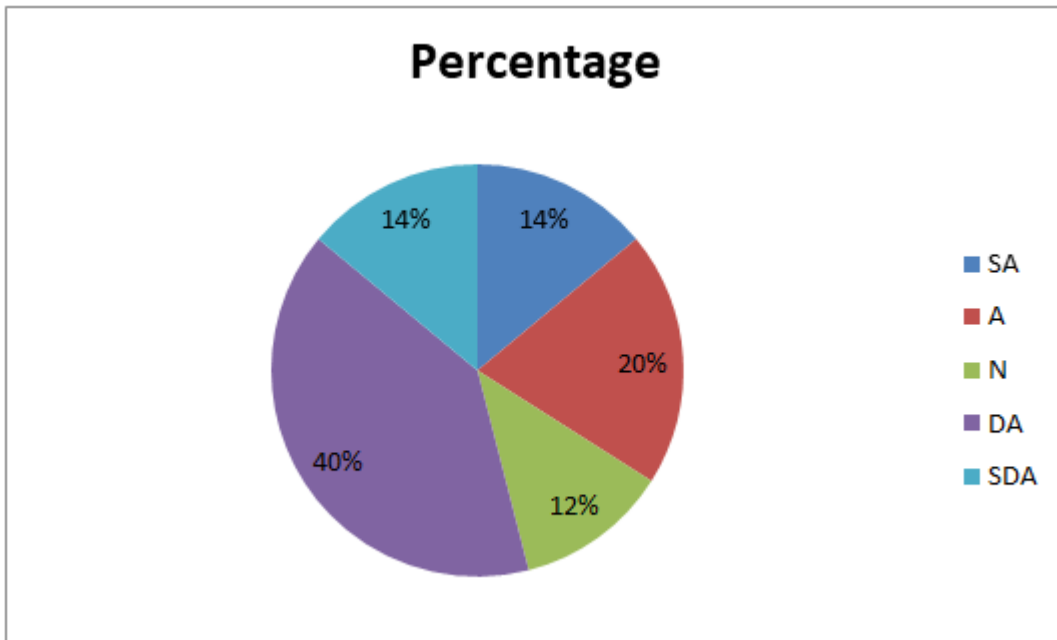


It was observed from the previous question that 20 respondents picked option 1, 42 respondents picked option 2, 8 respondents picked option 3, 18 respondents picked option 4 and 12 respondents picked option 5.

**Bank communicates with me regularly in clear cut terms**

Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	14	14
A	20	20
N	12	12
DA	40	40
SDA	14	14

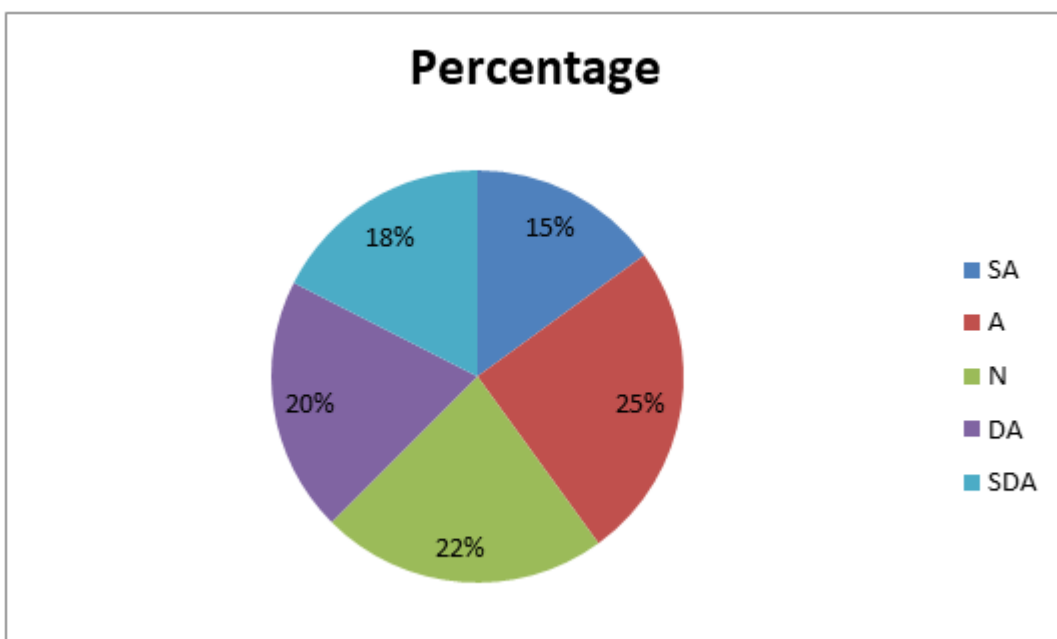




It was observed from the previous question that 14 respondents picked option 1, 20 respondents picked option 2, 12 respondents picked option 3, 40 respondents picked option 4 and 14 respondents picked option 5.

**Bank attempts to maintain good relationship with me**

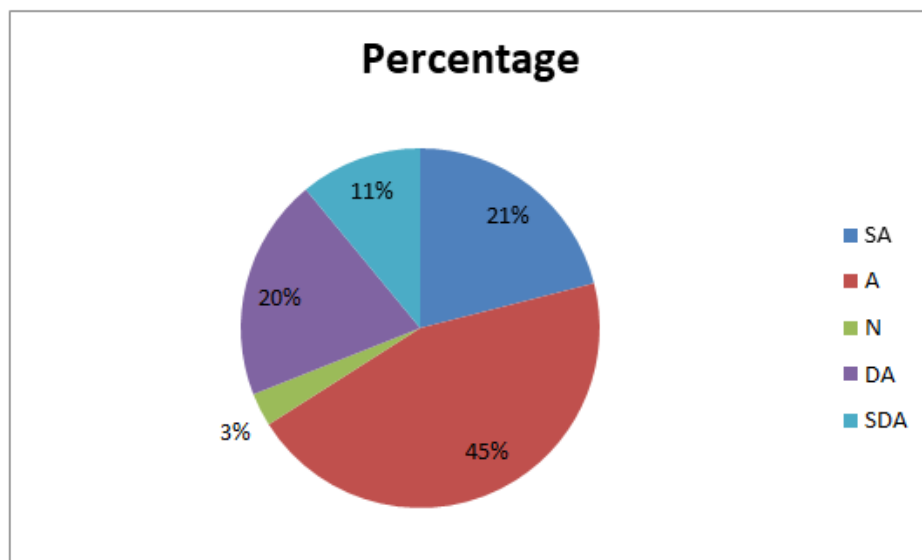
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	12	15
A	20	25
N	18	22
DA	16	20
SDA	14	18



It was observed from the previous question that 15respondents picked option 1, 25respondents picked option 2, 22respondents picked option 3, 20respondents picked option 4 and 18respondents picked option 5.

#### I enjoy banking with my bank

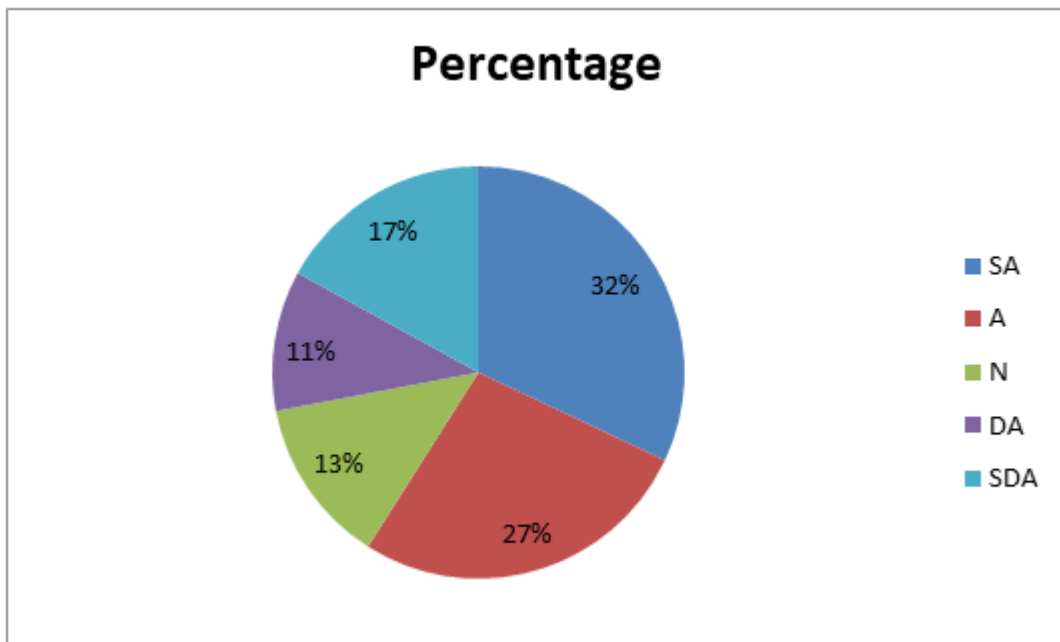
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	21	21
A	45	45
N	3	3
DA	20	20
SDA	11	11



It was observed from the previous question that 21respondents picked option 1, 45respondents picked option 2, 3respondents picked option 3, 20respondents picked option 4 and 11respondents picked option 5.

#### I find it difficult to interact with bank officials

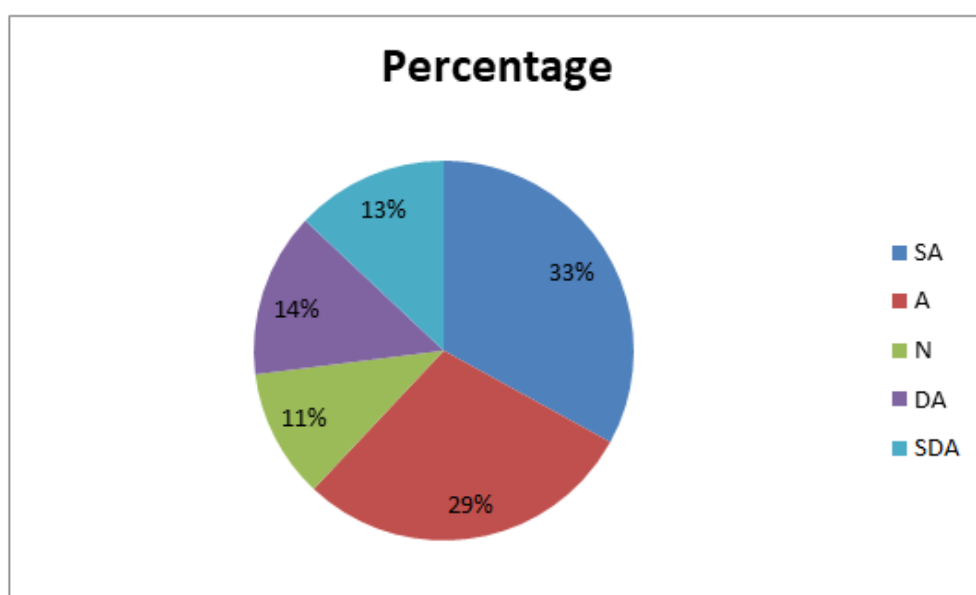
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	32	32
A	27	27
N	13	13
DA	11	11
SDA	17	17



It was observed from the previous question that 32 respondents picked option 1, 27 respondents picked option 2, 13 respondents picked option 3, 11 respondents picked option 4 and 17 respondents picked option 5.

**Bank creates a positive impression with clean, safe, well-maintained, place of business**

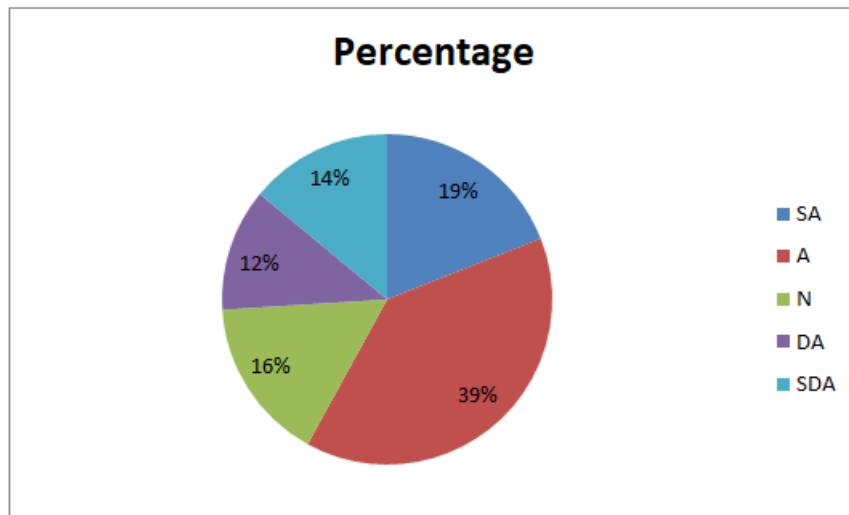
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	33	33
A	29	29
N	11	11
DA	14	14
SDA	13	13



It was observed from the previous question that 33 respondents picked option 1, 29 respondents picked option 2, 11 respondents picked option 3, 14 respondents picked option 4 and 13 respondents picked option 5.

**Bank renders me accurate and timely service**

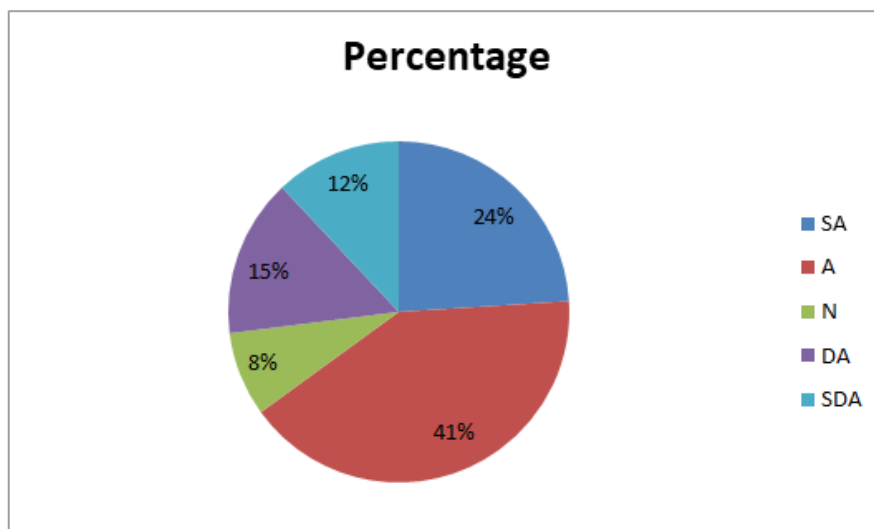
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	19	19
A	39	39
N	16	16
DA	12	12
SDA	14	14



It was observed from the previous question that 19respondents picked option 1, 39respondents picked option 2, 16respondents picked option 3, 12respondents picked option 4 and 14respondents picked option 5.

**Bank understands the preciousness of my time**

Variable	Frequency	Percentage
SA	24	24
A	41	41
N	8	8
DA	15	15
SDA	12	12



It was observed from the previous question that 24 respondents picked option 1, 41 respondents picked option 2, 8 respondents picked option 3, 15 respondents picked option 4 and 12 respondents picked option 5.

### 3.2 Statistical Analysis

With the help of RADV we investigate the importance of customer relationship management for retail banks.

Model Summary				
Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	0.349a	0.237	0.246	0.52865
a. Predictors: (Constant), Bankcharges, Brandimage, Empathy, Courtesy				

The table above represents the findings which were observed after conducting the R square test. It was found that the R square value is 0.237 while the adjusted R Square value was found to be 0.246. Based on this findings it can be said that the independent variables are in rather predicted to be dependent on a percentage of 38.7%.

Model Summary						
Model	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	
1	Regression	125.282	3	18.159	21.281	.000 <sup>b</sup>
	Residual	347.129	373	0.554		
	Total	473.825	392			
a. Dependent Variable: Customer Relationship						
b. Predictors: (Constant), Bankcharges, Brandimage, Empathy, Courtesy						

The above table represents the findings which was observed after conducting the one way ANOVA. It was identified that the predictors are significant and can be used to calculate the CS. From the above table it was observed that the F value was found to be 21.281 while the significance (p value) was found to be .000 which states that it is significant. From this it can be observed that the null hypothesis is rejected.

Inside this research no one support feature is comprehend. Characteristic performance impact customer satisfaction otherwise from business consequently the outcomes of the study are specific to telecom industry. We could conclude that affiliation among service feature general and performance satisfaction in telecom industry is asymmetric and non-linear. At findings of the evaluation demonstrate that support feature has feature characteristic that is asymmetric and non-linear. So H<sub>1</sub> could be demonstrated that (There's an asymmetric relationship between service quality characteristics and general customer relationship). This technique is very important way of development of product/service about evaluation of service quality through the customers. This manner of service feature classification will be of help to focus on attribute that is significant to boost fulfillment of customer.

### CONCLUSION

In the present study, both bank customers and employees have been taken into consideration for analysis to validate the research model. This study provides a step in understanding the existing CRM practices in banks. This analysis is a good instance of the knowledge which may be obtained in understanding the efficacy of CRM plans the CRM is just one tool which aids in fulfilling with the customer's expectations based on their requirements.

In view of the customers' the best CRM practices that satisfy their requirement should include good communication on banking information through varied channels for decision making. Customers in study area expected customized banking process without ambiguity. Factors like assurance, reliability, responsiveness and empathy are also important in the banking services. Switchover to other banks is caused due to disappointment and dissatisfaction of customers. This is due to non-receipt of fruitful results that are expected. Switchover of

customers is becoming a big loss to the existing banks. Retention and trustworthiness play a major role to overcome the loss and to build a long-term relationship that benefits both parties.

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