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**Abstract:** Sustainability assists organisations to attain competitive edges through enhanced ecological, financial and societal performances of their entire supply chains. The adoption of sustainability is usually difficult for the organisations, especially in a developing nation, such as India due to the existence of various significant factors related to finance, management, government regulations etc. The present paper uncovers the Critical Success Factors (CSFs) for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the supply chain in Indian context. Fifteen CSFs for the successful adoption of sustainability initiatives were identified and finalised firstly from the literature and followed by expert inputs. A methodology based on Grey-Decision Making Trial and Evaluation Laboratory (DEMATEL) was used to envisage the organisation of complex causal relationships between the recognised CSFs. “Government Legalisation” has been found to be the most influential factor and “Community Welfare and Development” is most easily influenced factor. A multiple case example of three automotive companies operating in India is conducted. This work proposes a decision framework to assist managers in revealing the interactive relations among sustainability oriented CSFs in the supply chain. To the end, some important policy measures and recommendations are proposed to help practicing managers and government bodies to adopt and effectively manage the concepts of sustainability oriented supply chains in India.

**Keywords:** Critical Success Factors; Grey-DEMATEL; Sustainability Initiatives; India; Automotive Sector; Supply Chain Management; Competitive Advantage.

## 1. Introduction

Currently, various stakeholders, such as investors, customers, regulatory bodies, non-government organisations and the community at large are enthusiastically examining industrial supply chains for their Critical Success Factors (CSFs) like cost, quality, delivery, emissions etc. (Klassen and Vereecke, 2012) and also their interdependency with an aim to develop approaches towards green and sustainable supply chain (Chen and Chai, 2010). Adding sustainability initiatives to supply chains are an effective tool for material management, information sharing and distribution, capital flow, and cooperation among supply chain members to enhance their triple bottom line performances (Seuring and Müller, 2008; Chaabane et al., 2011; Ageron et al., 2012; Gopalakrishnan et al., 2012; Seuring, 2013; Brandenburg et al., 2014). Sustainability initiatives are an excellent way to expand the accountability of supply chain members in reducing pollution

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3 and waste (Zailani et al., 2012; Marshall et al., 2015). The supply chain sustainability can be  
4 analysed from different perspectives, however, it is significant to evaluate the sustainability of  
5 supply chain from the system perspective (Ogunbiyi et al., 2014), which is being pursued in this  
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10 Over past few years, the developing and developed nations are focusing on sustainability targeted  
11 initiatives in supply chains to manage their economic, social and ecological issues. However, the  
12 concepts of sustainability initiatives in the supply chain in developing nations are immature in  
13 comparison to developed nations but growing up at fast pace (Turker and Altuntas, 2014;  
14 Silvestre, 2015). In case of developing nations like India, the industries have limited  
15 understanding on reducing their carbon emissions (Irani et al., 2017). In line with this, the  
16 implementation of sustainability initiatives in supply chains is also challenging in the developing  
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24 The Indian automobile industry is growing very rapidly and involved in various functions of value  
25 chain, such as material procurement, production, marketing and distribution and has started to  
26 comprehend the significance of sustainability focused concepts in their supply chains (Luthra et  
27 al., 2015; India in Business, 2016). In addition to this, Indian automotive industry is committed to  
28 develop a sustainability culture into their business ecosystem. However, a very limited number of  
29 studies are available that evaluate causal relationships between the sustainability initiatives  
30 implementation CSFs. To deal with this, managers are required to recognise the critical factors,  
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39 In fixing the objectives of this research, we seek to keep the content of this study as generic as  
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43 The present research work has the following two objectives:

- 44 • To identify the CSFs to effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chains;
- 45 • To uncover the causal relationships among the identified CSFs and to classify them into  
46 cause and effect for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chains.  
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51 As this paper aims to uncover the CSFs relevant to implementation of sustainability initiatives in  
52 industrial supply chains from the system perspective, a Grey based DEMATEL approach has been  
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3 CSFs and to classify them into cause and effect groups. DEMATEL can extract the  
4 interrelationships as well as the intensity of interrelationship between various elements of a  
5 system (Hsu et al., 2013; Seleem et al., 2016). Grey set theory is an approach that can incorporate  
6 ambiguity and uncertainty into the analysis process. The Grey-DEMATEL method can effectively  
7 manage not only uncertain judgments and but also may flexibly deal with vagueness in evaluating  
8 cause and effect relations among factors (Bai and Sarkis, 2013). To reveal the applicability of the  
9 suggested grey based DEMATEL approach, a multiple case study of three Indian automotive  
10 companies is discussed.

11 The rest of the paper is structured as follows: A review of the literature related to this study is  
12 provided in Section 2. CSFs to supply chain sustainability are identified in Section 3. The  
13 framework proposed in this research is presented in Section 4. The research methodology is  
14 elucidated in Section 5. An application example and related results are presented in Section 6.  
15 Sensitivity analysis is conducted in Section 7. Discussion of the research findings and  
16 implications for managers are provided in Section 8. Lastly, the conclusions, limitations of the  
17 study and possibilities of future work are presented (see Section 9).

## 30 **2. Literature Review**

31 This section contains the relevant literature on supply chain management and sustainability,  
32 modelling approaches used in sustainability initiatives in supply chains, and describes the research  
33 gaps for the present study.  
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### 39 **2.1 Supply chain management and sustainability**

40 Environment degradation, global warming and ozone layer depletion have encouraged widespread  
41 concerns over sustainability issues in supply chain activities in recent years (Büyükoçkan and  
42 Çifçi, 2011). Carter and Rogers (2008) stated sustainability in supply chain management as the  
43 systematic accomplishment of an organisation's economic, environmental and social goals  
44 through coordination and collaboration of key inter-organisational operations for humanising  
45 long-term economic, environmental and social performance of a firm along with all members of  
46 its supply chain. Based on extant literature, a brief review on sustainability in the supply chain is  
47 presented. Faisal (2010) put forward an approach towards an effective adoption of sustainable  
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develop a sustainable supply chain. Further, a hierarchy based structural model of the enablers of sustainability in the supply chain was also presented in this study. [Al Zaabi et al. \(2013\)](#) analysed the interaction between thirteen barriers to implement Sustainable Supply Chain Management (SSCM) practices by taking a case study in an Indian fastener industry. The findings suggest that three barriers (i.e. complex design, lack of clarity and the cost for environmentally friendly packaging) are critical barriers and require more focus than other barriers towards their removal. [Diabat et al. \(2014\)](#) analysed enablers for the adoption of sustainability in supply chains for Indian textile industries. The result discovers that five enablers (i.e. adoption of green practices, safety standards, community welfare, health and safety concerns, and employment stability) dominated the textile industry's sustainable supply chain practices.

[Ageron et al. \(2012\)](#) proposed and validated a framework by using the empirical study of selected French organisations. The findings provided a variety of future research directions in the emerging field of sustainable supply chain. [Tseng and Hung \(2014\)](#) formulated a decision model to evaluate carbon dioxide emissions and operational costs in the apparel manufacturing industry. The results suggested that the regulatory bodies force organisations to support for the social costs of carbon dioxide emissions and provided a helpful method to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

[Ahi and Searcy \(2015\)](#) identified and analysed the metrics from previous published literature on green supply chain management (GSCM) and SSCM. Various unique metrics were identified in this study and the top five metrics were quality, air emissions, greenhouse gas emissions, and energy use and energy consumption. [Taticchi et al. \(2015\)](#) reviewed the existing literature published from 2000 to 2013 related to SSCM decision-support tools and the measurement of performance. The literature analysis suggested that it is significant to mix sustainability concepts for higher performance in business.

## 2.2 Modelling approaches used in sustainability initiatives in supply chains

Various researchers utilised different modelling techniques/methodologies by incorporating sustainability from a supply chain context. A brief review of various modelling techniques used in sustainability initiatives in the supply chain is given in Table 1.

**Table 1:** Modelling techniques incorporating sustainability in supply chain

S. No.	Researcher (Year)	Modelling techniques used	Issues addressed
1	<a href="#">Bai and Sarkis</a>	Grey theory and Rough set	Sustainability focused supplier

	(2010)		selection
2	Faisal (2010)	Interpretive Structural Modelling (ISM)	Enablers of SSCM
3	Büyüközkan and Çifçi (2011)	Fuzzy Analytical Hierarchical Process (FAHP)	Sustainability focused supplier selection
4	Amindoust et al. (2012)	Fuzzy inference system	Sustainability focused supplier selection
5	Al Zaabi et al. (2013)	ISM	Barriers to implement SSCM
6	Govindan et al. (2013)	Fuzzy TOPSIS (The Technique for Order of Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution)	Sustainable supplier performance measurement
7	Mangla et al. (2013)	ISM	Sustainability focused product recovery systems
8	Bai and Sarkis (2014)	Rough set theory and Data envelopment analysis	Sustainable supplier performance measurement
9	Diabat et al. (2014)	ISM	Enablers of SSCM
10	Tseng and Hung (2014)	Mixed integer programming	SSCM performance management
11	Azadi et al. (2015)	Fuzzy DEA (Data Envelopment Analysis)	Sustainable supplier performance evaluation
12	Lin et al. (2015)	Analytical Network Process (ANP)	Sustainability focused Supplier selection
13	Tseng et al. (2015)	Fuzzy Delphi Method (FDM) and ANP	Sustainable supplier performance measurement
14	Gopal and Thakkar (2016a)	ISM	SSCM practices
15	Gopal and Thakkar (2016b)	Structural Equation Modelling (SEM)	SSCM practices
16	Su et al. (2016)	Grey based DEMATEL	Sustainability focused Supplier

According to Table 1, researchers have widely used modelling techniques, such as ISM, DEA, ANP, AHP, to analyse the sustainability related issues in a supply chain context. However, a limited application of grey based DEMATEL can be seen in the context of sustainable supply chains (Table 1). The reason behind this could be grey based DEMATEL technique is quite immature due to its limited applicability, but can provide superior outcomes as compared to ISM/AHP/ANP/DEA etc. (Bai and Sarkis, 2013). In this work, grey based DEMATEL is used for analysing the CSFs for sustainability in supply chains in a developing country context, specifically in India. The use of Grey-DEMATEL can be applied with limited data set along with focusing on the CSFs of a particular/multiple organisation. On the contrary, other modelling approached are not capable to establish the strength of causal relations among CSFs. However,



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3 Grey-DEMATEL a causal modelling technique can precisely determine their strength of causal  
4 relations and measure the uncleanness in data too.  
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### 8 **2.3 Research gaps and highlights**

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10 Based on literature review, this work lists the following research gaps:

- 11 ➤ The business organisations are reluctant to adopt sustainable initiatives in their supply  
12 chain planning (Al Zaabi et al., 2013; Sajjad et al., 2015). The reasons for the same can be  
13 listed as: a lack of knowledge of sustainability adoption; lack of economic benefits  
14 achieved through sustainability adoption; an incomplete understanding of the various  
15 probable factors critical to adopt sustainability in supply chains (Ageron et al., 2012;  
16 Wittstruck and Teuteberg, 2012; Grimm et al., 2014). The understanding of interactive  
17 relations among the factors to adopt sustainability initiatives in a supply chains is also  
18 highly important (Wittstruck and Teuteberg, 2012; Gopal and Thakkar, 2016b).
- 19 ➤ The literature on the sustainability has grown over the past two decades or so, as  
20 mentioned in the study conducted by Fahimnia et al. (2015). However, there is a paucity of  
21 research on sustainability initiatives in developing nations, like India (Gopal and Thakkar,  
22 2016a). Few authors also have focused on sustainable supply chains in Indian scenario and  
23 suggested that the subject of sustainability in Indian supply chains is at a very initial phase  
24 (Gupta and Palsule-Desai, 2011; Mitra and Datta, 2014; Mangla et al., 2015; Kumar and  
25 Rahman, 2016). Industries in developing countries, such as India face pressure from  
26 various perspectives to adopt sustainability initiatives in traditional supply chains (Diabat  
27 et al., 2014; Mani et al., 2016). The analysis of extant literature indicates that sustainability  
28 initiatives in supply chains in a developing country like India are not only at an early phase  
29 but also highly unorganised. Hence, it is needed to develop a framework for effective  
30 adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chains.
- 31 ➤ Literature also suggested the need of analysing the concept of supply chain sustainability  
32 form system perspective instead of individual stakeholder viewpoint (Ogunbiyi et al.,  
33 2014). In this work, from an organisational supply chain context, the system (supply  
34 chain) is considered as combination of the people, processes and environment that work  
35 together to accomplish a desired outcome of sustainability. In today's complex  
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3 quite complex. The ability to visualise the functions of a supply chain, the interaction  
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- 10 ➤ In this work, sustainability oriented CSFs have been considered to assess the complexity in  
11 the process of adding sustainability in a supply chain by knowing its various related  
12 functions, interaction between these functions, and external influences (Mangla et al.,  
13 2016). This complexity is addressed by developing an initial understating on the term  
14 ‘sustainability’ and analysing its implications for improving ecological, economic, social  
15 gains (Sarkis, 2012) of Indian industries, so as industrial system may have variety of  
16 sustainability implications. To help managers in sustainability of supply chains, this work  
17 further uncovers the causal relations among CSFs using grey based DEMATEL approach.  
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19 framework for assessing the complex causal relations among CSFs under different  
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### 30 31 **3. Critical Success Factors for Sustainability initiatives in Supply Chains**

32 The critical success factor theory is useful in understanding the importance of process  
33 improvement for a business organisation (Haleem et al., 2012). The concepts of key success factor  
34 theory are generally backed by the strategy research and determine the process, activities, and  
35 means to enhance the organisation’s competitiveness (De Vasconcellos et al., 1989; Dinter, 2013).  
36 In this sense, theoretical developments in the subjects of sustainability initiatives implementation  
37 CSFs related to its identification, need and importance is important in incorporating sustainability  
38 initiative in supply chains. In this sense, we investigate the previous studies by searching various  
39 key words e.g. Critical Success Factors/Key Success Factors for Sustainability Initiatives in  
40 Supply Chains etc. Various search databases like Science Direct; ISI WoS; Emerald; Scopus;  
41 Taylor & Francis; DOAJ; EBSCO, and Wiley and Inderscience were used. As a resultant, sixteen  
42 important CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chains were identified  
43 through literature and are explained in the subsequent subsections. The identified CSFs were also  
44 validated through experts’ inputs (for details see Section 6.1).  
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### ***3.1 Government legalisation***

Legislation refers to a set of laws or acts passed by regulatory bodies or government to make sure that business organisations take the responsibilities of product after the end of their useful life (Rahman and Subramanian, 2012). In recent years, a variety of laws and regulations have been passed to encourage ecological and societal sustainability e.g. the European Directives on Waste and Electronic Equipment (Bose and Pal, 2012). Government of India recently directed automotive industries to follow environment friendly Bharat Stage (BS) IV emission system (Arora, 2016).

### ***3.2 Top management support***

Sustainability is an imperative aspect of an organisation's mission, which results from the CEO's and top management support (Klassen, 2001). Implementation of SSCM practices is a verdict that needs to be supported by the top management of a business organisation (Ageron, et al., 2012). Top management approach and support usually determines the success possibility of adoption of SSCM initiatives at industrial standpoint (Muduli et al., 2013).

### ***3.3 Ecological considerations in organisations' policies and missions***

Ecological considerations include the environmental budget, environmental certification and environmental compliance; these dimensions measure the impacts of these practices on environmental protection (Baumann and Genoulaz, 2014). Organisations may facilitate green practices by establishing an environmental policy for its suppliers as a manifestation of its position regarding green purchasing, green design, green manufacturing and supplier auditing (Garetti and Taisch, 2012; Chuang et al. 2014; Gandhi et al., 2016), so as ecological practices have a positive effect on the sustainable supply chain (Ashby et al., 2012). Research and development (R&D) plays a decisive role in the successful implementation of new ideas, technologies, and/or methods in implementing green/sustainable aspects in supply chains (Bose and Pal, 2012).

### ***3.4 Societal considerations***

With growing concern about ecological issues and community awareness, the public now distinguishes organisations that reveal supplementary information about their operations concerns

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3 in society (Zhang et al., 2017). Walker et al. (2008) recognised that pressure from a variety of  
4 sources, such as Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and green promotion groups pressurise  
5 business organisations to critically consider their ecological and societal sustainability plans. The  
6 comprehensive social deliberations may include occupational health and safety practices, local  
7 society issues and employability practices etc. (Bai and Sarkis, 2010).  
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### 13 ***3.5 Supply chain members' collaborations***

15 Environmental collaboration of an industry with its suppliers and customers is the prime  
16 requirement in implement SSCM practices (Boer et al., 2005; Vachon and Klassen, 2008;  
17 Ramanathan et al., 2014). Collaboration among supply chain members is one of the key elements  
18 in developing new technologies, processes, and products (Soosay et al., 2008; Beske et al., 2014).  
19 Business organisation may push suppliers to implement environmental and social friendly  
20 technologies and practices, which may help to reduce GHG emissions in addition to a favoured  
21 impact on the environment in the supply chain (Hassini et al., 2012).  
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### 29 ***3.6 Technology development and process innovation***

31 Technology development may be utilised to solve environment and social issues, and related  
32 problems (Andiç et al., 2012). Sustainability in supply chains largely depends upon the support of  
33 partnering organisations and the use of the technology and related aspects in business  
34 (Gunasekaran and Spalanzani, 2012). Business organisations desire reducing pollution in their  
35 organisation, which essentially involves adjusting their manufacturing technology (Muduli et al.,  
36 2013). In addition to technology development, process innovation is very significant for supply  
37 chain sustainability (Ogunbiyi et al., 2014). Process innovation facilitates the adoption of  
38 innovative based practices, such as lean and green techniques, which leads to synergy to  
39 organisational efforts to accomplish economic, environmental and social goals (Miller et al.,  
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### 50 ***3.7 Communication and information technology***

51 Accurate information reduces uncertainty associated with the supply chain network, and  
52 collaboration through electronic media enables timely communication and information sharing  
53 among supply chain partners for sustainable business development (Prakash and Barua, 2015).  
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Therefore organisations need to create, develop and invest in communication networks and technology to have an effective adoption of sustainable initiatives.

### **3.8 Training**

Training is organised practice that helps to change employees' behaviour towards accomplishing the objectives of effective implementation of sustainable initiatives in supply chains (Jabbour and Santos, 2008; Muduli et al., 2013). Organisations in the supply chain must educate and convince their suppliers as well as customers to become more green/sustainable friendly (Hassini et al., 2012).

### **3.9 Green design and purchasing**

Integrating environmental concerns in the design phase of a product can reduce its negative environmental impacts, such as waste management, pollution control, life-cycle analysis and resource conservation (Zhu et al., 2007; Jabbour and Jabbour, 2009; Eltayeb et al., 2011). Green purchasing is an expensive task, but creates economic value, in terms of higher resource conservation and sustainable business development (Min and Galle, 2001; Govindan et al., 2015).

### **3.10 Reverse logistics and waste minimisation**

Majority of the organisations realise that reverse logistics adoption is not only helpful in achieving sustainable business practices, but also useful in increasing revenue and corporate image (Prakash and Barua, 2015). The benefits of implementing reverse logistics operations are efficient resource utilisation, environmental protection and waste minimisation (Gunasekaran and Spalanzani, 2012).

### **3.11 Ethical and safe practices**

The creation and adoption of ethical and safe practices in firms include industry image and reputation, government legislation and other stakeholders' expectations (Mzembe et al., 2016). Due to the global issues of climate change, exhaustion of resources and widespread poverty, it is important for the business corporation to develop a sense of accountability and responsibility towards their stakeholders and society at large. Businesses need to show a high level of ethics in their decision-making, thus moving beyond the core objective of profit maximisation. This is

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3 significant to guarantee the continued support and confidence of the stakeholders and,  
4 consequently, the sustainability of the organisation (Büyükoçkan and Cifci, 2012).  
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### 8 **3.12 Customer involvement and encouragement**

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10 Many organisations have been facing pressure greater than before from their major customers to  
11 perform business in a sustainable way (Dües et al., 2013). Customers may put pressure on a  
12 business organisation, which produces higher ecological and societal impacts (Deephouse and  
13 Heugens, 2009; Kumar et al., 2014; Kumar et al., 2016). Customer pressure is a key driver to  
14 encourage business organisations to develop sustainability focused practices in supply chains  
15 (Gualandris and Kalchschmidt, 2014).  
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### 22 **3.13 Community welfare and development**

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24 Business growth has direct relationships with community and societal development. Transparency  
25 and equity dimensions have critical roles in the creation of a brand image of the organisation. A  
26 better quality of life for the community can aid in maintaining the cultural diversity as well as  
27 social stability (Seghezze, 2009). This factor also differentiates one organisation from other  
28 organisations. Sustainable development encourages community development that leads to high  
29 business growth (Eltayeb et al., 2011; Khavul and Bruton, 2013).  
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### 36 **3.14 Economic considerations**

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38 The implementation of sustainability focused initiatives may help in achieving financial benefits,  
39 expansion of the market by adding new customers, enhancement of sustainable capabilities and  
40 bringing competitive advantages. Therefore, many business organisations are adopting sustainable  
41 supply chain initiatives to improve their overall performance (Ageron et al., 2012; Gopalakrishnan  
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### 48 **3.15 Competitiveness and brand image considerations**

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50 Due to growing awareness of environmental impacts, business organisations are seeking to adopt  
51 sustainability in supply chains (Zailani et al, 2012). Sustainability issues must be considered  
52 throughout the supply chain design to confirm sustainable development in order to accomplish  
53 viable and competitive performance objectives (Gunasekaran and Spalanzani, 2012).  
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### 3.16 Investment recovery

Investment recovery means recovering the organisation's investment in terms of higher inventories, scrap and excess capital equipment (Zhu et al., 2013). Investment recovery will enhance an organisation's economic performance that helps in assessing the optimal level of investment for sustainability initiatives in the supply chain (Chaabane et al., 2012).

## 4. Proposed Research Framework

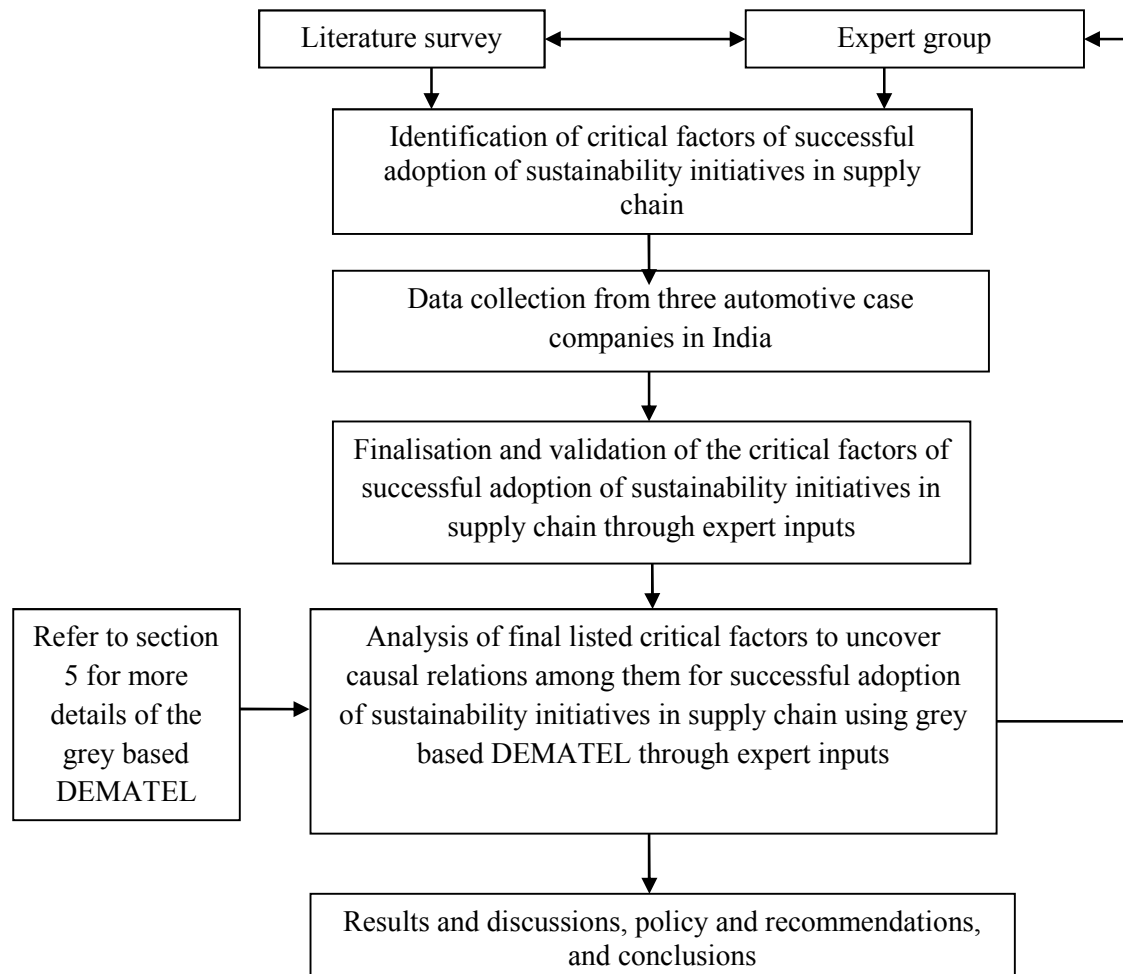
Based on the literature and expert inputs, CSFs of successful implementation of sustainable initiatives in supply chains were identified. The finalised CSFs were analysed using the grey based DEMATEL approach through expert's inputs. The projected research framework is shown in Figure 1.

[Figure 1 about here]

## 5. Solution Methodology

For accomplishing the purpose of the present research, the Grey based DEMATEL approach has been suggested as a solution methodology. Majority of the Multiple-Attribute Decision Making (MADM) approaches assume that the criteria are independent of each other, which is not a realistic assumption in real world problems (Gölcük and Baykasoğlu, 2016). DEMATEL is a technique that determines the interdependence among the factors with the help of a casual diagram (Seleem et al., 2016). In practical situations, unpredictable surroundings may result in imprecise human judgments and vague information. Thus, the usual DEMATEL (Gandhi et al., 2015; Xia et al., 2015) technique is not capable of handling these uncertainties.





34 **Figure 1:** Proposed research framework

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38 We may use fuzzy theory in this situation; however, fuzzy theory has some limitations in mapping  
39 a membership function (Khompatraporn and Somboonwiwat, 2017), like triangular, trapezoidal  
40 etc. Hence, this work opted to mix the grey set theory with DEMATEL. The grey system also  
41 considers the condition of fuzziness. The concept of grey set theory has been introduced by Prof.  
42 Deng (Deng, 1982). Grey theory can be readily combined with different decision making  
43 processes to advance the accuracy of the judgments (Liu et al., 2010). Grey based DEMATEL  
44 approach can uncover the causal relationships among the CSFs effective adoption of sustainability  
45 initiatives in supply chains (Bai and Sarkis, 2013). Based on the literature, researchers have used  
46 the Grey-DEMATEL methodology in different contexts (Xia et al., 2015; Su et al. 2016; Seker et  
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**Step 1:** Construct the initial relationship matrix (R). Let the number of identified CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chains be 'c' and the respondents chosen to be 'n'. Each respondent is given the task of evaluating the direct influence of factor 'x' over factor 'y' on an integer scale as given in Table 2 among the 'c' factors.

**Table 2:** Linguistics assessment and associated Grey scales

Linguistics assessment	Assigned Grey numbers	Crisp values
No influence (N)	(0, 0.1)	0
Very low influence (VL)	(0.1, 0.3)	1
Low influence (L)	(0.2, 0.5)	2
Medium influence (M)	(0.4, 0.7)	3
High influence (H)	(0.6, 0.9)	4
Very high influence (VH)	(0.9, 1.0)	5

**Step 2:** Calculate the corresponding Grey matrices ( $\otimes A_{xy}^l$ ). The initial relationship matrices are transformed into corresponding grey matrices. For this, the integer scale ratings are converted into associated Grey numbers based on an upper and lower range of values, as given in Table 2 (Deng, 1982; Rajesh et al., 2015), i.e.

$$\otimes A_{xy}^l = (\underline{\otimes} A_{xy}^l, \overline{\otimes} A_{xy}^l) \quad (5.1)$$

Where  $1 \leq l \leq n$ ;  $1 \leq x \leq c$ ;  $1 \leq y \leq c$ .

**Step 3:** Determine the average Grey matrix ( $\otimes \check{A}_{xy}$ ), that is prepared by taking the average of initial Grey matrices using equation (5.2).

$$\otimes \check{A}_{xy} = \left( \sum_l \frac{\underline{\otimes} A_{xy}^l}{n}, \sum_l \frac{\overline{\otimes} A_{xy}^l}{n} \right) \quad (5.2)$$

**Step 4:** Transform the average Grey matrix into crisp relationship matrix (B). The Grey numbers are converted to crisp numbers by the modified-CFCS (Converting Fuzzy data into Crisp Scores) (Xia et al., 2015). For other details about formation of crisp relationship matrix (B) refer to Appendix-A.

**Step 5:** Set up the normalised direct-relation matrix (N). Based on equations (5.3) and (5.4), the normalised direct relation matrix is constructed.

$$L = \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq x \leq c} \sum_y a_{xy}} \quad (5.3)$$

$$N = L * R \quad (5.4)$$

Where, L is the normalisation factor and R is initial relationship matrix.

**Step 6:** Determine total relation matrix (T) by using equation (5.5).

$$T = N(I - N)^{-1} \quad (5.5)$$

Where, I is the identity matrix.

**Step 7:** Obtain causal parameters. ‘D’ denotes the summation of rows and ‘R’ denotes the summation of columns. This is calculated through equations (5.6) and (5.7):

$$R = \left[ \sum_{y=1}^c a_{xy} \right]_{c \times 1} \quad (5.6)$$

$$D = \left[ \sum_{y=1}^c a_{xy} \right]_{1 \times c} \quad (5.7)$$

**Step 8:** Set up the causal diagram. A causal and effect diagram is constructed through dataset consisting of (R+D, R-D). The score (R+D) denotes ‘Prominence’ and implies the total effects given and received by factor ‘x’, whereas the score (R-D) denotes ‘Relation’ of one factor with other.

## 6. An Application of Proposed Framework

A multiple case study approach of three automotive component manufacturing companies from India is conducted in this work. Case study approach is useful in demonstrating real world phenomena (Subramanian et al., 2014). In this work, we select three case companies to generalise our study outcomes in achieving sustainability of supply chains (Eisenhardt, 1989; Yin, 2013). In general, our findings are effective to the limited context of the preferred companies but provide basis for future studies that may be generalised to larger populations.

In this work, three automotive companies produce a wide variety of products, including highly precise and fully machined aluminum and ferrous components for automotive Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). The case companies uphold high standards of business ethics and social responsibility, continually innovating the processes and products in partnership with suppliers to attain improved performance. Top management of the case companies is committed to sustainable business development and they are involved in a project “Sustainable Supply Chain Management Implementation”. Management also intends to identify and analyse CSFs to uncover the causal relations among the CSFs for successful sustainability initiatives in the supply chain.

Brief explanation of case companies considered in this research is provided in Table 3.

**Table 3:** Brief description of case companies

<b>Business Characteristics</b>	<b>Company 1</b>	<b>Company 2</b>	<b>Company 3</b>
<b>Turnover (in INR)</b>	150-160 Million	140-150 Million	120-130 Million
<b>Employees</b>	More than 2000	More than 2000	1500-2000
<b>Year of establishment</b>	1983	1984	1987
<b>Certifications</b>	OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001	ISO 14001, ISO TS 16949, OHSAS 18001	ISO 9001, ISO 14001, TS 16949 and OHSAS 18001
<b>Products manufactured type/ Specialization</b>	Various automotive (2,3, 4 and commercial wheelers) components	2 wheeler components	2 and 4 wheelers automotive components
<b>Type of business</b>	Manufacturer, supplier	Manufacturer, supplier	Manufacturer, supplier

A group comprising 17 experts (details are provided in next section) was formed. In this work, the system (supply chain of automotive companies under study) is considered as combination of the people, processes and environment that work together to accomplish a desired outcome of sustainability. The application of the proposed framework is elaborated in the subsequent sub-sections.

### **6.1 Finalisation and validation of the CSFs**

Initially, 16 sustainability focused CSFs in supply chains were listed from the literature. To validate the identified factors, a feedback form was prepared as shown in Appendix-B. The feedback allows ranking of the expert's rating in terms of importance of each factor on a scale of 1 – 7 (where, 1-least relevant and 7-most relevant). The expert panel comprised 17 people: 9 business professionals dealing with implementation of sustainability issues in automotive supply chain, 4 sustainability management consultants, 4 representatives from national and regional public institutions dealing with environmental issues, and 3 faculty members actively conducting research on sustainability management issues. The experts selected were knowledgeable and skilled based professionals, with more than ten years of working experience in the domain of management of sustainability issues. The experts' responses were gathered to finalise the sustainability initiatives related factors in the automotive industry in the Indian context. Based on expert's agreement, we deleted the factors with a rating of 1 or 2; thus, one factor was eliminated, i.e. 'Investment Recovery'. This means, currently, 'Investment Recovery' is relatively less

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3 significant as compared to other factors. The experts were agreed on the point that investment  
4 recovery certainly enriches the business sustainability initiatives by holding the sustainability  
5 concept of the 3 R's: (reduce, reuse, and recycle). However, investment recovery is less important  
6 in developing nations, such as India so as to very initial level of sustainable initiatives in supply  
7 chain context (Zhu et al., 2013). The case companies also have limited resources capabilities in  
8 infrastructure and waste management policies. Therefore, presently, investment recovery concepts  
9 are very weak in improving the sustainability of Indian case automotive company value chains. In  
10 view of this, we left out this factor in the current research with an aim to evaluate the effect of  
11 investment recovery in business sustainability of Indian automotive companies and related  
12 industry in future studies.

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14 We also asked experts to add/include any other CSF, which they thought is significant in  
15 sustainability of supply chains, however, some CSFs were reworded to suite with Indian supply  
16 chain context. All in all, they seem to be satisfied with the list and were not agreed for including  
17 any other. Hence, a total of 15 CSFs relevant to the implementation of sustainability initiatives in  
18 the automotive industry supply chain were selected.

## 30 31 **6.2 Uncovering causal relations of CSFs**

32 The grey based DEMATEL approach was utilised to uncover causal relations among the CSFs.  
33 Thus, the expert group was asked to rate the CSFs using the linguistic scale shown in Table 2.  
34 Based on this, initial direct matrices were formed. Next, the initial relationship matrices were  
35 transformed into corresponding grey matrices by assigning Grey values of the linguistic scales  
36 using equation 5.1. The Grey relationship matrix for critical factors towards effective adoption of  
37 sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain by Expert 1 is given in Table 4.

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46 Next, the average Grey relation matrix  $[\otimes \check{A}_{xy}]$  was computed. The average Grey relation matrix  
47 is shown in Table 5.

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53 The normalised crisp relation matrix (B) was constructed from the average Grey relation matrix  
54 using the modified-CFCS method and is shown in Table 6.

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The final crisp relation matrix (B) was constructed from the average Grey relation matrix and is shown in Table 7.

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Next, the normalised direct relation matrix (N) was constructed and is given in Table 8.

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The total relation matrix T is obtained from normalised direct relation matrix and is shown in Table 9.

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Let R and D be defined as  $[r_x]_{n \times 1}$  and  $[c_y]_{1 \times n}$  vectors representing the sum of the row elements and the sum of the column elements for the total relation matrix T, respectively. The 'Prominence' (R+D) and 'Relation' (R-D) were computed by adding and subtracting the values of R and D; other details are shown in Table 10.

[Table 10 about here]

Finally, a causal effect diagram of factors for successful adoption of sustainability initiatives in the supply chain is plotted by taking the dataset consisting of (R+D, R-D). To show the net effect and correlation among all the CSFs and in the sets, a causal and effect diagram is developed (Please see Figure 2).

[Figure 2 about here]

From Figure 2, eleven CSFs have been categorised into the cause group and four CSFs into the effect group. The relationships among CSFs are shown through arrows in digraphs (Figure 2).

Threshold value ( $\alpha$ ) has been fixed to sort out number of relationships which have higher value than  $\alpha$ . The threshold value is calculated by adding one standard deviation to the mean. In this case,  $\alpha$  is 0.1201 i.e. (0.0805+0.0396). All the relationships among CSFs meeting or exceeding the threshold value are plotted in Figure 2.

**Table 4:** Grey relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain by Expert 1

CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	(0, 0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)
CSF2	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF3	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF4	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)
CSF5	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF6	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF7	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.6,0.9)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF8	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF9	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF10	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.6,0.9)
CSF11	(0, 0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF12	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.6,0.9)	(0,0.1)	(0.6,0.9)	(0.6,0.9)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF13	(0,0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.6,0.9)	(0.6,0.9)
CSF14	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF15	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.6,0.9)	(0,0.1)

The level of influence of factor x the over the factor y is represented as Grey value  $(\otimes A_{xy}^l, \otimes A_{xy}^u)$

**Table 5:** Average Grey relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	(0,0.1)	(0.188,0.475)	(0.35,0.65)	(0.188,0.475)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.375,0.675)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.35,0.65)	(0.35,0.65)	(0.275,0.575)	(0.275,0.575)	(0.225,0.525)
CSF2	(0.188,0.475)	(0,0.1)	(0.35,0.65)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.375,0.675)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.3,0.6)	(0.35,0.65)	(0.375,0.675)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.375,0.675)
CSF3	(0.188,0.475)	(0.188,0.475)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF4	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)
CSF5	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF6	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.525,0.825)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.575,0.875)
CSF7	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.55,0.85)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF8	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)	(0.125,0.35)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF9	(0.125,0.35)	(0.125,0.35)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.125,0.35)	(0,0.1)	(0.525,0.825)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF10	(0.113,0.325)	(0.138,0.375)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.5,0.8)	(0,0.1)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.6,0.9)
CSF11	(0,0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.5,0.85)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF12	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.575,0.875)	(0,0.1)	(0.6,0.9)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.5,0.8)
CSF13	(0,0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.25,0.55)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.45,0.75)	(0.375,0.675)
CSF14	(0.1,0.3)	(0.188,0.45)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.25,0.55)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)	(0.35,0.65)
CSF15	(0.088,0.25)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.275,0.575)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.325,0.625)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)

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**Table 6:** Normalised crisp relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	0.0000	0.5795	0.7376	0.5795	0.4317	0.6286	0.7183	0.6286	0.3500	0.3370	0.5169	0.7376	0.4015	0.4153	0.3359
CSF2	0.5795	0.0000	0.7376	0.6286	0.7503	0.6286	0.4127	0.6286	0.1528	0.3370	0.4492	0.7376	0.5328	0.3136	0.5328
CSF3	0.5795	0.5795	0.0000	0.6286	0.4317	0.6286	0.4127	0.6286	0.1528	0.1474	0.5847	0.4525	0.5657	0.3136	0.5657
CSF4	0.2667	0.2667	0.4525	0.0000	0.4317	0.6286	0.7619	0.2667	0.6500	0.1474	0.5847	0.1949	0.3030	0.5847	0.3030
CSF5	0.2667	0.6286	0.4525	0.2667	0.0000	0.6286	0.4127	0.2667	0.3500	0.1474	0.5847	0.1949	0.5657	0.3136	0.5657
CSF6	0.6286	0.2667	0.1949	0.6286	0.4317	0.0000	0.4127	0.6286	0.3500	0.3370	0.7542	0.4525	0.7955	0.5847	0.7955
CSF7	0.6286	0.2667	0.4525	0.6286	0.4317	0.2667	0.0000	0.2667	0.3500	0.1474	0.7880	0.1949	0.5657	0.5847	0.5657
CSF8	0.2667	0.2667	0.1949	0.2667	0.4317	0.6286	0.7619	0.0000	0.1985	0.6268	0.8219	0.4525	0.7955	0.5847	0.5657
CSF9	0.3500	0.3500	0.4525	0.2667	0.1864	0.6286	0.1786	0.3500	0.0000	0.8078	0.5847	0.1949	0.7955	0.8219	0.5657
CSF10	0.3077	0.3936	0.4525	0.6286	0.4317	0.2667	0.4127	0.6286	0.8000	0.0000	0.5847	0.1949	0.5657	0.3136	0.8283
CSF11	0.0000	0.2667	0.1949	0.6286	0.4317	0.2667	0.4127	0.6286	0.1528	0.3370	0.0000	0.4525	0.7367	0.5847	0.5657
CSF12	0.6286	0.6286	0.1949	0.2667	0.0000	0.6286	0.0000	0.6286	0.1528	0.3370	0.8219	0.0000	0.8283	0.8219	0.6970
CSF13	0.0000	0.2667	0.1949	0.2667	0.4317	0.2667	0.4127	0.2667	0.3500	0.1474	0.3814	0.1949	0.0000	0.6525	0.5328
CSF14	0.2667	0.5467	0.1949	0.2667	0.1864	0.2667	0.1786	0.6286	0.1528	0.1474	0.3814	0.1949	0.5657	0.0000	0.5000
CSF15	0.2083	0.2667	0.1949	0.6286	0.1864	0.2667	0.4127	0.0000	0.3500	0.1474	0.4153	0.1949	0.4672	0.5847	0.0000

**Table 7:** Final crisp relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	0.0000	0.2898	0.4794	0.2898	0.2914	0.3143	0.5028	0.3143	0.2800	0.2780	0.4523	0.4794	0.3614	0.3634	0.3023
CSF2	0.2898	0.0000	0.4794	0.3143	0.5064	0.3143	0.2889	0.3143	0.1222	0.2780	0.3930	0.4794	0.4795	0.2744	0.4795
CSF3	0.2898	0.2898	0.0000	0.3143	0.2914	0.3143	0.2889	0.3143	0.1222	0.1216	0.5116	0.2941	0.5091	0.2744	0.5091
CSF4	0.1333	0.1333	0.2941	0.0000	0.2914	0.3143	0.5333	0.1333	0.5200	0.1216	0.5116	0.1267	0.2727	0.5116	0.2727
CSF5	0.1333	0.3143	0.2941	0.1333	0.0000	0.3143	0.2889	0.1333	0.2800	0.1216	0.5116	0.1267	0.5091	0.2744	0.5091
CSF6	0.3143	0.1333	0.1267	0.3143	0.2914	0.0000	0.2889	0.3143	0.2800	0.2780	0.6599	0.2941	0.7159	0.5116	0.7159
CSF7	0.3143	0.1333	0.2941	0.3143	0.2914	0.1333	0.0000	0.1333	0.2800	0.1216	0.6895	0.1267	0.5091	0.5116	0.5091
CSF8	0.1333	0.1333	0.1267	0.1333	0.2914	0.3143	0.5333	0.0000	0.1588	0.5171	0.7192	0.2941	0.7159	0.5116	0.5091
CSF9	0.1750	0.1750	0.2941	0.1333	0.1258	0.3143	0.1250	0.1750	0.0000	0.6665	0.5116	0.1267	0.7159	0.7192	0.5091
CSF10	0.1538	0.1968	0.2941	0.3143	0.2914	0.1333	0.2889	0.3143	0.6400	0.0000	0.5116	0.1267	0.5091	0.2744	0.7455
CSF11	0.0000	0.1333	0.1267	0.3143	0.2914	0.1333	0.2889	0.3143	0.1222	0.2780	0.0000	0.2941	0.6630	0.5116	0.5091
CSF12	0.3143	0.3143	0.1267	0.1333	0.0000	0.3143	0.0000	0.3143	0.1222	0.2780	0.7192	0.0000	0.7455	0.7192	0.6273
CSF13	0.0000	0.1333	0.1267	0.1333	0.2914	0.1333	0.2889	0.1333	0.2800	0.1216	0.3337	0.1267	0.0000	0.5709	0.4795
CSF14	0.1333	0.2733	0.1267	0.1333	0.1258	0.1333	0.1250	0.3143	0.1222	0.1216	0.3337	0.1267	0.5091	0.0000	0.4500
CSF15	0.1042	0.1333	0.1267	0.3143	0.1258	0.1333	0.2889	0.0000	0.2800	0.1216	0.3634	0.1267	0.4205	0.5116	0.0000



**Table 8:** Normalised direct relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	0.0000	0.0379	0.0628	0.0379	0.0382	0.0412	0.0658	0.0412	0.0367	0.0364	0.0592	0.0628	0.0473	0.0476	0.0396
CSF 2	0.0379	0.0000	0.0628	0.0412	0.0663	0.0412	0.0378	0.0412	0.0160	0.0364	0.0515	0.0628	0.0628	0.0359	0.0628
CSF 3	0.0379	0.0379	0.0000	0.0412	0.0382	0.0412	0.0378	0.0412	0.0160	0.0159	0.0670	0.0385	0.0667	0.0359	0.0667
CSF4	0.0175	0.0175	0.0385	0.0000	0.0382	0.0412	0.0698	0.0175	0.0681	0.0159	0.0670	0.0166	0.0357	0.0670	0.0357
CSF5	0.0175	0.0412	0.0385	0.0175	0.0000	0.0412	0.0378	0.0175	0.0367	0.0159	0.0670	0.0166	0.0667	0.0359	0.0667
CSF6	0.0412	0.0175	0.0166	0.0412	0.0382	0.0000	0.0378	0.0412	0.0367	0.0364	0.0864	0.0385	0.0938	0.0670	0.0938
CSF7	0.0412	0.0175	0.0385	0.0412	0.0382	0.0175	0.0000	0.0175	0.0367	0.0159	0.0903	0.0166	0.0667	0.0670	0.0667
CSF8	0.0175	0.0175	0.0166	0.0175	0.0382	0.0412	0.0698	0.0000	0.0208	0.0677	0.0942	0.0385	0.0938	0.0670	0.0667
CSF9	0.0229	0.0229	0.0385	0.0175	0.0165	0.0412	0.0164	0.0229	0.0000	0.0873	0.0670	0.0166	0.0938	0.0942	0.0667
CSF10	0.0201	0.0258	0.0385	0.0412	0.0382	0.0175	0.0378	0.0412	0.0838	0.0000	0.0670	0.0166	0.0667	0.0359	0.0976
CSF11	0.0000	0.0175	0.0166	0.0412	0.0382	0.0175	0.0378	0.0412	0.0160	0.0364	0.0000	0.0385	0.0868	0.0670	0.0667
CSF12	0.0412	0.0412	0.0166	0.0175	0.0000	0.0412	0.0000	0.0412	0.0160	0.0364	0.0942	0.0000	0.0976	0.0942	0.0821
CSF13	0.0000	0.0175	0.0166	0.0175	0.0382	0.0175	0.0378	0.0175	0.0367	0.0159	0.0437	0.0166	0.0000	0.0748	0.0628
CSF14	0.0175	0.0358	0.0166	0.0175	0.0165	0.0175	0.0164	0.0412	0.0160	0.0159	0.0437	0.0166	0.0667	0.0000	0.0589
CSF15	0.0136	0.0175	0.0166	0.0412	0.0165	0.0175	0.0378	0.0000	0.0367	0.0159	0.0476	0.0166	0.0551	0.0670	0.0000

**Table 9:** Total relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

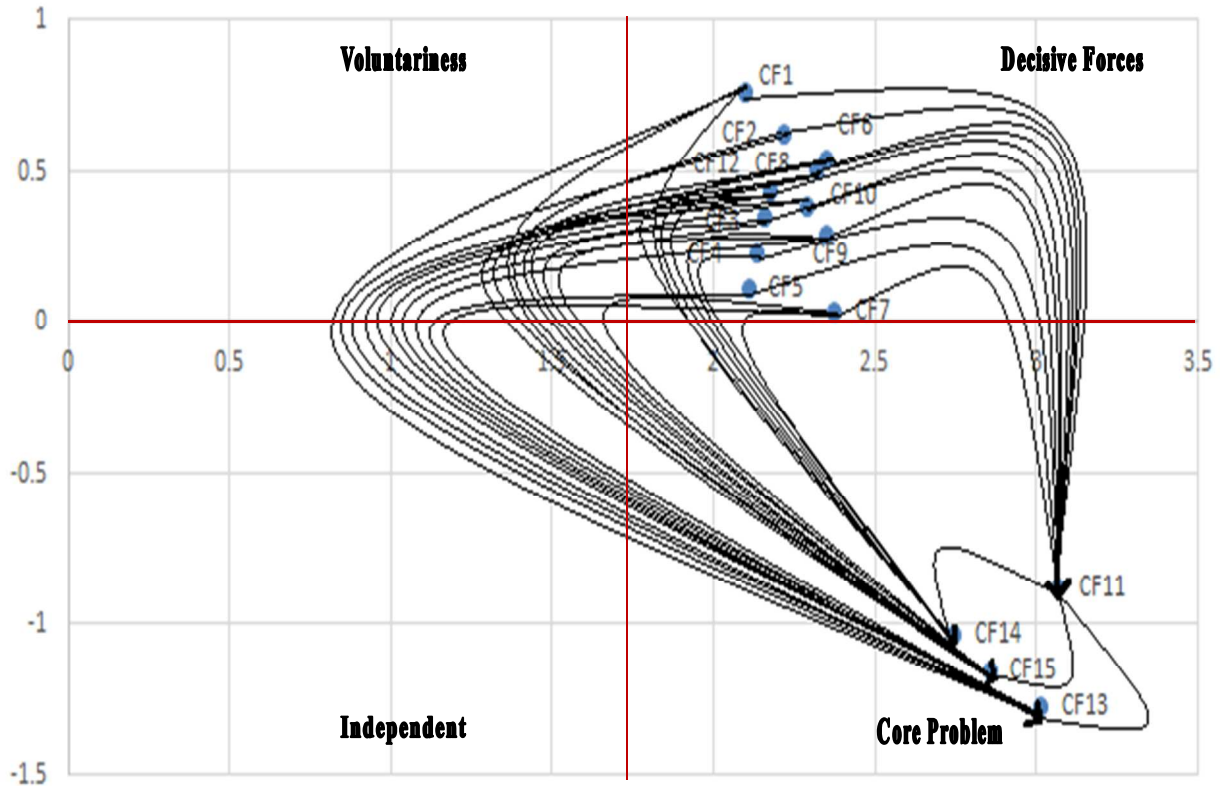
CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	0.0301	0.0720	0.0990	0.0791	0.0807	0.0795	0.1134	0.0803	0.0798	0.0765	0.1444	0.0985	0.1410	0.1300	0.1275
CSF2	0.0656	0.0356	0.0985	0.0816	0.1067	0.0794	0.0878	0.0791	0.0608	0.0748	0.1359	0.0980	0.1535	0.1178	0.1478
CSF3	0.0612	0.0669	0.0337	0.0769	0.0758	0.0740	0.0826	0.0740	0.0551	0.0513	0.1390	0.0711	0.1458	0.1091	0.1401
CSF4	0.0410	0.0458	0.0690	0.0348	0.0725	0.0715	0.1075	0.0499	0.1015	0.0507	0.1347	0.0465	0.1137	0.1339	0.1076
CSF5	0.0388	0.0661	0.0668	0.0506	0.0346	0.0693	0.0758	0.0474	0.0695	0.0474	0.1290	0.0459	0.1365	0.1003	0.1318
CSF6	0.0661	0.0518	0.0541	0.0818	0.0801	0.0381	0.0884	0.0785	0.0814	0.0762	0.1666	0.0741	0.1830	0.1501	0.1766
CSF7	0.0617	0.0466	0.0693	0.0752	0.0735	0.0495	0.0435	0.0502	0.0728	0.0496	0.1552	0.0479	0.1417	0.1346	0.1359
CSF8	0.0436	0.0507	0.0528	0.0591	0.0798	0.0755	0.1159	0.0387	0.0660	0.1038	0.1727	0.0725	0.1818	0.1472	0.1520
CSF9	0.0466	0.0542	0.0713	0.0563	0.0566	0.0733	0.0626	0.0597	0.0434	0.1200	0.1400	0.0499	0.1747	0.1652	0.1462
CSF10	0.0449	0.0567	0.0731	0.0789	0.0771	0.0536	0.0845	0.0746	0.1226	0.0404	0.1428	0.0502	0.1516	0.1153	0.1735
CSF11	0.0211	0.0435	0.0443	0.0707	0.0694	0.0461	0.0753	0.0684	0.0514	0.0650	0.0654	0.0636	0.1533	0.1289	0.1308
CSF12	0.0629	0.0708	0.0496	0.0556	0.0407	0.0733	0.0475	0.0766	0.0557	0.0723	0.1636	0.0352	0.1777	0.1659	0.1577
CSF13	0.0173	0.0385	0.0390	0.0425	0.0623	0.0401	0.0662	0.0405	0.0622	0.0404	0.0933	0.0377	0.0582	0.1224	0.1133
CSF14	0.0330	0.0547	0.0389	0.0424	0.0432	0.0402	0.0477	0.0626	0.0424	0.0405	0.0924	0.0393	0.1194	0.0509	0.1084
CSF15	0.0297	0.0377	0.0392	0.0643	0.0420	0.0396	0.0660	0.0241	0.0624	0.0395	0.0952	0.0376	0.1078	0.1145	0.0519



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**Table 10:** Cause/effect parameters for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

<b>CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chains</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>R+D</b>	<b>R-D</b>	<b>Cause/Effect</b>
<b>CSF1</b>	1.4318	0.6635	2.0953	0.7682	Cause
<b>CSF 2</b>	1.4228	0.7916	2.2145	0.6312	Cause
<b>CSF 3</b>	1.2568	0.8986	2.1554	0.3583	Cause
<b>CSF4</b>	1.1807	0.9498	2.1304	0.2309	Cause
<b>CSF5</b>	1.1097	0.9951	2.1048	0.1146	Cause
<b>CSF6</b>	1.4469	0.9028	2.3496	0.5441	Cause
<b>CSF7</b>	1.2072	1.1647	2.3719	0.0425	Cause
<b>CSF8</b>	1.4122	0.9048	2.3170	0.5074	Cause
<b>CSF9</b>	1.3201	1.0269	2.3470	0.2932	Cause
<b>CSF10</b>	1.3398	0.9485	2.2883	0.3913	Cause
<b>CSF11</b>	1.0972	1.9701	3.0673	-0.8729	Effect
<b>CSF12</b>	1.3051	0.8682	2.1732	0.4369	Cause
<b>CSF13</b>	0.8740	2.1397	3.0137	-1.2657	Effect
<b>CSF14</b>	0.8560	1.8861	2.7420	-1.0301	Effect
<b>CSF15</b>	0.8516	2.0015	2.8530	-1.1499	Effect



X axis- (R+D); Y axis- (R-D)

**Figure 2:** Diagraph represents causal relationship among CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chain

### 7. Sensitivity Analysis

Sensitivity analysis assesses the variation in cause-effect relationship by giving different weights to industrial experts. The sensitivity analysis can also check the effect of human bias on the outcome of the study. As a further step, sensitivity analysis also provides methodological generalizability perspectives to the results. Sensitivity analysis has been performed by giving major weights for randomly selected 8 experts independently, keeping identical weights for the others as illustrated in Table 11.

**Table 11:** Weights assigned for eight experts during sensitivity analysis

Run	Expert 1	Expert 2	Expert 3	Expert 4	Expert 5	Expert 6	Expert 7	Expert 8
Sensitivity Run 1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sensitivity Run 2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sensitivity Run 3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sensitivity Run 4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sensitivity Run 5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1

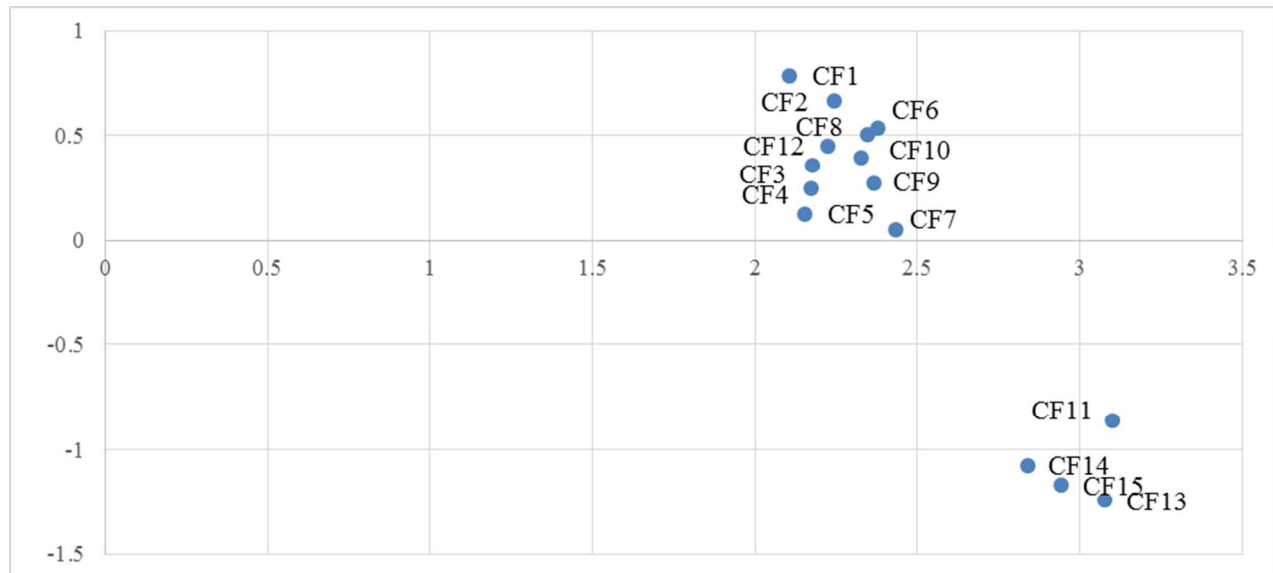
Sensitivity Run 6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Sensitivity Run 7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Sensitivity Run 8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3

In the sensitivity analysis run 1; Expert 1 has highest weightage (0.3) and other experts have equal weightage (0.1). The results of sensitivity analysis for all the runs are shown in Table 12.

**Table 12:** Sensitivity analysis of CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the supply chains

CSFs	Sensitivity Run 1			Sensitivity Run 2			Sensitivity Run 3			Sensitivity Run 4		
	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank
CSF1	2.1084	0.7837	1	2.1243	0.7600	1	2.0794	0.7616	1	2.1378	0.7853	1
CSF 2	2.2459	0.6601	2	2.2164	0.6347	2	2.2052	0.6015	2	2.2658	0.6193	2
CSF 3	2.1783	0.3562	7	2.1473	0.3651	7	2.1424	0.3547	7	2.1981	0.3646	7
CSF4	2.1750	0.2455	9	2.1277	0.2289	9	3.0000	0.2278	9	2.1679	0.2331	9
CSF5	2.1557	0.1222	10	2.1010	0.1138	10	2.0881	0.1100	10	2.1410	0.1165	10
CSF6	2.3798	0.5329	3	2.3279	0.5234	3	2.3371	0.5465	3	2.3975	0.5612	3
CSF7	2.4343	0.0498	11	2.3485	0.0186	11	2.3460	0.0540	11	2.4160	0.0449	11
CSF8	2.3493	0.5023	4	2.3101	0.5069	4	2.2957	0.5064	4	2.3559	0.5186	4
CSF9	2.3661	0.2688	8	2.3557	0.3045	8	2.3376	0.3033	8	2.3798	0.2980	8
CSF10	2.3293	0.3933	6	2.2992	0.4014	6	2.2829	0.3991	6	2.3230	0.3987	6
CSF11	3.1033	-0.8645	12	3.0266	-0.8490	12	3.0472	-0.8853	12	3.1304	-0.8910	12
CSF12	2.2262	0.4469	5	2.1708	0.4304	5	2.1425	0.4141	5	2.2224	0.4496	5
CSF13	3.0777	-1.2472	15	2.9930	-1.2796	15	3.0016	-1.2539	15	3.0574	-1.2676	15
CSF14	2.8396	-1.0780	13	2.7551	-1.0173	13	2.7149	-0.9891	13	2.7906	-1.0677	13
CSF15	2.9460	-1.1722	14	2.8436	-1.1418	14	2.8444	-1.1507	14	2.9002	-1.1633	14
CSFs	Sensitivity Run 5			Sensitivity Run 6			Sensitivity Run 7			Sensitivity Run 8		
	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank
CSF1	2.0907	0.7547	1	2.0532	0.7427	1	2.0612	0.7756	1	2.0600	0.7489	1
CSF 2	2.2106	0.6237	2	2.1851	0.6255	2	2.1528	0.6228	2	2.1887	0.6351	2
CSF 3	2.1425	0.3540	7	2.1279	0.3526	7	2.1250	0.3496	7	2.1437	0.3510	7
CSF4	2.1126	0.2264	9	2.0935	0.2202	9	2.0982	0.2235	9	2.1139	0.2214	9
CSF5	2.0870	0.1123	10	2.0714	0.1097	10	2.0722	0.1097	10	2.0894	0.1075	10
CSF6	2.3364	0.5454	3	2.3180	0.5380	3	2.3170	0.5396	3	2.3347	0.5403	3
CSF7	2.3557	0.0423	11	2.3388	0.0389	11	2.3405	0.0398	11	2.3598	0.0358	11
CSF8	2.2959	0.5046	4	2.2923	0.4964	4	2.2764	0.4995	4	2.3119	0.5007	4
CSF9	2.3371	0.3022	8	2.2709	0.3086	8	2.3104	0.2865	8	2.3110	0.3258	8
CSF10	2.2824	0.3978	6	2.2030	0.3996	6	2.2543	0.3830	6	2.2540	0.3678	6
CSF11	3.0639	-0.8819	12	3.0217	-0.8580	12	3.0389	-0.8779	12	3.0379	-0.8609	12
CSF12	2.1559	0.4266	5	2.1505	0.4323	5	2.0927	0.4710	5	2.1210	0.4832	5
CSF13	3.0105	-1.2632	15	2.9761	-1.2692	15	2.9805	-1.2484	15	2.9611	-1.2851	15
CSF14	2.7136	-1.0127	13	2.6846	-1.0180	13	2.6822	-1.0181	13	2.6992	-1.0152	13
CSF15	2.8220	-1.1321	14	2.8169	-1.1194	14	2.7926	-1.1560	14	2.8125	-1.1564	14

Next, we examined the causal relationship among the CSFs, and showed the three most important causal factors (CSF1, CSF2 and CSF6) in sustainability practice implementation in the supply chain (see Figure 3).



**Figure 3:** Causal relationship illustration among CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chain obtained from sensitivity analysis run 1

Similarly, all sensitivity analysis runs have been performed and causal relationships among the CSFs for run 2 to run 8 are evaluated as shown in Appendix-C.

The sensitivity analysis shows that CSF1, CSF2 and CSF6 are the three most important causal factors in all runs and CSF11, CSF14, CSF15 and CSF13 are effect factors in the entire runs. The performed sensitivity analysis determined whether the decision making process has been affected by different weightage values assigned to decision makers. According to the sensitivity analysis results, there is almost same ranking order for the cause/effect factors in each case, accepting slight order discrepancies.

To this support, cause and effect diagrams also showed slight variations in the causal relationship on the diagrams mapped in Appendix-C (Figures B1–B7). Hence, it can be inferred that proposed framework is robust enough to deal with human bias and vagueness in data.

## 8. Discussions of Findings

According to the dataset (R-D) values, eleven CSFs for successful adoption of sustainability initiatives in the supply chain namely Government Legalisation (CSF1) > Top Management Support (CSF2) > Technology development and process innovation (CSF6) > Trainings (CSF8) > Customer Involvement and Encouragement (CSF12) > Reverse Logistics and Waste

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3 Minimisation (CSF10) > Ecological Considerations in Organisations' Policies and Missions  
4 (CSF3) > Green Design and Purchasing (CSF9) > Societal Considerations (CSF4) > Supply  
5 Chain Members' Collaborations (CSF5) > Communication and Information Technology (CSF7)  
6 have been classified into the cause group CSFs. In addition, four CSFs namely Ethical and Safe  
7 Practices (CSF11) > Community Welfare and Development (CSF13) > Economic  
8 Considerations (CSF14) > Competitiveness and Brand Image Considerations (CSF15) have been  
9 classified into the effect group. The correlation between the CSFs are given in the Figure 2,  
10 which shows that CSF1 exhibits the highest correlation with other CSFs; because Government  
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20 In addition, the identified factors for successful sustainability initiatives in supply chains have  
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Quadrant I drivers have the highest relation and prominence, referring to the maximum interaction influence on other CSFs. With respect to this, eleven drivers (CSF1, CSF2, CSF3, CSF4, CSF5, CSF6, CSF7, CSF8, CSF9, CSF10 and CSF12) fall into the decisive region. It means that these eleven factors play decisive roles in incorporating sustainability initiatives in automotive industry supply chains. These eleven CSFs also belong to the cause group factors. Among the entire cause group CSFs, 'Government Legalisation (CSF1)' has the maximum (R-D) score of 0.7682, which signifies that CSF1 has highest influence on the whole system. However, its (R+D) score (2.0953) is relatively small, which could be justified by the fact that government regulations can affect other factors but receive moderately small influence in return. To this support, many researchers have shown the importance of government legalisation and regulatory norms in implementing sustainability in supply chains (Ageron, et al., 2012; Giunipero et al., 2012; Walker and Jones, 2012; Al Zaabi et al., 2013). Government authorities may play a critical role (command and control) in effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chains e.g. carbon tax and subsidising etc. (Gupta and Palsule-Desai, 2011). The automotive companies agreed that government legalisations and regulatory norms enforcement in this direction may be threshold point for implementing sustainable initiatives to Indian supply chains. The second highest critical success factor in the (R-D) column is the 'Top Management Support (CSF2)', with a score of 0.6312, which also has reasonable power to affect other factors

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3 as given by influential impact index (R) value equal to 1.4228. Top management supports play a  
4 very influential role in inspiring business organisations and are responsible for the business  
5 organisations' sustainable initiatives (Giunipero et al., 2012). The sustainability practices  
6 adoption is still considered as a costly affair in Indian automotive manufacturing organisations.  
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8 Moreover, the understanding of its significant is usually neglected. Therefore, the top  
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20 driver (R) equal to 1.4469 on the overall system in enhancing the supply chain sustainability.  
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22 The selection of appropriate pollution prevention and cleaner technologies will help business  
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24 organisations to achieve sustainability goals in their supply chain (Almeida et al., 2013, 2015).  
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26 Further, for sustainable business gains, managers and practitioners should seek to achieve supply  
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28 chain sustainability from system perspective, which requires process innovation in terms of  
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30 development of lean, green, circular, JIT, Poka-yoke based concepts on operational, tactical and  
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32 strategic levels (Piercy and Rich, 2015). According to a World Bank report, India is among the  
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34 world's leading innovation players in the automobile parts and assembly sectors of the  
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36 manufacturing industry. Mahindra & Mahindra, a private sector automobile company in India,  
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38 adopted innovation in their manufacturing process at various levels, thus enabling the company  
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40 to lower production costs though saving the material and energy (sustainability) while  
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42 developing its multi-utility vehicle "Scorpio". Likewise, next CSF 'Training (CSF8)', with an  
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44 (R-D) score of 0.5074, and helps in educating supply chain members in the use of  
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48 in supply chains (Hsu et al., 2016). This finding also echo the results obtained in Spanish  
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50 automotive industry by Sarkis et al. (2010). 'Customer Involvement and Encouragement  
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52 (CSF12)' (with (R-D) score of 0.4369) plays a significant role in understanding and responding  
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54 to customers' purchasing behaviour. Therefore, information on customers' needs should be  
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56 regularly collected and evaluated (Bask et al., 2013) and value creation for customers, which will  
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58 help business organisations to achieve sustainable competitive advantage (Ageron et al., 2012).  
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3 important with an objective of minimising waste and increasing the amount of product materials  
4 recovered from the waste (Gunasekaran and Spalanzani, 2012). Maruti Suzuki India Limited is  
5 an automobile manufacturer in India has started to buying back old used cars. The factor  
6 ‘Ecological Considerations in Organisations’ Policies and Missions (CSF3)’ has an (R-D) score  
7 of 0.3583. Ecological considerations in organisations’ policies and mission will provide a  
8 proactive stance towards the environment and in improving ecological efficiency (Gold et al.,  
9 2013). Next to this, the factor ‘Green Design and Purchasing (CSF9)’ has an (R-D) score of  
10 0.3583, showing its importance. In addition, its (R+D) score (equals to 2.3470) is comparatively  
11 high, meaning that green design and purchasing policies are not only influencing other factors  
12 but receive influence in return from other factors in sustainability adoption in supply chains  
13 (Tseng et al., 2013). Tata Motors, the world's fifth largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, is  
14 extending its basket of designing environmentally friendly vehicles. Tata Motors also has a joint  
15 venture with Marcopolo S.A. of Brazil, one of the largest bus body manufactures in the world,  
16 for safety, & fuel efficiency. In October 2016, Ashok Leyland Ltd. unveiled its Circuit series  
17 electric bus—the country’s first such indigenously made vehicle. According to the Government  
18 of India’s Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) and Electric Vehicles (FAME)  
19 scheme, this gives subsidies to such initiatives to put seven million electric and hybrid vehicles  
20 on road by 2020. This is in line with our finding that government role is given highest priority in  
21 critical CSFs. Following this, the factor Societal Considerations (CSF4) is also a decisive factor  
22 in an effective adoption and implementation of sustainability in business. This factor has an (R-  
23 D) score of 0.2309, higher than the Supply Chain Members’ Collaborations (CSF5) >  
24 Communication and Information Technology (CSF7) (R-D) score. The literature suggests that  
25 social aspects are generally missing or understood in an unusual way (Seuring, 2013), and  
26 socially responsible practices can positively influence sustainability initiatives in supply chains  
27 (Walker and Jones, 2012). Lastly, in the cause group, the factors ‘Supply Chain Members’  
28 Collaborations (CSF5) and Communication and Information Technology (CSF7) come with (R-  
29 D) scores of 0.1146 and 0.0425 respectively. Supply Chain Members’ Collaborations aims to  
30 collaboratively develop new technologies, processes and sustainable products (Beske et al.,  
31 2014). Communication and information technology support information complexity,  
32 proliferation, diffusion, and velocity (Subramanian and Gunasekaran, 2015) may play critical  
33 role in developing capabilities on sustainability issues; and achieve sustained competitive  
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3 advantage (Dao et al., 2011). The working on these factors will assist managers to formulate  
4 policies for implementation of the successful implementation of sustainability in a supply chain  
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8 Quadrant II has lower prominence but high relation, and is known as voluntariness. After  
9 focusing decisive group CSFs, the voluntariness area's CSFs must be attempted. In the present  
10 research, no factor is located in this quadrant; hence, none of the CSFs is treated as a follow-up  
11 factors needs to be considered to be incorporated in sustainability initiatives in supply chains.  
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14 Quadrant III (independent) indicates low prominence and relation; and less interaction within the  
15 system. None of the factors fall into the independent area.  
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18 Quadrant IV represents the core problems (high prominence and low relation) that are required to  
19 be solved. Factors in this quadrant have a tendency to be effortlessly influenced by other factors.  
20 It means that these factors are actually core problems, and may not directly improve the system,  
21 but should be improved by other factors e.g. decisive group factors. There are four factors in this  
22 group, which are the effect group factor as well. In all the drivers, 'Ethical and Safe Practices  
23 (CSF11)' obtain the highest (R-D) score of -0.8729, which suggests that this factor receives the  
24 least impact. The factor 'CSF11' is among the top factors according to an (R+D) a score of  
25 3.0673 means the significance of this factor. As the public is becoming aware of environmental  
26 and societal issues, automotive companies in India have been facing pressure from their  
27 customers to produce high-quality, safe and environmentally friendly products (Zailani et al.,  
28 2012; Wilhelm et al., 2016). The other factors follow the sequence of increasing order of priority  
29 list in the effect group, include 'Economic Considerations (CSF14)' with an (R-D) a score of -  
30 1.0301, 'Competitiveness and Brand Image Considerations (CSF15)' with an (R-D) a score of -  
31 1.1499, 'Community Welfare and Development (CSF13)' with an (R-D) a score of -1.2657. One  
32 main reason behind sustainable initiatives in under study supply chains is management's desire  
33 for achieving a high brand image in the market (Ageron et al., 2012). Sustainability initiatives in  
34 supply chains can certainly influence a business organisation's profitability, performance  
35 competitive advantage and enhanced brand image (Carter and Rogers, 2008; Golicic and Smith,  
36 2013). That means social issues (human health & safety and community welfare & development)  
37 are major concerns for sustainability initiatives in supply chains of Indian automotive companies  
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3 Notably, the experts showed an agreement with the findings. However, it is difficult to state that  
4 above findings will be strictly applicable to other industry sector in the developing economy like  
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### 13 ***8.1 Policy recommendation and implication for managers in implementing sustainability*** 14 ***initiatives in supply chains in India*** 15

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17 In this section, several policy recommendation and implications for implementing sustainability  
18 initiatives in automotive sector supply chain from Indian context is provided. Sustainability  
19 initiatives have received great attention in achieving ecological, social and economic benefits for  
20 supply chain practitioners and researchers (Gopalakrishnan et al., 2012). This leads to incredible  
21 savings in terms of resources, money and has a potential to generate plenty of employment  
22 opportunities. However, in developing economy, such as India, in order to implement  
23 sustainability initiatives, the most critical success factor is Government Legalisation. The current  
24 level of implementation of sustainability initiative in India is at nascent stage as compared to  
25 developed countries, such as European countries and USA. India follows the traditional  
26 command-and-control mechanism whereas, European Union and United States follows market-  
27 based regulatory mechanism. Unlike market-based approaches, the traditional command-and-  
28 control regulatory mechanism provides no incentive for a business organisation if it keeps its  
29 level of pollution and or carbon emissions below the amount authorised by regulation (Kayden,  
30 1991). Therefore, government legalisation becomes a binding constraint for Indian automotive  
31 sector and plays a crucial role for the success implementation of sustainability practices.  
32 Moreover, an appropriate explanation of the currently low level of sustainability adoption can be  
33 explained by the fact that the regulatory pressures can easily be overcome using symbolic or  
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48 The developing economy, such as India is also more sensitive to additional overheads due to eco-  
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51 financial budgets might be troublesome in India. Government and management support could  
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3 sustainability implementation by providing subsidies and tax credit initiatives (Gupta and  
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6 technological support for effective adoption of sustainability (Wittstruck and Teuteberg, 2012).  
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10 Top management should support technological advancement and process innovation for business  
11 sustainability in Indian scenario. The advancement and innovations in technology and processes  
12 not only leads to lower environmental pollution but also higher economic performance. For  
13 example, process improvement using lean reduces waste and polluting which leads to win-win  
14 situation. This will allow in reducing the related problematic issues in developing sustainable  
15 supply chains, understand trade-offs in sustainable operations during design and implementation  
16 in practice (Lii and Kuo, 2016). Organisations in automotive sector in India should develop a  
17 national strategy for developing the expertise of people in the sustainable manufacturing  
18 background. Managers can arrange training sessions, apprenticeship programs with in depth  
19 knowledge of sustainability oriented practices (Mangla et al., 2013).  
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27 The involvement of customer in value chains is significant for business sustainability. In India,  
28 customer awareness and active participation can push industries in automotive sector to adopt  
29 sustainable practices. Management should collaborate with their customers in effective SSCM  
30 adoption. The degree to which top management are willing to implement sustainability focused  
31 initiatives in Indian automotive industry context is usually depend on cost effectiveness. Less  
32 understanding on the advantages of the business sustainability hampers its adoption in India  
33 (Luthra et al., 2015). In India, management generally considers resource efficient operations as  
34 an additional financial burden on their businesses. The government should take responsibility  
35 and provide guidelines to automotive sector organisations in exploring enormous opportunities,  
36 such as waste management, community development, resources conservations, pollution  
37 prevention and control, economic growth and development, in Indian context. Low technical  
38 competence may inhibit Indian automotive sector from capitalising on business sustainable. In  
39 this case, higher infrastructure and resources facilities can assist Indian managers in promoting  
40 economic, ecological and societal considerations in value chains. In addition, green design and  
41 purchasing decisions would help Indian automotive managers in achieving an environmentally  
42 efficient system and endorse green marketing (Brindley and Oxborrow, 2014). This will further  
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6 In a developing country like India, efficient access to information and visibility of the entire  
7 value chain is crucial in business sustainability (Prakash and Barua, 2015). Sustainable  
8 consumption and production and other advanced technology driven sustainable business models  
9 needs to be developed. Robust and flexible strategies need to be modelled to track the resource  
10 flows to assist automotive companies to minimise their process waste. There is a need to change  
11 the behaviour of customer to manage the substantial amount of waste generated at consumer  
12 level in India. Suitable end of life treatment must be provided for the used products in  
13 automotive sector. Reverse logistics, is very useful in such situations, so as it allows automotive  
14 company managers to capture the value of products and material through an infinite loop of  
15 reuse. In case of developing nation like India, managers need to strengthen their organisational  
16 capabilities in initiating reverse logistics initiatives, such as reuse, recycle and remanufacturing  
17 (Mangla et al., 2016). Thus, automotive companies should follow an innovative approach in  
18 terms of collecting and exchanging information, investing in Research & Development,  
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### 32 **9. Conclusions, Limitations and Future Works**

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34 Sustainability has been attaining significant attention from practitioners and researchers in  
35 formulation of business strategies from a supply chain context. At the same time, it has also been  
36 seen that the adoption of sustainability is difficult for the organisations, especially in developing  
37 nations, such as India due to the existence of various significant factors related to finance,  
38 management, government regulations etc. In this work, an effort is made to incorporate effective  
39 sustainability initiatives by uncovering the relevant CSFs in supply chains in Indian context from  
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43 In this work, we employed a grey based DEMATEL technique to examine the influential and  
44 influenced interactions among the sustainability oriented CSFs. The proposed research  
45 framework is applied to a multiple case study of three automotive companies in India. Total 15  
46 CSFs related to effective sustainability initiatives based on the literature and expert's inputs were  
47 listed. Based on Grey-DEMATEL application that uncovers the causal relation among the  
48 identified factors, cause and effect group are revealed. The factors CSF1, CSF2, CSF6, CSF8,  
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3 CSF12, CSF10, CSF3, CSF9, CSF4, CSF5 and CSF7 are classified into the cause group, which  
4 needs a greater managerial attention to have the desired sustainable initiatives in supply chains.  
5 In addition, the factors CSF11, CSF13, CSF14 and CSF15 classify into the effect group, and  
6 have to be worked upon to enhance the sustainable initiative decisions success rate. However,  
7 continuous supervision is suggested on the recognised CSFs and the relevant activities to attain  
8 success in the implementation of sustainability aspects from the industry supply chain context in  
9 India.

10 This study has few limitations as well. The detection of the sustainability focused CSFs could be  
11 challenging for future studies for two reasons. Firstly, as the developing country like India is  
12 more on the track of growth, some factors which have highest influential power may become  
13 insignificant in future, and some factor which has eliminated (Investment Recovery) may  
14 become significant once organisations matured in sustainability. Secondly, due to higher rate of  
15 technological innovations, the industry may witness some breakthrough innovations which may  
16 change the entire competitive, economic, environmental and social landscape. Next, this work  
17 uses expert's opinion. To deal with this, the procedure needs to be carried out very carefully.  
18 This work uses multiple case study approach. Thus, the sample size may be increased and  
19 empirical study with higher sample size may be conducted to examine how the CSFs influence  
20 the definite objective of sustainability initiatives in a supply chain scenario. The developed  
21 framework is applied to Indian context. Thus, we may apply the framework with marginal  
22 modifications in other developing countries and results may be compared in future studies.  
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## Appendices

### Appendix -A

The crisp relationship matrix (B) was computed through average grey matrix. The grey numbers are converted to crisp numbers by the modified-CFCS (Converting Fuzzy data into Crisp Scores) method (Xia et al. 2015) involving a three-step procedure described as follows.

(i) Lower and upper normalised values.

$$\underline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy} = (\underline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy} - \min_y \underline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy}) / \Delta_{min}^{max} \quad (A.1)$$

Where  $\underline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy}$  represents the normalised lower limit value of the grey number  $\underline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy}$

$$\overline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy} = (\overline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy} - \min_y \overline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy}) / \Delta_{min}^{max} \quad (A.2)$$

Where  $\overline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy}$  represents the normalised upper limit value of the grey number  $\overline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy}$

$$\Delta_{min}^{max} = \max_y \overline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy} - \min_y \underline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy} \quad (A.3)$$

(ii) Calculate total normalised crisp value

$$B_{xy} = \left( \frac{(\underline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy}(1 - \underline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy}) + (\overline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy} \times \overline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy}))}{(1 - \underline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy} + \overline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy})} \right) \quad (A.4)$$

(iii) Compute final crisp values

$$B_{xy}^* = (\min \underline{\otimes} \dot{A}_{xy} + (B_{xy} \times \Delta_{min}^{max})) \quad (A.5)$$

Where,

$$B = [B_{xy}^*] \quad (A.6)$$

## **Appendix-B**

**Name of the organisation....., India**

### **Sustainability Initiatives in Supply Chains in Indian Context**

Dear Ir./Professor/Assoc. Prof./Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms.,

Thank you for participating in this study.

This study provides an opportunity for you to participate and share your opinions in the development of a framework on ‘**Sustainability Initiatives in Supply Chains in Indian Context**’. The present paper uncovers the Critical Success Factors (CSFs) for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the supply chain in Indian context. The outcome of this survey is aimed at i) Understanding and uncovering the most common CSFs to the effective implementation of supply chain sustainability; ii) Analysing the identified sustainability oriented CSFs by dividing them into cause and effect groups to understand their causal relations.

We are keen to receive feedback and learn from your experiences.

Please note that all responses are confidential. No individuals will be named as a result of the survey. You will not be contacted as a result of your responses to this survey. Your invaluable response will be used for academic research purposes only.

Thank you for your kind response.

Regards,

## SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire consists of three sections. Section A deals with the general information of the respondents and their respective background where they work. Section B helps in selecting the most suitable CSFs and exploring their significance to achieving supply chain sustainability. Section C assists in examining the causal relations of the selected CSFs.

### SECTION A: General information

*Please highlight only one choice in each question as follows:*

**1. What is your professional qualification level?**

- (a) Graduate
- (b) Post Graduate
- (c) Doctorate
- (d) If any other, please specify.....

**2. What is your work experience?**

- (a) Less than 5 Years
- (b) 5 to 10 Years
- (c) 11 to 15 Years
- (d) 16 to 20 Years
- (e) Greater than 20 Years

**3. What is size of your organisation?**

- (a) Less than 50 Employees
- (b) 51 to 250 Employees
- (c) 251 - 500 Employees
- (d) 501 – 1000 employees
- (e) 1001 – 5000 employees
- (f) Greater than 5001 employees

**4. How will you classify your sector and work profile?**

- (a) Private Sector - please specify nature of your work
- (b) Public Sector - please specify nature of your work
- (c) Multinational Corporation - please specify nature of your work
- (d) Regulatory Bodies - please specify nature of your work
- (e) Mixed public and private ownership - please specify nature of your work
- (f) If any other, please specify.....

**SECTION B: Selecting the most common CSFs in effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in a supply chain context**

We selected sixteen CSFs in effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chains as provided in the response sheet based on related literature. However, there may be several other types of CSFs in accomplishing supply chain sustainability efficiently. Thus, we aim to list the most common CSFs through your (experts) response. Please rate the following barriers on 7 point Likert scale (where, 1-least relevant and 7-most relevant). Further, you are also free to add/delete any other factor which you think is significant to the point of supply chain sustainability in Indian context and should be included into the list. Please note that numbering mentioned with the factors (CSF1, 2, 3....., 16) does not their indicate level of importance.

**CSFs in effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in a supply chain context as reported in the literature**

<b>CSFs in effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in a supply chain context</b>	<b>Please rate your response (using 7 point Likert scale (where, 1-least relevant and 7-most relevant))</b>
Government legalisation (CSF1)	
Top management support (CSF2)	
Ecological considerations in organisations' policies and missions (CSF3)	
Societal considerations (CSF4)	
Supply chain members' collaborations (CSF5)	
Technology development and process innovation (CSF6)	
Communication and information technology (CSF7)	
Training (CSF8)	
Green design and purchasing (CSF9)	
Reverse logistics and waste minimisation (CSF10)	
Ethical and safe practices (CSF11)	
Customer involvement and encouragement (CSF12)	
Community welfare and development (CSF13)	
Economic considerations (CSF14)	
Competitiveness and brand image considerations (CSF15)	
Investment recovery (CSF16)	
<i>Please add/modify for the relevant CSF (in your opinion)</i>	
<i>Please add/modify for the relevant CSF (in your opinion)</i>	



**SECTION C: Analysing the identified sustainability oriented CSFs to understand their causal relations**

After finalising the most common CSFs to supply chain sustainability, it is needed to analyse them to understand their causal relations. Therefore, it needs to construct the direct relation matrix for the identified factors. In view of that, please put your response in the direct relation matrix for the selected CSFs. Please use the given linguistic assessment and associated Grey scales for entering your responses.

**Linguistics assessment and associated Grey scales**

Linguistics assessment	Assigned Grey numbers	Crisp values
No influence (N)	(0, 0.1)	0
Very low influence (VL)	(0.1, 0.3)	1
Low influence (L)	(0.2, 0.5)	2
Medium influence (M)	(0.4, 0.7)	3
High influence (H)	(0.6, 0.9)	3
Very high influence (VH)	(0.9, 1.0)	5

Name of Respondent: .....

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*Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire*

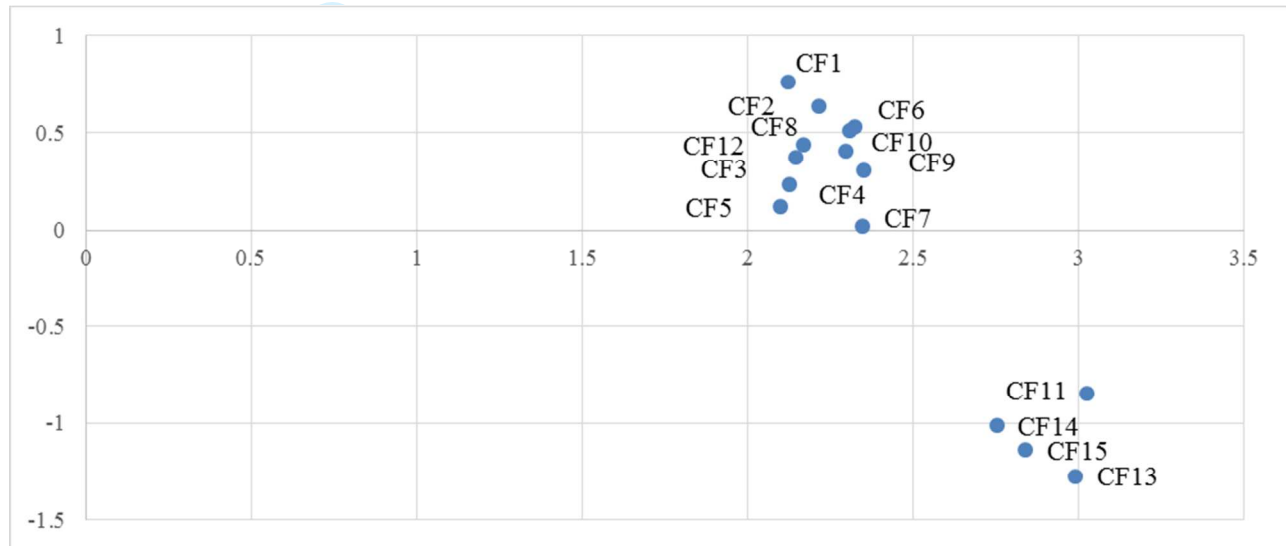
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## Appendix-C

### Sensitivity Analysis Runs

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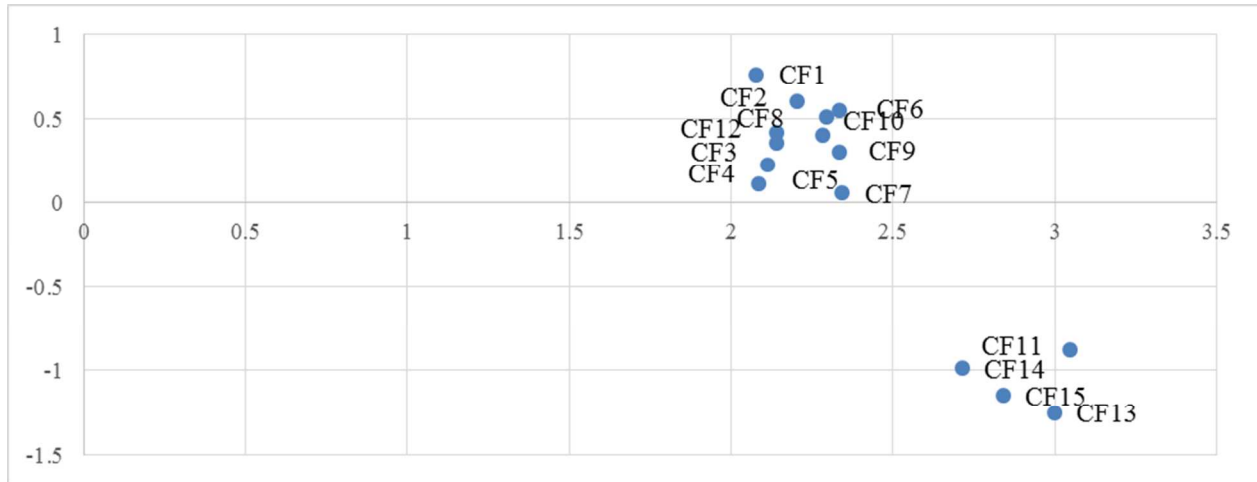
Similarly, in sensitivity analysis run 2; when expert 2 has highest weightage (0.3) and other experts have equal weightage (0.1) then the cause-effect diagram, Figure B1 indicates that CSF1>CSF2>CSF6 are three most important causal factors and CSF11>CSF14>CSF15>CSF13 are the effect factors.



**Figure B1:** Causal relationship illustration among CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chain obtained from sensitivity analysis run 2

#### Sensitivity analysis run 3

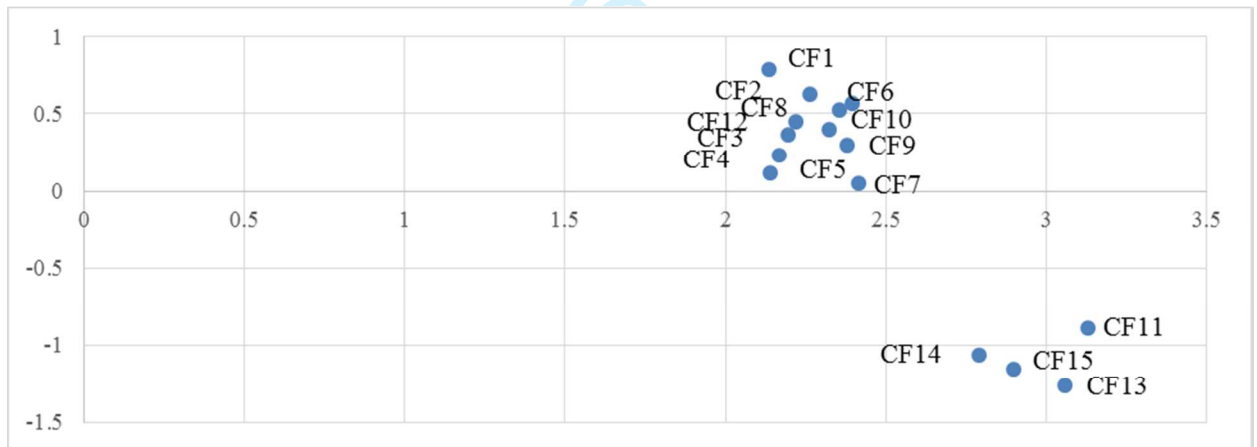
In sensitivity analysis run 3, where expert 3 has assigned weightage (0.3) and other experts have identical weightage (0.1), is found that CSF1>CSF2>CSF6 are three most important causal factors and CSF11>CSF14>CSF15>CSF13 are the effect factors (see Figure B2).



**Figure B2:** Causal relationship illustration among CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chain obtained from sensitivity analysis run 3

#### Sensitivity analysis run 4

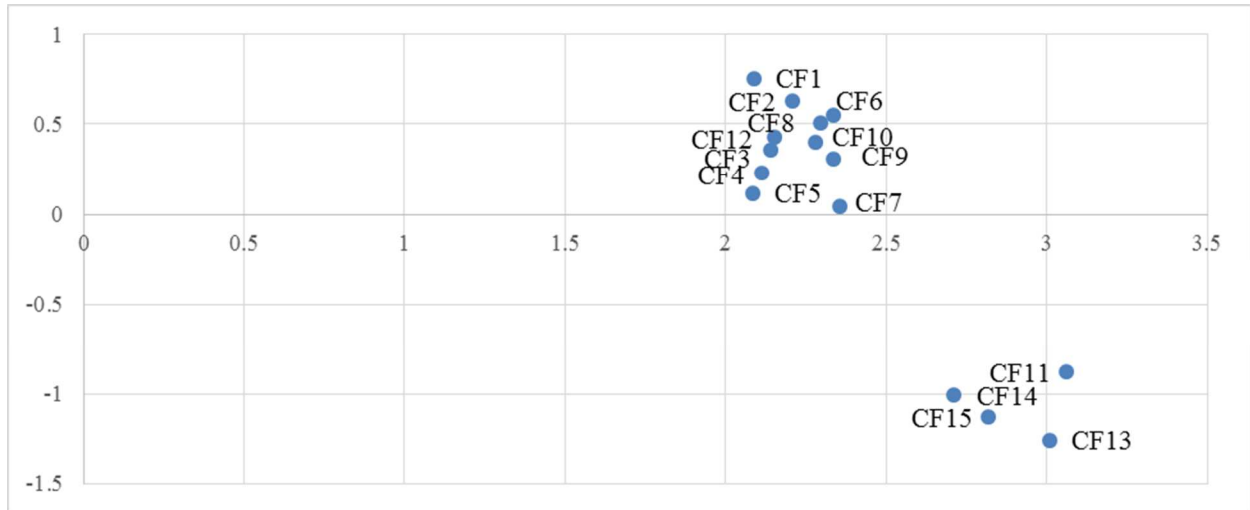
In sensitivity run 4,  $CSF1 > CSF2 > CSF6$  are three most important causal factors and  $CSF11 > CSF14 > CSF15 > CSF13$  are the effect factors (see Figure B3).



**Figure B3:** Causal relationship illustration among CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chain obtained from sensitivity analysis run 4

#### Sensitivity analysis run 5

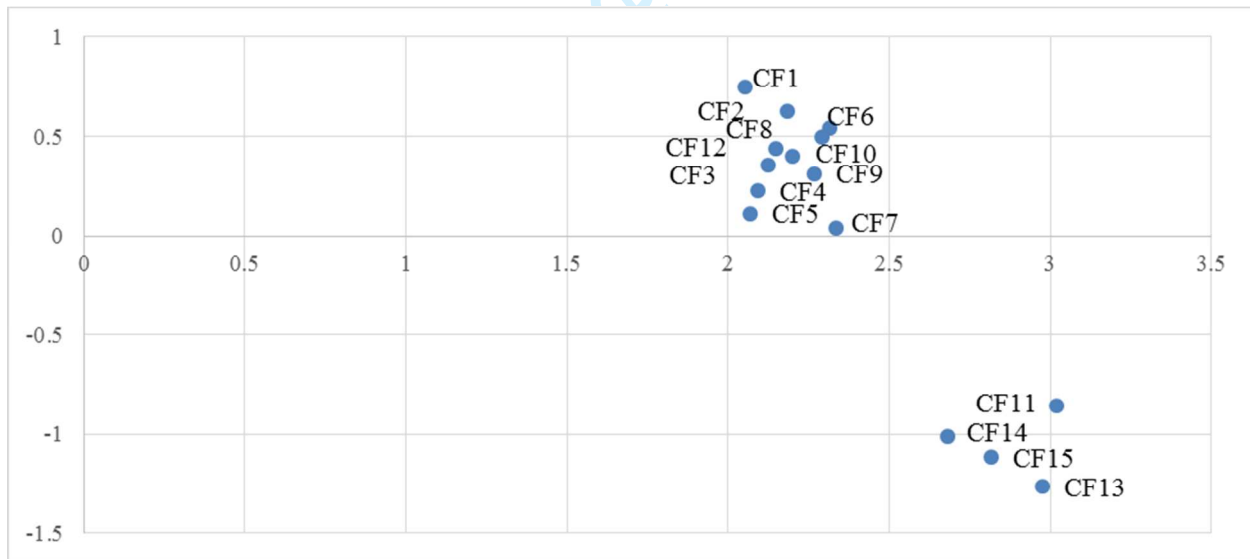
In sensitivity run 5,  $CSF1 > CSF2 > CSF6$  are three most important causal factors and  $CSF11 > CSF14 > CSF15 > CSF13$  are the effect factors (see Figure B4).



**Figure B4:** Causal relationship illustration among CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chain obtained from sensitivity analysis run 5

### Sensitivity analysis run 6

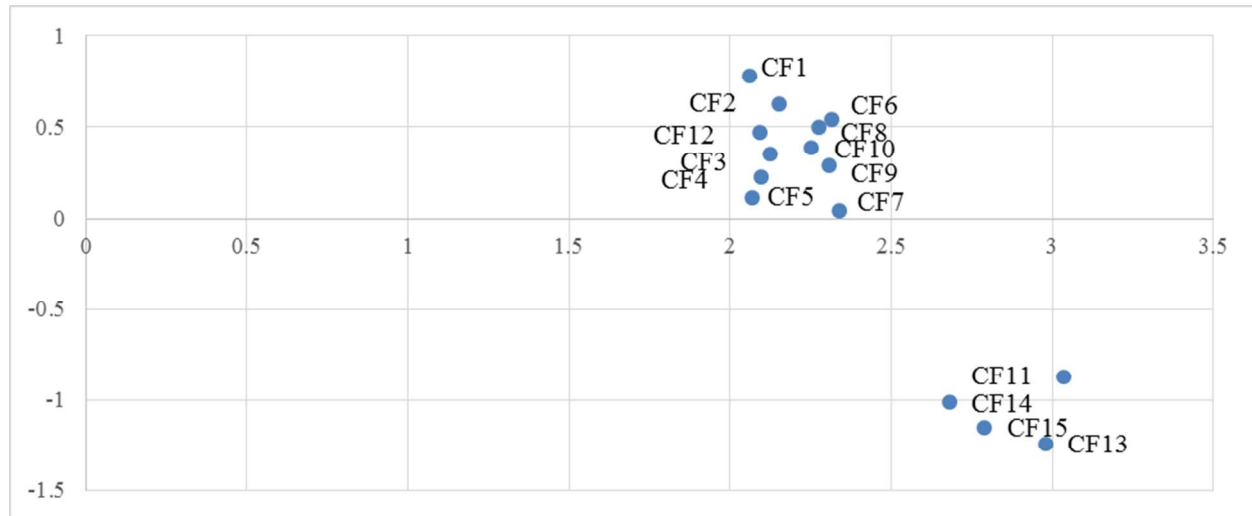
In sensitivity run 6,  $CSF1 > CSF2 > CSF6$  are three causal factors and  $CSF11 > CSF14 > CSF15 > CSF13$  are the effect factors (see Figure B5).



**Figure B5:** Causal relationship illustration CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chain obtained from sensitivity analysis run 6

### Sensitivity analysis run 7

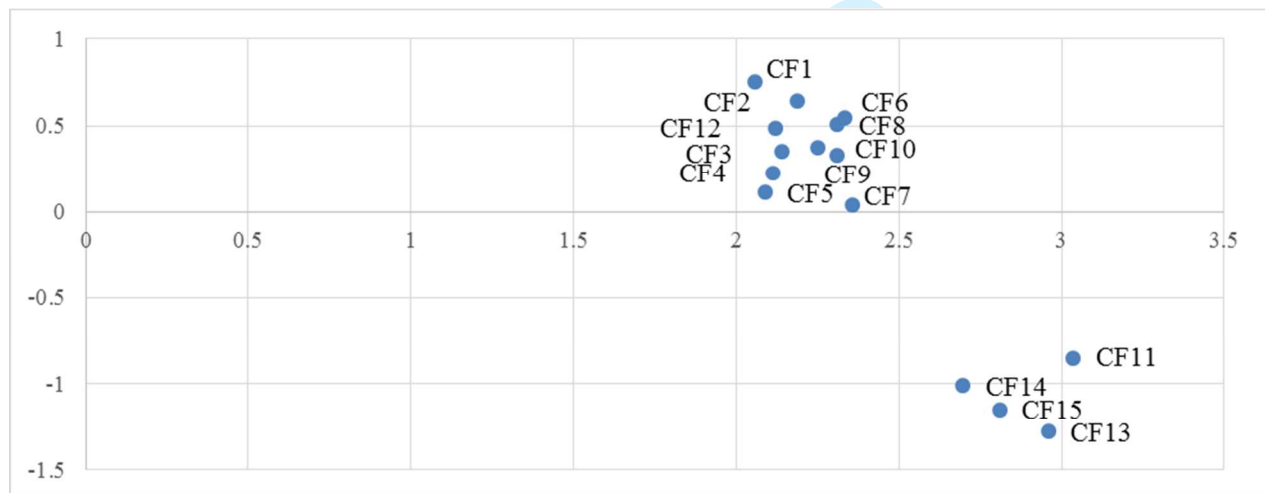
In sensitivity run 7,  $CSF1 > CSF5 > CSF12 > CSF4 > CSF3$  are the five important factors,  $CSF1 > CSF2 > CSF6$  are three causal factors and  $CSF11 > CSF14 > CSF15 > CSF13$  are the effect factors (see Figure B6).



**Figure B6:** Causal relationship illustration among CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chain obtained from sensitivity analysis run 7

### Sensitivity analysis run 8

Sensitivity run 8 shows that  $CSF1 > CSF2 > CSF6$  are three most important causal factors and  $CSF11 > CSF14 > CSF15 > CSF13$  are the effect factors (see Figure B7).



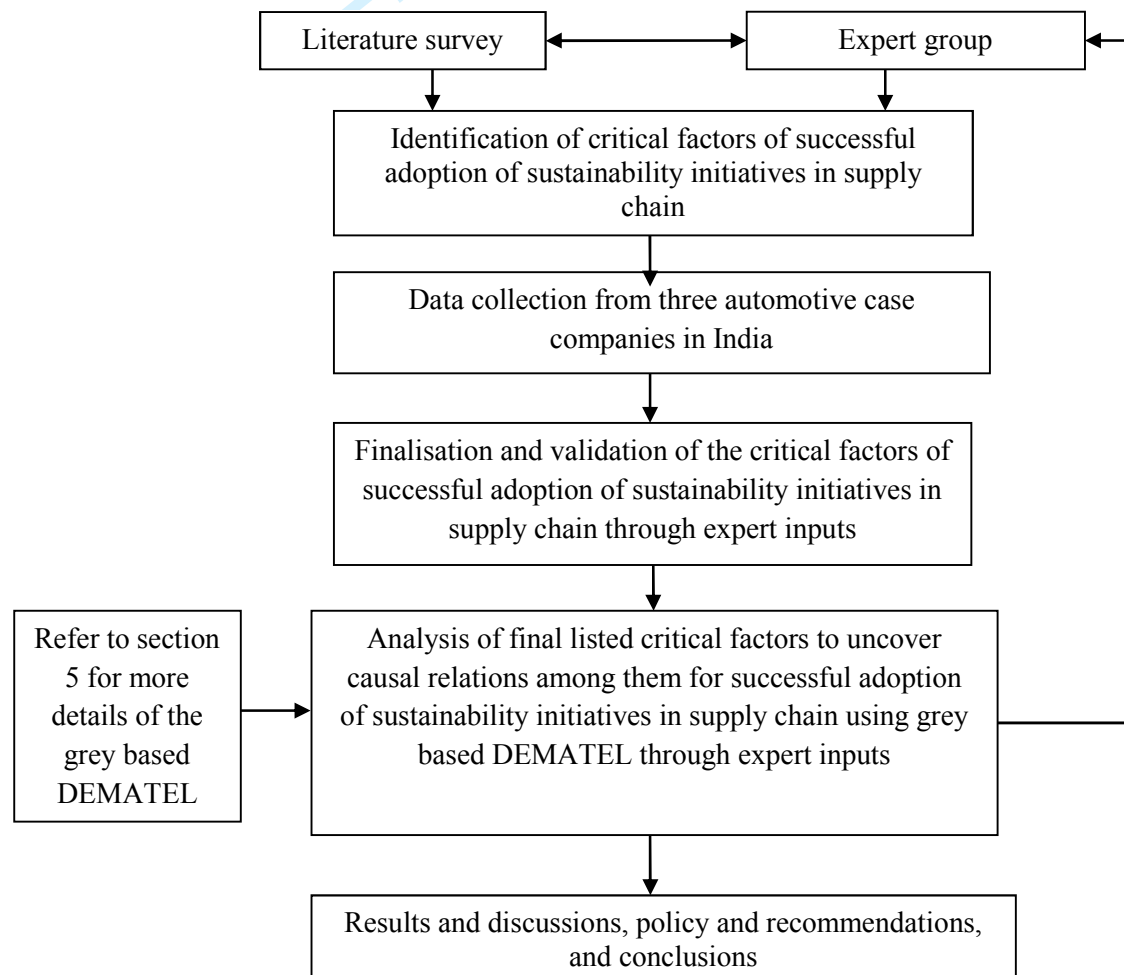
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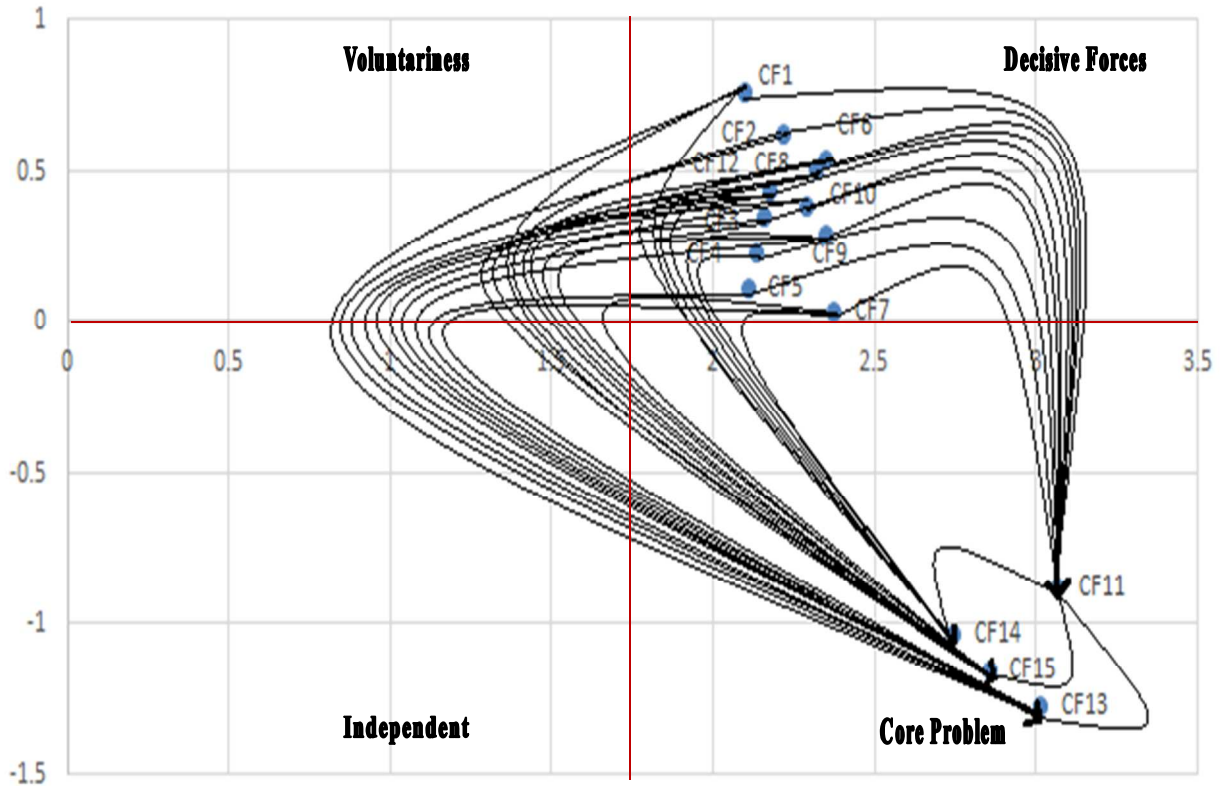
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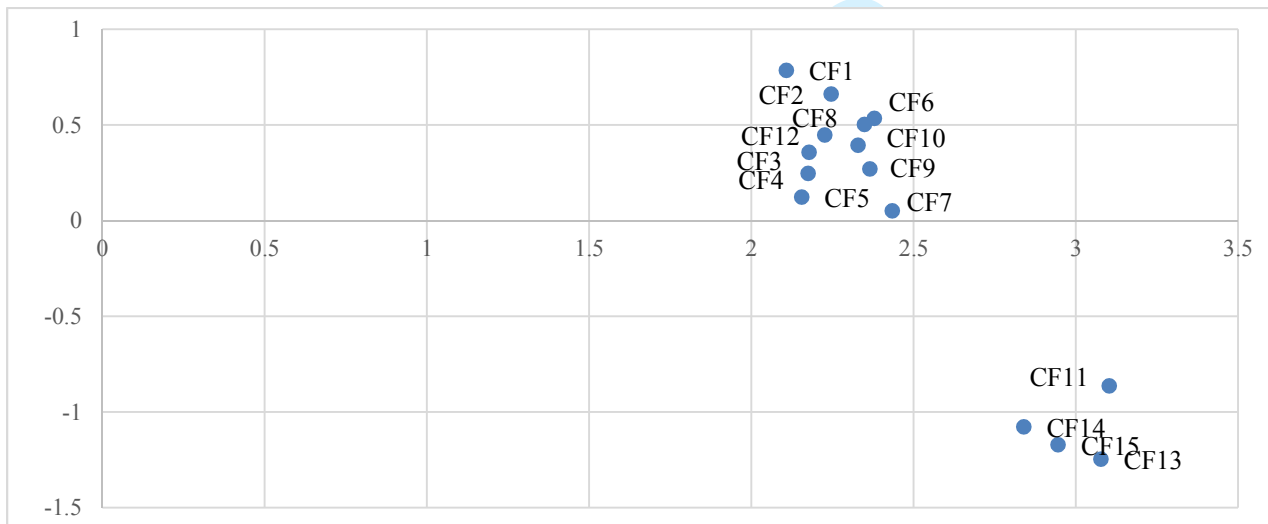


**Figure 1:** Proposed research framework



X axis- (R+D); Y axis- (R-D)

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**Table 1:** Modelling techniques incorporating sustainability in supply chain

S. No.	Researcher (Year)	Modelling techniques used	Issues addressed
1	Bai and Sarkis (2010)	Grey theory and Rough set	Sustainability focused supplier selection
2	Faisal (2010)	Interpretive Structural Modelling (ISM)	Enablers of SSCM
3	Büyüközkan and Çifçi (2011)	Fuzzy Analytical Hierarchical Process (FAHP)	Sustainability focused supplier selection
4	Amindoust et al. (2012)	Fuzzy inference system	Sustainability focused supplier selection
5	Al Zaabi et al. (2013)	ISM	Barriers to implement SSCM
6	Govindan et al. (2013)	Fuzzy TOPSIS (The Technique for Order of Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution)	Sustainable supplier performance measurement
7	Mangla et al. (2013)	ISM	Sustainability focused product recovery systems
8	Bai and Sarkis (2014)	Rough set theory and Data envelopment analysis	Sustainable supplier performance measurement
9	Diabat et al. (2014)	ISM	Enablers of SSCM
10	Tseng and Hung (2014)	Mixed integer programming	SSCM performance management
11	Azadi et al. (2015)	Fuzzy DEA (Data Envelopment Analysis)	Sustainable supplier performance evaluation
12	Lin et al. (2015)	Analytical Network Process (ANP)	Sustainability focused Supplier selection
13	Tseng et al. (2015)	Fuzzy Delphi Method (FDM) and ANP	Sustainable supplier performance measurement
14	Gopal and Thakkar (2016a)	ISM	SSCM practices
15	Gopal and Thakkar (2016b)	Structural Equation Modelling (SEM)	SSCM practices
16	Su et al. (2016)	Grey based DEMATEL	Sustainability focused Supplier

**Table 2:** Linguistics assessment and associated Grey scales

Linguistics assessment	Assigned Grey numbers	Crisp values
No influence (N)	(0, 0.1)	0
Very low influence (VL)	(0.1, 0.3)	1
Low influence (L)	(0.2, 0.5)	2
Medium influence (M)	(0.4, 0.7)	3
High influence (H)	(0.6, 0.9)	4
Very high influence (VH)	(0.9, 1.0)	5

**Table 3:** Brief description of case companies

<b>Business Characteristics</b>	<b>Case Company 1</b>	<b>Case Company 2</b>	<b>Case Company 3</b>
<b>Turnover (in INR)</b>	150-160 Million	140-150 Million	120-130 Million
<b>Employees</b>	More than 2000	More than 2000	1500-2000
<b>Year of establishment</b>	1983	1984	1987
<b>Certifications</b>	OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001	ISO 14001, ISO TS 16949, OHSAS 18001	ISO 9001, ISO 14001, TS 16949 and OHSAS 18001
<b>Products manufactured type/ Specialization</b>	Various automotive (2,3, 4 and commercial wheelers) components	2 wheeler components	2 and 4 wheelers automotive components
<b>Type of business</b>	Manufacturer, supplier	Manufacturer, supplier	Manufacturer, supplier

**Table 4:** Grey relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain by Expert 1

CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	(0, 0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)
CSF2	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF3	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF4	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)
CSF5	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF6	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF7	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.6,0.9)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF8	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF9	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF10	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.6,0.9)
CSF11	(0, 0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF12	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.6,0.9)	(0,0.1)	(0.6,0.9)	(0.6,0.9)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF13	(0,0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.6,0.9)	(0.6,0.9)
CSF14	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF15	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.6,0.9)	(0,0.1)

The level of influence of factor x the over the factor y is represented as Grey value  $(\otimes A_{xy}^l, \otimes A_{xy}^u)$

**Table 5:** Average Grey relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	(0,0.1)	(0.188,0.475)	(0.35,0.65)	(0.188,0.475)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.375,0.675)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.35,0.65)	(0.35,0.65)	(0.275,0.575)	(0.275,0.575)	(0.225,0.525)
CSF2	(0.188,0.475)	(0,0.1)	(0.35,0.65)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.375,0.675)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.3,0.6)	(0.35,0.65)	(0.375,0.675)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.375,0.675)
CSF3	(0.188,0.475)	(0.188,0.475)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF4	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)
CSF5	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF6	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.525,0.825)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.575,0.875)
CSF7	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.55,0.85)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF8	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)	(0.125,0.35)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF9	(0.125,0.35)	(0.125,0.35)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.125,0.35)	(0,0.1)	(0.525,0.825)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF10	(0.113,0.325)	(0.138,0.375)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.5,0.8)	(0,0.1)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.6,0.9)
CSF11	(0,0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.5,0.85)	(0.4,0.7)	(0.4,0.7)
CSF12	(0.2,0.5)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.575,0.875)	(0,0.1)	(0.6,0.9)	(0.575,0.875)	(0.5,0.8)
CSF13	(0,0.1)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.25,0.55)	(0.1,0.3)	(0,0.1)	(0.45,0.75)	(0.375,0.675)
CSF14	(0.1,0.3)	(0.188,0.45)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.25,0.55)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)	(0.35,0.65)
CSF15	(0.088,0.25)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.2,0.5)	(0,0.1)	(0.2,0.5)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.275,0.575)	(0.1,0.3)	(0.325,0.625)	(0.4,0.7)	(0,0.1)

The level of influence of driver x the over the driver y is represented as Grey value  $(\otimes A_{xy}^l, \otimes A_{xy}^u)$

Table 6: Normalised crisp relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	0.0000	0.5795	0.7376	0.5795	0.4317	0.6286	0.7183	0.6286	0.3500	0.3370	0.5169	0.7376	0.4015	0.4153	0.3359
CSF2	0.5795	0.0000	0.7376	0.6286	0.7503	0.6286	0.4127	0.6286	0.1528	0.3370	0.4492	0.7376	0.5328	0.3136	0.5328
CSF3	0.5795	0.5795	0.0000	0.6286	0.4317	0.6286	0.4127	0.6286	0.1528	0.1474	0.5847	0.4525	0.5657	0.3136	0.5657
CSF4	0.2667	0.2667	0.4525	0.0000	0.4317	0.6286	0.7619	0.2667	0.6500	0.1474	0.5847	0.1949	0.3030	0.5847	0.3030
CSF5	0.2667	0.6286	0.4525	0.2667	0.0000	0.6286	0.4127	0.2667	0.3500	0.1474	0.5847	0.1949	0.5657	0.3136	0.5657
CSF6	0.6286	0.2667	0.1949	0.6286	0.4317	0.0000	0.4127	0.6286	0.3500	0.3370	0.7542	0.4525	0.7955	0.5847	0.7955
CSF7	0.6286	0.2667	0.4525	0.6286	0.4317	0.2667	0.0000	0.2667	0.3500	0.1474	0.7880	0.1949	0.5657	0.5847	0.5657
CSF8	0.2667	0.2667	0.1949	0.2667	0.4317	0.6286	0.7619	0.0000	0.1985	0.6268	0.8219	0.4525	0.7955	0.5847	0.5657
CSF9	0.3500	0.3500	0.4525	0.2667	0.1864	0.6286	0.1786	0.3500	0.0000	0.8078	0.5847	0.1949	0.7955	0.8219	0.5657
CSF10	0.3077	0.3936	0.4525	0.6286	0.4317	0.2667	0.4127	0.6286	0.8000	0.0000	0.5847	0.1949	0.5657	0.3136	0.8283
CSF11	0.0000	0.2667	0.1949	0.6286	0.4317	0.2667	0.4127	0.6286	0.1528	0.3370	0.0000	0.4525	0.7367	0.5847	0.5657
CSF12	0.6286	0.6286	0.1949	0.2667	0.0000	0.6286	0.0000	0.6286	0.1528	0.3370	0.8219	0.0000	0.8283	0.8219	0.6970
CSF13	0.0000	0.2667	0.1949	0.2667	0.4317	0.2667	0.4127	0.2667	0.3500	0.1474	0.3814	0.1949	0.0000	0.6525	0.5328
CSF14	0.2667	0.5467	0.1949	0.2667	0.1864	0.2667	0.1786	0.6286	0.1528	0.1474	0.3814	0.1949	0.5657	0.0000	0.5000
CSF15	0.2083	0.2667	0.1949	0.6286	0.1864	0.2667	0.4127	0.0000	0.3500	0.1474	0.4153	0.1949	0.4672	0.5847	0.0000

Table 7: Final crisp relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	0.0000	0.2898	0.4794	0.2898	0.2914	0.3143	0.5028	0.3143	0.2800	0.2780	0.4523	0.4794	0.3614	0.3634	0.3023
CSF2	0.2898	0.0000	0.4794	0.3143	0.5064	0.3143	0.2889	0.3143	0.1222	0.2780	0.3930	0.4794	0.4795	0.2744	0.4795
CSF3	0.2898	0.2898	0.0000	0.3143	0.2914	0.3143	0.2889	0.3143	0.1222	0.1216	0.5116	0.2941	0.5091	0.2744	0.5091
CSF4	0.1333	0.1333	0.2941	0.0000	0.2914	0.3143	0.5333	0.1333	0.5200	0.1216	0.5116	0.1267	0.2727	0.5116	0.2727
CSF5	0.1333	0.3143	0.2941	0.1333	0.0000	0.3143	0.2889	0.1333	0.2800	0.1216	0.5116	0.1267	0.5091	0.2744	0.5091
CSF6	0.3143	0.1333	0.1267	0.3143	0.2914	0.0000	0.2889	0.3143	0.2800	0.2780	0.6599	0.2941	0.7159	0.5116	0.7159
CSF7	0.3143	0.1333	0.2941	0.3143	0.2914	0.1333	0.0000	0.1333	0.2800	0.1216	0.6895	0.1267	0.5091	0.5116	0.5091
CSF8	0.1333	0.1333	0.1267	0.1333	0.2914	0.3143	0.5333	0.0000	0.1588	0.5171	0.7192	0.2941	0.7159	0.5116	0.5091
CSF9	0.1750	0.1750	0.2941	0.1333	0.1258	0.3143	0.1250	0.1750	0.0000	0.6665	0.5116	0.1267	0.7159	0.7192	0.5091
CSF10	0.1538	0.1968	0.2941	0.3143	0.2914	0.1333	0.2889	0.3143	0.6400	0.0000	0.5116	0.1267	0.5091	0.2744	0.7455
CSF11	0.0000	0.1333	0.1267	0.3143	0.2914	0.1333	0.2889	0.3143	0.1222	0.2780	0.0000	0.2941	0.6630	0.5116	0.5091
CSF12	0.3143	0.3143	0.1267	0.1333	0.0000	0.3143	0.0000	0.3143	0.1222	0.2780	0.7192	0.0000	0.7455	0.7192	0.6273
CSF13	0.0000	0.1333	0.1267	0.1333	0.2914	0.1333	0.2889	0.1333	0.2800	0.1216	0.3337	0.1267	0.0000	0.5709	0.4795
CSF14	0.1333	0.2733	0.1267	0.1333	0.1258	0.1333	0.1250	0.3143	0.1222	0.1216	0.3337	0.1267	0.5091	0.0000	0.4500
CSF15	0.1042	0.1333	0.1267	0.3143	0.1258	0.1333	0.2889	0.0000	0.2800	0.1216	0.3634	0.1267	0.4205	0.5116	0.0000

**Table 8:** Normalised direct relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	0.0000	0.0379	0.0628	0.0379	0.0382	0.0412	0.0658	0.0412	0.0367	0.0364	0.0592	0.0628	0.0473	0.0476	0.0396
CSF 2	0.0379	0.0000	0.0628	0.0412	0.0663	0.0412	0.0378	0.0412	0.0160	0.0364	0.0515	0.0628	0.0628	0.0359	0.0628
CSF 3	0.0379	0.0379	0.0000	0.0412	0.0382	0.0412	0.0378	0.0412	0.0160	0.0159	0.0670	0.0385	0.0667	0.0359	0.0667
CSF4	0.0175	0.0175	0.0385	0.0000	0.0382	0.0412	0.0698	0.0175	0.0681	0.0159	0.0670	0.0166	0.0357	0.0670	0.0357
CSF5	0.0175	0.0412	0.0385	0.0175	0.0000	0.0412	0.0378	0.0175	0.0367	0.0159	0.0670	0.0166	0.0667	0.0359	0.0667
CSF6	0.0412	0.0175	0.0166	0.0412	0.0382	0.0000	0.0378	0.0412	0.0367	0.0364	0.0864	0.0385	0.0938	0.0670	0.0938
CSF7	0.0412	0.0175	0.0385	0.0412	0.0382	0.0175	0.0000	0.0175	0.0367	0.0159	0.0903	0.0166	0.0667	0.0670	0.0667
CSF8	0.0175	0.0175	0.0166	0.0175	0.0382	0.0412	0.0698	0.0000	0.0208	0.0677	0.0942	0.0385	0.0938	0.0670	0.0667
CSF9	0.0229	0.0229	0.0385	0.0175	0.0165	0.0412	0.0164	0.0229	0.0000	0.0873	0.0670	0.0166	0.0938	0.0942	0.0667
CSF10	0.0201	0.0258	0.0385	0.0412	0.0382	0.0175	0.0378	0.0412	0.0838	0.0000	0.0670	0.0166	0.0667	0.0359	0.0976
CSF11	0.0000	0.0175	0.0166	0.0412	0.0382	0.0175	0.0378	0.0412	0.0160	0.0364	0.0000	0.0385	0.0868	0.0670	0.0667
CSF12	0.0412	0.0412	0.0166	0.0175	0.0000	0.0412	0.0000	0.0412	0.0160	0.0364	0.0942	0.0000	0.0976	0.0942	0.0821
CSF13	0.0000	0.0175	0.0166	0.0175	0.0382	0.0175	0.0378	0.0175	0.0367	0.0159	0.0437	0.0166	0.0000	0.0748	0.0628
CSF14	0.0175	0.0358	0.0166	0.0175	0.0165	0.0175	0.0164	0.0412	0.0160	0.0159	0.0437	0.0166	0.0667	0.0000	0.0589
CSF15	0.0136	0.0175	0.0166	0.0412	0.0165	0.0175	0.0378	0.0000	0.0367	0.0159	0.0476	0.0166	0.0551	0.0670	0.0000

**Table 9:** Total relationship matrix for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

CSFs	CSF1	CSF2	CSF3	CSF4	CSF5	CSF6	CSF7	CSF8	CSF9	CSF10	CSF11	CSF12	CSF13	CSF14	CSF15
CSF1	0.0301	0.0720	0.0990	0.0791	0.0807	0.0795	0.1134	0.0803	0.0798	0.0765	0.1444	0.0985	0.1410	0.1300	0.1275
CSF2	0.0656	0.0356	0.0985	0.0816	0.1067	0.0794	0.0878	0.0791	0.0608	0.0748	0.1359	0.0980	0.1535	0.1178	0.1478
CSF3	0.0612	0.0669	0.0337	0.0769	0.0758	0.0740	0.0826	0.0740	0.0551	0.0513	0.1390	0.0711	0.1458	0.1091	0.1401
CSF4	0.0410	0.0458	0.0690	0.0348	0.0725	0.0715	0.1075	0.0499	0.1015	0.0507	0.1347	0.0465	0.1137	0.1339	0.1076
CSF5	0.0388	0.0661	0.0668	0.0506	0.0346	0.0693	0.0758	0.0474	0.0695	0.0474	0.1290	0.0459	0.1365	0.1003	0.1318
CSF6	0.0661	0.0518	0.0541	0.0818	0.0801	0.0381	0.0884	0.0785	0.0814	0.0762	0.1666	0.0741	0.1830	0.1501	0.1766
CSF7	0.0617	0.0466	0.0693	0.0752	0.0735	0.0495	0.0435	0.0502	0.0728	0.0496	0.1552	0.0479	0.1417	0.1346	0.1359
CSF8	0.0436	0.0507	0.0528	0.0591	0.0798	0.0755	0.1159	0.0387	0.0660	0.1038	0.1727	0.0725	0.1818	0.1472	0.1520
CSF9	0.0466	0.0542	0.0713	0.0563	0.0566	0.0733	0.0626	0.0597	0.0434	0.1200	0.1400	0.0499	0.1747	0.1652	0.1462
CSF10	0.0449	0.0567	0.0731	0.0789	0.0771	0.0536	0.0845	0.0746	0.1226	0.0404	0.1428	0.0502	0.1516	0.1153	0.1735
CSF11	0.0211	0.0435	0.0443	0.0707	0.0694	0.0461	0.0753	0.0684	0.0514	0.0650	0.0654	0.0636	0.1533	0.1289	0.1308
CSF12	0.0629	0.0708	0.0496	0.0556	0.0407	0.0733	0.0475	0.0766	0.0557	0.0723	0.1636	0.0352	0.1777	0.1659	0.1577
CSF13	0.0173	0.0385	0.0390	0.0425	0.0623	0.0401	0.0662	0.0405	0.0622	0.0404	0.0933	0.0377	0.0582	0.1224	0.1133
CSF14	0.0330	0.0547	0.0389	0.0424	0.0432	0.0402	0.0477	0.0626	0.0424	0.0405	0.0924	0.0393	0.1194	0.0509	0.1084
CSF15	0.0297	0.0377	0.0392	0.0643	0.0420	0.0396	0.0660	0.0241	0.0624	0.0395	0.0952	0.0376	0.1078	0.1145	0.0519

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**Table 10:** Cause/effect parameters for CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the automotive industry supply chain

<b>CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in supply chains</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>R+D</b>	<b>R-D</b>	<b>Cause/Effect</b>
<b>CSF1</b>	1.4318	0.6635	2.0953	0.7682	Cause
<b>CSF 2</b>	1.4228	0.7916	2.2145	0.6312	Cause
<b>CSF 3</b>	1.2568	0.8986	2.1554	0.3583	Cause
<b>CSF4</b>	1.1807	0.9498	2.1304	0.2309	Cause
<b>CSF5</b>	1.1097	0.9951	2.1048	0.1146	Cause
<b>CSF6</b>	1.4469	0.9028	2.3496	0.5441	Cause
<b>CSF7</b>	1.2072	1.1647	2.3719	0.0425	Cause
<b>CSF8</b>	1.4122	0.9048	2.3170	0.5074	Cause
<b>CSF9</b>	1.3201	1.0269	2.3470	0.2932	Cause
<b>CSF10</b>	1.3398	0.9485	2.2883	0.3913	Cause
<b>CSF11</b>	1.0972	1.9701	3.0673	-0.8729	Effect
<b>CSF12</b>	1.3051	0.8682	2.1732	0.4369	Cause
<b>CSF13</b>	0.8740	2.1397	3.0137	-1.2657	Effect
<b>CSF14</b>	0.8560	1.8861	2.7420	-1.0301	Effect
<b>CSF15</b>	0.8516	2.0015	2.8530	-1.1499	Effect



**Table 11:** Weights assigned for eight experts during sensitivity analysis

Run	Expert 1	Expert 2	Expert 3	Expert 4	Expert 5	Expert 6	Expert 7	Expert 8
Sensitivity Run 1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sensitivity Run 2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sensitivity Run 3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sensitivity Run 4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sensitivity Run 5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sensitivity Run 6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Sensitivity Run 7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Sensitivity Run 8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3

**Table 12:** Sensitivity analysis of CSFs for effective adoption of sustainability initiatives in the supply chains

CSFs	Sensitivity Run 1			Sensitivity Run 2			Sensitivity Run 3			Sensitivity Run 4		
	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank
CSF1	2.1084	0.7837	1	2.1243	0.7600	1	2.0794	0.7616	1	2.1378	0.7853	1
CSF 2	2.2459	0.6601	2	2.2164	0.6347	2	2.2052	0.6015	2	2.2658	0.6193	2
CSF 3	2.1783	0.3562	7	2.1473	0.3651	7	2.1424	0.3547	7	2.1981	0.3646	7
CSF4	2.1750	0.2455	9	2.1277	0.2289	9	3.0000	0.2278	9	2.1679	0.2331	9
CSF5	2.1557	0.1222	10	2.1010	0.1138	10	2.0881	0.1100	10	2.1410	0.1165	10
CSF6	2.3798	0.5329	3	2.3279	0.5234	3	2.3371	0.5465	3	2.3975	0.5612	3
CSF7	2.4343	0.0498	11	2.3485	0.0186	11	2.3460	0.0540	11	2.4160	0.0449	11
CSF8	2.3493	0.5023	4	2.3101	0.5069	4	2.2957	0.5064	4	2.3559	0.5186	4
CSF9	2.3661	0.2688	8	2.3557	0.3045	8	2.3376	0.3033	8	2.3798	0.2980	8
CSF10	2.3293	0.3933	6	2.2992	0.4014	6	2.2829	0.3991	6	2.3230	0.3987	6
CSF11	3.1033	-0.8645	12	3.0266	-0.8490	12	3.0472	-0.8853	12	3.1304	-0.8910	12
CSF12	2.2262	0.4469	5	2.1708	0.4304	5	2.1425	0.4141	5	2.2224	0.4496	5
CSF13	3.0777	-1.2472	15	2.9930	-1.2796	15	3.0016	-1.2539	15	3.0574	-1.2676	15
CSF14	2.8396	-1.0780	13	2.7551	-1.0173	13	2.7149	-0.9891	13	2.7906	-1.0677	13
CSF15	2.9460	-1.1722	14	2.8436	-1.1418	14	2.8444	-1.1507	14	2.9002	-1.1633	14
CSFs	Sensitivity Run 5			Sensitivity Run 6			Sensitivity Run 7			Sensitivity Run 8		
	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank	R+D	R-D	Rank
CSF1	2.0907	0.7547	1	2.0532	0.7427	1	2.0612	0.7756	1	2.0600	0.7489	1
CSF 2	2.2106	0.6237	2	2.1851	0.6255	2	2.1528	0.6228	2	2.1887	0.6351	2
CSF 3	2.1425	0.3540	7	2.1279	0.3526	7	2.1250	0.3496	7	2.1437	0.3510	7
CSF4	2.1126	0.2264	9	2.0935	0.2202	9	2.0982	0.2235	9	2.1139	0.2214	9
CSF5	2.0870	0.1123	10	2.0714	0.1097	10	2.0722	0.1097	10	2.0894	0.1075	10
CSF6	2.3364	0.5454	3	2.3180	0.5380	3	2.3170	0.5396	3	2.3347	0.5403	3
CSF7	2.3557	0.0423	11	2.3388	0.0389	11	2.3405	0.0398	11	2.3598	0.0358	11
CSF8	2.2959	0.5046	4	2.2923	0.4964	4	2.2764	0.4995	4	2.3119	0.5007	4
CSF9	2.3371	0.3022	8	2.2709	0.3086	8	2.3104	0.2865	8	2.3110	0.3258	8
CSF10	2.2824	0.3978	6	2.2030	0.3996	6	2.2543	0.3830	6	2.2540	0.3678	6
CSF11	3.0639	-0.8819	12	3.0217	-0.8580	12	3.0389	-0.8779	12	3.0379	-0.8609	12
CSF12	2.1559	0.4266	5	2.1505	0.4323	5	2.0927	0.4710	5	2.1210	0.4832	5
CSF13	3.0105	-1.2632	15	2.9761	-1.2692	15	2.9805	-1.2484	15	2.9611	-1.2851	15
CSF14	2.7136	-1.0127	13	2.6846	-1.0180	13	2.6822	-1.0181	13	2.6992	-1.0152	13
CSF15	2.8220	-1.1321	14	2.8169	-1.1194	14	2.7926	-1.1560	14	2.8125	-1.1564	14