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# **Extension of CARAMEL Model by Customer Satisfaction Factor for Indian Private Life Insurance Companies in India**

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#### ABSTRACT

This paper explores the efficiency of private life insurance companies in India. The study employed the CARAMEL model to gauge the technical proficiency of Indian life insurance providers. However, the CARAMEL model has ignored the customer satisfaction factor, which is nowadays an essential factor for measuring efficiency. So, in this study, the CARAMEL model is extended by another factor: customer satisfaction. Customer satisfaction is measured by the persistency ratio, claim settlement ratio, and number of grievances reported. Compare the ranks of private life insurance companies according to the CARAMEL model without customer satisfaction score and with customer satisfaction score. Correlation coefficient and t-test was used to find out whether there is any significant association between the ranks according to the CARAMEL model without customer satisfaction and with the customer satisfaction factor.

The data used in this study, which spans the last ten years from 2013-14 to 2022-23, was entirely secondary and was gathered from the IRDA official website.

Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company ranked 1<sup>st</sup> according to CARAMEL model without customer satisfaction and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company ranked 1 with customer satisfaction factor. Spearman's Rank correlation coefficient shows that there is an insignificant association between the CARAMEL model ranks with customer satisfaction and without customer satisfaction factors. When there is no significant association between ranking without customer satisfaction factors and with customer satisfaction factors, we extend the CARAMEL model by the customer satisfaction factor.

KEYWORDS: Private Life insurance sector, CARAMEL model, Customer satisfaction, Rank Correlation, T-Test.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

To reduce the risk to life and property insurance is used as a social device [1]. Life Insurance, Insurers safeguard the policyholder against a regular payment termed as a premium [2]. When a policyholder gets a safeguard against non-life i.e. fire, accidents burglary, etc., it is called non-life insurance [3].

In India, life insurance has a long history that began in the early 1800s [4]. Europeans founded the Oriental Life Insurance firm, India's first life insurance firm, in Calcutta in 1818 [5]. However, this firm only provided a restricted range of services to Indians, mostly serving European consumers [6].

In order to control the life insurance market in India, the Indian Life Assurance Companies Act was established in 1870 [7]. As a result, other Indian life insurance firms were established. The "Bombay Mutual Life Assurance Society" was founded in 1871 and covered the lives of Indians [8].

In this study we consider 21 private life insurance companies out of 23 private life insurance companies in India. 2 private life insurance companies i.e. "Exide Life Insurance Company" and "Sahara Life Insurance Company" are excluded because "Exide Life Insurance Company" is taken over by "HDFC Life Insurance Company". "Sahara Life Insurance" is excluded due to the future of "Sahara Life Insurance" is still unclear, as the firm is still directly supervised by the IRDAI.

For the analysis, the following private life insurance providers are taken into account:

	Private Life insurer
1	"Aditya Birla Sunlife Insurance Company Ltd". (ABSLIC)
2	"Aegon Life Insurance Company Ltd". (AGLIC)

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3	"Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company Ltd". (AGFLIC)
4	"Aviva Life Insurance Company India Ltd". (AVLIC)
5	"Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Ltd"(BALIC)
6	"Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Ltd". (BAXLIC)
7	"Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Ltd". (CHSBCLIC)
8	"Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Company Ltd". (ETLIC)
9	"Future Generali India Life Insurance Company Ltd". (FGLIC)
10	"HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd". (HDFCLIC)
11	"ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Ltd". (ICPLIC)
12	"IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd". (IFLIC)
13	"Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Ltd". (KMLIC)
14	"Max Life Insurance Company Ltd". (MLIC)
15	"PNB Metlife India Insurance Company Ltd". (PNBLIC)
16	"Pramerica Life Insurance Company Ltd". (PALIC)
17	"Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Ltd". (RNLIC)
18	"SBI Life Insurance Company Ltd". (SBILIC)
19	"Shriram Life Insurance Company Ltd". (SRRLIC)
20	"Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Ltd". (SUDLIC)
21	"TATA AIA Life Insurance Company Ltd". (TATAALIC)

Before 1999 ordinary people used to depend on the only public life insurance company i.e. LICI for life insurance. But after 1999 private life insurance companies entered into the insurance market [9]. In the public sector, people have no option to choose a life insurance company, due to the monopoly of LICI as a public life insurance company [10]. However, the situation is juxtaposed in the case of selecting a private life insurance company [11]. There people will get multiple options to choose. People should know which life insurance company is working efficiently. This study will help us to understand which private life insurance companies are efficient and which are inefficient [12]. Not only that it will also help us to know which private life insurance company is working most efficiently [13].

Our study will not only help the general public but will also assist private life insurance companies in identifying their weaknesses.

## 1.1. Purpose of the study

U.S.Das, N. Devis, and R.Podperia framed the CARAMEL model in an IMF working paper in July 2003 [14]. However, after that, the model was not modified. At that time the world business concept is centred on the producer being king. But later the situation changed and now the consumer is king. The CARAMEL model emphasizes almost all factors like capital, assets, return, management efficiency, reinsurance, and liquidity. But does not consider any factor like customer satisfaction or claim settlement factors.

So in the modern concept, we want to intercept the customer satisfaction factor in the CARAMEL model. Whether the insurance firms will remain in the same rank position with customer satisfaction factor or not.

## 1.2. Novelty of the study

In the study, all the private life insurance firms are considered at a stage. All the private life insurance firms are ranked according to the CARAMEL model. Extended the CARAMEL model with the customer satisfaction factors.

Primary data are avoided for the biases and secondary data are used for the study. We used Spearman's rank correlation test and T-test to find the association between the ranks without customer satisfaction factor and ranks on the CARAMEL model. R software has been used as a tool for the study.

#### 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

The following are some literature reviews based on recent publications.

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**Rohila R.L.(2023)** researched to determine the size of the life insurance market in India. ANOVA and the F test were two of the statistical tests utilized in the study, along with CARAMEL's framework ratios. The analysis reveals that the earnings and profitability of all the life insurance businesses declined over the study period [15].

Singh, A. K., & Fatima, S. (2017) In this study financial performance is analysed through the CARAMEL model for a study period from 2009 to 2018. The various ratios are evaluated and statistical tests to find whether there is any significant difference in the ratios over the study period or not [16].

Surya, M., & Sudha, B. (2020) This research paper's main goal is to thoroughly examine the CARAMELS framework's fundamental components in the insurance industry. To assess the financial stability of Indonesian life insurance businesses [17].

Widati. T.A. and Anas E.P. (2019) analyze three models: the Financial Strength Rating (FSR), the CARAMEL model, and the Risk-based model (RBM). Using three models, the CARAMEL model has been used to assess performance and has determined that life insurers are in good financial standing [18].

**Dr. R. Jayanthi (2019)** made an effort to investigate the performance and financial stability of India's Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). Insurance businesses' financial performance is examined using CARAMEL criteria [19].

Jansirani, P., & Muthusamy, A. (2019) This study's primary goal is to elucidate one of the most current CARAMELS models that have been used to the analysis of the stability and financial performance of public general insurance firms in India. This analysis leads to the conclusion that, in contrast, the whole research unit for FSI characterization shows normal results [20].

Dr. Rao S. et.al. (2019) Utilizing ratios and One Way ANOVA, the CARAMEL method will evaluate the financial performance of Indian life insurance companies. During the research period, there was a significant difference for CARAMEL markers at a significance level of 5% [21].

**Dr. L. Krishna Veni, Karteek Chedadeepu (2019)** The purpose of the current study is to use the CARAMEL Model to compare the financial performance of LIC and ICICIPLIC, BALIC, HDFCSLIC, and SBILIC between 2007–2008 and 2016–2017. According to the analysis, there are no appreciable differences in overall profits or profitability among the chosen life insurers [22].

Chakraborty. J and Sengupta P.P (2018) The four top life insurers in India are compared and evaluated based on their market concentration, solvency, and financial results. Model CARAMELS. The performance of the selected life insurance (FSIs) has been evaluated using the CARAMELS model, which is based on the Financial Soundness Indicators [23].

Parthiban, V. N. (2015) In the study financial performance is evaluated of some selected life insurers based on the CARAMEL model. The results show that there is a significant difference between the various parameters of the CARAMEL model [24].

## 3. RESEARCH GAP

In various literature, we found the application of the CARAMEL model in the life insurance sector. However, in recent scenarios, customer satisfaction is a major factor for any service sector. In the CARAMEL model, they considered Capital adequacy, Asset quality, Reinsurance issues, management soundness, earning efficiency, and liquidity factors only but there is a lack of consideration for the customer satisfaction factor.

There are some studies on the life insurance sector on customer satisfaction, which are based on the primary data. However, there are many drawbacks to relying on primary data. So, in our study, customer satisfaction is measured based on secondary data.

Surprisingly there has been no modification of the CARAMEL model for the last 20 years. So, there is a need to modify the CARAMEL model with customer satisfaction factors.

# 4. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

- 1. Ranked the private Life Insurance Companies according to CARAMEL model.
- 2. Ranked the private life insurance companies on customer satisfaction factors.
- 3. Is there any significant association between the ranks according to the CARAMEL model with customer satisfaction and without customer satisfaction?
- 4. Extension of CARAMEL model with customer satisfaction factor.

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#### 5. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

- **5.1. Data source:** Secondary Data has been used for the last 10 years i.e., from 2013-14 to 2022-23 from IRDA.
- **5.2. Research Variables**: To examine financial efficiency, we use the CARAMEL model. In CARAMEL financial soundness is judged through capital adequacy, and earnings and profitability. Whereas financial sector vulnerability is judged by asset quality, management soundness, liquidity, reinsurance, and accrual issues.

Table 1 Aspects of Financial System and selected indicators for CARAMEL model.

TYPES OF FSI	Aspects of Financial System	Selected Indicators			
	Capital Adequacy	Capital/ Mathematical Reserves Capital/Total Assets			
		Expense Ratio= Expense/Net premium			
Financial Soundness	Earnings & Profitabilities	Shareholder Investment Income/Shareholder Investment			
		Policyholder Investment Income/Policy holder Investment			
		ROE			
	Asset Quality	Equity / Total Assets			
	Reinsurance & Actuarial	Risk Retention Ratio			
Insurance Sector	Issue	Mathematical Reserve/ Avg Net Premium			
Vulnerabilities	Management Soundness	Gross Premium / No of Agents Total Assets / No of agents			
	Liquidity	Net Assets / Net Premium Undertaken			

CARAMEL model is extended by the customer satisfaction factor. Customer satisfaction is measured by the persistency ratio, Claim settlement ratio, and number of grievances [25].

Table 2 Customer Satisfaction and selected indicators for extended CARAMEL model.

	Persistency ratio	Number of Policies Receiving Premium timely
		Number of Active Policies
Customer Satisfaction	Claim Prevention ratio	Number of Claims settled
- Customer succession	Claim Flevention fatto	Number of Claims received
	Number of grievances per '000	Number of grievances
	policies	per '000 policies

# 6. HYPOTHESIS

H<sub>0</sub>: No significant association exists between ranking with and without customer satisfaction.

H<sub>1</sub>: A significant association exists between ranking with and without customer satisfaction.

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## 7. DATA ANALYSIS

Table 3. Details statistics of various parameters of Private Life Insurance Companies for the CARAMEL Model

	CAPITA	AL.	ASSET QUALI	MANAGE	MENT	EARNIN	IG	AND	LIQUIDIT
	ADEQU		TY		SOUNDNESS		PROFITABILITY		Y
					TOTA				
				GROSS	L				
				PREMIU	ASSET				
				M / NO OF	S /NO OF		INV		
	CA/T	CA/M	EQUIT	AGENT	AGEN	EXP	IN/INV		SOLVENC
	A	R	Y/TA	S	TS	RATIO	ASSETS	ROE	Y
ABSLIC	0.06	0.91	0.05	0.10	0.53	0.21	0.20	8.14	1.93
AGLIC	0.78	11.57	0.06	0.64	5.87	0.48	0.15	-1.46	2.43
AFLIC	0.12	0.95	0.45	0.22	1.25	0.22	0.28	11.21	3.72
AVLIC	0.20	2.18	0.08	0.15	1.26	0.25	0.31	-3.76	2.95
BALIC	0.15	2.89	0.52	0.10	0.67	0.22	0.11	1.61	6.77
BAXALIC	0.52	5.83	0.78	0.06	0.21	0.46	0.18	2.83	1.86
CHSBCOLIC	0.08	0.26	0.09	0.80	0.90	0.18	0.18	-6.13	3.49
ETLIC	0.65	3.64	0.12	0.02	0.09	0.72	0.18	21.12	2.28
FGLIC	0.45	7.04	0.20	0.17	0.67	0.47	0.11	10.74	2.09
HDFCFLIC	0.05	0.52	0.14	0.30	1.36	0.17	0.19	-11.37	1.92
ICICIPLIC	0.05	0.96	0.11	0.16	0.94	0.14	0.19	9.25	2.60
IFLIC	0.06	-1.96	0.07	1.50	6.44	0.16	0.13	2.85	1.97
KMLIC	0.08	0.93	0.05	0.08	0.34	0.23	0.11	1.53	2.97
MXLIC	0.05	0.35	0.07	0.27	1.22	0.22	0.11	16.94	2.88
PNBMILIC	0.11	1.20	0.14	0.47	2.25	0.27	0.14	19.09	2.03
PALIC	0.39	2.32	0.15	0.14	0.45	0.40	0.10	7.23	6.18
RNLIC	0.09	-1.68	0.24	0.07	0.35	0.29	0.13	3.60	2.79
SILIC	0.24	0.42	0.05	0.01	0.13	0.39	0.17	20.10	7.32
SBILIC	0.05	0.70	0.05	0.25	1.17	0.11	0.33	7.45	2.11
SUDCLIC	0.07	0.68	0.39	5.55	20.89	0.24	0.21	-1.05	2.35
TATAAIALIC	0.07	0.86	0.06	0.17	0.86	0.29	0.19	-5.20	2.87

The above is the last 10 years' averages i.e. from 2013-14 to 2022-23 statistics for various parameters of the CARAMEL model.

Table 4. Ranking of private life insurance companies according to CARAMEL Model

CAPI					
TAL		MANAGE	EARNING		
ADEQ	ASSET	MENT	& PROFIT	LIQUI	
UACY	QUALITY	SOUNDNESS	ABILITY	DITY	

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	RANK	RANK	RANK	RANK	RANK	TOTAL MEAN RANK	COMP RANK
AFLIC	9	3	9	2	3	5.2	1
BALIC	6	2	15	13	1	7.4	2
SUDCLIC	15	4	1	8	13	8.2	3
PNBMILIC	8	8	4	5	17	8.4	4
AVLIC	7	13	11	9	6	9.2	5
CHSBCOLIC	13	11	12	3	11	10	6
ICICIPLIC	5	7	16	20	2	10	6
PALIC	16	12	7	12	4	10.2	8
FGLIC	1	17	3	21	12	10.8	9
AGLIC	2	6	14	18	16	11.2	10
ETLIC	2	10	21	10	14	11.4	11
MXLIC	21	15	8	6	7	11.4	11
BAXALIC	11	13	5	19	10	11.6	13
SBILIC	2	1	20	15	21	11.8	14
SHRLIC	11	17	12	13	8	12.2	15
TATAAIALIC	19	8	5	10	20	12.4	16
RNLIC	20	15	2	7	18	12.4	16
HDFCFLIC	16	5	18	15	9	12.6	18
IFLIC	18	19	10	1	15	12.6	18
KMLIC	10	19	18	17	5	13.8	20
ABSLIC	13	19	16	4	19	15.8	21

In the above table, 21 private life insurance companies are ranked according to the CARAMEL model. We ignored the reinsurance and accrual issue factors because reinsurance is not a justifiable factor in the life insurance sector.

The above table shows that Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company Ltd. ranked 1 and was followed by Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company according to the CARAMEL model.

Now we ranked the private life insurance companies based on customer satisfaction score.

Table 5. Ranking of 21 private life insurance companies according to customer satisfaction factor.

	CUSTOMER SA	TISFACTIO	DN					
	PERSISTENC Y RATIO	RANK	GRE/000 POLICIE S	RANK	CL SET RATIO	RANK	MEAN RANK	COMP RANK
ICICIPLIC	47.94	1	14.43	6	96.65	3	3.33	1
MXLIC	44.67	4	15.86	7	97.96	1	4.00	2
KMLIC	46.92	2	11.89	5	94.19	10	5.67	3
HDFCFLIC	44.65	5	20.62	12	96.81	2	6.33	4

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SBILIC	36.35	10	6.66	2	94.64	9	7.00	5
AFLIC	46.24	3	9.26	3	91.68	17	7.67	6
ETLIC	36.70	9	11.50	4	93.59	12	8.33	7
TATAAIALIC	36.21	11	21.65	14	96.53	4	9.67	8
CHSBCOLIC	40.45	6	45.63	18	95.19	7	10.33	9
ABSLIC	32.67	14	31.93	16	96.07	5	11.67	10
AGLIC	39.84	7	64.50	20	95.18	8	11.67	11
PALIC	35.90	13	16.28	8	92.56	15	12.00	12
IFLIC	37.37	8	18.33	10	88.95	20	12.67	13
AVLIC	28.16	19	29.63	15	95.46	6	13.33	14
BALIC	36.15	12	60.76	19	93.73	11	14.00	15
RNLIC	21.60	20	1.98	1	80.84	21	14.00	16
SUDCLIC	32.34	17	20.71	13	93.42	13	14.33	17
SHRLIC	32.41	16	20.58	11	92.15	16	14.33	18
PNBMILIC	30.14	18	17.20	9	91.66	18	15.00	19
BAXALIC	32.45	15	40.30	17	91.08	19	17.00	20
FGLIC	21.18	21	79.84	21	93.10	14	18.67	21

Customer satisfaction is based on 3 parameters, persistence ratio, claim settlement ratio, and number of grievances received per thousand claims.

In the above table, it is found that ICICI's prudential life insurance company followed by Max Life Insurance Company is the most efficient in the customer satisfaction factors.

Table 6. Ranking of 21 private life insurance companies with the CARAMEL Model and customer satisfaction factor.

	CAPITA L ADEQU ACY RANK (C)	ASSET QUALIT Y RANK (A)	MANA GEMEN T SOUND NESS RANK (M)	EARNING & PROFITAB ILITY RANK (E)	LIQUI DITY RANK (L)	TOTAL MEAN RANK	CARA MEL RANK	CUSTO MER SATIS FACTI ON RANK
ABSLIC	13	19	16	4	19	15.8	21	10
AGLIC	1	17	3	21	12	10.8	9	11
AFLIC	9	3	9	2	3	5.2	1	6
AVLIC	7	13	11	9	6	9.2	5	15
BALIC	6	2	15	13	1	7.4	2	14
BAXALIC	2	1	20	15	21	11.8	14	20
CHSBCOLIC	16	12	7	12	4	10.2	8	9
ETLIC	2	10	21	10	14	11.4	11	7
FGLIC	2	6	14	18	16	11.2	10	21

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HDFCFLIC	19	8	5	10	20	12.4	16	4
ICICIPLIC	13	11	12	3	11	10	6	1
IFLIC	20	15	2	7	18	12.4	16	13
KMLIC	10	19	18	17	5	13.8	20	3
MXLIC	21	15	8	6	7	11.4	11	2
PNBMILIC	8	8	4	5	17	8.4	4	19
PALIC	5	7	16	20	2	10	6	12
RNLIC	16	5	18	15	9	12.6	18	17
SILIC	18	19	10	1	15	12.6	18	5
SBILIC	11	13	5	19	10	11.6	13	16
SUDCLIC	15	4	1	8	13	8.2	3	18
TATAAIALIC	11	17	12	13	8	12.2	15	8

The above table shows the overall ranking of 23 private life insurance companies in India. It is found that Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company Ltd ranked 1 in the overall ranking.

We make a ranked correlation test to find the association between the ranked without customer satisfaction factor and with customer satisfaction factor in CARAMEL based model.

Table 7. Spearman's Correlation Matrix for CARAMEL Rank and Customer Satisfaction Rank

Correlations				
				CUSTOMER
			CARAMEL RANK	SATISFACTION RANK
Spearman's rho	CARAMEL	Correlation	1.000	-0.201
	RANK	Coefficient		
		Sig. (2-tailed)		0.359
		N	21	21
	CUSTOMER	Correlation	-0.201	1.000
	SATISFACTION	Coefficient		
	RANK			
		Sig. (2-tailed)	0.359	
		N	21	21

The above table shows the correlation between CARAMEL rank and Customer Satisfaction Rank. We used Spearman's Rank correlation to measure the relations between the above two parameters.

Spearman's Rank Correlation  $(r) = 1 - 6 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n (n-1)$  where n is the number of data pairs and d is the square of the difference in the ranks [26].

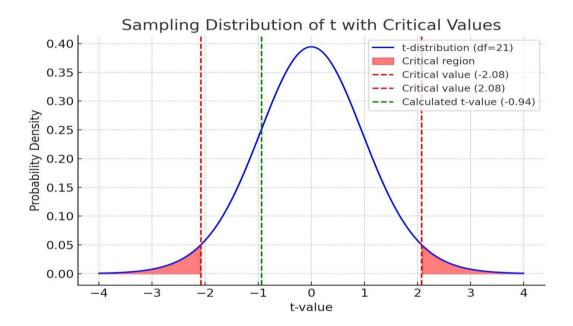
Here we find r = (-) 0.201. So, there is a negative relation between the CARAMEL model and customer satisfaction factors. We have done a T-test (sample size less than 30) to know the significance of the relationship between the CARAMEL model ranking and the customer satisfaction model [27].

$$T = r \sqrt{\frac{(n-2)/(1-r^2)}{}}$$

T = 0.9403 and this is the calculated value of T. whereas the tabulated value of T at 19 (n-2) degrees of freedom is +2.08

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Calculated value < tabulated value. So H<sub>0</sub> accepts that there is no significant association between CARAMEL ranking and customer satisfaction factors ranking.



The plot above shows the sampling distribution of the t-statistic with 21 degrees of freedom. The critical values are labeled at  $\pm 2.08$  degrees of freedom for a two-tailed test at the 95% confidence level, with the critical regions shaded in red. The calculated t value of -0.94 is marked in green, which falls outside the critical regions, indicating that the result is not statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

As there is no significant association between the ranking according to the CARAMEL model and customer satisfaction factor, so we can extend the CARAMEL model with customer satisfaction score and rank the private insurance companies according to the extended CARAMEL model.

Table 8. Extended CARAMEL Model ranking of private life insurance companies

	CARAMEL Model		Customer satisfaction		Extended CARAMEL Model	
			TOTAL		Overall	
Pvt Life Insurance	TOTAL MEAN		MEAN	Final	Mean	Final
Companies	RANK	Final RANK	RANK	RANK	rank	Rank
AFLIC	5.2	1	7.67	6	6.43	1
ICICIPLIC	10	6	3.33	1	6.67	2
MXLIC	11.4	11	4.00	2	7.70	3
HDFCFLIC	12.4	16	6.33	4	9.37	4
KMLIC	13.8	20	5.67	3	9.73	5
SBILIC	12.6	18	7.00	5	9.80	6
ETLIC	11.4	11	8.33	7	9.87	7
CHSBCOLIC	10.2	8	10.33	9	10.27	8
BALIC	7.4	2	13.33	14	10.37	9
TATAAIALIC	12.2	15	9.67	8	10.93	10
PALIC	10	6	12.00	12	11.00	11

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AGLIC	10.8	9	11.67	11	11.23	12
SUDCLIC	8.2	3	14.33	18	11.27	13
AVLIC	9.2	5	14.00	15	11.60	14
PNBMILIC	8.4	4	15.00	19	11.70	15
IFLIC	12.4	16	12.67	13	12.53	16
SHRLIC	11.6	13	14.00	16	12.80	17
RNLIC	12.6	18	14.33	17	13.47	18
ABSLIC	15.8	21	11.67	10	13.73	19
BAXALIC	11.8	14	17.00	20	14.40	20
FGLIC	11.2	10	18.67	21	14.93	21

From the above ranking it is found that Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company Ltd ranked 1 in the extended CARAMEL model.

#### 8. FINDINGS

- 1) Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company Ltd ranked 1 according to the CARAMEL Model.
- 2) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company ranked 1 on customer satisfaction factor.
- 3) There is no significant association between ranks according to the CARAMEL model with customer satisfaction factors and without customer satisfaction factors.
- 4) Extension of CARAMEL model with customer satisfaction factor and Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company Ltd ranked 1 according to extension CARTAMEL Model.

#### 9. CONCLUSION

21 private life insurance companies' data have been analyzed for the last 10 years. The ranking has been done according to the CARAMEL model. Separate ranking has been done for every factor of the CARAMEL model, i.e. ranked 23 private life insurance companies according to capital adequacy, asset quality, Reinsurance and accrual issue, management soundness, earning and profitability, and liquidity factors. Mean rank is calculated from the above rank and ranked all the private life insurance companies according to composite mean rank. This is the ranking of life insurance companies according to the CARAMEL model.

Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company Ltd ranked 1 according to the CARAMEL Model.

CARAMEL model ignores the customer satisfaction factor. So customer satisfaction factor has been included in the CARAMEL model and extended the CARAMEL model on an additional factor i.e. customer satisfaction.

Customer satisfaction has been judged based on persistency ratio, claim settlement ratio, and number of grievances reported per 1000 claims. Based on customer satisfaction factors ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company ranked 1. Spearman's rank correlation shows that there is no significant association between ranking on the CARAMEL model and customer satisfaction rank.

Extended the CARAMEL model with customer satisfaction factor and Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company Ltd ranked top based on extended CARAMEL Model.

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