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It improves the utilization of human resources by helping the management forecast the recruitment needs in terms of both numbers as well as types of skills required and develop ways to avoid or correct problems before they become serious and disrupt operations. ii. It helps focus the recruitment efforts on the most likely sources of supply.

This will cut down the total cost of hiring and training personnel and reduce costs associated with the hiring practices. iii. It makes provisions for replacement or back-up staff from either inside or outside the organization, whenever the need arises, either on a temporary or permanent basis. These available sources of supply are important to identify, especially in the case of any emergencies that might occur. iv.

It helps achieve an integration of personnel plans with other operating as well as strategic plans, by making available the personnel management information database to other organizational operations.