

Financial management

Money is required to carry out business activities known as business finance.

Financial management is efficient acquisition, efficient utilization and efficient distribution and disposal of surplus for smooth functioning.

Roles

All the activities are directly or indirectly affected by management some are as follows:

- * Size and composition of organisation : It depends directly on investment decision i.e. how much capital is planning to invest in fixed assets.
- * Amount & composition of current assets : Amt of current assets and its division in cash, bill receivable etc also depends on financial decisions.
- * Amt of long term & short term financing → Amt Raise from long term as well as short term depends upon its financial management.
- * fixing debt & equity ratio in capital : Firm can raise fund through debt or by issue of shares. It help in fixing that ratio in a firm.

* All item of profit & loss A/c @ capital budgeting, reinvestment affect the P/L statement. e.g. more debt requires more int. payment.

Objectives

* Primary and most important objective of management is to maximise wealth of shareholder.

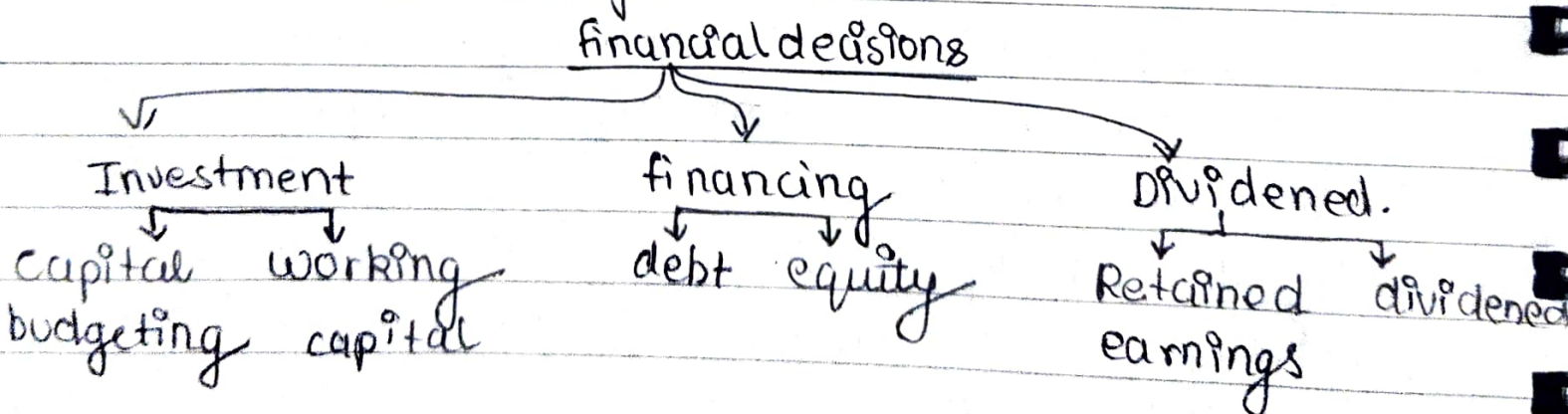
which means maximising the market price of equity shares.

* Secondary objectives

- ① Profit maximisation fund should be deployed in such a way that benefit of investment exceeds its cost.
- ② Availability of fund at reasonable cost ÷ Raise fund with minimum cost and minimum risk.
- ③ Maintaining liquidity ÷ To maintain liquidity and profitability through capital decisions.
- ④ Ensure safety of funds ÷ Ensure safety by creation of reserves, reinvestment etc.

Financial decisions

concerned with three major decisions.



Investment decision

Careful selection of assets in which funds are to be invested.
It can be long or short term.

Long term investment

- ⊙ It involves committing finance on long term basis.
- ⊙ It is also known as capital budgeting decisions.
- ⊙ Eg. making investment on new machines, opening new branch etc.
- ⊙ These decisions are irreversible, they need to be taken with utmost care.

Short term investment

- ⊙ concerned with decisions about level of cash, inventory required to be held by business for smooth functioning.
- ⊙ It affects the day to day working of business
- ⊙ It affects liquidity as well as profitability of the business
- ⊙ It is also known as capital budgeting.

Factor affecting

- ⊙ Cash flow of the project :- when business invest huge amt. then it expects regular and reasonable outflow. Cash generation is analysed in selecting desired project.
- ⊙ Rate of Returns. Each project is selected after comparing expected return and degree of risk involved.
- ⊙ Investment criteria :- Not calculation regarding investment rate, cash flow etc.

Financing decisions

- ① Quantum of finance to be raised from various source of finance.
- ② Concerned with how much finance is to be raised from which source.
- ③ main sources are: Owned funds: Included share capital and retained earnings. costly, involve risk is less
Borrowed funds: It includes debentures, loans, bonds etc

Factors affecting

- ① Cost: raising from different fund is different. financial manager generally prefer cheap source.
- ① Risk: Risk with different source is different. More risk is associated with borrowed as compared to owner's funds
- ① Floatation cost: Refer to cost involve in issue of securities.
e.g. underwriting commission, stamp duty etc.
- ① cash flow position: stronger cashflow refer to debt financing whereas equity should be preferred with shortage of cash.
- ① control consideration: Issue of equity may lead to dilution
 - company which are afraid of takeover would issue debt
 - on other which don't mind the lose of control have to issue equity

Dividend Decision

- involve deciding how much profit is distributed among shareholders
 - how much it should retain in business.
- It is taken ~~regarding~~ by keeping in view the overall objective is maximisation of shareholder's wealth.

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Factors affecting

- ① Amt of earning → More earning ensure greater dividend.
→ less earning lead to declaration of low dividend.
- ① stability of decision ∴ follow of policy stable and steady satisfies shareholder & help in building reputation.
- ① Growth opportunities ∴ having growth prospects declare less dividend.

as compared which don't have any growth plans

- ① Taxation Policy ∴ higher pay, lesser dividend.
 - tax rate low declare higher dividend.
- ① stock market Reaction ∴ Higher rate have positive impact whereas lower have a negative impact.

Financial Planning

Estimating fund requirement and specifying the source of finance. It aims to insure enough fund available at right time.

- ① Estimate fund requirement.
- ① Identifying source of finance
- ① proper utilisation and administration of fund.

Objectives

① Ensure availability of fund

→ Ensure sufficient fund available at right time for different purpose.

→ Specify possible source of funds.

② To ensure unnecessary finance is not raised

→ Surplus fund aim to use it in best possible manner.

→ aim to match fund requirement with availability.