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An Analysis of the Different Types of Financial Management and Their Purposes

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Abstract

Financing is one of the most important factors to consider when beginning any kind of company. In addition, a significant accumulation of cash and efficient financial administration are required not only during the life of a business but also even after it has been sold or otherwise dissolved. For this reason, proper management and regulation of finances is a must at every step of the lifetime of a corporation. Aspects of financial management include operations such as planning, organising, directing, and regulating the company's financial activities. These activities include the acquisition and use of cash, among other things. The administration of a company's finances is an important but sometimes overlooked role. Financial management is the process of strategically planning, organising, controlling, and monitoring a company's financial resources in order to achieve the company's goals and objectives. It is an excellent method for keeping the many financial processes of a company, such as the acquisition of money, the use of funds, accounting, the making of payments, and the evaluation of risk, under control. For the purposes of this term, financial management refers to a subfield of management that is concerned with the financial resources of an organisation. It is very necessary for the successful running of a business to practise responsible financial management since this ensures the delivery of high-quality gasoline and consistent service.

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Introduction

The use of management principles allows for the possibility of efficient administration of the financial resources of a business. The simple act of planning, organising, directing, and managing financial operations is all that is required for efficient financial management of a company. Financial management is the process of overseeing a

business's revenue, expenditures, and assets with the goal of maximising profits and ensuring the company's continued viability in the long run. The administration of a company's finances is an essential function. “Every operation that takes place inside a company is dependent on the company's finances, which are sometimes referred to as the backbone of the organisation. When it comes to the administration of finances, the most important thing is to make certain that money is acquired and spent in an intelligent manner. The finance manager is responsible for defining the optimum capital structure of the firm, which involves finding the ideal mix of debt and equity, in order for the company to be able to obtain the appropriate amount of cash. The ability to ensure that there is always enough money in the company and that it receives the maximum possible return on its investments is one of the most essential facets of sound financial management.

Definition

According to Soloman:

Financial Management is concerned with the efficient use of important economic resource , namely capital funds.

According to S.C.Kuchhal:

Financial management deals with procurement of funds and their effective utilization in the business.

Scope of Financial Management

- **Investment decision-**

The company's financial management team oversees each and every investment decision that is made. When determining whether or not to put money into a certain endeavour, there are a number of considerations that need to be given careful attention. It is up to the management of a business to decide how the available money should be distributed so that the firm may realise the greatest possible profit.

- **Working Capital decision-**

In addition, proper financial management requires selecting appropriate levels of working capital. When coming at these conclusions, it is essential to keep in mind that they are founded on investments in things that are happening right now, whether they assets or obligations. The choices made about working capital and borrowing on a short-term basis are linked. Examples of current assets include cash, inventory, receivables, and short-term securities. Current liabilities include bank overdrafts, debts owing, and other obligations that must be paid. Cash, inventory, and receivables are also examples of current assets.

- **Financing decision-**

It is a crucial aspect of the process of obtaining finance to determine whether or not the required cash will be generated from long-term or short-term resources. The financial manager is accountable for ensuring that the company's capital structure is optimised to the greatest extent possible so that the company's market value may be increased. They need to have an appropriate equity-to-debt ratio so that they may maximise profits for their shareholders.

- **Dividend decision-**

All decisions pertaining to the distribution of dividends made by the firm have to be approved by the company's financial management. These issues centre around the question of whether or not the business should retain its money in the form of dividends and distribute it or distribute it instead. The appropriate dividend distribution ratio should be calculated by the finance manager based on the amount of earnings that is currently accessible. He ought to give some thought to the ways in which the business may grow and prosper, and he ought to seize the opportunities presented to him while yet maintaining a healthy profit margin.

- **Ensures liquidity-**

When it comes to ensuring that a company has enough liquidity, sound financial management is also an extremely important factor. The responsibility of ensuring that an organisation has a reliable source of funding falls on the shoulders of the finance

manager. He makes sure there is never a shortage of finances or an excess of funds by keeping a tight check on all the money coming in and going out of the business. When it comes to managing finances, making certain that an organization's liquidity is at its optimum level is one of the primary concerns.

- **Profit management–**

Increasing a company's profit is supposed to be the objective of its financial management. It makes an effort to lower the expenses of the many activities it conducts by monitoring them carefully and developing pricing policies that are suitable for the circumstances. The financial manager will examine all of the available choices and give careful consideration to the benefits and drawbacks of each one in order to determine which one will provide the most affordable access to money.

Functions of Financial Management

Determine the Capital Requirement: Estimating the entire amount of money that will be needed by the company to achieve its goals and fulfil its purpose is the primary responsibility of a financial management. The needed quantity of capital is based on a number of criteria, including the size of the firm, the anticipated level of earnings, the programmes and policies of the company, and so on.

Establish the Capital Structure:

Next comes the determination of the structure, which follows the estimate of the necessary capital. The structure makes use of both short-term and long-term equity investments. In addition to this, it will define the amount of money that the firm must already own and the amount of cash that must be obtained from outside sources, such as Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) and other similar events.

Determine the Funding Sources:

The next step in the process of managing finances is figuring out where the capital will originate from. The firm may choose to take out bank loans, approach investors for cash in return for equity, or perform an initial public offering (IPO) to obtain funds from the

general public in exchange for shares. All of these options are available to the company. The source of cash is selected and rated according to the advantages and disadvantages shown by each potential source.

Fund Investment:

The allocation of cash to activities that are likely to generate a profit is yet another aspect of financial management. The risk level and the projected rate of return for each investment must be determined by the financial management. Additionally, the techniques of investing need to be selected in such a way that there is a minimum amount of money lost while simultaneously optimising profits to the greatest extent possible.

Implement Financial Controls:

Controls may be implemented in many different ways, including financial forecasting, cost analysis, ratio analysis, various techniques of profit sharing, and so on. The company's financial management might use this information as a resource when making choices on the company's future finances.

Mergers and Acquisitions:

Both of these strategies may be used to expand a firm. An acquisition is the process of purchasing a new or already established firm whose purpose and aims are compatible with those of the purchasing corporation. When two existing businesses come together to establish a single entity, this is known as a merger. A detailed analysis of the financials and securities offered by each firm is one of the tasks that falls within the purview of a financial manager, who is tasked with the responsibility of advising management on matters pertaining to mergers and acquisitions.

Work on Capital Budgeting:

The term capital budgeting refers to the process of making choices about the acquisition of new assets, the building of new facilities, and the investment in stocks or bonds. The identification of opportunities and problems is the first step that organisations must take before embarking on large financial investments.

Roles of Financial Management

Financial Planning:

A crucial part of financial management is the planning of monetary endeavours and the allocation of monetary resources within an organisation. In order to do this, they make use of the data at their disposal to get an understanding of the organization's requirements and goals, as well as the general state of the economy, and then utilise this information to devise appropriate plans and budgets.

Utilising and Allocating Financial Resources:

Financial management is the process of ensuring that an organization's available financial resources are used, invested, and managed in a manner that generates profits, is environmentally responsible, and is feasible over the long term. Because of the cutthroat rivalry that exists between companies, finance directors have the responsibility of ensuring that the money their companies has is spent in the most effective manner possible.

Financial Reporting:

The company's financial management department maintains a record of all essential financial reports for the business and utilises this information as a database for the purposes of financial activity planning and forecasting. Reporting is an essential activity for any kind of organisation. It provides information on the performance of the firm as well as its financial status. This is something that should normally be done on a yearly or quarterly basis.

Management of Risk:

A business that employs effective methods of financial management is in the greatest position to plan for potential dangers, put contingency plans into action, and handle emergent situations as well as risks that were not anticipated. Every enterprise is fraught with the possibility of loss." For example, sales might unexpectedly fall owing to market circumstances, taxes could be made harsher by government policies etc., or internal

difficulties like equipment malfunctions generate challenges for firms. Risks have to be recognised, assessed, and action plans have to be devised before they can be mitigated, and the severity of the risks has to be taken into consideration.

Three Types of Financial Management

The functions above can be grouped into three broader types of financial management:

- The process of establishing a company's short-term and long-term financial requirements is the primary focus of financial planning. Where do you recommend putting your money so that it will most effectively contribute to the growth of the economy?

- The capital structure, which establishes the means by which ongoing business and/or future growth are financed. Capital structure. It's possible that a loan with reasonable interest rates is your best alternative. A corporation also has the option of trying to raise funds from private equity investors, selling assets such as real estate, or even selling ownership stakes in the business.
- In terms of day-to-day operations, working capital management is concerned with making certain that the firm has the funds to pay its workers and buy the raw materials needed for production.

Financial management important

- Utilizing such a management strategy comes with a number of advantageous outcomes.
- assists organisations in arranging their finances and obtaining financing; ensures that money collected or gained is put to the greatest use feasible; assists companies in making critical financial decisions; improves the profitability of firms; boosts the entire value of enterprises.
- Ensures a consistent flow of monetary gain.

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Conclusion

The soundness of a company's finances has a direct bearing on how viable it will be in the long run. When it comes to spending money, there is always a limit on how much may be done so. On the other hand, the number of wants that a person may have is almost limitless. A corporation has to have strong financial management in order to stay out of the red and avoid going bankrupt. Management concepts are being used to the administration of the administration of the financial resources. Within the context of business, finance is sometimes referred to as the backbone of an organisation. The processes of planning, organising, directing, and managing financial operations are together referred to as strategic financial management.

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