

Subject - Business Finance

Topic - Financial Management and
its Functions (Part-2)

Functions of Financial Management

Following are the main
functions of Financial Management -

1. Determination of the Financial needs -
First function of the Financial management
is to forecast ~~at~~ and to plan for
financial needs. Financial management,
refers to the procurement of funds
and effectively managing and utilizing
the same in business. ~~For~~ For deter-
mination of financial needs, financial
manager keeps in the mind nature
of business, span of possibility in
future, possibility of risk, ~~and~~
economic conditions etc.
2. Financing Decisions - This function
of financial management is
related with sources of finance.
For this purpose, financial manager
determine the ratio of debt and
equity. The combination of debt and
equity is known as capital
structure or capital leverage. For
the collection of capital, service may
be taken from underwriters.

3. Investment Decisions - This is also an important function of financial management. Investment decision is also known as capital budgeting. It is related with the selection of long-term assets or projects. ~~For~~ For each investment, the financial manager must be aware of the financial management risk and projected return.

4. Dividend Decisions - The financial manager takes dividend decisions. For taking decisions in respect of dividend, the factors to be considered include - availability of cash, trends of earnings, requirements of funds for the future, tax position of the shareholders etc. He tries to set balance between dividend retention and distribution.

5. Financial Control - Financial control is also an important function of a financial manager. The financial manager must develop tactics and ways to work of financial control of funds.