BANK FUNCTIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT

Basic functions of bank in detail-
Deposits ➔ Types of deposit accounts

Saving Account –
1. opened to encourage the people to save money and get interest on their deposited.
2. Restrictions on max number of withdrawals in a period and the maximum amount of withdrawal
3. Earlier interest rate was 4% & decided by RBI, but now RBI has deregulated interest rates and now banks are free to decide

Current Account
1. meant for businessmen (day to day transaction) and are never used for the purpose of investment or savings.
2. most liquid deposits and there are no limits for number of transactions
3. No interest is paid by the bank
4. The main benefit of this account overdraft facility.

Fixed/Term/Time deposit Account –
1. Maturity periods from 7 days to 10 years
2. cannot be withdrawn before maturity.
3. depositor can ask for closing (or breaking) the fixed deposit prematurely by paying paying a penalty (usually of 1%)rate of interest for Fixed Deposits differs from bank to bank

Recurring Deposit Account
1. Special kind of Term Deposits and are suitable for people who do not have lump sum amount of savings, but are ready to save a small amount every month/ 6 months/1 year/3 year or etc.
2. This amount cannot be withdrawn before the maturity date.
3. Interest is compounded on quarterly basis

Apart from that banks also maintains deposit a/c for NRIs, Indian working abroad

Deposits account of NRI/NRO

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Some points related to Interest Rates on deposits in Bank Accounts
1. Interest on Savings A/c is calculated on daily balance basis.
2. Now, All Scheduled Commercial Banks (Excluding RRBs) have the discretion to offer differential interest rates
3. All term deposits of individuals (held singly or jointly) of ₹15 lakh and below should, necessarily, have premature withdrawal facility.
4. Banks should disclose in advance the schedule of interest rates payable on deposits

Lending activity by banks
After deposits lending is second major function of banks. Before discussing types of lending, let us first discuss Principles of Sound Lending

Principles of Sound Lending

Secured Advances - A secured advance is made on the security of either assets or against personal security or other guarantees.

Margins Money – There should be sufficient margin between the amount of loan and value of the security.

Liquidity – because banks lend public money which is generally deposited for short terms and can be withdrawn at any time by depositors.

1. lend for short periods only
2. advance loans on the security of such assets which can be easily converted into cash at a short notice

Safety – for safety bank should examine the nature of security, the character of the borrower, his capacity to repay and his financial standing Diversity –

1. Don’t invest all funds in a single security
2. It should spread it risks by giving loans to various borrowers and industries in different parts of the country.

Stability – bank should invest its funds in those stocks and securities the prices of which are more or less stable

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Profitability—there is no point in keeping all the assets in the form of cash on hand. Rather banks should use money markets to park short term funds i.e. at call and short notice, bills discounted, etc.

Types of securities against lending
Every bank while giving loans/credits always demand some kind of security in form physical assets or otherwise, so that it can recover its money in case of default or non-payment of loan amount.

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<td>promissory notes, bills or exchange, a security bond are the personal liability of guarantor</td>
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<td>Intangible securities</td>
<td>created with the help of finance made by bank—machinery bought with bank loan</td>
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<td>Primary Securities</td>
<td>additional security given by the borrower where the primary security is not enough to recover the loan e.g. the land of the factory along with machinery</td>
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Lending --- loan account types

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<td>a type of short term loan to companies to fulfil their working capital requirement.</td>
<td>Long term loans &amp; repayment is done in fixed, pre-determined EMI’s, required to purchase fixed assets like plant, machinery</td>
<td>a facility to withdraw money &quot;more&quot; than the balance available in the accounts.</td>
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Finally we will discuss how a bank determine at what interest rate to forward loans/credits

PLR - The Prime Lending Rate

1. interest rate charged by banks to their most creditworthy customers (usually the most prominent and stable business customers).
2. It is also called BPLR. BPLR has been scrapped after July, 2010.

3. Now banks are free to decide their prime lending rates as per formula mandated by RBI. It is based on the average cost of funds.
4. Starting 1 April 2016, lenders will calculate their lending rates based on the marginal cost of funds, or the rate offered on new deposits. The new rules will likely to make loans cheaper for new borrowers.

Risk management in banks

What is risk?
Bank primarily accepts deposits from public & advance loans/credits. Repayment of loans cannot always be guaranteed. There may be non-payment or defaults on loans. So risk involves in very basic function of banks i.e. lending activity.

More technically, deposit side of banks is known as liability of banks while lending/loans are assets of a bank, as banks always earn via interest rates on loans. So loan advances & credits are assets for a bank.

If due to any reason there is imbalance on two sides (liability - assets), it may lead to various kinds of risks.

Types of risks
Depending upon various basis risk in banking can be categorise as shown below

Credit risk
A credit risk is the risk of default finance on a debt that may arise from a borrower failing to make required payments
Credit default risk — The risk of loss arising from a debtor being failed to pay its loan obligations. Vijaya Mallya!
Portfolio risk (Concentration risk) — The risk associated with any single exposure or group of exposures. If a bank advances majority of its loans to single business group & if due to any reason this business group defaults. Such risks are known as concentration risks. It arise due to failure of bank to diversify its landings.

Industry risk
Slowdown in any particular industry may lead to risk if a bank heavily advances to this industry.

Country risk — The risk of loss arising from a sovereign state with the country's macroeconomic performance and its political stability.

How to mitigate

Risk-based pricing — Lenders may charge a higher interest rate to borrowers who are more likely to default, a practice called RISK BASED PRICING

Covenants — Lenders may write stipulations on the borrower, called loan covenant into loan agreements, such as Periodically report its financial condition, Refrain from paying dividends, repurchasing shares, borrowing further, or other specific, voluntary actions

Diversification — the borrower pool.

Deposit insurance — Governments may establish deposit insurance to guarantee bank deposits in the event of insolvency and to encourage consumers to hold their savings in the banking system instead of in cash.

Market Risk
Banks directly invests or have exposures to various types of markets, like commodity markets, equity markets, money markets, currency markets etc. Prices in these markets may fluctuate ex oil market almost crashes in last 2-3 years! such adverse movements in market prices may expose banks to risks.

Types of market risks
1) Interest Rate Risk
2) Equity market risk
3) Exchange rate risk
4) Commodity price risk

Liquidity Risk -
1. bank unable to meet short term financial demands.
2. It may caused due to inability to convert a security or hard asset to cash.
3. Asset liability Mismatch

Operational Risk— arises as a result of failure of operating system in the bank—like fraudulent activities, natural disaster, human error, omission or sabotage etc.

Systemic Risk— failure of one financial institution spreads as chain reaction to financial system as a whole. Reputation Risk— potential loss that negative publicity regarding an institution’s business practices, will cause a decline in the customer base, costly litigation, or revenue reduction

Risk management in banks
How a bank manages risk! To understand risk management in banks we have to understand two terms. See image below

1. Risky assets
2. Capital

Banks has two sources of money or capital. First paid up capital — its receives as a company from its shareholders
Second it accepts via deposits from public.
So part of this total money a bank advances in form of loans (risky assets). So if there is a default on these loans, capacity of a bank to absorb these defaults depends upon reserves it kept aside + its paid up capital.
In conclusion, how much capital a bank have to absorb its risky assets.

Risk weighted assets (RWA)
Next question is how to calculate size of risky assets.
All loans have not associated with same level of risks. Some loans are more riskier than others. So depending upon level of risk, banks assign different weights to different types of loans. See image.

- Cash in reserves = 0%
- Housing loans = 50% risk
- Loans to businesses = 100% risk

**Technically, Risk-weighted asset** (also referred to as RWA) is a bank’s assets or off-balance-sheet exposures, weighted according to risk. This sort of asset calculation is used in determining the capital requirement or Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) for a financial institution.

**Type of capital**

Similarly, we can also categorise capital based on its ability to absorb risk. Some capital (money) is more readily available (liquid) & more risk absorbing than other.

- Capital includes Tier 1 (core) capital and Tier 2 (additional or supporting) capitals. Tier 1 capital is more stable and risk-absorbing
- Tier-I Capital - Paid up capital - SLR - Disclosed free reserves
- Tier-II Capital - Undisclosed Reserves and Cumulative Perpetual Preference Shares

**Basel norms**

a) The Basel Committee is the primary global standard-setter for the prudential regulation of banks and provides a forum for cooperation on banking supervisory matters. Its mandate is to strengthen the regulation, supervision and practices of banks worldwide with the purpose of enhancing financial stability.

**Basel 3 in detail**

Basel 3 measures aim to:

- Improve the banking sector’s ability to absorb shocks arising from financial and economic stress, whatever the source
- Improve risk management and governance
- Strengthen banks’ transparency and disclosures.

**Capital requirements for Basel III - Pillar 1**

Quality & quantity of capital - Greater focus on common equity. The minimum will be raised to 4.5% of RWA.

- Capital conservation buffer
- Countercyclical buffer
Terms related with BASEL III

Leverage ratio--This ratio will put a constraint on the leverage in the banking sector. It is based on gross exposure of bank. 3%. Means if a bank has 3 cr as tier 1 capital it can not advance loans/credits more than 100 cr.(exposure)

3% ≤ Tier 1 capital

Exposure

Liquidity coverage ratio --The LCR assumes an acute short-term, thirty day stress scene of a bank. A bank must have enough cash so that it can fulfil 30 days cash outflow from bank in form of loans or withdrawals.

100% ≤ High liquid Assets

Net Cash outflow for 30 days period

Systemically Important Financial Institutions (SIFI) : expected to have loss-absorbing capability beyond the Basel III requirements.

1. Asset classification
2. Provisioning Coverage Ratio (PCR) refers to the funds to be set aside by the banks as fraction to the loans, to cover up losses if something goes wrong with those loans

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<td>NPA + ≤ 12 months</td>
<td>15% secured 25 unsecured</td>
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<td>SS+12 months</td>
<td>Upto 1 year 25% &amp; 100%</td>
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SARFAESI Act

The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest
1. banks can take legal route to recover their dues.
2. to issue notice to the borrower giving him 60 days to pay his dues
3. bank can take possession or lease out without requiring court order. → Auction / sale → Change the administration/Management of those assets.

The borrower (loan taker) has following options:
1. Get a stay order from (DRT) against the auction/sale of his properties or Fight the case in DRT.
2. If unhappy with DRT verdict, he can appeal to Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal (DRAT).

Asset reconstruction company (ARC)
They buy NPA (Bad loans) from Banks and try to extract maximum money out of it.