

CHAPTER-I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

A bank simply carries out the work of exchanging money, providing loan, accepting deposit and transferring the money. This world cannot run without banks. Bank plays a significant and vital role in the economic development of the country. Bank is a mobilizing institution, which accepts deposit from various sources, and invests such accumulation resources in the field of agriculture, trade, commerce; industry and tourism etc. The 'Bank' word is derived from Italian word Banca, Italian joint fund Monte and French word Banque which means to provide cash loan or exchange. Bank fills the gap between the searcher and provider of the fund. It also provides sufficient back support for the growth and expansion of trade of the country, which eventually helps to develop the economic condition of the country (Khadka and Singh, 2066).

Commercial banks are established to improve people's economic welfare and facility, to provide loan to the agriculture, industry and commerce and to offer banking services to the people and the country. These banks have been playing a great role for the economic development of the country directly or indirectly. The services made by these banks are very important. For instance, the functions of banks are: to provide loan, to accept deposits, to perform task related to the agencies and the tasks concerned to the general utility. Commercial banks are the heart of the financial system. They hold the deposits of individuals, government establishment and business units. They make funds available through their lending and investing activities to borrower: individuals, business firms and government establishments. These banks are the suppliers of finance for trade and industry and play a vital role in the economic and financial life of the country. By investing the saving in the productive areas, they help in the formation of capital (Khadka and Singh, 2066).

A business firm or enterprises cannot run their business without capital. Enterprises whether they are government owned or privately owned have to make pertinent capital structure decision in identifying exactly how much capital is needed to run their operation smoothly. There are many methods for the firm to raise its required funds.

But the most basic and important instruments are stocks and bonds. The firm's mix of different securities is known as its capital structure (Gautam and Thapa, 2066).

A firm can raise required fund by issuing various types of financial instruments. Investors and creditors being the key supply of capital, they hold greater degree of risk and hence have claimed over firm's assets and cash flow. Similarly debt holders are also a source of financing fund and they have risk considering uncertain cash flow and there is probability that it may default in its obligations to pay off its interest and principle. In the other hand, if a firm issue preference share, those shareholders have the priority in payment of dividend before common shareholders but after debt holders. Since the percentage of preference dividend is fixed as the percentage of interest to debt, it is preferably paid off only after interest payment. Common shareholders are the owner of the firm; they are paid from cash remaining after all payment is being made.

The capital structure concept has an important place in the theory of financial Management. The financing decision of a firm relates to choice of proportion of debt and equity to finance the investment requirement. A proper balance between debt and equity is necessary to ensure a trade-off between risk and return to the shareholders. A capital structure with reasonable proportion of debt and equity capital is called optimal capital structure. However, it can be expected that the capital structure decision affect the total value of the firm should select such a financing mix. Which maximize the shareholder wealth? Optimum capital structure may define as the capital structure or combination of debt and equity that leads to the maximum value of the firm.

Capital structure is considered as the mix of debt and equity which is required to operate in long run prospect. A firm must concentrate in its proportion. A firm can raise required fund by issuing various types of financial instruments. Investors and creditors being the key supply of capital, they hold greater degree of risk and hence have claims over firm's assets and cash flow. Similarly debt holders are also a sources of financing fund and they have risk considering firm's cash flow is uncertain and there is probability that it may default in it's obligations to pay off it's interest and principle. In the other hand, if a firm issue preference share, those shareholders have the priority in payment of dividend before common shareholders but after debt holders. Since the percentage of preference dividend is fixed as the percentage of interest to debt, it is preferably paid off only after interest payment. Common

shareholders as are the owner of the firm; they are paid from cash remaining after all payment is being made. Since the common share i.e. equity fluctuate in the market more than the preference share and debt, there is more risk.

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Capital structure planning is key to objectives of profit maximization and value maximization and it ensures minimum cost of capital and the maximum rate of return to equity holders. The amount of capital a firm needs is not the only financial consideration; equally important is the capital mix, the kinds of capital that form the company's financial base. Capital structure decision is a significant managerial decision; it influences the share holder's return and risk.

The market value of the firm may be affected by a capital structure decision. There are persistent differences across industries in the financial structure of the liabilities side of their balance sheet. If there is an optimal capital structure for a company, it will minimize the overall cost of capital and maximize shareholders' wealth. The goals of optimal capital structure are to maximize wealth by increasing the stock price and to minimize overall cost of capital or weighted average cost of capital. But while setting the different objectives, a firm should not exclude the risk factor associated with the components of funds or overall risk. A number of factors affect the firm's optimal or target capital structure.

There are two sources of financing for the business internal and external. An internal source of financing mainly consists of retained earnings of enterprise, different kinds

of reserves and the provision for depreciation. But with the development of money, finance and financial institutions, now it is no longer necessary for an enterprise to finance from its internal sources alone and have a balanced budget. Furthermore the innovation of corporate firm of business organization with the principal of limited liability and efficient technique of acquiring capital through the issue of various ownership and debt securities have enable investors to satisfy their diverse assets preferences. This has made it possible for a corporate enterprise to satisfy their diverse assets preferences. This has made it possible for a corporate enterprise to attract the external funds from the public by issuing shares and debentures. Issuing shares to the public is made compulsory under government rules and regulations.

Success or failure of any bank or organization mainly depends upon the structure of its optimum capital. So it is said to be the heart of the bank. It determines the profit making power of the bank as well as it helps to reduce its risk to minimum level. Increase in equity capital decrease the earning power as well as risk to its shareholders and increase in debt capital increases the profit as well as risk to the shareholders. So the bank should manage its capital structure in such a way that profit and risk both could be managed well.

Hence banking is a resource for economic development. And the bank itself should be strong and sufficient to mobilize the funds into a profitable direction and as we know that without smooth and sound capital structure a bank could not be able to maintain the financial position into a desired goal.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

The composition of debt and equity financing is known as capital structure (Pandey, 1981). Under normal economic condition earning per share can be increased but leverage also increases the financial risk of the shareholders. As a result, it can not be said that weather or not the value of firm will increase with leverage. In other words, a great deal of controversy has been developed on weather the capital structure affects value of the firm or not. Panday has used multiple regressions to test the validity of M-M proposition and concluded that the cost of capital is the functions of capital structure (Pandey, 1981). Since the seminar work of MM (1958), many subsequent researches have been under taken to find a coherent explanation for weather capital

structures matters. In an idealized world without taxes, MM suggest that the average cost of capital to a firm is independent of its capital structure (Modigliani and Miller, 1958). Traditional corporate finance models suggest that firms choose optimal capital structure by trading off various taxes and incentive benefits of debt financing against financial distress costs. In other words, the cost of capital is the function of capital structure.

These studies indicates that the useful theoretical development have not been uniform accords all area of financial decision making with in an organization. The effect of capital structure is one of them. There are many studies conducted on capital structure, cost of capital and value of the firm. However no simple and conclusive result exists regarding their relationship weather the capital structure and cost of capital helps to maximize the value of firm. The relationship between them in underdeveloped countries like Nepal is not yet clearly known.

The reality of Nepalese companies is different from to any capital structure theories developed in respect of developed capital market situation. Opposite to the theory of leverage, Nepalese unlevered companies are operating in profit and most of the levered companies are suffering from loss and hence the values of unlevered firms are much greater than of levered companies. This study is therefore devoted to examine the relationship between capital structure and cost of capital in Nepalese companies. On the light of this basic problem, the following special problems have been set and tried to seek their solutions in this research.

The main attempts of this study will be to answer the following questions:

- a. How far the NABIL Bank Ltd. and Siddhartha Bank Ltd (SBL) are able to maintain the optimum capital structure?
- b. How far NABIL and SBL are able to generate the income from utilization of debt efficiently?
- c. Is return level of the banks under study satisfactory in relation to the risk?
- d. Where is the actual overall financial condition of these banks?
- e. Is there proper capital structure management in the banks under study?

1.3 Objective of the Study

The major objective of the study is to highlight the comparative study of capital structure and its impact upon overall banks performance of these two commercial banks. Besides this following are also special objectives of the study.

- a. To find out comparative position in capital structure between two banks.
- b. To analyze the various sources of capital and their cost.
- c. To highlight the relationship between operating profit and interest expenses to measure the debt service capacity of the banks.
- d. To analyze the return on capital in relation to capital employed.
- e. To examine capital structure & its adequacy.

1.4 Significance of the Study

This study is concerned with the capital structure management of NABIL Bank Limited and Siddhartha Bank Ltd. As very rare researches have been performed regarding this issue, it is expected that this study will significantly contribute towards the field of capital structure management in Banking Industry of Bank. The banks capital structure should be managed in such a way that the fund could be provided efficiently and effectively. The goal of the study is to examine the efficiency and the performance of these two banks management and reflected in the financial records and reports. The study makes me to specify the entire glory of these two commercial banks especially in the sector of capital structure. This study focuses on these two banks regarding capital structure, its appraisal and analysis as comparative case study. It helps to find out which bank is showing comparatively performance. It helps to indicate strengths and weakness of these banks especially in the sector of capital structure. The study will help to show the financial position of the banks to the investors as a social work point of view and at the same time to the concerned management as management finance student point of view. Optimum capital structure is the secret of success of the banks. Due to the lack of sound capital structure many organization are facing the failure in Nepal so this study will contribute to help NRB to develop policy guidelines regarding capital adequacy norms. This study will also helpful to depositors, lenders, borrowers, management, shareholders and customers of the banks under research.

1.5 Limitations of the Study

Due to the lack of time, resources and knowledge the work is completed within the periphery of its limitation. Despite ample efforts on the part of the researcher this study is not free from limitation. This study also have some limitations which are as follows:

- a. The study covers only the latest five fiscal years from 2007/08 to 2011/012.
- b. The study is mainly conducted on the basis of secondary sources of data eg. annual reports of various banks, NRB and governments publications and other related journals, the primary data are included where matters.
- c. Standard normal performance level is not available as benchmark, especially in Nepalese context. So interpretations of data depend upon judgment.

1.6 Organization of the Study

The whole study has been categorized into five major chapters which are as follows:

Chapter one dealt with major issues to be investigated along with background of the study, statement of problem, theoretical framework of capital structure, objectives of the study, significance of the study, limitations of the study and organization of the study.

Chapter two includes a discussion of the conceptual framework and review of relevant research studies. They are review of related studies, review of dissertations/thesis. It also includes concluding remarks and research gap.

Chapter three describes the research methodology employed in the study. It includes introduction of research methodology. Research design, selection of enterprises, nature of sources of data, data processing procedure and tools for data analysis are the major components of this chapter. Tools for data analysis include financial ratio analysis and statistical analysis.

Chapter four data presentation and analysis is the heart of the study in which all the relevant collected data are analyzed and interpreted. Mainly different financial and statistical tools are used for the analysis purpose. Financial analysis includes leverage ratio, coverage ratio, profitability ratio and capital adequacy ratio. And statistical analysis includes average, standard deviation, coefficient of variation and correlation coefficient.

Chapter five indicates that the summary conclusion and recommendations of the study. This chapter mainly divided into three sub-headings they are summary, conclusion and suggestions and recommendations.

CHAPTER – II

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Review of literature means reviewing research studies or other relevant propositions in the related area of the study so that all the past studies, their conclusions and deficiencies may be known and further research can be conducted. Since completely new and original problems are rare it is necessary to show how the problem under investigation relates to previous research works done under similar topic, however a previous study not be exactly replicated. It is believed that the review of literature is literature which is helpful to show the needs of the research work and to justify the work. It tries to clear the conceptual thought and bank related terms.

2.1 Theoretical Review

The theory of capital structure is closely related to the firm's cost of capital. About optimal capital structure, many debates are found in financial literature. Arguments between those who believe there is an "optimal capital structure" for each firm and those who believe no such. And optimal capital structure began late 1950s and there is yet no resolution of the conflict. Modigliani and miller logically assess that the value of the firm or cost of capital is independent of capital structure decision of the firm. On the other hand, traditionalists view the value of the firm or the cost of capital is affected by capital structure change. In order to understand how firm should add here the optimal capital structure decision, it is important to know some view about capital structure decision. it is important to know some views about capital structure theories. In this regard, some basic assumptions are necessary to know they are as follows:

2.1.1 Concept of Capital Structure

According to Lawrence D. Schell and Charles W. Halay, the term "Capital Structure" means the proportion of different types of securities issued by a firm. The optimal capital structure is the set of proportion that maximized the total value of the firm (Schall and Haley, 1983).

Capital structure or the capitalization of the firm is the permanent financing. It includes long term debt, preferred stock and shareholders' equity. Thus a firm's capital structure is only a part of its financial structure. The determination of the degree of liquidity of a firm is not a simple task. In the long run, liquidity may depend on the profitability of a firm, but whether it survives to achieve long run profitability depends to some extent on its capital structure. This term includes only long-term debt and total stockholders' investment. Some companies do not plan their capital structure, and it develops as a result of the financial decision taken by the financial manager without any formal planning.

These companies may prosper in the short run but ultimately they may face considerable difficulties in raising funds to finance their activities. With unplanned capital structure, these companies may also fail to economize the use of their funds. Theoretically, the financial manager should plan an optimal capital structure for his company. The optimal capital structure is obtained when the market value per share become maximum. In practice, the determination of an optimal capital structure is a formidable task, and one has to beyond the theory.

There are significant variations among industries and among individual companies within any industry in terms of capital structure. Since a number of factors influence the capital structure decision of a company, the judgment of the person making the capital structure decision plays a crucial part. These factors are highly psychological, complex and qualitative and do not always follow accepted theory, since capital markets are not perfect and the decision has to be taken under imperfect knowledge and risk.

Capital structure planning is a key to the objective of profit maximization ensures minimum cost of capital and the maximum rate of return to equity holders. The amount of capital a firm need is not its only financial consideration and equally important is the capital mix; the kind of capital that form the company's financial base. How much will be the equity money representing funds owned by the stockholders in the enterprises? How much will be borrowed? How much will be raised by other means? A financial manager determines the mix of debt and equity securities, which

would maximize the value of the equity stock. To maximize the shareholders' wealth as well as to minimize the opportunity cost of capital optimal capital structure is required. Debt is an important part of capital structure and determines the leverage of the firm. It is two-edged sword. It increases shareholders return when the firm has high operating income, but makes them worse than they otherwise would be when the firm has low operating income.

Capital means money or fund in the dictionary. Without capital no one can do anything. The capital has both features of risk as well as return. So optimal capital mix is required to obtain high return in tolerable amount of risk. And management of this optimal capital mix is called capital structure management. Capital rises from debenture, long-term debt, preference shares, equity raises, short-term debt including retained earnings, reserve and surplus also. Every types of fund have risk. They require different rate of return. Common stock is riskier and it require higher rate of return. Preference shares are riskier than debt. So, its required rate of return will be higher than that of debt.

Therefore it is necessary that the firm should make a portfolio of such types of capitals, which results higher return with low cost of capitals. The firm should also able to generate at least sufficient cash flow to pay investors and creditors (i.e. shareholders, preference shareholders and debt holders). So the firm should yield more cash flow than to just satisfy the investor's expectation to maximize shareholders wealth. And the firm should try to obtain necessary funds in lowest cost as soon as possible.

The cost of capital will depend upon the proportion of capital (debt and equity) when capital structure is optimal it gets optimal risk which makes entrepreneurs capable to hold the market in this competitive business environment for long period. On the basis of priority to achieve the money in the liquidation of the firm long-term debt get first priority, short term debt get second priority, preference share get third priority and equity share get last priority. The capital structure should be planned generally

keeping in view the interest of the equity shareholders and the financial requirement of a company. However the interest of other groups, such as employees, customers, creditors, society and government, should also be given reasonable consideration. The management of a company may fix its capital structure near the top of this range in order to make maximum use of favorable leverage, subject to other requirements such as flexibility, solvency, control and norms set by the financial institutions, the Security Exchange Board of Nepal and stock exchanges.

“The firm’s mix of different securities is known as capital structure. The choice of capital structure is fundamentally a marketing problem. The firm can issue dozen’s of various securities in countless combination but it attempts to find the combination which maximizes its overall market value” (*Bearly and Mytes, 1994: 397*).

“The two principal sources of long term financing are equity and debt capital. The composition of these two long term financing is known as capital structure. Under normal economic condition, the earnings per share can be increased using higher leverage. But leverage also increases the financial risk of the share holder” (*Gautam and Thapa, 2060: 223*).

“Different sources of financing are used to finance current and fixed assets. The sources of financing may be short-term and long-term, but they are usually grouped into debt and equity which characterized the firm’s capital structure” (*Pradhan, 1996:356*).

A distinction is usually made between financial and capital structure. Financial structure refers to all sources, both short and long term that are used to finance the entire assets of a firm, Where as capital structure is taken as the capitalization part of a firms total financing which includes only the long term sources such as long term debt and equity. Thus, the capital structure is a part of the financial structure. “The composition of capital structure could differ from company to company which is directly guided and controlled by management of the company. However a reasonable

satisfactory capital structure can be determined considering relevant factors and analyzing the impact of alternative financing proposals on the earning per share” (*Chandra,1985:176*).

“The capital structure is the combination of long-term debt and equity. It is a part of financial structure i.e. comprised to the total combination of preferred stock, common stock, long term debt and current Liabilities. If current Liabilities are removed from it we get capital structure” (*Mathur, 1979:92*).

One of the financial manager’s principal goals is to maximize value of firm. For this purpose the firm should select a financial mix (Financial leverage), which will help in achieving the objective of financial management with a view to, maximize the value of share. In order to attain this business goal, firm should select an appropriate capital structure. Given the objective of the firm to maximize the value of equity share, the firm should select a financial mix which helps in achieving the objective of financial management. “If the capital structure decision affects the total value of the firm, a firm should select such a financial mix as will maximize the shareholders wealth. Such a capital structure is referred to as the optimum capital structure” (*Khan and Jain, 1995: 473*).

“An optimum capital structure would be obtained at the combination of debt and equity that minimizes the weighted average cost of capital” (*Pandey, 1995:11*).

“Optimum capital structure can be defined as that mix of debt and equity this will maximize the market value of company. If such an optimum does exist it is two fold. It maximizes the value of company and hence the wealth of its owners; it minimizes the company's cost of capital which in turn increase its ability to find new wealth creation investment opportunities” (*Solman, 1969:92*).

“Capital structure is the permanent financing of the firm represented primarily by long term debt, preferred stock and common stock, capital surplus and accumulated retained earnings” (*Weston and Brigham, 2004:434*).

“Capital structure is defined as the composition of a firm’s long term financial represented by its long-term debt, preferred stock and common stock. When current liabilities are included, the total generally is called financial structure” (*Henderson, Trennepohl and Wert, 1984:434*).

“Leverage and capital structure are closely related concepts linked to cost of capital and therefore capital budgeting decision. Leverage results from the use to fixed-cost assets of tend to magnify return to the firm's owners. Changes in leverage result in changes in level of return and associated risk. Generally increase in leverage result in increase in return and risk, where as decrease in leverage result in decreased return and risk. The amount of leverage in the firm’s capital structure the mix of long term debt and equity maintained by the firm, can significantly affect its value by affective return and risk. Because of its effect on value, the financial manager must understand how to measure and evaluate leverage when attempting to create the best capital structure” (*Gitman, 1988:43*).

“Financial leverage generally raises expected EPS, but it also increases the risking of the firm’s securities. Because the risk its stock and bonds increases as the debt/assets ratio rises, so do the interest rate in debt and the required rate of return on equity Thus, leverage produces two opposing effects: higher EPS which leads to a higher stock price, but increased risking which depresses stock price. There is, however, a debt/assets ratio that strikes an optimal balance between these opposing effects; this ratio is called optimal capital structure, and it is the one that maximizes the price of the firm' stock” (*Brigham, 1980:341*).

Thus the capital structure management means the appropriate mix of long-term capital and short-term capital, which gives the company sufficient profit. Optimal capital

structure has certain risk and appropriate return. This is done by a good management. In this study, one gets certain question, which is, how much debt is appropriate varies company to company as well as firm to firm. In this reference, Prasanna Chandra has given the following suggestion in tanning the capital structure for establishing new company.

- a. The debt-equity ratio does not exceed 2:1 for large capital-intensive projects a higher debt-equity ratio of 4:1 or even 6:1 may be allowed. (Debt for this purpose is defined as long-term debt plus preference capital, which is redeemable after 12 years)
- b. The ratio of preference capital to equity does not exceed 1:3
- c. Promoters hold at least 25% of the equity capital.

The factors listed above given information's to the financial manager should adhere in proper maximizes the value and minimizes the overall cost of capital of the firms. There are four-dimensional lists when thinking about capital structure decision.

(I) Taxes: - If a company is a tax-paying entity, the increase in leverage reduces the income tax paid by the company and increases the tax paid by the investors. If the company has a large accumulated loss; an increase in leverage cannot reduce corporate tax, but does increase personal taxes.

(II) Bankruptcy Cost: - With presence of bankruptcy cost, financial distress is costly other things equal, distress is more likely for the firms generally issue less debt.

(III) Assets Type: - The cost of distress is likely to be greater for firms whose value depends on growth opportunity or intangible assets. These firms are likely to pursue more profitable opportunities and if default occurs, their assets may erode rapidly. Hence, firms whose assets are weighted forward intangible assets should borrow significantly less on average their holding assets they can kick.

(IV) Financial Slack: - In the long run, a company's value rests more on its capital investment on operating decisions than on financing. Therefore, you need to make sure that your firm has sufficient financial slacks, so that financing is quickly accessible when good investment opportunity arises. Financial slack is most valuable to firms that have able positive NPV growth opportunity. That is another reason why growth company usually sticks to conservation capital structure.

2.1.1.1 Assumptions of Theories of Capital Structure

In order to grasp, the capital structure and the value of the firm on the cost of capital controversy properly we make the following assumptions:-

- a. Firms employ only two types of capital debt and equity.
- b. The total assets of the firms are given. The degree of leverage can be changed by selling debt to repurchase shares or selling shares to retire debt.
- c. Investors have the same subjective probability distributions of expected future operating earnings for a given firm.
- d. The firm has a policy of paying 100% dividends.
- e. The operating earnings of the firm are not expected to grow.
- f. The business risk is assumed to be constant and independent of capital structure.
- g. The corporate and personal income taxes do not exist. This assumption is relaxed later on.

In the theoretical analysis of capital structure one shall use the following symbols.

B = Total market value of debt

S = Total market value of stock

V = Total market value of firm ($B+S$)

K_e = Equity capitalization rate

K_d = Cost of debt/yield on debt

K_o = Overall capitalization rate

I = Total amount of capital interest

EBIT or NOI = Earnings before interest & taxes or net operating income.

i. Cost of debt (K_d) = $\frac{\text{Interest}}{\text{Debt}} = \frac{I}{B}$

ii. Cost of equity (K_e) = $\frac{\text{EBIT} - I}{S} = \frac{\text{NOI} - I}{S}$

iii. Overall cost of capital (K_o) = $K_d \left(\frac{B}{V}\right) + K_e \left(\frac{S}{V}\right) \frac{\text{NOI}}{V}$

iv. Value of the firm (V) = $B + S$

$$\text{Or, } V = \frac{\text{NOI}}{K_o}$$

2.1.1.2 Theories of Capital Structure

The approaches / theories to explain the relationship between capital structure, cost of capital and value of the firm are: -

- I. Net income approach
- II. Net operating income approach
- III. Traditional approach
- IV. Modigliani-Miller (M-M) approach

I) Net Income (NI) Approach

In this theory, the cost of debt and cost of equity are assumed to be independent to the capital structure. The weighted average cost of capital declines and the total value of the firm rise with increased use of leverage.

Assumption of net income approach:

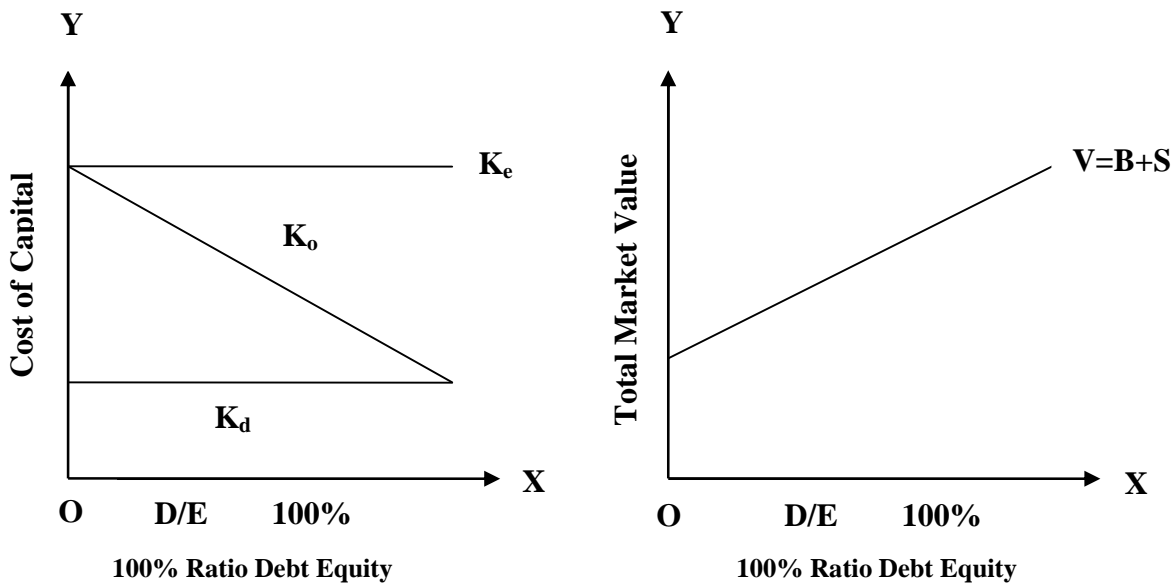
- i. The use of debt does not change the risk perception of investors; as a result, the equity capitalization rate (K_e) and the debt capitalization rate (K_d) remain constant with change in leverage
- ii. The debt capitalization rate is less than the equity capitalization rate (i.e. $K_d < K_e$)
- iii. The corporate income tax do not exist

- iv. Overall cost of capital decreases as leverage increases. (Rabindra Bhattarai, 2006:343)

From above assumption, we know about NI, if K_e and K_d are constant, increased use of debt, by increasing the shareholders earning will result in higher value of the firm via higher value of equity. Consequently, the overall cost (K_o) will decrease.

Figure 2.1

The effect of Leverage on Cost of Capital & Total Market Value under NI Approach



(Source: Van Horne, 2005:255)

In the above figure, Y-axis called cost of capital and X-axis called degree of leverage. Under approach, K_e and K_d are assumed as constant. As the proportion of debt is increase in the capital structure, being less costly it causes weighted average cost of capital to decrease approach the cost of debt. The optimum capital structure would occur at the pointing where the value of the form is maximum and overall cost of capital is minimum.

As the whole assumption of NI, K_e and K_d are constant and K_d is less than the K_e . Therefore, K_o decreases, when B/V increase. Also $K_e=K_d$ and $S=V$

When, $\frac{B}{V} = 0$

Also

$$\therefore K_o = \frac{EBIT}{V} \text{ or } \frac{NOI}{V}$$

$$\therefore K_o = K_e - (K_e - K_d) \frac{B}{V}$$

II) Net Operating Income (NOI) Approach

This theory was identified by David Durand. Under the net operating income (NOI) approach, the cost of equity is assumed to increase linearly with leverage. As a result, the weighted average cost of capital remains constant and the total value of the firm also remains constant as leverage is changed.

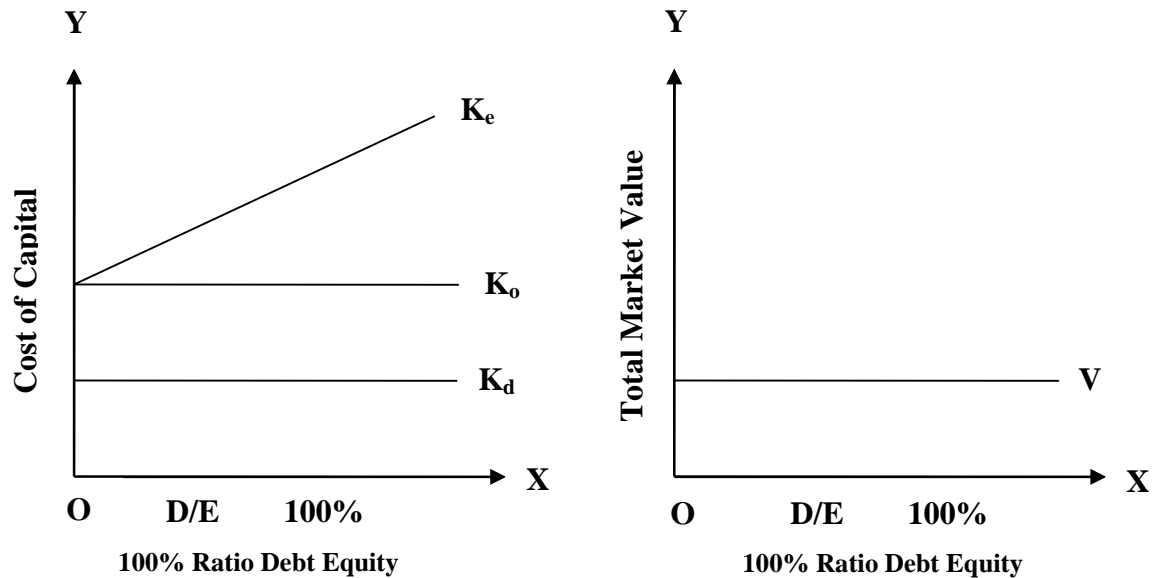
Assumption of net operating income approach:

- i. The market capitalizes the value of the firm as a whole. Thus, the split between debt and equity is not important.
- ii. The market uses an overall capitalization rate, (K_o) to capitalize the net operating income. K_o depends on the business risk and the business risk is assumed to remain unchanged. K_o is constant.
- iii. The use of less costly debt funds increase. Thus, the advantage of debt is offset exactly by the increase in the equity capitalization rate, K_e .
- iv. The debt capitalization rate. K_d is a constant.
- v. The corporate income taxes do not exist.

From above assumption we know that the leverage/capitalization structure decision of the firm is irrelevant. Any change in leverage will not lead to any change in the total value of the firm and the market price of shares, as the overall cost of capital is independent of the degree of leverage.

Figure 2.2

The effect of Leverage on Cost of Capital & Total Market Value



(Source: Van Horne, 2005:256)

In the above figure, it shows that K_0 and K_d are constant and K_e is continuously increased. As the firm increases its degree of leverage the fixed charge increases, with the result that the financial risk also increases. As long as K_d remains constant, K_e is a constant linear function of the debt to equity ratio. K_0 cannot be altered through leverage. The NOI approach implies there is no one optimum capital structure.

The cost of equity capital is found as follow.

$$\therefore K_e = K_0 + (K_0 + K_d) \frac{B}{S}$$

$$\therefore K_e = \frac{NOI - I}{V - B}$$

III) Traditional Approach

“In this theory, the value of the firm is determined by adding the market value of the firm's debt to the market value of its equity. Once market value has been determined the overall cost of capital or overall capitalization rate, can be found” (*Gitman, 1988:43*).

It is also known as an intermediate approach, it comprises between net income approach & operating income approach. From this view, we know that the value of firm can be judicious mix of debt and stock of the firm.

“The cost of capital decline with leverage because debt capital is cheaper than equity capital within reasonable, or acceptable, limit of debt. The statement that debt funds are cheaper than equity fund carries the clear implication that the cost of debt, plus the increased cost of equity, together on a weighted basic, will be less than the cost of equity which existed on equity before debt financing” (*Alexander, 1963:11*).

At last we know that from traditional approach, overall cost of capital will decrease with the use of debt financing. From traditional approach, the manners in which the overall cost of capital reacts to changes in capital structure can be divided into three stages are given below.

Stage - 1

In this stage, the cost of equity K_e remains constant or less slightly with debt. But when it increases, it does not increase fact enough to offset the advantage of low cost debt K_d , remains constant or rises negligibly. Since the market views the use of debt as a reasonable policy. As a result, the value of the firm 'V' increases or the overall

cost of capital, $K_o = \frac{X}{V}$

$\therefore K_o = K_e \left(\frac{S}{V} \right) + K_d \left(\frac{B}{V} \right)$, falls with increase leverage.

Stage - 2

“In this stage, the firm has reached a certain degree of leverage increases in leverage have a negligible effect on the value, or the cost of capital of the firm. This is so because the increases in the cost of equity due to the added financial risk offset the advantage of low cost of debt. Within that range of at the specific pint, the value of the

firm will be maximum or the overall cost of capital will be minimum” (Pandey, 1995:633).

Stage - 3

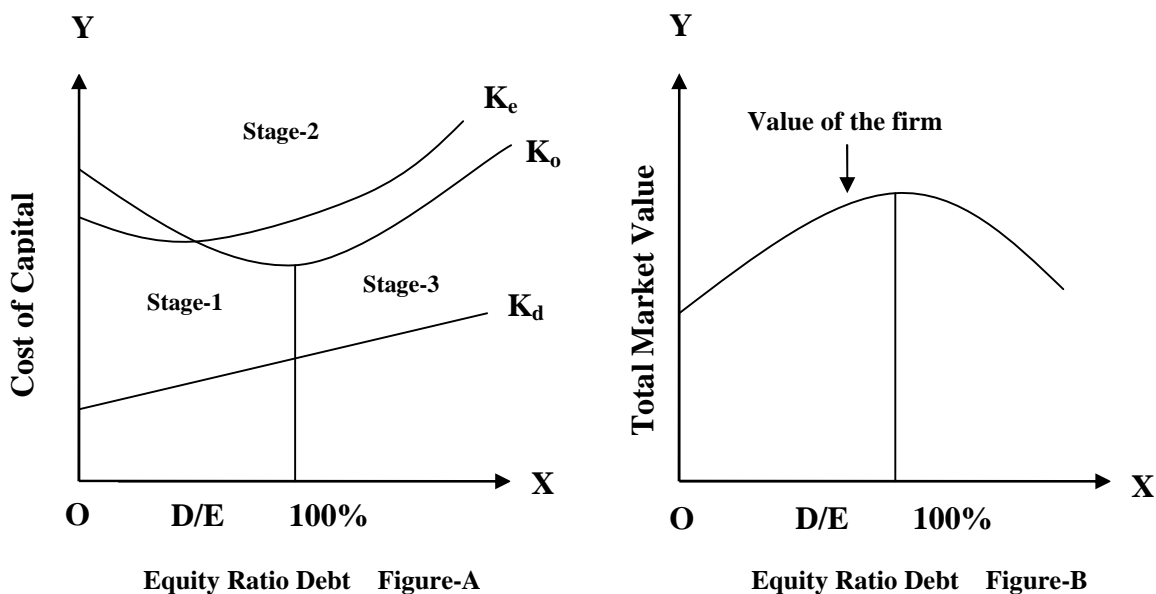
In this stage, the value of the firm decreases with leverage or the cost of the capital increases with leverage. This happens because investors perceive a high degree of financial risk and demand a higher equity capitalization rate, which offsets the advantage of low cost debt. From above stage we know,

- i. Increase valuation and decreased overall cost of capital
- ii. Optimum valuation and optimal overall cost of capital
- iii. Declined valuation and increased overall cost of capital

Thus, the overall effect of these three stages is to suggest that the cost of capital is a function of leverage. It declines with leverage and after reaching a minimum point or range starts raising. The relation between cost of capital and leverage is graphically shown as follows.

Figure 2.3

Relationship between Cost of Capital & Leverage



(Source: Van Horne, 2005:257)

In the above figure-A, the cost of equity, K_e , increases with increase in leverage, but much more rapidly than the cost of debt. The cost of debt will remain fixed as leverage increases, until a point is reached where lenders feel that the firm is becoming financially risky. At this point, the cost of debt, K_d , will increase. The overall cost is optimal in 'O' line and then after K_o is increasing upward. In figure-B, the firm value is optimal until the line of 'O' then it gives downward value.

IV) Modigliani-Miller (M-M) Approach

The Modigliani-Miller thesis (Modigliani F. and M.H. Miller, "The cost of capital, corporate finance, and The Theory of Investments," American Economic Review, June 1958) relating to the relation is akin to net operating income approach. M-M approach, supporting the net operating income approach, argues that, in the absence of taxes, total market value and cost of capital of the firm remain invariant to the capital structure changes. They make a formidable attack on the transitional position by offering behavioral justification for having the cost of capital K_e remain constant through all degree of leverage. M-M contend that cost of capital is equal to the capitalization rate of a pure Equity stream of income and the market value is ascertained by capitalizing its expected income at the appropriate discount rate of its risk class. M-M position is based on the idea that no matter how you divide up the capital structure of a firm among debt Equity and other claims, there is a conversion of investment value. However, the following assumptions regarding the behavior of the investors and the capital market, the actions of the firms and the tax environment are crucial for the validity of the M-M hypothesis.

Perfect Capital Markets: - This specifically means that (a) investors are free to buy or sell securities; (b) they can borrow without restriction at the same term as the firms do; and (c) they behave rationally. It is also implied that the transaction costs, the cost of buying and selling securities do not exist.

Homogeneous Risk Classes: - Firms can be grouped into homogeneous risk classes. Firms would be considered to belong to a homogeneous risk class if their expected

earning has identical risk characteristics. It is generally implied under the M-M hypotheses that firms within same industry constitute the homogeneous class.

Risk: - The risk of investors is defined in terms of the variability of the net operating income. The risk to investors depends on both the random fluctuations of the expected NOI and the possibility that the actual value of the variable may turn out to be different than their best estimate.

Full Payout: - Firm's distribute all net earnings to the shareholders, which mean a 100% payout.

No Taxes: - In the M-M theory hypothesis assume that no corporate income taxes exist.

Terminology and notation used in Modigliani Miller (M-M) theory are given below.

Terminology:

- i. Levered: - A firm that uses debt and equity in its capital structure is called levered firm.
- ii. Un-levered:- A firm that uses only equity in capital structure is called un-levered firm.
- iii. Risk Premium: - Risk premium is the expected additional return required by the equity holders for making a risky investment.

Notation:

K_{eu} = Equity capitalization rate of an un-levered firm.

K_{el} = Equity capitalization rate of a levered firm.

K_d = The debt capitalization rate.

K_{ou} = Overall capitalization rate of un-levered firm.

V_u = Value of an un-levered firm.

V_L = Value of a levered firm.

T = Corporate tax-rate.

BT = Present value of tax-shield benefits of debt/PV of interest tax-shield.

The MM cost of capital hypothesis can be best expressed in terms of their proposition I and II (*Modigliani and Miller, 1969: 261-279*).

Propositions

The theorem was originally proven under the assumption of no taxes. It is made up of two propositions which can also be extended to a situation *with* taxes.

Consider two firms which are identical except for their financial structures. The first (Firm U) is un-levered: that is, it is financed by Equity only. The other (Firm L) is levered: it is financed partly by Equity, and partly by debt. The Modigliani-Miller theorem states that the value of the two firms is the same.

Proposition (1)

In this proposition, the overall cost of capital (K_o) and the value of the firm (V) are independent of its capital structure. The K_o and 'V' are constant for all degree of leverage. The total value is given by capitalizing the expected stream of operating earnings at a discount rate appropriate for its risk class. This is their proposition-1 and can be expressed as follows.

$$\therefore V = \frac{EBIT}{K_o} \text{ or } \frac{NOI}{K_o}$$

For un-levered firm $K_o = K_e$

$$\therefore V_o = \frac{NOI}{K_{ou}} = \frac{NOI}{K_{eu}}$$

And

For levered firm

$$\therefore V = \frac{\text{NOI}}{K_{ou}}$$

From the above proposition, M-M theory conclude that the total market value of the firm is unaffected by financing mix, it follows that the cost of capital is independent of the capital structure.

This proposition states the implication of the earlier propositions for investment decision making. It emphasizes the point that investment and financing decisions are independent because the average cost of capital is not affected by the financing decision.

Proposition -II

This proposition states that the K_e is equal to the capitalization rate of a pure equity stream plus a premium for financial risk equal to the difference between the pure equity capitalization rate (K_e) and (K_d) times the ratio of debt to equity. In other words, K_e increases in a manner to offset exactly the use of a less expensive source of funds represented by debt. The cost of equity capital for levered firm (K_{el}) is equal to the cost of equity of an un-levered firm (K_{eu}) plus a risk premium equal to the difference between K_{eu} and K_d multiplied by the debt equity ratio.

$$\therefore K_{el} = K_{eu} + (K_{eu} - K_d) \frac{B}{S}$$

Since, $K_{eu} = K_{ou}$ So,

$$\therefore K_{el} = K_{ou} + (K_{ou} - K_d) \frac{B}{S}$$

This proposition shows the impact of financial leverage on the cost of equity. Due to the increase in leverage, the firm gets the benefit of cheaper debt, but the benefit is exactly offset by an increase in the cost of equity in the form of risk premium demanded by shareholders.

M-M Theory (With Taxes):- In this theory, M-M's hypothesis that the value of the firm is independent of its debt policy is based on the critical assumption that the corporate income taxes do not exist. In reality, corporate income taxes exist, and interest paid to debt holders is treated as deductible expenses. Dividends paid to shareholders on the hand, are not tax deductibles.

“Thus, unlike dividends, the return to debt holders is not subject to the taxation at the corporate level. This makes debt financing advantageous. In their 1963 article, M-M shows that the value of the firm will increase with debt due to the deductibility of interest charges for tax computation, and the value of the levered firm will be higher than the unlevered firm” (*Pandey, 1995:633*).

Thus, the value of the levered firm is equal to the value of the un-levered firm plus the present value of the interest tax-shield as shown below.

∴ Value of a levered firm = Value of an un-levered firm + PV of interest tax-shield

$$V_L = V_u + DT$$

The value of an un-levered firm when corporate taxes exist is,

$$\therefore V_u = \frac{NOI(1-T)}{K_{ou}} = \frac{NI}{K_{eu}}$$

Where, NI = Net income after tax. Also, when a firm is un-levered,

$$K_{ou} = K_{eu}, \text{ thus}$$

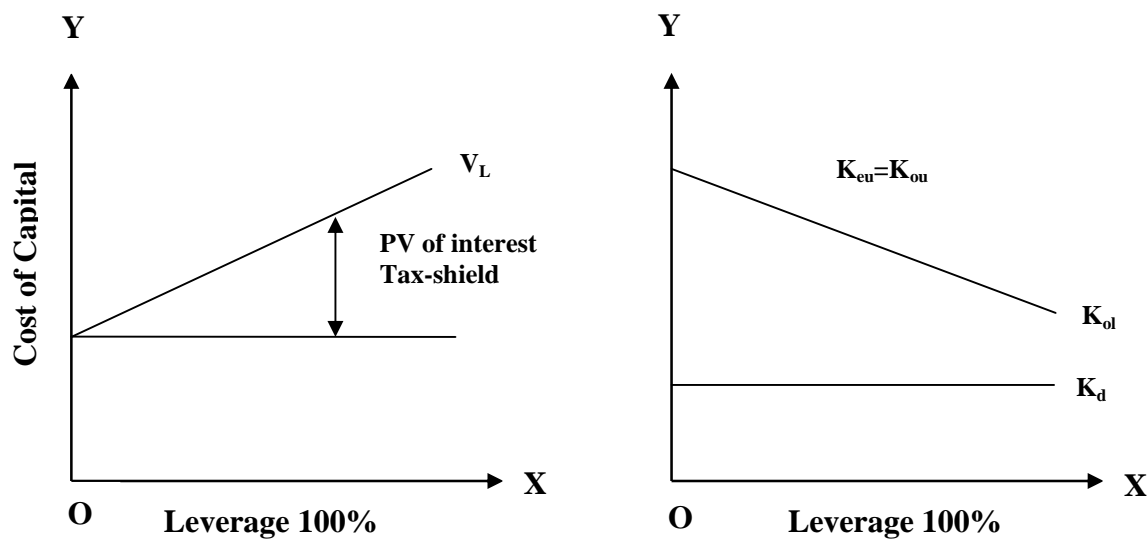
$$\therefore V_L = \frac{NI}{K_{eu}} + DT$$

From above equation implies that when the corporate tax rate, T, is positive (T>0), the value of the levered firm will increase continuously with debt. Thus, theoretically the

value of the firm will be maximized when it employs 100 percent debt. As a broad, the figures are presented below.

Figure 2.4

Relationship between Costs of Capital & Leverage



(Source: Van Horne, 2005:269)

The above figure shows that because of the tax deductibility of interest charges, a firm can increase its value or lower its cost of capital continuously with leverage. Thus the optimum capital structure is reached when the firm employs 100% debt. In practice, firms neither employ large amount of debt, nor lenders ready to lend beyond certain limits.

“Why do companies not employ extreme level of debt in practice? There could be two possibilities: First, we need to consider the impact of both corporate and personal taxes for corporate borrowing—personal income tax may offset the advantage of the interest tax shield. Second, borrowing may involve extra costs (in addition to contractual interest cost) of financial distress which may also offset the advantage of the interest shield” (Pandey, 1995:633).

2.1.1.3 Determinants of Capital Structure Decision

Capital structure refers to the mix of long-term sources of fund, which maximizes value of the firm/equity holders. Concepts/definitions of capital structure give the main theme of optimal capital structure.

“Theoretically, the financial manager should plan an optimum capital structure for his company. The optimum capital structure is obtained when the market value per share is maximum. The values will be maximized when the marginal cost of each source of funds is the same. In practice, the determination of an optimum capital structure is a formidable task and one has to go beyond the theory. There are significant variations among industries and among individual companies within an industry in term of capital structure. Since a number of factors influence the capital structure decision of a company, the judgment of the person making the capital structure decision plays a crucial part. Generally, the factors listed below and briefly discussed, all have an important bearing on the firm's capital structure decision” (*Weston and Brigham, 2004:619*).

(1) Asset Structure: - The firm, whose assets are suitable as security for loans tend to use debt heavily, Thus real estate companies are tends to be highly levered. While manufactures with heavy investment in specialized machinery and work in progress employ less debt.

(2) Operating Leverage: - Other thing the same, a firm with less operating leverage is better able to employ financial leverage because, the Interaction of operating and financial leverage determines the overall impact of a decline in sales on operating income and net cash-flows.

(3) Sales Stability: - A firm whose sales are relatively stable can safely take on more debt and incur higher fixed charges than a company with unstable sales. Utility

companies, because of their stable demand, have historically been able to use more financial leverage than industrial firms.

(4) Profitability: - One often observes that firm's with very high rate of return on investment use relatively little debt. Although there is no theoretical justification for this fact, the practical reason seems to be that very profitable firm's such as IBM and KODAK simply do not need to do much debt financing. Their high rates of return enable them to do most of their financing with retained earnings.

(5) Growth Rate: - Other things remain the same, faster growing firm must rely more heavily on external capital. Further, the flotation costs involved in selling common stock exceed those incurred in selling debt. Thus, to minimize financing costs, rapidly growing firms tend to use somewhat more debt than do slower-growth companies.

(6) Taxes: - Interest is a deductible expense, while dividends are not. Hence, the higher a firm's corporate tax rate the greater the advantage of using debt.

(7) Controls :- A management concerned about control may prefer to issue debt rather than (voting) common stock to raise funds of course, if market conditions are favorable, a firm can sell non-voting equity shares or make a pre-emptive offering, allowing each share holder to maintain proportionate ownership. Generally, only in closely held firms or firms threatened by takeover control become a major concern in the capital structure decision process.

(8) Market Condition: - Conditions in the stock and bond markets undergo both long and short-run changes, which can have an important bearing on a firm's optimal capital structure. For example, during the credit crunch in the winter of 1982, there was simply no market at any "reasonable" interest rate for new long-term bonds. Low rated companies that needed capital were forced to go to the stock market or to the short term debt market. Action such as this do not represent permanent changes in target capital structure but are of temporary departures from targets, the important

point, however, is that stock and bond market conditions do influence the type of securities used for a given financing.

(9) Lenders and Rating Agency Attitude: - Regardless of manager's own analysis of the proper leverage factors for their firms there is no question that the lender's and rating agencies attitudes are frequently important determinants of financial structure. In the majority of cases, the corporation discusses its financial structure with lenders and rating agencies and gives much weight of their advice. But when management is so confident of the future that it seeks to use leverage beyond the norms for its industry, lenders may be unwilling to accept such debt increases or may do so only at a high price.

(10) Management Attitude: - In the absence of proof that one capital structure will lead to higher stock prices than another, management can exercise its own judgment about a proper choice. Some management tends to be more conservative than other and thus use lesser amount of debt than the average firm in their industry, while for other management the reverse is true.

(11) The Firm's Internal Condition: - A firm's own internal condition can also have a bearing on its target capital structure. For example, suppose a firm has just successfully completed a Research & Development program and it projects higher earnings in the immediate future. However, the new earnings is not yet anticipated by investors and hence is not reflected in the price of the stock. This company would not want to issue stock, it would prefer to finance with debt until the higher earnings materialize and are reflected in the stock price at which time it might want to sell an issue of common stock, retire the debt and return to its target capital structure.

(12) Cash Flow: - The key concern of the firm, when considering a new capital structure, must center on its ability to generate the necessary cash flows to meet obligations. Cash forecast reflecting ability to service debt (and preferred stock) must support any capital structure shift.

(13) Contractual Obligation: - A firm may be contractually constrained with respect to the type or form of funds it subsequently raises. For example a contract describing condition of an earlier bond issue might prohibit the firm from selling additional debt except where the claims of holders of such debt are made subordinate to the existing debt. Contractual constraints on the sale of additional stock as well as the ability to distribute dividends on stock might also exist.

(14) Timing - Timing decisions will have to be necessary based on expected development in a hard-to-predict market. If the price of the company's equity stock is currently depressed but is expected to rise in the wake of better performance and / or bullish development in the market, it may be advantageous to resort to debt finance now and equity finance later. On the other hand, if the price of company's equity stock is balanced, it may be desirable to resort to equity finance now and debt finance later.

This above consideration is most important for developing aim of financing about debt and stock. “The management of company may fix its capital structure near top of those ranges in order to make maximum use of favorable leverage for further detail, subject to other requirement as given below” (*Pandey, 1995:649*).

Profitability: - The capital structure of the company should be the most advantageous. Within the constraints, maximum use of leverage at a minimum cost should be made.

Solvency: - The use of excessive debt threatens the solvency of the company. To the point debt does not add significant risk it should be used, otherwise its use should be avoided.

Flexibility: - The capital structure should not be inflexible to meet the changing condition. It should be possible for a company to adopt its capital structure with a minimum cost and delay if warranted by a changed situation. It should also be

possible for the company to provide funds whenever needed to finance its profitable activities.

Capacity: - The capital structure should be determined within the debt capacity of the company and its capacity should not be exceeded. The debt capacity of a company depends on its ability to generate future cash flows. It should have enough cash to pay creditor's fixed charges and principal sum.

Control: - The capital structure should involve minimum risk of loss of control of the company. The owners of closely held companies are particularly concerned about dilution of control.

The above considerations are the general features of an appropriate capital structure. The particular characteristics of a company may reflect some additional specific features. The company will have to plan its capital structure initially at the time of its promotion. Subsequently, whenever funds have to be raised to financial investment, a capital structure decision is involved.

2.1.1.4 Optimum Capital Structure

The overall cost of capital is minimized; theoretically at least when the firm reaches its optimum capital structure. The optimum capital structure strikes a balance between the risk and returns and thus maximizes the price of the price of the stock. “Optimum capital structure can be properly defined as that combination of debt and equity that attains the stated managerial goals maximization of the firm's market value, and which minimizes the firm's cost of capital. As the existence of an optimum capital structure implies the simultaneous optimization of both the cost of capital and the firm’s market value, occupies a central position in the theory of financial management” (*Phillipatos, 1974: 237*).

“An optimum capital structure would be obtained at the combination of debt and equity that maximizes the total value of the firm (value of shares plus value of debt) or minimizes the weighted average cost of capital” (*Panday, 1999: 277*).

Some of important objectives of the optimal structure are as follows:

- i. To maximize return on equity capital
- ii. To minimize cost of capital
- iii. To minimize risk
- iv. To increase flexibility
- v. To maintain control power
- vi. To employ high grade security

2.1.1.5 Capital Structure Decision

The determination of capital structure is not concerned only with value, return and cost but in practice, it involves additional considerations. Attitudes of managers with regard to financing decisions are quite often influenced by their desire; not to lose control; but to maintain operating flexibility and to have convenient and cheaper means of raising funds. The most important considerations are:

- Concern about dilution of control
- Desire to maintain operating flexibility

- Ease of marketing capital inexpensively
- Capacity for economics of scale, and
- Agency costs (Bhattacharai, 2006: 4).

2.1.1.6 Important Tools of Capital Structure

Decision:- In the management, basic tools are necessary for getting appropriate decision. Financial manager should determine the capital structure that best to the company. It is appropriate, when the company will have optimal capital structure. When the cost of capital tends to increase due to more debt, the use of more debt makes the capital structure Volatile.

There are two approaches given below, which give the manager basic for taking decision.

- EBIT-EPS Analysis.
- Cash flow Analysis.

EBIT-EPS Analysis: - In our search for an appropriate capital structure, we need to understand how sensitive is earnings per share (EPS) to changes in earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) under different financial alternatives. Finance manager always wants to know about, what is the effect of leverage on risk? A precise answer to this question is not possible with the help of EBIT-EPS analysis.

The finance manager may do two things: (a) Compare the expected value of EBIT with its indifference value, and (b) assess the probability of EBIT falling below its indifference value. If the most likely value of EBIT exceeds the indifference value of EBIT, the debt financing option, may be advantageous. The larger the differences between expected value of EBIT and its indifference value, the stronger the case for debt financing, other things being equal.

“Given the variability of EBIT, arising out of the business risk of the company, the probability of EBIT falling below the indifference level of EBIT may be assessed. If

such probability is negligible, the debt financing option is advantageous. On the other hand, if such probability is high, the debt financing alternative is risky” (*Chandra, 1985:577*).

The EBIT-EPS analysis is an important tool in the hands of financial manager to get an insight into the firm’s capital structure management. He/She can consider the possible fluctuations in EBIT and examine their impact on EPS under different financial plan. If the probability of earning a rate of return on the firm's assets less than the cost of debt is insignificant, a large amount of debt can be used by the firm in its capital structure to increase the earnings per share. This may have a favorable effect on the market value per share. On the other hand, if the probability of earning a rate of return of the firm's assets less than the cost of debt is very high, the firm should stop in employing debt capital. It may, thus be concluded that the greater the level of EBIT and lower the probability of downward fluctuation, the more beneficial it is to employ debt in the capital structure. However, it should be realized that the EBIT-EPS is a first step in deciding about a firm’s capital structure.

Cash Flow Analysis: - Cash flow analysis is most important part of the company. Cash flow analysis gives us information about liquidity position of the company. A Company with sound liquidity position will be able to pay fixed charges on basis of its cash generation. Fixed charges include.

- i. Principal and interest payments on debt
- ii. Lease payment.
- iii. Preferred stock dividends and etc

If firm unable to pay its fixed charges, it suffer form difficulty as market domination. It is bad for reputed company. The firm, therefore, must estate and analyze expected future cash flows, before committing itself of fixed charges.

A company must note the following two generalizations.

- i. The greater the expected future cash flows, the greater the debt capacity of the firm.
- ii. The more stable the expected future cash flows, the greater the debt capacity of the firm.

2.2 Review of Related Studies

This section is devoted to review of important empirical works, concerning capital structure and cost of capital since 1958 till 2005. There are numerous studies in capital structure. So, it is out of the scope of this study to survey and review all the empirical work extensively and give here in detail. Therefore, some important studies and their findings are presented. In this section, review will be made on the foreign studies including Indian studies. The review is undertaken in four subsections. Section I focuses on the review of empirical works carried up to 1960s with their major findings. The second section deals with the review of studies during 1970s. Third section is devoted to review of studies during 1980s and finally fourth section deals with studies during 1990s respectively.

Mackin-Mason, (1990), studied the tax effect on corporate financing decisions. The study provided evidence of substantial tax effect on the choice between debt & equity. He concluded that changes in the marginal tax rate for any firm should affect financing decisions. when already exhausted (with loss carry for wards) or with a high probability of facing a zero tax rate, a firm with high tax shield is less likely to finance with debt .the reason is that tax shields lower the effective marginal tax rate on interest deduction.

Harris and Ravi, (1991), pointed that numbers attempts to explain capital structure have proved to be in conclusive. The capital structure decision is ever more complicated when it is examined in an international context; particularly in developing countries where markets are characterized by controls and institutional constraints.

Thies and Klock, (1992), found results that pertain to long term debt and common equity. The findings also refute claims that there is no cross sectional relationship between variability and capital structure and suggests that there are differences in the utilization of leverage across time and firms.

Radhe S. Pradhan, (1994), on his research financial management and practices in Nepal in 1992. The survey mainly dealt with financial function, sources and types of financing, financing decisions involving debt effect of change in taxes on capital structure, financial distress dealing with banks and dividend policy. The major findings of study connected with financial management are given as:

- i. Banks and retained earnings are the two most widely used financing sources.
 - ii. Generally, there is no definite time to borrow the issues stocks. That is majorities of respondents are unable to predict when interest rate will low or go up are unable to predict when the stock will go down or up.
 - iii. The enterprises have a definite performance for bank loans at a lower level of debts.
 - iv. Most enterprises do not borrow from one bank only and they do switch between banks which ever offer best interest rates.
 - v. Most enterprises find that banks are flexible in interest rate and convenience.
- To sum up it can be said that out of numerous studies on the capital market of Nepal.

This study is established itself as a milestone and an outstanding one.

2.3 Review of Thesis

During the study, several thesis works has been carried out by the pervious students. Among them some research are found to be relevant for this study. They are presented as follows:

Dhakal (2001), in his thesis “*A Comparative Analysis of Capital Structure Management Between Nepal Bangladesh Bank Limited and Himalayan Bank Limited*”, has the following objectives:

- To find out comparative position in capital structure between two banks.
- To analysis the various source of capital and determine their cost.
- To analyze the return on capital in relation to capital employed.
- To suggest the appropriate capital structure and profitability trend.
- To study capital adequacy ratio to measure strength of the capital base.

His thesis analyzes and studies the secondary data and major findings of this study are:

- The proportion of shareholders equity is found much lower in both the banks. On the basis of average of entire study period it is found that the proposition of shareholders equity of NBBL is higher than that of HBL. But the fluctuation of the proposition of shareholders equity is more in HBL as compare to NBBL.
- Higher total debt to total assets ratio of both banks shows that both banks are using maximum leverage, which might be dangerous to these banks.
- Higher overall capitalization rate of HBL in every year shows that HBL is more capable to utilize the value of the firm compare to NBBL.

Shrestha, (2004), has conducted a thesis on the topic of “*Capital Adequacy of Banks in Nepalese Context*”. His main objective is to study the capital adequacy of the banks. He has suggested that banks should deal in highly risky transaction to maintain strong capital base. However, the capital base should neither be too much leading to inefficient allocation of scarce resources nor too weak as to expose to extreme risk.

The study accepts that the operations of banks and the degree of risk associated with are subject to change country-wise, bank-wise and period-wise. Henceforth, the study suggests preparing standard capital adequacy ratio for each individual bank keeping in mind the various relevant features.

Mishra, (2005), in his analytical, study "*A Study of Capital Structure Management of Selected Manufacturing Companies*". This study has specific objective are analyze cost of capital and return on capital in relation of the employed. To examine the capital structure and debt servicing capacity of the company; He used analytical tools ratio analysis, mean, standard deviation, coefficient of variance, correlation coefficient. This study find average DOL is negative which shows the inefficient earning capacity of the firm. The average DFL is less than one. There is no any consistency in the DOL and DFL for the same types of manufacturing companies. Debt equity and interest coverage ratio for Jyoti spinning mills Ltd. is negative as the company has negative equity. Interest coverage ratio is negative, its show that the company's earnings are not sufficient even to repay their interest. Due to the use of lower amount of debt, the profit margin for the Jyoti spinning shows negative, which indicates that the company is suffering loss during almost all the study period. ROA for Jyoti spinning is negative which indicate that the assets of the company are not generating profit. The higher P/E ratio indicates greater confidence of investor with its future. Average overall cost of capital and cost of equity of Jyoti spinning is negative and other Nepal lever Ltd. and Bottlers Nepal are positive. Correlation coefficient of debt and shareholder's equity for Jyoti spinning negative correlation but Nepal level and Bottlers Nepal are positive correlation. Correlation coefficient between EBIT and net profit for Jyoti spinning mills and Nepal liver Ltd. are negative correlation but Bottlers Nepal Ltd. is positive correlation. Correlation between EBT and net profit for Jyoti spinning mills and Nepal liver Ltd is positive correlation and Bottlers Nepal Ltd shows negative correlation. He concluded that the company's policy to increase current liabilities by replacing long tern loan is not according to the principle of capital structure management. The use of debt would save the tax if they would be earning but in reality of Jyoti spiriting mills. There is no earning so there is not saving. His recommendation was increase in current liabilities would affect the liquidity

aspect of the company. Short-term borrowing is more risky because short term interest rates are more little than longer rates. Therefore, there is maintaining proper capital structure be including long-term debt.

Pradhan, (2007), in her thesis, “*A Comparative Analysis of Capital Structure Management Between Nepal Bangladesh Bank Limited and Himalayan Bank Limited*” has the following objectives:

- To find out comparative position in capital structure between two banks.
- To analysis the source of capital and determine their cost of capital of NBBL and HBL.
- To measure the structure, risk and efficiency of the bank.
- To suggest measure to attain appropriate capital structure.

The research was conducted mainly on the basis of secondary data. The research findings of the study summarized as follows:

- All Joint Venture banks have used high percentage of total debt in raising the assets. The higher ratio constituted that the outsiders claim in total assets of the bank is higher than owners claim.
- The interest coverage ratio shows that all banks are able in paying interest. In comparison Himalayan Bank Ltd is operating efficiently in terms of interest coverage ratio.
- The private sector banks have been successful in increasing their deposits and credit portfolio is remarkable over the last few years. The figures also show that most of the banks have been cautious about loans and advances. The operating profit to Joint Venture bank has gone up, so have the provision for loan loss. In short, the banking sector in Nepal is somehow doing well even though it has to face a number of challenges during the past few years.

Shrestha, (2009), in her thesis, “*Analysis of the Capital Structure of the Joint Venture Banks of Nepal*”, has the following objectives:

- To analysis the relationship of the capital structure and the cost of capital of the selected Joint Venture banks.

- To analyze the comparative capital structure of selected JVBs in terms of the financial and statistical tools.
- To analyze the profitability position of the banks.
- To provide suggestion and recommendations on the basis of analysis to impose the financial weakness of JVBs.

Her thesis analyzes and studies mainly secondary data. The research finding of this thesis summarized as follows:

- All JVBs has used high percentage of total debt in raising the assets. The higher ratio constitutes that the outsiders claim in total assets of the banks is higher than owners claim. The financial risk of the SBI bank average degree of financial leverage constitutes 5.04 times which indicates the higher degree of financial risk.
- The NI approach implies that proportion of higher leverage consequently increase the value of the firm. This approach is well acquainted with this study as the value of the banks has increased in accordance to the increasing portion of leverage. The K_0 of five banks is positive even though the rate of return is in decreasing trend except Nabil Bank.
- The private sector banks have been successful in increasing their deposit and credit portfolio remarkably over the study period. The figures also show that most of these banks have been cautious about loans and advances. The operating profits of all the private sector commercial banks have gone up, so has the provision for loan loss. In short, the banking sector in Nepal is somehow doing well even though it has to face a number of hurdles during the past few years.

Shrestha, (2010), In his study “*A study on capital structure management of selected commercial banks (with special reference to Himalayan Bank, Nepal SBI Bank, Everest Bank And Nepal Investment Bank Ltd.)*” analysis the capital structure of different five year period. He tries to explain competitive position and the situation of the selected banks. He analyzes the combination of capital with long and short term debt and equity capital. He uses different tools to analyze different financial and

statistical tools are used to analyze and compare these banks. He used different financial tools such as: debt equity ratio, Debt Ratio, interest coverage ratio, price earnings ratio, return on assets, return on shareholders' equity, and he find capitalization rate. He used different statistical tools such as: mean, standard deviation, correlation coefficient, probable of error of correlation, variance and regression analysis. He uses the different ratios and present different table and chart. His findings can be summarized as follows:

- From the study bank are found to be highly levered. The companies financial mix accounts a higher proportion of debt and it is increasing every year. Most of the banks cannot manage the current assets.
- The interest coverage ratio during the study period was positive for all selected bank.
- In case of ROA and ROE, EBL has higher ratio than any other banks. Which indicated the EBL best bank among the selected banks.
- The average EPS of EBL and HBL higher than other selected banks and EPS of EBL is fund to be in increasing trend and EPS of other banks are fluctuating during the study period.
- The cost of banks are increasing, the main cause of cost increase may unskilled manpower, overstaffing, unsystematic arranged of material, level of unnecessary and expenses is high and misuse of the facilities and resources.
- The correlation coefficient of the variable of selected bank for the statistical analysis is found positive to each other. The coefficients are all statistically significant in more than average banks. A positive correlation means both of the variables are moving toward the same direction.

Malik, (2011), in his thesis, "*Capital Structure Management in Nepal*", has following objectives:

- To show the trend of composition of assets and capital structure
- To analyze the return on equity and assets
- To analyze the value of the firm
- To analyze the aggregate liability bearing capacity of the selected organization
- To analyze the relationship between liability and assets of the organization

- To analyze the profitability of the selected organization

His thesis analyzes and studies the secondary data, major findings of this study are:

- Being big financial houses NTC and NEA dominates other organization in volume related issues so the gearing of other organizations is not seen in the figure. Other than these houses don't have debt transaction during the sampled period too
- Comparatively, total loan liabilities to shareholders fund ratio of NIBL is highest, ratio of NABIL is in second position, NEA is in third position, HGICL is in fourth position and NTC is in fifth position.
- Comparatively, total debt to total assets ratio of NIBL is highest, ratio of NABIL is higher, NEA is in third position HGICL is in fourth position and NTC is in fifth position.
- Interest bearing capacity of NTC is higher than other organization and HGICL is in moderate capacity to bear the load of interest expenses and other organization are seem very weak in the concern of interest expenses bearing.

2.4 Research Gap

There is considerable controversy among the findings of the empirical studies about capital structure. They are mostly done by taking single firm and their analysis is in absolute nature. The studies also observed same defects in capital structure. The tools used for analysis have been limited to ratio analysis. So this study tries to explore the capital structure patterns in banking industry. Moreover this research is comparative study of two banks which will provide information to the concern party for comparative analysis. Furthermore this study will be helpful to the interested groups. At least this study will be different from the above in-terms of sample companies, data presentation as well as statistical used for interpretation and analysis of data. Therefore, this study is significantly different from previous studies. Effort on this particular subject will be found properly genuine and it will be recognized valuable study in this particular subject.

CHAPTER – III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research is a systematic method of finding out the solution to a problem whereas research methodology refers to the various sequential steps to adopt by a researcher in studying a problem with certain objective in view.

3.1 Research Design

Since this study is based on the process of collecting, verifying and synthesizing past evidences systematically and objectively to reach a conclusion, this is also a historical research. Moreover, as the study is concentrated on the comparative study of the capital structure management of the two selected banks, it can be also considered as a case study research as well as a comparative research.

3.2 Population and Sample

Population is the universe about which the study has aimed to enquire and the sample is the representative of the population. Since the study is concerned with the capital structure management of the selected two commercial banks, the population for the study has, therefore been all the thirty-two commercial banks which are currently in operation in our country.

The census of the population is neither feasible nor desirable for the study of this nature, a sample from the population has, therefore been selected for the purpose of study. For the selection of the sample from the population, judgmental sampling method has been followed. As the study comparatively analyses the capital structure performances of the two comparable commercial banks has been selected for the study, which are:

1. NABIL Bank Ltd.
2. Siddhartha Bank Ltd.

In addition, financial data of each of the sampled commercial banks are taken for the period of five years, during FY 2007/08 to FY 2009/010.

3.3 Nature and Type of Data

Since the study is basically analytical and historical on nature, most of the data are based on the past performance of the sampled commercial banks. For the purpose of the study, all the data used are second-hand published data of the respective banks under study. Such data have been derived from the financial statements of the companies concerned.

3.3.1 Sources of Data

Annual Reports of the selected commercial banks and Banking and Financial Statistics published by NRB. Moreover, some of the data required for this study has also been obtained from the Economic Survey 2010, a publication of Nepal Government, ministry of finance and Economic Review, a NRB publication, etc.

3.3.2 Data Gathering Procedure

After identification of the sources of data, the required data for the study have been gathered through the following procedures:

- To obtain the data from Nepal Stock Exchange Limited, first of all, the financial statements of all the listed commercial banks were-down loaded on the PC. Secondly, all the downloaded financial statements were transcribed into computer printouts and the data required for the study were taken there from.
- To get the separate annual reports of the selected commercial banks, the authorized staffs of the respective banks were approached and required data were used selectively for the study & respective website of the banks were accessed for the same.
- To have the data from NRB publications (Economic Review and Banking and financial Statistics), website of NRB (www.nrb.org.np) was accessed.
- The required data of the government publications were also gathered from the website of Ministry of Finance, Nepal.
- Other books and journals had also been consulted.

3.3.3 Data Processing Procedure

First of all the collected data were thoroughly studied to identify the required data for the study for the analytical purpose. Secondly, all the required data were extracted from those sources as per need of the study. Then after, these data have been applied for the analysis of the risk and return of NABIL and SBL on the basis of income from investing activities. For this purpose the data have been used to determine the average return, standard deviation and coefficient of variation of NABIL and SBL. The data have been also processed for the analyses the risks of the respective banks in terms of coefficient of variance and correlation coefficient. Besides, they have been used for capital structure performance measure of the selected banks. The data have also been applied for the analysis of the risks and return of NABIL and SBL on the basis of net return. The data have also been used for the purpose of hypothesis testing (i.e. testing the significance of the observed correlation coefficients and significance of the computed mean values). Furthermore the collected data have been processed for the comparative analysis of the selected banks on the basis of capital adequacy risks, liquidity risks and credit risks.

3.4 Techniques of Analysis

Although the separate sections of the techniques of analysis have not been presented in the study, the descriptive, correlation and inferential techniques of analysis have been applied throughout the study. For the purpose of descriptive analysis, risk and return of the banks under study have been analyzed on the basis of interest income and net income of the respective banks. During this course of analysis, return of the selected commercial banks along with their averages, standard deviation and coefficient of variation have been computed and arranged in the tabular form for their descriptive analysis to observe the variability of the return over the period of the study. The risks of the selected banks have also been analyzed descriptively with respect to covariance with correlation coefficient. Descriptive analysis has also been used to analyze the risk return tradeoff to the selected banks on the basis of net return on total investments and the capital adequacy risks, liquidity risks and credit risks of the banks under study.

The technique of correlation analysis has also been applied for the study while calculating correlation coefficient of the returns of the selected banks.

For inferential analysis, null and alternative hypothesis have been formulated and tested with the help of Students test. By applying the inferential technique of analysis, the significance of the observed correlation coefficients and the significance of the computed mean returns have been analyzed. If the calculated t-values are less than the tabulated values at 5% level of significance for the given degree of freedom, the null hypothesis is accepted and alternative hypothesis is rejected and vice versa.

3.5 Tools of Analysis

For the analysis of the data and to reach to a conclusion, different tools of analysis have been applied for the study. Mainly, the accounting tools, statistical tools and financial tools have been used as mentioned below:

3.5.1 Accounting Tools

Different ratios have been used to measure the performance of the sampled banks:

3.5.2 Statistical Tools

The statistical tools applied in this study are Expected rate of return, Standard Deviation, Coefficient of Variation, Karl Pearson's Coefficient of Correlation and Students t-test. As this research is related to financial subject matter so, statistical tools and formula are expressed in financial terms except correlation coefficient, coefficient of (multiple) determination (r^2) and Student's t-test. Due to the most use of average and standard deviation in financial sector also the researcher has used the financial notation for these statistical tools.

3.5.2.1 Expected Rate of Return or Average Rate of Return

Expected rate of return or average rate of return is the most popular and widely used measure of representing the entire data. Expected rate of return has been used to compute the average rate of return of the variable of the selected two commercial banks.

Symbolically,

$$\text{Expected rate of return } E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^N X(P_i)$$

Where,

$E(X)$ = Expected rate of return

X = variables

P_i = Probability distribution of i^{th} variables for each study period.

3.5.2.2 Standard Deviation

The standard deviation measures the absolute value of risk, i.e., variability of the returns from the mean returns. It is also known as root mean square deviation for the reason that it is the square root of the mean of the squared deviations from the arithmetic mean.

Symbolically,

$$\text{Standard Deviation } (\sigma) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N P_i \times \{X - E(X)\}^2} \dots\dots\dots \text{(If Probability is given)}$$

$$\text{Standard Deviation } (\sigma) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\{X - E(X)\}^2}{N-1}} \dots\dots\dots \text{(If historical data is given)}$$

Where,

σ = The Greek Letter Sigma, which denotes the Standard Deviation.

P_i = Probability distribution of i^{th} variables for each study period.

$\{X - E(X)\}^2$ = Mean deviation squared.

N = No. of years

3.5.2.3. Coefficient of Variation

Coefficient of variation indicates risk per unit of average return. Variability in return (i.e. the risk) has therefore been measured by the coefficient of variation. In our study, coefficient of variation has been computed to show the Bank-wise variability or risk

return relationship in respect of interest rate and rate of return on total investments. It can be computed by dividing the standard deviation by average rate of return.

Symbolically,

$$\text{Coefficient of Variation (C.V.)} = \frac{x}{E(x)}$$

Where,

x = Standard Deviation

$E(x)$ = Mean Rate of Return

3.5.2.4. Karl Pearson's Correlation Coefficient

Correlation is defined as the “relationship” (or association) between (among) the one dependent variable (or factor) and one (or more than one) independent variables or factors. There are several methods of analyzing the correlation between the two variables such as, Graphic Method, Karl Pearson's Coefficient of Correlation, Concurrent Deviation method, Least Square Method and so on. Among them, Karl Pearson's Correlation Coefficient is most widely used in practice. In our study, Karl Pearson's Correlation Coefficient has been used in order to establish the relationship between the returns of NABIL and SBL. Karl Pearson's Correlation Coefficient is denoted by the symbol r , which is mathematically defined as;

$$\text{Correlation coefficient between X and Y (r}_{XY}) = \frac{\sum XY}{\sqrt{\sum X^2} \sqrt{\sum Y^2}}$$

Where,

X and Y = Variables

r_{XY} = Correlation coefficient between variables X and Y.

$\sum XY$ = Summation of multiple of mean deviation of variables X and Y.

$\sum X^2$ = Summation of mean deviation squared of variable X.

$\sum Y^2$ = Summation of mean deviation squared of variable Y.

3.5.2.5. Coefficient of Determination

The coefficient of (multiple) determination is a measure of the degree of linear association or correlation between two variables one of which happens to be independent and other being depended variables. It measures the percentage total variation in dependent variables explained by independent variables.

The value of the coefficient of (multiple) determination can range from zero to one (i.e. $0 < r^2 < 1$). If r^2 is equal to 0.75, it indicates that independent variables used in regression model explain 75 percentage of the total variation in the dependent variable. It is calculated as,

$$r^2 = \frac{\text{Explained Variables}}{\text{Total Variation}}$$

CHAPTER - IV

DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS

The purpose of analyzing the data is to change it from an unprocessed form to an understandable presentation. The collected data need to be aggregated into a form that presents the summary of answers from respondents. The raw data convey little information. These must, therefore, be compiled, analyzed and interpreted carefully before their full meaning and implication can be understood. The data are thus have been transformed into information.

4.1 Capital Structure Analysis

4.1.1 Fixed Deposit Analysis

The bulk of the resources employed by a modern bank consists of borrowed money (that is, deposits), which is lent out as profitably as is consistent with safety. An increase in deposits provides a bank with additional cash (which is an asset); the increase in cash supplements its loan able resources and permits a more than proportionate increase in its loans. Fixed deposit of bank is considered as long term debt collected from the depositors. Fixed deposit is only one long term source of debt capital for these two banks, NABIL and SBL so far. The following table shows the position of fixed deposits in the bank over the past five years (i.e. 2007/08 to 2011/12).

Table 4.1

Fixed Deposit Position and Index

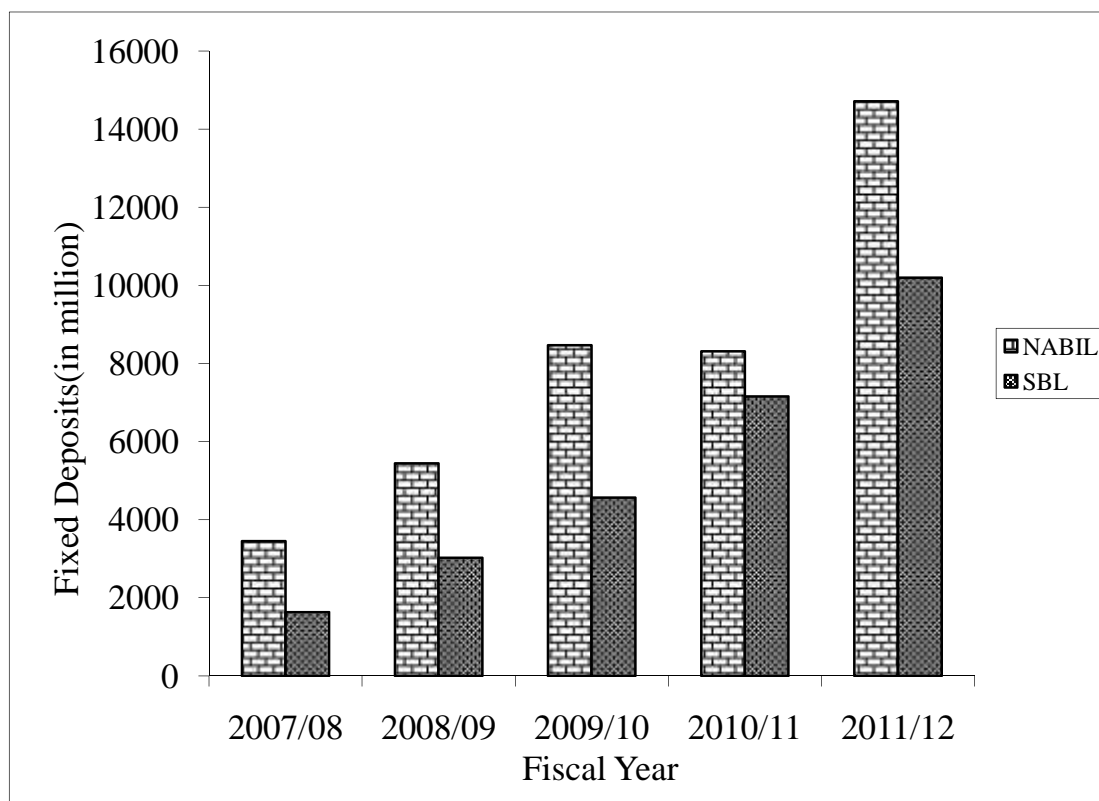
| Bank | NABIL | | | SBL | | |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| | Fixed Deposit (Rs. in Million) | Index | % Change | Fixed Deposit (Rs. in Million) | Index | %Change |
| 2007/08 | 3449.09 | 100.00 | - | 1632.09 | 100.00 | - |
| 2008/09 | 5435.99 | 157.61 | 57.61 | 3022.56 | 185.20 | 85.20 |
| 2009/10 | 8464.09 | 245.41 | 55.71 | 4562.72 | 279.57 | 50.96 |
| 2010/11 | 8310.71 | 240.96 | -1.81 | 7158.20 | 438.60 | 56.88 |
| 2011/12 | 14711.16 | 426.53 | 77.01 | 10195.73 | 624.72 | 42.44 |

| | | | |
|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Average | 47.13 | Average | 58.87 |
|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|

Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

Figure 4.1

Comparative Bar Diagram of Fixed Deposits



From table 4.1 and figure 4.1, it can be said that fixed Deposits of NABIL is increased during study period except in fiscal year 2010/11. The fixed deposit of the bank is increased by 77.01% in fiscal year 2011/12, which is the highest increment during the study period.

Similarly fixed deposit of SBL is also increased every year. Banks fixed deposit is increased by 85.20% in FY 2008/09. It was just five year of banks operation so fixed deposit increase rate is very high then average increased rate.

On average fixed deposit increasing rate is higher for SBL than NABIL and in volume NABIL has more fixed deposit than that of SBL for final fiscal year of our study

period (i.e. 2011/12). Both the banks were found increasing fixed deposits in their financial mix.

4.1.2 Analysis of Shareholders Equity

The shareholders equity of the banks include paid-up capital, general reserve, capital reserve, proposed dividend, other reserve, retained earnings and exchange equalization fund.

Table 4.2

Shareholders Equity Position & Index Table of NABIL & SBL

| Bank | NABIL | | | SBL | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Net Worth (Rs. in Million) | Index | % Change | Net Worth (Rs. in Million) | Index | %Change |
| 2007/08 | 1875.00 | 100.00 | - | 603.14 | 100.00 | - |
| 2008/09 | 2057.00 | 109.71 | 9.71 | 793.71 | 131.60 | 31.60 |
| 2009/10 | 2437.20 | 129.99 | 18.49 | 1068.35 | 177.14 | 34.60 |
| 2010/11 | 3130.24 | 166.95 | 28.43 | 1278.74 | 212.02 | 19.69 |
| 2011/12 | 3834.23 | 204.50 | 22.49 | 1603.54 | 265.87 | 25.40 |
| | Average | | 19.78 | Average | | 27.82 |

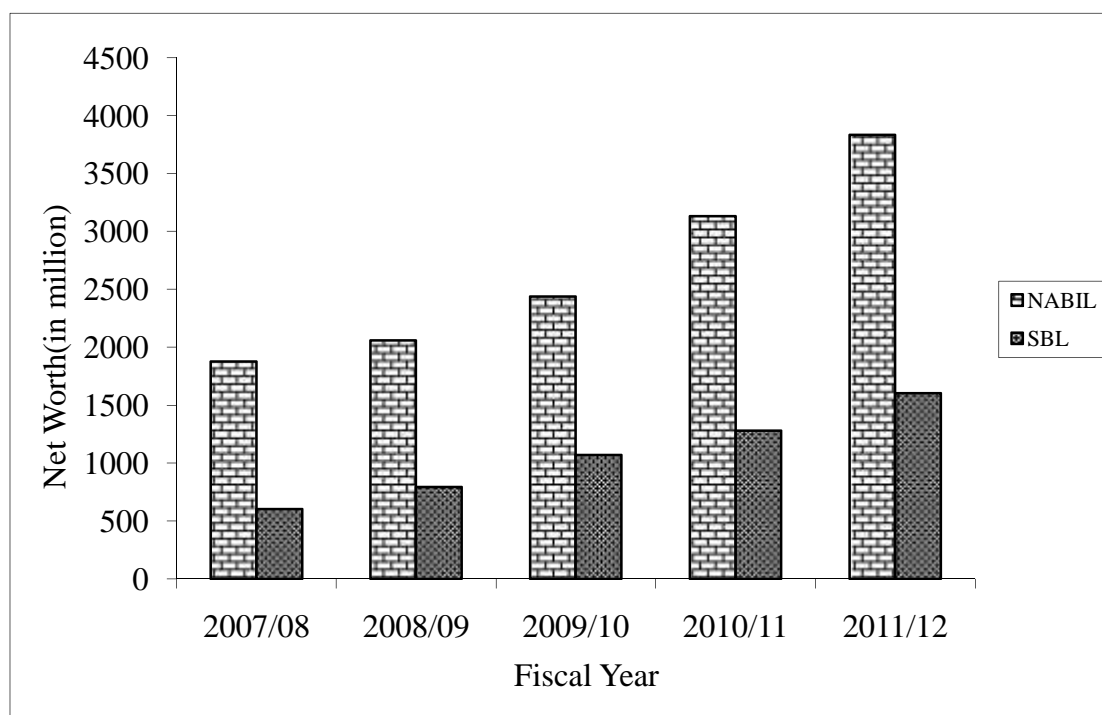
Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

As shown in table 4.2 the shareholders equity position of both banks showed a fluctuating trend but not negative trend. The net worth of NABIL bank is increased by 28.43% in fiscal year 2010/11, which is the highest increment during the study period.

In case of SBL, the annual rate of % change in the fiscal year 2008/09 was 31.60% and by the end of fiscal year 2011/12 it reached 25.40% and the highest increment in % change is 34.60% in fiscal year 2009/10.

On average net worth increasing rate is higher for SBL than NABIL but not in volume of SBL has more net worth than NABIL during the study period(i.e. 2007/08 – 2011/12). Both the banks were found increasing net worth in their financial mix.

Figure 4.2
Comparative Bar Diagram of Net Worth



4.1.3 Fixed Deposit & Net Worth of NABIL & SBL

Table 4.3
Fixed Deposit & Net Worth of NABIL & SBL

(Rs. in million)

| Fiscal Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| | Fixed Deposit | Net Worth | Fixed Deposit | Net Worth |
| 2007/08 | 3449.09 | 1875.00 | 1632.09 | 603.14 |
| 2008/09 | 5435.99 | 2057.00 | 3022.56 | 793.71 |
| 2009/10 | 8464.09 | 2437.20 | 4562.72 | 1068.35 |
| 2010/11 | 8310.71 | 3130.24 | 7158.20 | 1278.74 |
| 2011/12 | 14711.16 | 3834.23 | 10195.73 | 1603.54 |

As shown in table 4.3, fixed deposits and net worth of NABIL is higher than SBL, the highest amount of fixed deposit and net worth of NABIL is in fiscal year 2011/12 which is Rs. 14711.16 million and Rs.3834.23 million respectively. And the highest

amount of fixed deposit and net worth of SBL is in fiscal year 2011/12 which is Rs.10195.73 million and Rs.1603.54 million respectively.

4.1.4 Fixed Deposit to Total Debt Ratio

$$\text{Fixed Deposit to Total Debt Ratio} = \frac{\text{Fixed Deposit}}{\text{Total Debt}}$$

Table 4.4

Fixed Deposit & Total Debt of NABIL & SBL

(Rs. in million)

| Fiscal Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | Fixed Deposit | Total Debt | Fixed Deposit | Total Debt |
| 2007/08 | 3449.09 | 20454.98 | 1632.09 | 4152.90 |
| 2008/09 | 5435.99 | 25196.34 | 3022.56 | 7150.60 |
| 2009/10 | 8464.09 | 34695.61 | 4562.72 | 10581.45 |
| 2010/11 | 8310.71 | 40737.16 | 7158.20 | 16603.01 |
| 2011/12 | 14711.16 | 48245.50 | 10195.73 | 21198.89 |

Table 4.5

Fixed Deposit to Total Debt Ratio of NABIL & SBL (in %)

| Bank/FY | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | Average | S.D | C.V |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|-------|
| NABIL | 16.86 | 21.57 | 24.40 | 20.40 | 30.49 | 22.74 | 5.10 | 22.43 |
| %Change | - | 4.71 | 2.83 | -4.00 | 10.09 | | | |
| SBL | 39.30 | 42.27 | 43.12 | 43.11 | 48.10 | 43.18 | 8.67 | 20.08 |
| %Change | - | 2.97 | 0.85 | -0.01 | 4.99 | | | |
| Combined Average | | | | | | 32.96 | | |

Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

Total debt includes borrowing from banks, deposits, bills payable, bills for collection and other liabilities. The portion of fixed deposit of NABIL in total debt is in average of 22.74%. It is highest of 30.49% in fiscal year 2011/12 and the lowest of 16.86% in fiscal year 2007/08.

In case of SBL, portion of fixed deposit to total debt is the highest of 48.10% in fiscal year 2011/12 and the lowest of 39.30% in fiscal year 2007/08 throughout the study period. And on average percentage of fixed deposit to total debt is 43.18% for SBL.

The volume of fixed deposit to total debt fluctuated more in NABIL than in SBL (i.e. CV=22.43%>20.08%). The ratio of fixed deposit to total debt of NABIL is found below the combined average of 32.96% throughout the study period but average ratio of SBL is above the combined average. Above figures show that SBL has higher portion of fixed deposits in total debt than that of NABIL.

4.1.5 Analysis of Financial Mix of the Banks

This research has analyzed financial mix of the banks using ratio analysis as financial tool for the data available from the concerned banks annual reports.

4.1.5.1 Debt to Equity Ratio (DER)

It shows the relationship between borrowed funds and owners capital. This ratio reflects the relative claims of creditors and shareholders against the assets of the firm. This ratio is widely popular measure of the long term financial viability of a firm and it is important to appraise the financial structure of a firm.

A higher ratio shows a large share of financing by the creditors relatively to the owners. Therefore, there is a large claim against the assets of the firm which is a dangerous signal for the creditors. It would be riskier to the creditors. A high proportion of debt in the financial structure would lead to inflexibility in the operation of the firm because firm is largely liable to pay the interest even if the firm is suffering from the losses, where a smaller ratio shows smaller claim of creditors. To the creditors relatively high stake of the owners implies sufficient safety margin and substantial protection against shrinkage in assets. Debt equity can be calculated in various ways.

i. Debt to Equity Ratio in-terms of Fixed Deposits to Net Worth.

$$\text{DER} = \frac{\text{Fixed Deposit}}{\text{Net Worth}}$$

ii. Debt to Equity Ratio in-terms of Total Debt to Net worth.

$$\text{DER} = \frac{\text{Total Debt}}{\text{Net Worth}}$$

i. DER in-Terms of Fixed Deposit to Net Worth ($\frac{\text{FD}}{\text{NW}}$)

Table 4.6

Fixed Deposit & Net Worth of NABIL & SBL

(Rs. in million)

| Fiscal Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| | Fixed Deposit | Net Worth | Fixed Deposit | Net Worth |
| 2007/08 | 3449.09 | 1875.00 | 1632.09 | 603.14 |
| 2008/09 | 5435.99 | 2057.00 | 3022.56 | 793.71 |
| 2009/10 | 8464.09 | 2437.20 | 4562.72 | 1068.35 |
| 2010/11 | 8310.71 | 3130.24 | 7158.20 | 1278.74 |
| 2011/12 | 14711.16 | 3834.23 | 10195.73 | 1603.54 |

Table 4.7

Fixed Deposit to Net Worth Ratio of NABIL & SBL (in %)

| Bank/FY | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | Average | S.D | C.V |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| NABIL | 183.95 | 264.27 | 347.29 | 265.50 | 383.68 | 288.94 | 78.36 | 27.12 |
| Change | - | 80.32 | 83.03 | -81.79 | 118.18 | | | |
| SBL | 270.60 | 380.81 | 427.08 | 559.79 | 635.83 | 454.82 | 144.89 | 31.86 |
| Change | - | 110.21 | 46.27 | 132.71 | 76.04 | | | |
| Combined Average | | | | | | 371.88 | | |

Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

The above table shows the debt equity ratio in terms of fixed deposits (FD) to shareholders equity (NW) of the banks (NABIL and SBL). The ratio is more

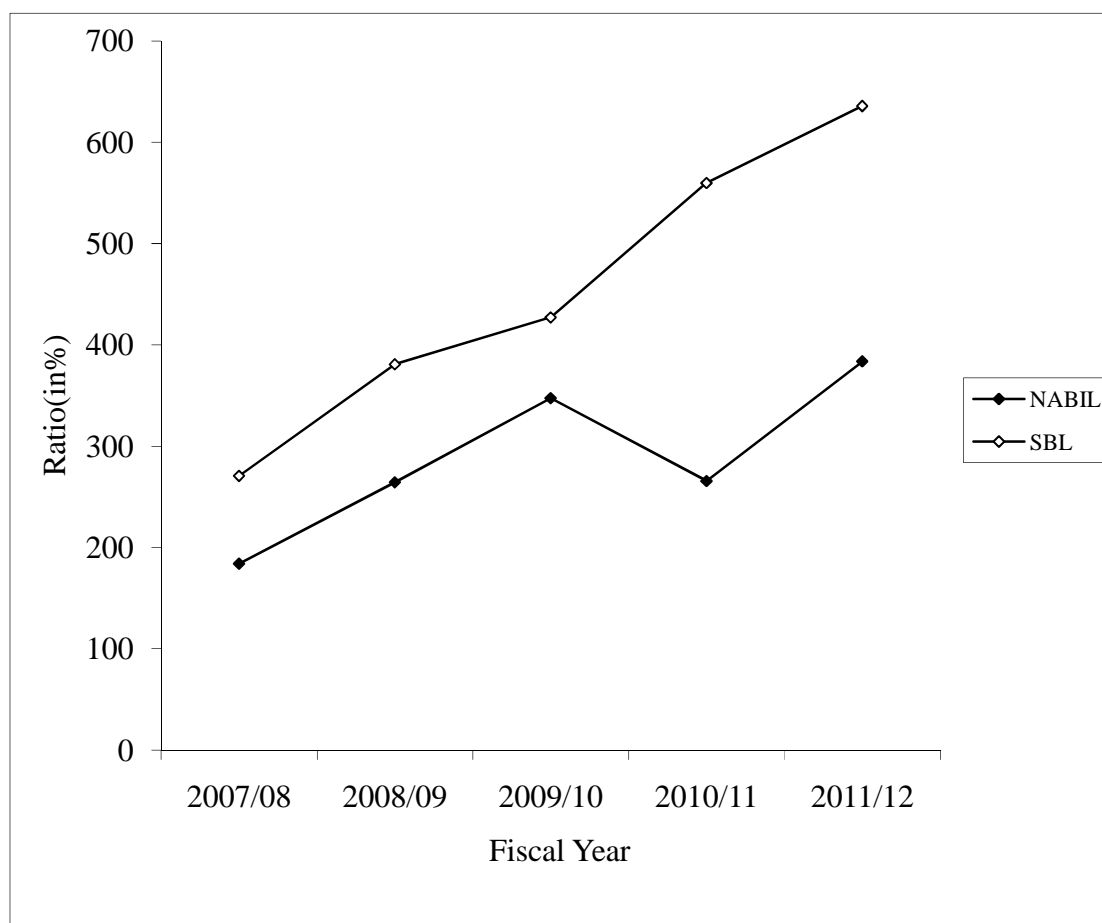
significant to determine whether fixed deposits financing is educate the strength of the profitability of the bank. Both the banks have more DER i.e. greater claims of the creditors than that of owners.

DER of NABIL is 383.68% in Fiscal year 2011/12 which is the highest ratio during the study period. It is minimal of 183.95% in fiscal year 2007/08 and average DER of NABIL is 288.94%. Similarly for SBL, DER is highest in fiscal year 2011/12 i.e. 635.83% and minimum of 270.60% in fiscal year 2007/08. Average DER ratio for SBL is 454.82%.

On average this ratio is higher for SBL than that of NABIL. But on the basis of coefficient of variation (C.V), the C.V of SBL is found higher than the CV of NABIL i.e. $31.86\% > 27.12\%$. This shows that the variability of fixed deposits to net-worth ratio is higher in SBL than in NABIL.

If we consider the average ratio of fixed deposit to net-worth, it is higher for SBL than that of NABIL. This explains that SBL has more claims of creditors than that of owners. Further it depicts that SBL has higher portion of fixed deposits than shareholders equity in its capital structure in comparison to NABIL, but the figures are highly varied during the study period so we can not interpret the results on the basis of average.

Figure 4.3
Line Diagram of Fixed Deposit to Net Worth



ii. DER in-terms of Total Debt to Net Worth ($\frac{TD}{NW}$)

Table 4.8
Total Debt & Net Worth of NABIL & SBL

(Rs. in million)

| Fiscal Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| | Total Debt | Net Worth | Total Debt | Net Worth |
| 2007/08 | 20454.98 | 1875.00 | 4152.90 | 603.14 |
| 2008/09 | 25196.34 | 2057.00 | 7150.60 | 793.71 |
| 2009/10 | 34695.61 | 2437.20 | 10581.45 | 1068.35 |
| 2010/11 | 40737.16 | 3130.24 | 16603.01 | 1278.74 |
| 2011/12 | 48245.50 | 3834.23 | 21198.89 | 1603.54 |

Table 4.9**Total Debt to Net Worth Ratio of NABIL & SBL (in %)**

| Bank/FY | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | Average | S.D | C.V |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| NABIL | 1090.93 | 1224.91 | 1423.58 | 1301.41 | 1258.28 | 1259.82 | 120.72 | 9.58 |
| Change | - | 133.98 | 198.67 | -122.17 | -43.13 | | | |
| SBL | 688.55 | 900.91 | 990.45 | 1298.39 | 1322.01 | 1040.06 | 270.01 | 25.96 |
| Change | - | 212.36 | 89.54 | 307.94 | 23.62 | | | |
| Combined Average | | | | | | 1149.94 | | |

Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

The above calculation shows the portion of total debt in shareholders equity. In Fiscal year 2007/08, NABIL has 1090.93% of debt to net-worth which is the lowest return throughout the study period. NABIL has highest ratio of 1423.58% in fiscal year 2009/10 having average debt to net worth of 1259.82%.

Similarly SBL has 688.55% of debt capital in every 100% net worth in fiscal year 2007/08 which is the lowest ratio throughout the study period. SBL has highest ratio of 1322.01% in fiscal year 2011/12 having an average total debt to net worth of 1040.06%.

The average ratio of NABIL is found above the combined average of 1149.94% throughout the study period where the average ratio of SBL is below the combined average. This depict that NABIL has employed high total debt capital or outside funds as compared to equity fund, since the bank is extremely levered than SBL.

A normal fluctuation on the ratio has been noticed in both the banks however the CV is lower in NABIL than in SBL, which shows that the ratio of NABIL is more consistent than that of SBL.

From the above table, we can say that both banks are extremely levered. Both the banks are facing heavy burden of interest payment due to the employment of more debts. Both the banks financial structure shows the dangerous signals to the creditors. In future the banks may lead to inflexibility in the operation. But by nature banks capital structure heavily depends on that capital.

4.1.5.2 Debt to Total Capital Ratio (D/CR)

The relationship between creditors fund and owners capital can also be shown by debt to capital ratio. This type of capital structure ratio is deviated from the debt equity ratio. Here, it states that the outsider's liabilities are related to the total capitalization to the firm and not only to the shareholders equity. There are various related ratios i.e.

i. Fixed Deposit to Capital Employed (FD/CE)

Capital employed includes shareholders equity and fixed deposits

$$\frac{D}{CR} = \frac{\text{Fixed Deposit}}{\text{Capital Employed}}$$

Where, Capital Employed = Fixed Deposit + Net Worth

ii. Total Debt to Total Assets (TD/TA)

$$\frac{D}{CR} = \frac{\text{Total Debt}}{\text{Total Assets}}$$

i. DER in-terms of Fixed Deposit to Capital Employed ($\frac{FD}{CE}$)

Table 4.10

Fixed Deposit & Capital Employed of NABIL & SBL

(Rs. in million)

| Fiscal Year | NABIL | | | SBL | | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|
| | Fixed Deposit | Net Worth | Capital Employed | Fixed Deposit | Net Worth | Capital Employed |
| 2007/08 | 3449.09 | 1875.00 | 5324.09 | 1632.09 | 603.14 | 2235.23 |
| 2008/09 | 5435.99 | 2057.00 | 7492.99 | 3022.56 | 793.71 | 3816.27 |
| 2009/10 | 8464.09 | 2437.20 | 10901.29 | 4562.72 | 1068.35 | 5631.07 |
| 2010/11 | 8310.71 | 3130.24 | 11440.95 | 7158.20 | 1278.74 | 8436.94 |
| 2011/12 | 14711.16 | 3834.23 | 18545.39 | 10195.73 | 1603.54 | 11799.27 |

Table 4.11**Fixed Deposit to Capital Employed Ratio of NABIL & SBL (in %)**

| Bank/FY | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | Average | S.D | C.V |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|------|
| NABIL | 64.78 | 72.55 | 77.64 | 72.64 | 79.33 | 73.39 | 5.67 | 7.73 |
| Change | - | 7.77 | 5.09 | -5.00 | 6.69 | | | |
| SBL | 73.02 | 79.20 | 81.03 | 84.84 | 86.41 | 80.90 | 5.26 | 6.50 |
| Change | - | 6.18 | 1.83 | 3.81 | 1.57 | | | |
| Combined Average | | | | | | 77.15 | | |

Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

The ratio of fixed deposit to capital employed has been fluctuated for both banks over the study period. NABIL has recorded the ratio 79.33% in fiscal year 2011/12 which is the highest ratio during the study period. NABIL has lowest ratio of 64.78% in fiscal year 2007/08 having average ratio of 73.39%.

Similarly, DER in-terms of fixed deposit to capital employed of SBL is 73.02% which is the lowest ratio during the study period. SBL has the highest ratio of 86.41% in fiscal year 2011/12 having average ratio of 80.90%.

The CV of SBL is found less than that of NABIL i.e. 6.50 % < 7.73%; this shows that the variability of ratio is extremely more in SBL.

ii. D/CR in-terms of Total Debt to Total Assets ($\frac{TD}{TA}$)

Table 4.12**Total Debt & Total Assets of NABIL & SBL**

(Rs. in million)

| Fiscal Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Total Debt | Total Assets | Total Debt | Total Assets |
| 2007/08 | 20454.98 | 22329.97 | 4152.90 | 4755.96 |
| 2008/09 | 25196.34 | 27329.39 | 7150.60 | 7948.64 |
| 2009/10 | 34695.61 | 37132.76 | 10581.45 | 11654.86 |
| 2010/11 | 40737.16 | 43867.40 | 16603.01 | 17881.75 |

| | | | | |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2011/12 | 48245.50 | 52079.73 | 21198.89 | 22802.43 |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|

Table 4.13

Total Debt to Total Assets Ratio of NABIL & SBL (in %)

| Bank/FY | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | Average | S.D | C.V |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| NABIL | 91.60 | 92.20 | 93.44 | 92.86 | 92.64 | 92.55 | 0.69 | 0.75 |
| Change | - | 0.60 | 1.01 | -0.58 | -0.22 | | | |
| SBL | 87.32 | 89.96 | 90.79 | 92.85 | 92.97 | 90.78 | 2.33 | 2.57 |
| Change | - | 2.64 | 0.83 | 2.06 | 0.12 | | | |
| Combined Average | | | | | | 91.67 | | |

Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

The above computation of D/CR in-terms of total debt to total assets shows that the share of total assets is financed by the outsider's fund. The ratio shows that the assets of the banks, the banks have been financed more by funds collected from creditors.

The ratio of total debt to total assets of NABIL is 91.60% in fiscal year 2007/08 which is the lowest ratio during the study period but for 2009/10 it is increased to 93.44% recording the highest ratio during the study period. NABIL has an average D/CR ratio of 92.55% in terms of total debt to total assets.

Where as the same ratio of SBL is 87.32% for fiscal year 2007/08, which is the lowest ratio for the study period. SBL recorded highest D/CR in fiscal year 2011/12 having average ratio of 90.78%. The ratio is highly fluctuated in SBL than in NABIL i.e. 2.57% > 0.75%

The ratio of total debt to total assets is recorded over 80% in both banks that show that both banks are found using higher debt capital to finance their assets. In both banks, creditor's margin of safety is very low. It is found around 10 % to 12% of average which indicates higher risk. However, the ratio is found much higher in SBL than that of NABIL.

4.1.6 Analysis of Capital Adequacy of the Banks

The ratio measures the portions of firm's capital fund with respect to the total deposits. Banks should maintain the capital fund according to their requirement. If banks have been holding more capital than their minimum requirement it can cause to having higher holding cost and low return and at the same time holding too little amount of capital than required may have disadvantage of inadequacy and shortage of fund. So in this context, Nepal Rastra Bank directs the commercial banks to increase or decrease by fixing their percentage of capital fund out of total deposits. If the banks are unable to meet the require rate, they should increase paid up capital or transfer a part of profit to generate reserve to meet their requirement. Here capital fund includes total paid up capital, reserve and surplus and undistributed profit. Total deposits includes total of current deposits, saving deposits, fixed deposits, and call and other deposits.

Table 4.14

Capital Adequacy Ratio (in %) Core Capital

| Bank/FY | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | Average | S.D | C.V |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| NABIL | 10.78 | 10.40 | 8.75 | 8.74 | 8.77 | 9.49 | 1.01 | 10.64 |
| Change | - | -0.38 | -1.65 | -0.01 | 0.03 | | | |
| SBL | 13.29 | 10.78 | 10.27 | 8.26 | 8.00 | 10.12 | 2.15 | 21.25 |
| Change | - | -2.51 | -0.51 | -2.01 | -0.26 | | | |
| Combined Average | | | | | | 9.81 | | |

Source: Annual Report of NABILL and SBL

Figure 4.4

Line Diagram of Capital Adequacy Ratio (Core Capital)

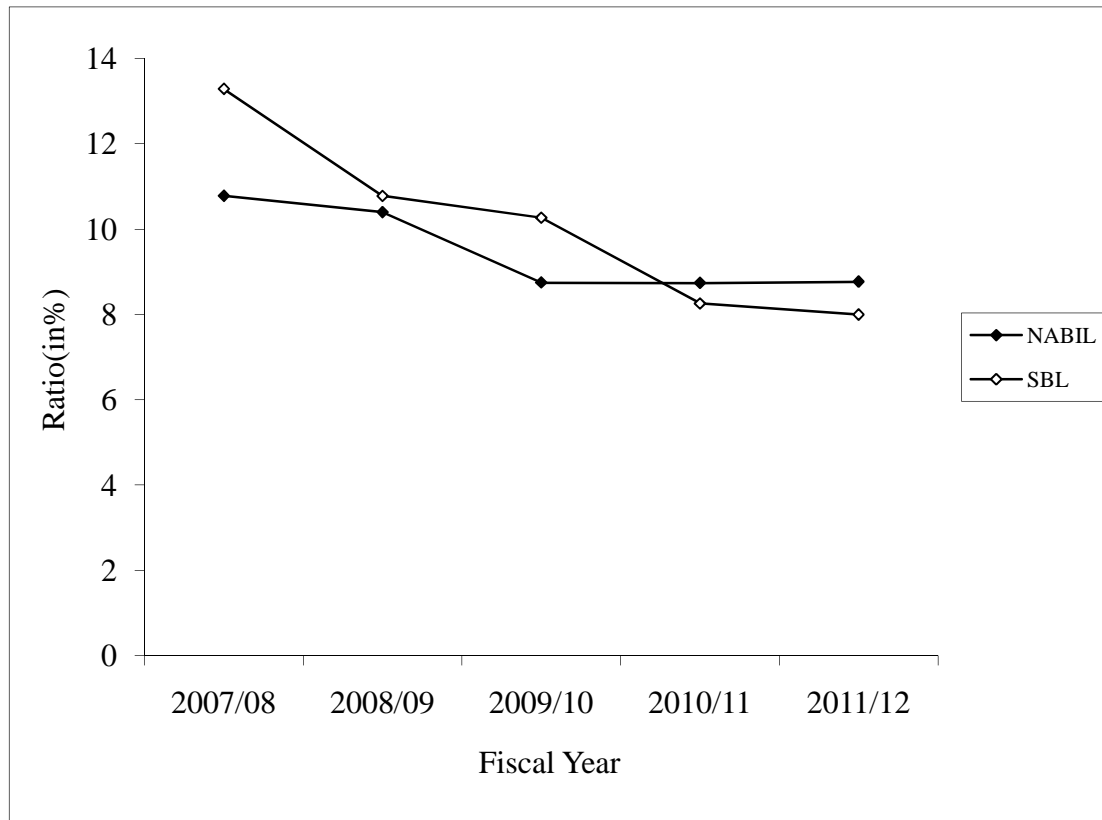


Table 4.15

Capital Adequacy Ratio (in %) Supplementary Capital

| Bank/FY | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | Average | S.D | C.V |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|-------|
| NABIL | 1.52 | 1.64 | 2.35 | 1.96 | 1.73 | 1.84 | 0.32 | 17.39 |
| Change | - | 0.12 | 0.71 | -0.39 | -0.23 | | | |
| SBL | 0.87 | 1.05 | 0.97 | 2.42 | 2.04 | 1.47 | 0.71 | 48.30 |
| Change | - | 0.18 | -0.08 | 1.45 | -0.38 | | | |
| Combined Average | | | | | | 1.66 | | |

Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

Figure 4.5

Line Diagram of Capital Adequacy Ratio (Supplementary Capital)

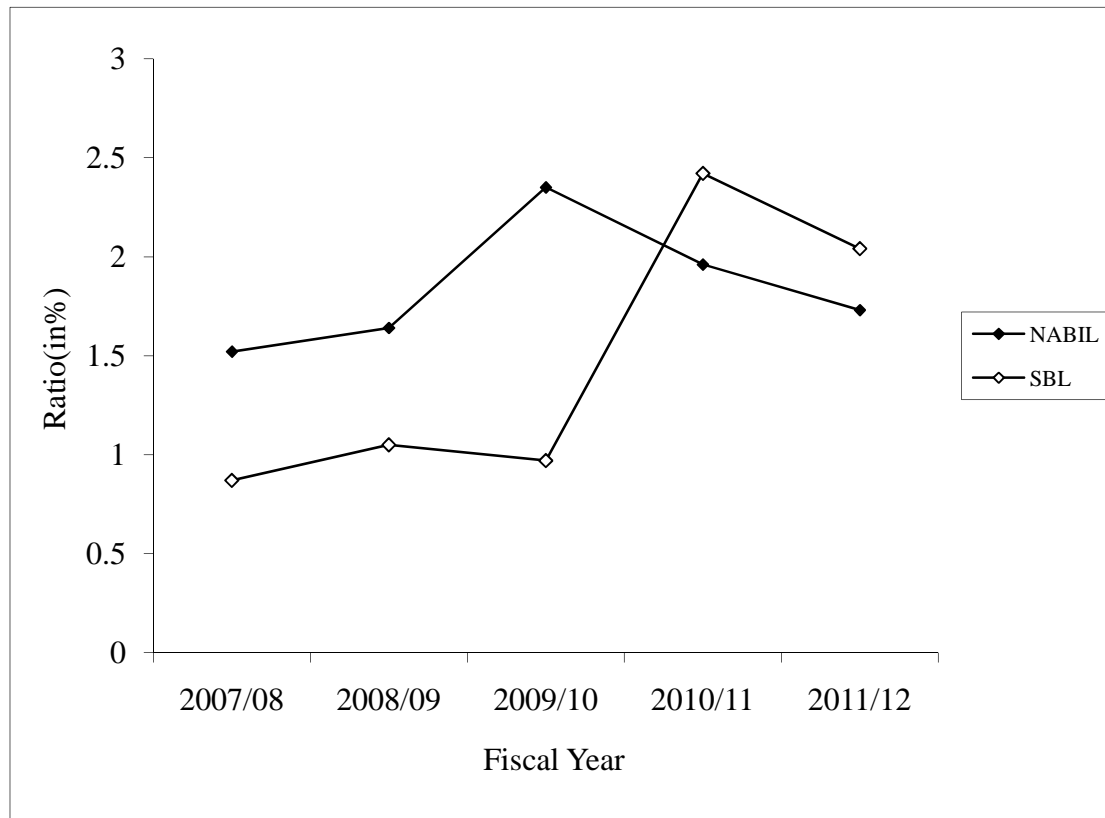


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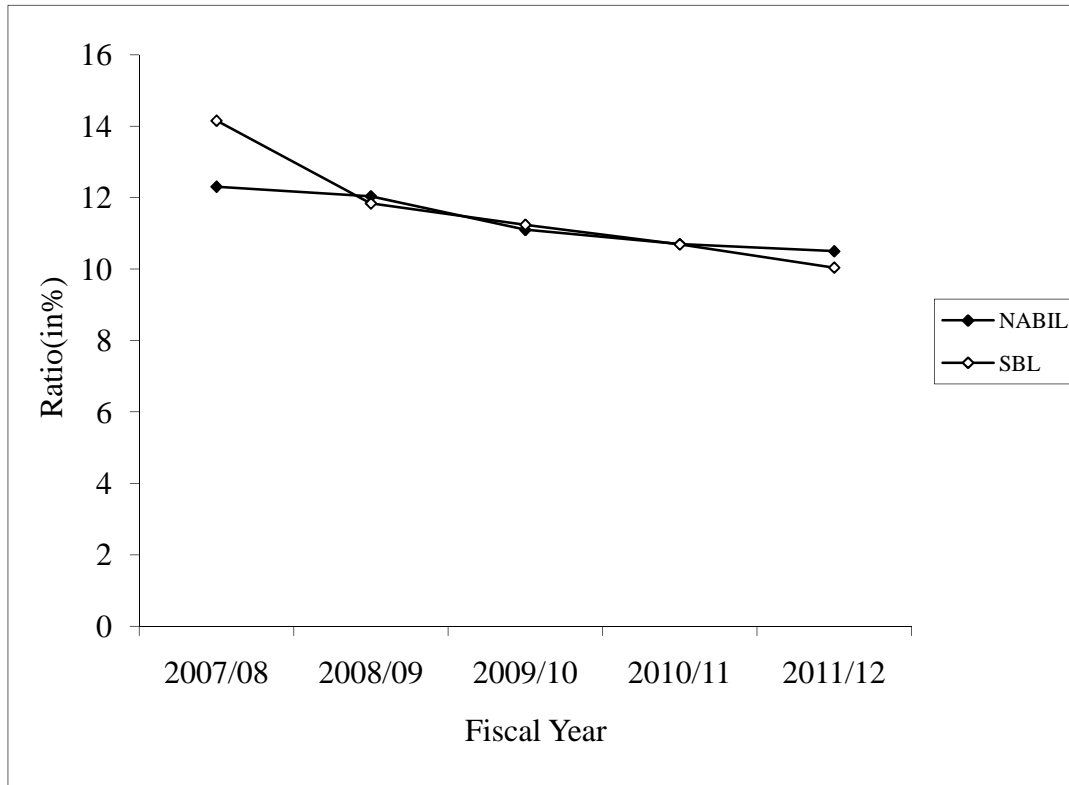
Capital Adequacy Ratio (in %) Total Capital Fund

| Bank/FY | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | Average | S.D | C.V |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|-------|
| NABIL | 12.31 | 12.04 | 11.10 | 10.70 | 10.50 | 11.33 | 0.81 | 7.15 |
| Change | - | -0.27 | -0.94 | -0.40 | -0.20 | | | |
| SBL | 14.16 | 11.84 | 11.24 | 10.69 | 10.04 | 11.59 | 1.58 | 13.63 |
| Change | - | -2.32 | -0.60 | -0.55 | -0.65 | | | |
| Combined Average | | | | | | 11.46 | | |

Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

Figure 4.6

Line Diagram of Capital Adequacy Ratio (Total Capital Fund)



The capital adequacy ratio of NABIL is 10.50% in fiscal year 2011/12 which is the lowest ratio during our study period. NABIL registered highest capital adequacy ratio of 12.31% in fiscal year 2007/08 having average capital adequacy ratio of 11.33%. Capital adequacy ratio is found above the ratio of minimum capital requirement of 10% in all the periods.

Similarly capital adequacy ratio of SBL is ranged between higher 14.16% to lower 10.04%. The ratio is recorded 14.16% in fiscal year 2007/08 which is the highest ratio during our study period. SBL registered the lowest capital adequacy ratio of 10.04% in fiscal year 2011/12 having average capital adequacy ratio of 11.59%. For SBL, capital adequacy ratio is found above the ratio of minimum capital requirement of 10% in all the periods.

The CV of SBL is higher than that of NABIL, which depicts that the fluctuation is greater in SBL than that of NABIL. NABIL has been able to maintain the capital adequacy ratio higher than the normal rate of 10% (prescribed minimum capital requirement) where the ratio of SBL is found much higher than the normal rate.

4.1.7 Analysis of Debt Capacity of the Banks

To analyze debt capacity of the banks or to indicate the firm's ability to meet interest obligation; interest coverage ratio is calculated. Interest coverage ratio is one of the most conventional coverage ratios which measure the relationship between what is normally available from operation of the firm and the claims of outsiders. It is used to taste firm's debt servicing capacity. It is determined by dividing operating profit by the fixed interest charges on debt.

$$\text{Interest Coverage Ratio} = \frac{\text{EBIT}}{\text{Interest}}$$

From the view point of the creditors, the larger the coverage ratio greater the ability of firm to handle fixed charges and assurance of payment of interest to creditors. However, too high or low ratio as well is unfavorable to the firms, high ratio implies that firms is very conservative in using debt and low ratio implies that firm is using excess debt and doesn't have the ability to offer assured payment of interest to creditors.

Table 4.17
EBIT and Interest Charges of NABIL & SBL

(Rs. in million)

| Fiscal Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| | EBIT | Interest | EBIT | Interest |
| 2007/08 | 1254.99 | 351.16 | 254.41 | 153.71 |
| 2008/09 | 1544.20 | 555.71 | 424.76 | 271.71 |
| 2009/10 | 1847.43 | 758.44 | 646.87 | 401.89 |
| 2010/11 | 2631.95 | 1153.28 | 1136.34 | 813.62 |
| 2011/12 | 3585.29 | 1960.11 | 1755.17 | 1406.49 |

Table 4.18

Interest Coverage Ratio of NABIL & SBL (in times)

| Bank/FY | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | Average | S.D | C.V |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| NABIL | 3.57 | 2.78 | 2.44 | 2.28 | 1.83 | 2.58 | 0.65 | 25.19 |
| Change | - | -0.79 | -0.34 | -0.16 | -0.45 | | | |
| SBL | 1.66 | 1.56 | 1.61 | 1.40 | 1.25 | 1.49 | 0.17 | 11.41 |
| Change | - | -0.10 | 0.05 | -0.21 | -0.15 | | | |
| Combined Average | | | | | | 2.04 | | |

Source: Annual Report of NABILL and SBL

The interest coverage ratio of NABIL was 1.83 times, which is the lowest ratio during our study period recording the highest ratio of 3.57 times in fiscal year 2007/08. NABIL maintained average interest coverage ratio of 2.58 times. Throughout the study period interest coverage ratio of NABIL is above the normal standard of two times except in fiscal year 2011/12.

Similarly, interest coverage ratio of SBL is 1.66 times in fiscal year 2007/08 which is the highest ratio during our study period recording the lowest ratio of 1.25 times in fiscal year 2011/12. SBL maintained its average interest coverage ratio of 1.49 times. Throughout the study period interest coverage ratio of SBL is below the normal standard of two times.

Higher the ratio indicates higher capacity to bear the high volume of interest charge and vice versa. NABIL bank have interest coverage ratio above the normal ratio i.e. 2 times and SBL have below the normal ratio, which could be considered as tight debt service capacity. So far NABIL is observed in better condition than SBL in their debt service capacity.

The variation of the ratio of SBL is observed less in comparison to NABIL i.e. CV of SBL is 11.41 whereas 25.19 is recorded in NABIL, which indicates that interest coverage ratio of SBL is consistent than that of NABIL.

Both banks are able to meet the interest obligation. In banking business, interest coverage ratio should not be tight so that banks could be able to service the debt coverage ratio. Moreover, the ratio of SBL in fiscal year 2011/12 is 1.25 times only, which is very tight to meet its interest obligation. The banks should have to pay more attention in this matter either increase its EBIT or maintaining its interest obligation (cost of fund).

4.1.8 Capital Structure Position of the Banks

When debt and equity are properly mixed, it minimizes the cost of capital and maximizes the value of firm. In-order to analyze the value of banks, fixed deposits and equity share capitals are taken into consideration. Net income approach is considered to fix out the overall capitalization rate of banks.

In-order to analyze the capital structure management of banks value of the firm is calculated as below. The value of firm is determined by adding debt and equity. The structure of banks is of fixed deposits and equity share capital only.

Table 4.19

Capital Structure Mix of NABIL

(Rs. in million)

| FY | Fixed Deposit | Equity Share | Total Value of Firm | Proportion |
|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 2007/08 | 3449.09 | 1875.00 | 5324.09 | 0.65 : 0.35 |
| 2008/09 | 5435.99 | 2057.00 | 7492.99 | 0.73 : 0.27 |
| 2009/10 | 8464.09 | 2437.20 | 10901.29 | 0.78 : 0.22 |
| 2010/11 | 8310.71 | 3130.24 | 11440.95 | 0.73 : 0.27 |
| 2011/12 | 14711.16 | 3834.23 | 18545.39 | 0.79 : 0.21 |

Source: Annual Report of NABIL

Table: 4.20

Capital Structure Mix of SBL

(Rs. in million)

| FY | Fixed Deposit | Equity Share | Total Value of Firm | Proportion |
|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 2007/08 | 1632.09 | 603.14 | 2235.23 | 0.73 : 0.27 |
| 2008/09 | 3022.56 | 793.71 | 3816.27 | 0.79 : 0.21 |
| 2009/10 | 4562.72 | 1068.35 | 5631.07 | 0.81 : 0.19 |
| 2010/11 | 7158.20 | 1278.74 | 8436.94 | 0.85 : 0.15 |
| 2011/12 | 10195.73 | 1603.54 | 11799.27 | 0.86 : 0.14 |

Source: Annual Report of SBL

The proportion of debt capital to equity of NABIL is above 70% in all fiscal year except in fiscal year 2007/08 during our study period. The proportion was 0.65:0.35 in fiscal year 2007/08 which is the lowest proportion of debt to equity over the study period. NABIL recorded the highest proportion of 0.79:0.21 in fiscal year 2011/12.

Likewise, the proportion of debt capital to equity of SBL is above 70% in all fiscal year during our study period. The proportion is 0.73:0.27 in fiscal year 2007/08 which is the lowest proportion of debt to equity over the study period. SBL recorded highest proportion of debt to equity of 0.86:0.14 in fiscal year 2011/12.

4.1.9 Overall Capitalization Rate (K_o)

The overall capitalization rate is calculated under net income approach, which measures the degree of leverage of firm. This approach assumes that cost of debt is less than cost of equity. So, if the degree of financial leverage is increased weighted average cost of capital will decline. As a result value of firm will increase. Higher the use of cheaper debt lowers the cost and consequently increases the value. Overall capitalization rate is calculated as:

$$K_o = \frac{\text{EBIT}}{\text{Value of firm}}$$

Table 4.21
EBIT and Value of the Firm of NABIL & SBL

(Rs. in million)

| Fiscal Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| | EBIT | Value of Firm | EBIT | Value of Firm |
| 2007/08 | 1254.99 | 5324.09 | 254.41 | 2235.23 |
| 2008/09 | 1544.20 | 7492.99 | 424.76 | 3816.27 |
| 2009/10 | 1847.43 | 10901.29 | 646.87 | 5631.07 |
| 2010/11 | 2631.95 | 11440.95 | 1136.34 | 8436.94 |
| 2011/12 | 3585.29 | 18545.39 | 1755.17 | 11799.27 |

Table 4.22

Overall Capitalization Rate of NABIL and SBL (in %)

| Fiscal Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|----------------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| | K _o | Change | K _o | Change |
| 2007/08 | 23.57 | - | 11.38 | - |
| 2008/09 | 20.61 | -2.96 | 11.13 | -0.25 |
| 2009/10 | 16.95 | -3.66 | 11.49 | 0.36 |
| 2010/11 | 23.00 | 6.05 | 13.47 | 1.98 |
| 2011/12 | 19.33 | -3.67 | 14.88 | 1.41 |
| Average | 20.69 | | 12.47 | |

Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

Average overall capitalization rate (K_o) is 20.69% of NABIL. The maximum overall capitalization rate of NABIL is 23.57% in fiscal year 2007/08 due to increase in EBIT in comparison to its value, whereas the capitalization rate is recorded minimum of 16.95% in fiscal year 2009/10 because of its decrease in EBIT.

Similarly the average overall capitalization rate of SBL is 12.47% which is less than of NABIL. In addition the K_o of SBL in all period is lower than that of NABIL. The highest K_o of SBL is 14.88% found in 2011/12 and the lowest is 11.13% in fiscal year 2008/09.

From the above it is found that increase in financial leverage there is decrease in K_o. This shows that cost of debt is lower than cost of equity.

4.2 Return on Capital Employed (ROCE)

Return on capital employed ratio is another ratio related to the profitability of long term funds. The ratio provides us a test of profitability related to the sources of long term funds and sufficient insights into how efficiently long term funds of owners and creditors are being used. It explains net income for each unit of long term funds. The higher the ratio, more efficient is the use of capital employed. From the point of view of judging operational efficiency return on capital employed is also more useful measure. The ratio is formulated as:

$$\text{ROCE} = \frac{\text{Net Income}}{(\text{Fixed Deposits} + \text{Net Worth})}$$

Where, Total Value of Firm = Fixed Deposits + Net Worth

Table 4.23

Net Income and Value of the Firm of NABIL & SBL

(Rs. in million)

| Fiscal Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| | Net Income | Value of Firm | Net Income | Value of Firm |
| 2007/08 | 720.73 | 5324.09 | 64.91 | 2235.23 |
| 2008/09 | 742.72 | 7492.99 | 94.83 | 3816.27 |
| 2009/10 | 746.47 | 10901.29 | 142.79 | 5631.07 |
| 2010/11 | 1031.05 | 11440.95 | 217.92 | 8436.94 |
| 2011/12 | 1138.57 | 18545.39 | 240.85 | 11799.27 |

Table 4.24

Return on Capital Employed (in %)

| Bank/FY | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | Average | S.D | C.V |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|-------|
| NABIL | 13.54 | 9.91 | 6.85 | 9.01 | 6.14 | 9.09 | 2.92 | 32.12 |
| Change | - | -3.63 | -3.06 | 2.16 | -2.87 | | | |
| SBL | 2.90 | 2.48 | 2.54 | 2.58 | 2.04 | 2.51 | 0.30 | 11.95 |
| Change | - | -0.42 | 0.06 | 0.04 | -0.54 | | | |
| Combined Average | | | | | | 5.80 | | |

Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

Return on capital employed of NABIL is 6.14% in fiscal year 2011/12 which is the lowest ratio during the study period. However NABIL recorded its highest return on capital employed of 13.54% in fiscal year 2007/08 having average return on capital employed of 9.09%.

On the other hand the lowest return on capital employed of SBL is 2.04% in fiscal year 2011/12 but the height figure of 2.90% in fiscal year 2007/08 having average return on capital employed of 2.51%.

On the ground of combined average of 5.80%, the ratio of SBL is found below than combined average in all periods, at the same time coefficient of variation of NABIL is more than that of SBL. This shows that ratio of NABIL is highly fluctuated throughout the period i.e. $CV = 32.12\% > C.V = 11.95\%$. This further explains that NABIL is not able in handling long term funds properly.

4.3 Return on Equity (ROE)

This ratio carries the relationship of return to the source of funds. This ratio shows whether the banks have earned a satisfactory return from its internal sources or not. Return on capital employed has expressed previously, the profitability of the banks in relation to the funds supplied by the creditors and owners together. But this ratio is used to measure exclusively return on owner's fund.

Hence, this ratio reveals how profitably the owners fund has been utilized by the banks and indicates whether a bank can compete for private source of capital in the company. Higher the ratio, higher will be the investment, which the shareholders will undertake. Return of equity ratio can be formulated as:

$$ROE = \frac{\text{Net Income}}{\text{Net Worth}}$$

Table 4.25

Net Income and Net Worth of NABIL & SBL

(Rs. in million)

| Fiscal Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| | Net Income | Net Worth | Net Income | Net Worth |
| 2007/08 | 720.73 | 1875.00 | 64.91 | 603.14 |
| 2008/09 | 742.72 | 2057.00 | 94.83 | 793.71 |
| 2009/10 | 746.47 | 2437.20 | 142.79 | 1068.35 |
| 2010/11 | 1031.05 | 3130.24 | 217.92 | 1278.74 |
| 2011/12 | 1138.57 | 3834.23 | 240.85 | 1603.54 |

Table 4.26

Return on Equity (in %)

| Bank/FY | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | Average | S.D | C.V |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|-------|
| NABIL | 38.44 | 36.11 | 30.63 | 32.94 | 29.69 | 33.56 | 3.68 | 10.97 |
| Change | - | -2.33 | -5.48 | 2.31 | -3.25 | | | |
| SBL | 10.76 | 11.95 | 13.37 | 17.04 | 15.02 | 13.63 | 2.48 | 18.20 |
| Change | - | 1.19 | 1.42 | 3.67 | -2.02 | | | |

Source: Annual Report of NABIL and SBL

The return on equity of NABIL is lowest of 29.69 % and that is the highest of 38.44% in fiscal year 2007/08 and decreased to 36.11% in fiscal year 2008/09. Average return on equity of NABIL is 33.56%.

The return on equity of SBL is found fluctuating in nature. The ratio is lowest of 10.76% in fiscal year 2007/08 and reached to the highest of 17.04% in fiscal year 2010/11 and again it decreased to 15.02% in fiscal year 2011/12. Than after having an average return on equity of 13.63%

Coefficient of variation shows that return on equity ratio of SBL is highly fluctuated than the ratio of NABIL i.e. $CV = 18.20\% > CV = 10.97\%$. NABIL seems more consistent in respect of return on equity than that of SBL.

Both the banks have satisfactory return of equity of above 10% in all fiscal years, which shows that both banks have utilized their shareholders equity in satisfactory manner.

4.4 Statistical Analysis

This Chapter incorporates some statistical tools, which are used to analyze the data to achieve the objective of the study. Such statistical tools are Karl Pearson's Correlation Coefficient & multiple regression analysis.

4.4.1 Correlation Coefficient Analysis

Correlation analysis deals with the statistical technique which measures the degree of relationship (or association) between the variables. In other words, it helps us in analyzing the co-variation of two or more variables. If two quantities vary such that movement in one variable accompanied by movement in other, then they are said to be correlated.

4.4.1.1 Correlation Coefficient between EBIT & Interest Payment

The relationship between EBIT & Interest payment is evaluated in order to measure debt serving capacity of the banks. It is assumed that there is significant relationship between EBIT & Interest payment. Here interest payment (X) is dependent variable and EBIT (Y) is independent variable. The following result obtained for NABIL & SBL.

Table 4.27

Correlation Coefficient between EBIT & Interest Payment

| Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Interest(X) | EBIT(Y) | Interest(X) | EBIT(Y) |
| 2007/08 | 351.16 | 1254.99 | 153.71 | 254.41 |
| 2008/09 | 555.71 | 1544.20 | 271.71 | 424.76 |
| 2009/10 | 758.44 | 1847.43 | 401.89 | 646.87 |
| 2010/11 | 1153.28 | 2631.95 | 813.62 | 1136.34 |
| 2011/12 | 1960.11 | 3585.29 | 1406.49 | 1755.17 |
| r | 0.9853 | | 0.9966 | |
| r ² | 0.9425 | | 0.9931 | |
| P.E. | 0.0173 | | 0.0021 | |
| 6P.E. | 0.1041 | | 0.0125 | |
| Relation | Positive | | Positive | |
| Significant/ Insignificant | Significant | | Significant | |

Source: Calculation through computer Excel programme.

$$r = \frac{\sum XY}{\sqrt{\sum X^2} \sqrt{\sum Y^2}}$$

$$P.E. = 0.6745 \times \frac{1-r^2}{\sqrt{n}}$$

The correlation between EBIT & Interest payment of NABIL is 0.9853 and it is 0.9966 in SBL, which shows higher positive relationship in both the banks.

Coefficient of determination (r^2) of NABIL indicated that 94.25% variation in interest payment is explained by the independent variable EBIT, where as in the case of SBL 99.31% of the variation in the interest payment is explained by EBIT.

Considering the probable error (P.E.), the value of 'r' of both the banks are greater than six times of the P.E. Therefore, we can say that the value of 'r' is significant i.e., there is significant relationship between EBIT & Interest payment. This depicts us that the banks are significantly able to service their debt.

4.4.1.2 Correlation Coefficient between Return & Debt Capital

The relationship between return and debt capital of both the banks is analyzed in order to examine whether debt capital is significant in generating more return. It is assumed that there is significant relationship between return and debt capital.

Here, Return(X) is dependent variable and Debt Capital (Y) is independent variable. The following result is obtained for NABIL & SBL.

Table 4.28

Correlation Coefficient between Return & Debt capital

| Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | EBIT(X) | Debt Capital(Y) | EBIT(X) | Debt Capital(Y) |
| 2007/08 | 1254.99 | 20454.98 | 254.41 | 4152.90 |
| 2008/09 | 1544.20 | 25196.34 | 424.76 | 7150.60 |
| 2009/10 | 1847.43 | 34695.61 | 646.87 | 10581.45 |
| 2010/11 | 2631.95 | 40737.16 | 1136.34 | 16603.01 |
| 2011/12 | 3585.29 | 48245.50 | 1755.17 | 21198.89 |
| r | 0.9930 | | 0.9925 | |
| r ² | 0.9860 | | 0.9850 | |
| P.E. | 0.0042 | | 0.0045 | |
| 6P.E. | 0.0253 | | 0.0271 | |
| Relation | Positive | | Positive | |
| Significant/ Insignificant | Significant | | Significant | |

Source: Calculation through computer Excel programme.

$$r = \frac{\sum XY}{\sqrt{\sum X^2} \sqrt{\sum Y^2}}$$

$$P.E. = 0.6745 \times \frac{1-r^2}{\sqrt{n}}$$

From the above correlation between return and total debt capital in case of NABIL was 0.9930 which shows high positive relationship. This refers that increase in total capital increases return. Coefficient of determination (r²) of the bank is 98.60%, indicated that 98.60% of the variation in the return is explained by the debt capital. The probable error (6 P.E.) of the bank is 0.0253 less than value of 'r'. This indicated that there is significant relationship between the variables. This depicts that debt capital of the bank is significant in generating more returns.

Similarly, correlation between return and total debt capital of SBL is 0.9925 which showed that the variables are highly positively correlated. This refers that increase in debt capital increases return. Coefficient of determination (r²) of the bank indicated that 98.50% of the variable in dependent variable (return) is explained by independent

variable (total debt capital). Considering the probable error (P.E.), the value of 'r' of the bank is greater than six times of the P.E. This depicts that debt capital of SBL is significant in generating more returns.

4.4.1.3 Coefficient of Correlation between Debt Equity Ratio (DER) & Return on Equity (ROE)

The correlation between DER(X) and ROE(Y) of both the banks is analyzed in order to know whether increase in debt capital portion in the capital structure increase return on equity. The following result is obtained for NABIL & SBL.

Table 4.29
Correlation Coefficient between Debt equity Ratio (DER) & Return on Equity (ROE)

| Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | DER(X) | ROE(Y) | DER(X) | ROE(Y) |
| 2007/08 | 1090.93 | 38.44 | 688.55 | 10.76 |
| 2008/09 | 1224.91 | 36.11 | 900.91 | 11.95 |
| 2009/10 | 1423.58 | 30.63 | 990.45 | 13.37 |
| 2010/11 | 1301.41 | 32.94 | 1298.39 | 17.04 |
| 2011/12 | 1258.28 | 29.69 | 1322.01 | 15.02 |
| r | 0.9850 | | 0.9957 | |
| r ² | 0.9702 | | 0.9914 | |
| P.E. | 0.0090 | | 0.0026 | |
| 6P.E. | 0.0539 | | 0.0156 | |
| Relation | Positive | | Positive | |
| Significant/ Insignificant | Significant | | Significant | |

Source: Calculation through computer Excel programme.

$$r = \frac{\sum XY}{\sqrt{\sum X^2} \sqrt{\sum Y^2}}$$

$$P.E. = 0.6745 \times \frac{1-r^2}{\sqrt{n}}$$

From the above table, correlation between ROE and DER, ROE being dependent on DER, it is found positive relationship in both banks i.e., increase in leverage, increases

ROE (Which is the objective of financial leverage). Coefficient of determination (r^2) indicated that 97.02% of the variation in ROE is explained by DER of NABIL where as in case of SBL 99.14% of the variable in ROE is explained by DER

Considering probable error (P.E.), it is found that the value of 'r' is greater than six times P.E. of NABIL. So, it can be concluded that the value of 'r' is significant. The value of 'r' is found more than six times P.E. of SBL. So it can be concluded that value of 'r' is significant. This means that debt equity ratio of NABIL is significant in generating more returns on equity. Thus there is proper relationship between ROE & DER.

4.4.1.4 Coefficient of Correlation between Overall Capitalization Rate (K_o) & Debt Equity Ratio (DER)

The correlation coefficient between overall capitalization rate(X) and debt equity ratio (Y) in terms of total debt to net worth is calculated in order to measure whether increase in the debt equity ratio decrease overall capitalization rate of the banks. Applying Karl Pearson's correlation coefficient, the following result is obtained for NABIL & SBL.

Table 4.30**Correlation Coefficient between Overall Capitalization Rate (K_o) & Debt Equity Ratio**

| Year | NABIL | | SBL | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| | K _o (X) | DER(Y) | K _o (X) | DER(X) |
| 2007/08 | 23.57 | 1090.93 | 11.38 | 688.55 |
| 2008/09 | 20.61 | 1224.91 | 11.13 | 900.91 |
| 2009/10 | 16.95 | 1423.58 | 11.49 | 990.45 |
| 2010/11 | 23.00 | 1301.41 | 13.47 | 1298.39 |
| 2011/12 | 19.33 | 1258.28 | 14.88 | 1322.01 |
| r | 0.9820 | | 0.9906 | |
| r ² | 0.9643 | | 0.9813 | |
| P.E. | 0.0108 | | 0.0056 | |
| 6P.E. | 0.0646 | | 0.0338 | |
| Relation | Positive | | Positive | |
| Significant/ Insignificant | Significant | | Significant | |

Source: Calculation through computer Excel programme.

$$r = \frac{\sum XY}{\sqrt{\sum X^2} \sqrt{\sum Y^2}}$$

$$P.E. = 0.6745 \times \frac{1-r^2}{\sqrt{n}}$$

From the above result, correlation between overall capitalization rate and debt equity ratio of SBL is found highly positive relationship of 0.9906, which indicated that increase in debt capital portion in capital structure increases overall capitalization rate. Similar type of relationship is found in case of NABIL. Coefficient of determination(r²) indicated that 96.43% and 98.13% (of NABIL & SBL respectively) of the variation in overall capitalization rate is explained by DER. Considering the probable error (P.E.), the value of 'r' of both the banks is found greater than six times their P.E., which indicate that there is significant relationship between DER and overall capitalization rate.

4.5 Major Findings of the Study

Based on the above calculation following major findings have been made as below:

- Total fixed deposit of NABIL is in continuous increasing trend during the study period except in fiscal year 2010/11. Fixed deposit of NABIL is higher than

that of SBL in all the years of our study period. On the other hand total fixed deposit of SBL is in continuous increasing trend during the entire study period. On average fixed deposit increasing rate is higher for SBL than NABIL.

- Total shareholders' equity (net worth) of NABIL is also continuous increasing trend during the study period. Shareholders' equity of NABIL is higher than SBL in all the years during our study period. Similarly total shareholders' equity of SBL is in continuous increasing trend during the entire study period. On average shareholders' equity increasing rate is higher for SBL than NABIL.
- The percentage of fixed deposit to total debt of SBL is higher than NABIL in all the five fiscal year. The ratio of the NABIL is in increasing trend however it is decreased in fiscal year 2010/11 but it has further increased in fiscal year 2011/12. Similarly the ratio of SBL is also in increasing trend except in fiscal year 2010/11 but it has also further increased in fiscal year 2011/12. The lower C.V. of SBL than NABIL shows that less volatile of the ratio in SBL.
- Fixed deposit to net worth ratio of NABIL has increased in first three fiscal years then it has decreased in fiscal year 2010/11 but it has further increased in fiscal year 2011/12. Likewise the fixed deposit to net worth ratio of SBL has increased in every year during our study period. The higher C.V. of SBL shows that variability of the ratio is higher in SBL than in NABIL.
- The ratio of fixed deposit to capital employed of NABIL is fluctuating during the entire study period and SBL has the increasing trend. The ratio of NABIL is increasing in year 2007/08, 2008/09 & 2009/10 after that it is decreased in 2010/11 then it further increases in year 2011/12. Likewise the ratio of SBL has increased in every year. The C.V. analysis shows that variability of the ratio is extremely more in SBL compare to NABIL.
- The ratio of total debt to total assets is recorded over 80% in both banks that show that both banks are founded using higher capital to finance their assets. In both banks, creditor's margin of safety is very low. The fluctuation of ratio is higher in SBL than in NABIL.
- Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) of both banks is fluctuating during the study period. For the first year i.e. fiscal year 2007/08 CAR is lower in NABIL than

in SBL but in fiscal year 2008/09 this ratio is higher in NABIL than in SBL, similarly in fiscal year 2009/10 CAR is higher for SBL than NABIL and after there NABIL has higher CAR till fiscal year 2011/12 during our study period. NABIL has been able to maintain the CAR higher than the normal rate of 10 % (prescribed minimum capital required) where the ratio of SBL is found much higher than the normal rate.

- Both banks are able to meet the interest obligation. Interest coverage ratio of NABIL is higher in every year than SBL during our study period. This shows that NABIL has the greater ability to handle the fixed charges and to make the payment of interest to the creditors. But the interest coverage ratio of SBL is consistent than that of NABIL.
- The proportion of debt capital to equity capital of SBL is more consistent than that of NABIL ranging from 73% to 86%. But the same ratio of NABIL is quite highly fluctuated ranged from 65% to maximum of 79%.
- Return on capital employed of NABIL is higher for every year during our study period. Fluctuation of the ratio is more in NABIL and the average ratio is higher in NABIL than that of SBL. This result indicates that SBL is more capable to utilize its long-term capital.
- Both the banks have satisfactory return on equity of above 10% in all fiscal years, which shows that both banks had utilized their shareholders equity in satisfactory manner. On average return on equity is higher for NABIL than that of SBL. Approximately two times more C.V. of SBL than NABIL indicates that the ratio is massively fluctuating in SBL. This ratio is very bad sign for the bank.
- Correlation coefficient between EBIT & Interest payment of both banks is highly positive, which shows higher positive relationship. 94.25% of variation in interest payment is explained by the independent variable EBIT of NABIL and the same for SBL is 99.31%. The relationship between EBIT and Interest payment of both banks is significant and they are significantly able to serve their debt.
- Correlation coefficient between EBIT and debt capital of both banks is showing high positive relationship. This refers that increase in total debt capital increases return. 98.60% of coefficient of determination of NABIL shows that

98.60% of the variation in the return is explained by the debt capital. In the case of SBL 98.50% of the variation in dependent variable (return) is explained by independent variable (total debt capital). The debt capital of banks is significant in generating the more return.

- High positive correlation coefficient of both banks between ROE and DER indicates that increase in leverage increases ROE (objective of financial leverage). Analysis shows that 97.02% of variation of NABIL and 99.14% variation of SBL in ROE is explained by DER. And debt equity ratio of both banks is significant in generating more return on equity.
- Correlation between overall capitalization rate and debt equity ratio of both the banks is found highly positive relationship, which indicates that increase in debt capital portion in capital structure increase overall capitalization rate.
- Coefficient of determination (r^2) indicates that 96.43% and 98.13 % (of NABIL & SBL respectively) of the variation in overall capitalization rate is explained by DER.

CHAPTER - V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This chapter is the concluding part of the research, deals with summary of the study, conclusion and recommendations for further improvement.

5.1 Summary

The role of Commercial Banks in the economic growth of the nation can be fairly estimated to be very prominent. By mobilizing the scattered idle resources from the savers, commercial banks pool the fund in a sizable volume in order to feed to the fund requirement of productive sector of the economy. Such investments in the productive sector promote trade and industrialization in the country thereby raising the employment opportunities and earning to the laborers and materials & service providers to such industries and trades, which as a chain effect, promotes saving into the banks and more saving means more funds available in the Bank for further investment. In this way, as the chain moves rolling on, the economy of the nation also grows.

Sound capital structure is required to operate business smoothly and achieve the business goal. Capital structure is concerned with analyzing the capital composition of the company. The capital structure concept has an important place in the theory of financial management. A proper balance between debt and equity is necessary to ensure a trade off between risk and return of the shareholders.

To remain as the major contributing factor to the growth of the nation's economy, the banks also have to sustainable existence and growth of themselves. For the sustainable existence and growth of a bank, it must ensure reasonable profitability for which capital structure management decision is one of the important functions of its management. As the Banks are formed as joint stock companies promoted by shareholders investment, it must primarily concerned with determining an optimal

capital structure in the view of providing reasonable return on the fund of the shareholders.

NABIL Bank Limited is first joint venture bank in Nepal and one of the well-run commercial bank in Nepal established in the year 1984 A.D. with an objective of providing competitive and modern banking service in the Nepalese financial market. It has completed its twenty sixth years of operation. Similarly, Siddhartha Bank Limited has served Nepalese economy since 2002 A.D. The Bank is promoted by a group of highly reputed Nepalese dignitaries having wide commercial experience.

This study has tried to cover the various aspects of capital structure of the banks under study covering the time period of five years, from F/Y 2007/08 to 2011/12. In the first introductory chapter, this study report has tried to give brief history and introduction of banking and its relation to the economy, status of commercial banks resources and their uses, brief profile of the concerned bank, general concepts to capital structure, the problem statement, objective of the study and its limitations and significance.

During the research works, an extensive review of various literatures, books, past thesis, journals have been made and Internet materials from relevant web site were also consulted. The works were compiled into the chapter two titled as “Review of Literature” of this study report.

Study gathered data from annual reports of the banks under study publications of NRB and web site of Nepal Stock Exchange is also used. (1) Financial tools to calculate expected rate of return. (2) Statistical tools such as mean, standard deviation, coefficient of variance, correlation coefficient & coefficient of determination (3) other banking tools along with details of research methodologies followed for this research works are mentioned in the Chapter three titled as “Research Methodology.”

Data relating to various activities of the Bank has been collected presented in tabular and various lines diagrams, figures and bars diagrams form and are tried to be interpreted in the study report in logical ways. Data are then analyzed applying various accounting financial, mathematical and statistical tools and findings of the

study have been listed in a systematic manner. All these works are compiled in the forth chapter titled as “Data Presentation and Analysis” of this study.

Finally, the summary, major findings and the recommendation made by the researcher by this study are hereby being presented in this current chapter, chapter five titled as “Summary, Conclusions and recommendations.”

5.2 Conclusions

In the process of analyzing capital structure of NABIL Bank Ltd. and Siddhartha Bank Ltd. the data are analyzed from the fiscal year 2007/08 to 2011/12. From the study, both the banks have used high degree of leverage in its financial structure (i.e. fixed deposits to net worth and total debt to net worth are very high.). Both the banks have highly geared up capital structure.. Annual growth rate in shareholders' equity of SBL is higher than NABIL but not in volume. Similarly the annual growth rate of fixed deposits of SBL is higher than NABIL and in volume NABIL has more fixed deposits than that of SBL. Both the banks were found increasing fixed deposits in their financial mix. Both the banks are able to maintain capital adequacy ratio. NABIL has significant strength of share in the market. Return ratios of SBL are poor, at the same time return ratios of NABIL are not satisfactory. Therefore being geared up capital structure and insufficient returns represent the weak aspects of these two banks. SBL is weak in using long term funds and total debt and NABIL performing in using long term funds and total debt in not satisfactory. Operating expenses of NABIL is higher than SBL. Both the banks are able to serve their debt capital adequately. However, interest coverage ratio of NABIL is higher than SBL during our study period. In case of interest coverage ratio, standard deviation and C.V. of NABIL is higher than SBL. Less C.V. is preferable so on the basis of interest coverage ratio SBL is less risky than NABIL. Debt equity ratio tends to increase return on shareholders' equity significantly in case of both the bank.

It is found that NABIL seems to be better in terms of capital structure as well as profitability than SBL. Thus it can be remarked from the analysis that NABIL promises a better future. Increase in value of the firm is the result of increasing market

price of share not only leverage and it shows that only leverage cannot determine the overall capitalization rate.

5.3 Recommendations

Some weaknesses have been found while analyzing the data. To overcome these weaknesses some remarkable suggestions have been made as follows:

- The value of the firm can be maximized by minimizing the overall cost of capital. The organizations should focus more on optimal capital structure rather than increasing debt portion or equity.
- Commercial banks are recommended to go through its cost of capital while changing capital structure position. If the cost of capital is lower than its return, they are recommended to use more debt capital. If the cost of capital is higher than its return they are recommended to use only equity capital. But the banks can not run without debt because the major functions of the banks are to collect debt. So they are recommended to use its debt in profitable sector only.
- It is recommended that cost and benefit should be analyzed before raising fund from different source of capital. Although debt creates tax benefit and increase ROE.
- Banks are recommended to distribute more profit as dividend to their shareholders, so that they can increase their goodwill and can raise more share capital when their shares are issued in the market.
- The capital structure decisions are not found to be considered properly by the banks. It affects the value of the firm and overall cost of capital so every investment and financing decision of the company should be taken by considering the capital structure of the firm.
- Both the banks vary in case of total assets, number of staff, number of branches, and their volume in transactions. Both the banks are well established, however office operating expenses of NABIL is higher than that of SBL. Similarly provision for staff bonus of NABIL is higher than that of SBL. So NABIL is suggested to minimize the cost. Operating cost of both banks seems high so operating cost also should minimize.

- The capital structure of both the banks is highly levered. The proportion of debt and equity capital should be decided keeping in mind the efforts of tax advantage and financial distress. The banks, when it is difficult to pay interest and principal, ultimately lead to liquidation bankruptcy. For such, the banks should reduce the high use of debt capital.
- The banks should give continuity in providing both conceptual and practical training to the staff to enhance their knowledge, skill and competency level, they should remain consistency vigilant in enhancing their moral and motivation. The banks have to enhance effectiveness, efficiency and proper coordination of its department tasks by continuously reviewing its structural design in accordance with the need of the changing time and situation.
- It has been found that modern banking technologies followed by NRB of Nepal are mostly beneficial to the high level of depositors, so both the banks are suggested to make their technologies assessable to all kind of their depositors as far as possible.
- There is a need to regular analysis and evaluation of capital structure. This will help to possible alternatives and avenues available reap benefits.

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Appendix-I
List of Commercial Banks

| S.N. | Commercial Banks | Operation Date(A.D.) | Head Office |
|-------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Nepal Bank Ltd. | 1937/11/15 | Kathmandu |
| 2. | Rastriya Banijya Bank Ltd. | 1966/01/23 | Kathmandu |
| 3. | Agriculture Development Bank Ltd. | 1968/01/02 | Kathmandu |
| 4. | NABIL Bank Ltd. | 1984/07/16 | Kathmandu |
| 5. | Nepal Investment Bank Ltd. | 1986/02/27 | Kathmandu |
| 6. | Standard Chartered Bank Nepal Ltd. | 1987/01/30 | Kathmandu |
| 7. | Himalayan Bank Ltd. | 1993/01/18 | Kathmandu |
| 8. | Nepal SBI Bank Ltd. | 1993/07/07 | Kathmandu |
| 9. | Nepal Bangladesh Bank Ltd. | 1993/06/05 | Kathmandu |
| 10. | Everest Bank Ltd. | 1994/10/18 | Kathmandu |
| 11. | Bank of Kathmandu Ltd. | 1995/03/12 | Kathmandu |
| 12. | Nepal Credit & Commerce Bank Ltd. | 1996/10/14 | Siddharthanagar |
| 13. | Lumbini Bank Ltd. | 1998/07/17 | Narayanghat |
| 14. | Nepal Industrial & Commercial Bank Ltd. | 1998/07/21 | Biratnagar |
| 15. | Machhapuchhre Bank Ltd. | 2000/10/03 | Pokhara |
| 16. | Kumari Bank Ltd. | 2001/04/03 | Kathmandu |
| 17. | Laxmi Bank Ltd. | 2002/04/03 | Birgunj |
| 18. | Siddhartha Bank Ltd. | 2002/12/24 | Kathmandu |
| 19. | Global Bank Ltd | 2007/01/02 | Birgunj |
| 20. | Citizens Bank International Ltd. | 2007/06/21 | Kathmandu |
| 21. | Prime Commercial Bank Ltd. | 2007/09/24 | Kathmandu |
| 22. | Bank of Asia Nepal Ltd. | 2007/10/12 | Kathmandu |
| 23. | Sunrise Bank Ltd. | 2007/10/12 | Kathmandu |
| 24. | DCBL Bank Ltd. | 2001/01/23 | Kathmandu |
| 25. | NMB Bank Ltd. | 1996/11/26 | Kathmandu |
| 26. | Kist Bank Ltd. | 2009/05/07 | Kathmandu |
| 27. | Janata Bank Nepal Ltd. | 2010/04/05 | Kathmandu |
| 28. | Mega Bank Ltd. | 2010/07/23 | Kathmandu |
| 29. | Commerz and Trust Bank Ltd. | 2010/09/20 | Kathmandu |
| 30. | Civil Bank Ltd. | 2010/11/26 | Kathmandu |
| 31. | Century Commercial Bank Ltd. | 2011/01/23 | Kathmandu |
| 32. | Sanima Bank | 2012 | Kathmandu |

Source: (www.nrb.org.np).

APPENDIX-II
PROFILE OF THE ORGANIZATION

i) NABIL Bank Limited (NABIL)

The door for opening commercial banks was opened to the private sector with the establishment of NABIL Bank in 12th July 1984 A.D. as the first joint venture bank of Nepal with the capital of 30 million and a team of less than 50 housed in a small outlet at Durbar Marg. First NABIL Bank Ltd was known as Nepal Arab Bank Ltd when the bank was tied up with Dubai Bank Ltd - UAE. But now the whole management has been taken over by the Nepal and all top officials are Nepalese citizens, so the bank known as NABIL Bank Ltd with no full forms. The bank has been very successful in generating massive volume of deposits providing various international standard service such as anywhere banking, Automated Teller Machines (ATM) at the various outlets of the country, which provides visa card, master card, credit card facilities, issuing wide range of debit and credit cards, providing online banking service etc. Beyond these banking services, the bank has been successfully providing USA visa application service at the Maharajgunj branch, where application for USA visa are handled. Now NABIL bank's 47 branches and 63 ATM's are in operation (www.nabilbank.com as on mid march, 2011)

Capital Structure of NABIL Bank Ltd.

Share Capital & Ownership

| Particulars | Amount(Rs.) |
|--|----------------------|
| 1 Share Capital | |
| 1.1 Authorised Capital | 1,600,000,000 |
| a) 16,000,000 Ordinary Share of Rs. 100 each | 1,600,000,000 |
| b) Non redeemable Preference Share | - |
| c) Redeemable Preference Share | - |
| 1.2 Issued Capital | 1,449,124,000 |
| 14,491,240 Ordinary Share of Rs. 100 each | 1,449,124,000 |
| 1.3 Paid up Capital | 1,449,124,000 |
| 14,491,240 Ordinary Share of Rs. 100 each | 1,449,124,000 |
| 1.4 Proposed Bonus Share | 579,649,600 |
| 1.5 Call in Advance | - |

Share Ownership

| Particulars | Amount(Rs.) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Internal Ownership | 724,562,000 |
| 1.1 Nepal Government | - |
| 1.2 'A' Level Licensed Institutions | - |
| 1.3 Other Licensed Institutions | 89,130,800 |
| 1.4 Other Institutions | 144,924,300 |
| 1.5 General Public | 434,737,200 |
| 1.6 Others | 55,769,700 |
| 2 Foreign Ownership | 724,562,000 |
| Total | 1,449,124,000 |

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ii) Siddhartha Bank Limited. (SBL)

Siddhartha Bank Limited (SBL) commenced operations in 24th December 2002. The Bank is promoted by a group of highly reputed Nepalese dignitaries having wide commercial experience, In Nepal, today stands as one of the premier banks in the country. While the promoters come from a wide range of sectors they possess immense business acumen and share their valuable experiences towards the betterment of the bank. Siddhartha Bank now boasts of strong retail banking and trade operations complementing its longstanding corporate finance expertise. Within a short span of time, Siddhartha Bank has been able to establish itself as a healthy and strong institution, with profitability, capital adequacy and portfolio quality of the highest order. The bank provides a full range of commercial banking services through 39 branches and more than 16 ATM's established in Kathmandu, Birgunj, Biratnagar, Pokhara, Damak, Narayangarh, Patan & other parts of Nation along with an extension counter at B & B Hospital. Motto of the bank is "Our Business is to Understand Your Business".

Siddhartha Bank provides various products and services. Siddhartha Bank Limited offers a wide variety of services ranging from a small saving account to large finances. It has something for every section of the society and its services are tailor-made to suit every customer. The services provided so far are as follows:

- a. Current, Savings, Call and Fixed Deposit Accounts-both in LCY & FCY
- b. Funds Transfer (Draft, T.T. & Fax, Western Union Money Transfer etc.)
- c. Purchase & Sale of Traveller's Cheques
- d. ATM / Debit Card
- e. Trade Finance
- f. Bank Guarantees
- g. Letters of Credit
- h. Bills Purchases
- i. Corporate Finance
- j. Consumer Loans
- k. Clearing / Collection
- l. Safe Deposit Lockers
- m. Anywhere Branch Banking System (ABBS)
- n. Extended Counter Services
- o. Banking Services on SWIFT
- p. Other Allied services

(www.siddharthabank.com as on mid march, 2011)

Capital Structure of Siddhartha Bank Ltd.

Share Capital & Ownership

| Particulars | Amount(Rs.) |
|--|----------------------|
| 1 Share Capital | |
| 1.1 Authorised Capital | 3,000,000,000 |
| a) 30,000,000 Ordinary Share of Rs. 100 each | 3,000,000,000 |
| b) Non redeemable Preference Share | - |
| c) Redeemable Preference Share | - |
| | 1,571,130,000 |
| 1.2 Issued Capital | 1,571,130,000 |
| 15,711,300 Ordinary Share of Rs. 100 each | 1,095,030,000 |
| | 1,095,030,000 |
| 1.3 Paid up Capital | |

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| 10,950,300 Ordinary Share of Rs. 100 each | - |
| 1.5 Proposed Bonus Share | 215,406,445 |
| 1.5 Call in Advance | |

Share Ownership

| Particulars | Amount(Rs.) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Internal Ownership | 1,095,030,000 |
| 1.1 Nepal Government | - |
| 1.2 'A' Level Licensed Institutions | - |
| 1.3 Other Licensed Institutions | - |
| 1.4 Other Institutions | - |
| 1.5 General Public | 536,564,700 |
| 1.6 Others | 558,465,300 |
| 2 Foreign Ownership | - |
| Total | 1,095,030,000 |

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