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ABBREVIATIONS

BOKL Bank of Kathmandu Limited

CITBL Citizens Bank International Limited

CPI Consumer Price Index

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GIMEBL Global IME Bank Limited

HBL Himalayan Bank Limited

KBL Kumari Bank Limited

LDCs Least Developed Countries

MBL Machapuchhre Bank Limited

NABL Nabil Bank Limited

NCCBL Nepal Credit and Commerce Bank Limited

NEPSE Nepal Stock Exchange

NIBL Nepal Investment Bank Limited

NRB Nepal Rastra Bank

ROA Return on Assets

SBIBL SBI Bank Limited

SD Standard Deviation

SIDBL Siddhartha Bank Limited

SCBL Standard Charter Bank Nepal Limited

SEBON Security Exchange Board of Nepal

S & P Standard and Poor

SUNBL Sunrise Bank Limited

ABSTRACT

Deposits are the most secured and liquid financial assets available, which can accelerate bank lending to various sectors. Similarly, bank deposit plays an important role in economic development of country. Deposit serves as the main source of funds for bank intermediation activities which can simply classified as fixed deposit, saving commercial banks. The study is based on secondary data of 13 commercial banks for the period of 2013/14 to 2019/20. Data and information have been collected from Banking and Financial Statistics of NRB and annual reports of the selected commercial banks. The research design adopted in this study is descriptive and causal comparative research design as it deals with the determinants of bank deposits of Nepalese commercial banks. This study attempts to examine the determinants of bank deposits of Nepalese commercial bank.

The descriptive statistics for commercial banks show that the average saving deposit, fixed deposit, current deposit, saving deposit rate, fixed deposit rate, number of branches, return on assets, gross domestic product, population growth rate, money supply and consumer price index. The regression analysis reveals that deposit rate has positive impact on deposit. This indicates that higher deposit rate, higher would be the saving deposit and fixed deposit. Similarly, number of branches has positive impact on bank deposit. This reveals that higher the number of branches, higher would be the bank deposit. On the other hand, return on assets has positive impact on saving deposit and current deposit. This states that higher the return on assets, higher would be the saving deposit and current deposit.

The study also shows that consumer price index has negative impact on bank deposit. This reveals that higher the consumer price index, lower would be the bank deposit. Similarly, gross domestic product has positive impact on bank deposit. This states that higher the gross domestic product, higher would be the bank deposit. The study also reveals that saving deposit rate, fixed deposit rate, number of branches, return on assets and consumer price index are major determinants of banks deposit of Nepalese commercial banks.