CHAPTER – I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Nepal, a landlocked country with a population of around 25 million, has per capita income of \$311 (2007). It is situated in the lap of Himalayas. It is bordering the most populous countries of the world. India in east, south and west and China in the north. The majority of population is rural based (almost 90%) and the incidence of poverty is highly prevalent in rural areas (56%). There are limited development activities in the villages. We can see the necked picture of poor people. Most of the people are farmers but there is very little land well cultivated for agriculture. Economic status is growing very slowly. Government should create employment opportunities and other resources of income as well as infrastructure in those areas by providing loans and facilities as per their skills, capacity and efficiency. But it is due to not proper utilization of available resources in efficient manner.

For proper and efficient utilization of resources, it needs proper plan and strategy development, and for plan and strategy development, huge amount of capital investment is required. For the growth and development of economy of country, industrialization plays crucial role. There are lots of examples regarding the rapid economic growth of countries because of industrialization.

Bank, a financial institution, is playing a vital role in the economic development of the country. The function of banks are not only accepting deposits and granting loans but also, includes wide range of services to the different status of society, to facilitate the growth of trade, commerce, industry and agriculture of the national economy. In the absence and insufficiency of banking and financial facilities, the growth of the economic development becomes slow. However, bank is a resource for economic development, which maintains the self-confidence of various segments of society and advances credit to the people.

A bank is an institution, which deals with money and credit. It accepts the deposits from public and mobilizes the fund to productive sectors. Bank, is, therefore known as a dealer of money. Bank is the establishment for keeping money, valuables etc. safely the money being paid out on the customer's order (be means of cheques). Similarly, a definition given in encyclopedia that 'a bank is a business organization that receives and holds deposits of funds from others and makes loans or extends credits and transfers funds by written orders of deposits.

Commercial banks are the financial institutions which deal in accepting deposits from persons and institutions, provide interest formulate capitals and grant loans against securities that help to remove the deficiency of capital. They contribute significantly in the formation, and mobilization of internal capital and development effort. They also furnish necessary working capital according to the requirements for trade, commerce, industry and even to agriculture sectors. They also perform agency function to make life easier and play an important role in credit creation. Besides, they also provide technical and administrative assistance to industries, traders and business enterprises. Therefore, they are being the means for the enlistment of society. Their main objectives are to earn reasonable profit as reward for their service by roper mobilization of idle resources collecting them from different scattered sources, in particular productive sectors. They help to reduce he probability of inflations by increasing the interest rate while economy is in boom period and reduce the interest rate so tat investors are interested for investment in case of depression period. More specifically, they collect required capital through float (issue) of different types of securities, specially shares and debentures. According to Nepal Commercial Bank Act 2031 BS, 'A commercial bank is one which exchanges money, deposits money, accepts deposits, grants loans and performs commercial banking functions and which is not a bank means for cooperation, agriculture, industries or for such specific purpose.

In Nepal, the industrial revolution took place after the establishment of Biratnagar Jute Mills in 1936 AD. Nepal Bank Limited was established in 1937 AD, for promoting banking and

industrial sector. In the same year, first industrial act was formulated, which was a favorable step to promote industries and capital market in Nepal.

When studying to the origin of modern banking, we come to know that bank of Venice was established, as the first commercial bank of he world, in 1157 AD and in Nepal, Nepal Bank Limited was established, as the first commercial bank in 1994 BS. Government however had onus of stretching banking services to the nook and corner of the country and also managing financial system in a proper way. Thus, Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) was set up on 2013.01.14 as a central Bank under Nepal Rastra Bank Act 2012 B.S. Since then; it has been functioning as the government's bank and has contributed to the growth of financial sector. Integrated and speedy development of the country is possible only when competitive banking service reaches nooks and corners of the country .keeping this in mind, government set up RASTRIYA BANK (RBB) in B.S.2022.10.10as a fully government owned commercial Bank.

Before 1974 (BS 2031), there was no any existence of joint venture banks in the country, there were no provisions made in the old commercial bank act, which facilitated to the establishment of joint venture banks in Nepal. The new commercial bank act 1974 has, however, made provisions to permit foreign banks to operate in the country be obtaining the approval of Nepal Rastra Bank. To accelerate economic activities towards growth, encourage proficient banking service, economic development, industrialization and growth of nation. In the early 1980's, when government permitted establishment of foreign joint venture (JVBS), three namely NABIL BANK(Nepal Arab Bank) Ltd. in 2041.03.29, Nepal Investment Bank (Nepal Indo-Suez Bank) in 2042.11.16 and Standard Chartered Bank (Nepal Grindlays Bank Ltd.) in 2043.10.16, were established. After democratically elected government adopted the liberal and market oriented economic policy, the numbers of joint venture banks has increased dramatically. Joint venture banks are established by joining different forces and ability to achieve a common goal with each of the partners. DP Gupta has defined the joint ventures as 'a joint venture is the joining of forces between two or more enterprises for the purpose of carrying out a specific operation (industrial or commercial, investment, production or trade).'

After that, there was a gradual increase in the number of joint -venture commercial banks in Nepal. Nowadays, there are 19 commercial banks, 20 development banks, and 5 gamin bikes banks, 57 finance companies, 44 NGOs and 116 Hulak Bachat banks operating in Nepal. The open and liberal policy in the financial sector has helped in establishing many commercial banks and financial institutions in the country.

1.2 A BRIEF PROFILE OF RASTRIYA BANIJYA BANK:

The history of organized financial institutions in Nepal began in 1937AD .after the establishment of Nepal Bank Limited (a semi government commercial bank). This bank provide credit mainly for trade and commerce .After establishment of Nepal Rastra Bank, the central bank of the country was established in 1956AD.before the establishment of NRB, Nepal Bank was acting as commercial bank as well as central Bank and performs the roles and activities of central bank too. Integrated and speedy development of the country is possible only when competitive banking service reaches nooks and corners of the country .keeping this in mind, government set up RASTRIYA BANIJYA BANK (RBB) in B.S.2022.10.10as a fully government owned commercial Bank with the following objectives.

- i. Expand monetary services all over the country, mostly in rural areas.
- ii. Promote the small and medium enterprise by the easy excess of loan facilities.
- iii. Provide the banking services in a wider outreach without a sole objective of making profit.
- iv. Develop financial infrastructure to accelerate development activities and energize the Nepalese economy.
- v. To provide the financial services to all Nepalese and capture small savings and recycle deposits to enhance productive growth of the economy.

Rastriya Banijya Bank (RBB) is fully government owned, is the second oldest and largest commercial bank in Nepal. RBB was established on January 23, 1966 (2022 Magh 10 BS) under the RBB Act2021. RBB provides various banking services to a wide range of customers

including banks, insurance companies, industrial trading houses, airlines, hotels, and many other sectors. It is one of the key players in the Nepalese financial sectors.

RBB, now ranks no.1 in terms of deposits, and lending with most extensive banking network of over 114 branches serving approximately 1.2 million depositors and about 300 thousands borrowers. Through its branch network, RBB has been contributing to Nepal's economic development by providing banking services throughout the country.

RBB has many correspondent arrangements with major international banks all over the world that facilitate trade finance, bank-originated personal funds transfers and interbank funds transfer via SWIFT. In a bid to promote remittance business, RBB works with Western Union and International Money Express, two leading person-to-person funds transfer networks.

In addition RBB runs various programmes i.e. banking with the Poor, Micro Credit project for Women etc. to enhance the living standard of people as per the govt. directives. As well, RBB actively delivers various government programs to people living in remote parts of the country; these programs are intended to raise living standards. It has been serving its valued customers since 1966. The sole govt.-owned Bank commonly accredited as the People's Bank in the kingdom of Nepal . Likewise ,in each and everybody 's mind the bank has left the message that' RBB is our Own Bank'. So the bank is considered as a catalyst to accelerate the economic prosperity of the nation.

It has witnessed many ups and downs. With the corporate office located at Singh Durbar plaza, Kathmandu the bank has extensively scattered its network at 114 points all over the country with around 3301 employees.

Initially, the bank started its services with around 115 workforces from 7 different selected locations.

The head office of the bank is located at Singhadurbar Plaza, Kathmandu. The Board of Directors is responsible for policy making & guidance to the management. The government nominates all board members including the Chairman. The executive power is vested in the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). A 5-member Executive Committee oversees the different departments at head office on a day-to-day basis. Ten Chartered Accountants have also been contracted as part of the Management Team to strengthen the financial controls of the Bank. The Bank has 15 departments in its head office and 4 regional offices across the five development regions of the country.

RBB has the largest branch network in Nepal, covering 49 branches in the mountainous region, 46 in Terai region, and 19 in the Kathmandu Valley. The Branch Operations Department is responsible for supervising the 114 branch network. The Internal Audit Department monitors the work of the branches and regional offices.

RBB is committed towards the satisfaction of its customers by providing modern banking facilities. At the same time; the Bank is equally committed to the economic growth and development of the country. The Bank aims to reach every rural and urban corner of Nepal to accommodate the requirement of the people.

The Bank's extensive branch network and international connections (Global network) are designed to transact banking activity between any part of the country and any part of the world.

RBB at a Glance (As at Ashad End of FY 2063/064)

Paid-up Capital	1.17 Billion NRs.
Number of Branches	114
Special Class Branch(Main Branch office)	1
Correspondent & Agency Banks	54
Districts Covered	68
Total Employees	3301
Branches with Priority Sector Credit Program	106
Branches with Government Transactions	64
Number of Regional Offices	4
Number of Central Departments	15
Number of Exchange Counters	12

Key Financial figures:

Particulars	059/060	060/061	061/062	062/063	063/064
Deposit Rs.in [000]	39402	40867	43016	46195	50346
Loans & Advances Rs.in [000]	26609	25106	27000	23103	25394
Profit/(Loss) Rs.in [000]	(4840)	1040	1323	1683	1681
Total Employee	5402	3996	3417	3301	3140
Total No. of Branch	128	117	114	113	114
NPA %	60.1	57.6	50.7	34.8	29.16

Since the past performance of the Bank was considered unsatisfactory, Government with a high priority for the restructuring of the bank as the second most important component of the comprehensive financial sector reform program, the management of RBB was assigned to a team of professionals headed by Bruce F. Henderson on Jan2003 and now running fourth consecutive years. Initially there was 17 professional with Nepalese professionals.

The fundamental TOR of NMT is to structure the bank and make it viable commercial bank within a period of two years. After completion of two years another three years were also extended to the same team with some member changed. Now four years of restructuring has been completed where some new members injected in the place of terminated members. Some of the members of NMT have completed their tenure and some members resume the responsibilities.

RBB before New Management:

- Regular occurrence of Loss accumulative loss of Rs.23.85 Billion
- Negative Net Worth of Rs.22 Billion (approx.)
- High NPA of 70% + close to liquidation if in the case with Private bank.
- Weak governance and low employee morale
- Overstaffing
- Lack of effective Internal Control system
- High Political influence
- No staff performance appraisal
- High growth of competition created by other private sector Bank and financial institution with quality service.

Current Achievements of the Bank after New Management Team:

- Achieved restructuring of the bank from 212 branches to 114 branches including newly opened branch Banepa.
- Staff right –sized to 3214 from 5527
- Earning of regular profit of Rs.1.04, 1.32, and1.68 billion during the last consecutive fiscal year.
- NPA reduction to 34%
- Cash Recovery from NPA –Rs.10.3 Billion
- Restructuring of NPA –Rs.3.3 Billion
- Updating and reconciliation of unrecognized balances
- Completed all the pending Statutory Audit of the bank

- Introduced of New Accounting system and cost control through effective bugetory system
- Automation and computerization
- Any Branch Banking Service(ABBS)
- SMS Banking
- Debit visa Card
- E-banking

Key milestones of the bank in Credit Management:

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Good loans - Rs.16.4 billion by April 2007 (annual growth rate 10% +), one of the highest among the commercial banks in the country.

Annual Growth in Retail sector – 70%

Gradual development of sustainable revenue stream of high quality loans

Net interest margin of 3.28/interest income of Rs. 1 billion

NPAs of new loans – less than 1%

Developing of corporate base in process

Credit Review system in place

Succession planning by Mgmt Team underway

Credit Monitoring and Supervision in place.
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Approach to New Lending of the bank:

Steady and cautious cash flow based lending

Selective sector specific lending – Hydro Electricity, SME, Education, Medical, Food Processing, Retail loans

Rationalization of concentrations – Negative/Caution list: Garments, Hotels, Poultry etc.

Diversification of credit portfolio – Increased share of retail loans, credit growth witnessed in key branches.

Caution in respect of industrial advances – High India risk, duty arbitrage based etc.

New business at selected branches – Branches with low NPA and potential market

Credit manpower development – Relationship Managers induction, Extensive training etc.

New product launch –Auto, housing, personal, education, mortgage, gold silver, Shares loan, bank guarantee products, equipment loan etc

The road map ahead of the bank:

Achieve minimum growth of 10% per annum

Develop further corporate base

To implement and continue 'model' credit system with properly designed systems and procedures.

Continue to pursue sound credit service delivery standards in the Bank.

Develop sustainable revenue stream from productive new lending.

Develop properly structured and balanced credit portfolio well diversified/broad based and free from concentration risks.

To develop a team of credit professionals by regular training and development.

To inculcate strong credit culture in the Bank.

To enhance the non funded income

1.3 MAJOR OBJECTIVES / ACTIVITIES OF THE BANK

Initially the bank is established with the objective of facilitating government transaction and Nepalese currency circulation along with the general banking services to the people. It now provides various sophisticated modern banking services to a wide range of customers including banks, insurance companies, industrial trading house, airlines, hotels, and many other sectors.

RBB's main objectives are to provide banking services throughout Nepal and contribute in the socio economic development of the country. The bank's major activities include accepting deposits, investment in government securities, lending to productive sectors, dealing with foreign currency, processing domestic and foreign remittances, merchant banking & correspondent banking services etc.

The bank has deposit base of with more than 1.2 million depositors. The depositors are individuals, institutions, private organizations, business houses, non-profit organizations, social organizations, industries, finance companies, co-operatives, etc. The bank has more than 300,000 clients who have used the bank's resources for their business and development activities. They vary from big business houses to public sector enterprise, medium and small-scale industries to farmers and individuals

Banking with Poor is an important development-oriented program to eliminate the absolute poverty of the country. The program is run under the priority sector credit program.

Major activities of the program include:

- i. Production Credit for Rural Women
- ii. Banking with the poor for the deprived people
- iii. Micro credit
- iv. Loan to unemployed graduates
- v. Intensive banking program
- vi. Mini & microbus/clean Tempo credit program for environment protection, etc.
- vii. Biogas credit program.

1.4 CORPORATE BANKING/RETAIL BANKING

If anyone plan for new business or willing to build / expand his/her existing ones, the bank always at his/her service to meet with their expectations and help them realize their financial aspirations.

Lending Products of the Bank

1. Funded Facilities

The bank provides funding and assistance to actually purchase business assets or to meet business expenses.

- Overdraft
- Hypothecation

- Loan against government securities
- Loan against fixed deposit
- Loan against shares
- Loan against guarantee from first class banks
- Priority / Deprived Sector loans
- Import loans (AOC and TR/TL).
- Export loans-pre shipment and post shipment
- Loans in U.S. dollars
- Hire Purchase Loans
- Consortium Loans
- Project Loan
- Pledge Loan
- Contract Loan
- Bills purchase
- Importer's loan
- Retail Loan: Housing / Equipment loan/Auto Loan/ Education Loan / Personal Loan / Loan against Gold & silver etc.

2. Non-Funded Facilities

- Letter of Credit
- Bank Guarantees
- Bid Bonds
- Performance bonds
- Advance payment
- Counter Guarantee
- Bonded Ware House\Favour of private sector beneficiaries

1.5 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Nepal is a small country with small market. Economic condition of the country is degrading due to conflict since 2052 B.S. Overall economic sectors either manufacturing or commercial sectors have undergone heavy losses. But in recent past the economic condition of the country has revived by some margin. Despite conflict situation, the financial institutions are increasing regularly. Liquidity is maximizing day to day with the financial institutions. Hence, the banks and financial institutions are competing among themselves to advance credit to limited opportunity sectors. Due to unhealthy competition among the banks, the recovery of the banks credit has gone negative and overall performance is deteriorating. Non-performing Assets of the banks are increasing. To control such type of state, the regulatory body of the banks and financial institutions NRB has tightened up and has issued strong directives. In this scenario, two oldest most government banks have decreased their non-performing loans however some of the newly established banks such as NB bank ltd, NCC Bank, Lumbini bank ltd etc. have gone to problematic situation due to poor quality of loans and inadequate recovery efforts. Therefore it is necessary to analyze the 'Credit Management' consisting of Credit requirement of the borrower, analysis of the business and financial position of the project/business, and loan disbursement, Credit Monitoring, Credit Supervision, Loan Review, Loan Recovery, Loan Loss provision and Loan Write Off procedures of the Banks.

At once a time RBB and NBL two largest & oldest Bank of the nation has faced the very negative situation got more than 80% non- performing loan of the total NPA of the Banks and the situation has occurred of liquidation in case of private bank but after taking the NMT the position of the both banks has become improving and the NMT hope RBB would be a leading model commercial Bank with Sound financial position in Nepalese Banking system in the days to come.

The largest commercial bank of the nation in view of lending and deposit, network, and fully govt. owned bank and it's role in the development of the country's economy is huge. That's why the Rastriya Banijya Bank Ltd. has been selected for the study. The problems faced by

the bank can be pointed out by this study by finding the answers as mentioned below questions:

- What is the Status of Lending of the Bank as a Govt. Bank?
- What are the procedures of lending before and after NMT?
- What are the major factors affecting banks and their management decisions?
- Do the bank use credit analysis before approval any loan proposal?
- Why did the bank suffer from high volume of loss before the NMT?
- What is the position of RBB in Nepalese Banking Industry?
- Who are the major competitors of RBB among the players in the Nepalese Banking Industry?
- What is the major objectives and policy of the credit management of RBB before and after NMT?
- How is the bank managing the NPA?

1.6 OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

It is understandable and clear that banking industry play a vital role in the progress of a nation's economy; however the performance of the banks depends to the highest degree, upon the overall political, legal economic, social and technological scenarios prevailing in the country.

The national and international economy has undergone drastic changes over a decade and abruptly since last 5 years. The threats imposed by Nepalese economy, have made it imperative to search for opportunities in order to curb any hindrances to the economical development. Because of the importance and relevance of banks in shaping the economy, it has become important to review the banking industry and its business strategies. In line with the statement of problem, the main objective of this study is:

It is no doubt that the role of the commercial banks is significant in the development of the country. In view of government owned Bank, Rastriya Banijya bank has played vital role in the development of the economy of the nation. Financial sector in Nepal has grown rapidly

during last one and half decade. It has more competitive than before and intermediates relatively large volume of financial volume. Banking industry in particular has witnessed a maAor change due to rapid change in technology .Despite this the banking industry in Nepal plagued with many problems of which the growing magnitude of Non performing loans is a maAor one. While taking the management of RBB by NMT the non performing loans gradually decreased to below 30% as on mid July 2007.

Looking into the fact, the main objective of the study is to find out the credit management position of the Rastriya Banijaya Bank Ltd.

The objectives of the study are as follows:

- i. To analyze the performance of the RBB.
- ii. To analyze the credit and advances provided by the bank.
- iii. To analyze the recovery status of the credit disbursed.
- iv. To find out the strength and weakness in the credit administration of the bank.
- v. To give suitable recommendation and suggestions for improvement of present performance conditions and solution of different problems.

1.7 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

The study mainly fills a research gap on the study of credit management of the government owned bank i.e. Rastriya Banijya Bank .The success and prosperity of the every financial institution mainly depends upon the good lending and income from the good investment. Hence the profitability of the bank is more importance because it is the government bank which directly effect of the nation's economy.

- i. This study would provide clear picture of the RBB before and after New management and financial position, changes in credit management and loan portfolio during the last five FY.
- ii. It helps to know the lending procedures & their settlement process of the bank.
- iii. It helps to know the rules & regulation regarding the credit management.
- iv. It helps to find out the method and mechanism used by the bank while appraisal their

- credit proposal.
- v. All the people of the nation will be benefited from this research cause all the Nepal ease people has right to know the position of the bank.
- vi. Moreover, it will prove to be an important value for the entire individual interested in banking sector.

1.8 LIMITATION OF THE STUDY

Although this study will try its utmost care to cover mist of the important sectors, it is still subject to the following limitations, which are as follows:

- This research study largely depends on published documents such as Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account Statements, which are circulated at the close of the financial year.
- ii. The study is associated only to the financial performance of Rastriya Banijya Bank Ltd.
- iii. In this study only selected financial and statistical tools and techniques are used.
- The other limitation is the lack of sufficient time and resource because the purpose of this thesis is only to fulfill the partial requirement for the Master of Business Studies (MBS) of the management faculty, Tribhuvan University.
- v. The study will base on only the past five years periods since 2002/03 to 2006/07.
- vi. The study is mainly based on secondary data. Most of the bank is not interested to provide to actual report of their activities. Their may be lack of detail information required for the research. The up-to-date and complete data are very difficult to obtain due to inability of providing the required data by concerned authority.

1.9. ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDY

This proposal is prepared in line with prescribed format and structured into five chapters; each devoted to some aspects of credit management of Rastriya Banijya Bank. The titles of each of these chapters are summarized and the contents of each of these chapters of this study are briefly mentioned here.

Chapter I : Introduction

Chapter II : Review of Literature

Chapter III : Research Methodology

Chapter IV : Presentation and Analysis of Data

Chapter V : Summary, Conclusion & Recommendations

Chapter one

The first chapter deals with the subject matter consisting introduction, a brief profile of the bank, focus of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, significance of the study, limitations of the study and chapter scheme of the study.

Chapter Two

The second chapter is mainly focused with literature review that includes a discussion on the conceptual framework on credit management & investment policy and review of major-studies relating with the studies

Chapter Three

The third chapter describes the research methodology used to conduct the present research. It deals with research design, sources of data, data processing procedures, population and sample, period of the study, method of analysis and financial and statistical tools.

Chapter Four

The fourth chapter is concerned with analytical framework. It includes the analysis of financial indicators; analysis of mean, standard deviation, coefficient of variation, correlation coefficient, regression analysis and financial analysis.

Chapter Five

The final chapter five includes the major finding and conclusion of the study. Which deals about the main them of study and the comparison of credit policies of the bank with recommended for improvement of credit culture of the bank.

CHAPTER-II

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The review of literature is a crucial aspect of planning of the study. In this chapter, focus has been made on the conceptual framework and the review of literature of relevant to the credit management of Commercial Banks. It is based on available literature in the field of research. For this purpose, it needs to review related literatures in this concerned area which help me to get clear ideas, opinions and other concepts. 'What other has said? What other has done? And what other have written?' these all and other related questions are reviewed which has provided useful inputs in this research work. Every possible effort has been made to grasp knowledge and information that is available from libraries, document collection center, other information managing bureaus, published –unpublished journals and reports of concerned bank.

2.1 CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

The review of textbooks and other reference materials such as: newspapers, magazines, research articles, journals and past thesis have been included in this topic. Under the credit management many subject matters are considered like the credit policy of the bank, documentation of credit processing, approval process, disbursement of the approved loan, review process, audit of the credit administration, loan classification and provision as per NRB directives etc.

Credit administration involves the creation and management of risk assets. The process of lending takes into consideration the people and system required for the evaluation and approval of loan requests, negotiation of terms, documentation, disbursement, administration of outstanding loans and workouts, knowledge of the process and awareness of its strength and weaknesses are important in setting objectives and goals for lending activities and for allocating available funds to various lending functions such as commercial, installment and mortgage portfolios (Johnson,1940:132).

Bodhi B.Bajracharya, in his article "Monetary policy and deposit mobilization in Nepal" has concluded that mobilization of the domestic saving is one of the prime objectives of the monetary policy in Nepal. And commercial banks are the most active financial intermediary for generating resources in the form of deposit of private sector and providing credit to the investors in different sectors of the economy (Bajracharya, 1991:93).

Book named "Banking Management" says that in banking sector or transaction, an unavoidable of loan management and its methodology is regarded very important. Under this management, many subject matters are considered and thought, For example, there are subject matters like the policy of loan flow, the documents of loan flow, loan administration, audit of loan, renewal of loan, the condition of loan flow, and the provision of security, the provision of the payment of capital and its interest and other such procedures. This management plays a great role in healthy competitive activities (Bhandari, 2003:170).

It is very important to be reminded that most of the bank failures in the world are due to shrinkage in the value of loan and advances. Hence, risk of non-payment of loan is known as credit risk or default risk (Dahal, 2002:114).

Portfolio management helps to minimize or manage the credit risks by spreading over the risk to various portfolios. These methods of managing credit risk is guided by the saying do not put all the eggs in a single basket (Bhandari, 2004:300).

2.1.1 CONCEPT OF COMMERCIAL BANKING

Before defining the term commercial bank, let us define the meaning of bank and commercial. According to H.L. definitions of bank: "A banker or bank is a person or company carrying on the business of receiving moneys, and collecting drafts, for customers subject to the obligation of honoring cheques drawn upon them from time to time by the customers to the extent of the amount available on their customer." Sir Jhon Paget states that no one can be a banker who does not take deposits accounts, take current accounts, issue, pay cheques, crossed and

uncrossed, for his customers. He further adds that if the banking business carried on by any person is subsidiary to some other business; he cannot be regarded as a banker (Shekher, 1999:4).

Commerce is the financial transactions related to selling and buying activities of goods and services. There fore commercial banks are those banks, which works from commercial viewpoint. They perform all kinds of banking functions as accepting deposits, advancing credits, credit creation, and agency functions. They provide short-term credit, medium term credits and long terms credit to trade and industry. They also operate off balance sheet functions such as issuing guarantee, bonds, letter of credit, etc.

The banks pool together the savings of the community and arrange for their productive use. The supply the financial needs of modern business by various means. Commercial banks act as an intermediately accepting deposits and providing credits to the needy area. The main source of the commercial bank is current deposit, so they give more importance to the liquidity of investment and as such they specialize in satisfying the short-term credit needs of business other than the long-term. Commercial banks are restricted to invest their funds in corporate securities. Their business is confined to financing the short-term needs of trade and industry such as working capital financing. They cannot finance in fixed assets. They grant credits in the form of cash credits and overdrafts. Apart from financing, they also render services like collection of bills and cheques, safe keeping of valuables, financial advising, etc to their customers (Vaidya, 1999:24).

Commercial banks are organized as a joint stock company system, primarily for the purpose of earning a profit, They can be either of the branch banking types as we see in most of countries, with a large network branches like in Nepal or of the unit banking type, as we see in the United States where a banks operations are confined to a single office or to a few branches within a strictly limited area (Shekher, 1999: 4).

2.1.2 FUNCTION OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

"The business of commercial banks is primarily is to hold deposits and make credits and investments with the object of securing profits for its shareholders. Its primary motive is profit; other consideration is secondary." the major functions of commercial banks are as follows (Sudharsanam, 1976:123).

Accepting Deposit, Advancing Credits, Agency Services, Credit Creation, Financing of Foreign Trade, Safekeeping of Valuables, Making Venture Capital Credits, Financial Advising, Offers Security Brokerage Services.

Assist in Foreign Trade:

The bank assist the traders engaged in foreign trade of the country. He discounts the bills of exchange drawn by exporters on the foreign importers and enables the exporters to receive money in the home currency. Similarly, he also accepts the bills drawn by foreign exporters (Vaidya, 1999: 29).

Offers Investment Banking and Merchant Banking Services:

Banks today are following in the footsteps of leading financial institutions all over the globe in offering investment banking and merchant banking services to corporations. These services include identifying possible merger targets, financing acquisitions of other companies, dealing in security underwriting, providing strategic marketing advice, and offering hedging services to protect their customers against risk from fluctuating world currency prices and changing interest rates. Further, they support the overall economic development of the country by various modes of financing.

2.1.3 BANKING RISK

Normally, Banks confront different kinds of risks, which are categorized as follows:

Credit Risk: Credit risk arises whenever another party enters into an obligation to make payment or deliver value to the bank. This type of risk is mostly associated with the lending.

- Liquidity Risk: It is arises when bank itself fail to meet its obligation. The bank required to make payments to the different parties at different times, when they fall due to other parties, which is the liquidity risk.
- **Yield Risk**: It is the risk that bank's assets may generate less income than expense generated by its liabilities.
- **Operational Risk**: The risk is failure in the banks procedures or controls, whether from external or internal causes or as a result of error or fraud with in the institution is the operational risk.
- Market Risk: The risk of loss resulting from movements in the market price of financial instruments in which the bank has a position is the market risk. Such instrument's include bonds, equities, foreign –exchange and associated derivative products.
- **Management Risk**: The risk that shareholders, directors or senior management be unfit for their respective positions or dishonest.

2.1.4 CREDIT

2.1.4.1 CONCEPT OF CREDIT

A credit is one of the most important factors in commercial banks. It is a profit determinant factor. If the credit is well managed, profit will be higher automatically. That's why, every commercial bank should consider in credit management properly through which they can easily meet their objectives and to maximize the profitability. The Present study was aimed to find out the credit practices adopted by selected Nepalese commercial bank during the study period. Credit can be defined as a sum of money granted to a certain person, organization or institution with an expectation to get back after a certain period of time along with agreed rate of interest.

Credit is defined as "Sum of the money lent by a bank, etc" (Oxford Advanced learners dictionary, 1992:279). Credit and advances is an important item on the asset side of the balance sheet of a commercial bank. "Bank earns interest on credits and advances, which is one of the major sources of income for banks. Bank must have to prepare credit portfolio

otherwise it will not only add bad debts but also affect profitability adversely"(Varshney, 1994: 6).

Credit is financial assets resulting from the delivery of cash or other assets by a lender to a borrower in return for an obligation repay on specified date on demand.

Banks generally grants credit on four ways (Chhabra, and Taneja, 1991:4).

	Overdraft
J	Cash Credit
J	Direct Credit
J	Discounting of Bills
RF	BB's Credit:-
J	-More than 140000 loan Accounts
J	-17 % of total Credit of the Country
J	-Single Largest lender
J	-majority working capital corporate loan-67%
RF	BB Credit Strength
J	-High liquidity
J J	-High liquidity -Vast Geographical Reach
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ノノノノノ	-Vast Geographical Reach -Old & Trustworthy Bank
ノノノノノノノ	-Vast Geographical Reach -Old & Trustworthy Bank -Preferred by govt. /Semi Govt. Bodies.
7	-Vast Geographical Reach -Old & Trustworthy Bank -Preferred by govt. /Semi Govt. Bodies20% Deposit of the country

2.1.4.2 TYPES OF CREDIT:

Overdraft:

An Overdraft facility means ability to withdraw money more than what is in the account .The customer may be sanctioned on the basis of certain norms, a certain limit within which ,he can withdraw his current account within a stipulated period. Balance of overdraft account may

fluctuate. It is increased by withdrawals by the customer makes payment into the account. It is the facility granted for meeting working capital requirement of the borrower i.e. to fulfill borrower's short term needs.

Hypothecation Loan:

The Bank finance against hypothecation of current assets (Stocks and Account Ceivables) to meet short-term cash requirement in the form of revolving hypothecation loans for tenures up to 365 days.

Cash Credit:

A cash credit is that type of lending granted by the banks which is operated in a same way as an overdraft account. Under the cash credit system, credit limits of the borrower are fixed and within the limit the borrower is allowed to draw at any time during the validity .It are generally given to traders, industrialists, farmers for meeting their working capital requirement.

Term Credit:

It refers to money lent in lump sum to the borrowers. It is principal form of medium term debt financing having maturities of 1 to 8 years. Barely and Myers urge that bank credits with maturities exceeding 1 years are called term credits. The firm agrees to pay interest based on the bank's prime rate and to repay principal in the regular installments. Special patterns of principal payments over time can be negotiated to meet the firm's special needs (Richard, 1996:80).

It is granted for starting or expanding the new project industry, or any other venture requiring fixed assets investment. It is also meet the borrower's long term fixed assets requirement.

Loans against government bonds:

Short term loans of up to one year are provided against security of government bonds.

Loan against RBB fixed deposit:

Confessional short term loans provided against security of fixed deposits with RBB.

Priority or Deprived sector Credit:

Commercial banks are required to extend advances to the priority and deprived sector.12 % of the total Credit must be towards priority sector including deprived sector. Rs 2 million for agriculture cum service sector and Rs2.5 million for single borrowers are limit sanctioned to priority sector. Institutional support to' Agriculture Development bank' and 'Rural Development Bank' are also considered under this category. Deprived sector lending includes:

- Advances to Poor/downtrodden/weak/ deprived people up to Rs 30000 in generating income or employment.
- Institutional Credit to Rural Development Bank
- Credits to NGOS those are permitted to carryout banking transactions for lending up to Rs 30000.

RBB offers loans to priority/deprived sectors to fulfill its mission of Sustainable Development. The bank strives to balance their current and long-term financial goals with the economic, environmental and social needs of future generations. The bank believes priority/deprived sector finance is a very powerful tool that can be used effectively to address poverty, empower the socially marginalized poor and strengthen the social fabric.

Margin Lending against shares:

The bank has been provided the loan against shares at attractive interest rates if the shares are list of approved securities. This scheme guarantees instant liquidity against the securities.

Hire Purchase Financing (Installment Credit):

Hire-purchase credits are characterized by periodic repayment of principal and interest over the maturity of the credit. Hirer agrees to take the goods on hire at a stated rental including their repayment of principal as well as interest with an option to purchase. A recent survey of commercial banks indicates those banks are planning to offer installment credits on a variable rate basis. It can be secured and unsecured as well as direct and indirect installment credit.

Non Funded Facilities:

The bank can issue letters of credit or can give a guarantee on behalf of the customer to the suppliers, Government Departments for the procurement of goods and services on credit.

Letter of Credit (Sight/Usance)
 Bid Bond
 Performance Bond
 Financial Guarantee
 Advance Payment Guarantee

Housing Loan:

Financial institutions also extend housing credit to their customers. It is of different types such as: residential building, commercial complex, construction of warehouse etc. It is given to those who have regular income or can earn revenue from housing project itself.

At RBB, the bank has launched the housing loan as per retail loan policy2060. All the financial institution are attractive in housing which is financed for the construction or buying a home purpose that financed is a long-term financial commitment. RBB Home Loan is a simple way to use customer's savings smartly, by letting to decide how much interest to pay.

Structure of the repayment is made by EMI (Equated Monthly Investments) over a period of 5 to 15 years as per repayment capacity of the borrower. The bank offer loans of up to Rs. 50 lacs.

Auto Loan:

If any one looking for a brand new car for private use, s/he or their company, it does make good business sense to consider a car loan. The bank provides the Car loan scheme as

structured over 5 -15 years at flexible EMI (Equated Monthly Installments).

Education Loan:

Education is the most important investment one makes in life. Higher studies and specialization in certain fields call for additional financial support from time to time. RBB Education Loans can help to study a head either abroad or in Nepal.

Loan against gold silver:

The bank has understood the borrower's financial needs during festivals, marriages, personal contingencies and other social commitments. Loans against gold/silver have just met that requirement by offering fast credit for up to 1 year.

e.g. Foreign Employment Loan: the bank has also offered flexible loans for financing the cost to take up the dream job abroad.

Project Credit:

Project Credit is granted to the customers as per project viability. The borrowers have to invest certain proportion to the project from their equity and the rest will be financed as project credit. "Construction Credits are short -term credits made to developers for the purpose of completing proposed projects. Maturities on construction Credits range from 12 months to as long as 4 to 5 years, depending on the size of the specific project" (Johnoson, 1940:242).

The basic principle involved in disbursement policy is to advance funds corresponding to the completion stage of the project. Hence, what percent of the credit will be disbursed at which stage of completion must be spelled in disbursement policy? Term credit working capital credit needed for project fall under it.

Consortium Credit:

No single financial institution grant credit to the project due to single borrower limit or other reason and two or more such institutions may consent to grant credit facility to the project of

which is baptized as consortium credit. It reduces the risk of project among them. Financiers bank equal (or likely) charge on the projects' assets.

Credit Cards and Revolving Lines of Credit:

Banks are increasingly utilizing charge cards and revolving lines of credit to make unsecured consumer Credit. Revolving credit line lowers the cost of making credit since operating and processing cost are reduced. Due to standardization, centralized department processes revolving credits resulting reduction on administrative cost. Continued borrowing arrangement enhances cost advantages. Once the credit line is established, the customer can borrow and repay according to his needs and the bank can provide the fund to the customer at lower cost.

Charge cards and credit lines tied to demand deposit accounts are the two most common revolving credit agreements. It can be further divided into credit cards, automatic overdrafts lines and large credit lines.

Off- Balance Sheet Transaction:

In fact, bank guarantee and letter of credit refer to off Balance sheet transactions of financial institution. It is also known as contingent liability. Contingent liability pinpoints the liability, which may or may not arise during the happening of certain event. Footnotes are kept as reference to them instead of recording in the books of accounts. It is non-funded based remunerative facilities but more risky than the funded until adequate collateral are taken. Lets its two varieties be described separately.

2.1.5 OBJECTIVES OF THE SOUND CREDIT POLICY:

The purposes of a written credit policy are:

- To assure compliance by lending personnel with the bank's policies and objectives regarding the portfolio of credits and
- To provide personnel with a framework of standards within which they can operate.

2.1.6 LENDING CRITERIA:

While screening a credit application 5-cs to be first considered supported by documents.

Character:

Character is the analysis of the applicant as to his ability to meet the obligations put forth by the lending institution. For this analysis, generally the following documents are needed.

	Memorandum and Articles of Association
J	Registration Certification
J	Tax registration certificate (Renewed)
J	Resolution to borrow
J	Authorization-person authorizing to deal with the bank
J	Reference of other lenders with whom the applicant has dealt in the past bank A/O
	statement of the customer

Capacity

It describes customer's ability to pay. It is measured by applicants' past performance records and followed by physical observation. For this an interview with applicant's customers/suppliers will further clarify the situation. Documents relating to this area:

J	Certified balance sheet and profit and loss account for at least past 3 years
J	Reference or other lenders with whom the applicant has dealt in the past or bank A/C

Capital:

This indicates applicant's capacity to inject his own money. By capacity analysis, it can be concluded that whether borrower is truing to play with lender's money only or is also injecting his own fund to the project. For capital analysis financial statements, like certified balance sheet, profit and loss account is the only tools.

Collateral:

Collateral is the security proposed by the borrower. Collateral may be of either nature movable or immovable. Movable collateral comprises right from stock, inventories to plying

vehicles. In case of immovable it may be land with or without building or fixtures, plant machineries attached to it.

Conditions:

Once the funding company is satisfied with the character, capacity, capital, and collateral then a credit agreement (sanction letter) is issued in favor of the borrower stating conditions of the credit to which borrower's acceptance is accepted.

2.1.7 PROJECT APPRAISAL:

Before providing credit to the customer, bank makes analysis of project from various aspects and angles. It will help the bank to see whether project is really suitable to invest. The purpose of project appraisal is to achieve the guarantee of reasonable return from the project. Project appraisal answers the following questions:

J	Is the project technically sound;
J	Will the project provide a reasonable return;
J	Is the project in line with the overall economic objectives of the country?

Generally, the project appraisal involves the investigation from the following aspects: (Gautam, 2004:258

J	Financial aspect
J	Economic aspect
J	Management/Organizational aspect
J	Legal aspect

Directives Issued by NRB for the Commercial Bank: (related to credit aspect only):

Credit Classifications and Provisioning:

With a view to improve the quality of assets of commercial bank ,NRB has directed commercial bank to classify their outstanding loan and advances ,investment and other assets

into four catagories.NRB has directed commercial banks to maintain certain reserves for loans so classified. The existing loan loss provisioning is as under mentioned.

Classification	Provision	
1. Pass Credit	1%	
2. Sub standard Credit	25%	
3. Doubtful Credit	50%	
4. Bad Credit	100%	

Those credits that have not crossed the time schedule of repayment and are within 3 months delay of maturity date fall under the classification topic 'pass credit'. It is also known as performing credit. Sub standard credit are those credit which are already crossed the repayment time schedule and are within 3-6 months delay of maturity date. Likewise, within 6-12 months delay from the time to be recovered are classified as doubtful credit. Those credits, which are not recovered yet after 1 year from maturity date, are known as bad credit All the above 3 types of credits are classified as non-performing credit also.

The credit loss provision for performing credit is termed as general credit loss provision whereas the credit loss provision for non-performing credit is termed as specific credit loss provision.

Auditor has to correctly rate the credit and ensure that accurate credit loss provision has been made. The auditor should examine whether the bank has obtained complete documentation so that banks interest is secured. In addition audit is made to inspect compliance of terms and conditions laid down. Credit audit is required to check whether credit given is within authority, drawing power, etc. Credit audit helps the bank to know quality of its credit, its weaknesses and strengths. This, in turn, helps the bank to adopt corrective measures where weaknesses have been pointed out and to focus further on strengths. General guidelines whether to reject or renew the credit can be establish with the help of credit audit.

Limit of Credit and Advances in a Particular Sector:

- Fund based Credit and advances can be issued up to 25% (upper limit) of core capital to a single customer, firm, company and a group of related customer.
- Non-fund based (off-balance items) can be issued up to 50% of core capital to a single customer, firm, company and group of related customer.

Note: The core capital includes {paid up capital share premium+non-redeemable preference share general fund accumulated profit (loss) -goodwill (if any included)}

Group of related customer:

- If a company takes 25% or more share of another company.
- Member of board of directors of company shareholders of private limited company and such members and shareholder with others in a single house, even if husband, wife, son, daughter, daughter in law, unmarried daughter, adopted son, adopted unmarried daughter, father, mother, stepmother and brothers & sisters whom be should look after. And the above members personally or combined take 25% or more share of another company.
- Firm, company and members as a related group.
- Members of board of directors, shareholders and other relatives as stated in serial number 'b' takes less than 25% of board of directors of the company solely or combined but have control on the other company by the following ways:
- Being president of board of directors of the company
- Being executive directors of the company.
- Nominating more than 25% of members of board of directors of the company.
- J If cross guarantee is given by one company to another company.

2.1.8 PRINCIPLE OF CREDIT POLICY OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK

Good credit policy is essential to carry out the business of lending more effectively. Some policies are as follows:

1. Principle of Safety: Banks should look the fact that is there any unproductive or speculative venture or dishonest behavior of the borrower.

- 2. Principle of Liquidity: Liquidity refers to pay on hands on cash when it in ceded without having to sell long-term assets at loss in unfavorable market. (American Institute of Banking "Principle of Bank Operation" (USA: 1972) 149. A banker has to ensure that money will come in as on demand or as per agreed terms of repayment.
- **3. Principle of Security:** It acts as cushion to grant advances and credits. Adequate values of collaterals ensure the recovery of credit correctly at the right time. Accepted security should be readily marketable, handy and free from encumbrance.
- **4. Principle of Purpose of Credit;** Generally, credit request for productive sector only be accepted rejecting credit request for speculation, social functions, pleasures trips, ceremonies and repayment of prior credit as they are unproductive.
- **5. Principle of Profitability;** Profitability denotes the value created by the use of resource is more than the total of the input resources. Bank should provide to such project that can provide optimum amount of return. For such purpose, bank should take a little bit risk by providing credit to venturous project.
- **6. Principle of Spread:** Portfolio of advances is to be spread not only among many borrowers of same industry by across the industries in order to minimize the risk of lending keeping" Do not put your all eggs in the same basket" in mind.
- **7. Principle of National Interest:** In lending and granting advances, interest of nation should not be distorted (if undermined). Priority and deprived sector of economy and other alarming sector should be given proper emphasis while extending advances.

2.2 REVIEW OF RELETED STUDIES

In an article published in 'Souvenir' of Rastriya Banijya Bank Ltd., (Garg, A: 2064:56), titled "Principles of Lending and Credit Culture at RBB" has mentioned that the lending combines the science of obtaining and analyzing the facts of a loan request and the art of making judgments about that information, the feasibility of the business, and the credibility of the borrower.

The lender should make sure that he understands the various risks which affect it and wherever possible takes steps to manage the risks. First and foremost these include the major

obvious risks such as the term and magnitude of the loan and what changes could affect the borrower's ability to repay the loan.

In view of Garg, lending primarily based on the Charisma, stature, reputation, market image of the borrower. All of us believe in something called –looks are deceptive, don't judge book by its cover, ever take anything at its face value etc. In the article he focused that the credit culture of RBB for the last several years is based on:

-Name Lending
 -Collateral based Lending
 -Limit based lending
 -Universal Lending
 -One time lending
 -Attitude lending

In the article Garg has concluded that the successful banks have developed an internal credit culture that guides their banking operations .A bank's credit culture is the unique combination of policies, practices, experience and management attitudes that defines the lending environment and determines the lending behavior acceptable to the bank.

Shrestha, R. (2064) in her article "Lending operations of commercial banks of Nepal and its impact on GDP" presented the objectives to make an analysis of contribution of commercial banks' lending to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Nepal. She has set a hypothesis that there has been a positive impact of lending of commercial banks to the GDP. In research methodology, she has considered GDP as the dependent variable and various sectors of lending viz. agriculture, industrial, commercial, service, general and social sectors as independent variables. A multiple regression technique has been applied to analyze the contribution.

The multiple analyses have shown that all the variables except service sector lending have positive impact on GDP. Thus in conclusion, she has accepted the hypothesis, i.e. there has

been positive impact on GDP by the lending of commercial banks in various sectors of economy, except service sector investment."

Bhattarai, S.(2063) in his article "Something is rotten with the state of commercial banking in Nepal" starts with words like NPA, conflict of interest, merky offshore ownership, well connected defaulter, loan swapping and political obstruction to describe the commercial banks in Nepal. Mr. Bhattarai quoted the words of the Governor to describe the state of banking sector as 'terrible'. Also, he quotes one of the donor representatives involved in financial reform as "Nepal has the weakest central bank in the developing world." As per the author, bankers with patronage could get away with getting anything they wanted approved by the regulator. He quotes Mr. Himalaya SJB Rana, the first governor of NRB, "only 3 out of 12 Governors actually completed their five year terms in its entire history because they were sacked for undefined exigencies." He also quotes Mr. Shovan Dev Pant, the then Executive Director of Nabil, "The financial sector is in appalling state."

Mr. Bhattarai says that all the evidences gathered for his article point to one direction-the regulatory body, NRB not doing its job properly. He explains that the malaise with the financial sector was deep. As an instance, he presents Nabil Bank and its ownership. He bets on the fact that even Nabil Bank Shareholders do not know of the Bank's owners of the major block of shares. The author expects NRB to disclose this fact if they know about it.

Another example Mr. Bhattarai presents is on the profitability of the banks in the very first year. He questions their profit figures with the given state of ailing economy, where each sector is showing heavy losses. Also, the increasing trend of Non-performing Assets (NPAs) is explained by him is a result of scam. A scam process as explained to him by an NRB official goes like this, "You put in Rs.50 million to promote a bank and then borrow Rs.500 million from it. They are not opening banks to do banking but to siphon loans for themselves." However, the author is of a view that the new directives issued on October 2001 shall improve the situation.

Here, the author has not clearly mentioned of the research methodology. The conclusions are not well supported by data. The article reflects a one sided biased view of the author and the view of NRB on this has not been taken. The conclusion made by the author has not been tested.

Chand, G.B. (1988) has submitted his thesis entitled "Credit Disbursement and Repayment of Agriculture Development Bank Nepal. His research statement of problems are The Bank does not benefit small farmers (j.e. problem of balance development). The collection of credit is slow, so it hinders the flow of capital required to development economic growth. Objectives of the study are to see the repayment situation, find out the growth rate of investment, to explain possible causes of none and delay repayment. He finds that there is systematic relationship between credit disbursement and repayment. The coefficient of correlation value as calculated is 0.94 which shows significance relationship. Repayment situation is satisfactory on production and agro-based industry, warehouse and farm mechanization, irrigation, tea horticulture, livestock, poultry and fisheries is satisfactory.-As a recommendation given by Chand, ADB/N should play a significant role in such direction as to fulfill the credit demands of rural areas. For effective credit recovery from the borrowers or clients, credit should be channeled through the borrower groups

Joshi, R. (1999) has studied on "Lending policy of Commercial Banks in Nepal" The main objectives of this study is to examine the role of commercial bank in its functions as well as performance: to show the relationship between deposit and loan advance, to identify major weakness of lending policy of the commercial banks and to suggest lending policy to process the utilization of the resources and they are still lazy to pay active role to utilizes these sources collected from different sectors accordance with the need of the economy. He recommended that Nepal Rastra Bank have significant role in the overall economic policy of the country NRB must take safe of lending policy and role to solve various problems, which have been arising in the banking development.

Gautam, R. (2000) has submitted thesis entitled to, "Investment Analysis of Finance Company of Nepal" her research major objectives relevant to my research are to analyze the interest rate structure of credit and to analyze the repayment of the credits. Her findings are use of funds towards the hire purchase credit is decreasing rapidly. As the direct data of good and bad credit was not available, the credit loss provision used to analyze the credit quality. Credit loss is increasing every year significantly and should be controlled. The loss provision of some company is more alarming on individual analysis. The company having above average credit loss provision should rethink on their investment and repayment policy Shrestha (1990) has submitted a theses named," study of Industrial Credit Provided by NIDC in Sunsari Districts" His research objectives of the study is:

Pant, R.P. (2001) has studied on "A study of Deposit and its utilization by Commercial Bank in Nepal." The main objective of the study is to test whether lending process is significant and to find out the way to encourage lending by increasing bank deposit The finding of the study are: commercial banks in Nepal are not able to satisfy the financial need of the economy, commercial banks in Nepal are not playing an active role to utilize their resources collected from different sector, according to the need of the economy. He has recommended the new branches should be open.

Acharya, N. (2001) has studied on "Deposit mobilization of commercial bank in Nepal". The main objective is to impact of interest rate on deposit mobilization as well as credit ratio increase or decrease as the change in interest rate. Besides this, the objective is to know the efficient utilization of the accumulated deposits. She has found out that the commercial bank have not been successful in the mobilization of the deposits collected by the commercial banks have not been successful in the mobilization of the deposits collected by the commercial banks. Its is because of the fact, the commercial banks have not able to motivate and facilitate to their cents except at change in the rate of interest. The problems are to attracting the savings to the maximum possible extent to channeling these savings into those sectors of the economy where there are most needed and to extending banking facilities in the country to unbanked areas. The changes of interest rates in loan are also recommended.

Commercial banks should extend long term and medium term credit in addition to short term credit.

Panta, R.P. (2001) in his thesis paper "A study of commercial banks deposit and its utilization" got to notice that the percentage of the total credit supplied by commercial banks within five years period (1995-2000) is more or less same while in the collection of deposits. The percentage has increased too much. Thus, the increasing gap between collection and utilization shows economic requirement and to contribute the economic upliftment of the country, commercial bank should a fair sector wise and planned policy.

The purpose of this research is to develop some expertise in one's to see what new contribution can be made and to receive some ideas, knowledge and suggestions in relation to credit management of NB bank. Thus, the previous studies can't be ignored because they provide the foundation to the present study. In other words, there has to be continuity in research. This continuity in research is ensured by linking the present study with the past research studies. Here, it is clear that the new research cannot be found on those exact topics, i e. Credit Management: A study on Nepal Bangladesh Bank Limited. Therefore, to fulfill this gap, this research is selected. To complete this research work: many books, journals, articles, and various published and unpublished dissertation are followed as guidelines to make the research easier and smooth. In this regard, here we are going to analyze the different procedure of credit management, which is considered only on NB bank. Our main research problem is to analyze whether the NB bank has right level of liquidity as well as is able to utilize its resources effectively or not. To achieve, this main objective, various financial and statistical tools are used. Similarly, trend analysis of investment and profit are reviewed to make this research complete. Therefore, this study is useful to the concern bank as well as different persons: such as shareholders, investors, policy makers, stockbrokers, state of government etc.

Khadka, S. (2002) has conducted a research study on "Investment Policy of Commercial Banks" with reference to NBL, Nabil, Nepal Grindlays Bank (former name of Standard

Chartered Bank) and NIBL, with an objective to evaluate liquidity, assets management and profitability position of NBL in comparison with other CBs and also to find out the relationship between deposit and total investment, deposit and loan & advances and net profit and outside assets.

Aryal, K.N. (2003) has submitted a thesis entitled to, "A Evaluation of credit investment and Recovery of Financial Public Enterprises in Nepal" a case study of ADB/N. His research statement of problem was as; because of high interest rate of non institutional sources, people are unable to pay their credit at fixed time. These institutions compel them to transfer their property to the moneylender resulting himself or herself as a landless person.

ADB/N is one of the major financial institutions supporting for the people for the different purpose like agro, industries, tea, coffee, livestock farming etc. ADB/N. provides the credit for individual and cooperative sector to all collection amounts is not good. However, ADB/N has increased its effort to collect its credit. It is said that those people who really need do not receive sufficient amount of credit from ADB/N. His major findings are actual credit disbursement, collection and outstanding are increasing in decreasing rate. Yearly increase in credit disbursement is higher than that of collection. Positive relation between credit disbursement and collection that is 0.996 Targeted credit collection and disbursement fixed by planning and project department is not significantly different than the actual. Most of the customers are unaware of the policy of the bank. He recommends the borrowers should be about the credit, its use and its payment procedures and schedule; Greater attention should be given to increase the credit collection and to collect old outstanding amount of credit and renewal of it. To accelerate the collection, credit should be followed continuously in a regular interval of time. The behavioral of the personal should be strictly supervised in granting credit in proper investment proposal because of most of the bad credit disbursement is due to weak decision of the personal.

Ghimire. B. (2004) in his article titled "Credit Sector Reform and NRB" has tried to highlight the effects of change or amendment in NRB directives regarding loan classification and loan

loss provisioning. "Although the circumstances leading to financial problem or crisis in many Nepali banks differ in many respects, what is common acres most of the banks is the increased size of non performing assets (NPAs), to resolve the problem of the losses or likely losses of this nature facing the industry NRB has, as the central bank, amended several old directives and issued many new circulars in the recent years.

As opined by him, since majority of the loans of most of the commercial banks of the country at present falls under substandard, doubtful and even loss categories, loan loss provisioning now compared to previous arrangement would be dramatically higher. The new classification and provisioning norms are very lent able as they help to strengthen banks financially. He has also stated that tightening provisioning requirements on NPL is to ensure that banks remain liquid even during economic downturns. In the conclusions he has mentioned that in the recent years NRB has worked for management and reform of the credit of the financial institution more seriously and NRB has adopted reforms aimed not just at dealing with problem banks but also at strengthening banking supervision to reduce the likelihood of future crisis, "All prudential directives of NRB in connection of credit sector reform have been made revised on after April 2001. To adapt to such changes there can be some difficulties and for a better and harmonized reform NRB should continue to be supportive, proactive and also participative to take opinions of bankers for a change in regulation/policy taking place in the future."

Dali, B.R. (2006) on "A study on Credit risk management of commercial banks in Nepal" has found out the analysis that standard chartered bank has higher risk index, probability of book value insolvency is less than one percentage, latest non banking asset is nil and total credit management is good and reasonable where as Himalayan bank has higher risk index its probability of book valued insolvency is less than one percentage and non banking assets are 0.1465%. Everest Bank has also higher risk index, Probability of book value insolvency is more than one percentage and its non banking assets are 0.4659 where as Nabil bank has higher risk index and probability of book value insolvency is less than one percentage, the latest non banking assets are nil.

The objective of the thesis is to find out the status of the loan portfolio management of commercial banks and to evaluate problem and weakness in credit risk management. He has shown perfectly the relationship of loan and loan loss provision and how they affect the credit systems.

Shrestha, M. (2006) on "Credit Management with Special Reference to Nepal SBI Bank Limited" has found out the analysis that loan and advances and investment to total deposit ratio of SBI bank is high and it indicates good performance of lending for a bank and it also high amount of loan loss provision and high volume of non performing loans which is not sign of efficient credit management. The bank is recommended to adopt innovative approach to marketing.

She concludes that bank should give loans with out collateral by following new trends which now today's bank are following .overall the bank performance is quite good and satisfactory. There is proper control mechanism like delegation of authority, follow up visits ad books of accounts inspection of the client which results good performance of bank. Her main objectives are to find out the analysis the effectiveness of credit policy of bank, to measure the performances in quality, efficiency ad contribution of profitability and liquidity position of banks and she said bank is good in credit position.

2.3 RESEARCH GAP

A credit is one of the most important factors in commercials banks. It is a profit determinant factor. If the credit is well managed, profit will be higher automatically. That's why, every commercial bank should consider in credit management properly through which they can easily meet their objectives and to maximize the profitability. The Present study was aimed to find out the credit practices adopted by selected Nepalese commercial banks during the study period. It was also aimed to find out the banking environment and management quality in terms of credit. It was also aimed assess the relationship between credit and net profit during the study period. These investigations are directed to find the relationship of sales and profitability situation and to find the impact of sales on organizations' profitability in selected Nepalese commercial banks. Appropriate research methodology was followed for the study. Both primary as well as secondary source of information were collected and analyzed.

A structured or careful questionnaire was designed to collect the primary information on industry environment and management quality. Descriptive as well as analytical tools were used to analyze the information. Similarly, correlation coefficient and regression analysis between loan and net profit, loan and non performing loan were also successfully explored and found that there was higher co relationship between those variables in of the bank, summary, findings of the present research are meaningful for both researchers and investors. Researchers can further explore the area to find out credit management and its impact on profitability. In the same way, they can also assess industrial environment and quality management in terms and credit and found the meaningful results. Besides, the researcher can also explore the credit management with various non-financial areas such as human resource development, job satisfaction, customer satisfaction etc. The current study is a supplement to overcome the weakness and limitation of the previous studies too. All the bankers and businessman can find very important results from this study so that they can follow new strategy in future.

CHAPTER-III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 INTRODUCTION

Research is common parlance refers to a search for knowledge. The Webster International Dictionary gives a very inclusive definition of research as "a careful critical inquiry or examination in seeking facts and principles; diligent investigation in order to ascertain something. (Saravanavel, 1990: 1)

Research Methodology is a way to systematically solve the research problem. It may be understood as a science of studying how research is done scientifically. In it we study the various steps that are generally adopted by a researcher, studying his research problem among with the logic behind them. This chapter looks into the research design, nature and sources of data, data collection procedure and tools & technique of analysis.

Research methodology helps us to find out accuracy, validity and suitability. The justification on the present study cannot be obtained without help of proper research methodology. For the purpose of achieving the objectives of study the applied methodology are used. The research methodology used in the present study is briefly mentioned below.

3.2 RESEARCH DESIGN

A research design is the arrangement of condition for collection and analysis of data in a manner that aims to combine relevance to the research purpose with economy in procedure. Descriptive and exploratory research designs have been used to this study.

3.3 SOURCES OF DATA

The researcher uses two type sources of data collection.

- a) Primary Data and
- b) Secondary Data

The primary data are those which are collected a fresh and for the first time and thus happen to be original in character. The secondary data, on the other hand are those, which have already been collected by some one else and already, been passed through the statistical process (Kothari, 1990:115)

In some cases primary data are also taken as personal interview, face to face and telephone interview but the study is mainly based on secondary data. So, the major sources of secondary data for this study are as follows:

- a) Annual reports of the banks
- b) Published and unpublished bulletins, reports of the banks
- c) Published and unpublished bulletins, reports of the Nepal Stock Exchange
- d) Previous studies and reports
- e) Unpublished official records
- f) "Banking and Financial Statistics" report of Nepal Rastra Bank Magazines
- g) Journals and other publish and unpublished related documents and reports for Central Library T. U., Shanker Dev Campus Library, Nepal Rastra Bank Library
- h) Various Internet Websites
- i) Other published materials

3.4 DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURE:

As the study will also be based on primary data, information will be collected developing a scheduled questionnaire and distributing these to employees of the banks and clients. Question of open end (i.e. yes or no) will be included in questionnaire. Besides this, junior employees and clients are also being observed and responses have been drawn from them about relevant questionnaires.

3.5 POPULATION AND SAMPLE

22 commercial banks are operating in Nepal. Out of these Rastriya Banijya Bank Ltd. has been selected as sample for the present study. Similarly, financial statements of the Bank for 5 years from 2059/060 to 2063/064 have been taken as sample for the study.

3.6 METHODS OF DATA ANALYSIS

To make the study more specific and reliable, the researcher uses two types of tool for analysis,

- a) Financial Tools
- b) Statistical Tools

3.6.1 FINANCIAL TOOLS

For the sake of analysis, various financial tools were used. The basic tools used were ratio analysis. Beside it income and expenditure analysis and cash flow analysis have been used.

3.6.2 RATIO ANALYSIS:

Ratio analysis is a powerful and the most widely used tool of financial analysis. A ratio defined as "The indicated quotient of two mathematical expression" and as "The relationship between two or more things (Webster's New Collection Dictionary, 1975: 958).

A ratio is a figure or a percentage representing the comparison of one-dollar amount with some other dollar amount as a base .Ratio analysis is a widely used tool of financial analysis. It is defined as the systematic use of ratio to interpret the financial statements so that the strength and weakness of a firm as well as its historical performance and current financial condition can be determined. In financial analysis a ratio is used as an index or yardstick for evaluating the financial position and performance of a firm. Ratio helps to summarize the large quantities of financial data and to make qualitative judgment about the firm's financial performance (Pandey, 1979: 97).

A large number of ratios can be generated from the components of profit and loss account and balance sheet. They are sound reasons for selecting different kinds of ratios for different types of situations. For this study, ratios are categorized into the following major headings:

3.6.3 LIQUIDITY RATIO:

Liquidity refers to the ability of a firm to meet its short- term or current obligations as and when they fall due for payment. So liquidity ratios are used to measure the ability of a firm to meet its short-term obligations and from them the present cash solvency as well as ability to remain solvent in the event of adversities of the same can be examined (Van Horne, 1999: 693).

Inadequate liquidity can lead to unexpected cash short falls that must be covered at inordinate costs, thus reducing profitability. In the worst case, inadequate liquidity can lead to the liquidity insolvency of the institution. On the other hand, excessive liquidity can lead to low asset yields and contribute to poor earnings performance (Scott, 1992:140).

To find -out the ability of banks to meet their short-term obligations, which are likely to mature in the short period, these ratios are calculated. The following ratios are developed under the liquidity ratios to identify the liquidity position.

3.6.4 ACTIVITY/EFFICIENCY RATIO:

It is also known as turn over or efficiency ratio or assets management ratio; measures how efficiently the firm employs the assets. Turn over means the number of times and assets flow through a firm's operations and into sales (Kulkarni, 1994:138).

Greater rate of turnover or conversion indicates more efficiency of a firm in managing and utilizing its assets, being other things equal. Various ratios are examined under this heading.

J	Loan Loss Provision to Total Loans and Advances Ratio
J	Non Performing Loans to Total Loans and Advances Ratio
J	Interest Income to Total Income Ratio
J	Interest Expenses to Total Deposit Ratio
J	Interest suspense to total Interest from Total Loans and Advances Ratio
J	Interest income to Interest Expenses Ratio

3.6.5 ANALYSIS OF GROWTH RATIO:

In order to find out the relative growth of different portfolio, growth analysis is done. Growth ratios are directly related to fund mobilization, investment and loan & advances management of the bank. It represents how well the bank is maintaining its economic position.

To examine and analyze the following Growth ratios are calculated under this study.

- .Growth ratio of Total Deposits
- Growth ratio of Total loan and Advances
- Growth ratio of net profit
- i) Different firms in the industry although apparently comparable in respect to size; age location; product mix and technology may not be really comparable if they are following different accounting methods.
- ii) Financial statements record past transactions. They are, thus an index of what happened in the past. They do not show the current position of the business. Evidently ratio analysis is also primarily concerned with analyzing the past, which may or may not be relevant today. It is thus a sort of 'POST-MORTEM' analysis rather than a guide for decision-making.
- iii) In the context of persistent price level changes, intra firm trends analysis losses much of its operational significance.
- iv) The differences in the definitions of items in the balance sheet and the income statement make the interpretation of ratios difficult.
- v) Some times ratio analysis may suffer from what is known as fallacy of misplaced concreteness (Singh, 1993: 101).
 - Although, various limitations of ratio analysis and doubt may arise about the valid measure of the financial performance but they are used widely to measure the financial performance of the bank.

3.6.6 STATISTICAL TOOLS USED:

For supporting the study, Statistical tool such as Mean, Standard deviation, Coefficient of Variation, Correlation, trend analysis, hypothesis and diagrammatic cum pictorial tools have been used under it.

Arithmetic Mean (Average):

Average is statistical constants which enables us to comprehend in a single effort the significance of the whole. It represents the entire data by a single value. It provides the gist and gives the bird's eye view of the huge mass of unwieldy numerical data. It is calculated as:

$$\overline{X}$$
 = $\frac{X}{N}$

Where:

 \overline{X} = Arithmetic mean

N = Number of observations

X = Sum of observations

Standard Deviation (S.D.):

The standard deviation is the square root of mean squared deviations from the Arithmetic mean and is denoted by S.D. or . It is used as absolute measure of Dispersion or variability. It is calculated:

$$=\sqrt{\frac{\Phi \varepsilon^2}{N}} - \frac{\Phi \varepsilon}{N}^2$$

Where,

= Standard Deviation

 $\frac{\Phi \varepsilon^2}{N}$ = Sum of Squares of Observation

 $\frac{\Phi \varepsilon}{N}$ = Sum of Squares of Mean

Coefficient of Variation (C.V.):

The Co-efficient of variation (C.V.) is the relative measure based on the standard deviation and is defined as the ratio of the standard deviation to the mean expressed in percent. It is independent of units. Hence it is a suitable measure for comparing variability of two series with same or different units. A series with smaller C.V. is said to be less variable or more consistent or more homogeneous or more uniform or more stable than the others and vice versa. It is calculated as:

C.V.
$$= \frac{1}{X}$$
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Where,

 \overline{X} = Mean

= Standard Deviation

C.V. = Coefficient of Variation

Correlation Coefficient (r):

Correlation may be defined as his degree of linear relationship existing between two or more variables. These variables are said to be correlated when the change in the value of one results change in another variable. Correlation is of three types. They are Simple, Partial and Multiple correlations. Correlation may be positive, negative or zero. Correlation can be classified as linear on non-linear. Here we study simple correlation only." In simple correlation the effect of others is not excluded rather these are taken as constant considering them to have no serious effect on the dependent variable. It is calculated as:

$$r_{x1x2}$$
 = $\frac{N X_1 X_2 - (X_1)(X_2)}{[N X_1^2 - (X_1)^2] [N X_2^2 - (X_2)^2]}$

Whereas,

 r_{x1x2} = Correlation between X_1 and X_2

 $N \ X_1 X_2 = Product \ of \ No. \ of \ observation \ and \ Sum \ of \ product \ of \ X_1 and \ X_2 \ X_1$

 X_2 = Product of Sum of X_1 and sum of X_2

. v. Coefficient of Determination (r^2)

It explains the variation percent derived in dependent variable due to the any one specified variable; it denotes the fact that the independent variable is good predictor of the behavior of the dependent variable. It is square of correlation coefficient.

vi. Time Series:-

When a series of data pertaining to series of containing periods should be studied if characteristics and its future direction is best estimated by the time series. Time series analysis a series of data keeping in mind the various short term and long term fluctuations.

Rastriya Banijya Bank ltd. established in year 2022. The data of the last year i.e.from 2059/060 to 2063/064 has been used to measuring the trend analysis. The least square method to trend analysis has been used to measure the trend behavior of the bank. The method is widely used in practices. The straight line trend of a series of data is represented by the following formula.

$$Y = a + bx$$

Where,

Y is used to distinguish the trend value from actual value of 'y', 'a' is the intercept of the computed trend figure of the y variable.

When x=u

b represents the slope of the trend line of the amount of change in y variable that is associated with a change of one it of x variable. Time x variable in time series analysis represents times. While analyzing the time series the propensity of growth and growth rate have examined based on the value of trend value of least square method. The growth rate has been measured from 2059 to 2064 to reveal the real status of the study period.

CHAPTER-IV

PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA

Presentation and analysis of data is very important stage of research study. Its main purpose is to change the unprocessed data into understandable form. It is the process of organizing the data by tabulating and then placing that data in presentable form by using various tables, figures and sources.

Credit management is one of the most important factors that have been developed to facilitate effective performance of bank management. Credit management is the formal expression of the commercial banks goals and objectives stated in financial term for specific future period of time. Credit is the very basic indicator for determining profit.

The main purpose of the objective is to assess the credit management in selected commercial banks. Present chapter will discuss the various aspects of credit management and their actual accomplishment. Actually, credit management is a fundamental managerial tool, which is applied in commercial banks. For this respect, it will analyze the data by using various financial and statistical tools to meet the stated objectives of the study. It also compares the data between selected banks. Besides, it also presents the various funding generated from data analysis.

4.1 FINANCIAL CONDITION OF RASTRIYA BANIJYA BANK LTD.

Financial analysis assists in identifying the major strengths and weaknesses firm. It indicates whether a company has enough cash to meet its obligations ability to utilize properly their available resources. Financial analysis can also used to assess the company's liability as an ongoing enterprise and determine whether a satisfactory return is being earned for the risks return. The necessary to find out the comparative financial condition of the banks in terms of credit practices necessary to find out the comparative credit practices of the bank.

For research purpose, financial condition of the bank in terms of credit practices, credit efficiency has analyzed the credit position of the RBB.

4.2 CREDIT MANAGEMENT IN RASTRIYA BANIJYA BANK

The primary function of the banks today is to produce and sell financial services demanded by the public. One of the most vital of those services is granting loans, particularly loans used to support business investment and consumer spending in the community. Banks are expected to support their communities with an adequate supply of credit for all legitimate business and consumer financial needs and to price that credit reasonably in line with competitively determined interest rates. The loan portfolio of any bank is heavily influenced by regulation, because the quality a banks loan portfolio has more to do with risk and safety than any other aspect of the banking business. Credit management shows the lending policies and practices adopted by the bank during the study period. It measures the ability of the organization in terms of credit practices by using historical data.

4.2.1 TOTAL LOANS & ADVANCES WITH PL & NPL OF THE BANK

The main use of fund of the bank is to make loan and advances, which produces main sources of the income in the form of interest. The total loan and advances of RBB as of FY 2063/064is Rs.25394 million and it was Rs.226608, 25106, 27001and 23103 million in FY 2059/060 to 2062/063 respectively. Out of the total loan and advances of the bank, the performing loan was Rs. 10,604, 10,635, 13,312, 15,055 and 17,989 million in FY 2059/060 to 2063/064 respectively. The non performing loan of the bank is in a decreasing trend. It is tuned to Rs.16004; 14471; 13689, 8048; 7405 million in the FY 2059/060 to 2063/064 respectively. The data reveals that the level of NPL in comparison to international standard of the bank is very high but the NMT has succeeded to decrease it to 29.16% from 60.15% in short period of took over of the Mgmt of the bank .The NPL in the bank was 29.16 % and performing loan was 70.84 % as of FY 2063/064 end, which may not be healthy, however seems to be good on the overall progress of the bank since 2059/60. The data has been presented in the following table.

Table 4.1

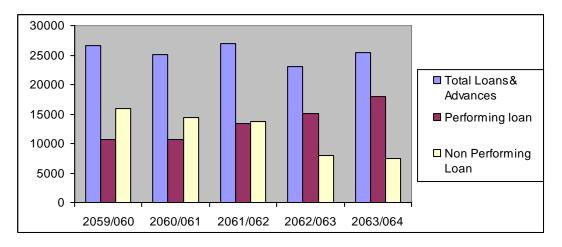
Total loans & Advances with PL & NPL of the Bank

Rs. In Million

Fiscal Year	Total Loans& Advances	Performing loan	Non Performing Loan	NPA in %
2059/060	26608	10604	16004	60.15
2060/061	25106	10635	14471	57.64
2061/062	27001	13312	13689	50.70
2062/063	23103	15055	8048	34.84
2063/064	25394	17989	7405	29.16

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Figurer 4.1
Loans & Advances with PL & NPL



From the above diagram ,it reveals that the bank's total loan and advances is in fluctuation by short amount but the pass loan of the bank is in increasing trends and the Non performing loan is in decreasing trends. It reflects that the loan recovery efforts of the bank has been very effective and also improve the loan administration capabilities in the bank. Due to the various efforts, the level of NPL has been decreased to 29.16% but it is not the acceptable level. Efforts to date succeeded only to reduce the NPL to some extent but it is still not sufficient to

maintain the sound health of the system to the desired level. It reflects that the financial discipline and the level of NPLs of the bank are improving.

Banking sector is seriously affected by the non-performing loan. Rastriya Banijya bank is not far from this above fact. If non-performing loan increases, the overall banking business will be affected. So provision amount will increase and profit will decrease. So, it is suggested that the bank, to be sincere while granting loan and to do effective follow up for recovery of the loan.

4.2.2 LOAN AND ADVANCES TO CURRENT ASSETS RATIO

Loans & advances is the major component in total assets, which indicates the ability of banks to canalize its current assets in the form of loan & advance to earn high return. If sufficient loan and advances cannot be granted, it should be pay interest on those utilized current assets funds and may lose earnings. So commercial banks provide loan & advances in appropriate level to find out portion of current assets, which is granted as loan & advances.

Table 4.2

Loan & advances to current assets ratio

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064	Mean
RBB	7.25	6.98	5.40	6.25	5.95	6.37

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Table 4.4 shows the loan and advances to current assets of the bank over the study period. Loans and advances to current assets ratio of RBB was the highest in the fiscal year 2060/61 and lowest in the fiscal year 2061/62. It has fluctuating trend of the ratio and mean ratio is 6.37 an able to maintained mean ratio in first two year during the study period. It can be concluded that the higher mean ratio indicates the good short term lending performance. Here the bank should focus to increase loan and advances to current assets ratio to increase short term lending performance.

4.2.3 INTEREST INCOME TO LOANS & ADVANCES

Interest income to loan & advances is one of the major sources of income for a commercial bank. The high volume of interest income is indicator of good performance of lending activities.

Table 4.3
Interest income to loan & advances

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064	Mean
RBB	0.125	0.905	0.082	0.092	0.105	0.102

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Table 4.2 shows the ratio of interest income to loan and advances of the bank over the study period. Interest income to the total loan and advances ratio of RBB ranges highest of 0.905 and lowest of 0.082 in the fiscal year 2060/61 and 2061/062 respectively. The mean Interest income to loan and advances of RBB is 0.102.

4.2.4 TOTAL LOANS OF DEPOSIT RATIO

Loan and advances (Credit) and deposit are the major functions of the commercial banks. The relation between these functions shows the efficiency, ability and idle resources of the commercial banks. Credit Deposit (CD) ratio shows the effective utilization of the collected resources from the public for the profit generating purpose. Higher ratio reflects higher efficiency of bank to utilize the collected resources and vice- versa.

Table 4.4
Total loans of deposit ratio

Bank/Fy	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064	Mean
RBB	48.9%	49.8%	56.3%	52.6%	57.8%	52.3%

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

The above table 4.3 shows that how much the bank is successful in mobilizing the collected resources i.e. deposits collected from public in terms of loan and advances for the 5 years of this research period. The table shows that the bank has the highest CD ratio of 57.8% in the FY 2063/064 and the lowest ratio of 48.9% in the FY 2059/060 which reveals that the bank is able to utilize the maximum collected resources in FY 2063/064 and minimum in 2059/060 in loan and advance. The mean ratio over the study period is 52.3%. For mean point of view, the Bank has maintained more than 50% loan & advances to total deposit. In this way, it shows that the bank seems to be strong to mobilize its total deposit as loan & advances. However higher ratio does not mean it is always better from the point of liquidity. Other banks are capable to use more than 50% of deposit on loan and advances. If maintained this, it help make consistency on the profitability of the banks.

From the above ratio, we find that the bank has huge idle fund collected from the public in which the bank has to pay interest regularly and also has to bear other costs. Thus, it requires to be increased in investments with safely and proper ways as per NRB directives and earn more profit in order to strengthen the bank internally to compete with other commercial banks.

Table 4.5

Loans & advances to total assets ratio

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064	Mean
RBB	0.482	0.56	0.49	0.58	0.69	0.57

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Table 4.4 shows that the ratio of loans & advance to total assets in five years of the RBB. Ratio of the RBB is highest in the fiscal year 2063/064 and lowest in the fiscal year 2059/060. From the mean point of view, it can be said that RBB should focus to increase loan and advances to total assess ratio to increase lending performance. It can be concluded that the higher mean ratio indicates the good lending performance.

Table 4.6
Liquidity Ratio

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064
RBB	9 %	17 %	13 %	11 %	11 %

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Table 4.5 shows that the liquidity ratio of the bank during the study period of five years. Liquidity Ratio of the bank is highest in the fiscal year 2060/061 and it has maintained the 11% as per NRB policies after the FY 2062/063.

Activity /Efficiency Ratio:

4.2.5 LOANS LOSS PROVISION TO TOTAL LOAN AND ADVANCES RATIO

The provision for loan loss reflects the increasing probability of non-performing loan. Increase in loan loss provision decreases in profit result to decrease in dividends. But its positive impact is that strengthens the financial conditions of banks by controlling the credit risk and reduces the risks related to deposits.

The low ratio indicates the good quality of assets in total volume of loan & advances. High ratio indicates move risky assets in total volume of loan & advances.

Table 4.7
Loan loss provision to total loan & advances

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064	Mean
RBB	0.092	0.0825	0.0950	0.880	0.820	0.0859

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Above table 4.6 shows the loan loss provision to total loan and advances of selected over the study period. Ratio of the RBB has highest ratio of 0.0950 in the fiscal year 2061/62 and

lowest 0.820 in the fiscal year 2063/064. Increase ratio indicates the increased volume of non-performing loans and vice versa. The bank's Loan loss provision to total loan an advance ratio is in decreasing trend increasing in Loan loss provision means increasing in NPA loan and decreasing means decreasing in NPA and increasing in good loan.

Table 4.8

Non Performing loans to Total Loans and Advances Ratio

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064
RBB	60.15%	57.6 4%	50.70%	34.84 %	29.16 %

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Above table 4.8 shows the Non performing loan to total loan and advances of the bank over the study period. The NPA of the RBB has highest of 60.15% in the fiscal year 2059/060 and gradually decreasing in trends too. In the FY 2063/064 the bank has brought the NPA to 29.16%.

Table 4.9
Income to Expenses Ratio (Productivity) Ratio

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064
RBB	33 %	138 %	160 %	159 %	167 %

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Above table 4.9 shows the income to expenses of the bank over the study period. The income to expenses ratio is 33%, 138%, 160%, 159% and 167% in the FY 2059/060, 2060/061, 2061/062, 2062/063 and 2063/064 respectively. The ratio shows the expense of the bank is decreased and income is increased in every year except 2062/063. It reveals that the bank has been enabled to manage it's income expenditure as well.

4.3 CREDIT EFFICIENCY OF THE BANK.

It measures the effectiveness or activity of the company through establishing the relationship between the various assets and credit of that respective organization.

4.3.1 INTEREST EXPENSES TO TOTAL DEPOSIT RATIO

This ratio measures the percentage of total interest paid against total deposit. A high ratio indicates higher interest expenses on total deposit. Commercial Banks are dependent upon its ability to generate cheaper fund has moves the probability of generating loans and advances and vice versa.

Table 4.10
Interest expenses to total deposit ratio

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064	Mean
RBB	0.026	0.021	0.022	0.023	0.027	0.024

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Above table 4.7 shows the cost of deposit of bank over the study period. Ratio of RBB is highest in the fiscal year 2063/064 and lowest in the fiscal year 2061/062. Its average ratio is 0.024. Increase ratio indicates the increased cost of deposit. Here RBB is able to collect the cheaper deposit.

4.3.2 INTEREST AND EXPENSES TO TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO

This ratio measures the percentage of interest paid against total expenses. The high ratio indicates the low operational expenses and vice versa. The ratio indicates the costly sources of funds.

Table 4.11
Interest expenses to total expenses ratio

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064	Mean
RBB	0.382	0.325	0.375	0.336	0.346	0.353

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Above table 4.8 shows the interest expenses to total expense ratio of the RBB over the study period. The bank has highest ratio in the fiscal year 2059/060 and lowest in the fiscal year 2060/061. Average ratio of RBB is 0.353. It shows that the decrease in cost of deposit as decrease in the interest expenses to total expenses ratio decrease.

4.3.3 NON-INTEREST BEARING DEPOSITS TO TOTAL DEPOSIT RATIO

This ratio measures the volume of non-interest bearing deposits to total deposit. The volume of interest expenses in total expenses represents a large portion of the total expenses. How efficiently the deposits were managed affectively in the total volume of expenses. The higher ratio is favorable but in practices, interest bearing deposits always plays a significant role in the mix of deposit liability.

Table 4.12

Non-interest bearing deposits to total deposit ratio

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/2062	2062/063	2063/064	Mean
RBB	0.15	0.19	0.14	0.17	0.22	0.17

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Above table 4.9 shows non- interest bearing deposits to total deposit ratio of the bank over the study period. Ratio of RBB is highest in the fiscal year 2063/064 and lowest in the fiscal year 2061/062. Average ratio of the bank is 0.17. This major portion of non-interest bearing

deposit consists of current deposits and this deposit is particularly maintained by business enterprises and the govt. organizations.

4.3.4 INTEREST INCOME TO TOTAL INCOME RATIO

This ratio measures the volume of interest income in total income. The high ratio indicates the high contribution made by lending and investment whereas low ratio indicates low contribution made by lending & investment and high contribution by other fee based activities in total income.

Table 4.13
Interest income to total income ratio

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064	Mean
RBB	0.895	0.865	0.785	0.875	0.812	0.846

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Table 4.10 shows the interest income to total income ratio of the bank over the study period. The bank has the highest ratio in the fiscal year 2059/060 and the lowest in the fiscal year 2061/62. Average ratio of the bank is 0.846.

From Average point of view, it can be said that the bank has high interest income to total income. This shows that in total income of the bank, interest income contributes 84.6%. Higher ratio indicates greater dependency on fund-based activities.

4.3.5 INTEREST SUSPENSE TO INTEREST FROM LOANS & ADVANCES RATIO

Interest suspense means the interest due but not collected. This ratio measures the composition of due but uncollected interest in the total interest income from loan & advances. The high degree of this ratio indicates the low interest turnover and low degree of this ratio indicates high interest turnover. This ratio also helps to analyze the capacity of the bank in collecting the repayments of the loans & advances.

 $\label{eq:table 4.14}$ Interest suspense to interest income from loans & advances ratio

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064	Mean
RBB	0.36	0.34	0.37	0.31	0.27	0.331

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Table 4.11 shows the interest suspense to total income from loans and advances ratio of the bank over the study period is observed as 0.36,0.34,.0.37,0.31,0.27 respectively. It was found the highest ratio in the fiscal year 2061/062 and lowest in the fiscal year 2063/064. Average ratio of the bank is 0.331 and it has in decreasing trend.

4.3.6 ANALYSIS OF GROWTH RATIO

Table 4.15
Growth Ratio of Total Deposits

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/2062	2062/063	2063/064
RBB	1.85	3.72	5.26	7.39	9.25

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Table 4.16 shows the growth ratio of the total deposits of the bank over the study period is observed as increased by 1.85%, 3.72%, 5.26%, 7.39% and 9.25% in the FY 2059/060,060/061,061/062,062/063 and 063/064 respectively .It was found the highest ratio in the fiscal year 2063/064 and lowest in the fiscal year 2059/060. The above trends shows that every year the deposit of the bank is in increasing trends.

Table 4.16
Growth Ratio of Total Loan and Advances

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/2062	2062/063	2063/064
RBB	-2 %	-6 %	8%	-14%	7%

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Table 4.17 shows the growth ratio of the total Loans and Advances of the bank over the study period is observed as changed by -2%,-6%,8% ,-14% and 7% in the FY 2059/060,060/061,061/062,062/063 and 063/064 respectively .It was found the highest ratio in the fiscal year 2061/062 and decreased by 14% in the fiscal year 2062/063. The Non Performing loan and Advances of the bank is aggressively recovered and the new loan is slowly disbursed hence the loan and advances of the bank is seeing in decreasing trends rather than increasing .

Table 4.17
Growth Ratio of Net Profit:

Bank/F.Y	2059/060	2060/061	2061/2062	2062/063	2063/064
RBB	121.49%	78.52 %	27.22%	20.33%	5.65%

Source: Statistical Bulletin of the bank

Table 4.18 shows the growth ratio of Net Profit of the bank over the study period is observed as changed by 121.49% 78.52%, 27.22%, 20.33% and 5.65% in the FY 2059/060,060/061,061/062,062/063 and 063/064 respectively .It was found the highest ratio in the fiscal year 2059/060 and lowest in the fiscal year 2063/064.

4.4 RELATIONSHIP OF LOANS AND NET PROFIT

Effective loans directly affect net profit volume of the organization. It is regarded as the most important profit indicator. It helps to increase the net profit volume of the company whereas weak level of loans is the signal of lower level of profit. Thus, it is logical to review the relation of loans and net profit.

For the research proposes, net profit and loans during study period (5 yrs) are averaged to get profit and loans variable. After getting profit and loans variable, then data are analyzed using person's correlation coefficient. The following table presents the correlation coefficient of the profit and loans during study period.

Table- 4.18

Relationship between loan and advance and net profit in RBB: Correlation Matrix

		LOANS	NET PROFIT
LOANS	Person correlation	1	-0.450
	N	5	5
Net profit	Person correlation	-0.450	1
	N	5	5

The table 4.14 presents the correlation coefficient between loans and net profit during study period. The calculated Person's Correlation Coefficient was found -0.450, which shows negative degree of correlation. It indicates that loans and net profit were found highly related with each other. That means, increasing loans helps to increase the net profit whereas decrease in loans decreases in net profit. Coefficient of determination was found to be 0.798which indicates that 79.8% of total change in profit has been determined by the loans. Loans have high influence on net profit of the RBB. Effective loans management helps to increase and stable the net profit of the RBB. No exception is found in case of RBB. Thus, it is logical to review the impact of various components of credit in net profit of the RBB.

4.5 RELATIONSHIP OF LOANS AND NON-PERFORMING LOANS

Effective non-performing loans directly affect the volume of the loans of the Bank. It is regarded as the most important indicator of bank's performance for survival. It helps to increase the risky in loans management of the bank whereas level of non-performing loans is signal of the poor performance of the loan management. Thus, it is logical to review the valuation of non-performing loans & loans management.

For the research purpose, the non-performing loan and loan management during study period (5 years) are averaged to get non-performing loans and loans variables. After getting non-performing loans and total loans, then data are analyzed using Person's correlation coefficient. The following table presents the correlation coefficient of the non-performing loan and loans management during the study period.

Table 4.19

Relationship between loan and non-performing loans in RBB:-Correlation Matrix

		Loans	Non Performing
			Loans
LOANS	Person correlation	1	-0.663
	N	5	5
Net profit	Person correlation	0.663	1
	N	5	5

The table 4.16 presents the correlation coefficient between non-performing loan and loans during study period. The calculated Person's correlation coefficient was found -0.663, shows low negative correlation. It indicates that non-performing loans and loans were negatively related with each other. That means, decreasing on performance in loans management. Coefficient of determination was found 0.5604 which indicates that 56.04% of total change in loans management has been negatively determined by non-performing loans.

Loan management has been negatively influenced by non-performing loans. Effectively loans management helps to decrease the non-performing loans. No exception is found incase of RBB. Thus it is logical to review the impact of various components of working in loans management.

4.6 IMPACT OF LOAN AND ADVANCES ON NET PROFIT

Loans have high implication for determining net profit. Effective loans directly affect the net profit of the banks. It means that the net profit of the banks is largely depended by the loans management. Thus, it is more significance to know the impact of loans in net profit.

To find out the result the five yes data (study period) of net profit, loans are averaged to get a variable of net profit & loans. Thereafter, simple regression analysis is used for computation. The following table presents the regression analysis of the independent variable loans on dependent variables net profit of the RB Bank.

Table 4.20
Regression Analysis on loan and advance and net profit in RBB

			Adjusted R	Std. Error of the
Model	R	R Square	Square	Estimate
1	0.450(a)	0.203	-0.063	2893.26

Regression equation of Net Profit (Y) on Loan and advances (X) is given by

Regression equation	Constant (a)	Coefficient (b)
$= \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\mathbf{x}$	21148.664	-0.825

Table 4.20 shows the dependency of Net profit on loans. The calculated R was found 0.450 indicates that there is moderate relationship dependent variable profit on independent variable loans. After considering the error term, the adjusted R square value was found -0.063 which

indicates that 6.3% of the total variation in the dependent variable net profit has been explained by the independent variable loans. Thus, it can be concluded that loans is a strong determinant of net profit. Therefore management loans should seriously be taken to achieve the goal of the RBB Bank.

The value of b is found to be -0.825, which means that, on average, 1 rupee change in total loan would result in 0.825paisa change in the Net profit of RBB. Given the Net profit of the RBB for coming years, we can use the above Equation to estimate what the loan of the RBB would likely to be in the coming years.

4.7 TREND ANALYSIS LEAST SQUARE METHOD

Trend analysis is a statistical tool, which will highlight the previous trend of the financial performance and helps in forecasting the future financial results of these banks. Trend analysis shows the trend of loan and advances of seven banks for eight years. Loan and advances shows a bank's efficiency in performance of efficient utilization of the same indicates its success and profitability.

4.8 TREND OF PERFORMING LOANS OF RASTRIYA BANIJYA BANK LIMITED

Computation of straight line trend analysis of Performing loans and advances of Rastriya Banijya Bank Limited.

Now, Regression equation Y = a + b X (Note: a=19176, b=1919,)

Loan and advances on the 6th year

$$Y = 19176 + 1919*6$$

= 30690

Loan and advances for 7th year

$$Y = 19176 + 1919*7$$

= 32609

Loan and advances for 8th year

$$Y = 19176 + 1919*8$$

= 34528

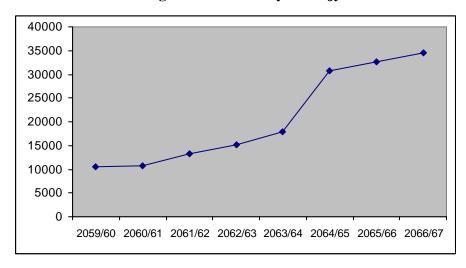
Table 4.21
Trend of Performing Loans of Rastriya Banijya Bank Limited

Rs. In Million

FY	2059/60	2060/61	2061/62	2062/63	2063/64	2064/65	2065/66	2066/67
Loan &adv	10604	10635	13312	15055	17989	30690	32609	34528

Figure 4.2

Trend of Performing Loans of Rastriya Banijya Bank Limited



4.9 TREND OF NET PROFIT OF THE RASTRIYA BANIJYA BANK LIMITED

Computation of straight line trend analysis of Non Performing loans and advances of Rastriya Banijya Bank Limited.

Now, Regression equation Y = a + b X (Note: a=159.40, b=5272.80, x=X-3,)

Net Profit for the 6^{th} year

$$Y = 159.40 + 5272.80*3$$

= 15977.80

Net Profit for the 7^{th} year

$$Y = 159.40 + 5272.80*4$$

= 21250.60

Net Profit for the 8th year

Y = 159.40 + 5272.80*5

= 26523.40

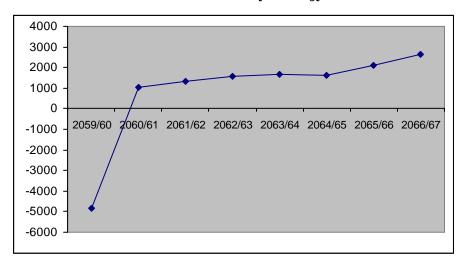
Table 4.22
Trend of Net Profit of the Rastriya Banijya Bank Limited

Rs. In Million

FY	2059/60	2060/61	2061/62	2062/63	2063/64	2064/65	2065/66	2066/67
Net Profit	-4840	1040	1323	1592	1682	1598	2125	2652

Figure 4.2

Trend of Net Profit of the Rastriya Banijya Bank Limited



4.10 MAJOR FINDINGS

Major findings of the study are as follows:

During the study period, the bank registered a significant increase in deposits, loans and advances and profitability. As compared of the total deposits in the FY 2063/064 was Rs.50464 million which is 9% more than last FY 2062/063. The growth % of the deposits during the study period was 1.85, 3.72, 5.26, 7.39 and 9.25 % respectively. The

growth rate of the loan and advances of the bank was -2%, -6%, 8%, -14% and 7 % was observed during the study period.

- The net profit of the bank over the study period was observed in decreasing trends. The growth rate of the net profit is increased by 78.50%, 27.22%, 20.33% and 5.65% over the study period. The bank was in loss and shown in very critical situation before taking the NMT. After the took over the NMT the bank was turned into profit oriented bank. The NPL of the bank was reached to more than 60% before the NMT. After restructuring the bank is succeeded to turn into positive earning than loss and reducing the NPA to the below 30% during the study period and the data shows that the NPA of the bank is in reducing trends.
- The average interest income to loan and advances of the bank is 0.109, seeing the scenario of the commercial bank it is satisfactory level of the income.
- Average loan and advances to total assets of the bank during the study period is observed 0.585 and it can be concluded that the ratio is above 50% indicates the good lending performance. Here the bank should focus to increase loan and advances to total asset ratio to increase lending performance. Average ratio of RBB is 5.42. From the mean point of view, it can be concluded that the higher mean ratio indicates the good short term lending performance.
- Increased ratio indicates the increased volume of non-performing loans and vice versa.

 Loan loss provision of RBB is decreasing trend, so the decreasing loan loss ratio indicates efficient credit policy and gradual increment on the performance of the bank.
- Correlation Coefficient between the loan and advances to net profit of the bank is -0.450 and 0.798 respectively; it indicates high degree of positive relation between loan and net profit. Loans have high influence on net profit of the bank. Effective loans management directly affects to net profit of the bank.

- Correlation coefficient between non-performing loan and loans of RBB is -0.663; it indicates that non-performing loans and loans were negatively related with each other. Coefficient of determination was found 0.5604 which indicates that 56.04% of total change in loans management has been negatively determined by non-performing loans. Loan management has been negatively influenced by non-performing loans. But it is improving in lending procedures of the bank seems will be good hereafter of the study period.
- Coefficient of determination of the bank is 0.843 which indicates that 8.43% of the total variation in the dependent variable net profit has been explained by the independent variable loans. Thus, it can be concluded that loans is a strong determinant of net profit. Therefore management loans should seriously be taken to achieve the goal of the Bank.
- Least square trend line shows the loan and advances of the bank have been increasing with a constant growth rate of 19176 million on financial year 2064/065. The expected loan and advances is 30690 million, 32609million and 34528 million in the fiscal year 2064/065, 2065/066 and 2066/067.

CHAPTER -V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As the final chapter of the study, this chapter briefly explains the summary of the study, tries to fetch out findings and conclusions and attempts to offer suggestions and recommendations for strengthen the financial position of the bank.

5.1 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The main objective of the study is to analyze and evaluate the insight of the present status of the existing credit management of the Rastriya Banijya Bank ltd. To analyze this, secondary data has been used for an average period of 5 years from FY 059/060 to 063/064.

Nepal being an underdeveloped country, its industries, agriculture sector, trade and commerce are still in a state of infancy. Development of any nation would be daydream until and unless an adequate amount of capital is invested and mobilized in productive sectors like industries trade and business of every nook and corners of the country. In fact, the development of economy of the world is result of substantial investment in such productive sector in order to boost up the economy and the social life of any country, it is extremely essential to have a mechanism through which small amount of saving can be collected and transferred into efficient uses. Thus the commercial banks have most important role to accelerate economic growth of a nation as well as improve the living standard of the people.

In Nepal the history of modern banking system as compared to other developed countries is not very long. The first commercial bank, known as NBL was established in 1994 BS before the setting up of a central bank. This was the first organized financial institution in the nation although banking services were in practice even before its establishment.

The second commercial bank, which is known as RBB, was established in 2022 BS for the purpose of fulfillment of the banking facilities in those places where the NBL could not cover.

The main objective of the RBB is to provide the banking services in all over the country, mostly in rural areas to boost the socio economic condition of the people and economic growth of the nation. RBB is the largest commercial Bank from the point of view of the deposit collection, investment and outstanding loan and advances and has already completed 42 years in serving the nation. After take over by the NMT, the bank has turned into the highest profit earner in the market. NMT has started the work in systemic way by issuance various policies too. They have developed good banking culture and changed the banking outlook for providing well services to the customer as thinking in like other joint venture bank of the nation.

Despite the slow down in our economy due to decline in agricultural production, political instability and conflict in the country, there is a significant growth in the number of financial institutions in the country. At present, 23 commercial banks have been operating to provide modern banking services and facilities to boost up the economic condition of the nation.

To evaluate the credit management of Rastriya Banijya bank is selected under the study and five year financial statements of bank has been used for the study. The study has been divided into five chapters which include introduction, review of literature, research methodology, data presentation and analysis and summary, conclusion and recommendation. This study mainly based in secondary data, with include published annual report and other publication of banks. Other related information was gathered from the concerned banks, Nepal Rasta Bank, Nepal Stock Exchange, Securities Board of Nepal, different websites. The data have been analyzed by using financial and statistical tools like ratio analysis, correlation coefficient, regression analysis trend analysis etc.

The study shows that over the period, average loan and advances ratio of RBB and is 0.521. The bank is capable to use more than 50% of deposit on loan and advances. If maintained this, it help make consistency on the profitability of the bank. Banking sector is seriously affected by the non-performing loan. RBB is not far from this above fact. If non-performing loan increases, the overall banking business will be affected. So provision amount will increase

and profit will decrease. So, it is suggested that the study are to be sincere while granting loan and to do effective follow up for recovery of the loan. Average loan and advances to total assets of RBB is 0.385 .It can be concluded that the higher mean ratio indicates the good lending performance.

The capital fund of the bank is still in negative balance. This is particularly the result of the poor performance of the bank. Due to the various causes like no. of service oriented branches than profit oriented, over non performing staffing, lack of operational systems, lack of regulatory and supervisory by the central regulate body etc. the bank has suffered with high NPLs. The bank suffers from an unclear role and responsibilities of managerial bodies, boards, stakeholders. Corporate governance is very weak in Nepal .A weak operational system ,poor administrative and financial records management, poor accounting system ,lack of transparency, absence of the code of conduct for employees, managerial bodies, Board members, stakeholders and corruption are the some characteristics prevalent in the bank an other financial sectors.

NRB and government of Nepal have been initiated various measures to control the level of NPLs and improving the financial discipline in the system under the financial sector reform program (FSRP). A lot of financial costs have been involved in restructuring the system with FSRP.

Since the NPA of RBB is more than 60%, for progress in financial sector and management of NPA, NRB has initiated Financial Sector Technical Assistance Project in the bank with the loan help from World Bank and the donation from IMF. On 16th January 2003, The management of the bank was handover to a NMT under contract headed by Mr. Bruce F. Henderson as CEO of the Bank. The major responsibility of the NMT is to increase profitability and productivity and recover the maximum in past dues, principle and interest.

To improve the bank by restructuring the management was handed to over to the foreign consultants as NMT with the total cost of Rs.2.69 billion including consultant's fee of Rs.428.7 million and voluntary retirement cost of Rs. 2.27 billion.

After handover of the bank to the NMT the bank has come to the survival position in the current time. The NMT restructured the branches with assessment of the actual transaction needs, right sizing of the employees as per actual assessment of HR requirements, enhance the skills of the employees through training and development, Branch automation, reduction of NPA through extensive focus on recovery and exploring new business product like Home loan, Auto Loan, Education Loan etc (retail based loan) and increased the good loan with customer needs. To go to the market for healthy competition the RBB has launched Debit Visa Card, SMS services for giving the message of the changes of the bank from token system to modern banking to its valued customer. Thus the bank has able to earn the net profit above of Rs.15million during the study period.

The study is mainly focused to the credit aspects of the bank. RBB also control risk in the lending function by setting up policies and procedures for processing each loan request. A written loan policy that describes what types of loans and loan terms best protect the bank's soundness and also helps to meet the needs of the customers the bank serves.

RBB also consider many factors in deciding whether or not to grant a loan to a borrower. At the time of observation the bank generally, evaluation of a loan application will focus on six key factors;

- Character, which goes to the honesty and sincerity of the borrower.
- Capacity, whether the borrower has the legal standing necessary to sign a valid loan contract.
- Cash, which focuses on the borrower's estimated capacity to generate sufficient income or cash flow to repay the loan.

- Collateral, Whether the borrower has assets or other items of value that can pledged to help secure the loan,
- Conditions, the broader environment of the industry and the economy in which the borrower operates that could adversely affect loan repayment, and
- Control, which refers to whether or not the borrower's application meets the banks loan quality standards and the standards imposed by the regulatory authorities.

Besides these the bank has rating the borrower's risk in the SME loan and corporate loan and the bank has used to credit scoring to the retail loan for finding the borrower's creditworthy and the position of the borrower.

On average of 5 years of research period only 52.30% of total deposit of the bank is utilized in credit and advance. But due to the various reasons, banks have not been able to fully utilize the collected funds in proper way. Thus, there is a gap between the deposits and loan & advances .As a result there is pilling up of the deposits with RBB which do not bring any return to the bank and has to bear high cost in idle liquidity.

Most of the RBB,s Branches are established in rural areas than urban areas. It covers 64 districts out of 75 districts in the country. This bank is a sole government owned commercial bank and has been established with service motive and social welfare rather than profit motive. This bank has large number of branches and most of them are established in rural areas of the nation. So, this bank has a vital role in uplifting the economic activities of poor rural people by providing them with micro credit facilities thereby increasing their living standard which ultimately helps the country to reduce the poverty. In conclusion the strength and limitation of the bank is:

RBB' Credit Strength	RBB' Credit Limitation		
High Liquidity	Very High level of NPA		
High Single Obligor Limit	Low motivated and lack of Skilled Human		
	resources		
Vast Geographical Reach	Traditional Banking & Collateralized		
	Lending		
Sovereign Tag	Competitive & Aggressive Market		
Established Relationship with Corporate	Low off Balance sheet Income		
Houses			
Preferred By Govt. /semi Govt. Bodies	Bring Back Lost Customers		
Old and Trustworthy Bank	Low Usage of Credit Limits		

5.2 RECOMMENDATION

The findings of the study reflect both positive and negative results with respect to the financial performance of the bank. Based on the overall presentation and analysis of the data, some recommendations have given for the improvement of the existing scenario of the credit management of the RBB.

- The bank should try to increase the loan and advances to deposit; High ratio shows the capability of bank on mobilizing its total deposit as loan and advances. After removing the policy of maintaining average interest rate spread below 5% RBB can take more benefit than other private banks to increase its loan and advances in the cheapest rate to mobilize the bank's idle fund.
- Banking sector is seriously affected by the non-performing loans. All banks are not far from this above fact. If non-performing loan increases, the overall banking business will be affected Banks should sincere while granting loan and to do effective follow up fro recovery of non- performing loan. Still the bank RBB has near about 30% of NPL so the bank should have decreased to minimum level of the standard for it's survival.

- Banks should be more exercise in credit creation and maintaining the effective, competitive interest rate for the loan and advances. This helps them to maintain more competitive in the growing banking industry of the country.
- Banks could do better by offering modern banking facilities and new product for the development of banking industry.
- Provision on Bad loan should be maintained as per the directives of Nepal Rastra bank.
- Banks should regularly follow the credit customer and their business to confirm that whether the customers have utilized their credit for the same purpose committed at the time of taking credit from the bank. Most of the branches of RBB have not serious for review the loan in the time frame. So the respective department should aware and take the action to the branches for timely Review of the every loan and advances. It helps to control the downgrade of the loan and advances. Review of the loan and frequent contact with borrowers also minimize the chance of misuse of the loan.
- Borrowers do not pay the bank loan in due date is the major problem of the bank. Since the bank is not the charitable institution to donate funds to the borrowers, it should improve in the recovery of loan by restructuring and rescheduling the loan and reinvesting the resource which will generate the income of borrower and ultimately increases in paying capacity of the bank loan. For this the manager and the loan staff of the branches should be provided with adequate training so that they could identify right borrowers, right project and ensure correct project appraisal so that on one hand the borrower will be benefited and on the other hand, the borrowers will be able to repay back their loan to the bank.
- On average of 5 years of research period only 52.30% of total deposits of the bank is utilized in loan and advances. The bank could not fully utilize the deposit. This idle

liquidity with the bank will not return anything but the bank has to bear high cost on it. So, the bank should manage to utilize the deposit at optimum level by investing them in proper and safe way in the secured sectors so that no additional new NPA will be added and the recovery can be done continuously for the long term development of the bank.

- The bank should be focus for non funded facility for it's less risky business with for good income.
- The bank should introduce various kind of welfare program of its staffs so that it will motivate them to increase their efficiency in their performance in the recovery of the loans and increase in the profitability of the bank as well as decreasing in NPA of the bank. Thus the bank should provide various training facilities, job satisfaction and motivation to its staffs in order to increase their efficiencies, skills, confidence and effectiveness.
- For effective loan recovery of the priority sector it is needed to advertise from corner to corner of the nation about the facilities of rebate in interest if the overdue loan amount is paid within the specified time and interest waiver facility for those who settle the loans.
- The foreign remittance inflow which is a major source of Nepalese consumer in these is gradually increased day by hence the bank should make banking mechanism to collect the money through RBB for worldwide and it helps to hold the market own self and can do it by it's high network in the nation.
- The bank should be taken the prompt corrective action for strengthening its business capacity.
- The bank has been changed to modern banking from traditional ledger banking however it should be injected new blood to cope the changes of the bank.

- The bank has been implementing various policies like Credit policies, IT policies, LRDR policies, Audit Policies, etc. for making the regulatory and supervisory process effective. In this regard the audit report and other information submitted by the external auditors should be taken corrective action as soon as possible which helps to correct the action in favor of the bank.
- To achieve it's mission, the bank has needed to be market responsive. Supporting delivery of this mission is a set of priorities for the coming year:
 - Making services better reflect the needs of the people
 - Customer demand and grievance management
 - Raising the profile of the bank and creating new brand positioning

The following marketing and communications plan is designed to help achieve these objectives. The bank should be focus on programs to be undertaken and key activities to be performed.

- Prepare customer/clients database
- Develop customer complaints / Grievance redress system
- Assessing the market and competition
- Branch service delivery status
- Programs to attract high value/prime customers
- Review of tariff and price
- Developing new products/service and/or modifying exiting product
- Business promotion

For the achievement of target goals and objectives of the commercial banks, they should be focused their liquidity position, deposit, loan and advances and their lending procedures and market competitors for their healthy survival in the market. From above study, analysis and observation with facts we must conclude with a reasonable realistic solution of the Rastriya Baniya Bank in terms of credit management. Some of important and valuable suggestion for strength of the bank, its establishment, sustainable growth; the bank should follow the above

recommendation and it's all policies which is already in use of the bank. Commercial banks have to channelize fund by gradually shifting priorities from consumer loan to the productive sector to help for capital formation in the country. Like wise RBB is also aggressive in consumer lending .It has observed Rs.500 billion consumer credit during the study period showed that the bank give more priority in consumer credit. The bank has to improve their quality of services and monitoring and follow-up to the all loans.

Annex-I
Balance Sheet of Rastriya Banijaya Bank Limited

	(Rs. In Mil					
Particulars	FY 2059/060	FY 2060/061	FY 2061/062	FY 2062/063	FY2063/064	
Liabilities						
Share Capital	1172	1172	1172	1172	1172	
Reserve Funds	-23568	-22610	-21372	-19891	-18385	
Borrowings	162	80	4218	4358	2241	
Deposit	39402	40867	43016	46195	47500	
Bills Payable	16	24	40	41	40	
Other Liabilities	25988	25523	29748	17135	12497	
Total Liabilities	43172	45056	56822	49010	47911	
Assets						
Cash Balance	1019	1007	1622	1202	1511	
Balance with Banks	2717	6012	3931	4027	4640	
Money at call & S.N.	740	100	0	0	20	
Investments	4623	3117	8416	11627	12716	
Loan & Advance (Net)	10604	10635	13312	15055	17989	
Principle	26608	25106	27001	23103	25394	
Less: Provision	16004	14471	13689	8048	7405	
Fixed Assets	479	392	393	627	693	
Other Assets	21915	23597	29029	16865	9741	
Total Assets	43172	45056	56822	49010	47911	

Annex-II

Profit & Loss Account of Rastriya Banijya Bank Limited

				(Rs.	In Million)
Particulars	2059/060	2060/061	2061/062	2062/063	2063/064
Interest Income	2051	2236	2329	2283	2355
Interest Expenses	2108	1495	1005	850	939
Net Interest Income	1416	1433	1324	741	-57
Fees Commission & Discount	210	310	288	289	345
Other operating Income	85	1056	835	110	283
Foreign Exchange Gain/Loss (Net)	3	16	14	74	15
Total Operating Income	241	2123	2461	1906	2059
Staff Expenses	3249	906	811	745	821
Other Operating Expenses	245	230	234	289	342
Operting Profit Before Provision	-3253	987	1416	872	896
Provision for Possible Losses	1594	11	137	663	315
Operating Profit	-4847	976	1279	209	581
Non Operating Income/Expenses	7	147	44	27	29
Write Back of Provision For Possible Losses	0	0	0	1516	1210
Profit from Regular Activities	-4840	1123	1323	1752	1820
Extra Ordinary Income /Expenses (Net)	0	0	0	-33	-4
Profit before Bonus & Taxes	-4840	1123	1323	1719	1816
Provision For Staff Bonus	0	83	0	127	134
Provision For Tax	0	0	0	0	0
Net Profit/ (Loss)	-4840	1040	1323	1592	1682

Annex-III

Correlations(Total loan and advs and net profit)					
		VAR00001	VAR00002		
VAR00001	Pearson Correlation	1.000	450		
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.447		
	N	5	5		
VAR00002	Pearson Correlation	450	1.000		
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.447			
	N	5	5		

Correlations(Total loan and non performing loan)						
		VAR00001	VAR00002			
VAR00001	Pearson Correlation	1.000	.663			
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.223			
	N	5	5			
VAR00002	Pearson Correlation	.663	1.000			
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.223				
	N	5	5			

Regression

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Model Summary						
Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate		
1	.450 ^a	.203	063	2893.2602		
a. Predictors: (Constant), VAR00001						

		ANOVA	4		
	Sum of		Mean		
Model	Squares	df	Square	F	Sig.
1 Regressio	6381211.	1	6381211.	.762	.44
Residual	2511286	3	8370954.		
Total	3149407	4			

a.Predictors: (Constant), VAR00001b.Dependent Variable: VAR00002

Coefficients							
				Standard			
				zed			
		Unsta	ndardized	Coefficie			
		Coefficients		ts			
Model		В	Std. Erro	Beta	t	Sig.	
1	(Constant	21148.66	24074.72		.878	.44	
	VAR0000	825	.945	450	873	.44	
a.De	a.Dependent Variable: VAR00002						

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