

Current Economic Scenario Financial Sector Perspective

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Presentation Outline

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- □ Current Banking scenario
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 - □ Possible Consequences
- □ Policy Dilemma
- □ Conclusion

Current Macro Economic Situations

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Macro Economic Statistics

Based on 4 month Current Macro economic

- □ Monetary Situations:
 - Broad money increased by 4.1%
 - Demand deposits reduced by 7.4%
 - Liquid assets of commercial bank reduced by Rs 23 billion.
 - Loans to trading & capital goods increased by 21.8%
 - CPI: 9.9% double digit in five month.

Macro Economic Statistics

Based on 4 month Current Macro economic

□ Fiscal situation:

- Govt. Revenue increased by 41.6%
- Govt. spending increased by 36.5%
- Expenditure: 50 Billion against 37 billion last Yr.
- Recurrent expenditure: 36 Billion against 24 billion last Yr.
- Capital Expenditure: 4 Billion against 3 billion last Yr.
- Revenue: 47 Billion against 33 billion last Yr.

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Macro Economic Statistics

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□ External sector:

- Import increased by: 27.8%.
- Export Reduced by: 23.7%
- Remittances increased by Rs. 5 Billion (68 billion). However growth rate reduced from 66% to 6.6%
- BOP deficit of Rs.20.49 Billion.
- Net Trade deficit of Rs.100 Billion.(119-19)
- Net Foreign Assets: Reduced by Rs.20.50 Billion(11%)
- Net Foreign Assets reduced to Rs.196 billion from Rs.221 billion on July 2009

Major Import

4 Month 2066/67

Commodities	Amount in Million	% of total Import
Petroleum product	12,079	10.15
Vehicles, Spare Parts	7,864	6.61
M.S Billet & Rods	7,520	6.32
Medicine	2,469	2.08
Gold	19,256	16.19
Electrical Eqp	2,596	2.18
Telecom Eqp.	2,025	1.70

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GOLD Import

Year	Nrs. In Crore
2063/64	351.99
2064/65	367.51
2065/66	1657.46
2065/66 (Up to Poush end)	876.84
2066/67 (Up to Poush End)	3360.62

Remittance Inflows

Year	Nrs. Million
2064/65	96,163.23
2065/66	120,053.01
2066/67	182,441.22
2065/66 (up to Poush 27)	87,566.76
2066/67 (Up to Poush 24)	100,730.16
Current growth rate	15.03 %

Reasons Behind

The economic downturn

Some of the Reasons Behind the Economic downturn

- □ Industrial Environment
 - Labor issue
 - Administrative hurdles
 - Poor productivity
- □ Load Shading.
- □ Lack of export promotional initiatives.
- □ Dependents on limited products.
- □ Unwanted -non productive import. etc

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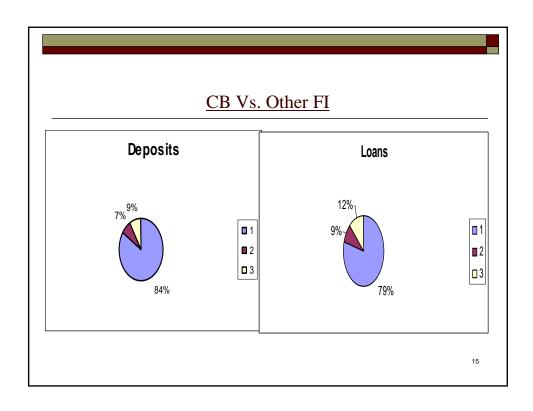
Banking Statistics

Some Banking Numbers

Type of FI	Number
"A"	26
"B"	63
"C"	77
"D"	15
Co- Operatives	16
FINGO	45
Total	242

Commercial Bank Vs. FI Ashad end 2066

Entity	Total deposits Billion Rs.	Total Loans Billion Rs.	NPA Billion Rs	NPA %
Commercial Banks	564	384	13.57	3.53
Development Banks	48	42	0.60	1.51
Finance Companies	57	60	1.11	1.89
Total	669	500	15.28	3.05



Public & Private sector CB-Latest figure

Entity	Total deposits Billion Rs.	Total Loans Billion Rs.	CAR %	NPA %
Private sector Bank (77 & 80)	444	375	11.78	1.54
Public Sector Bank (23 &20)	136	92	-5.22	10.50
Total	580	467	7.41	3.42

$\frac{Current\ Years\ Growth}{\underline{CB}}$

Entity	Deposits		Growth %	
	2066 Ashad	Latest	Deposits	
Private sector Bank	405	444	8.01	
Public Sector Bank	135	136	0.74	
Total	540	580	7.90	

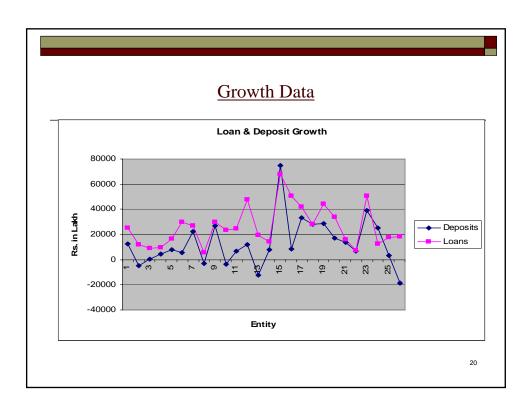
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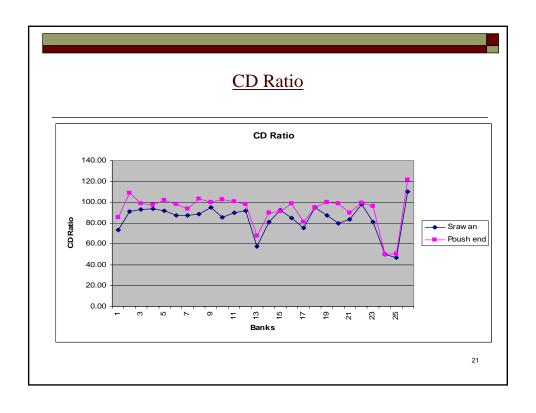
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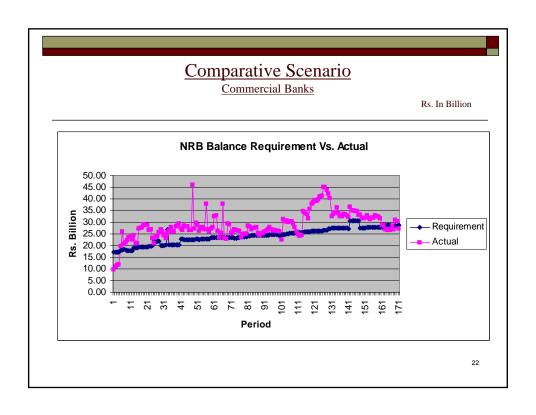
Entity	Cred	Growth %	
	2066 Ashad	Latest	Credits
Private sector Bank	304	375	20.39
Public Sector Bank	87	92	5.55
Total	391	467	19.23

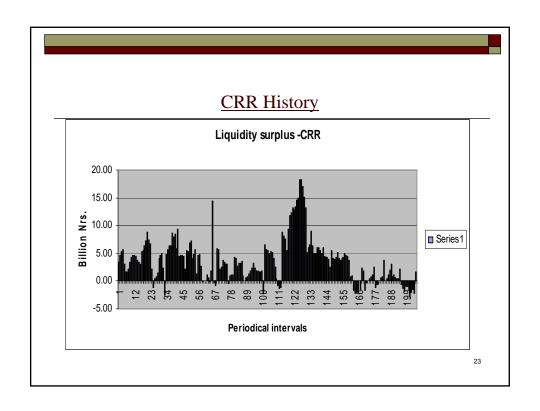
Current Liquidity problem

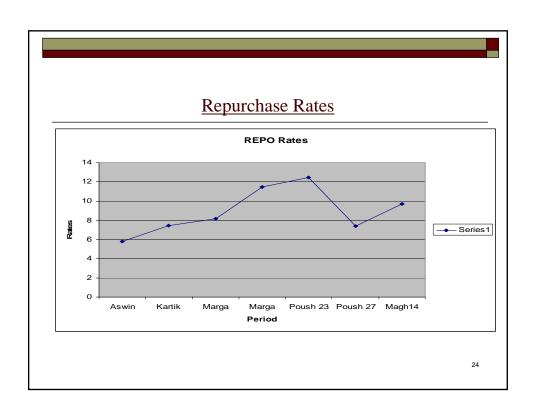
- □ Currently Financial sector is encountering liquidity problem.
- □ Market is quite tight during second quarter of 2066/67, which seems continue for some more weeks.

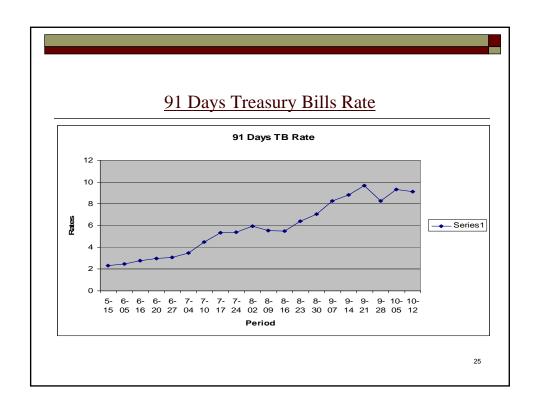


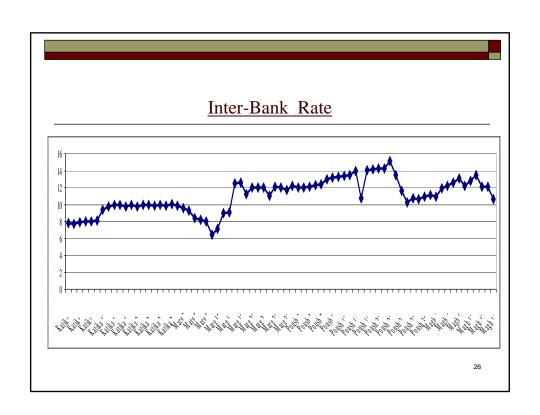












Reason Behind the Liquidity Crunch

- □ External imbalances of Rs.20.5 billion in the first 4 month.
- □ Aggressive Lending by the bank & FI: Lending of 76 Billion within this 6 month, where as the deposits increment was only 40 Billion. It indicates negligence on liquidity Risk Management from the banking sector.

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Reason Behind the Liquidity Crunch

- □ Government Fiscal balances: Surplus fiscal status of around 3.33 billion compare to overdraft situation. Less Govt. spending.
- □ Hurdles on Credit creation cycle.
- □ Others
 - Proliferation- Heads, branch & ATMs.
 - Reduction on Foreign exchange Intervention.
 - Poor market governance & Policy implications.

NRB Initiatives on Liquidity

- □ Proactive Measures:
 - Liquidity profile monitoring
 - Ceiling of 20% on corporate deposits.
 - CRR Requirement of 5.5%/2%
 - SLR requirement.
 - Additional risk weight under Capital adequacy

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NRB Initiatives on Liquidity

- □ Reactive Measure:
 - Repurchase arrangements (20Billion Current OS)
 - Standing Liquidity Facility (SLF)
 - Outright purchase arrangements

Possible Consequences of liquidity problem

- □ Bank specific consequences
 - Re-pricing of its product
 - Cost of fund increment
 - Encounter funding or market Liquidity risk
 - May loose confidence
 - PE may effected

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Possible Consequences of liquidity problem

- □ Macro economic consequences:
 - Interest rate raise- cost of capital may go up.
 - Lender of the last resort requirement
 - Liquidity Crisis
 - Effect on growth
 - May lead to financial Crises

Possible Measure for the Economic Reform

□ Immediate Measure

- Reduction of informal sector stake in the economy.
- Complete stop of all types of Strikes & other political issue till the new system establishes.
- Avoid Load shading- Cost to the economy is immeasurable, Hence power supply at any cost.
- Appropriate monetary measure to overcome the liquidity issue.

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<u>Possible Measure</u> for the Economic Reform

□ Long Term Measure

- Smooth enforcement of Industrial & Trade policy.
- Betterment in to Industrial environment including trade union issue.
- Export promotion & encouragement to import substituting entity.
- Identification of products that have relative advantages compare to others and increase competitiveness.
- Big push to infrastructure, Hydro, tourism, herbs and agriculture.

Policy Dilemma

- □ Where BOP is deficit and the price is soaring up, central bank normally adopt tight monetary policy.
- □ Where market is illiquid central bank needs to ease the liquidity, which is normally against the above policy.
- □ In this scenario central bank is under policy dilemma.
- □ Under such circumstances central bank may set its preferences and choose certain specific instruments to address the situation.

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Conclusion

- □ External sector imbalance and erosion of Foreign exchange should be the serious concern of the economy.
- ☐ The key reason behind the Liquidity crunch in to the financial sector is the BOP deficit and aggressive lending
- □ There is a liquidity crunch in the market and not the crisis. I understand that it is within the control with the efforts of central bank, Bank, FI and the Government.



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