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Critical Analysis Reasons of Non-Performing Assets: An Analytical Study

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Abstract: "When a person delays the payment of the loan or an amount which was due on him through the delay in payment in either interests or instalments or principal amount, that particular loan or amount is termed as Non-Performing Asset." The stability of a nation's banking sector is best gauged by the its margin of non-performing assets (NPAs) in the total assets. This study's objective is to examine the growing trend of the NPA in the sector in order to determine the specific contributions made by the major banks. Banks in the private sector's NPA rise is not as quick as that of banking institutions, SBI, and its affiliates, according to study. Due to the ineffective management of the problem of subprime loans by the banking institutions and the affiliate banks of SBI, the rise in such loans has been very significant.

Keywords: Banks, Non-Performing Assets, Reserve Bank of India, State Bank of India

Introduction

Every financial system is built on the foundation of the banking industry. The efficient running of the banking sector guarantees an economy's overall health. Banks generate credit as a result of taking deposits and disbursing loans. Resource development uses the money that lenders get from customers in the shape of interest and principal repayments. However, the accumulation of "non-performing assets (NPAs)" impedes the movement of credit. It restricts loan development and has an impact on the financial stability of banks. The main measures for assessing the effectiveness of the banking sector are NPAs. Banks mostly rely on interest on advances and loans as well as principal payments for their income. Such assets are categorised as non-performing assets if they fail to provide revenue (NPA). The RBI defines, "an NPA as a credit facility for which interest and/or a principal instalment have been past due for a predetermined amount of time." Typically, "an asset is categorised as a non-performing asset if repayments haven't been made for 90 days." As it impacts the volume and integrity of the balance sheet, the development of subprime loans on bank books isn't a positive development for the banking sector.

The amount of asset return is also negatively impacted. Profitability is decreased since a sizable portion of profits must be set aside for dubious and subpar loans. Even more of a burden on banks is the rise in NPA account holding fees, which may have been put to better use. To upsurge their net worth, monetary firms are also invigorated to preserve a precise level of prosperity competence. Although this situation is harmful for the finance sector, it is clear from fresh press intelligences that it has had a significant impact on the banking business. Other actions implemented by the RBI include recapitalizing PSUs banks and creating verticals for

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the administration of stressed assets. As a result of these developments, the current study attempts to evaluate what banking firms have added to the growing threat what the financial industry's attitude has been with regard to these subprime loans. Increase in NPAs is not a healthy sign for a financial system. Figure 1 shows that how banks NPA has grown over past two years.

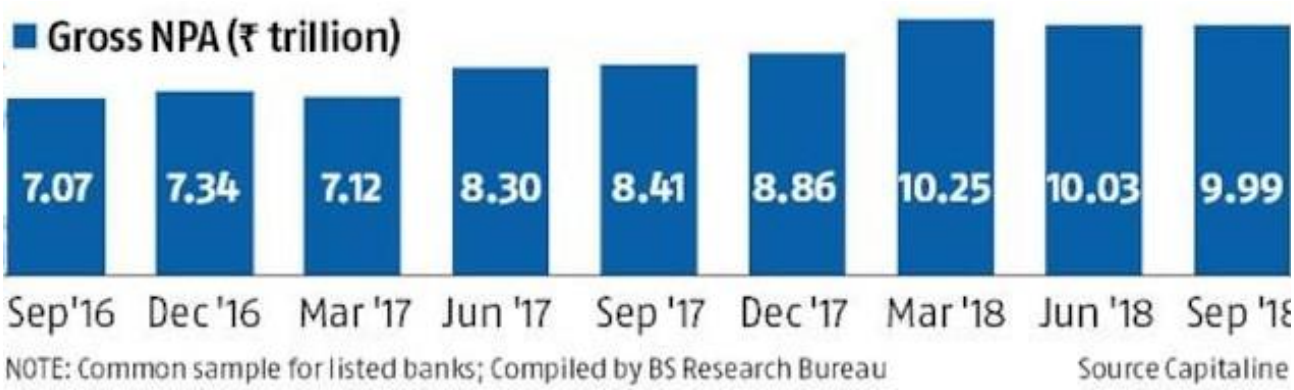

Figure 1 Gross NPAs of Indian Banks

Source: Business Standard

Literature Review

Credits or mortgages that have not been returned by borrowers are referred to as non-performing assets (NPAs), sometimes known as bad debts. In other terms, an NPA is an asset that has ceased to generate income for the lender and is unlikely to be recovered. The problem of non-performing assets (NPAs) is not limited to India; it is a worldwide phenomenon. However, in India, the problem of non-performing assets (NPAs) has been particularly serious in recent years, having a considerable impact on the banking system and the economy as a whole. NPAs occur for a variety of causes. Borrowers' lack of creditworthiness is one of the most typical explanations. In other words, lenders who lack the financial means that repay their debts frequently fail, resulting in increase in NPAs. This can happen for a number of reasons, including hard economic times, job losses, or unanticipated situations that affect the borrower's capacity to pay.

The problem of non-performing assets (NPAs) has been particularly significant in India in recent years, notably in the banking industry. According to the Central Bank of India (RBI), total NPAs in Indian banks climbed from 7.5 percent in March 2017 to 10.2 percent in March 2018. This rise was mostly driven by public sector banks (PSBs), having account for the vast bulk of India's banking industry. PSBs have been particularly heavily impacted by the NPA crisis for a variety of reasons. One issue is that PSBs lack autonomy, that could lead to actual involvement in loan choices. Furthermore, PSBs have been charged with providing loans to high-risk sectors of agriculture and small or medium companies (SMEs).

It is not that the issue of NPA is pertinent in India only. It is there in developed countries also. Figure 1 presents a comparative snapshot of the same. Unfortunately, India has a very high level of NPAs.

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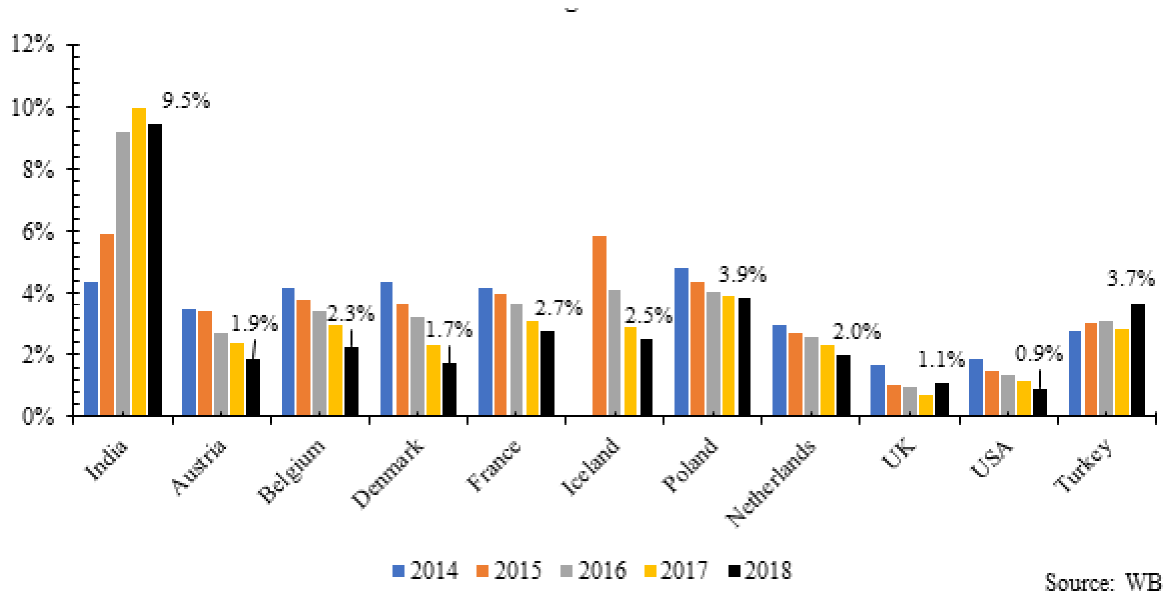

Figure 1 Comparative Snapshot of NPAs: India, Europe, and USA

Source: www.businessworld.in

Another cause of NPAs is bad lending practises on the side of banks. Banks may make loans without performing adequate due diligence, such as reviewing the loan's creditworthiness, income, and repayment capabilities. As a result, loans may be made to borrowers who are unable to repay them, resulting to a rise in NPAs. Furthermore, NPAs can be caused through fraud and wrongdoing. Lenders may take loans with no intentions of retrieving them, or they may utilise the cash for criminal actions in some situations. Banks may also participate in fraudulent operations, such as lending to shell businesses or misrepresenting the value of material in order to receive a loan.

Another reason PSBs have battled with the NPA issue is that their credit evaluation and monitoring processes are inadequate. PSBs have been chastised for failing to do necessary due diligence when making loans and for failing to take adequate efforts to recover problematic loans. The Indian administration has formulated many initiatives in recent years to resolve the NPA problem. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), it offers a time-bound structure for the settlement of illiquid assets, has been one of the important measures. Furthermore, the administration has refinanced PSBs in order to increase their capital soundness and lending capability. The government also took steps to strengthen PSB credit evaluation and monitoring systems, as well as pushed the use of technologies in borrowing and recovery operations.

To summarise, NPAs are a huge issue that impacts both the banking industry and the economy overall. NPAs occur for a variety of causes, including borrowers' lack of creditworthiness, banks' bad lending procedures, and fraud and wrongdoing. The issue of NPAs has already been particularly significant in India, with PSBs particularly heavily impacted. However, the government has taken a number of steps to tackle the concerns, including the enactment of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, the recapitalization of PSBs, and enhancements to credit

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Governments and lenders are both very worried about the NPA issue. Many investigations are being conducted to better understand the sources of mounting NPAs., the variations done to decrease the accumulation of NPAs. Only a small number of the relevant studies are arranged chronologically. Examined were the multiple NPA reasons, their magnitude, how they affect Indian banking activities, and viable solutions to the troubles of the banking system (Karunakar et al. 2008).

There are 13 management approaches that address the problem of NPA build-up. In their essay from (Rajeev et. al, 2010) explore the subject of NPAs in the wake of the financial crisis of 2008. Some claim that the overwhelming bulk of the NPA problem may be controlled by simply becoming aware of the problem and keeping a watch on oneself. Self-help groups could be very important in the debt payback process. (Barge, 2012) looks into the pressing demand for immediate tracking and supervision of lent money. In order to keep the asset from turning into a non-performing asset, the report recommends a number of recommendations, including better control over how funds are eventually used, awareness of the debtor's history of credit, and supporting debtors in developing ownership abilities. The NPA situations of “State Bank of India (SBI)” and its associates, as well as other PSUs banks, are contrasted in (Gupta's. 2012) report. It also implies the requirement for a committee made up of monetary professionals to supervise and keep an eye on the NPA problem. (Shalini. 2013) has examined the factors that lead to the growth of non-performing investments (NPAs) in Indian government sector banking industry and offered remedies, paying particular attention to how the agricultural sector contributes to this problem. The resolution that institutions should take particular safeguards before granting a loan is made after taking into account the many problems that Indian farmers face. The collecting of information ahead of time about the farm owners' goodwill, a few of the techniques proposed include post-sanction assessment and teaching producers about the ramifications and consequences of failing. (Singh. 2013) draws his inspection of the place of Indian private banks in terms of NPAs leads him to the opinion that these bad loans are a serious concern for banks with in public service, which also have undergone continuous expansion through their existence. Loans for the micro industry and initiatives to fight poverty account for the majority of the money. The paper by (Bhaskaran et al. 2016) contrasts the NPAs of PSUs banks vs those of banks run by private sector during a decade long duration. However according their findings, private-sector banks are outperforming government banks in terms of lowering non-performing assets. The authors advise banks to create structured NPA management strategies at an early stage, putting a focus on NPA prevention. (Thomas et al.

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2016), in recent studies on Indian banks' debt recovery plans include two types of dealings: precautionary and counteractive.

A recent study on NPAs and their retrieval status, (Singh, 2016), finds that banks in the public sector are more affected than banks in the private sector by the problem. The academic evaluation emphasises the need for strict lending restrictions to ensure quick loan payback. (Meher. 2017) investigates how the administration's notebandi initiative affected the NPA of Indian banks inside the years following demonetization. The researcher lists the incident's benefits and drawbacks for the banking industry. The part of post banking collapse perspectives in the 90s and the second following the “2008 financial crisis” that elevated the problem of NPAs—were compared by (Sengupta et al. 2017). According to another authors, competent governance, tight banking laws, and a robust legal system for NPA resolution might all contribute to resolving the NPA problem. Nonetheless, regulatory inaction would exacerbate the financial catastrophe.

In their research, (Mittal et al. 2017) looked at the number of NPAs inside the Indian financial sector and also the factors underlying their growth. They contended that, while the administration has announced several initiatives to reduce the incidence of NPAs, bankers must remain proactive in devising well-structured plans to deal with NPAs. After evaluating the project's investment return and the debtor’s creditworthiness, the mortgage should be approved. (Sahni et al. 2017) look into the many reasons of growing NPAs as well as how they influence banks' day-to-day operations. The authors have highlighted a variety of prophylactic and therapeutic strategies for managing NPAs. They have proposed that an appropriate evaluation of the debtor's credibility be performed in order to assure loan payback on time to avoid NPAs, banks must partake a rock-hard evaluation system of credit in place, as per (Mishra et al. 2017).

They contend that if there was a sufficient regulatory framework to assist banks in debt collection, the NPA issue might be handled. The situation of these NPAs in both the public and private sectors of banks to better understand how they affect the asset quality of banks. The main contributors to the rise in NPAs are wilful loan defaults, poor credit management procedures, and loan decisions made without taking debtors' capacity for risk into account.

The development of better strategies and their effective implementation should be given more priority by the banks. Tighter regulatory requirements may aid in reducing the amount of NPAs (Banerjee et al. 2018). The inevitability for solutions to NPA issues of India in his paper. RBI must relinquish a single paradigm in favour of an adaptable and innovative approach tailored to every impacted bank in order to tackle the issue of NPAs (Mukhopadhyay, 2018). According to (Kumar's. 2018) research, NPAs have a considerable adverse effect on the earnings and solvency of the banking sector. She says that if the NPA problem is adequately handled, several microeconomic concerns like as impoverishment, job, and BoP deficits can be alleviated, the economy and government can be supported, and the banking sectors of India in worldwide position can be improved. The banking sector is as a mechanism for promoting growth and progress in the economy. The article looks at how growing non-performing assets (NPAs) are putting strain on banks, especially those in the public sector (Sharma, 2018).

Conclusion

The issue of bad assets for banks is significant because, in accordance with RBI regulations, banks are required to put money aside depend on the merits of their assets, lowering their revenue. As a result, it influences the shareholders' wealth as well as the profitability of the institutions. In order to control the growth of these assets, the RBI has therefore been developing very severe restrictions at this time. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Act of 2016 is pertinent in terms of asset recovery for lenders whose cases have been lodged the with National Company Law Tribunal. In truth, the rate of growth of NPAs is declining, showing a good trend, according to data published by the RBI. Acting fast is essential because these poor loans are adversely hurting banks' liquidity positions and because banks have been urged to exercise caution when it comes to lending, which eventually affects the economy's growth that has been sluggish over the past several months.

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