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The Role of Personal Loan In The Banking Sectors

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ABSTRACT :

Personal loans are extremely important for the banking sector since they provide financial assistance to individuals and significantly raise the income streams of banks. This paper looks at how personal loans influence banks and borrowers through their support of financial inclusion, economic growth, and risk management. For banks, personal loans are a key product generating interest income and fostering customer relationships. By helping individuals meet urgent financial needs like medical expenses, education, and house repairs, they also promote their financial security.

This article examines personal loans' lending criteria, risk assessment methods, and regulatory systems. It also underlines the challenges banks face, such credit risk and default rates, as well as the actions taken to lower these risks, such credit rating systems and loan restructuring options. The report also assesses how digital banking and fintech innovations have altered personal loan processes, hence improving accessibility and efficiency.

An examination of personal loans' benefits and issues in the banking sector will help this paper to provide insights on their contribution to financial sustainability and customer happiness. The findings will help banks to optimize their lending strategies and ensure responsible consumer borrowing. .

Key Words: Personal loans, Credit scoring, Financial inclusion, Loan approval process , Risk management, digital banking, fintech innovations.

Introduction:-

A significant financial tool that benefits both banks and borrowers, personal loans have become extremely vital for the banking sector. Unsecured loans like these let people quickly access money for many personal needs including medical bills, education, property renovations, and debt reduction. Since they do not require collateral unlike secured loans, personal loans are accessible to a broader share of the public. By letting people from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds meet their financial demands, this has significantly promoted financial inclusion.

For banks, personal loans are a key source of money since they generate interest income and strengthen client connections. Greater need for personal loans has come from economic uncertainties, changing consumer lifestyles, and the rise of internet lending platforms. By way of artificial intelligence (AI) and credit scoring systems, digital banking and fintech innovations have transformed the loan approval process, hence speeding and simplifying it.

The lending process, however, is challenging particularly with credit risk and default rates. Banks have to employ strict risk assessment methods to ensure loan repayment and maintain financial stability. Regulatory regimes control personal loan practices and serve to provide transparency and protect lenders as well as borrowers.

Examining personal loans' consequences, benefits, concerns, and evolving digital lending patterns helps this paper to explore their role in the banking sector. The study will provide suggestions on how banks should best use their lending rules to encourage responsible borrowing behavior.

Objectives

1. To analyze the impact of personal loans on the banking sector.
2. 2. To evaluate the challenges and risk management strategies in personal lending.
3. To understand the influence of credit scoring in the loan approval process.
4. To identify various challenges faced while taking the personal loan and suggesting some information to enhance the loan process.

Literature Review: -

Dr. B. Sudha, Int. J. of Aquatic Science 12 (2), 2269-2279, 2021, discovered that the pressure of the pandemic problem and the accompanying economic instability need little clarification. For many, pay reductions, job loss, and financial pressure have not only reduced the saving ability but also increased the debt load. Poor discretion in selecting lenders from the internet platforms has caused many, especially those in the Small Ticket Personal Loan category, much suffering. The poll verifies that a lack of financial awareness and a desire for easier access to money have aggravated the problem that has crept more into society and into the daily life of the victims of these financial fraudsters. The solution depends on increasing the financial literacy initiatives alongside digital lenders' clarity and regulatory tightening.

Sandeep Sitaram Sapkal, We 'Ken-International Journal of Basic and Applied Sciences 8 (1), 1-5, 2023 Their study revealed that Comparative studies are based on research techniques and tactics for making inferences regarding causation and connection of elements that are similar or different between two or more subjects/objects. Baking loan as mentioned personal loan covers all loans including home loan, education loan, auto loan, property loan etc. and other side business loan also consist different form of business loan. This paper contains the comparative study overview on various kinds of loans in north Maharashtra and their scope of activity. Primary and secondary RBI data also influences the various kinds of banking loans and their benefits and drawbacks, which also helps to highlight certain research gaps and findings.

Gregory E. Boczar's journal of finance 33 (1), 245-258, 1978 revealed in the research that consumer activism in recent years has resulted in many laws and regulations intended to protect the consumer in the market area. In the field of consumer finance, for example, truth-in-lending was legislated, wage garnishment was limited, holders' liability on credit cards was reduced, credit report openness was required, and so forth. Yet, rivalry is still one of the most important means to ensure the best circumstances to credit customers. The degree of rivalry between banks and finance companies would therefore greatly influence the competitiveness of consumer credit markets generally since they are the main suppliers of consumer credit. Therefore, this paper looks at whether market segmentation depending on customer risk limits competition between finance companies and banks for consumer loan customers. This study of market risk segmentation would greatly affect the merger analysis conducted by the Federal Reserve Board, which oversees evaluating the competitive effects of mergers between finance companies and bank holding corporations.

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José Valente, Mário Augusto, José Murteira, International Review of Economics & Finance 89, 299-315, 2024 discovered in their study that the empirical literature on the elements affecting banking spreads has portrayed banks as providers of one single product. This approach maintains that the effect of bank spreads determinants is constant across the various types of loans offered by banks. The current study tests the hypothesis that, depending on the loan category, banking spreads features have a different influence on spreads. Thus, we apply a dynamic model created by System GMM on a dataset of interest spreads charged on three categories of personal loans in Brazil. Our results support the hypothesis of different impacts based on loan category and are backed by a robustness check using Difference GMM estimate of the chosen model. All things considered, these findings suggest that legislators should monitor the composition of banks' loan portfolios when developing and implementing plans intended to reduce banking spread.

Andrzej Cwynar, Wiktor Cwynar, Kamil Wais, Radoslaw Parda Andrzej Cwynar, Wiktor Cwynar, Kamil Wais, and Radosław Parda noted in their 2016 article, Forum Scientiae Oeconomia 4 (2), 37-58, that personal loans market in Poland has changed greatly during past years. A crucial aspect of the change was the growth of personal lending companies and other non-banking entities targeting those left out by banks. Increasing concerns about the financial stability of those who borrowed from such institutions not totally covered by the policies followed by banks and credit unions contrasted the positive results of the change. We examined private individuals' opinions to gauge their attitude towards particular loan-related issues in light of the changing lending environment. To achieve the goal, we polled a representative sample of 1004 adult Poles and applied logistic regression model to get more understanding of the survey findings. Negative opinions, we found, outnumbered positive ones both in general attitude toward loans and in the assessment of particular loan-related issues including implications concerning payday loans and parabanks. Though the survey was not meant to assess how much debt Poles are conscious of, we believe the results of our study indicate, if indirectly, the lack of such knowledge. The outcomes therefore seem to us to justify more action—both regulatory and market-driven—aiming at enhancing private individuals' knowledge of debt.

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Research Methodology:-

Study Design:-

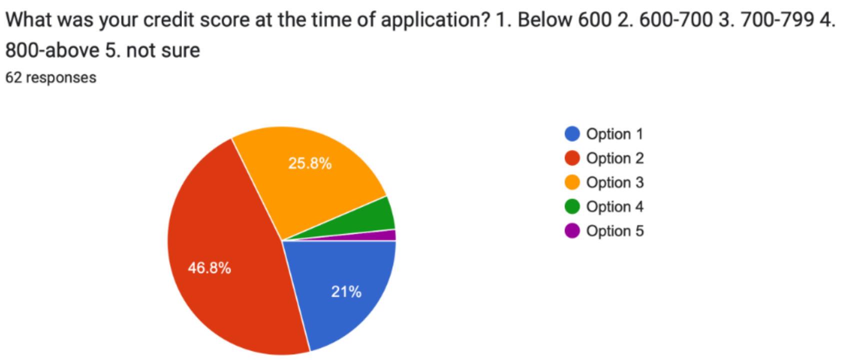
Under this research, Qualitative methods are used to understand a phenomenon in depth by using theoretical question.

Data Collection:-

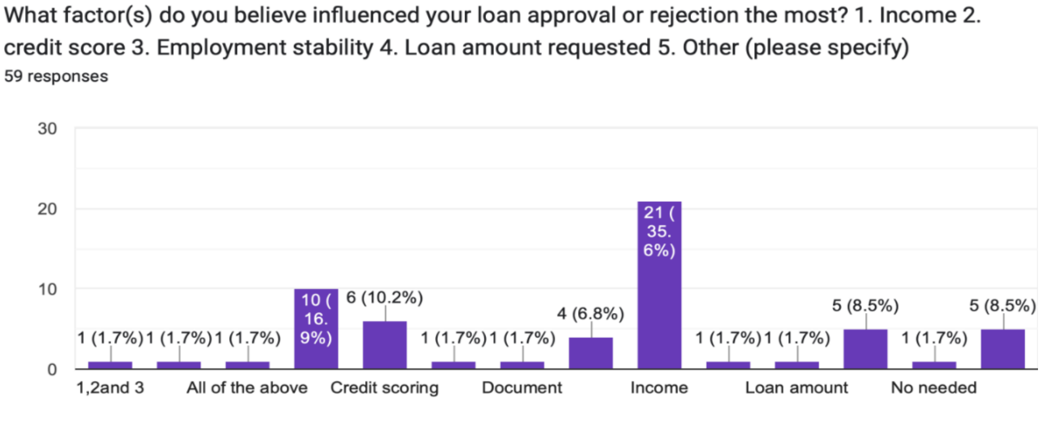
Under this study, using both primary and secondary data under some sample size.
Some of the questions and responses to understand the study better from the sample are
Q1. What are their particular details like gender, age, location, loan applying amount etc.?
Q2. Did you check your credit score before applying for the personal loan?
Q3. What was your credit score at the time of applying?
Q4. What factors do you believe influence your loan approval or rejection the most?
Q5. What challenges did you face during the loan application process and any suggestions for improving the loan approval process?

Findings:-

Most of the respondents check the credit score before applying and their credit scoring is between 600-700 which is good. Bad Credit lies between – 300 to 629, Fair – 630 to 689, Good – 690 to 719, Excellent – 720 to 850.



Some challenges while taking personal loan are low credit scoring points, long process, rejection due to less documents and high interest rates.



-- Some suggestions are improving transparency, use advanced technology for saving time, quality service provided to the customers, relaxing some credit scoring, lower interest rates etc.

Conclusion:

A Personal Loan is a helpful financial tool offering funds for diverse needs, such as hosting a wedding, covering medical expenses, sponsoring higher studies, funding trips, etc. Various lenders like Poonawalla Fincorp offer Personal Loans with favorable terms and conditions.

Personal loans are a vital component of the banking sector, providing individuals with financial support while generating significant revenue for banks. They enhance financial inclusion by offering accessible credit solutions, contributing to economic stability and growth. However, the challenges associated with personal loans, such as credit risk and default rates, require effective risk management strategies, including credit scoring, AI-based analytics, and regulatory compliance.

The integration of digital banking and fintech innovations has revolutionized personal lending, making it more efficient and accessible. As the financial landscape evolves, banks must adapt to technological advancements to enhance customer experience and maintain competitiveness.

Also, banking or financial institutions should avoid unfair practice, internal management should be quality and transparent.

In summary, personal loans play a crucial role in both individual financial stability and banking sector growth. Effective management, responsible lending practices, and digital transformation will determine their continued success in the evolving financial ecosystem.

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