SOS POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MBA FA 406(A) SUBJECT NAME: INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

TOPIC NAME: FOREIGN TRADE

FOREIGN TRADE:

- Foreign trade is the exchange of goods across national boundaries.
- Prof. J.L. Hanson said; "An exchange of various specialized commodities and services rendered among the corresponding countries is known as foreign trade."
- Foreign trade is in principle not different from domestic trade as the motivation and the behavior of parties involved in a trade does not change fundamentally depending on whether a trade is across a border or not.

- Foreign trade is all about imports and exports. The backbone of any foreign trade between nations is those products and services which are being traded to some other location outside a particular country's borders.
- In most countries, it represents a significant share of gross domestic product (GDP). Industrialization, advanced transportation, globalization, multinational corporations, and outsourcing are all having a major impact on the international trade system.

FEATURES OF FOREIGN TRADE:

- Import dependency (our country foreign trade depend on import because of high demand and low supply),
- Import capital goods and industrial goods,
- Export of readymade garments (RMG), RMG and Knitwear 74% export,
- Export of agricultural raw materials and products,
- Unfavorable balance of payment (More import but less Export),
- Operate most business by sea/ocean,
- More import from Asia (China, Singapore, India) and export in Western countries (USA, England),

- Government initiation and control (By TCB and EPB govt. control foreign trade and operate helpful initiative),
- Export of jute and jute goods,
- Export of manpower,
- Private initiative,
- Diversity of import goods (necessary goods and unnecessary luxurious goods).
- Effect of free trade economy (for open market economy unnecessary luxurious goods are imported in our country, and our country's money went to another country)
- Business with all countries.

TYPES OF FOREIGN TRADE:

- Import
- Export
- Re-export

IMPORT:

- Importing is the purchasing of goods or services made in another country.
- For example, importing edible oil from Chinese producers to sell in Africa.

EXPORT:

- Exporting is selling domestic-made goods in another country.
- For example, Hameem Garments exports Readymade Garments (RMG) products to Western Countries.

RE-EXPORT:

- When goods are imported from a foreign country and are re-exported to buyers in some other foreign countries, it is called re-export.
- For example, Firm/ Readymade Garments located at EPZs imports raw materials (cotton) from Korea and produces Readymade Garments products by Thai cotton and then those products to Canada.

NEED AND IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN TRADE TO A NATION:

1. Division of Labor and Specialization

- Foreign trade leads to the division of labor and specialization at the world level. Some countries have abundant natural resources.
- They should export raw materials and import finished goods from countries which are advanced in skilled manpower.

2.Optimum Allocation and Utilization of Resources

- Due to specialization, unproductive lines can be eliminated and wastage of resources avoided.
- In other words, resources are canalized for the production of only those goods which would give the highest returns.

3. Equality of Prices

- Prices can be stabilized by foreign trade.
- It helps to keep the demand and supply position stable, which in turn stabilizes the prices, making allowances for transport and other marketing expenses.

4. Availability of Multiple Choices

- Foreign trade helps in providing a better choice to the consumers.
- It helps in making available new varieties to consumers all over the world.

5.Ensures Quality and Standard Goods

- Foreign trade is highly competitive. To maintain and increase the demand for goods, the exporting countries have to keep up the quality of goods.
- ▶ Thus quality and standardized goods are produced.

6. Raises Standard of Living of the People

- Imports can facilitate the standard of living of the people. This is because people can have a choice of new and better varieties of goods and services.
- ▶ By consuming new and better varieties of goods, people can improve their standard of living.

SOME OTHER NEED& IMPORTANCE ARE:

- 7. Generate Employment Opportunities
- 8. Facilitate Economic Development
- 9. Assistance During Natural Calamities
- 10. Maintains Balance of Payment Position
- 11.Brings Reputation and Helps Earning Goodwill
- 12. Promotes World Peace

ADVANTAGES OF FOREIGN TRADE:

- Maximum Use of Natural Resources
- Availability of Goods
- Economics of Large Scale
- Stability in Prices
- Benefits to Consumers
- Development of the means of Communication and Transport
- Discouragement to Monopolies

DISADVANTAGES OF FOREIGN TRADE:

- Threat to infant industries
- Economic exploitation
- Endangers independence
- Misuse of natural resources
- Import of harmful goods
- World wars
- Trade and tariff agreements