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# **DIVIDEND THEORIES**

This theory states that dividend patterns have no effect on share values. Br oadly it suggests that if a dividend is cut now then the extra retained earnings rein vested will allow futures earnings and hence future dividends to grow.

# **WALTER MODEL**

Walter has developed a theoretical model which shows the relationship be tween dividend policies and common stocks prices. According to him the divide nd policy of a firm is based on the relationship between the internal rate of return (r) earned by it and the cost of capital or required rate of return (Ke).

Consider the following data.

Rate of return 20%, capitalization 15%, EPS Rs.4 calculate the market price of share of the firm is payout ratio is 25%.

Dividend payout ratio = Earing per share x dividend payout ratio

$$= 4 \times 25\%$$

$$D = 1$$

$$D = 1, r = 20\%, E = 4, Ke = 15\%$$

$$= 1 + 0.20 (4 - 1)$$

$$0.15$$

$$= 33.33$$

#### **GORDON MODEL**

Gordon's theory on dividend policy is one of the theories believing in the 'relevance of dividends' concept. It is also called as 'Bird-in-the-hand' theory that states that the current dividends are important in determining the value of the fir m. Gordon's model is one of the most popular mathematical models to calculate the market value of the company using its dividend policy.

Determine the market price per share under Gordon model. EPS Rs 8, Payout r atio 75%, Capitalisation (k) 10%, Rate of return (r) 15. SOLUTION:  $Market \ price \ per \ share \ P = \ \underline{D} \qquad D = Dividend$   $K - g \qquad G = Growth \ rate$   $D = EPS \ x \ Payout \ ratio$ 

> = 8 x 75% = Rs 6 G = b x r = 0.25 x 0.15 = Rs. 0.0375 P = D K - g

> > 6

0.10 - 0.0375

P = Rs. 96

#### MM MODEL

Modigliani- Miller Theory on Dividend Policy. Modigliani – Miller theory is a m ajor proponent of 'Dividend Irrelevance' notion. According to this concept, investo rs do not pay any importance to the dividend history of a company and thus, dividends are irrelevant in calculating the valuation of a company.

## **DIVIDEND POLICY**

The Dividend Policy is a financial decision that refers to the proportion of the e firm's earnings to be paid out to the shareholders. The amount of earnings to be retained back within the firm depends upon the availability of investment opport unities.

#### FORMS OF DIVIDEND

Cash dividend

Stock dividend

Property dividend

Scrip dividend

Liquidating dividend

## **DETERMINANTS OF DIVIDEND POLICY**

Determinants of dividend policy are:

Type of Industry

Age of Corporation

Extent of share distribution

**Need for additional Capital** 

**Business Cycles** 

**Changes in Government Policies** 

Trends of profits
Trends of profits
Taxation policy
Future Requirements and
Cash Balance.