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PRESENTATION ON

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

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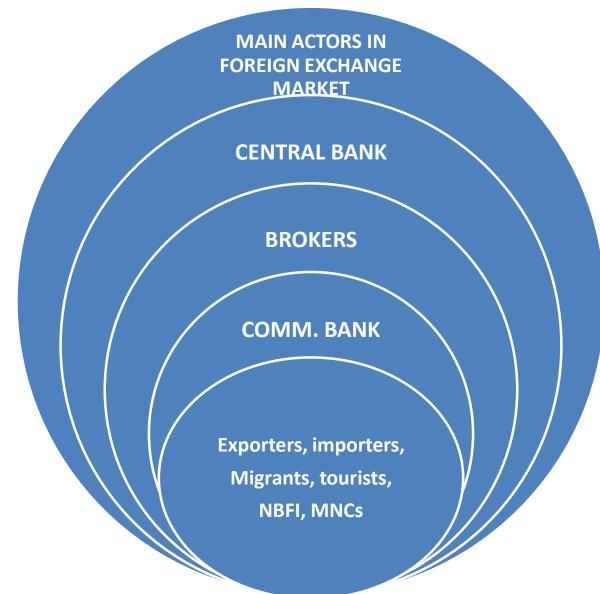
- A market in which various national currencies are bought & sold
- It is also called FX / FOREX / Currency market
- Largest market in the world
- Daily transaction exceed 5.3 trillion (April 2013)

- Transaction takes place in many centers across the world
- New York, London, Paris, Zurich, Milan Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, Sydney Frankfurt etc
- Financial centers function as anchors of trading between different category of buyers and sellers

- SUN NEVER SETS OVER FE MARKET
- Buying and selling takes place round the clock (24 hrs a day) except on weekends
- Trading takes place 22 hrs GMT on Sunday (Sydney) until 22 hrs. GMT Friday (New York)
- NEW York---- Sanfrancisco-----Tokyo-----Hong Kong----- Singapore----- Zurich-----London -----New York

- MAIN ACTORS / PARTICIPANTS
- CENTRAL BANK– Lender / of last resort
- BROKERS----- Arrange FE between Banks
- COMM. BANK---- Deal with Primary dealers
- Exporters, importers,
- Migrants tourists,
- NBFI, MNCs

} PRIMARY DEALERS



- It works round the clock
- Single unified market- same rates prevail everywhere
- It is truly a global market- currency transactions require only few seconds through the electronic channels

- Largest market daily transaction 5.3 trillion USD
- Daily transactions have increased from 1.7 trillion USD in 1998 to 3.98 trillion in 2010 and to 5.3 trillion in 2013
- It is a perfectly competitive market- even though central banks intervene

• UK ranks first in terms of daily transactions

COUNTRY	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL TRANSACTIONS (2013)	
UNITED KINGDOM	41	
USA	19	
SINGAPORE	5.7	
JAPAN	5.6	
HONG KONG	4.1	

- The four major currencies which is generally accepted as means of payment- USD, Euro Japanese Yen and GBP – Vehicle currencies
- USD, Euro, Japanese Yen ,GBP, AUD are the most traded currencies
- One needs FE
- 1. to pay for imported goods or services
- 2. to visit a foreign country
- 3. to make investment abroad
- 4. to buy foreign financial assets

- If you import goods from USA you have to make payment in dollars
- You make payment by debiting the amount from your bank account
- Your bank will debit the amount in you're a/c and it instructs its correspondent bank in the US to credit the a/c of the exporters a/c with dollars.

- ARBITRAGE
 The economic force keeping it to be a single market
- Its functions
- 1. transfer of purchasing power
- 2. Provision of credit for foreign trade
- 3. Hedging against exchange risk

• EXCHANGE RATE

- Rate at which the currencies of two countries are exchanged
- Two systems
- 1. The price quotation system- how many units of domestic currency needed to buy 1 unit of foreign currency eg, 65 IRS for 1USD
- 2. Volume quotation system
- How many units of foreign currency can be bought with 1 unit of home currency.

DETERMINATION OF EXCHANGE RATE

- Exchange rate between any two currencies is determined by demand and supply
- If we take demand and supply of foreign currency we get the price of foreign currency in terms of domestic currency- price quotation system
- If we take demand and supply of domestic currency we get price of domestic currency in terms of foreign currency- volume quotation system

DETERMINATION OF EXCHANGE RATE

- Demand for foreign exchange is derived demand
- Why foreign currency is demanded
- 1.to import goods
- 2. to pay for services- travel hotel accommodation
- 3. to visit foreign country
- 4. to invest abroad

DETERMINATION OF EXCHANGE RATE

- SUPPLY OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE
- 1.goods exports
- 2. service rendered to foreigners-shipping ,insurance etc
- 3. tourist arrivals
- 4. foreign investments

- Real exchange rate
- Real magnitudes are obtained from corresponding monetary magnitudes to eliminate the changes solely due to price rise
- ER a Nominal concept
- Not obtained by P *Q
- It is a relative concept

- No agreement Which relative price
- 1. Oldest method is to take the ratio of general price level of two countries expressesd in a common currency
- $R_r = P_h / r^* P_f$
- 2. Relative price of tradable and non tradable goods PT
- $R_{r=} P_T / P_{NT}$

- EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATES
- 1. Exchange rate involve only two currencies
- 2. does not give any idea about over all value of the currency
- 3. In a floating rate system rate rising against one currency but falling against another
- An index no of bilateral exchange rates of a currency with all other currencies with suitable weights.

- EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATES
- Rei = $\sum_{j=1}^{n} \bigcup_{j \neq i} W_j R_{j_i}$, $\sum W_j = 1$
- R ei= nominal effective exch. Rate of ithcurrency
- Rji- nominal exchange rate of ithcurrency w.r.t. currency j
- Wj –weight of currency j
 Base of EER 100 A rise above 100- appreciation

- SPOT RATE VS FORWARD RATE
- A market for on the spot exchange of currency- spot market
- Spot transaction- that requires on the spot delivery of currencies
- Rate applicable spot rate
- The name misleading requires two days to complete- to clear cheques

• FORWARD MARKET

- Market for forward transactions
- A forward transaction involves agreement b/w two parties to exchange currencies at an agreed rate on an agreed future date
- No currency exchange at present
- Purpose- avoid exchange risk

FORWARD MARKET

- Exchange risk- possibility of loss due to unfavourable changes in exchange rate
- Speculation or Hedging
- Average economic agent is risk averse
- Hedging is avoidance of exchange risk by equating assets and liabilities in the same currency— have zero net position= open position

- Hedging is equalisation of assets & liabilities in the same currency
- A= L means to have open position
- A≥ L means to have a long position risk =speculator
- A≤ L means to have short position risk

- Agent who has to make payment buys it in the fwd market
- Options available if future liabilities
- 1. buy forward
- 2. Pay now-loss of interest
- 3. Buy spot invest till he needs fund= Spot covering

- Options available one has to get payment
- 1. sell forward
- 2. allow discount to the debtor for paying early
- 3. borrow from bank and invest
- Decision on the basis of cost & benefits

- Forward premium or discount
- If the forward rate of a currency is below spot rate it is said to be at a forward discount
- If forward rate is higher than spot rate it is said to be at a *forward premium*

- Spot rate \$1= E1
- Three month's Forward rate \$.99 = E1
- Euro is at at a forward discount of 1%
- If forward rate is \$1.01= E1
- Euro is at a forward premium
- FD/ FP = <u>FR- SR</u> * 4 *100
- **SR**
- Multiplication by 4 is to express on annual basis

- If Spot rate \$1= E1
- Three month's Forward rate \$.99 = 81
- FD = <u>\$0.99-\$1.00</u> x 4x 100
 - \$1.00
 - $= -\frac{0.01}{0.01} \times 4 \times 100 = -0.01 \times 4 \times 100 = -4\%$ \$1.00

IF Spot rate \$1= £1 & forward rate is \$1.01= £1
FP = \$1.01-\$1.0 x4x100 \$1.00
= \$0.01 x4x100 = 0.01 x4x 100 = +4% \$1.00

SPECULATION

 SPECULATION is purchase (sale) of an asset with the view to resell (repurchase) them on a later date, with expecting a gain from future change in price relative to ruling price and not a gain from its use or transfer b/w markets

 They deliberately assumes an exchange risk expecting profit

- One expecting an increase in the price of an asset will buy and hold it---bull
- One expecting a decrease in the price of an asset will sell it.----- bear
- If R₁ is the expected future rate & r is the spot rate,
 Bull : (R₁ > r) will buy it now—takes a long position
 Bear : (R₁ < r) will sell it now.. Takes a short position

CURRENCY DERIVATIVES

- Enormous amount of derivative instruments are used in the foreign exchange markets
- Standard instruments are traded in organised exchanges -
- Chicago Board of Options Exchange
- London International Financial Futures Exchange (LIFFE)
- Marche A Terme Internationale Finance (MATIF)

CURRENCY DERIVATIVES

- They are also traded outside the exchanges– OTC markets
- OTC exchange- banks & other institutions make contracts tailor-made to the needs of parties

 Major instruments– FUTURES, OPTIONS, SWAPS

CURRENCY DERIVATIVES

• FUTURES

- A currency futures contract is an agreement b/w two counter parties to exchange specified amounts of 2 currencies on a given date in future at an exchange rate pre determined at the time of the contract
- Definition is similar to that of forwards
- But there are differences

CURRENCY DERIVATIVES Futures vs. Forwards

Forwards

- 1. Forward contract can be of any amount
- 2.forwards are OTC instruments- directly exchanged b/w parties
- 3. Forwards have counter party risks
- 4. FWds are illiquid as setscannot be transferred to another person
- 5. Cover around 50 currencies

FUTURES

- 1. Futures contracts will be of standard amounts
- 2. Traded in organised exchanges
- 3. no such risk. Payment guaranteed by exchanges
- 4. Can be freely bought & sold in the market
- 5. Futures are only in major currencies- Yen, \$, pounds,Euro, Can\$, Aus\$, Peso, etc

FUTURES

- The asset to be delivered in fulfillment of the contract is called the *underlying*
- In most futures contracts, as physical delivery is difficult, so reversing of trade
- Contract is ended before maturity

OPTIONS

- Option gives its buyer the right but not an obligation to buy or sell a currency in future at a predetermined price(exch. Rate).
- OPTIONS more complicated than forwards & futures
- Seller of the option= Option writer
- Buyer of the option = Option holder

- OPTIONS- Two Types
- PUT OPTION- Gives its Holder the right to sell
- CALL OPTION Gives its holder the right to buy
- Underlying currency- currency in which option is given
- Counter currency- Currency in which price is paid

- Strike/ exercise price- price at which the deal is struck
- Option premium- price paid by writer to holder
- Maturity/expiry date- date of expiry of contract

OPTIONS

- American Option: Right can be exercised anytime till maturity
- European Option : Right can be exercised only on maturity date
- A flexible instrument- fixes maximum price payable- allows to take advantage of changes in exchange rates

OPTION

- Option holder can decide not to exercise the right if future spot rates is favorable
- Only source of loss to the holder is option premium =only source of gain to option writer
- Holder has unlimited possibility of gain
- Writer has unlimited possibility of loss

• SWAPS

- A currency SWAP is a hybrid type of contract which includes a spot sale of a currency with a clause for the forward repurchase of the same currency at an agreed rate.
- Swap transactions can be b/w private individuals or central banks

• Example

- Bank of England credits 100million pounds to the a/c of European Central Bank and the latter credits 151.6 million Euros to the a/c of Bank of England and agrees to retransfer with one another at the rate of 1pound for 1.6 Euros
- Swap transaction is a transaction in which two currencies are exchanged simultaneously on the spot and forward markets in the opposite direction

- Swap transactions are more important than fwd transactions
- Second only to spot transactions
- Organised by International Swap dealer's Association (ISDA)

• USES

• 1. Cash management of MNCS

 Parent co. in US 3 month's excess liquidity of \$ & subsidiary has shortage of \$ but excess pounds-SWAP

- 2. To raise funds cheaply
- European Co. --- wants Yen
- Japanese Co. Not interested to invest in Europe or Euro but are eager to invest in Chinese Yuan
- A Chinese Co. needs Euro but Europeans are not interested to invest in china or Yuan
- What is the solution

- 3. Management of currency portfolios of banks
- Banks Swaps currencies to avoid currency mismatches
- SBI has \$150 million excess of loans over deposits but it has excess deposit of pounds
- Swap includes two rates- so that swap rate is quoted as the difference b/w spot & fwd rates

SWAP vs FUTURES

- Most Fwds & futures are for short periods up to 1 yr.... Swaps are for 5 to 20 years
- Futures have active secondary markets not for Swaps
- Futures are std contracts
 – Swaps tailor made
- Futures contract guaranteed by futures exchange not for swaps

- 1978- Banks were permitted to undertake FE transactions
- Forex market regulated & structured by RBI & FEDAI
- FEDAI Foreign Exchange Dealers Association of India- Voluntary association (1958)
- FEDA- sets ground rules & fixes charges & commission

- Main players- Customers- Authorized Dealers(ADs) & RBI
- ADs are mainly commercial banks and other authorised institutions
- Customers, PSUs, Corporates & business deal with Ads for FE trannsactions
- Main Centres- Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Bangalore, Ahemedabad, Kochi

- Mainly an OTC market
- It can be divided into the following segments
- 1. Upper Segment- RBI---AD RBI regulates rates
- 2.Interebank segment AD-AD & overseas banks
- 3.Primary segment-Customers, traders, Commerrce

- 4. Licenced Money changers & travel Agents-They are authorized to encash travellers' cheques
- Specified hotels, Government shops are also permitted to receive Foreign Exchange
- Before 1993- Fixed exchange rate prevailed
- 1993- floating ER came into existence
- 1947- 1999 -regulated by FERA controlled by Exchange division of RBI

• 1999- FEMA

- Since 2001- clearing and settlement by Clearing Corporation of India (CCIL)
- 2017- \$3.5 billion was the daily transaction
- One of the top 10 markets of the world

- Main source of FE supply
- 1. Export of goods & services
- 2. Drafts
- 3. Travellers cheques
- 4. Capital inflow- direct & portfolio
- 5. NRI deposits
- 6. Commercial borrowing

- Authorised money changers
- 1. Category I- All Com. Banks registered under RBI Act
- Urban Cooperative bank- limited way
- 2. Category II-UFFMC- Upgraded Full Fledged Money changer- DO of P&T, NBFIsoperating region wise
- Non trade related transactions

- Kochi- Lulu forex limited, MSL, manappuram finance
- AD category III- Financial Institutions-SIDBI, IFCI, CCIL, Eximbank, Factoring agencies- activities incidental to finance foreign trade and related matters

 Authorised Dealer IV- Full Fledged Money Changers (FFMC) DOP, NBFC, Urban Coop. Banks – authorised to purchase Foreign Exchange from residents, and non Residents visiting. They deal in currencies for approved purposes