

"An empirical research on understanding the Dynamics of bank Credit Facilities: Factors Influencing Approval, Impact on Financial Behaviour, and Customer Satisfaction in the Banking sector"

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Abstract

This empirical research examines banking credit facilities play a crucial role in the financial landscape by providing individuals and businesses with the necessary funds to meet their diverse financial needs. These facilities are offered by banks and other financial institutions to help borrowers access capital for various purposes, such as starting or expanding a business, purchasing a home, or managing cash flow. The objective of this research is to evaluate and analyse the factors influencing the acceptance or rejection of credit applications, including credit history, collateral, and financial stability. To investigate how the availability and utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior, including spending patterns, savings, and investment decisions. To measure and analyse the level of satisfaction among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities. The data is collected from the Banking sector and the majority of the respondents are bank employees and customer. This research studies only the factors influencing the credit application, satisfaction level and utilization of credit facilities. This study is based on empirical study. The sampling size is 100 bank employees and customers who fill the questionnaire for the survey. Simple random sampling method will be used for sample selection. Primary data and secondary data are used as a tool for data collection. Chi – square test is used to prove the hypothesis. The findings are anticipated to foster a more informed and customer-friendly approach to credit facilitation, ultimately benefiting both financial institutions and their customers.

Keywords –Bank credit facilities, approval or rejection of credit applications, financial stability, level of satisfaction, utilised credit facilities.

Introduction

In the dynamic landscape of the banking sector, the provision of credit facilities plays a pivotal role in shaping economic activities and individual financial trajectories. The intricate process of approving credit facilities involves a multitude of factors that not only impact the financial behavior of borrowers but also contribute significantly to customer satisfaction. This introduction aims to shed light on the complex dynamics surrounding bank credit facilities, exploring the key elements that influence approval, examining their repercussions on financial behavior, and evaluating the ensuing impact on customer satisfaction.

The approval of bank credit facilities is a nuanced process, influenced by a myriad of factors. Traditional metrics such as credit scores, income stability, and collateral remain integral, but contemporary banking practices increasingly consider a holistic assessment. Factors such as industry trends, economic conditions, and the borrower's relationship with the bank have gained prominence. Additionally, advancements in technology have led to the incorporation of alternative data sources and predictive analytics in the decision-making process. Understanding the evolving landscape of approval criteria is essential for both financial institutions and prospective borrowers.

The receipt and utilization of credit facilities have a profound impact on the financial behavior of individuals and businesses. For borrowers, responsible management of credit fosters financial stability and facilitates strategic decision-making. Conversely, imprudent use of credit can lead to a cycle of debt and financial distress. Exploring how credit facilities influence spending habits, investment choices, and overall financial decision-making provides insights into the broader economic landscape. Furthermore, examining the role of credit in mitigating or exacerbating financial disparities contributes to a comprehensive understanding of its impact.

Customer satisfaction is a critical metric for the success and sustainability of any banking institution. The approval or denial of credit facilities significantly shapes customer perceptions and loyalty. A transparent and efficient credit approval process, coupled with competitive terms, contributes positively to customer satisfaction. Conversely, dissatisfaction arising from opaque processes, high-interest rates, or stringent terms can erode trust and lead to customer attrition. Recognizing the symbiotic relationship between credit facilities and customer satisfaction is imperative for banks aiming to foster long-term relationships and maintain a competitive edge.

Review Literature

Bernard Baah-Kumi (2015) the researchers explained a complex and debated issue related to the impact of international remittances on credit within the banking sector of developing countries, with a specific focus on Sub-Saharan Africa. The discussion revolves around conflicting findings in existing studies, where some suggest that remittance inflows promote bank credit, while others argue that these inflows might not have a significant effect due to the relaxation of individuals' financing constraints.

Ijaz Hussain & Novaira Junaid (2012) The researcher delved into the myriad challenges encountered by customers when accessing bank credit facilities. Through a comprehensive exploration of this intricate landscape, several hurdles emerged, ranging from bureaucratic processes and stringent eligibility criteria to cumbersome documentation requirements. These impediments often result in a protracted and frustrating application process for prospective borrowers. Furthermore, the study underscored the prevalence of high-interest rates, hidden fees, and complex financial jargon, contributing to customer apprehension and dissatisfaction. Additionally, issues related to credit scoring mechanisms and the perceived lack of transparency in decision-making processes were identified as substantial barriers. The researcher's analysis shed light on the multifaceted nature of challenges faced by customers seeking bank credit, emphasizing the need for streamlined procedures, clearer communication, and enhanced transparency to foster a more accessible and customer-friendly credit environment.

Objectives of the Study

- To analyse the factors influencing the approval or rejection of credit applications
- To investigate how the availability and utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior, including spending patterns, savings, and investment decisions.
- To Measure and analyse the level of satisfaction among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities.

Research Methodology

This research is mainly based upon the empirical study. This study explains about the type of information and the source of the data collected. Sampling unit implies respondent sare bank employees and customer and questionnaires were administered by the researcher personally and respondents were educated on how to fill the questionnaires. Simple random sampling has been used for the sample section. Statistical tools like chi-square test have been used to prove the hypothesis for analysis and interpretation. The data has been presented through tables and graphs.

Data Collection–

- Primary data, collected from the bank employees and customer through questionnaires.
- Secondary data, collected from Journals.

Limitation of the Study–

- The sample of this research is limited to 50 end-user/Public.
- This research focuses on factors influencing the approval or rejection of credit applications, including credit history, collateral, and financial stability, utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior, including spending patterns, savings, and investment decisions, level of satisfaction among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities.
- The information is often biased because of use of questionnaire.

Data Analysis and Interpretation–

Table 01 - Demographic Factors

Demographic Profile	Variables	Frequency	Percentage
Gender	Male	46	46%
	Female	54	54%
Marital status	Married	57	57%
	Unmarried	43	43%
Age	Less than 20	16	16%
	21 – 30	24	24%
	31– 40	27	27%
	41 – 50	23	23%
	51 and above	10	10%
Education qualification	Below and SSLC	17	17%
	PUC	08	08%
	Under Graduate	32	32%
	Post Graduate	22	22%
	Professionals	21	21%
Occupation	Self-employed	37	37%
	Any other occupation	63	63%
Monthly income	Below 15,000	23	23%
	16,000 – 30,000	29	29%
	31,000 – 45,000	27	27%
	Above 46,000	21	21%

From the above analysis of the Table 01, 54% of the respondents are female, 46% of the respondents are male, 57% of the respondents are married, 43% of the respondents are unmarried, 27% of the respondents are 31– 40 age group, 24% of the respondents are 21 – 30 age group, 23% of the respondents are 41 – 50 age group, 16% of the respondents are Less than 20 age group, 10% of the respondents are 51 and above age group, 32% of the respondents are Under Graduate, 22% of the respondents are Post Graduate, 21% of the respondents are Professionals, 17% of the respondents are Below and SSLC, 08% of the consumers are PUC, 63% of the respondents are Any other occupation, 37% of the respondents are Self-employed, 29% of the respondents earn 16,000 – 30,000, 27% of the consumers earn 31,000 – 45,000, 23% of the respondents earn Below 15,000, 21% of the respondents earn Above 46,000.

Table02 :-Factors influencing the approval or rejection of credit applications

Factors Influencing approval or rejection of credit applications	Respondents	Percentage
Credit History	18	14%
Collateral Security	12	18%
Income level	11	11%
Employment status	14	12%
Credit Utilization	07	07%
Loan Purpose	09	09%
Credit / CBIL score	27	27%
Total	100	100%

From the above analysis of the Table-02, 27% of the respondents says Credit/ CIBL Score, 18% of the

respondents says Collateral Security, 14% of the respondents says Credit history, 12% of the respondents says employment status, 11% of the respondent says Income level, 09% of the respondents says loan purpose, 07% of the respondents says credit utilization are the Factors influencing the approval or rejection of credit applications.

Table 03 :-Investigating how the availability and utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior

Investigating how the availability and utilization of credit facilities	Respondents	Percentage
Increased in Spending pattern	24	14%
Decreasing in savings behavior	23	18%
Investment risk	11	11%
Financial planning	09	12%
Impact on Interest rates	14	07%
Financial stress	19	09%
Total	100	100%

From the above analysis of the Table 03, 24% of the respondents says Increased in Spending pattern, 23% of the respondents says Decreasing in savings behavior, 19% of the respondents says Financial stress, 14% of the respondent says Impact on Interest rates, 11% of the respondents says Investment risk, 09% of the respondents says Financial planning, hence the researcher has Investigated how the availability and utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior.

Table04 : Measure and analyse the level of satisfaction among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities.

Chi-Square Test Frequencies

Measure and analyse the level of satisfaction among bank customers	Observed N	Expected N	Residual
Credit application process	21	16.7	4.3
Speed of credit approval and disbursement	09	16.7	-7.7
Complaint resolution process less	18	16.7	1.3
Credit limit and the terms of repayment	19	16.7	2.3
Quality of customer service	11	16.7	-5.7
Interest rates and fees associated with the credit facility	22	16.7	5.3
Total	100		

Testing of Hypothesis

H₀ = There is no satisfaction level among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities.

H₁ = There is a satisfaction level among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities.

Non-Parametric Tests

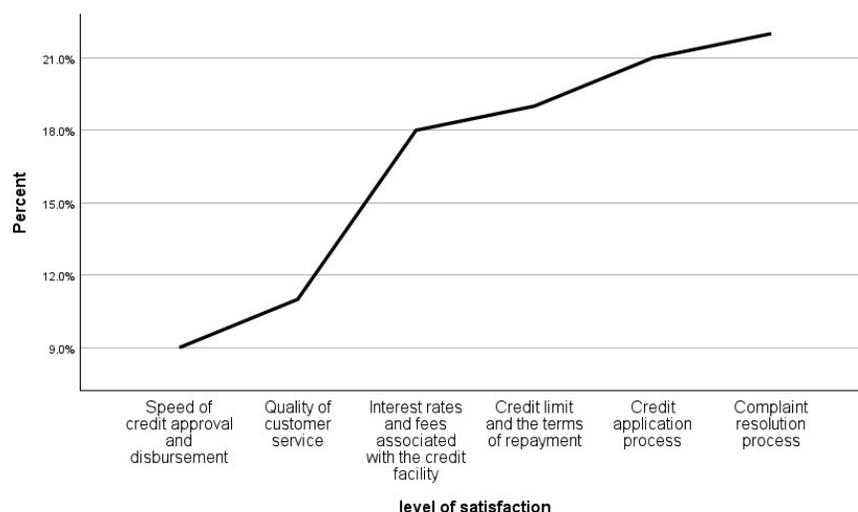
Descriptive Statistics					
	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Challenges faced in e-recruitment practices	100	18.1200	4.29536	9.00	22.00

Test Statistics	
Chi-Square	8.720 ^a
Df	9
Asymp. Sig.	11.07
a. 0 cells (0.0%) have expected frequencies less than 5. The minimum expected cell frequency is 10.0.	

The degree of freedom is $6 - 1 = 5$

The level of significance is $\alpha=5\%$

The critical value is one tailed test $k_2= 11.07$



Since, $\chi^2_{obs} = 8.720 < 11.07$, H_0 is accepted, There is a satisfaction level among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities.

From the above analysis of the Table 04, 22% of the respondents says Interest rates and fees associated with the credit facility, 21% of the respondents says Credit application process, 19% of the respondents says Credit limit and the terms of repayment, 18% of the respondents says Complaint resolution process, 11% of the respondent says Quality of customer service, 09% of the respondents says Speed of credit approval and disbursement.

Findings –

- The research indicates a significant finding, with 27% of the respondents identifying Credit/CIBIL Score as a crucial factor influencing the approval or rejection of credit applications. This finding underscores the continued importance of credit scores in the decision-making processes of financial institutions. The credit score, a numerical representation of an individual's creditworthiness, serves as a pivotal metric for assessing the risk associated with lending.
- The research reveals a noteworthy finding, with 18% of the respondents emphasizing the significance of Collateral Security as a determining factor influencing the approval or rejection of credit applications. Collateral, often in the form of assets pledged by the borrower, serves as a means for financial institutions to mitigate risk and secure their interests in the event of default.
- The research brings to light a significant finding, with 14% of the respondents indicating that Credit History is a crucial factor influencing the approval or rejection of credit applications. Credit history, which encompasses an individual's past borrowing and repayment behavior, is a fundamental metric for assessing creditworthiness. The percentage of respondents highlighting this factor underscores the enduring importance of an individual's financial track record in the eyes of lenders. The emphasis on Credit History as a key determinant suggests that financial institutions place substantial weight on the ability of applicants to

manage their past credit obligations responsibly. A positive credit history typically indicates a lower risk of default, making applicants with favorable credit histories more attractive to lenders.

- The research reveals a noteworthy finding, with 12% of the respondents emphasizing that Employment Status is a significant factor influencing the approval or rejection of credit applications. Employment status serves as a critical indicator of an individual's financial stability and ability to repay loans. The percentage of respondents highlighting this factor suggests that financial institutions consider employment status as a key element in assessing creditworthiness. The emphasis on Employment Status indicates that lenders recognize the role of a stable income source in ensuring timely repayments. Individuals with secure and steady employment are generally perceived as lower credit risks, while those with uncertain or inconsistent employment may face challenges in obtaining credit approval.
- The research highlights a significant finding, with 11% of the respondents indicating that Income Level is a crucial factor influencing the approval or rejection of credit applications. Income level serves as a fundamental metric for assessing an individual's ability to meet financial obligations, including loan repayments. The percentage of respondents emphasizing this factor suggests that financial institutions consider income as a key determinant of creditworthiness. The emphasis on Income Level underscores the importance of a steady and sufficient income in securing credit approval. Lenders typically view individuals with higher incomes as having a greater capacity to repay loans, while those with lower incomes may face challenges in obtaining credit or may be approved for lower amounts.
- The research reveals a noteworthy finding, with 9% of the respondents indicating that Loan Purpose is a significant factor influencing the approval or rejection of credit applications. Loan purpose refers to the specific reason or use for which an individual is seeking credit. The percentage of respondents emphasizing this factor suggests that financial institutions consider the intended use of funds as a key determinant in the credit approval process. The emphasis on Loan Purpose indicates that lenders recognize the varying levels of risk associated with different types of loans. Certain purposes may be viewed as more financially prudent or stable, increasing the likelihood of credit approval, while others may carry higher perceived risks.
- The research reveals a significant finding, with 7% of the respondents indicating that Credit Utilization is a key factor influencing the approval or rejection of credit applications. Credit utilization refers to the ratio of an individual's outstanding credit balances to their available credit limit. The percentage of respondents emphasizing this factor suggests that financial institutions consider how individuals manage their existing credit lines as a crucial determinant of creditworthiness. The emphasis on Credit Utilization underscores the importance of responsible credit management. Lenders typically view low credit utilization as a positive indicator, reflecting a borrower's ability to manage credit responsibly and avoid overextending their financial resources.
- The research highlights a significant finding, with 24% of the respondents indicating that an Increased Spending Pattern has been investigated in terms of how the availability and utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior. This finding suggests a substantial interest in understanding the correlation between expanded access to credit and the subsequent spending behavior of consumers. The emphasis on Increased Spending Pattern implies that researchers recognize the potential impact of credit availability on individual financial behaviors, potentially shedding light on patterns of consumption, saving, and overall financial decision-making.
- The research reveals a significant finding, with 23% of the respondents indicating that a Decrease in Savings Behavior has been investigated in terms of how the availability and utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior. This finding suggests a notable interest in understanding the relationship between credit access and its impact on individuals' saving habits. The emphasis on a Decrease in Savings Behavior implies that researchers are exploring how the availability and use of credit facilities may contribute to changes in saving patterns, potentially leading to decreased levels of saving among consumers.
- The research reveals a significant finding, with 19% of the respondents indicating that Financial Stress has been investigated in terms of how the availability and utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior. This finding suggests a substantial interest in understanding the relationship between the accessibility and use of credit and the levels of financial stress experienced by consumers. The emphasis on Financial Stress implies that researchers are exploring how the availability and utilization of credit may either alleviate or exacerbate financial stress among individuals.
- The research highlights a significant finding, with 14% of the respondents indicating that the Impact on Interest Rates has been investigated in terms of how the availability and utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior. This finding suggests a particular interest in understanding how changes in interest rates may influence consumer behavior with regard to credit access and utilization. The emphasis on

Impact on Interest Rates indicates that researchers are exploring the relationship between interest rate dynamics and consumer decision-making, potentially examining how variations in interest rates may impact borrowing and spending behaviors.

- The research indicates a notable finding, with 11% of the respondents emphasizing that Investment Risk has been investigated concerning how the availability and utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior. This finding suggests a specific interest in understanding how credit access and utilization may intersect with individuals' investment decisions and associated risks. The emphasis on Investment Risk indicates that researchers are exploring the complex relationship between credit utilization and individuals' engagement in investment activities, possibly assessing how credit facilities impact risk-taking behaviors.
- The research indicates a significant finding, with 9% of the respondents highlighting that Financial Planning has been investigated concerning how the availability and utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior. This finding suggests a specific interest in understanding how credit access and utilization play a role in individuals' broader financial planning strategies. The emphasis on Financial Planning indicates that researchers are likely exploring the ways in which credit facilities are integrated into customers' overall financial plans, potentially assessing how individuals balance short-term credit needs with long-term financial goals.
- The research highlights a significant finding, with 18% of the respondents emphasizing the Complaint Resolution Process as a measure taken and analysed to gauge the level of satisfaction among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities. This finding suggests a notable focus on understanding how the complaint resolution process contributes to customer satisfaction in the context of credit facility utilization. The emphasis on Complaint Resolution Process indicates that researchers are likely exploring the efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness of resolving customer complaints related to credit facilities.
- The research reveals a substantial finding, with 21% of the respondents emphasizing the Credit Application Process as a measure taken and analysed to gauge the level of satisfaction among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities. This finding suggests a significant focus on understanding how the credit application process contributes to customer satisfaction and overall experiences with credit facilities. The emphasis on Credit Application Process indicates that researchers are likely investigating the efficiency, transparency, and customer-friendliness of the process from application submission to approval or rejection.
- The research underscores a significant finding, with 19% of the respondents highlighting that the Credit Limit and the Terms of Repayment are measures taken and analysed to gauge the level of satisfaction among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities. This finding suggests a specific focus on understanding how credit limits and repayment terms impact the overall satisfaction and experience of customers using credit facilities. The emphasis on Credit Limit and Terms of Repayment indicates that researchers are likely exploring factors such as flexibility, transparency, and alignment with customer needs in these aspects of credit offerings.
- The research indicates a significant finding, with 18% of the respondents emphasizing that Interest Rates and Fees associated with the credit facility are measures taken and analysed to gauge the level of satisfaction among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities. This finding suggests a particular focus on understanding how the cost implications of credit, such as interest rates and fees, impact customer satisfaction and overall experiences with credit facilities. The emphasis on Interest Rates and Fees indicates that researchers are likely exploring factors such as transparency, competitiveness, and the perceived fairness of these financial terms.
- The research indicates a noteworthy finding, with 11% of the respondents emphasizing that the Quality of Customer Service is a measure taken and analysed to gauge the level of satisfaction among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities. This finding suggests a specific focus on understanding how the overall customer service experience contributes to customer satisfaction in the context of credit facility utilization. The emphasis on Quality of Customer Service indicates that researchers are likely exploring factors such as responsiveness, helpfulness, and communication effectiveness in interactions between customers and bank representatives.
- The research highlights a significant finding, with 9% of the respondents emphasizing that the Speed of Credit Approval and Disbursement is a measure taken and analysed to gauge the level of satisfaction among bank customers who have utilized credit facilities. This finding suggests a particular focus on understanding how efficiently and promptly credit applications are processed and funds are disbursed to customers. The emphasis on Speed of Credit Approval and Disbursement indicates that researchers are likely exploring factors such as processing times, documentation requirements, and the overall speed of delivering credit to customers.

Suggestions –

- Financial institutions can implement comprehensive credit education programs to help consumers understand the factors influencing their credit scores. Empowering individuals with knowledge on how to improve and maintain a healthy credit profile can enhance their chances of credit approval.
- financial institutions can not only address the concerns raised by the respondents but also enhance the overall effectiveness and fairness of their credit evaluation processes, ultimately contributing to a more accessible and customer-friendly lending environment.
- Empowering individuals to understand and manage their credit histories fosters responsible financial behavior and supports a healthier lending environment. Enhance transparency in credit reporting processes. Clear communication regarding how credit scores are calculated, what factors contribute to a positive or negative credit history, and avenues for credit score improvement can empower consumers to make informed financial decisions. Recognize the challenges faced by individuals with limited credit histories, such as young adults or newcomers to the financial system. Implement flexible approaches for assessing creditworthiness in such cases, considering alternative data sources or co-signer options.
- Financial institutions can address the concerns raised by the respondents and contribute to a more flexible, inclusive, and forward-looking credit evaluation process. Recognizing the diverse nature of employment arrangements and income sources is crucial for fostering a lending environment that accommodates a wide range of individuals and promotes financial inclusivity. During economic downturns or uncertainties, financial institutions should adopt adaptive policies. This may include understanding the unique challenges faced by individuals in industries prone to volatility and adjusting approval criteria accordingly.
- Financial institutions can enhance their credit evaluation processes, making them more responsive to the diverse income profiles of applicants. This approach fosters financial inclusivity and ensures that credit products are accessible to individuals across a broad spectrum of income levels. Offer more flexible terms, such as extended repayment periods or lower interest rates, to individuals with stable and higher incomes. Recognizing income stability can contribute to a more nuanced evaluation of creditworthiness.
- Financial institutions can optimize their credit approval processes, taking into account the diverse purposes for which individuals seek credit. This approach promotes responsible lending practices, aligns financial products with customer needs, and contributes to a more inclusive and supportive lending environment. Introduce supportive programs or initiatives for loan purposes that contribute to societal well-being or economic development. This could include special incentives or lower interest rates for purposes with high social or economic impact.
- Financial institutions can enhance their credit evaluation processes and promote responsible credit management among their customers. This proactive approach not only benefits individual borrowers but also contributes to the overall health and stability of the credit ecosystem. Provide customers with tools and resources to manage their credit lines effectively. This could include mobile apps or online platforms that offer insights into credit utilization patterns and provide recommendations for improvement.
- Financial institutions can contribute to a more responsible and sustainable credit environment. Understanding and addressing the factors influencing increased spending patterns can lead to improved financial well-being for consumers and a healthier overall credit ecosystem. Financial institutions should periodically review and adjust credit limits based on customers' spending patterns. This proactive approach helps align credit limits with individuals' evolving financial situations, preventing overextension of credit. Offer credit counseling services for individuals exhibiting patterns of increased spending. This can involve personalized consultations to discuss financial goals, identify areas for improvement, and create action plans to achieve financial stability.
- Financial institutions can play a proactive role in mitigating the potential negative impact of credit utilization on savings behavior. Fostering a culture of responsible credit use while simultaneously encouraging saving habits contributes to the overall financial well-being of consumers. Collaborate with financial advisors to provide personalized advice on maintaining a balance between credit use and savings. This can involve one-on-one consultations to address individual financial goals and challenges.
- Financial institutions can actively contribute to alleviating financial stress among their customers. Recognizing the interconnected nature of financial well-being and mental health is crucial in developing strategies that promote a healthier and more resilient customer base. Conduct comprehensive assessments of customers' financial health, taking into account factors such as income, expenses, debt levels, and credit utilization. This holistic approach provides a clearer understanding of the factors contributing to financial stress.

- Financial institutions can navigate the complexities of interest rate dynamics while prioritizing customer understanding and satisfaction. A proactive and transparent approach to managing interest rates contributes to a more stable and positive experience for borrowers. Consider offering incentives such as lower interest rates for customers who demonstrate responsible borrowing behavior. This approach encourages prudent financial practices and fosters a positive relationship between lenders and borrowers.
- financial institutions can contribute to a more informed and responsible approach to utilizing credit for investment activities. Balancing the potential benefits of leveraging with the associated risks requires a combination of education, advisory services, and proactive risk management strategies. Provide investment advisory services to customers considering using credit for investments. Offering professional guidance can help individuals make more informed decisions, considering their risk tolerance, investment goals, and the implications of utilizing credit.
- Financial institutions can contribute to a more holistic approach to financial planning that integrates credit utilization as a strategic component. Empowering customers with tools, education, and personalized support enhances their ability to make sound financial decisions aligned with their long-term goals. Develop goal-based credit products that cater to specific financial objectives. This could include credit lines or loans with terms and conditions tailored to help customers achieve specific goals, such as homeownership, education, or entrepreneurship.
- financial institutions can strengthen their complaint resolution processes, fostering higher levels of customer satisfaction among those who have utilized credit facilities. An effective and customer-focused complaint resolution process is instrumental in building trust and loyalty in the banking sector. Educate customers on the complaint resolution procedures during onboarding and through ongoing communication. Informed customers are more likely to navigate the process effectively and feel reassured about the institution's commitment to addressing concerns.
- financial institutions can optimize their credit application processes, leading to higher levels of customer satisfaction among those utilizing credit facilities. A customer-centric and streamlined application process is essential for building positive relationships and fostering trust in the banking sector. Streamline verification processes to reduce the time it takes to validate applicant information. Efficiency in verification contributes to quicker decisions and a positive experience for customers. Proactively communicate with applicants in the case of credit rejections. Provide clear reasons for the rejection and, if possible, guidance on steps the applicant can take to improve their creditworthiness.
- financial institutions can enhance customer satisfaction by optimizing credit limits and repayment terms. A customer-centric approach to credit offerings contributes to a positive banking experience and fosters long-term relationships with clients utilizing credit facilities. Consider offering personalized credit limits based on individual financial profiles and creditworthiness. This approach ensures that customers receive credit limits that align with their financial capacity and needs. Implement systems that provide real-time updates on the repayment status. This feature allows customers to track their repayments, stay informed about upcoming due dates, and plan their finances accordingly.
- financial institutions can optimize the transparency and fairness of interest rates and fees, contributing to higher levels of customer satisfaction among those utilizing credit facilities. A customer-focused approach to pricing structures builds trust and strengthens the relationship between banks and their clients. Ensure transparent communication about all fees associated with the credit facility. Clearly outline interest rates, annual fees, late payment fees, and any other charges in a way that is easily accessible to customers.
- financial institutions can enhance the overall quality of customer service for individuals utilizing credit facilities. A positive and customer-centric service experience plays a crucial role in building trust, loyalty, and satisfaction in the banking sector. Offer 24/7 support availability for urgent credit-related matters. This ensures that customers can seek assistance whenever they need it, contributing to a sense of security and reliability.
- financial institutions can enhance the speed and efficiency of their credit approval and disbursement processes, contributing to higher levels of customer satisfaction among individuals utilizing credit facilities. A swift and streamlined process positively impacts the overall customer experience and strengthens the relationship between customers and the bank. Implement digital signature capabilities for credit agreements. This eliminates the need for physical signatures, expediting the finalization of credit terms and accelerating the disbursement process.

Conclusion –

- From the above analysis, the researcher concludes on understanding the dynamics of bank credit facilities has provided valuable insights into various aspects of the credit landscape. The study delved into factors

influencing credit approval, the impact of credit facilities on financial behavior, and the level of customer satisfaction within the banking sector. The research identified several critical factors influencing credit approval. Notable among them were the credit/CIBL score, collateral security, credit history, employment status, income level, loan purpose, and credit utilization. These factors collectively play a crucial role in shaping the decision-making process of banks when approving or rejecting credit applications. The study explored how the availability and utilization of credit facilities affect customers' financial behavior. Findings indicated that changes in spending patterns, decreasing savings behavior, financial stress, investment risk, and interest rates had varying degrees of impact on customers' financial behaviors. These insights shed light on the interconnectedness of credit facilities and individual financial decision-making. The research analyzed customer satisfaction with credit facilities using different measures. Respondents highlighted the importance of the complaint resolution process, the credit application process, credit limits and repayment terms, interest rates and fees, the quality of customer service, and the speed of credit approval and disbursement. Each of these measures contributes significantly to customers' overall satisfaction and experience with credit facilities. Based on the findings, the researcher provided a set of practical suggestions for financial institutions to enhance their credit services. These suggestions encompass areas such as transparent communication, personalized services, education initiatives, technological advancements, and a customer-centric approach in various facets of credit operations. The conclusions draw attention to the importance of adopting a holistic approach to customer satisfaction in the banking sector. It's not only about the technical aspects of credit approval but also the quality of customer service, transparent communication, and the efficiency of processes, all of which contribute to an enhanced customer experience.

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