

What Is Mutual Fund?

- A mutual fund is a trust that pools the savings of a number of investors who share a common financial goal
- The money thus collected is then invested in capital market instruments such as shared bonds debentures & other securities
- The income earned through these investments and the capital appreciation released are shared by its unit holders in appreciation released are shared by its unit holders in proportion to the number of units own by them

Origin Of Mutual Fund

- The mutual fund industry in India started in 1963 with the formation of Unit Trust of India, at the initiative of the Government of India and Reserve Bank of India.
- The growth was slow but it accelerated from the year 1897 when non - UTI players entered in the Industry

FEATURES OF MUTUAL FUND

- Economic development
- Fund mobilization
- Investment opportunity
- Low cost
- Maximum return-minimum risk
- Professional Management
- Regulation
- Switching schemes
- Tax benefits

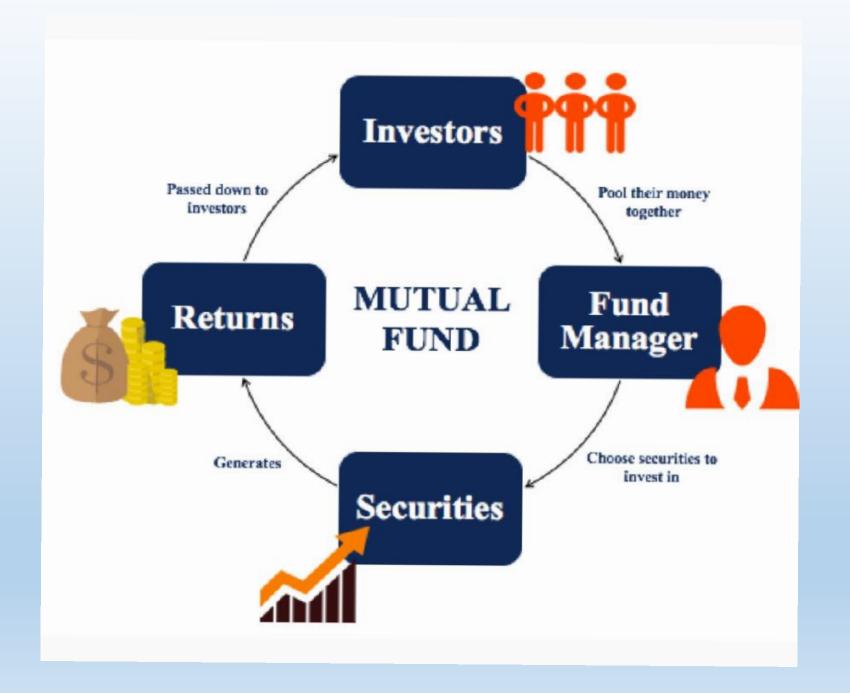
OBJECTIVE OF MUTUAL FUND

- To mobilize savings of people
- Offers a convenient way for the small investors to enter the capital & the money market
- To tap domestic savings and channelise them for profitable investment. If the value of mutual fund goes up the return on them increases & vice versa
- To enable the investors to share the prosperity the capital market.
- The net income earned on the funds, along with capital appreciation of the investment, is shared amongst the unit holders in proportion to the units owned by them

- Mutual fund is therefore an indirect vehicle for the investor investing in capital markets
- To act as agents for growth and stability of the capital market
- To attract investments from the risk averters
- To facilitate the orderly development of the capital market

KEY PLAYERS OF MUTUAL FUND

- Mutual fund is formed by a trust body.
- The business is set up by the sponsor, the money invested by the asset management and the operations monitored by the trustee.
- The diagram explains the operations of Mutual funds



There are five principal constituents and three market intermediaries in the formation & functioning of mutual fund 5 constituents are

- **Sponsor :-** Sponsor is the company which sets up the mutual fund as per the proviSIONS of SEBI .SEBI mainly fixes the criteria of sponsors based on sufficient experience, net worth & past track record
- Trustee: The Mutual fund or trust can either be managed by the Board of Trustees, which is a body of individuals, or by a Trust Company, which is a corporate body. Most of the funds in India are managed by Board of Trustees.
- Asset management company: -An Asset Management Company (AMC) is appointed by sponsors or trustees to manage day to day business of Mutual Fund Schemes.

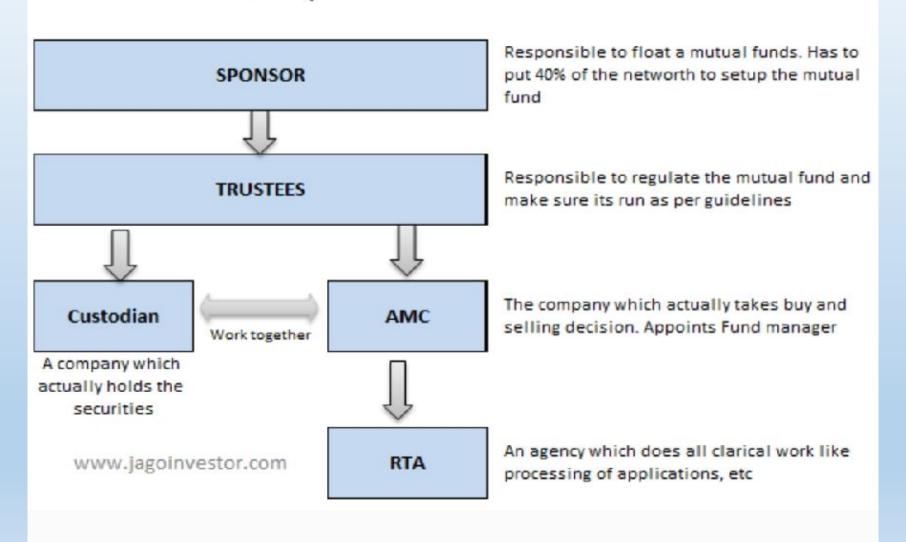
- Unit holder: A person/ entity holding an undivided share in the assets of a mutual fund scheme
- Mutual fund: Mutual Fund established in the form of a trust to raise monies through the sale of Units to public or a section of public under one or more schemes for investing in securities including money market instruments or Gold or Gold related instruments or Real Estate Assets"

The market intermediaries are:-

- Custodian:- A custodian is responsible for the safekeeping of the securities of the Mutual Fund. They manage the investment account of the Mutual Fund, ensure the delivery and transfer of the securities. They also collect and track the dividends & interests received on the Mutual Fund investment.
- Registrar & Transfer Agent (RTA):-RTAs are responsible for maintaining the records of the unit holders and serve as Investor Service Centers at various locations. They process the investor transactions of purchase/redemption and manage funds relating to such transaction. They manage updating of information in investor accounts, called folios.All RTAs are required to be registered with SEBI as such.

- Depository: Under the depositories act 1996, a
 depository is body corporate who carries out the
 transfer of units to the unit holder in dematerialized
 form and maintains records thereof
- **Distribution Agent :** Today's financial institutions sell a broad range of financial products, including Mutual Funds MF are now primarily available from six distribution channels:- full- service broker, discount brokers, insurance agents, financial planners, banks and directly from the mutual fund company.

Structure of Mutual Funds in India



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- = Market value of Investments
 - + Receivables + Accrued income
 - + Other Assets
- = Accrued expenses
 - + Payables + Liabilities
- Net Assets of the Scheme
 Number of units outstanding

INVESTOR RIGHTS

Investors are mutual, beneficial and proportional owners of the scheme's assets.

 The investments are held by the trust in fiduciary capacity (Investors have a right to receive the dividend within 30 days of declaration.

The AMC must dispatch the redemption proceeds within 10 working days of the request.

. In case the AMC fails to do so, it has to pay an interest @ 15%. This rate may

Educate changes from time to time subject to regulations.

In case the investor fails to claim the redemption proceeds immediately, then

the applicable NAV depends upon when the investor claims the redemption proceeds.

Investors can obtain relevant information from the trustees and inspect documents

like trust deed, investment management agreement, annual reports, offer documents, etc.

They must receive audited annual reports within 6 months from the financial year end.

Investors can wind up a scheme or even terminate the AMC

if unit holders representing 75% of scheme's assets pass a resolution

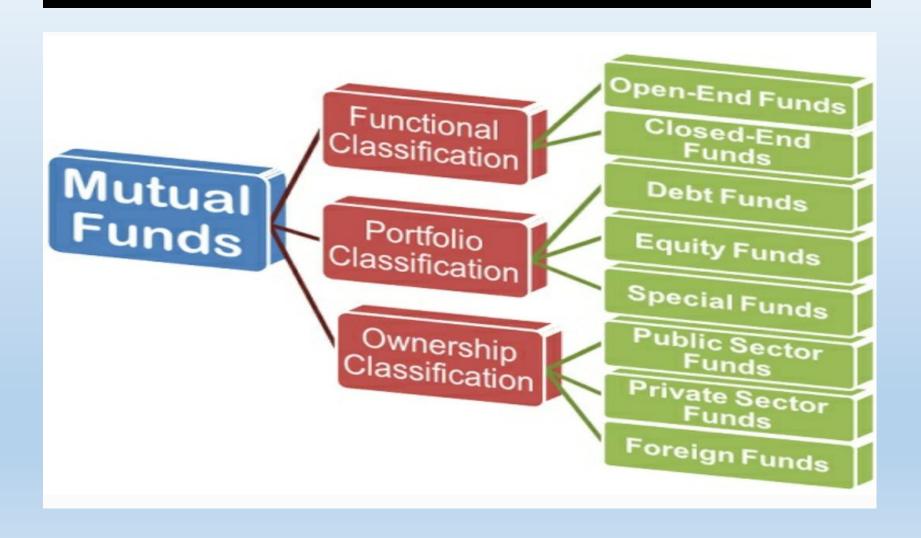
Right to be informed about changes in the fundamental attributes of a scheme.

Fundamental attributes include type of scheme, investment objectives and policies and terms of issue.

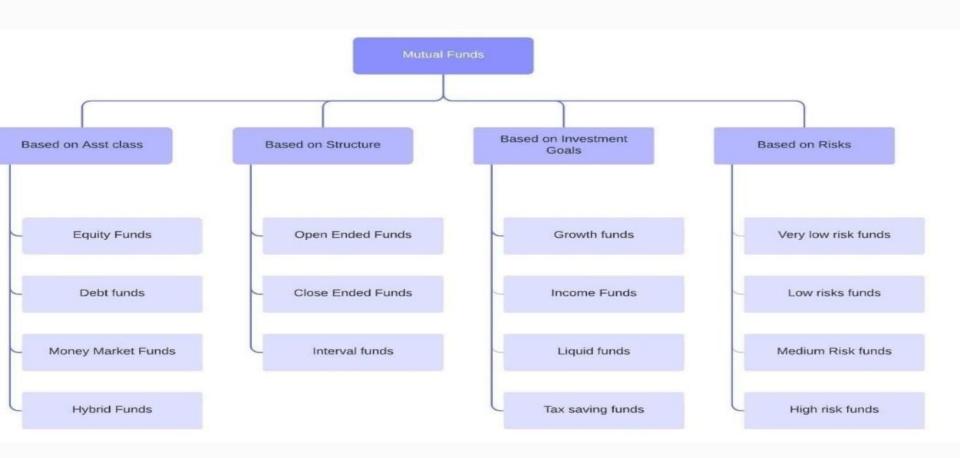
Investors can approach the investor relations officer for grievance redressal.

- In case the investor does not get appropriate solution, he can approach the investor grievance cell of SEBI.
- The investor can also sue the trustees.

CLASSIFICATION OF MUTUAL FUND



TYPES OF MUTUAL FUNDS



OPEN ENDED MUTUAL FUNDS

■ Meaning:- Open ended fund is a collective investment scheme that can issue and redeem shares at any time.

Features

- The investors are free to buy & sell units .There is no time limit
- These are not trade in stock exchanges
- Units can be sold at any time
- The main motive income generation say dividend
- The prices are linked to the net asset value because units are not listed on the stock exchange

CLOSE ENDED FUNDS

- Meaning: The size of funds and it's duration are fixed in advance. Once the subscription reaches the predetermined level, the entry of investors will be closed. After the expiry of the fixed period, the entire corpus is disinvested & the proceeds are distributed to the unit holders in proportion to their holding.
- Features :-
- The period & the target amount of the funds are fixed beforehand
- Once the period is over & or the target is reached, the subscription will be closed (i.e investors cannot purchase any more units)
- The main objective is capital appreciation
- At the time of redemption, the entire investment is liquidated and the proceeds are distributed among the unit holders
- Units are listed & traded in stock exchanges
- Generally the prices of units are quoted at a discount of up to 40
 %below their net asset value.

Open ended & Close ended differentiated as under

Parameter	Open-Ended	Close-Ended
Liquidity	100%, can redeem anytime	Not 100%, fix lock-in period
Listing	Not listed on Exchanges	Listed on Exchanges
Freedom to fund manager	Have to stick to the objective and redemption pressure	100% freedom as no pressure of redemption
NAV	Reflects 100% value of assets and securities	Is listed at a discount due to liquidity pressure

INTERVAL & EQUITY FUNDS

- <u>Interval funds:</u>-Interval funds provide the perfect blend of both closed-end funds and open-ended funds. Similar to closed-end funds, you cannot buy/sell the units frequently in interval funds. These funds might be listed on a stock exchange like other closed-end funds. Fund houses may allow redemption during specified periods at prevailing Net Asset Value (NAV).
- **Equity funds**:-Equity funds are known to generate better returns than term deposits or debt-based funds. There is an amount of risk associated with these funds since their performance depends on various market conditions.

DEBT FUNDS

- Debt funds: Debt funds invest in securities which generate fixed income like treasury bills, corporate bonds, commercial papers, government securities, and many other money market instruments.
- All these instruments have a pre-decided maturity date and interest rate that the buyer can earn on maturity hence the name fixed-income securities.
- The returns are usually not affected by fluctuations in the market. Therefore, debt securities are considered to be lowrisk investment options.

MONEY MARKET& HYBRID FUND

- Money market funds: Money Market Funds are short-term debt funds. They invest in various money market instruments and endeavor to offer good returns over a period of up to one year while maintaining high levels of liquidity. The average maturity of a Money Market Fund is one year.
- Balanced or Hybrid funds: -As the name suggests,
 hybrid funds are a combination of equity and debt
 investments which are designed to meet the
 investment objective of the scheme. Each hybrid fund
 has a different combination of equity and debt
 targeted at different types of investors.

GROWTH FUND

- <u>Growth fund</u>: A growth fund is a mutual fund or exchange-traded fund (ETF) that includes companies primed for revenue or earnings growth at a pace that is faster than that of either industry peers or the market overall.
- Growth funds are separated by market capitalization into small-, mid- and large-cap, with large-cap the biggest class of funds, with a nearly 10% market share.
- Most growth funds are high-risk, high-reward and are therefore best suited to market participants with a longterm investment horizon and a healthy risk tolerance.

INCOME FUND

- Income funds :-Income funds are mutual funds or ETFs that prioritize current income, often in the form of interest or dividend paying investments.
- Income funds may invest in bonds or other fixedincome securities as well as preferred shares and dividend stocks.
- Income funds are often considered lower risk than funds that prioritize capital gains.

Liquid funds

- <u>Liquid funds</u>: Liquid funds are debt funds that invest in short-term fixed-interest generating money market instruments. These can be treasury bills, commercial paper, and so on, which mature within 91 days.
- These are low-risk havens which offer higher returns than a savings bank account. Liquid funds try to emulate the liquidity aspect of a savings bank account. These funds don't have exit loads. It gives you the freedom to withdraw funds as per your convenience.

CAPITAL PROTECTION FUND

- <u>Capital Protection Funds:</u>-A mutual fund, categorized under closed-hybrid funds, oriented towards protecting your capital from any market risk with balanced exposure to both equities and debt is known as Capital Protection Fund.
- Their portfolio is largely inclined towards debt securities. It invests the majority of its assets in highly rated bonds, T-Bills, certificate of deposits and other fixed-income financial vehicles that give assured returns at maturity

FIXED MATURITY FUNDS

- <u>Fixed Maturity Funds</u>: Fixed maturity plans are close-ended debt funds, meaning investments can be made only during the time of a new fund offer. It comes with a fixed maturity period and invests across debt instruments such as high rated securities and corporate bonds.
- These are designed to ensure that investors get a predictable rate of return, and at the same time tax-efficient, against the instability of interest rates.

PENSION & LOW RISK FUNDS

- Pension funds:- Pension funds are investment pools that pay for workers' retirements. Funds are paid for by either employees, employers, or both. Corporations and all levels of government provide pensions
- Low risk Funds:-Mutual Funds with minimal risk factors involved are called Low-risk Mutual Funds.
- These funds come with higher returns assurance as they predominantly invest in Government Bonds of infrastructure, real estate, etc.
- The risk-free or low risk investment portfolio of these funds ensure that either they match or stay ahead of inflation. As these funds have a major portion of total assets allocated into debt instruments, the investment horizon is relatively low.

MEDIUM RISK, HIGH RISK & SECTOR FUNDS

- Medium risk medium risk investors might be those starting to near retirement, somebody who has less time to invest or wants to take a smaller amount of risk. A medium-risk investor would generally diversify their investments, i.e. shares, bonds, property and cash, while still trying to maximise returns.
- High risk

 typically a high risk investor would be someone who has very good knowledge of investments, who wants to achieve the biggest returns possible, or somebody with a high income or significant assets who can afford to take more risk.
- <u>Sector fund</u>: A sector fund is a type of Mutual Fund that invests in securities of specific sectors of the economy, such as banking, telecom, FMCG, pharmaceutical, Information Technology (IT), and infrastructure. In other words, sector funds narrow down your invested wealth only to the specific industry or sector. . Read more at: https://www.fincash.com/l/best-sector-mutual-funds

INDEX FUNDS

- Index Funds: An index funds seeks to track the performance of benchmark market index like the BSE Sensex or S&P CNX Nifty.
- The funds maintains the portfolio of all the securities in the same proportionas stated in the benchmark index. Index scheme is a widely popular concept in the west.
- IDBI Index Fund launched the first Index Fund in 1999

CONTRA & DIVIDEND YIELD FUNDS

- <u>Contra fund :-</u> A contra fund invests in those out of favour companies that have unrecognised value. It is ideally suitable for investors who want to invest in a fund that has the potential to perform in all types of market environment as it blends together both growth & value opportunities
- A dividend yield fund :- Invests in shares of companies having high dividend yields. Dividend yield is defined as per share divided by the share's market price.
- Most of these funds invests in stocks of companies having a dividend yield higher than the dividend yield of a particular index i.e Sensex or Nifty. Dividend yielding stocks are generally less volatile than growth stocks.

FLEXI / MULTI CAP & FUND OF FUNDS

- Flexi cap / Multi cap Fund: These are by definition, diversified funds. The only difference is that unlike a normal diversification fund, the offer document of a multi cap/ Flexi cap fund generally spells out the limits for minimum and maximum exposure to each of the market caps
- Fund of funds: These are the funds that invest in other mutual funds and returns depend on the performance of the target fund. These funds can also be referred as multi manager funds.
- These funds are considered relatively safe because the funds that investors invest in actually hold other funds under thereby adjusting for risk from any one fund.

EMERGING & INTERNATIONAL MARKET FUNDS

- Emerging Market Funds :- These are funds where investments are made in developing countries that show good prospects for the future. They do come with higher risks as a result of the dynamic political and economic situations prevailingin the country
- International Funds:- A mutual funds located in India to Raise money in India for investing globally. These are also known as foreign funds and offer investments in companies located in other parts of the world. The only companies that won't be invested will be those located in the investor's own country

GLOBAL & REAL ESTATE FUNDS

- <u>Global Mutual Funds:</u> Global mutual funds invest in companies which are spread around the globe. They allow investors to invest in international markets.
- <u>Real estate funds:</u> -Real Estate Funds are sector funds that invest in securities of companies from the real estate sector. In other words, these funds provide the capital to the real estate company to develop a property.
- If the sector grows, then the fund makes good returns. A real estate fund might invest in real estate companies or REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts) based on the investment objective of the fund among other factors.

COMMODITY FOCUSED STOCK & MARKET NEUTRAL FUNDS

- <u>Commodity focused stock funds:</u> -A commodity fund is a fund that is invested in the trade of a particular commodity, thereby allowing investors an opportunity to earn returns based on the performance of these commodities in the market.
- These funds specialise invest in a specific product. Any fluctuation in the price of these commodities will have a direct bearing on the returns earned on transacting.
- Market neutral Funds: These funds are called market neutral is that because they don't invest in the market directly. They invest in treasury bills, ETFs and securities and try to target a fixed and steady growth.

INVERSE/ ASSET ALLOCATION FUND

- Inverse or Leveraged Funds:-These are the funds that operate unlike traditional mutual funds. The earnings from these funds happen when the market fall and when markets do well these funds tend to go into loss.
- Generally these are meant for those people who are willing to incur massive losses but at the same time can provide huge returns as well, as a result of the higher risk they carry.
- Asset Allocation Fund :-An asset allocation fund is a fund that provides investors with a diversified portfolio of investments across various asset classes.
- The asset allocation of the fund can be fixed or variable among a mix of asset classes, meaning that it may be held to fixed percentages of asset classes or allowed to go overweight on some depending on market conditions

GILT FUNDS

- Gilt Funds:-Gilt funds only invest in government securities ranging from medium to long-term horizons. So, these funds satisfy the security needs of investors.
- They are not the same as bond funds because the latter may allocate a part of the assets in corporate bonds, which can be risky.
- Gilt funds invest in low-risk debt instruments such as the government securities, which ensures the preservation of capital along with moderate returns.

EXCHANGED TRADED FUNDS

■ETFs share characteristic features of both shares and mutual funds. They are generally traded in the stock market in the form of shares produced via creation blocks. ETF funds are listed on all major stock exchanges and can be bought and sold as per requirement during the equity trading time.

ADVANTAGES OF MUTUAL FUNDS

- Professional Management
- Diversification
- Convenient Administration
- Higher Returns
- Low Cost Of Management
- Liquidity
- Transparency
- Highly Regulated
- Other benefits:- The Investors can also switch from one scheme to another without load. Mutual funds provide regular withdrawal & systematic investment plans according to the need of the investors

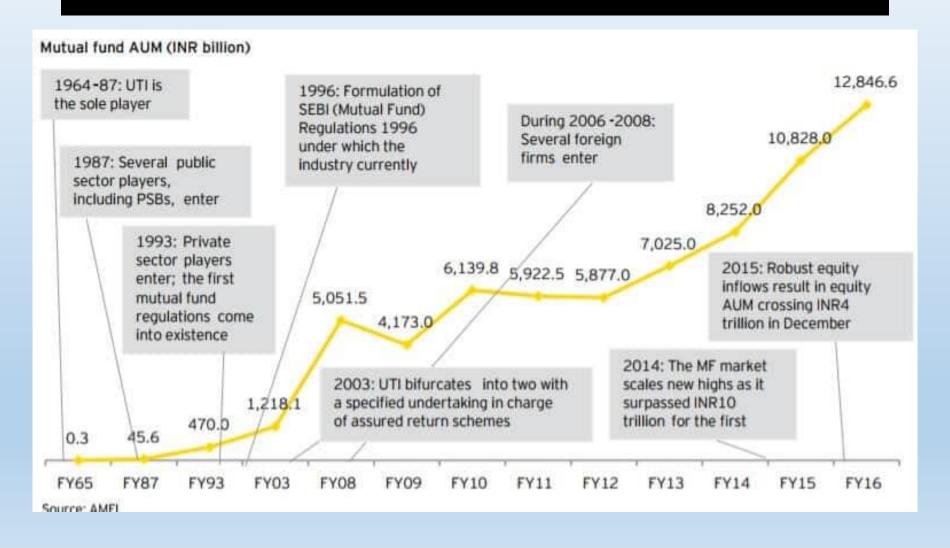
DRAWBACKS OF INVESTING IN MUTUAL FUNDS

- No Guarantee of Return
- Diversification
- Selection of proper funds
- Cost Factor/ High management fee
- Unethical practices
- Others:-
- a. Mutual funds systems do not maintain the kind of transparency they should maintain.
- b. Many MF scheme are at times, subject lock in period, therefore, deny the market drawn benefits
- c. At times, the investments are subject to different kind of hidden costs
- d. Redressal of grievances, if any, is not easy

MUTUAL FUNDS RISKS

- Market risks
- Investment risks
- Business risks
- Political risk
- Scheme risks

GROWTH OF MUTUAL FUNDS IN INDIA



SEBI REGULATIONS FOR MF

(1) Formation: Certain structural changes have also been made in the mutual fund industry, as part of which mutual funds are required to set up asset management companies with fifty percent independent directors, separate board of trustee companies, consisting of a minimum fifty percent of independent trustees and to appoint independent custodians.

(2) Registration: In January 1993, SEBI prescribed registration of mutual funds taking into account track record of a sponsor, integrity in business transactions and financial soundness while granting permission.

- (3) <u>Documents</u>: The offer documents of schemes launched by mutual funds and the scheme particulars are required to be vetted by SEBI. A standard format for mutual fund prospectuses is being formulated.
- (4) <u>Code of advertisement:</u> Mutual funds have been required to adhere to a code of advertisement.
- (5) <u>Assurance on returns:</u> SEBI has introduced a change in the Securities Control and Regulations Act governing the mutual funds. Now the mutual funds were prevented from giving any assurance on the land of returns they would be providing. However, under pressure from the mutual funds, SEBI revised the guidelines allowing assurances on return subject to certain conditions.

- (6) Minimum corpus: The current SEBI guidelines on mutual funds prescribe a minimum start-up corpus of Rs.50 crore for a openended scheme, and Rs.20 crore corpus for closed-ended scheme, failing which application money has to be refunded.
- (7) Institutionalisation: The efforts of SEBI have, in the last few years, been to institutionalise the market by introducing proportionate allotment and increasing the minimum deposit amount to Rs.5000 etc. These efforts are to channel the investment of individual investors into the mutual funds.
- (8) Investment of funds mobilised:In November 1992, SEBI increased the time limit from six months to nine months within which the mutual funds have to invest resources raised from the latest tax saving schemes. The guideline was issued to protect the mutual funds from the disadvantage of investing funds in the bullish market at very high prices and suffering from poor NAV thereafter.

- (9) <u>Investment in money market</u>: SEBI guidelines say that mutual funds can invest a maximum of 25 per cent of resources mobilised into money-market instruments in the first six months after closing the funds and a maximum of 15 per cent of the corpus after six months to meet short term liquidity requirements.
- (10) <u>Valuation of investment:</u> The transparent and well understood declaration or Net Asset Values (NAVs) of mutual fund schemes is an important issue in providing investors with information as to the performance of the fund. SEBI has warned some mutual funds earlier of unhealthy market
- (11) <u>Inspection</u>:SEBI inspect mutual funds every year. A full SEBI inspection of all the 27 mutual funds was proposed to be done by the March 1996 to streamline their operations and protect the investor's interests. Mutual funds are monitored and inspected by SEBI to ensure compliance with the regulations.

- (12) <u>Underwriting</u>: In July 1994, SEBI permitted mutual funds to take up underwriting of primary issues as a part of their investment activity. This step may assist the mutual funds in diversifying their business.
- (13) <u>Conduct</u>: In September 1994, it was clarified by SEBI that mutual funds shall not offer buy back schemes or assured returns to corporate investors. The Regulations governing Mutual Funds and Portfolio Managers ensure transparency in their functioning.
- (14) <u>Voting rights:</u> In September 1993, mutual funds were allowed to exercise their voting rights. Department of Company Affairs has reportedly granted mutual funds the right to vote as full-fledged shareholders in companies where they have equity investments.

REASONS FOR SLOW GROWTH OF MUTUAL FUNDS IN INDIA

- Adequate Information
- Cost factor
- Diversification
- Lack of experts
- Lack of patience of investors
- Lack of quality service
- Lack of uniformity
- Too much dependcy
- No guarantee of return
- Selection of Proper funds
- Unethical practices

AMF

 The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) is an industry standards organisation in India in the mutual funds sector. It was formed in 1995. Most mutual funds firms in India are its members. The organisation aims to develop the mutual funds market in India, by improving ethical and professional standards.

OBJECTIVES OF AMFI

- Help set uniform and professional ethical standards for all Mutual Fund related operation.
- Ensure that investors and member companies adhere to the regulations and maintain ethics in due course of business.
- Assist distributors, advisories, agents, asset management companies, and other bodies (those involved in financial service fields or capital markets) to comply with the set guidelines.
- Work closely with SEBI and comply with the Mutual Fund regulations set by it.
- Informs investors across the country about the different risks associated with investing in Mutual Funds.

- AMFI is a representative of the RBI, SEBI, finance ministry and other bodies related to money market investments.
- An important role of AMFI in Mutual Funds is to distribute information about these investments and also conduct various workshops about different funds.
- Ensure that code of conduct is maintained by everyone involved and also take disciplinary action on the event of breach.
- To safeguard the interest of investors, the All India Mutual Fund association has also introduced a facility through which individuals can put forth grievances or register complaints against fund managers or any asset management company.
- Inversely, it also helps to safeguard the interest of asset management companies