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## Cost, revenue and profit efficiency of private sector banks in India-DEA approach

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### Abstract

The most powerful technique for measuring relative efficiency of a set of decision making units (DMUs) is Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA). DEA is one of the most important tools to deal with the aspects of cost minimization efficiency, revenue and profit maximization efficiency of Decision making units. The objective of the study is to compare the performance of the Indian Private Sector banks over the period 2015-16. This study demonstrates the identification of cost, revenue and profit efficient DMUs under variable returns to scale (VRS). Empirical investigation of this study indicates that more number of DMUs are profit efficient and the level of average cost efficiency is highest than the level of average Revenue efficiency and the average profit efficiency.

**Keywords:** DEA, DMU, BCC model, cost efficiency, revenue efficiency, profit efficiency

### 1. Introduction

Present days Performance of Banks and other financial institutions is very important issues for discussion. Performance measurement of banking system is one of the vital issues in financial market because it could affect the stability of banking industry. It is fact that there are many approaches to define efficiency in the modern society. provided the first measure of efficiency and basic definition of efficiency is based on was the first to define the concept of Technical Efficiency (TE). There is a great variety of DEA models to measure the efficiency of Decision making units (DMU). But initially the basic DEA model is proposed by charnes, cooper and Rhodes (CCR 1978) and then followed by Banker, charnes and cooper (BCC 1984). CCR model is based on "constant return to scale (CRS)" assumption under BCC model admits "variable returns to scale" (VRS) assumptions Then based on the above models Cost, Revenue and Profit DEA models are developed. The efficiency value calculated in CCR is the "over all Technical efficiency" (OTE), whereas the efficiency value computed by BCC is "Pure technical efficiency" (PTE). In cost minimization process, a firm would seek to minimize the total input cost for a given level of output and in revenue maximization it would look for maximizing the output thereby total revenue for a given level of input. In profit maximization, the objective of the firm would be to select such an input-output mix that generates maximum revenue with minimum cost, for given input and output prices. Thus, maximizing revenue is as much a necessary condition as cost minimization for the maximizing profit. Hence for a profit-making firm, profit efficiency is more important source of information than the cost efficiency, which provides partial information (Ray and Das, 2010) <sup>[13]</sup>.

The objective of this study is to evaluate the performance of the banks in India during 2015-2016, using cost, revenue and profit models of DEA. The structure of the paper is as follows. The review of relevant literature is described in section 1.2. Section 1.3. Contains the methodology used in this study Section 1.4 carries Empirical investigation relating to measuring Cost, revenue and profit efficiency of Private sector banks. Finally, Section 1.5 provides the results and conclusions.

### 1.2 Review of literature

Data envelopment analysis is a non-parametric mathematical modeling technique based on linear programming for frontier estimation. The basic DEA models were discussed earlier in

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the introduction part and these models have been developed in input and output-oriented both. CCR and BCC models are applied in many areas by various authors. Sherman and Gorld (1985) [15] applied DEA in banking sector as the first and evaluated operating efficiency of 14 saving bank branches, Pastor *et al.* (1997) applied DEA to analyze the performance of banks in US and selected countries of Europe Casu and Molyneux (2003) [6] studied efficiency of 750 selected European banks through intermediation approach. Prasuna (2004) [12], analyzed the performance of Indian banks by adopting the CAMEL Model. The performance of 65 banks were studied for the period 2003-04. The author concluded that the competition was tough and consumers benefited from better services quality, innovative products and better bargains. Asmild *et al.* (2004) [2] implements DEA window and malquist index to analyze the performance of Canadian banking industry over time. Herrmann *et al.* (2006) [8] carried a study German universal bank and analyze their level of efficiency based on both efficiency models namely stochastic frontier approach and Data envelopment analysis. Ray and Das (2010) [13] applied DEA to analyze the cost and profit efficiency of Indian banks during the post reformed period. They identified public sector banks are more efficient comparatively private sector banks and small banks which are operating below the efficiency frontier. Kaur and Kaur (2010) [9] investigated impact of the merges on the cost efficiency of Indian commercial banks by applied DEA. Das and Kumhakar (2012) [7] used hedonic aggregator function to study the productivity and efficiency of Indian banks. From this study they observed the efficiency of public sector bank exceeds the efficiency of private sector banks in the post-reform period 1996-2005. Kristina Kocisova (2014) [10] applied DEA to measure Cost, revenue and profit efficiency of Slovak and Czech commercial banks during 2009-2013. Saha *et al.* (2015) [14] found that size, capital and profit of Malaysian banking system have significantly positive relationship with efficiency but expenses and non-performing loans have significantly negative relationship with the efficiency. Md. Qamruzzaman and WEI Jianguo (2016) [17] identified financial efficiency level of financial institutions (banks) in Bangladesh over the period 2011-2015. Their study revealed that above 62% of the banks performing efficiently under CRS assumption and 75% banks performing efficient under VRS assumption in respect of both input and output orientation. Tugba Eyceyurt Batir *et al.* (2017) [16] examined the technical, allocative and cost efficiency of conventional and participation bank in Turkey using DEA and they observed average efficiency of participation banks is higher than the average efficiency of conventional banks each year.

**1.3 Data and methodology**

In this study the data analyzed is collected from the performance highlights of Indian banking sector published by Indian bank association, Mumbai, during 2015-2016. The author of this paper considered 21 private sector banks and each includes three inputs and three outputs for the performance analysis. The following are the 21 private sector banks and each bank is considered as the DMU in the study  
 1. City union Bank 2. Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank 3 Catholic Syrian Bank 4. Dhanlaxmi Bank 5. Federal Bank 6. Jammu & Kashmir Bank 7. The Karnataka Bank 8. The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd. 9. The Lakshmi Vilas Bank 10. The Nainital Bank Ltd. 11. Ratnaker Bank 12. The South Indian Bank Ltd. 13. 14. Axis Bank Ltd. 15. Development Credit Bank 16. HDFC Bank

17. ICICI Bank 18. IndusInd Bank 19. Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. 20. Yes Bank. 21. IDFC Bank Ltd.

Since price data in respect of both inputs and outputs are available, attempts have been made to compute Cost, Revenue and profit efficiency and the same have been presented in this paper. The variables included in this study are Deposits, labour and fixed assets as inputs and Loans, Other assets, investments as outputs. The corresponding input and output prices are respectively  $w_1$ : price of deposit,  $w_2$ : price of labour,  $w_3$ : price of physical capital and Meanwhile, three output prices are  $p_1$ : price of loans,  $p_2$ : price of other earning assets,  $p_3$ : price of investment. The above input and output prices are calculated as follows,

- $w_1$ : price of labour = personnel expenses/labour
- $w_2$ : Price of Deposits=Total interest expenses/deposits
- $w_3$ : price of physical capital= other operating expenses/fixed assets
- $p_1$ : Price of loans =interest income/loans
- $p_2$ : Price of other earning assets= other interest income/other earning assets
- $p_3$ : price of investments = Total income/ total investments

**Frontier Type: VRS Cost minimization, Revenue and profit maximization**

The cost minimization, Revenue maximization and profit maximization DEA models based on VRS assumption are described below

Cost Minimization:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m w_{iq} x_{iq}^* \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \lambda_j \leq x_{iq}^* \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ & \sum_{j=1}^n y_{rj} \lambda_j \geq y_{rq} \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, s, \\ & \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = 1 \\ & \lambda_j \geq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Where,

- $w_{iq}$ : vector of input prices of DMU<sub>q</sub>
- $X^*_{iq}$ : cost minimizing vector of input quantities for DMU<sub>q</sub>, given the input prices  $w_{iq}$  and the output levels  $y_{rq}$ .
- Overall cost efficient:

$$CE_q = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m w_{iq} x_{iq}^*}{\sum_{i=1}^m w_{iq} x_{iq}}$$

Revenue Maximization model:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{r=1}^s p_{rq} y_{rq}^* \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \lambda_j \leq x_{iq} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ & \sum_{j=1}^n y_{rj} \lambda_j \geq y_{rq}^* \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, s, \\ & \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = 1 \\ & \lambda_j \geq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Where,  $P_{rq}$ : vector of output prices of DMU $_q$  and  $x^*_{iq}$ : revenue maximizing vector of output quantities for DMU $_q$ , given the output prices  $P_{rq}$  and the input levels  $X_{iq}$ . Overall Revenue maximization:

$$RE_q = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^s p_{rq} y_{rq}}{\sum_{r=1}^s p_{rq} y_{rq}^*}$$

Profit Maximization model:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{r=1}^s p_{rq} y_{rq}^* - \sum_{i=1}^m w_{iq} x_{iq}^* \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n y_{rj} \lambda_j \geq y_{rq}^* \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, s, \\ & \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \lambda_j \leq x_{iq}^* \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ & \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = 1 \\ & \lambda_j \geq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Where all notations have same meanings similar to the previous models.

Overall Profit efficient:

$$PE_q = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^s p_{rq} y_{rq} - \sum_{i=1}^m w_{iq} x_{iq}}{\sum_{r=1}^s p_{rq} y_{rq}^* - \sum_{i=1}^m w_{iq} x_{iq}^*}$$

The cost, revenue and profit efficiency scores are bounded within the range 0 and 1.

### 1.4 Empirical analysis

It is quite general to carry out basic statistical measure to verify the validity of any data so some basic measures namely mean, standard deviation etc. Have been calculated for the data taken for this study and the same is presented in the table.

**Table 1:** Descriptive Statistics

Variables	Mean	Standard deviation	Maximum	Minimum
Deposits	230301.3	588587.6	2715813	5310.59
No. of employees	17858.24	24139.46	87555	798
Fixed assets	1081.269	1773.42	7576.92	17.96
Advances	92349.5	139121	464594	2686.08
Other assets	8769.892	14689.85	57573.7	198.51
Investment	35228.5	49910.09	163885.8	1381.41
Price of deposits	0.081	0.062	0.341	0.001
Price of labour	0.159	0.041	0.212	0.03
Price of physical capital	13.087	6.697	29.117	5.328
Price of Loans	0.139	0.025	0.2	0.08
Price of other assets	0.258	0.134	0.565	0.088
Price of investment	0.387	0.082	0.53	0.202

**Table 2:** Cost, Revenue and profit Efficiency for the data considered in the study are presented in the following table

DMU	Cost	Revenue	Profit
1	0.302	0.481	0.051
2	0.804	0.733	0.300
3	0.595	0.470	-0.043
4	0.532	0.451	-0.071
5	0.674	0.629	0.158
6	0.644	0.575	0.148
7	0.652	0.676	0.190
8	0.663	0.553	0.153
9	0.529	0.439	0.071
10	1.000	1.000	1.000
11	1.000	0.896	1.000
12	0.623	0.556	0.108
13	0.884	1.000	1.000
14	0.540	0.441	0.099
15	1.000	1.000	1.000
16	1.000	1.000	1.000
17	0.637	0.740	0.307
18	0.611	0.835	0.302
19	1.000	1.000	1.000
20	0.490	0.431	0.126
21	1.000	1.000	1.000
Mean	0.723	0.710	0.424

The above table exhibits the following

- DMUs 10, 11, 15, 16, 19, 21 are cost efficient and the remaining DMUs in the set are cost inefficient.
- DMUs 10, 13, 15, 16, 19, 21 are Revenue efficient and the remaining DMUs in the set are Revenue inefficient.
- DMUs 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 19, 21 are profit efficient and the remaining DMUs in the set are Profit inefficient.
- DMUs 11, 19 and 21 are cost, revenue and profit efficient that is fully efficient.

In profit efficiency DMU 3 and 4 are negative values. However this measure need not be bounded by 0 and 1. It could be negative if a profit is negative or it could be undefined if maximum profit is 0.

### 2. Conclusion

It may be inferred that cost efficient DMUs use less costly inputs and reduce the use of more costly inputs. So the six banks namely The Nainital Bank Ltd. RBL Bank, HDFC Bank Ltd. ICICI Bank Ltd. Yes Bank Ltd. IDFC Bank Ltd. are cost efficient. Cost inefficient banks should reduce the usage of more costly inputs. By doing so the cost inefficient banks also could behave as efficient.

Similarly the Revenue efficient banks namely The Nainital Bank Ltd. Axis Bank Ltd. HDFC Bank Ltd. ICICI Bank Ltd.

Yes Bank Ltd. IDFC Bank Ltd banks are maximizing their revenue by producing more output bundles.

Besides the seven banks namely The Nainital Bank Ltd. RBL Bank, Axis Bank Ltd, HDFC Bank Ltd. ICICI Bank Ltd. Yes Bank Ltd., IDFC Bank Ltd banks are profit efficient. The value of overall profit efficiency can be interpreted as potential profit increasing that can be achieved if the production unit uses the inputs and outputs in optimal combination.

It is observed that the three banks RBL Bank, Yes Bank Ltd. IDFC Bank Ltd banks are fully efficient.

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