## INVESTMENT MEANING NATURE AND SCOPE

## Meaning

Investment can be defined in different aspects. These are:

Generally, investment is the application of money for earning more money. Investment also means savings or savings made through delayed consumption.

In Finance, the purchase of a financial product or other item of value with an expectation of favorable future returns, the practice of investment refers to the buying of a financial product or any valued item with an anticipation that positive returns will be received in the future.

In Business, the purchase by a producer of a physical good, such as durable equipment or inventory, in the hope of improving future business.

According to economics, investment is the utilization of resources in order to increase income or production output in the future. An amount deposited into a bank or machinery that is purchased in anticipation of earning income in the long run are both examples of investments.

## What is Investing?

- Purchase of assets with the goal of increasing future income
  - Focuses on wealth accumulation
  - Appropriate for long-term goals



- Investment is defined as a sacrifice made now to obtain a return later. It is current consumption that is sacrificed.
- Two forms of investment can be defined
  - Real investment is the purchase of land, machinery, etc.
  - · Financial investment is the purchase of a "paper" contract