

The Study of Dividend Policy: A Review of Irrelevance Theory

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Abstract: Dividend policy is said to be one of the crucial decision in corporate finance management from past decades as decision of dividend is linked with the financial management objective of wealth maximization and profit maximization it is always crucial decision. Which should be given preference wealth maximization or optimum capital structure? Wealth maximization is said to be financial management practice which focus on increasing the net worth of a company or firm so that return for shareholders can be maximize. No universal consent has yet come out after several decades of study. There are theories and studies which have contributed to decide amount of dividend. Some theories says that there is relation between dividend decision and value of firm(relevance theory) and some says there is no such association(irrelevance theory). There are conflicting viewpoint as far as the impact of dividend decision on the value of the firm is considered. The objectives of this research are firstly, to define the concept and scope of dividend policy and secondly, to study the irrelevance theory/ (Modigliani-Miller Model) of dividend policy and relation between dividend policy approach and market share prices. Secondary data has been taken for research. The CNX Dividend Opportunities Index is considered as Universe. The study is sourced by critical and creative analysis (literature review) of research papers and Case Study Method. There are not significant fluctuations in share prices after declaration of dividend. Sometimes these fluctuations are associated but not positive always and there are other factors which influence share prices. It will facilitate the organizations to identify with the behavioral aspect of shareholders which they can use to add value which move towards the way to wealth maximization as well as profit maximization.

Key words: capital structure, dividend, dividend policies, profit maximization, relevance theories, wealth maximization

Introduction

Dividend is the amount which is paid in form of return or yield to shareholders for Investment in the Company's equity. At the time of dividend policy it is a critical subject for the manager to decide as how much to pay and how much to retain for survival, growth, expansion and diversification. Dividend influence the financial position of company as well as replicate the financially soundness of company. It is vital for organization to have appropriate tradeoff between the objectives of profit maximization and wealth maximization. Managers should not only have concern for the retained earnings, but also take deliberation the likely effect of their decisions on share prices .To have effective dividend policy there are various theories of dividends. These theories are contradictory to one another. Some argue that more dividend add in firm's value (relevance

theory). Another view asserts that dividend payouts have the reverse effect on a firm's value; i.e. it reduces firm value. The other approach (Modigliani-Miller Model) emphasize that there is no association between dividend payments and firm's value (irrelevance theory). This paper is attempted to focus on irrelevance approach, Modigliani-Miller Model of dividend policy. The major objectives of the paper are-

- 1. To define the concept and scope of dividend policy
- 2. To study the Modigliani-Miller Model of dividend policy
- 3. Empirical analysis of irrelevance theory (Modigliani-Miller Model) dividend policy approach on share prices.

THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

DIVIDEND-It is defined as- Dividend is the distribution of value to shareholders or yield or return on their investment in company's shares.

DIVIDEND POLICY- The term 'dividend policy' refers to "the practice that management follows in making dividend payout decisions or, in other words, the size and pattern of cash distributions over time to shareholders" (Lease et al., 2000, p.29).

DIVIDEND IRRELEVANCE THEORY-

Dividends irrelevant theory asserts that dividend policy is not related to firm's value i.e.in determining the value of the firm dividend policy is not relevant. The theory is supported by a financial theorists and researchers (Miller and Modigliani, 1961; Miller, 1986; and Martin, Petty, Keown, and Scott, 1991). Modigliani and Miller (1958) argued that dividends policy is not related with corporate value. They alleged that firm's value is reliant on the income produced from its assets rather than from the income distribution between dividends and retained earnings. They stated that how a firm is distributing its earning is not the deciding factor in the valuation. Researchers asserted that if the earnings are retained, it will leads to capital appreciation. On the other side, if dividend is distributed, the shareholders will have the benefit of dividend income which is equivalent to the amount by which the capital would have appreciated if the company would have retained its earning they illustrated that investors can affect the return on their shares regardless of the share's dividend.

MODIGLIANI-MILLER MODEL

According to MM, the dividend policy of a firm is irrelevant as neither it affects firm's value nor affect the wealth of shareholders. This model is based on certain assumptions. According to this model the value of a firm solely dependent on its earnings capacity resulting from the investment policy and decisions, not influenced by the way in which its earnings are divided between dividends and retained earnings.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There is perfect Capital markets and Investors are rational

2. There are no taxes, no difference between tax rates on dividends and capital gains.

3. The firm has a fixed investment policy which will not change. So if the retained earnings are reinvested, there will not be any change in the risk of the firm. So K remains same.

4. Floatation costs are nil.

5. There are numerous transactions and Information is freely available,

6. Transaction cost are nil, securities are divisible and no investor can influence the market price of the share.

7. Risk of uncertainty does not exist. The essence of MM arguments may be stated as below:

If the firm retains the earnings instead of giving in form of dividends, the shareholders enjoy capital appreciation, which is equal to the earnings, retained.

If the firm distributes the earnings by the way of dividends instead of retention, the shareholders have the benefit of the dividend, which is identical to the amount by which capital would have been appreciated had the company chosen to retain the earnings.

Hence, the distribution of earnings between dividends and retained earnings is irrelevant from the point of view of shareholders.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Secondary data is a major source for research .For collection of secondary data books, journals websites and research paper are referred. For the firms /companied data NSE (National Stock exchange) and companies' websites are referred for past and current information. Companies listed in CNX Dividend Opportunities Index are considered for the research purpose. The CNX Dividend Opportunities Index is chosen as population/ Universe and for sample 5 % companies listed in index is considered. The CNX Dividend Opportunities Index is designed to provide exposure to high yielding companies listed on NSE while meeting stability and tradability requirements. To select the companies in Index Random sampling method is used. Last one year (1-April 2013- 1-April 2014) corporate actions (dividend declaration) is taken for the research purpose. With more than 119 years of strong existence and 6081 total branches including 5 foreign branches, 6698 ATMs as on Dec'13, Punjab National Bank is serving more than 87 million esteemed customers. PNB, being one of the largest nationalized banks, has continued to provide prudent and trustworthy banking services to its customers.

CORPORATE ACTION- Dividend Rs 27 per Share, Ex- date-13-June-2013

DATA ANALYSIS -

CASE -1 PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK

Date	Open Price	High Price	Low Price	Last Traded Price	Close Price	Total Traded Quantity	Turnover (in Lakhs)
27-Jun-13	650.4	654.05	633.1	637.8	635.75	693095	4454.8
26-Jun-13	651.25	659.8	638.55	639	642.15	452143	2938.48
25-Jun-13	651	667	640	647	646.75	883613	5771.69
24-Jun-13	665	665.95	645	647	648.65	783219	5106.92
21-Jun-13	688.25	694.6	659.6	666.95	667	890223	6036.94
20-Jun-13	715	718	685	685.3	688.05	871441	6091.17
19-Jun-13	725	731.9	721.3	725	725.55	404533	2938.8
18-Jun-13	740	747	722	723.75	725.15	550695	4043.98
17-Jun-13	743.25	747.8	722	744.4	742.05	577797	4268.48
14-Jun-13	729.1	745	729.1	739.5	741.25	591689	4365.57
13-Jun-13	728	734.6	718	718.55	721.8	760550	5521.28
12-Jun-13	742.55	761.9	740	757	754.25	679856	5118.61
11-Jun-13	752	757.7	738.5	744.3	746.9	745446	5573.29
10-Jun-13	770	772.95	751	758	757.95	422750	3223.45
7-Jun-13	771	783.65	760.25	764	762.95	544962	4213.56
6-Jun-13	762	778.5	757.1	774.3	774.95	727128	5595.62
5-Jun-13	761	767.95	757.05	766.5	764.8	403428	3077.98
4-Jun-13	763	775	755	761.5	760.05	560523	4299.21

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3-Jun-13	764.8	772	749.1	758	759.35	636183	4825.9
31-May-13	793.95	798.7	755.5	761	760.05	703714	5451.41
30-May-13	797	823.3	792.5	793.95	798	1010982	8181.45
29-May-13	810.1	810.5	797.1	799.45	802.1	416438	3346.91
28-May-13	805.1	814	801.6	811.15	810.5	553969	4473.66
27-May-13	785	806.6	780	805.4	804.3	687505	5469.74

Punjab National Bank has declared ex-date of dividend 13-June-13.from the table it can be said that after declaration of dividend there are fluctuations in the share prices and at the same day high price was gone to 734.6 but for the same day last traded price was low as compared to opening price. Even in future dates there are decrease in

share prices. As from the above table it can be concluded that there are fluctuations but not all positive in the market prices of shares after declaration of dividend which shows dividend hardly affects the share price i.e. firm value.

CORPORATE ACTION- Interim Dividend Rs 10 per Share, Ex- date-11-Feb-2014

				Last		Total	
	Open	High	Low	Traded	Close	Traded	Turnover
Date	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Quantity	(in Lakhs)
25-Feb-14	542.4	545.5	533.2	536.95	538	684103	3682.86
24-Feb-14	533	543.5	529.2	539.1	539.15	1020838	5484.57
21-Feb-14	533	538.5	532.2	534.5	535	683722	3660.88
20-Feb-14	535	537	527.6	531.7	531.2	836981	4447.89
19-Feb-14	543.9	548.6	536	540.45	540.65	803419	4352.4
18-Feb-14	530.15	549.3	530.15	541.1	543	1090866	5929.72
17-Feb-14	535.2	541.8	526.5	533.2	532.45	757444	4036.53
14-Feb-14	533.9	539.75	524	537.5	536.7	1188030	6324.81
13-Feb-14	549.25	551.95	528.7	529	530.95	1109725	5959.2
12-Feb-14	551.55	556.75	545	547.45	548.95	852662	4699.62
11-Feb-14	549.45	551.9	545.1	545.6	546.6	681229	3737.08
10-Feb-14	558.05	560.4	552.4	557.4	557.65	648825	3613.03
7-Feb-14	557.45	558.8	550.45	556.5	555.7	1031571	5722.3
6-Feb-14	561	567.5	545.7	550	550.2	1398213	7738.87

566	569	556.1	558.9	560.9	1176083	6606.72
537.6	569.4	535	569	565.8	2303469	12771.59
547.55	554.45	541.2	549.65	549.6	1756758	9624.13
518.5	554.15	509.15	553.45	547.55	6674795	35857.36
530	532	515.2	517.25	517.6	2368175	12375.7
554.7	559	538.3	539.65	540.45	1037673	5678.3
548	563	529.65	549.5	547.6	2170888	11832.84
572	572.65	544.25	550.3	547.75	1640058	9135.65
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Punjab National Bank has declared ex-date of dividend 11-Feb-14.from the table it can be stated that after declaration of dividend there are fluctuations in the share prices and at the same day high price was gone to 551.55 but for the same day last traded price was low as compared to opening price i.e. 545.1. Even in future dates for only two days opening price is improved but further again there are decrease in share prices. So it can be asserted that there are fluctuations but not all positive in the market prices of shares after declaration of dividend.

CASE -2 BAJAJ AUTO LIMITED

The Bajaj Group is amongst the top 10 business houses in India. Its footprint stretches over a wide range of industries, spanning automobiles (twowheelers and three-wheelers), home appliances, lighting, iron and steel, insurance, travel and finance. The group's flagship company, Bajaj Auto, is ranked as the world's fourth largest two- and three- wheeler manufacturer.

CORPORATE ACTION- Dividend Rs 45 per Share, Ex- date-04-July-2013

				Last		Total	
	Open		Low	Traded	Close	Traded	Turnover (in
Date	Price	High Price	Price	Price	Price	Quantity	Lakhs)
19-Jul-13	1886.5	1987.75	1862.5	1972	1966	1609280	31107
18-Jul-13	1910	1919.8	1884.8	1899.6	1896.7	183219	3487.14
17-Jul-13	1920	1920	1880.1	1910	1909.55	257814	4913.82
16-Jul-13	1884.8	1918	1871.55	1905	1907.55	332357	6285.76
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15-Jul-13	1864.7	1906.85	1850.5	1906	1901.7	153038	2888.78
12-Jul-13	1879.7	1881	1845.6	1874	1869.65	208815	3896.71
11-Jul-13	1864	1888.6	1864	1876.1	1876.55	185148	3480.05
10-Jul-13	1899	1917.1	1842	1855.7	1862.4	399958	7491.84
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9-Jul-13	1875	1915	1871.15	1899	1898.2	188148	3577.7

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8-Jul-13	1861.15	1875	1838.25	1860	1863.05	329807	6105.39
5-Jul-13	1893.4	1893.4	1870	1874.15	1879.5	286679	5390.62
4-Jul-13	1867.8	1894.15	1861	1878	1876.6	406242	7614.41
3-Jul-13	1891	1907.7	1866	1907.65	1890.05	434707	8199.75
2-Jul-13	1910	1969.9	1900	1905.95	1913.3	592561	11398.14
1-Jul-13	1928	1935	1886	1920.4	1922.9	496573	9486.17
28-Jun-13	1842.5	1940	1842.5	1925.9	1923.95	794222	15144.95
27-Jun-13	1787.1	1871	1787	1840	1838.2	1030259	18991.97
26-Jun-13	1782.8	1793.8	1760	1791	1787.1	500188	8905.04
25-Jun-13	1794	1810	1756.2	1809	1799.55	657806	11767.84
24-Jun-13	1830	1830	1776.05	1798	1794.55	446107	8027.55
21-Jun-13	1805.15	1837.65	1788.45	1821.35	1830.05	307812	5614.14
20-Jun-13	1814	1855	1800	1800	1820.35	451241	8263.7
19-Jun-13	1825.25	1840.9	1810.1	1839.1	1835.65	374627	6865.66

Bajaj Auto limited has declared ex-date of dividend 04-July-13.from the table it can be interpreted that after declaration of dividend there are fluctuations in the share prices and at the same day there is good hike in price and it has gone to 1894.15.The hike in share prices can be due to good amount of dividend declared. Even in future dates there are positive fluctuations in share prices. So it can be stated from the above data that there can be association between dividend policy and share price i.e. firm value.

CASE -3 NTPC LIMITED

NTPC, India's largest power company, was set up in 1975 to accelerate power development in India. It is emerging as an 'Integrated Power Major', with a significant presence in the entire value chain of power generation business.

CORPORATE ACTION- Final Dividend Re.0.75 per Share and Special Dividend Rs.1.25 per Share, Ex- date-05-Sept-2013

Date	Open Price	High Price	Low Price	Last Traded Price	Close Price	Total Traded Quantity	Turnover (in Lakhs)
20-Sep-13	147	150	144.65	147.9	148.3	6203763	9144.82
19-Sep-13	148.1	151.6	145.7	147.3	147.1	5143489	7588.94
18-Sep-13	140.4	145.9	139.5	145.75	144.9	2821421	4044.68

17-Sep-13	143.5	144.35	138.5	140.25	140.15	2711120	3798.26
16-Sep-13	142.8	145.5	141.4	143	142.95	2802538	4016.6
13-Sep-13	138.4	141.5	138	141	141.1	3975733	5571.31
12-Sep-13	137.2	140.9	137.2	138.4	139.45	2854781	3985.47
11-Sep-13	139.5	140.95	135.3	138.05	137.6	5082675	6966.01
10-Sep-13	135	139.5	135	138.1	138.6	5063738	6985.51
6-Sep-13	130.8	134.9	128.5	132.95	134.3	5764300	7634.24
5-Sep-13	132.5	133	128.95	129.6	130.45	11708224	15450.93
4-Sep-13	127.4	130.7	125	130	130	4610163	5919.37
3-Sep-13	130.3	131.55	125.65	125.75	128.05	3754821	4845.2
2-Sep-13	131	131.05	127.75	130.4	130.7	3036958	3948.57
30-Aug-13	129.8	131.95	127.5	130.55	130.9	3976338	5172.89
29-Aug-13	126.9	131.85	125	130.3	130.8	6005885	7757.85
28-Aug-13	123.5	127.5	122.6	126	126.3	5425268	6811.23
27-Aug-13	132.8	132.8	123.4	125.1	124.45	5510185	6982.47
26-Aug-13	130.2	133.5	130	131.95	132.4	4340319	5740.24
23-Aug-13	132.05	132.5	127.6	129.5	129.05	5037959	6494.77
22-Aug-13	130.35	132.7	126.1	132.1	131.15	5385924	6981.94
21-Aug-13	136.25	137	129	131.65	130.65	7404961	9940.19
20-Aug-13	135.9	137.9	133.95	135.5	136.15	3510274	4747.38

NTPC Limited has declared ex-date of dividend 05sept-13.It can be stated that after declaration of dividend there are fluctuations i.e. increase in share prices in future dates. As from the above table it can be interpreted that there is hike in the market prices of shares after declaration of dividend which shows high dividend payout enhances firm value.

CORPORATE ACTION- Interim Dividend Rs 4 per Share, Ex- date-31-Jan-2014

Date	Open Price	High Price	Low Price	Last Traded Price	Close Price	Total Traded Quantity	Turnover (in Lakhs)
14-Feb-14	131.4	132.9	129.65	132.65	132.25	2251143	2971.69

13-Feb-14	131.2	131.45	129.65	130.1	130.1	6901586	8989.5
12-Feb-14	132.2	132.5	130.05	131	130.75	6154520	8092.31
11-Feb-14	134.4	134.7	130.05	131.25	132.15	3603027	4815.54
10-Feb-14	135.15	136.6	133.3	133.8	135.2	10642466	14403.45
7-Feb-14	133.7	136.1	132.75	135.8	135.95	12080553	16337.43
6-Feb-14	132	134.1	130.8	133.3	133.6	8205918	10901.61
5-Feb-14	130.6	132.7	127.1	132.5	132.4	8496884	11093.02
4-Feb-14	125.9	130.65	125.4	130.6	130.2	10508446	13529.59
3-Feb-14	126	126.3	125.1	126.2	126	2904211	3651.86
31-Jan-14	125.7	126.95	123.5	126.2	126.45	4369223	5484.25
30-Jan-14	127.05	130.15	126.15	128.6	128.2	6001934	7662.97
29-Jan-14	129.75	130.5	127.25	127.75	127.8	4019121	5177.62
28-Jan-14	129.8	132	128.15	128.4	128.5	3764855	4861.18
27-Jan-14	130.25	130.7	129.1	129.5	129.45	2699822	3499.29
24-Jan-14	130.8	131.9	130.65	131.65	131.5	3080062	4039.77
23-Jan-14	131.75	132.4	130.75	131.3	131.1	3964418	5218.06
22-Jan-14	130.5	133.2	130.5	132.4	132.65	4438582	5886.11
21-Jan-14	131.6	133	129.75	130.7	130.75	9067857	11849.46
20-Jan-14	132	133.5	131.5	131.55	131.85	2288260	3027.99
17-Jan-14	133.2	133.75	131.15	132	131.6	9686445	12881.99
16-Jan-14	132.55	134.2	132.55	133.05	133.15	5238158	7008.06
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NTPC Limited has declared ex-date of dividend 31-Jan-14.from the table it can be said that after declaration of dividend there is increase in share prices in future dates. So it can be concluded that there is hike in the market prices of shares after declaration of dividend which shows high dividend enhances firm value.

CASE-4COMPANIES-CHAMBALFERTILIZERS & CHEMICALS LIMITED

Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited is one of the largest private sector fertilizer producers in India. It was promoted by Zuari Industries Limited in the year 1985.

CORPORATE ACTION- Dividend Rs 1.90 per Share, Ex- date-16-Aug-2013

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Date	Open Price	High Price	Low Price	Last Traded Price	Close Price	Total Traded Quantity	Turnover (in Lakhs)
30-Aug-13	31.6	33.1	31.1	32.65	32.6	1414084	459.51
29-Aug-13	32	32.8	31.5	31.55	31.7	3047753	971.27
28-Aug-13	32	32.55	31.25	32.2	32.2	902753	286.29
27-Aug-13	33	33.45	32.25	32.45	32.4	925469	303.75
26-Aug-13	33.25	33.9	32.9	33.7	33.65	827769	276.33
23-Aug-13	33	33.6	32.25	33.05	33.25	1689838	559.05
22-Aug-13	32	32.3	30.9	31.95	31.9	1376276	434.37
21-Aug-13	33.5	34.55	32.1	32.35	32.35	1363985	451.48
20-Aug-13	32.3	33.9	32.3	33.6	33.6	937785	313.01
19-Aug-13	33.35	33.45	32	33	33.1	917506	301.93
16-Aug-13	35	38	33.05	33.25	33.35	2509272	865.46
14-Aug-13	36.1	37.1	35.6	36.8	36.75	2692638	981.7
13-Aug-13	37.5	38.1	35.8	36.2	36.15	1798560	659.81
12-Aug-13	37.1	38.2	37.1	37.7	37.75	674048	254.32
8-Aug-13	36.9	37.75	36.25	37.65	37.65	985709	367.23
7-Aug-13	35	36.9	34.75	36.75	36.75	1231794	446.63
6-Aug-13	35.65	35.85	34.25	35.25	35.25	1322442	464.22
5-Aug-13	34.35	35.85	33.8	35.7	35.7	827876	290.32
2-Aug-13	33.45	34.85	33.45	34.3	34.35	1789361	614.07
1-Aug-13	35.5	36.05	33	33.45	33.55	1536187	524.03

Chambal Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited has declared ex-date of dividend 16 August 2013.from the table it can be said that after declaration of dividend even there is not increase in share prices in future dates even temporary hike is there as high price has gone to 38 from 35 but last traded price for that day even have come down. As from the above table it can be concluded that there is no hike in the market prices of shares after declaration of dividend.

CASE -5 GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED

Established in the year 1924 in India GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (GSK Rx India) is one of the oldest pharmaceuticals company and employs over 3500 people. Globally, company is a \pounds 26.4 billion, leading, research-based

healthcare and pharmaceutical company. In India, they are one of the market leaders with a turnover of Rs. 3021 crore and a share of 4.2%*.

CORPORATE ACTION- Final Dividend Re.50 per Share, Ex- date-04-April-2013

Date	Open Price	High Price	Low Price	Last Traded Price	Close Price	Total Traded Quantity	Turnover (in Lakhs)
18-Apr-13	2224.95	2224.95	2199	2204	2204.9	14085	311.1
17-Apr-13	2200.25	2241.85	2200	2230	2225.15	7975	176.63
16-Apr-13	2195	2213	2190	2202.95	2200.1	17960	395.53
15-Apr-13	2200	2213.95	2200	2204	2204.8	52342	1154.39
12-Apr-13	2205.05	2215	2200	2204	2201.6	3978	87.59
11-Apr-13	2224.2	2250	2196	2205	2204.4	4597	102.56
10-Apr-13	2200.1	2225	2195	2220	2217.55	43530	958.49
9-Apr-13	2200	2213.95	2197	2204.95	2200.5	3903	85.9
8-Apr-13	2200	2224	2198	2201.8	2200.1	4306	94.86
5-Apr-13	2215	2215	2181.5	2203	2201.65	3684	80.99
4-Apr-13	2241	2248.95	2190	2204.95	2200.95	12137	268.16
3-Apr-13	2235.05	2298	2226.35	2265	2268.55	26199	594.46
2-Apr-13	2230	2239.95	2216.25	2235	2229.9	3305	73.66
1-Apr-13	2205	2239.95	2205	2220	2222	4493	99.85
28-Mar-13	2189.8	2249	2164.95	2226	2205.25	15114	330.48
26-Mar-13	2164.95	2210	2151	2190	2189.85	5352	116.64
25-Mar-13	2168.95	2185	2151	2153	2168.6	85954	1865.04
22-Mar-13	2175	2175	2148.05	2165	2169.15	33968	734.5
21-Mar-13	2151.95	2166.8	2135.35	2162.75	2160.6	13108	282.92
20-Mar-13	2151.05	2160	2145	2151.05	2151.35	27682	595.34
19-Mar-13	2148.05	2175	2148	2150	2150.8	8389	181.22

Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceuticals limited has declared ex-date of dividend 04-April-13.It can be stated that after declaration of dividend there are fluctuations and in the same day last traded price

has come down but there is recovery in the future dates. As from the above table it can be interpreted that there are fluctuations in the market prices of shares after declaration of dividend

FINDING

- 1. In data analysis out of five companies three companies share prices shows fluctuations but not positive after declaration of dividend.
- 2. NTPC ltd and Bajaj Auto ltd. share prices gone up after dividend declaration. So it can be interpreted that company value is get affected by dividend payment.
- 3. In few cases it can be observed that after declaration of ex-date and dividend even in few cases there is decline in share prices in future date.
- 4. For Bajaj auto limited even last traded price has increased in Ex-date it can be due to more dividend payout approach. But same time even high dividend payout approach, Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceuticals limited last traded price has come down to approx 36 rs.
- 5. In long run dividend payout or retention can be more crucial for the companies as well as the shareholders because there can be change in the economy cycle as well as in financial position.
- 6. Fluctuations can be observed in traded Quantity and turnover due to change in share prices.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

This study is restricted only of irrelevance theory-Modigliani-Miller Model of dividend policy and for the same only last one year data of the companies had been taken .The study can be further extended for long tenure, various sectors, and economic cycles and for irrelevance theories also.

CONCLUSION

Dividend policy is one of the most imperative decisions in Financial Management. Firms objectives are optimum capital structure as well as for shareholders wealth. For the same they attempt to apply optimum dividend policies. In the research it can be concluded that there is neither positive nor negative association between the market prices of shares and Dividend payout. So it can be concluded there are fluctuations in share prices after declaration of dividend but not positive always and there are other factors which affects share prices. So in research outcome in general it can be said that irrelevance theory states true in current scenario in implementation as compare to relevance theory in short tenure and there can be different outcome in long span of time when it extends to the different economic cycles.

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