

PRICE AND OUTPUT

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- WHAT IS PRICE :
- value of a things expressed in monetary terms
- importance of price fixing
 - if too high sales will fall
 - if too low (cant cover cost)

So determination of price is an important function of Mgt. in all BSS

Price Theory

- theory of value
- central part of economics
- What is PT.
- tell **how** the **prices** of a commodity or **service** is determined in different mkt. situations
- include study of various **factors** of determinants of price

Price (mkt.)mechanism



- mkt. forces
- (DD & SS)
- refers to the operation of mkt. forces
- it is the **process of price determination** by the interaction of free mkt. forces
- PM is the **instrument** of decision making
- DD & SS determine its equilibrium
- **any change** in DD and SS leads to a Change in equilibrium price

Components of price mechanism

- **3 Components**

1. Principles of DD
2. Principles of SS
3. Equilibrium price

principles of DD= **inverse relation** between P and DD

(when P  DD  and vice versa

...principles of SS= **direct relation** between P and SS

(when P  SS also )

Equilibrium price is the P at which DD and SS are equal

- graph
- X DD and SS
- $Y = P$
- whenever there is a change in DD or SS

MARKET

- where goods are bought and sold
- an arrangement by which buyers and sellers of a commodity interact to determine its price and quantity
- kinds of MKT
 - perfect com, monopoly
 - imperfect com(oligopoly, duopoly, monopolistic)

Perfect completion MKT

- mkt. large number of buyers and sellers of a homogeneous product and P of the product is determined by mkt. forces
- only a myth
- Role of seller = price taker

characteristic

1. **Large no. of sellers and buyers**
(each one sell small portion of total traded so they cant dominate and influence the P)
2. **homogeneous** product (identical)
3. **A single price**
4. **Free entry and exit** of firms. (if industry is making profit new firm will come)
5. **Perfect knowledge** of mkt. condition
6. **Perfect mobility** of factors of production
7. **Absence** of selling and transportation cost (if there , different price)

- what is equilibrium

... state of rest or stability


position from which no change is


Firm. Bss. unit encaged in

Industry: group

Equilibrium of firm and industry (perfect)

- large sellers
- Single firms has no control on price
- industry fix price (so only one price)
- price is fixed at the point where DD and SS are equal (E Price)
- E quantity
- Graph

- $E = SS$ equal DD
- if P  from P to P_1
- DD is $P_1 A$ and SS is $P_1 B$
- A to B excess SS (so firm will force to lower its price from)



- if P  from P to P_2
- SS is $P_2 C$ and DD is $P_2 D$
- C to D excess DD (so firm will force to increase its price from)

- firm is only a price taker
- They determine the output as per the equilibrium to get maximum profit.
- 2 conditions are satisfied (what is MC & MR)
 1. when they produce a level of output at which MC is = to MR
 - if $MC < MR$ (firm can increase the output)
 - if $MC > MR$ (firm has to reduce their output)
 2. MC must cut MR curve from below (MC curve should have positive slope)


E chart of I and Firm

- Industry $DD=SS$
- **Firm**
- **PA and PB**
- Not PA because MC cut MR curve from above
- A TO B (expansion of output)
- what is E price and E quantity
- under perfect competition $MR = AR$ because only one price is prevailing in the market)
- what is AR (revenue per unit of output)

Effect of Time upon SS

- Marshall (time has tremendous influence upon the determination of price)
- SS does not  in accordance with the  in DD (DD from 10 to 20 but SS is 10)
- it is due to technical aspects of production
- a certain amount of time will take to expand the size of plant.
- in short period cost of production will be high (no time to expand plant capacity) **in long run**
- 4 type of periods
- (mkt. Period, short , long and very long period)

MARKET PERIOD

- A period of time in which at all inputs in the production process are fixed,
- quantity of output itself is fixed
- it may be a day or very few days
- **SS** is more or less fixed, **DD** alone determines the **P** (**SS** remains fixed irrespective of **DD**)
- **SS** curve in the market is a vertical straight line 
- Perishable goods: milk, fish, fruits, egg, etc.
- **E** Price is the **P** at which the entire **SS** is sold
- if **DD** is high, **P** will be high

Short period

-is a period during which the SS of the commodity can be changed without changing the existing **plant and machinery**.
- no time to change P&M
- only variable factors of production can be changed
- the P is determined by SS to certain extent and DD
- commodities are durable and reproducible.
- SS curve = upward moving from left to right
- the P is known as Short Run Nominal Price

long period

- it is a period during which sufficient time is available to adjust the fixed as well as variable production factors
- SS can be easily adjusted to changing DD
- P is determined by 2 market forces
- SS curve would be more flatter than the short run
- P is known as Long Run Nominal Price

Very long period

- Also known as secular period
- Long period of time
- usually at least 10 years
- it include all the change in DD and SS which require a long period of time.
- the change such as
 - change in the size of population
 - „ „ SS of materials
 - „ „ SS of capital etc.

These are structural changes

Price Determination by Industry under perfect

- what is perfect market

During short period

In the case of durable goods

Reserve price OS no sale

Curve at the beginning and it will take a straight line

at OP OQ is held back

At OP₁ entire stock will offer for sale (P is very high)

At OP₂ OM is offered and rest held back