Chapter: Demand

Effective Demand → Desire + Purchasing power + Willingness to pay + Availability of that good

→ Factors influencing Demand

a) Price of a commodity → Inverse relationship between commodity & demand

Demand	Price
Increase	Decrease
Decrease	Increase

b) Price of related commodity → Substitutes / Complementary goods

Substitutes / competing goods

eg: Tea		coffee	
P	Q	P	Q
10	100	10	100
100	15	100	120
150	5	150	140

Positive relationship

Complementary goods

eg: Pen		Ink	
P	Q	P	Q
5	100	10	100
5	100	10	200
5	10	10	20

Negative relationship

c) Income of consumer → Normal goods / Inferior goods

Normal Demand ↑
Income ↑ Demand ↓

Exception → Necessity goods / Habitual goods / Addictive goods

d) Climate, Geographical conditions → Eg: Umbrellas, Sunscreen lotion, Raincoats, Room heaters, Woolens, Blankets

e) Population → Size, composition, distribution

a) Demand → Population
b) Demand → Age, Sex, Rural & Urban

f) Credit facility & income level

g) Interest rates

h) Level of Education

i) Habits, Tastes & Preferences → Determination effects / Bandwagon effect / Snob effect

j) Level of national income (wages)

Law of Demand → Given by Marshall

Ceteris paribus (Other things remain constant)

Price ↑ Demand ↓
Price ↓ Demand ↑

Individual demand

Price	Quantity
10	4
8	6
6	8
4	10

Individual demand curve

Quantity

Inverse relationship

Market demand

Price	A	B	C	Market demand
10	4	5	6	15
8	6	7	8	21
6	8	9	10	27
4	10	11	12	33

Market demand curve

Quantity

Assumptions of Law of Demand → Income of consumer, Price of related goods, Habits & tastes, Population, Climate, Advertisement, Future expectations

Exceptions to Law of Demand → Giffen goods, Veblen goods, Speculative goods, Ignorance, Emergency, Necessities, Change in fashion, Demonstration effect, Psychological bias, Seasonal goods

Giffen goods

Price	Quantity
1	100
2	150
3	200
4	250
5	300

Income - Rs 1000
Rice - 1 kg
Meat - 1 kg

Income ↑ Rice ↓ Meat ↑

Income - Rs 1000
Rice - 2 kg
Meat - 1 kg

Income ↑ Rice ↑ Meat ↑

Veblen goods → Luxury goods, Status symbol, Conspicuous consumption

Income ↑ Price ↑ Demand ↑

Speculative goods → Eg: Gold, Shares, Real estate

Income ↑ Price ↑ Demand ↑

Ignorance → Eg: Duplicate goods

Emergency → Eg: Natural calamities, War, Epidemic

Necessities → Eg: Salt, Rice, Wheat

Change in fashion → Eg: Bell bottom pants, Mini skirts

Demonstration effect → Eg: Keeping up with the Joneds

Psychological bias → Eg: Lucky numbers

Seasonal goods → Eg: Umbrellas, Woolens

Extension & contraction vs Increase & decrease in demand

Extension → Price ↓ Quantity demanded ↑ (Movement along the same demand curve)

Contraction → Price ↑ Quantity demanded ↓ (Movement along the same demand curve)

Increase → Price remains constant, Quantity demanded ↑ (Shift of demand curve to the right)

Decrease → Price remains constant, Quantity demanded ↓ (Shift of demand curve to the left)

Elasticity of Demand → Responsiveness to changes in price

Types → Price elasticity of demand, Income elasticity of demand, Cross elasticity of demand, Promotional elasticity of demand

Price elasticity of demand → Responsiveness of quantity demanded to change in price

Income elasticity of demand → Responsiveness of quantity demanded to change in income

Cross elasticity of demand → Responsiveness of quantity demanded of one good to change in price of another good

Promotional elasticity of demand → Responsiveness of quantity demanded to change in promotional expenses

Price elasticity of demand

Formula: $\frac{\text{Change in quantity demanded}}{\text{Original quantity demanded}} \times 100$

$\frac{\text{Change in quantity demanded}}{\text{Original quantity demanded}} \times \frac{\text{Original price}}{\text{Change in price}}$

Example:

P	Q
10	100
8	120

$\frac{-20}{100} \times \frac{10}{-2} = \frac{-2}{-1} = 2$

Ratio is 2 : 1

Co-efficient → If % with minus is -ve, then % without minus is +ve. Ignore the negative sign

Interpretation

Perfectly inelastic demand	Less than 1	Unit elastic demand	More than 1	Perfectly elastic demand
Price ↑ by 5% Quantity demanded ↓ by 0%	Price ↑ by 5% Quantity demanded ↓ by 4%	Price ↑ by 5% Quantity demanded ↓ by 5%	Price ↑ by 5% Quantity demanded ↓ by 6%	Price ↑ by 0% Quantity demanded ↓ by infinite %
Price ↓ by 5% Quantity demanded ↑ by 0%	Price ↓ by 5% Quantity demanded ↑ by 4%	Price ↓ by 5% Quantity demanded ↑ by 5%	Price ↓ by 5% Quantity demanded ↑ by 6%	Price ↓ by 0% Quantity demanded ↑ by infinite %
Vertical	Steeper	45°	Flatter	Horizontal
Ed = 0	Ed < 1	Ed = 1	Ed > 1	Ed = ∞

Determinants of Price Elasticity of Demand

a) Availability of substitutes → Yes / No

Perfect substitutes → Perfectly elastic demand

Close substitutes → Relatively elastic demand

Poor substitutes → Relatively inelastic demand

No substitutes → Perfectly inelastic demand

b) Nature of commodity → Necessities, Luxuries

c) Number of uses → Single use commodity, Multiple use commodity

d) Consumer's income → Low income group, Middle income group, High income group

e) Time period → Short run, Long run

f) Proportion of consumer's income on the commodity → Small proportion, Large proportion

g) Habits → Habitual goods, Non-habitual goods

h) Joint demand → Complementary goods

i) Durability of commodity → Durable goods, Perishable goods

j) Purchase frequency of commodity → Frequently purchased goods, Infrequently purchased goods

k) Range of prices → Costly goods, Cheap goods

l) Postponement of demand → Postponable demand, Urgent demand

m) Consumer habits → Habitual consumption, Non-habitual consumption

n) Advertisement → Persuasive advertisement, Informative advertisement

o) Distribution of wealth → Rich people, Poor people

Income elasticity

Logic: Income ↑ which we demand other too has income so the term following demand

Formula: $\frac{\text{Change in quantity demanded}}{\text{Original quantity demanded}} \times 100$

$\frac{\text{Change in quantity demanded}}{\text{Original income}} \times 100$

Cross elasticity of demand

Formula: $\frac{\text{Change in quantity demanded of good A}}{\text{Original quantity demanded of good A}} \times 100$

$\frac{\text{Change in price of good B}}{\text{Original price of good B}} \times 100$

Substitute goods → Cross elasticity of demand is positive

Complementary goods → Cross elasticity of demand is negative

Unrelated goods → Cross elasticity of demand is zero

Promotional elasticity of demand

Formula: $\frac{\text{Change in quantity demanded}}{\text{Original quantity demanded}} \times 100$

$\frac{\text{Change in promotional expenses}}{\text{Original promotional expenses}} \times 100$

Promotional elasticity of demand is positive

Price Elasticity of Demand → Total Expenditure Method

Elasticity of demand → a) Total outlay / Total expenditure / Total revenue b) Price c) Quantity demanded

Example

Product	Price	Qty	Total outlay	Elasticity
A	10	40	400	Ed = 1 Unitary elastic demand
B	8	50	400	
C	6	70	420	Ed < 1 Inelastic demand
D	4	90	360	Ed > 1 Elastic demand

Example

Situation	Price	Qty	Total outlay	Elasticity
A	5	10	50	Ed = 1 Unitary elastic demand
B	4	12	48	Ed < 1 Inelastic demand
C	3	14	42	
D	2	16	32	Ed > 1 Elastic demand

If TE ↑ Ed = 1

If TE → is same Ed < 1

If TE ↓ Ed > 1

Demand forecasting → Estimating the quantity of a product or service that consumers will purchase in the future

a) Survey → Consumer survey, Opinion survey

b) Statistical → Trend projection, Econometric model

c) Collective opinion method / Sales force opinion method / Sales force composite method

d) Expert opinion → Delphi method

e) Test marketing → Controlled experiments, Consumer clinics, Sales experiments

f) Simulation method

g) Barometric method

Demand Forecasting

a) Production planning → Consumer goods, Non-durable goods

b) Marketing → Durable goods, Consumer goods

c) Inventory control → Seasonal demand, Short run, Long run

d) Pricing → Oligopoly

e) Capital budgeting → Long run

f) Business planning → Short run, Long run

g) Plant capacity → Long run

h) Personnel planning → Short run, Long run

i) Control → Short run, Long run

j) Government → Short run, Long run