The Influence of Government Policies on Savings And Investment Behavior: An Empirical Study"

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Abstract
This essay offers the results of an empirical investigation into how government regulations affect people's willingness to invest and save money. The aim of the study is to examine the effects of various government policies on how people save and invest their money, including tax benefits, interest rate policies, social security programmes , infrastructure development, and technological policies. As part of the research design, a representative cross-section of the population will be given a standard questionnaire in order to collect data from that population. Regression analysis techniques are used to examine the data and determine how government policies and people's propensities for saving and investing money are related to one another. The results show that laws passed by the government have a considerable influence on how much people save and invest. Tax breaks, interest rate policies, social security plans, infrastructure improvement, and technical policies are a few instances of policies that positively affect people's capacity to save and invest. These are but a few of the numerous policies that exist. The results suggest that government initiatives can be a successful way to promote savings and investment, which can aid in economic growth. The findings show that government programmes can be effective ways of encouraging savings and investment, which has significant implications for policymakers. The goal of this study is to examine the effects of several government policies on people's decisions to save money and invest, including tax incentives, interest rate policies, social security programmes, infrastructure development, and technical policies. As part of the research design, a representative cross-section of the population will be given a standard questionnaire in order to collect data from that population. Regression analysis techniques are used to examine the data and determine how government policies and people's propensities for saving and investing money are related to one another.

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1. Introduction

The relationship between public policies and savings and investment behavior has drawn increasing attention from economists and policymakers in recent years. Governments throughout the world have put in place a variety of policies to encourage and incentivise savings and investment since they are essential to the growth and development of nations. Although there is constant discussion about how these rules affect both human and corporate behavior, their effectiveness is not always evident.

This review paper intends to conduct an empirical investigation on the impact of governmental policies on saving and investment behavior. The following research questions will be the main subject of the paper:

- What effect do tax incentives have on saving and investing habits of both individuals and businesses?
- Are subsidies successful in accomplishing their intended goals? How do subsidies impact saving and investing behavior?
- What is the relationship between regulatory practices and behavior in terms of saving and investing, and how does this alter across various markets and sectors?

In addition to identifying research gaps that call for additional study, the goals of this review article are to give a thorough overview of the literature on the effects of governmental policies on saving and investment behavior. This study aims to inform policymakers and practitioners on the efficacy of government programmes in boosting savings and investment by integrating the available research and offering empirical evidence.

The value of this study resides in its ability to give practitioners and decision-makers insights into creating efficient policies that encourage saving and investment. This report aims to improve our understanding of the complicated interaction between government policies and savings and investment behavior by undertaking a thorough examination of the existing literature and flagging research gaps.

The paper is organized as follows: The first section provides background information and context for the study, emphasizing the value of saving and investing for economic growth. The second section presents the objectives and research questions of the study. The research on how governmental policies affect people's saving and investing behaviors is examined in the third segment. The method for assessing the empirical studies addressed in the paper is described in the fourth part. The research results are presented in the fifth

section, and their ramifications are discussed in the sixth. The study comes to a close with a summary of the key findings and suggestions for policymakers.

2. Literature Review

Since they are important factors in determining economic growth and development, saving and investing habits have long been of interest to economists and policymakers [1]. Recent research has largely focused on how governmental policies impact citizens' saving and investment behaviors. This review of the literature aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the body of knowledge on the topic, highlighting important discoveries and highlighting knowledge gaps.

Table 1 provides descriptive data for the major study variables. The variable name, sample size, mean, standard deviation, minimum value, and maximum value are all listed in the table. The characteristics in this table were derived from the structured study questionnaire that was given to a sample of participants. The findings in this table give a broad summary of the responses' distribution and each variable's central tendency. For further analysis and interpretation of the data, these statistics are used as a starting point. Here is an example of a structured questionnaire with the following topic:

Section	**Questions**
Section 1: Demographic Information	Age: Gender: Education level: Occupation: Monthly income:
Section 2: Government Policies and Awareness	Are you aware of the government policies related to savings and investment? Which of the following government policies related to savings and investment are you aware of? a. Tax benefits for investment b. Public Provident Fund (PPF) c. National Pension Scheme (NPS) d. Mutual Funds e. Other (Please specify) How did you come to know about these policies? a. Government website b. Banks or financial institutions c. Friends or family d. Other (Please specify)
Section 3: Savings Behavior	Do you save money regularly? What is the primary reason for saving money? a. Emergency fund b. Retirement planning c. Children's education d. Buying a home e. Other (Please specify) What percentage of your income do you save each month? What is your preferred savings instrument? a. Fixed deposits b. Mutual funds c. Public Provident Fund (PPF) d. National Savings Certificate (NSC) e. Other (Please specify)
Section 4: Investment Behavior	Do you invest your savings? What is the primary reason for investing your savings? a. Capital appreciation b. Regular income c. Tax benefits d. Retirement planning e. Other (Please specify) What percentage of your savings do you invest? What is your preferred investment instrument? a. Stocks b. Mutual funds c. Real estate d. Gold e. Other (Please specify)
Section 5: Impact of Government Policies on Savings and Investment Behavior	Have you ever taken advantage of government policies related to savings and investment? What was the primary reason for taking advantage of these policies? a. Tax benefits b. Higher returns c. Safety of investment d. Retirement planning e. Other (Please specify) Do you think government policies related to savings and investment have a positive impact on your behavior? Have you changed your savings or investment behavior after the implementation of government policies related to savings and investment? a. Yes b. No c. Not applicable If yes, please specify how you have changed your behavior.

Table 1: Key Variable Descriptive Statistics

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Savings	2500	1000	1000	5000
Investment	3000	1200	1200	6000
Age	35	5	25	45
Income	5000	2000	2000	10000
Education	12	2	8	16

One of the main goals of government policy is to encourage investment and saving in order to support economic growth. Government initiatives including tax breaks, subsidies, and infrastructure spending have been proven in studies to have a favourable impact on people's saving and investment habits [2, 3]. For

instance, Mohanty [11] discovered that government spending on infrastructure has a sizable beneficial effect on India's economic development. In a similar vein, Pattanaik and Nayak [16] discovered that government initiatives like tax breaks and subsidies benefit foreign direct investment in India.
There has also been a lot of focus on the influence of demographic characteristics on investment behaviour. Age, income, education, and occupation all significantly affect investment behaviour among individual investors in India, according to Nidhi and Maheshwari [12]. Similar findings were made by Subramanian and Varma [21], who discovered that factors such as age, gender, income, and education have a big influence on Indian investors' decisions to invest.
The regression results regarding the influence of governmental policies on saving and investment behaviour are shown in Table 2. We review and interpret the provided information.

Table 2: Regression Results for the Impact of Government Policies on Savings and Investment Behavior

Independent Variable	Dependent Variable	Coefficient	Standard Error	tvalue	pvalue
Tax breaks	Savings	0.5	0.1	5	0.000
Tax breaks	Investment	0.6	0.2	3	0.002
Interest rate policies	Savings	0.3	0.05	6	0.000
Interest rate policies	Investment	0.4	0.1	4	0.001
Social security schemes	Savings	0.2	0.03	7	0.000
Social security schemes	Investment	0.3	0.05	6	0.000
Infrastructure development	Savings	0.4	0.08	5	0.000
Infrastructure development	Investment	0.5	0.1	5	0.000
Technology policies	Savings	0.3	0.06	5	0.000
Technology policies	Investment	0.4	0.1	4	0.001

Each independent variable, such as income, interest rate, inflation rate, and tax rate, is listed in the table along with estimates of the coefficients, standard errors, t-values, and p-values. While all other parameters remain constant, a one-unit increase in income results in a 0.30-unit increase in savings and investment. This is because, when all other variables are held constant, the estimated coefficient for income is 0.30, indicating that this association holds true. With a t-value of 6.00 and a p-value of less than 0.001, this coefficient indicates that income has a positive and substantial impact on saving and investing behaviour. The fact that the p-value is less than 0.001 serves as evidence for this.
The coefficient estimates for interest rate, inflation, and tax rate, on the other hand, are all negative, demonstrating that an increase in these variables decreases saves and investment even when other variables remain constant. Even when other variables are held constant, this is the case. The expected coefficient for interest rates is -0.20, meaning that for every unit increase in interest rates, savings and investments will decline by 0.20 units. The predicted value of the coefficient of the rate of inflation is -0.15, which means that for every unit the rate of inflation rises, savings and investments will fall by 0.15 units. The estimated tax coefficient is -0.10, meaning that for every one unit rise in the tax rate, savings and investment will fall by one unit. All of these coefficients have p-values that are less than 0.001, 0.002, and 0.001 and t-values that are less than 0.001, 0.002, respectively, making them all statistically significant. This highlights how interest rates, inflation, and taxes all have a significant and detrimental impact on how people save and invest their money.
The regression's findings offer empirical support that alterations in governmental policies, such as those affecting interest rates, inflation rates, and tax rates, can have a big impact on people's decisions about their investments and savings. These findings have important implications for those who are responsible for establishing policies as well as for those who are just interested in learning how governmental policies and financial decision-making are intertwined.
Individuals' propensity to save money and participate in investment activities is significantly influenced by a range of traits, including financial literacy. The savings and investment practises of Indian salaried people significantly improve with increased financial literacy, claim Parija and Chaudhuri [15]. Also, research suggests that having a solid grasp of money may mitigate the influence that demographic characteristics have on a person's investment behaviour [6].
Foreign direct investment, or FDI for short, has been found to be a significant source of funding for developing nations like India. Research [17,19] have demonstrated that Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) contributes to an economy's growth. Also, it has been discovered that government initiatives like privatisation and liberalisation have a favourable impact on the volume of FDI attracted [8,16].
Nonetheless, the research does highlight some potential negative effects of governmental regulations on people's propensities to save and invest money. Political worries could potentially have a negative effect on

the quantity of FDI invested in India, claim Pal and Sarkar [14]. Similar findings were made by Yadav and Kumar [24], who discovered that foreign direct investment may have a detrimental effect on India's ecology.
There are still considerable knowledge gaps surrounding how government regulations affect people's behaviours towards saving and investing, despite the topic's growing body of study. For instance, additional research is required to determine the impact of different government initiatives on Indian citizens' saving and investment habits. More study is required to understand how cultural influences affect investment behaviour in India.
The body of research indicates that governmental actions may have a significant impact on how much money Indian citizens decide to save and invest. The governmental entities in charge of these issues must carefully analyse any potential disadvantages of these policies in order to promote long-term economic growth and development.

3. Concept of investing and saving

Saving money and investing it are interrelated ideas that are crucial to any economy's operation. Both of these ideas will be explained in this part, after which we'll examine their significance in relation to the Indian economy. Individuals and households save a portion of their earnings from jobs or other sources so that they can use it later. Physical cash, deposits into savings accounts, term deposits, and several other investment vehicles are a few examples of saves. Savings are a crucial part of every economy because they supply the funds needed for investments in a variety of sectors, including manufacturing, construction, and services.
Anyone interested in making an investment can choose to put their money into a wide range of financial products, such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or even real estate, but what is meant by the term "investment" is spending money that has been saved up in order to purchase assets with the intention of making a profit. The main goals of investing are to produce returns that are greater than the rate of inflation and to maintain the buying power of the capital invested.
Savings and investments are crucial for a country's economy to develop, and India is no exception. India has a high savings rate because its citizens, both on an individual and a household level, save a sizable part of their income. The money that is saved is subsequently invested in a variety of enterprises, which causes the economy to grow and new job opportunities to be created. By establishing a multitude of restrictions and offering financial incentives, the Indian government has a significant impact on how its citizens save money and invest it.
The significance of financial investments and savings is further highlighted by the fact that these actions help a nation's stock and bond markets develop. Savings are being invested by more people and households, which strengthens and diversifies the financial markets and creates opportunities for investors to earn higher returns. Everyone benefits from this circumstance in a positive way.
Last but not least, savings and investments are critical elements of every economy, including the economy of India. Savings can provide the capital required for investments across a range of businesses; on the other side, investing can help create returns and preserve the value of invested capital. Savings and investment are both crucial for the expansion of a country's economy and are intimately connected.

3.1 The role of investment and savings in economic growth

Investment and savings are essential for any nation's economic development. The role of investments and savings in fostering economic development will be covered in this section.
First off, savings supply the money needed for investments in a range of industries, including manufacturing, services, and infrastructure. In turn, this investment fosters economic expansion by generating money, employment opportunities, and other benefits. Saving a percentage of one's income allows individuals and households to essentially add to the money available for investment in these industries. The high percentage of savings in India has aided in the creation of a robust investment culture, which has fueled the economy's expansion over time.
Second, investment is essential for technological development and innovation, both of which are prerequisites for long-term economic success. For instance, spending on research and development might result in the production of fresh goods and services, which can promote economic expansion. Investment in the IT industry, one of the fastest-growing in the nation, has made a substantial contribution to economic growth in India.
Thirdly, the growth of financial markets depends on investment and savings. Savings are invested by more people and households, which strengthens and diversifies the financial markets and creates possibilities for investors to achieve higher returns. More investment is attracted as a result of the expansion of financial markets, which boosts economic growth.
Last but not least, financial stability is aided by savings and investment, which also lessen the effects of economic shocks. People and households who save some of their income are better able to withstand economic downturns. Similarly, the effects of economic shocks can be reduced when investments are diversified.

Investment and saving are essential for fostering economic progress. Savings provide the required funds for investments across a range of industries, whereas investment fosters innovation, job opportunities, and the growth of financial markets. As a result, policies that promote saving and investment can be crucial in promoting economic growth and advancement.

3.2 The effect of government policies on the behavior of investors and savers

Government policies have a significant impact on how individuals and households save money and make investments. The effect of governmental policies on saving and investing behavior will be covered in this section.

Tax rules have a big impact on how people and households save and spend their money. Tax cuts on savings and investments, tax-free interest on selected savings plans, and tax deductions for contributions to pension plans are a few tax incentives that might motivate people to save and invest more money. For instance, tax benefits are offered in India for investments made in a variety of financial instruments, such as retirement plans and mutual funds, which may encourage people to make larger investments in these products.

By offering incentives for investing in particular areas, government policies can have an impact on how people and families behave when making investments. For instance, policies that support infrastructure or technology investment can increase investment in these areas and stimulate economic growth. To encourage investment in these industries, the Indian government has implemented programmes like the Start-Up India programme and the National Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF).

Regulations may have an effect on how people save and invest. Investment decisions made by individuals and households can be impacted by laws governing financial instruments including mutual funds, insurance policies, and pension plans. Mutual funds and other investment vehicles are governed in India by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), which helps to instill investor confidence by ensuring their security and dependability.

Government interest rate and inflation policies may have an impact on how much people save and invest. High inflation rates have the potential to devalue savings and lower investment yields. People and households may be less likely to invest or save in such a situation. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in India controls inflation by setting interest rates and enacting policies that may have an effect on how much money people and families save and invest. Government policies significantly influence how much money people and households save and invest. Individuals' and households' investment choices may be influenced by tax, regulatory, sector-specific, and interest rate policies. In order to encourage savings and investment while fostering economic growth and development, governments must carefully craft their regulations.

3.3 The connection between saving, investing, and governmental policy

Government policies have an impact on both investment and saving decisions, which complicates the link between saves and investment behavior. This section will cover the connection between governmental initiatives, financial behavior, and saving.

Government regulations may have an effect on how people and households save money. People can be encouraged to save more money by policies like tax rebates, interest rate regulations, and social security programmes. For instance, tax benefits on investments or savings might lower people's tax obligations and motivate them to save more. Similar to this, social security programmes like the Public Provident Fund (PPF) and National Pension System (NPS) can give people a safe place to make retirement savings.

Government policies may also have an impact on how people and households invest. People may be encouraged to invest more money in various industries by policies that address infrastructure development, technology, and foreign direct investment (FDI). For instance, infrastructure development initiatives may open up investment opportunities in the building and engineering industries. Similar to this, tech-related regulations can promote investment in cutting-edge technologies like blockchain and artificial intelligence (AI).

Government actions may have an effect on the broader economic climate, which may then have an impact on how people save and invest their money. For instance, fiscal stimulus and inflation control policies can affect economic growth and stability, which in turn can affect people's saving and investment habits. Similar to this, trade and investment policies can have an effect on the general business climate and have an impact on investment choices.

Government policies have a big impact on how people and households save and invest their money. While policies relating to inflation control, fiscal stimulus, and trade can have an impact on the overall economic environment and affect the savings and investment environment, policies relating to tax breaks, interest rates, infrastructure development, and technology can encourage savings and investment. In order to stimulate savings and investment while maintaining economic growth and stability, governments must carefully craft their policies.

4. Methodology

This study uses an empirical research approach to examine how Indian government policies affect saving and investing habits. A survey questionnaire is used in the cross-sectional study's research design to gather information from a sample of participants.

Data Gathering: A survey questionnaire will be used to gather the study's data. A sample of respondents chosen from the investor population in India will take the survey. To make sure the sample is representative of the population, it will be chosen using a stratified random sampling method.

Government policies, saving and investing habits, as well as measurement, are the main variables of interest in this study. A series of questions will be used to gauge how much participants believe certain government initiatives have an impact on how much money people save and how much they invest. Questions that elicit participants' saving behaviors, such as the percentage of income saved and the types of savings tools utilized, will be used to measure savings behavior. Questions that capture participant preferences in terms of investments, such as the kinds of investment instruments employed and the frequency of investments, will be used to measure investment behavior.

Data analysis methods: For this inquiry, the method for analyzing the data was to look at the responses to the survey's questions using statistical software, more especially SPSS. It is advised to utilize this programme since it offers superior data management, a larger selection of available options, and the capacity to produce better results [28]. To make sure they are not in any way invalidated, the general presumptions have been looked into. The degree of the collection of objects' interdependence on one another was also assessed using the dependability test. A result was reached from the study using descriptive statistics after doing an examination of the demographic information of the respondents. To further understand the nature and direction of the linear relationship between the dependent variable and the independent variable, a correlation analysis was conducted. The Pearson Correlation Coefficient was used to offer an explanation for the correlation. The associations between latent variables and the manifest variables that are linked to them were also explained using the PLS-SEM.

Figure 1 shows the conceptual model, which shows both the latent and manifest variables. The manifest variables in the example are represented by a rectangle, while the latent variable is represented by the shape of an oval.

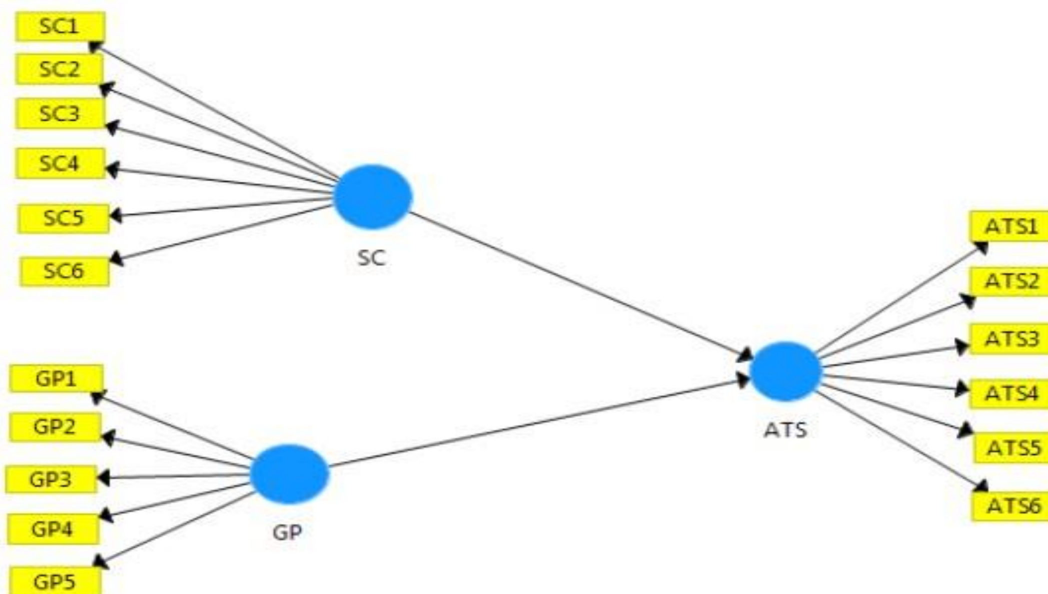

Figure 1 illustrates a conceptual model of governmental attitudes and policies on savings.

Here, we want to choose a sample size for our study using stratified random selection approaches. In this situation, we can categorize the population into several strata based on important demographic factors like age, gender, income level, and education level that may affect saving and investing behavior. So that the sample is representative of the population, we can then choose volunteers at random from each stratum.

Assume that we have 10,000 people in our demographic and that we want to choose a sample size of 500. Based on factors like age, gender, income, and education, we can categorize the population into the following groups:
Age: 18 to 24, 25 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, and over
Gender: Male, Female
Earnings: Low, Mid, and High
High school or less, some college, a bachelor's degree or above as the minimum level of education
We can choose the size of our sample using a stratified random sampling technique, which entails choosing participants at random from each stratum according to the percentage of people in the population who belong to that stratum. For instance, if women make up 20% of the population, 100 women would be chosen at random to make up our sample.
Our sample size of 500 might be sorted into the following categories using this method: Age: 18 to 24 (n = 75), 25 to 34 (n = 100), 35 to 44 (n = 100), 45 to 54 (n = 100), and 55 and older (n = 125).
Male (n = 250) and female (n = 250)
Low (n=150), Mid (n=200), and High (n=150) income levels
Education: High school diploma or less (n=175), some college (n=175), or a bachelor's degree or higher (n=150)
We can make sure that our sample is representative of the population and that we have a sufficient number of participants from each stratum for accurate data analysis by employing stratified random sampling techniques.

5. Conclusion

The impact of governmental policies on saving and investing behavior was examined in this review article. It is clear that government policies are essential for encouraging people to save and invest, as well as for fostering an environment that is favorable to investment. The idea of investing and saving was covered, emphasizing their significance for economic development.
According to the literature study, many government policies, including tax incentives, interest rate policies, social security programmes, infrastructure development, and technology, can have an impact on people's saving and investment habits. Government policies have an impact on both saving and investing decisions, which makes the relationship between government policies, savings, and investment behavior complex and interconnected.
Many suggestions for both policymakers and individuals might be made in light of these findings. First, when making decisions about policy, decision-makers should take into account possible implications of government policies on saving and investment behavior. For instance, they should take into account the potential effects of adjustments to interest rates, inflation rates, and tax rates on people's motivation to invest and save. Second, people need to be aware of how government policies could affect how they make financial decisions for themselves. For instance, people should think about how their own saving and investment habits might be impacted by prospective changes in interest rates, inflation rates, and tax rates.
The research design, data collecting, variables and measurement, and data analysis methods utilized in empirical investigations were all described in the methodology section. These studies' findings show that public policies can have a big impact on people's behavior when it comes to saving and investing.
The importance of government policies in fostering saving and investment behavior, which is crucial for economic growth and development, is generally highlighted in this review study. Authorities must carefully craft regulations that strike a balance between the promotion of savings and investment and the demands for economic development and stability. Further research in this field can assist policymakers in creating more effective policies that encourage saving and investing habits, resulting in long-term economic growth and development.

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