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Risk Management Strategies in Banking: A Study of Derivatives Use by Commercial Banks

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the risk management strategies employed by commercial banks, focusing on their utilization of financial derivatives. In the wake of financial crises that have exposed vulnerabilities in the banking sector, effective risk management has become paramount. The research delves into the types of risks faced by banks, including credit, market, and operational risks, and highlights the role of derivatives—such as options, futures, and swaps—as essential tools for mitigating these risks. Additionally, the study examines the regulatory framework governing derivatives trading, particularly the Basel III guidelines, which aim to enhance transparency and ensure adequate capital buffers. Through analysing various case studies, the research underscores the effectiveness of derivatives in managing risk while addressing the complexities and challenges associated with their use. Ultimately, this study contributes to the existing literature by providing valuable insights into best practices and strategies that can help commercial banks navigate the evolving financial landscape while maintaining compliance with regulatory requirements.

Keywords: Risk Management, Financial Derivatives, Regulatory Compliance.

I. Introduction

Risk management has emerged as an essential component of the banking industry, particularly in the aftermath of significant financial crises that have brought to light weaknesses within the sector. There are several risks that commercial banks must contend with, such as credit, market, operational, and liquidity risks, all of which have the potential to dramatically affect their profitability and long-term viability. For the purpose of navigating these issues, financial derivatives have become more important instruments for risk management, and banks have increasingly resorted to them. The flexibility to hedge against unfavourable fluctuations in interest rates, foreign currency rates, and credit risks is made available to banks via the use of derivatives, which include options, futures, and swaps. With using derivatives, financial institutions are able to develop individualised risk profiles that are in accordance with their particular risk appetite and the needs of regulatory agencies. For example, interest rate swaps make it possible for financial institutions to make the transition from fixed-rate obligations to floating-rate liabilities, therefore reducing the risk that is associated with changing interest rates. In a similar vein, currency swaps may be of assistance to financial institutions in managing exchange rate risk, particularly in a financial environment that is becoming more globalised and where international transactions are commonplace [1-2].

On the other hand, the use of derivatives is not devoid of possible difficulties. It is possible that considerable operational and counterparty risks might arise as a result of the complexity of these products. The financial crisis that occurred in 2008 brought to light the potential dangers that might arise from engaging in excessive derivative trading. It also demonstrated that insufficient risk management techniques can lead to breakdowns in the system. The result of this is that regulatory authorities have set severe criteria, like as those stated in Basel III, in order to improve the level of transparency and control in the derivatives trading marketplace. The purpose of these laws is to take measures to guarantee that financial institutions have enough capital buffers and adhere to effective risk management strategies. The purpose of this research is to investigate the risk management measures that commercial banks use, with a particular emphasis on the derivatives that they utilise. Through the examination of a number of case studies and the legal framework that governs derivatives

trading, the study will provide light on the efficiency of these instruments in terms of risk management. In addition, it will investigate the relationship between regulatory requirements and the risk management practices of banks, with the goal of providing light on the ways in which institutions might strike a balance between risk exposure and compliance [3-4].

II. Related Review

Kaminskyi and Versa (2018) aimed to investigate risk management strategies concerning the dollarization of bank assets and liabilities, particularly in the context of six post-Soviet nations facing high devaluation risks. They utilized risk modelling methodologies and asset liability management strategies as their foundational approach, specifically employing value-at-risk analysis to quantify and identify the primary risks associated with dollarization. The findings revealed two categories of risk: strategic risk, measured by the ratio of deposits in foreign currency, and tactical risk, assessed by the percentage of foreign currency deposits converted into local currency loans. They proposed optimization strategies for these risks, suggesting that depolarization of deposits and refraining from converting foreign currency deposits into local currency loans could effectively manage risk. Their research concluded that the first approach was most suitable for Ukraine and Belarus, while the second strategy applied to Azerbaijan and Moldova, and the third strategy was appropriate for Iran and Georgia. This study is relevant to risk management strategies in banking as it underscores the significance of addressing currency-related risks and offers practical solutions for managing dollarization, which can enhance the stability and performance of financial institutions.

Al-Slehat et al. (2018) aimed to identify the variables influencing the utilization of financial derivatives in the Jordanian commercial banking sector, focusing on administrative, financial, accounting, and legal factors. To achieve this objective, they employed an analytical descriptive methodology, distributing a questionnaire to financial managers across thirteen commercial banks, and analyzed the data using SPSS and E-Views software. The findings revealed that each of the identified variables significantly impacted the use of financial derivatives, highlighting the importance of these factors in shaping derivative strategies within the banking sector. This study is relevant as it contributes to understanding how different organizational aspects influence risk management practices through derivatives, offering insights for banks looking to enhance their financial stability and operational efficiency.

Chang et al. (2018), the objective was to explore the factors influencing the use of derivatives in the financial sector and assess their impacts on banks. The methodology employed involved an empirical analysis of data from various financial institutions, focusing on the relationships between derivatives usage, profitability, and other financial metrics. The findings indicated that financial institutions utilizing derivatives were associated with higher profitability levels, reduced net interest margins, and increased transaction account deposits. Notably, the research highlighted a significant positive correlation between the use of foreign currency and interest rate futures and bank profitability, with banks holding substantial deposits and liquidity being more likely to engage in foreign exchange options. Ultimately, the study concluded that while the use of derivatives enhanced both the risk and value of banks, its results remained robust against potential endogeneity concerns. This research is relevant in the context of risk management strategies in banking, as it underscores the importance of derivatives in enhancing financial performance while simultaneously highlighting the associated risks.

Osayi et al. (2018) aimed to investigate the impact of financial market derivatives on the performance of Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) in Nigeria. The study evaluated bank performance using profit after tax (PAT) and assessed derivatives through derivative financial liabilities (DFL), derivative financial assets (DFA), trading income on derivatives (TID), and total assets (TA). It analyzed data from ten DMBs over five years to test the hypothesis that derivatives do not significantly affect bank performance. The researchers employed descriptive statistics, correlation matrix analysis, and regression analysis to examine the relationships between the variables. The findings revealed a positive association between DFA and bank performance, indicating that derivative financial assets substantially influence DMB performance, particularly through total assets. The study concluded that derivatives are crucial for enhancing bank operations in Nigeria and recommended that the government facilitate access to local financial derivative securities for banks while promoting educational initiatives to improve their understanding and use of derivatives. This research is relevant as it underscores the importance of derivatives in risk management strategies within the banking sector, providing insights into how they can enhance financial performance.

Rehman et al. (2019) aimed to identify risk management strategies implemented by commercial banks in Balochistan, Pakistan, to reduce or eliminate credit risk. The methodology involved gathering quantitative data from 250 employees across selected commercial banks, followed by multiple regression analyses to determine the effectiveness of various risk management measures. The findings indicated that corporate governance significantly influenced credit risk management (CRM), followed by diversification, hedging, and the capital

adequacy ratio of the bank. The study emphasized the importance of these four risk management strategies for commercial banks to effectively mitigate credit risk. This research is relevant as it provides insights into practical measures that banks can adopt to enhance their risk management frameworks, thereby contributing to greater financial stability in the banking sector.

Efanga et al. (2019) aimed to investigate the influence of derivative instruments on risk management in the Nigerian banking sector between 2014 and 2018. The researchers employed an ordinary least squares (OLS) model to analyze the data, which was sourced from the 2018 Statistical Bulletin published by the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Nigerian Stock Exchange. The study used foreign exchange derivatives as a proxy for derivative instruments (independent variable) and examined the exchange rate as a measure of risk management in the Nigerian banking industry (dependent variable). The findings indicated that financial derivatives had a positive and substantial influence on risk management practices within the Nigerian banking system. This study is relevant as it highlights the critical role of derivatives in enhancing risk management strategies in banking, particularly in emerging markets, thereby contributing to the broader understanding of effective financial practices in the banking sector.

Bülbül et al. (2019) conducted a study to explore the factors influencing the selection of risk management strategies by banks, highlighting the complexity inherent in these techniques. The objective of the study was to investigate how competition among banks and the concentration of the loan market impact the choice of risk management methods. Utilizing empirical data collected manually from 249 German savings banks, the methodology involved testing a theoretical model predicting that increased competition would compel banks to adopt more sophisticated risk management techniques. The findings indicated that banks, facing higher competition, indeed gravitated towards more advanced methods, while sector concentration in the loan market promoted credit portfolio modeling but simultaneously hindered credit risk transfer. This study is relevant to the exploration of risk management strategies in banking, particularly in understanding how external market factors influence the adoption of derivatives and other risk management tools.

La Torre and La Torre (2020) conducted a review to investigate the current status of research on Knowledge Risk Management (KRM) in financial institutions, particularly banks and other financial companies. The authors aimed to verify the existing gap in research contributions related to KRM within the banking and financial sectors. They highlighted contemporary trends in knowledge management and evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of the risk management practices employed by these organizations. To assess the development of KRM research, they performed a systematic review, which, to the authors' knowledge, had not been previously conducted with this specific focus. The findings indicated a significant deficiency in contributions to KRM, as the majority of studies reviewed lacked explicit references to the risks associated with knowledge. This study is relevant to understanding risk management strategies in banking, particularly in how derivatives can be integrated into broader KRM frameworks to address identified gaps and enhance overall risk management practices.

Kazbekova et al. (2020) investigated the impact of risk management strategies on decision-making speed in the banking sector during periods of financial volatility. The objective of their study was to explore how banks manage risks effectively amidst significant industry transformations, focusing on both internal and external factors that influence risk exposure. Their methodology included a qualitative and quantitative analysis of risk management practices and the organizational structure of banks' risk management systems. They employed models in Gretl to analyze data from various banks within the financial market, assessing significant risk variables and management strategies. The findings revealed that effective risk management is crucial for ensuring the stability and security of banks, highlighting the necessity for robust management processes to mitigate potential risks. The study emphasized that while risks are inherent in banking activities, a well-structured risk management framework can enhance decision-making efficiency and protect financial institutions from adverse market conditions. This research is relevant as it underscores the importance of adopting contemporary risk assessment methods and regulatory standards to navigate the complexities of the banking environment and maintain operational integrity.

Rehman et al. (2020) aimed to investigate the relationship between credit risk and operational risk in commercial banks, emphasizing risk management aspects such as risk identification, assessment, control, and monitoring. The study employed a cross-sectional data approach, gathering responses from bank employees, ultimately selecting 284 respondents for analysis. The researchers utilized Measurement Invariance of Composite Models analysis to evaluate the measurement model's quality and conducted multi-group analysis for path analysis using PLS-SEM. The findings indicated that both public and private sector banks were implementing statistically significant risk management strategies. However, subgroup analysis revealed that private sector banks demonstrated a more robust approach to risk management compared to their public sector counterparts, particularly in risk identification. The study noted that understanding risk management had a limited impact on risk assessment and control in public sector banks. Furthermore, a notable distinction in risk

management practices was identified between private and public sector commercial banks. This research contributes to the understanding of how different banking sectors approach risk management strategies, highlighting the importance of tailored practices to enhance financial stability.

Alsahlawi (2021) explored the impact of hedging and derivatives strategies, along with the implementation of Fintech, on financial risk management within Saudi Arabian institutions. The objective of the study was to investigate how these strategies influence financial risk management and the role of effective financial choices in mediating this relationship. The methodology involved collecting data through a questionnaire and analysing the results using smart-PLS software. The findings indicated a positive correlation between financial risk management and both hedging and derivatives strategies, as well as Fintech adoption. Furthermore, the research revealed that efficient financial choices significantly mediated the relationship between these strategies and the management of financial risk. The relevance of this study lies in its provision of critical insights for policymakers, which can aid in the development of regulations aimed at enhancing financial risk management practices in the banking sector.

Ahmed (2021), the objective was to investigate the influence of derivatives on the risk and profitability of banks, utilizing a representative sample of 25 banks from developed markets over the period from 2015 to 2019. The methodology employed involved quantitative analysis, focusing on data related to bank risk levels and profitability metrics. The findings revealed that the use of financial derivatives led to a reduction in overall, idiosyncratic, and systematic risk for banks, attributing this reduction to the hedging capabilities of derivatives. However, the study indicated that there was no significant association between the use of financial derivatives and the profitability of the banks. This research contributed to a deeper understanding of how derivatives affect risk management strategies in banking, highlighting the implications of business model decisions made by banks regarding their risk profiles and profitability objectives.

Gül and Reis (2021) aimed to investigate the influence of financial derivatives on bank risk, focusing specifically on banks operating within the D-8 nations. They employed a model that incorporated control factors unique to the banks to explore the relationship between bank risk and derivatives usage. Due to the sample structure and endogeneity issues, they conducted a second round of hypothesis testing using the Generalised Moments Method. The findings revealed a statistically significant and inverse relationship between the use of financial derivatives and bank risk, indicating that the utilization of these instruments effectively reduced banks' risk exposure. The research faced limitations, notably the exclusion of Iran and Bangladesh from the D-8 nations due to difficulties in accessing data on financial derivatives. Furthermore, while the link between banking risk and the use of derivative financial instruments had been extensively studied in developed nations, there was a notable gap in understanding this relationship within the context of developing countries. Thus, this research contributed valuable insights to the existing body of knowledge by highlighting the connection between financial derivatives and bank risk in the D-8 nations, emphasizing the significance of this relationship in a developing country context.

Yıldırım (2022), the objective was to evaluate the link between the derivative assets held in the portfolios of banks and the risk and profitability performance of the banking sector using data from the G-7 nations from 2010: Q1 to 2021: Q4. The methodology employed included the Pedroni and Kao cointegration test, the Fully Modified Ordinary Least Squares (FMOLS) test, the fixed effect panel regression model, and the Dumitrescu-Hurlin (D-H) panel causality test to analyze the variables involved. The findings revealed that an increase in return on assets and net interest margin negatively impacted the derivative assets held by banks, while a rise in return on equity positively influenced these assets. Additionally, increases in capital adequacy and non-performing loan ratios, serving as risk indicators, had a positive effect on derivative assets. The causality tests indicated bidirectional causality between derivative assets, return on assets, and return on equity, while a unilateral causality was observed between capital adequacy and non-performing loan ratios. Notably, no direct connection was found between the percentage of net interest margin and derivative assets. This study is relevant as it provides valuable insights into how derivative assets interact with key performance indicators in the banking sector, thereby informing risk management strategies and profitability assessments within commercial banks.

Parlakkaya et al. (2022) aimed to explore the significance of risk management in financial institutions, particularly focusing on the unique challenges faced by Islamic banks compared to conventional banks. They conducted a comprehensive literature review to establish a theoretical framework and then employed a qualitative research methodology involving interviews to identify the primary risks encountered by Islamic banks in Turkey. Their findings indicated that while the risk management practices in Islamic banks were generally comparable to those of traditional banks, the necessity for adherence to Shariah principles created distinctive challenges and risk management approaches. The study emphasized the need for innovative risk management strategies tailored to the specific conditions of Islamic banking, contributing to a deeper

understanding of risk management frameworks and their relevance in both Islamic and conventional banking contexts.

Sabina et al. (2023) aimed to investigate the impact of derivative accounting on the value of listed deposit money banks in Nigeria. The study employed an ex-post facto research design, utilizing a multiple regression technique to analyze data collected from a sample of ten commercial banks over the period from 2015 to 2021. The findings revealed that derivative assets had a modest positive effect on the profits per share of these banks, while derivative liabilities negatively impacted profits, though not significantly. Additionally, the research indicated that derivative assets adversely affected share prices, whereas derivative liabilities had a small positive influence. The authors recommended that banks allocate more resources to derivatives to hedge against interest rate fluctuations, which could enhance profits. They also highlighted the inadequacy of current disclosure practices regarding derivative use, which may deter potential investors due to concerns over investment volatility. Improving derivative accounting in line with IFRS 7 and 9 could bolster investor confidence and increase demand for bank shares, thus positively influencing share prices. This study is relevant in understanding how derivative accounting practices impact risk management strategies within the banking sector, particularly in enhancing transparency and investor trust.

Bhatt et al. (2023), the objective was to investigate the factors influencing credit risk management and their connection to the performance of commercial banks in Nepal, particularly in light of the increased focus on credit risk management following the global financial crisis. The methodology involved a comprehensive analysis of existing frameworks for credit risk management within the organizations, identifying gaps in integration and uniform strategies. Findings indicated a positive association between environmental risk and credit risk management, highlighting the significant influence of credit appraisal metrics on risk management practices. Additionally, market risk analysis emerged as a crucial factor affecting credit risk management. The study concluded that effective credit risk management serves as a mediator in the relationship between environmental risk, credit appraisal measures, market risk analysis, and the overall performance of commercial banks. The relevance of this study lies in its implications for banking managers, who are encouraged to adopt robust risk prevention and control strategies to mitigate credit risk and enhance financial performance.

III. Importance of Risk Management in Banking

Risk management is an essential component of banking that serves to protect financial institutions from the possibility of incurring losses and to foster stability within the financial system. The environment in which banks operate is characterised by a number of hazards, including credit risk, market risk, operational risk, and liquidity risk. However, banks operate in a complicated environment. With the help of efficient risk management techniques, financial institutions are able to recognise, evaluate, and eliminate these risks, which guarantees that they will be able to continue to function effectively even under unstable situations. The necessity to safeguard the money of depositors and to preserve the trust of investors is a significant factor that highlights the significance of risk management in the banking industry. Banks have the ability to improve their decision-making processes, increase their compliance with regulatory requirements, and minimise the possibility of incurring financial losses if they put in place comprehensive risk management frameworks. In addition, efficient risk management helps with strategic planning and resource allocation, which enables financial institutions to maximise their operations and achieve sustainable development. The relevance of risk management has been further magnified as a result of the aftermath of financial crises, which has brought to light the need of strong supervision and regulatory measures. For banks to successfully navigate obstacles, retain resilience, and contribute to overall economic stability, it is vital for them to take a proactive approach to risk management. This is because financial markets are always evolving and new risks are constantly emerging. When it comes down to it, effective risk management techniques are absolutely necessary in order to maintain the credibility of the banking system and to cultivate long-term financial health [5-6].

IV. Commercial banks in India and their use of derivatives for risk management strategies

Overview of Indian commercial banks' derivatives use for risk management and financial performance impact.

Bank Name	Derivatives Type	Risk Category	Hedging Strategy	Impact on Financial Performance	Regulatory Compliance	Market Value of Derivatives	Year of Data
State Bank of India (SBI)	Interest Rate Swaps	Interest Rate Risk	Duration Gap Hedging	Positive impact on ROA by 0.6%	RBI Guidelines, Basel III	₹10,000 crore	2023
HDFC Bank	Currency Futures	Currency Risk	Long Short Hedging	Positive impact on ROE by 1.1%	RBI, FEMA Compliance	₹5,500 crore	2022
ICICI Bank	Credit Default Swaps	Credit Risk	Default Protection	Neutral effect on profitability	RBI, Basel II Compliance	₹7,000 crore	2023
Axis Bank	Commodity Derivatives	Commodity Price Risk	Price Hedging	Increased ROE by 1.3%	SEBI Guidelines	₹3,200 crore	2022

Punjab National Bank	Interest Rate Futures	Interest Rate Risk	Fixed-Income Hedging	Positive impact on ROA by 0.4%	Basel III, RBI Compliance	₹4,800 crore	2023
Kotak Mahindra Bank	Foreign Exchange Swaps	Currency Risk	FX Hedging	Improved profitability by 0.8%	RBI, FEMA Guidelines	₹2,500 crore	2022
Bank of Baroda	Interest Rate Options	Interest Rate Risk	Option Strategies	Positive impact on ROA by 0.5%	RBI Guidelines, Basel III	₹6,000 crore	2023
Canara Bank	Commodity Derivatives	Commodity Price Risk	Commodity Hedging	Neutral effect on ROE	SEBI, RBI Compliance	₹1,800 crore	2023
IndusInd Bank	Credit Default Swaps	Credit Risk	Protection Strategy	Increased ROE by 1.5%	Basel II, RBI Guidelines	₹3,600 crore	2023

Source: Secondary Source (*Reserve Bank of India. (n.d.), Securities and Exchange Board of India. (n.d.)., State Bank of India. (n.d.). BSE India. (n.d.).*)

This table provides a comprehensive overview of the risk management strategies employed by major commercial banks in India through the use of derivatives. It highlights the different types of derivatives used, the associated risk categories, and the hedging strategies adopted by each bank. The table also reflects the impact of these strategies on the financial performance of the banks, particularly in terms of Return on Assets (ROA) and Return on Equity (ROE). Additionally, it outlines the regulatory frameworks that govern the use of derivatives, including compliance with guidelines from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), and Basel Accords. The data presented is derived from secondary sources, offering insight into the market value of derivatives and their significance in mitigating financial risks for these banks.

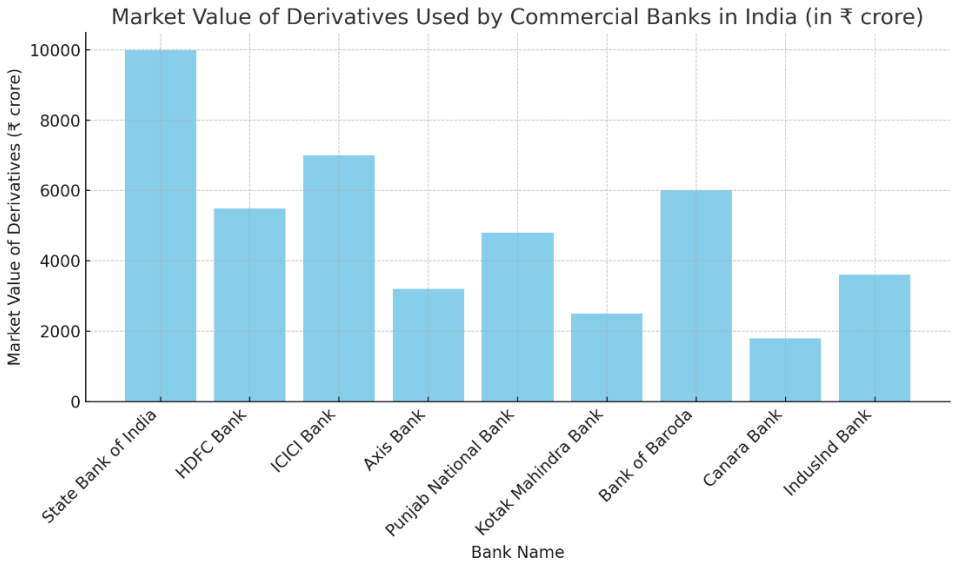

Fig. 1: Market Value of Derivatives Used by Commercial Banks in India (in ₹ crore)
Source: Secondary Source (*Reserve Bank of India. (n.d.), Securities and Exchange Board of India. (n.d.)., State Bank of India. (n.d.). BSE India. (n.d.).*)

The graph titled "Market Value of Derivatives Used by Commercial Banks in India (in ₹ crore)" provides a visual representation of the market value of derivatives employed by several Indian commercial banks for risk management. The data highlights the variation in derivative use across different banks, with the State Bank of India having the highest value at ₹10,000 crore, followed by ICICI Bank at ₹7,000 crore, and Bank of Baroda at ₹6,000 crore. Other banks such as HDFC Bank and IndusInd Bank also actively engage in derivatives, showcasing the widespread use of these financial instruments in managing risk across the Indian banking sector.

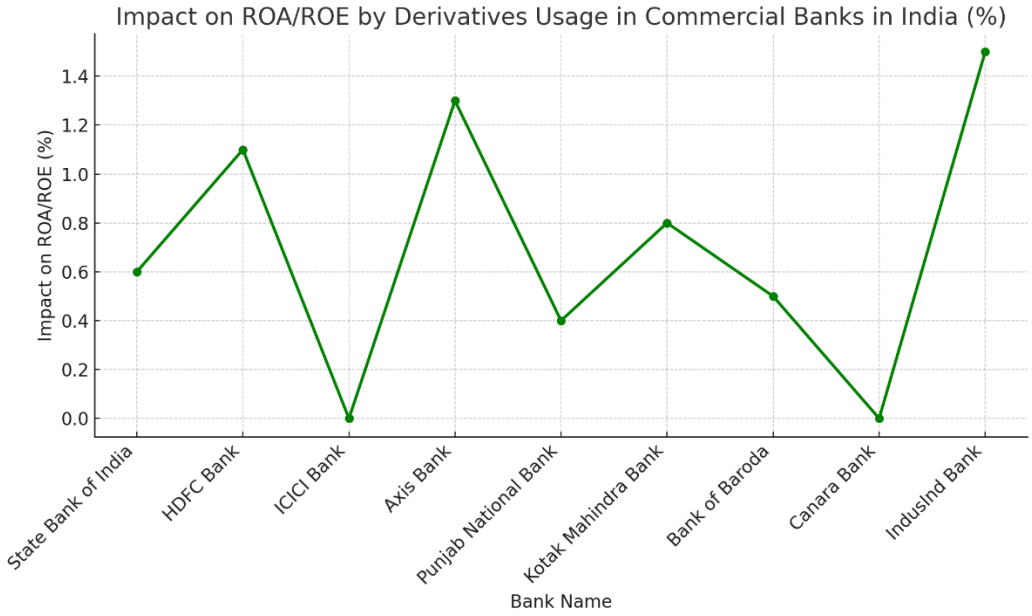

Fig. 2: Impact on ROA/ROE by Derivatives Usage in Commercial Banks in India (%)
Source: Secondary Source (*Reserve Bank of India. (n.d.), Securities and Exchange Board of India. (n.d.)., State Bank of India. (n.d.). BSE India. (n.d.).*)

The graph titled "Impact on ROA/ROE by Derivatives Usage in Commercial Banks in India (%)" shows the effect of derivative use on the financial performance of various Indian banks. The data reflects that Axis Bank experienced the highest increase in ROE, with a 1.3% rise, followed closely by IndusInd Bank at 1.5%. In contrast, ICICI Bank shows a neutral impact on profitability with no notable effect. Other banks like HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank show moderate increases in financial performance, highlighting the diverse effects of derivative strategies on banks' returns in India's financial sector.

V. Challenges and Regulatory Responses

In terms of risk management, the banking industry is confronted with a multitude of issues, notably in relation to the use of financial derivatives. One of the most major challenges is the complexity of these instruments, which may result in enormous risks when it comes to both operations and counterparties. There are a lot of derivatives that need complex valuation models, and mistakes in these models may lead to significant financial losses. Furthermore, banks may have difficulties in managing their data, which is a problem since correct and timely data is essential for conducting an efficient risk assessment. One other obstacle is the possibility of market volatility, which may cause the risks that are involved with trading derivatives to become even more severe. The value of derivatives may become very volatile during times of economic unpredictability, putting financial institutions at risk of incurring losses that were not anticipated. This problem is made much more complicated by the interconnection of global financial markets, which allows risks to rapidly spread across institutions and countries. Regulatory agencies have adopted tough criteria in order to improve supervision and foster stability within the banking industry as a reaction to the issues that have been presented. For instance, the Basel III framework places a strong emphasis on the need of continuously ensuring that proper capital buffers and liquidity ratios are maintained. Additionally, it demands enhanced transparency in derivatives trading by specifying that financial institutions must disclose their derivative exposures and the risks connected with them in a more thorough manner. Additionally, clearinghouses for standardised derivatives have been created by regulators, which has resulted in significant reductions in counterparty risk and increased market transparency. Through the implementation of these measures, the robustness of the banking sector will be improved, and the systemic risks that are caused by derivatives trading will be reduced. Continuous regulatory adjustments will be necessary in order to handle newly emerging risks and guarantee that banks are able to successfully traverse the intricacies of contemporary finance [7-9]. This is because the process of financial market evolution is expected to continue.

VI. Types of Risks Faced by Commercial Banks

Credit Risk: It is possible that borrowers would fail to fulfil their loan commitments, which would result in financial losses for the bank. This risk stems from the likelihood that this could occur. There are a number of factors that might affect credit risk, including the creditworthiness of the borrower, the state of the economy,

and the general health of the financial markets. It is necessary for a bank to have an efficient credit risk assessment and management system in place in order to maintain its profitability and financial sustainability.
Market Risk: There is a possibility of incurring losses as a result of variations in market pricing, which might include changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and equities prices. This is referred to as market risk. Trading operations, investment portfolios, and changes in the economic climate are all potential sources of this kind of risk. It is necessary for financial institutions to actively control market risk by using a variety of measures, including diversification and the use of financial derivatives.
Operational Risk: The possibility of incurring losses as a consequence of insufficient or unsuccessful internal processes, systems, individuals, or external occurrences is what is meant by the term "operational risk." The hazards associated with fraud, technological failures, compliance with regulatory requirements, and natural calamities are included in this category. In order to minimise the likelihood of future disruptions, effective operational risk management necessitates the implementation of powerful internal controls, risk assessment frameworks, and contingency planning [10-13].

VII. Role of Financial Derivatives

The supplying commercial banks with instruments that may be used to hedge against a variety of financial risks, financial derivatives play an essential part in the risk management techniques that these institutions use. Banks are able to stabilise their financial performance by managing their exposure to variations in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and commodity prices via the use of these instruments, which include options, futures, and swaps. It is one of the key roles of derivatives to provide financial institutions with the ability to develop individualised risk profiles that are in accordance with their particular risk appetite and the circumstances of the market. For instance, interest rate swaps may efficiently manage interest rate risk by converting fixed-rate obligations into floating-rate ones while maintaining the same level of service. Through the use of currency derivatives, such as futures and options, financial institutions are able to reduce the risks that are connected with variations in foreign exchange rates. This is especially true for institutions that are involved in international transactions. Furthermore, derivatives improve liquidity in financial markets by enabling banks to shift risk to other market players who are prepared to take on that risk. This allows for greater market liquidity. On the other hand, derivatives, despite the fact that they provide a number of substantial advantages, can bring about a number of complications and possible concerns, including counterparty risk and market risk. For this reason, it is vital to have governance and risk management frameworks that are effective in order to maximise the benefits of financial derivatives while also minimising the dangers that are connected with them [14-16].

VIII. Regulatory Framework and Compliance

The regulatory framework that governs commercial banks is an essential component in the process of guaranteeing stability and transparency within the financial system, especially with regard to the utilisation of financial derivatives. The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) is one of the most important regulatory groups that establishes guidelines and standards to control the risks that are connected with derivatives trading. These guidelines and standards particularly concentrate on capital adequacy, risk exposure, and market behaviour. The most recent set of international banking rules, known as Basel III, places an emphasis on the need of ensuring that enough capital buffers are maintained in order to absorb any possible losses that may result from derivative transactions. The regulation requires financial institutions to appropriately evaluate and disclose their risk exposure. This ensures that the institutions have sufficient capital to cover any possible losses, which in turn helps to maintain financial stability. In addition, regulatory compliance includes the observance of reporting requirements and risk management techniques that are designed to improve the transparency of derivatives transactions. This includes conducting stress tests on a regular basis, conducting extensive risk assessments, and putting in place rigorous internal controls in order to reduce the risks associated with managing counterparties and operations. Additionally, the purpose of regulations is to avoid systemic risks that will arise as a result of excessive leverage and interconnectivity among financial institutions. In order to ensure that banks are able to make efficient use of derivatives while also protecting the larger financial system from possible crises, regulators want to enforce these standards in order to encourage risk management techniques that are considered to be both sound and effective. This compliance not only safeguards the financial institutions themselves, but it also boosts the trust of investors and the general public in the stability of the banking system [17-20].

IX. Conclusion

The effective use of financial derivatives is integral to the risk management strategies of commercial banks. By enabling banks to hedge against various financial risks, derivatives enhance stability and profitability while providing flexibility in aligning with specific risk appetites. However, the complexities associated with these instruments necessitate a robust regulatory framework to ensure transparency and mitigate potential risks.

Regulatory bodies, such as the Basel Committee, play a crucial role in guiding banks to maintain adequate capital and adhere to sound risk management practices. As the financial landscape continues to evolve, the ongoing development and enforcement of regulations will be vital for fostering a secure banking environment. This study highlights the importance of integrating effective risk management strategies and regulatory compliance in leveraging the benefits of financial derivatives, ultimately contributing to the resilience and sustainability of the banking sector.

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