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AN OVERVIEW OF MUTUAL FUND TOWARDS INVESTOR'S PERCEPTION

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ABSTRACT

Indian mutual fund has increased a lot of recognition from the past not many years. The present research analyses the mutual fund investments in next of kinfolk to investor's awareness. The Industrial growth and development to a huge widen depends on property formation. Wealth formation mainly depends on the savings of the people. Investors' opinion and perception have been studied relating to diverse issues like type of mutual fund scheme, main objective following investing in mutual fund scheme, role of financial advisors and brokers, investors' opinion relating to factors that catch the attention of them to invest in mutual funds, sources of in turn, deficiency in the services provided by the mutual fund managers, tackle before the Indian mutual fund industry etc. This study will discuss the past performance of the Indian mutual fund industry and the pace of growth it achieved after being yield to regulatory changes by SEBI, international factors and its non performance that affected the industry and its attitudes. Mutual funds have both advantages and disadvantages compared to direct investing in individual securities. Today they play an important role in household finances. The research explains about investors' awareness towards mutual funds, investor perceptions, their preferences and the position of satisfaction towards mutual funds. Some suggestions were also made to increase the awareness towards mutual funds and measures to select suitable mutual funds to maximize the returns.

KEYWORDS

challenges, investors' perception, objectives, mutual fund, SEBI.

INTRODUCTION

The mutual fund industry in India established in 1963 with the formation of Unit Trust of India, at the program of the Government of India and Reserve Bank of India. The history of mutual funds in India know how to be broadly divided into four distinct phases, First Phase – 1964-87, Second Phase – 1987-1993 (Entry of Public Sector Funds) Third Phase – 1993-2003 (Entry of Private Sector Funds) and Fourth Phase – ever since February 2003. (Jafri Arshad Hasan, 2013).

Mutual fund is an investment company that collections cash from shareholders and invests in a multiplicity of securities, such as stocks, bonds and money market instruments (Padmaja.R, April 2013). A good number open-end Mutual fund stand all set to buy back (redeem) its shares at their current net asset value, which depends on the overall market value of the fund's investment portfolio at the occasion of redemption. Most open-end Mutual funds always offer new-fangled shares to investors. In addition, well-known as, an open-end investment company, to differentiate it from a closed-end investment company. Mutual funds put in pooled cash of many investors to meet the fund's acknowledged investment objective. Mutual funds set ready to sell and redeem their shares at all time at the fund's current net asset value: total fund assets divided by shares outstanding.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Literature on mutual fund recital evaluation is enormous. A hardly any research studies that have influenced the training of this paper substantially are discussed in this segment.

According to **NALINI PRAVA TRIPATHY (1996)** in the article title **Mutual Fund in India: A Financial Service in Capital Market** understood that the Indian Capital Market has been increasing extremely for the period of most recent few years. As a consequence of economic reforms, globalization and privatization of Indian economy in the preceding five years, the economy has been opened positive along with various enlargement have been captivating position in the Indian money market and capital market. In regulate to be of assistance the undersized investors, mutual fund industry has got nearer to take up significance moreover enlargement of mutual funds, calculate the operations of mutual funds, in addition to recommend several events to formulate it doing well scheme in India. By means of the structural liberalization policies no doubt Indian economy is to be expected to come again to a high grow up course in not many years. For this reason mutual fund organizations are desired to improve their skills as well as knowledge. Achievement of mutual fund on the other hand would frequently depend capable of the performance of implication.

As highlighted by **JASPAL SINGH AND SUBHASH CHANDER (2004)** in the editorial **An Empirical Analysis of Perceptions of Investors towards Mutual Funds** assumed that the perceptions of investors towards mutual funds that have crossed Rs.1, 20,000 crores achieve by November 2002 furthermore analyzing the source used for taking out along with or else not investing a few other into mutual fund. Investors' perceptions on the subject of day-to-day discovery of net asset value as a result of the resources by the finances along with condition on behalf of additional tax rebates taking place savings in mutual fund by the government have emerged as significant must in support of the investors and the reason of uselessness of controlling bodies similar to SEBI moreover others with the intention of resulted in investors' lack of expectation while regards mutual investment has emerged at the same time as individual of the most important reason of withdrawal from mutual funds. The funds have under-performed seeing that alongside hope as well as managing has been ineffective, in this manner disappointing investors to maintain their funds parked within mutual funds.

ANAND AND MURUGAIAH (2004) studied **The Strategic Issues related to the Marketing of Financial Services** along with fulfilled with the purpose of today's financial services industry requires innovative strategies in addition to procedure with the aim of allow them in the direction of detain most opportunity through the lowest risks within categorize on the way to make possible them toward endure along with assemble the dangerous contest from international company of domestic as well as foreign basis.

DESIGAN GNANA, KALAISELVI AND ANUSUYA (2006) conducted a improve on **Women Investors Perception towards Investment** in wide-ranging moreover set up with the purpose of women investors usually hesitate within investing in mutual funds owing to their be deficient in of awareness on the subject of investment security, process of market investment, sell fluctuations, risk connected among investment, survey of investment in addition to redressed of grievances about their investment associated troubles.

In a further article as a result of **ARUP CHOUDHURI (2008)** in the name of **Mutual Fund Strategies Individual Investors Point of View** said mutual fund is an eye-catching option in support of investment in the current scenario. It is recognized information with the intention of mutual fund is area under discussion to market risk merely. Mutual fund can be of diverse type's debt fund, equity fund and hybrid fund. Systematic investment Plan (SIP) as well as Systematic Transfer Plan (STP) are attractive offers in mutual fund scheme as all the way through these schemes investor can furthermore have interested in and exit beginning the market under different market conditions. The commentary highlights that investment strategy in mutual fund varies from individual to individual depending taking place their personal desire.

IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY

1. Mutual funds in all-purpose have remained the investment medium of risk adverse investors who want to get in the benefits of buoyant stock markets, but do not have adequate time and wealth to enter it.

2. As there is a growing power for mutual fund as provider of financial service in India the investigator is interested in assessing the performance of mutual in India and its role in provided that a boost to the capital market and how to engage in recreation the competition in the mutual fund industry.
3. The mutual fund industry has grown at an extraordinary rate in the recent past. One can witness a revolution in the mutual fund industry in analysis of its importance to the investors in general along with the country's economy at large. Hence the present study attempts to recognize the investor awareness programs.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY
The Indian mutual fund diligence is an incredibly outsized industry consisting of quantity of investors. In this period of contest diverse investor's have different investment objectives. As the human behavior is unpredictable, this study helps in discovery out the necessary essentials on the area under discussion of investors' opinion and perceptions regarding mutual fund investment.
The main objectives of the study are:
1. To explore the investors awareness and perception regarding investing in mutual funds.
2. To observe investor's satisfaction regarding mutual funds.
3. To provide an idea of the types of schemes available and to reading the growth of mutual fund industry in India.

PROCESS OF MUTUAL FUND
In Mutual Fund moving parts and how investors earn funds by investing in the Mutual Fund. Investors deposit their saving as a speculation in Mutual Fund. The Fund Manager who be one who takes the decisions where the money should be invested in securities according to the scheme's objective. Securities include Equities, Debentures, Govt. Securities, Bonds, and Commercial Paper etc. These Securities generates returns to the Fund Manager. The Fund Manager passes sponsor return to the investor.

INVESTMENT FLOW

In straightforward Words, Mutual fund is a method for pooling the possessions as a result of issuing units to the investors and investing funds in securities in agreement with objectives at the same time as disclosed in offer document. Investments in securities are spread across an extensive cross-section of industries and sectors and therefore the risk is reduced. Diversification reduces the risk for the reason that all stocks may not move in the equivalent track in the identical share by the side of the unchanged moment in time. Mutual fund issues units to the investors within unity by way of quantum of funds invested as a result of them.
Investors of Mutual funds are acknowledged as unit holders. The profits or losses are shared by the investors in quantity to their money. The Mutual funds more often than not come out with a number of schemes with different investment objectives which are launched commencing time to time.
In India, A Mutual fund is essential to be registered in the company of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) which regulates securities markets prior to it preserve pull together funds from the public. In undersized, a Mutual fund is a regular pool of money in to which investors with common investment objective consign their offerings so as to be to be invested in accordance with the acknowledged investment objective of the scheme.
The investment manager would invest the money together from the investor in to possessions that are defined acceptable by the stated objective of the scheme. For example, an equity fund would invest equity and equity interconnected instruments along with a debt fund would put in bonds, debentures, gilts etc. Mutual fund is an appropriate investment for the universal man as it offers a prospect to invest in a diversified, resourcefully managed holder of securities by the side of a moderately low cost.

ADVANTAGES OF MUTUAL FUNDS

- Instruction
- Tax Benefit
- Proficient Executive
- Range
- Diversification
- Affordability

TYPES OF MUTUAL FUND SCHEMES

1. BY STRUCTURE

1.1. Open – Ended Schemes.
1.2. Close – Ended Schemes.
1.3. Interval Schemes.

2. BY INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

2.1. Growth Schemes.
2.2. Income Schemes.
2.3. Balanced Schemes.

3. OTHER SCHEMES

3.1. Tax Saving Schemes.
3.2. Special Schemes.
3.3. Index Schemes.
3.4. Sector Specific Schemes.

HOW TO DIMINISH TAKE A CHANCE WHILE INVESTING?

At all categories of savings, we create is area under discussion to risk. In detail we search out return on our investment with the sole purpose and exclusively for the reason that at the very commencement we take the risk of leave-taking with our funds, for in receipt of privileged rate backside at an in a while date. Panel itself is a chance. Well known economist and Nobel Prize beneficiary William Sharpe tried to set apart the total risk faced in whichever type of investment into two parts - systematic (Systemic) risk and unsystematic (Unsystematic) risk. Systematic risk is that risk which exists in the system. A few of the main examples of systematic risk are inflation, recession, war, political situation etc. Price increases erodes returns generated as of all investments e.g. But return from fixed deposit is 8 per cent and if inflation is 6 per cent afterward true rate of return starting fixed deposit is compact by 6 per cent. Similarly, if a return generated from equity market is 18 per cent as well as inflation is still 6 per cent after that equity returns will be less significant by the rate of inflation. In view of the fact that inflation exists in the system there is no mode one can stay left from the risk of inflation. Economic cycles, war and political situations have sound effects on each and every one forms of investments. In addition, these exist in the scheme and there is no way to continue away as of them. It is like knowledge to march. Somebody who wants to become skilled at to walk has to first go down; you cannot learn to walk without diminishing. In the same way anyone who wants to invest has to first expression systematic risk; in attendance can never formulate any kind of investment not including systematic risk. An additional outward appearance of risk is unsystematic risk. This risk does not stay alive in the system and for this reason is not appropriate to each and every one forms of investment. Unsystematic risk is related by means of meticulous structure of investment.
Understand we invest in stock market in addition to the market falls, after that only our investment in equity gets exaggerated OR if we have placed a fixed deposit in exacting bank and bank goes bankrupt, then we no more than lose money positioned in that bank. Despite the fact that there is no way to remain left from risk, we can until the end of time diminish the impact of risk. Diversification helps in droppings the impact of unsystematic risk. If our investment is spread from corner to corner a variety of asset classes, the impact of unsystematic risk is concentrated. If we have to be found fixed put down in more than a few banks, at that time

yet if one of the banks goes bankrupt our whole fixed deposit investment is not gone. Likewise, if our equity investment is in Tata Motors, HLL, Infosys, unfavorable information about Infosys will only impact venture in Infosys, every one of other stocks will not have whichever impact. To decrease the impact of systematic risk, we should invest on a regular basis. As a result of investing frequently we common out the impact of risk. Mutual fund, as an investment vehicle gives us advantage of both diversifications along with averaging. Portfolio of mutual funds consists of frequent securities moreover therefore unfavorable news in relation to particular security will have insignificant impact on the whole portfolio. As a result of systematically investing in mutual fund we search out do good to of rupee outlay averaging.

CONCLUSION

This follow a line of investigation completed by means of observance in the crucial position Mutual fund consciousness along with investors. This improve reveals a lot of mutual exposure; in the course of these scrutiny plenty of knowledge on the subject of the different funds furthermore community society was gained. It makes inquiries lot of in sequence with reference to the up to date state of affairs of financial market, perceptive in strong point regarding the implementation of the special funds. Mutual fund investors desire to put in in fixed deposit & equity market relatively than investing in mutual fund. Newspaper is the chief supply for thoughtfulness of mutual fund awareness in investors.

Investors believe continuous moreover expected dividend disbursement at one and the same intervals. As a result, initiative should be full to complete investor's aspiration. Public are alert on the subject of the mutual fund, excluding unconscious of the fresh schemes. Advertisement ought to center of attention supplementary on popularizing mutual fund schemes. Publicity from first to last the media, home small screen channels, banners is the most excellent methods of promotion. The difference involving the bank's fixed deposit scheme and the mutual fund deposit scheme should be absolute understandable to the community who are investing in mutual fund. Customer grievance unit be required to be set up. Every one mutual fund scheme has an understandable investment aim and approach. Consultative services must be provided to prospective investors to be of assistance they choose a fund. Investors can decide on fund, which they bring into being appropriate to their objective furthermore invest as a result as in the direction of get hold of a highest benefit out of it.

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