Foreign Capital and Economic Growth

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Part A

What is Foreign Capital?

- * The term 'Foreign capital' is a comprehensive term and includes any inflow of capital in home country from abroad
- * Foreign capital is useful for both developed and developing countries
- * Advanced countries try actively to invest **capital** in developing countries.

What is the Role of Foreign Capital?

- * Foreign capital not only provide an addition to the domestic savings and resources, but also an addition to the productive assets of the country
- * The country gets foreign exchange through FDI
- * It helps to increase the investment level and thereby income and employment in the recipient country

Why do we need Foreign Capital?

- * The **need** for **foreign capital** arises because of the following reasons:
- Foreign capital is needed to fill the gap between the targeted foreign exchange requirements and those derived from net export earnings plus net public foreign aid
- * This is generally called the foreign exchange or trade gap.

Forms of Foreign Capital

- Foreign Capital in developing countries come in four forms:
- Foreign Aid borrowing at concessional rates of interest from foreign government and international institutions such as International Monetary Fund and World Bank
- External Commercial Borrowing- borrowing from International Financing Institutions at commercial rates

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- **Private Portfolio Investment** buying of shares and debentures of domestic companies by foreign investors
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) which means direct investment in plant, equipment of industries either on their own or in collaboration with the domestic private companies

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