



INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS & FOREIGN TRADE

Module 1

Part-4

HUT 300



SUPPLY – LAW OF SUPPLY AND DETERMINANTS OF SUPPLY:

What is Supply?

- Supply refers to the quantity of a good or service that producers are **willing and able to offer for sale** at various prices during a given period of time.
- It shows a **direct relationship** between price and quantity supplied



FACTORS AFFECTING SUPPLY

- Price of Inputs (Raw Materials)
- Goals of the firm
- Price of other commodities
- Price of factors of production
- Technology
- Government Policies (Taxes & Subsidies)





Supply Function

A **Supply Function** shows the mathematical relationship between the **quantity supplied** of a good and the **factors affecting it**, mainly price

Basic (Price-Dependent) Supply Function:

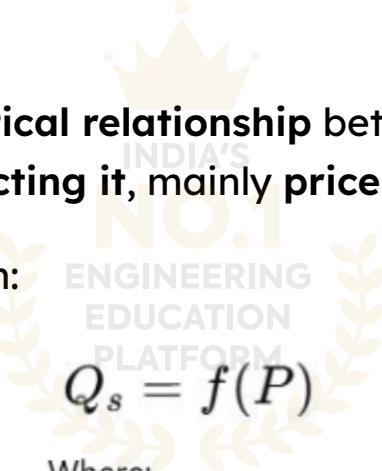
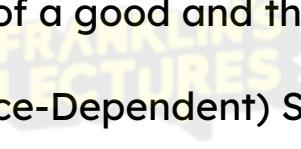
$$Q_s = f(P)$$

Where:

- Q_s = Quantity Supplied
- P = Price of the good
- f = function of

This means:

Supply depends on price – as price increases, supply increases


$$Q_s = f(P, P_{n-1}, b, \dots)$$



Law of Supply:

- The Law of Supply states that, **other things being equal**, as the **price of a good rises**, the **quantity supplied also rises**, and vice versa.
- This is because higher prices give producers an incentive to increase production.



Why it Happens:

- Producers aim to **maximize profits**.
- When prices increase, production becomes more **profitable**, so suppliers are willing to produce and sell more.



Supply Curve:

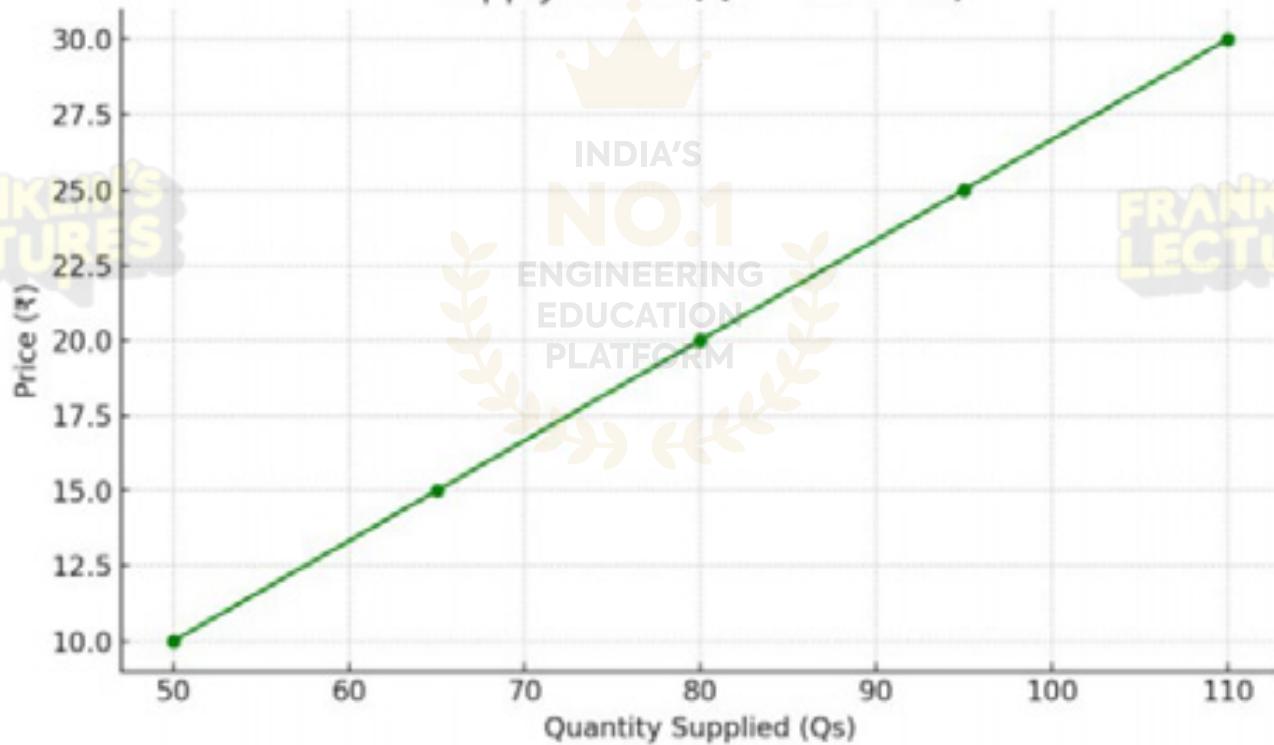
- The supply curve is generally **upward sloping**, from left to right.

Example:

- If the price of wheat increases, farmers may decide to use more land and labor to produce more wheat.



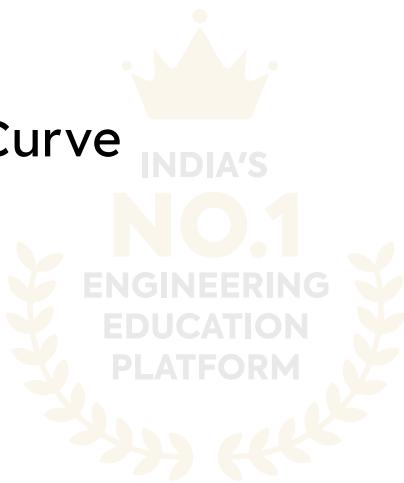
Supply Curve ($Q_s = 20 + 3P$)





Changes in Supply

- Movement Along the Supply Curve
- Shift of the Supply Curve





Movement vs Shift in Supply

1. Change in Quantity Supplied (Movement Along the Supply Curve)

Reason: Change in the price of the good itself

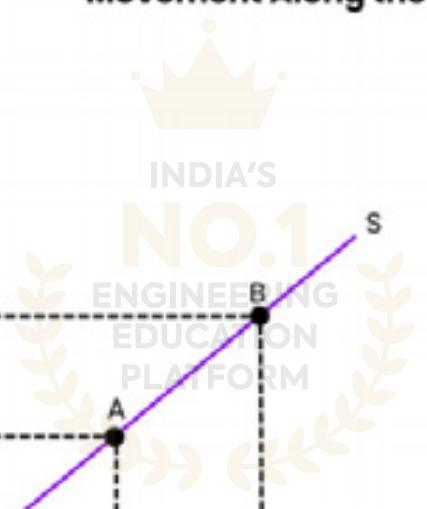
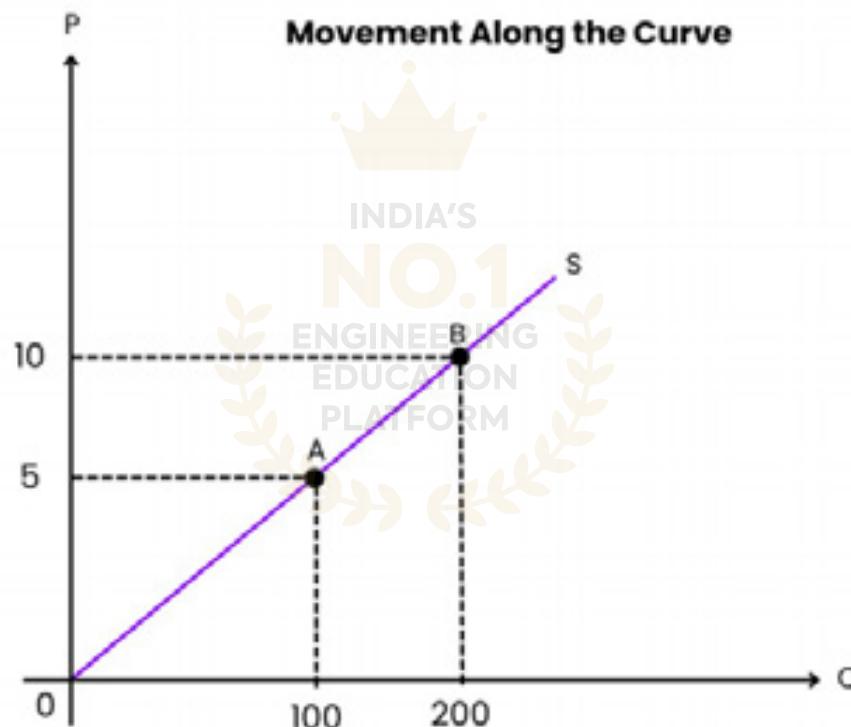
- Price ↑ → Quantity Supplied ↑ → **Expansion (Upward movement)**
- Price ↓ → Quantity Supplied ↓ → **Contraction (Downward movement)**

Same curve, point moves up/down

Example:

Pen price increases from ₹10 to ₹12 → seller supplies more pens







2. Change in Supply

(Shift of the Supply Curve)

Reason: Change in non-price factors, like:

- Input cost
- Technology
- Govt policies
- Sellers
- Expectations
- Climate, etc
- Supply \uparrow \rightarrow Curve shifts **right**
- Supply \downarrow \rightarrow Curve shifts **left**

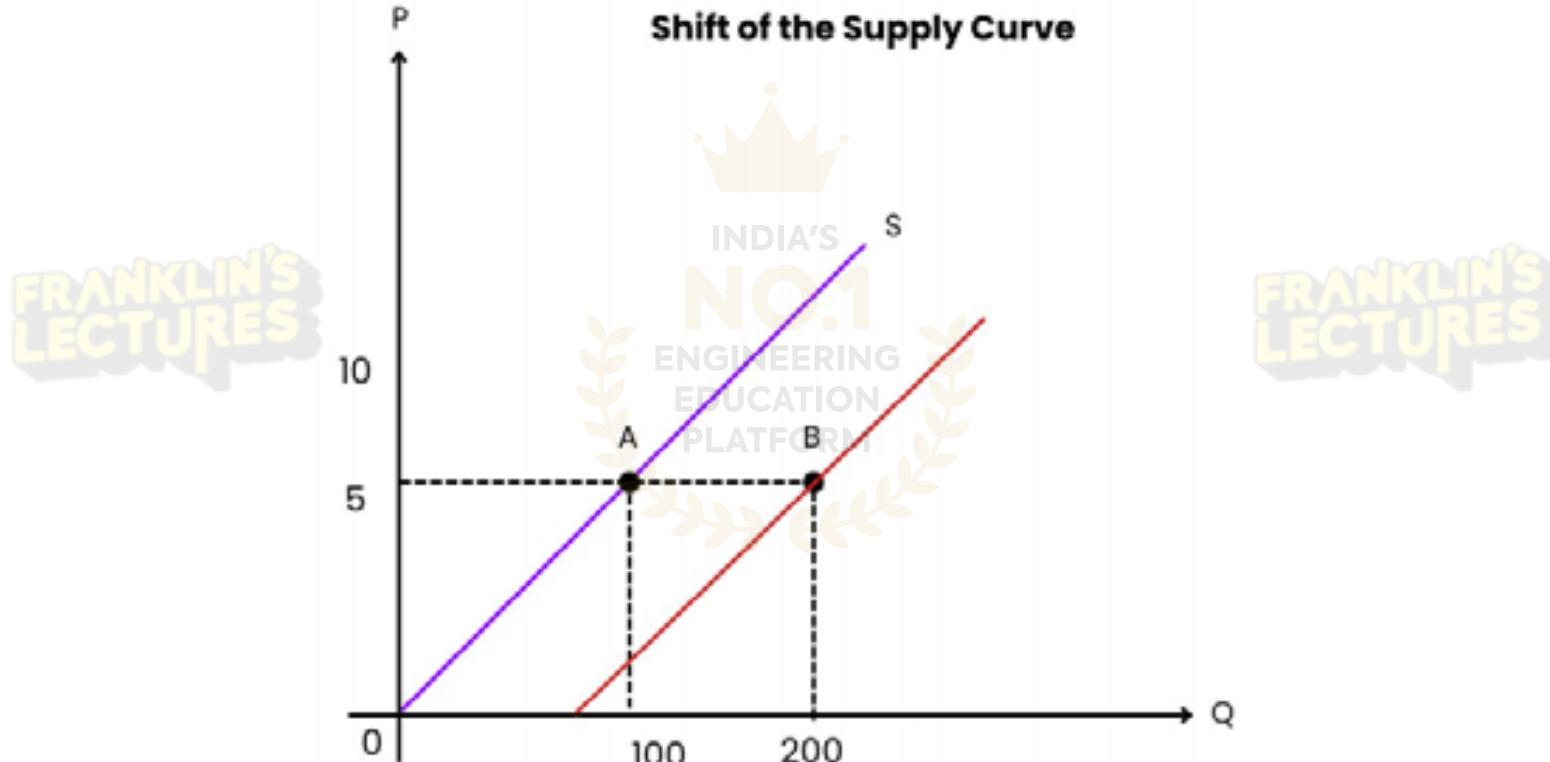


Example:

New machine reduces production cost \rightarrow Supply \uparrow (right shift)



Shift of the Supply Curve





Elasticity of Supply

Elasticity of Supply measures how much the **quantity supplied** of a good changes in response to a **change in its price**

Formula:

$$\text{Elasticity of Supply (Es)} = \frac{\% \text{ change in quantity supplied}}{\% \text{ change in price}}$$



Types of Elasticity of Supply (Es)

Perfectly Inelastic Supply ($Es = 0$)

Meaning:

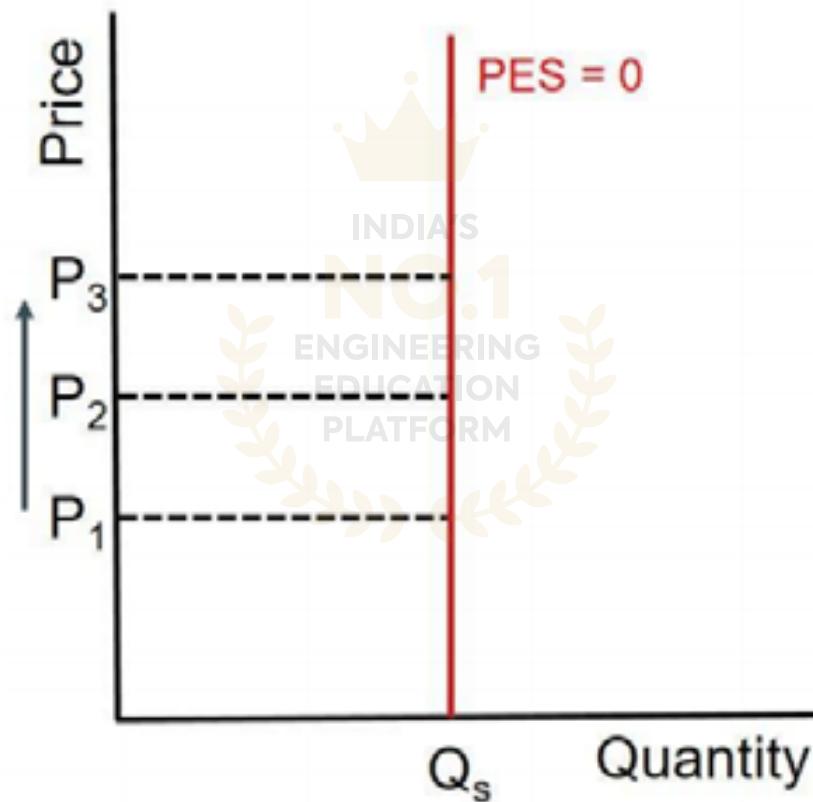
Price changes, but **quantity supplied remains the same**.

Graph: Vertical supply curve

Example:

- Land in a city (limited, fixed)
- Seats in a stadium – can't be increased even if ticket price doubles







Relatively Inelastic Supply ($E_s < 1$)

Meaning:

Price increases → quantity supplied increases **slightly**

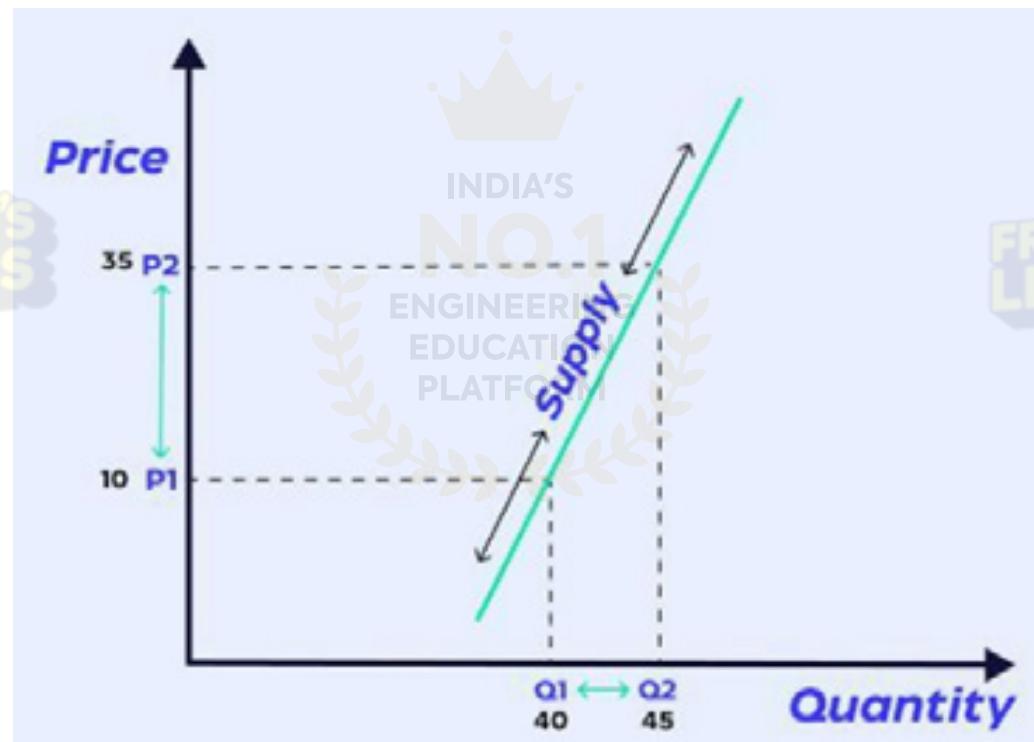
Price decreases → supply drops **slightly**

Graph: Steep upward slope

Example:

- Agricultural produce in short run (like rice)
- Electricity supply (can't ramp up quickly)







Unitary Elastic Supply ($E_s = 1$)

Meaning:

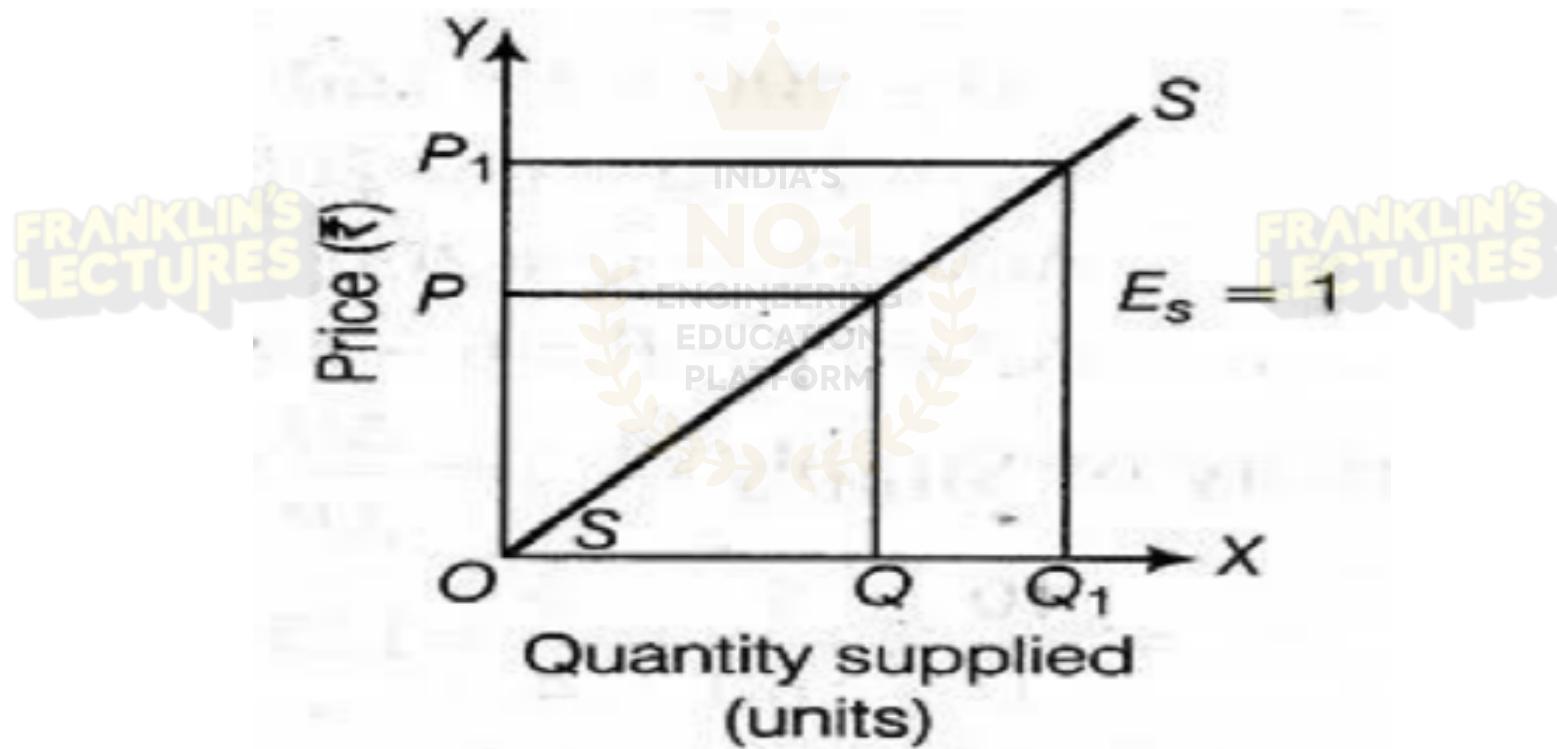
% change in price = % change in quantity supplied

→ Perfectly proportionate response

Graph: Straight line from origin

Example:

- Mid-scale manufacturing industries where supply changes proportionally with market price





Relatively Elastic Supply ($E_s > 1$)

Meaning:

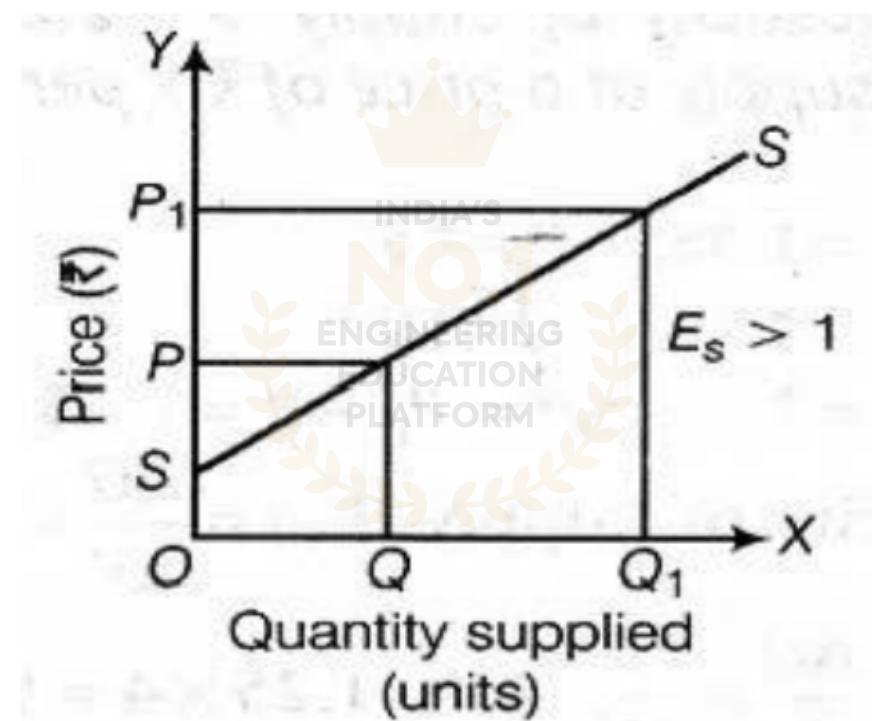
Small change in price → larger change in quantity supplied

Graph: Flat upward slope

Example:

Garment industry (easy to increase supply with available labor/machines)

Mobile accessories (quick to produce)





Perfectly Elastic Supply ($E_s = \infty$)

Meaning:

Even tiny change in price causes infinite change in supply

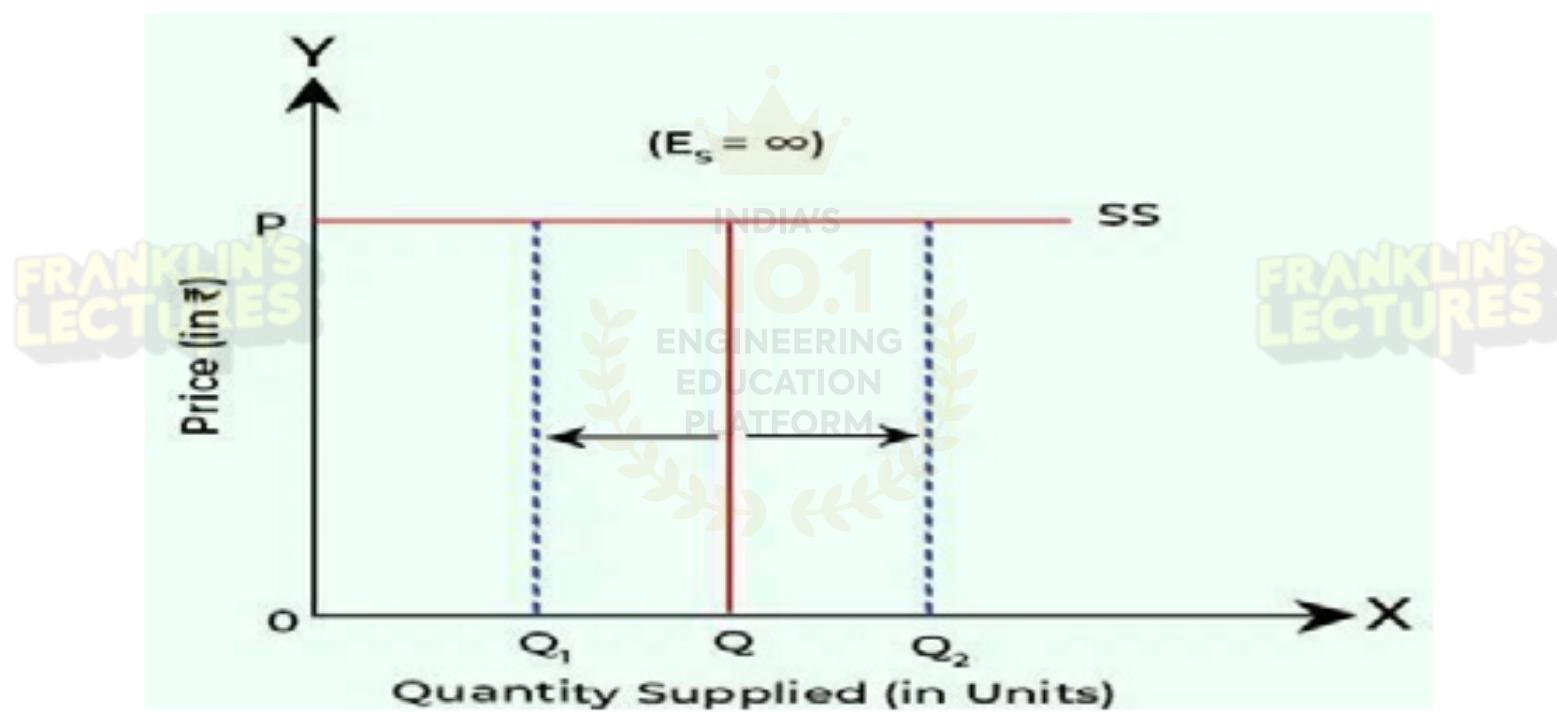
→ Seller will supply any quantity, but only at one price

Graph: Horizontal line

Example:

- Highly competitive markets under theoretical conditions
- Agricultural produce (e.g., wheat) in open perfect competition market

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Equilibrium – Changes in Demand and Supply and Its Effects:

Equilibrium is the point where the quantity **demanded equals the quantity supplied** at a specific price. It is the **stable point** in the market where there's no tendency for price to change

What happens at equilibrium?

At Equilibrium

Quantity Demanded = Supplied

No Pressure to Change Price



Outcome

Market is stable (no surplus or shortage)

Buyers & Sellers are satisfied



Equilibrium Price

The **equilibrium price** is the price at which **quantity demanded equals quantity supplied**.

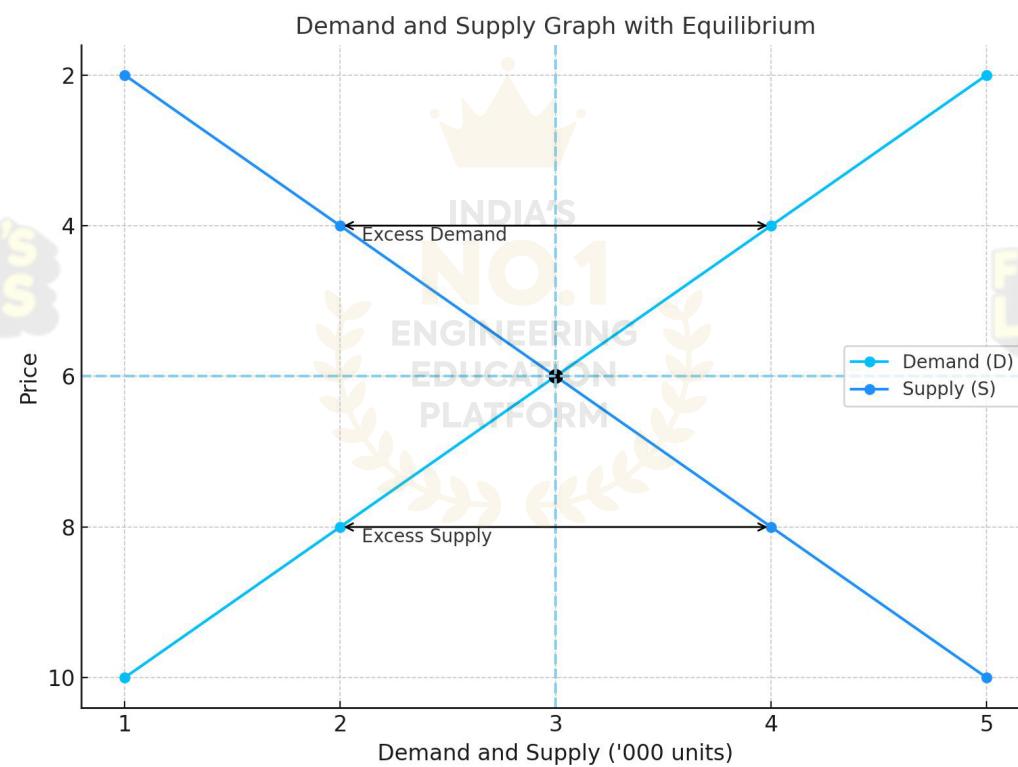
It is the “market-clearing” price, where there is no **excess demand or supply**.

Equilibrium Quantity

Equilibrium Quantity is the quantity of a good or service that is **bought and sold** when the **market is in equilibrium** – i.e., when **demand equals supply**.



Price (Rs.)	Market Demand (Units)	Market Supply (Units)	Equilibrium Status
8	1000	5000	Excess Supply
7	2000	4000	Excess Supply
6	3000	3000	Market Equilibrium
5	4000	2000	Excess Demand
4	5000	1000	Excess Demand





What happens when demand or supply changes?

- **Increase in Demand (with supply constant):**

- The demand curve shifts to the right.
- **Result: Higher price and higher quantity**
- Example: During summer, demand for ice creams increases → price and sales increase.

- **Increase in Supply (with demand constant):**

- The supply curve shifts to the right.
- **Result: Lower price and higher quantity**

Example: If more farmers start growing tomatoes, the market price may fall



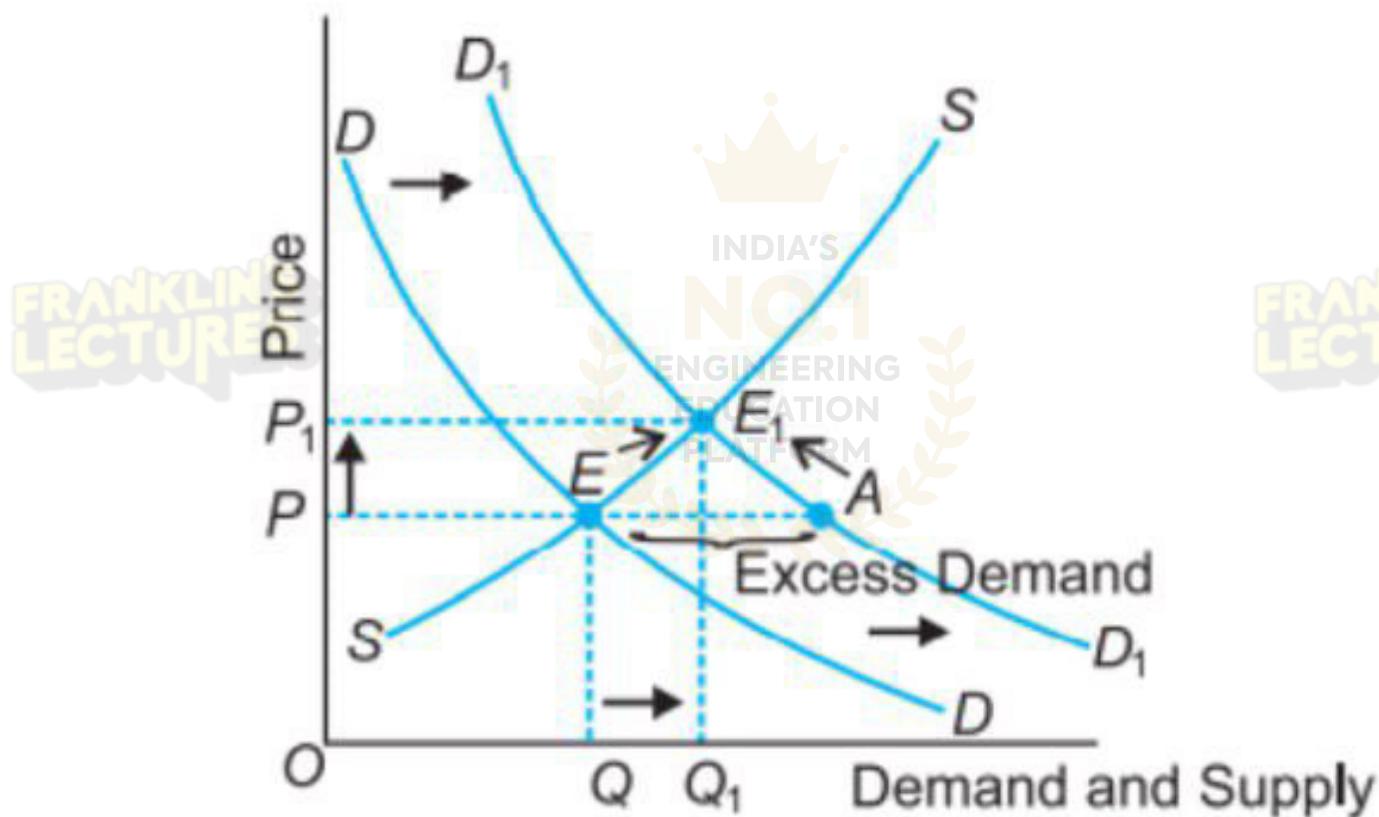
- **Decrease in Demand:**

- Demand curve shifts left → price and quantity both fall

- **Decrease in Supply:**

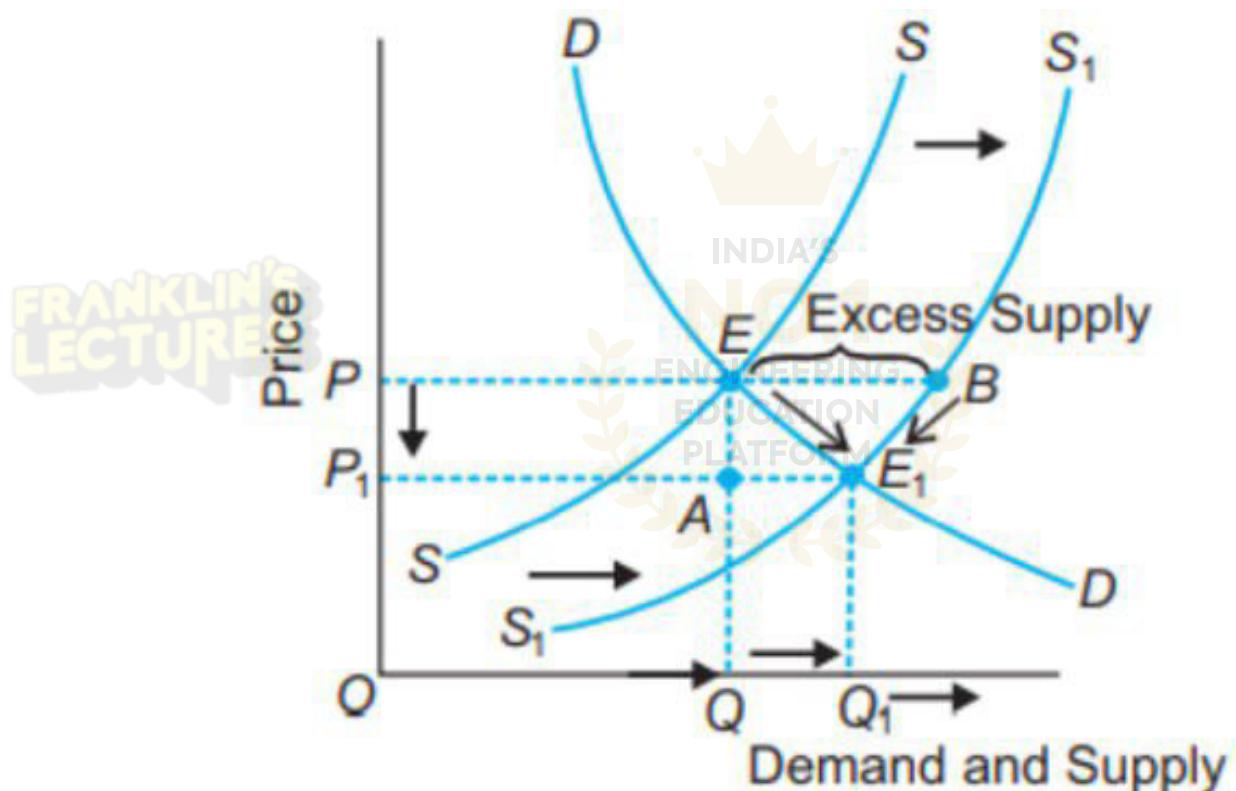
- Supply curve shifts left → price rises, quantity falls.





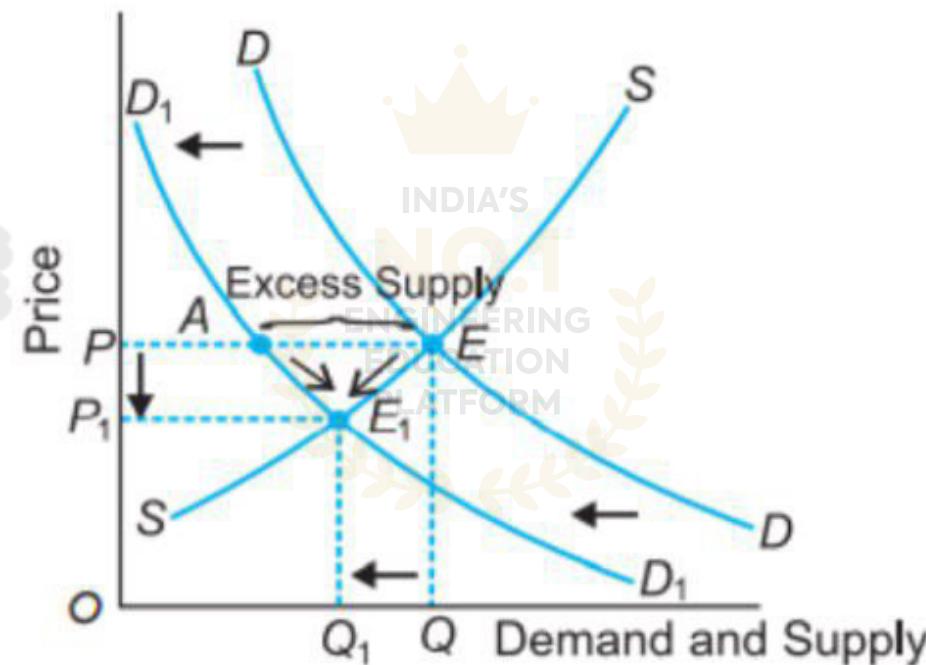
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Increase in supply



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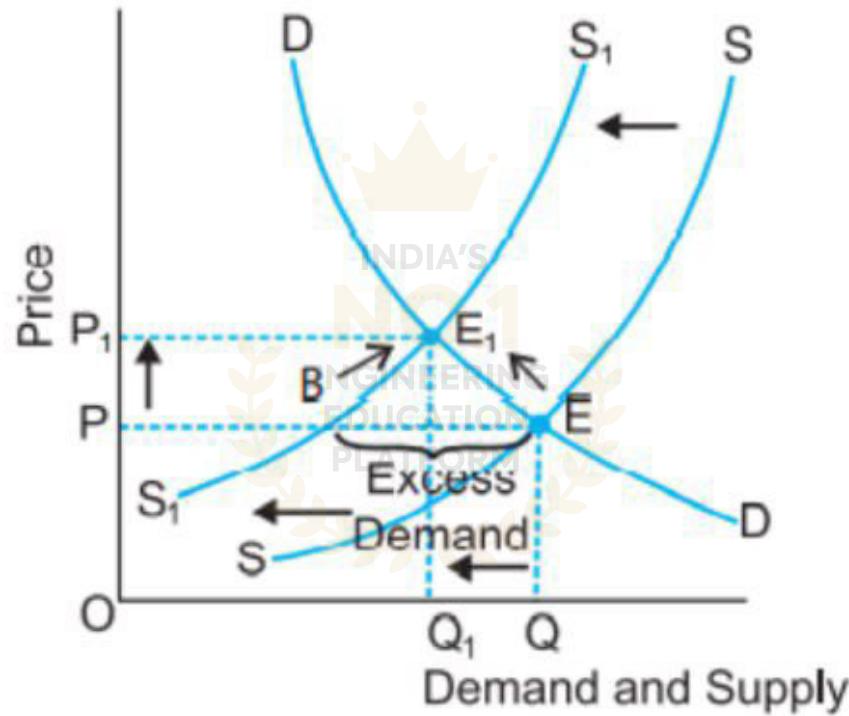
Decrease in demand



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Decrease in supply

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Consumer Surplus

Consumer Surplus:

- Consumer surplus is the **extra benefit** that consumers receive when they pay less for a product than the maximum price they were willing to pay.
- It is the area **above the market price and below the demand curve.**



Example: If you're willing to pay ₹100 for a T-shirt but buy it for ₹70, your surplus is ₹30.



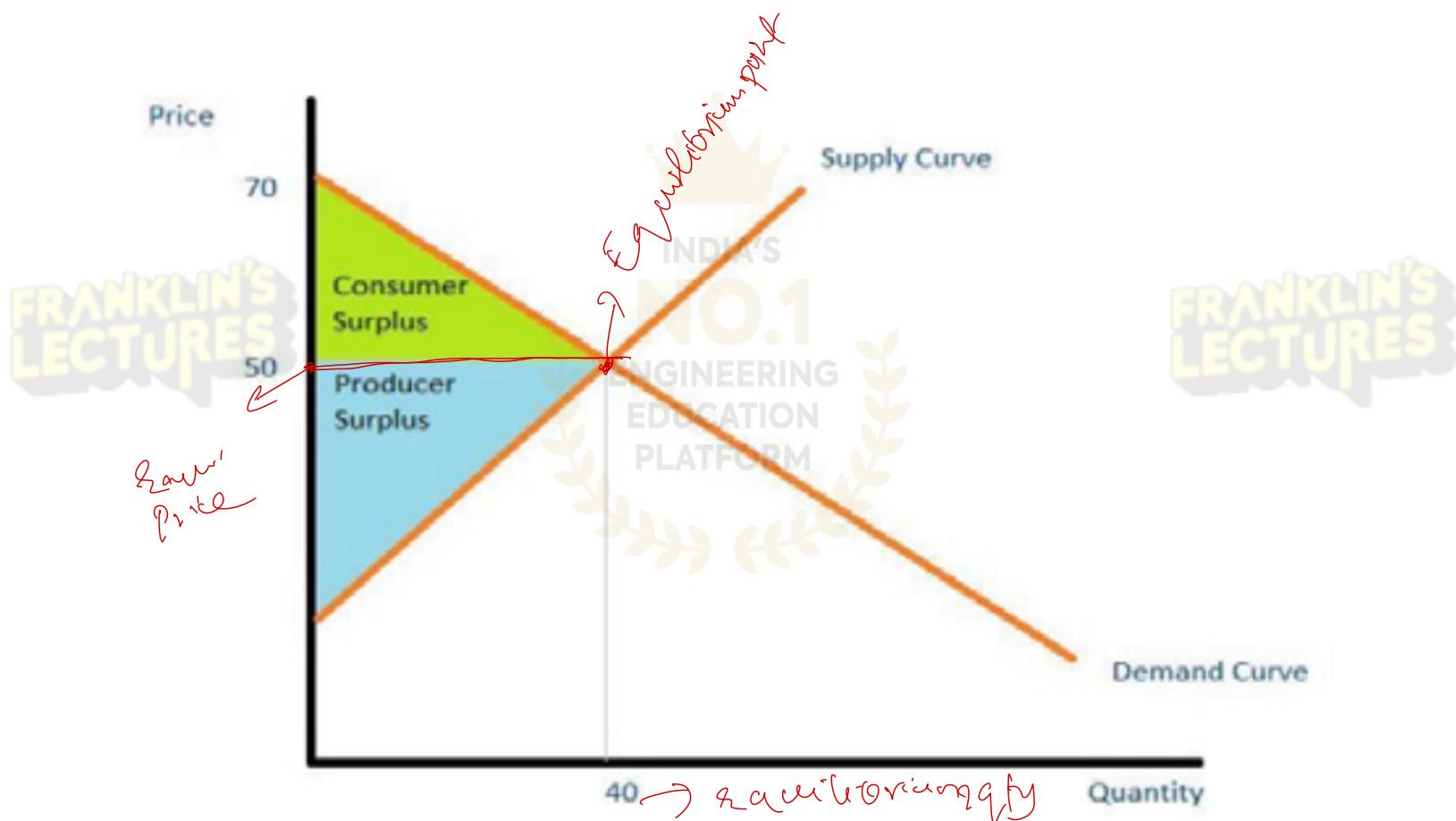
Producer Surplus

- Producer surplus is the **extra earnings** that producers receive when they sell a product for more than the minimum price they would accept.
- It is the **area below the market price and above the supply curve.**

₹20

Example: A seller is ready to sell a product at ₹50 but sells it for ₹70 → surplus = ₹20.

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Q. The demand function of a product is given as $D=60 - 2P$ and the supply function $S=30 + 4P$. Estimate Equilibrium price and equilibrium quantity. Also find the excess supply when Price equals Rs.6? (2022,7 marks)

$D = 60 \text{ units}$

$P \rightarrow \text{Rs} 1 \uparrow \quad D \rightarrow \text{2 units} \downarrow$

$P \rightarrow \text{Rs} 1 \uparrow \quad S \rightarrow \text{4 units} \uparrow$

$P = 0$



At equilibrium

Qfy supplied = Qfy demanded

$$30 + 4p = 60 - 2p$$

$$4p + 2p = 60 - 30$$

$$6p = 30$$

$$p = \frac{30}{6} = 5$$

$$\text{Eq qfy} = 30 + (4 \times 5) = \underline{\underline{50 \text{ units}}}$$

$$\text{Eq price} = \underline{\underline{5}}$$

$$\text{Eq qfy} = \underline{\underline{50 \text{ units}}}$$

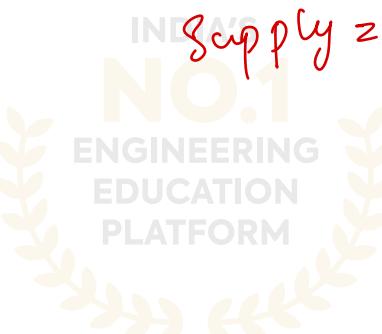


When

$$\text{price} = \text{₹}6$$

$$\text{Demand} = 60 - (2 \times 6)$$

$$= 60 - 12 = 48 \text{ units}$$



$$\text{Supply} = 30 + (4 \times 6)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{54 \text{ units}}}$$

6 units excess supply



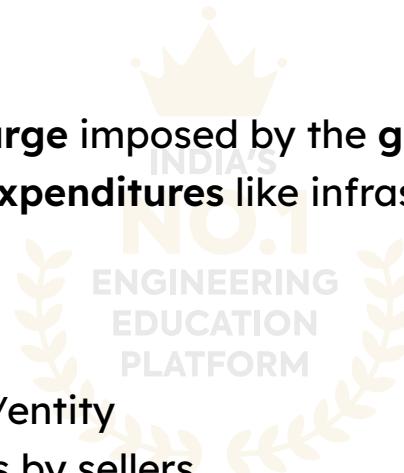
Taxation

Taxation is a **compulsory financial charge imposed by the government** on individuals or firms to fund **public expenditures** like infrastructure, health, education, etc.

Types of Taxes

Direct Tax : Paid directly by the person/entity

Indirect Tax : Collected from consumers by sellers





Deadweight Loss (DWL)

Deadweight Loss is the **loss of total economic welfare** (consumer + producer surplus) that occurs when market equilibrium is disturbed – usually due to **taxes, subsidies, price controls, or monopolies**

It represents the **missed trades** that could have benefited both buyer and seller but no longer happen due to market distortion

A deadweight loss is the irrecoverable reduction in economic efficiency that occurs when a free-market equilibrium is disturbed by a market intervention or other shock to supply and/or demand



Why Does DWL Occur?

When a **tax** is imposed:

- Price paid by **consumers increases**
 - Price received by **producers decreases**
 - **Fewer units are sold** compared to equilibrium
 - The trades that no longer happen cause a **loss of welfare** to society
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- DWL = **Loss to society** → Not gained by government or anyone
 - Larger when:
 - Tax is high
 - Demand or supply is elastic (more responsive to price changes)

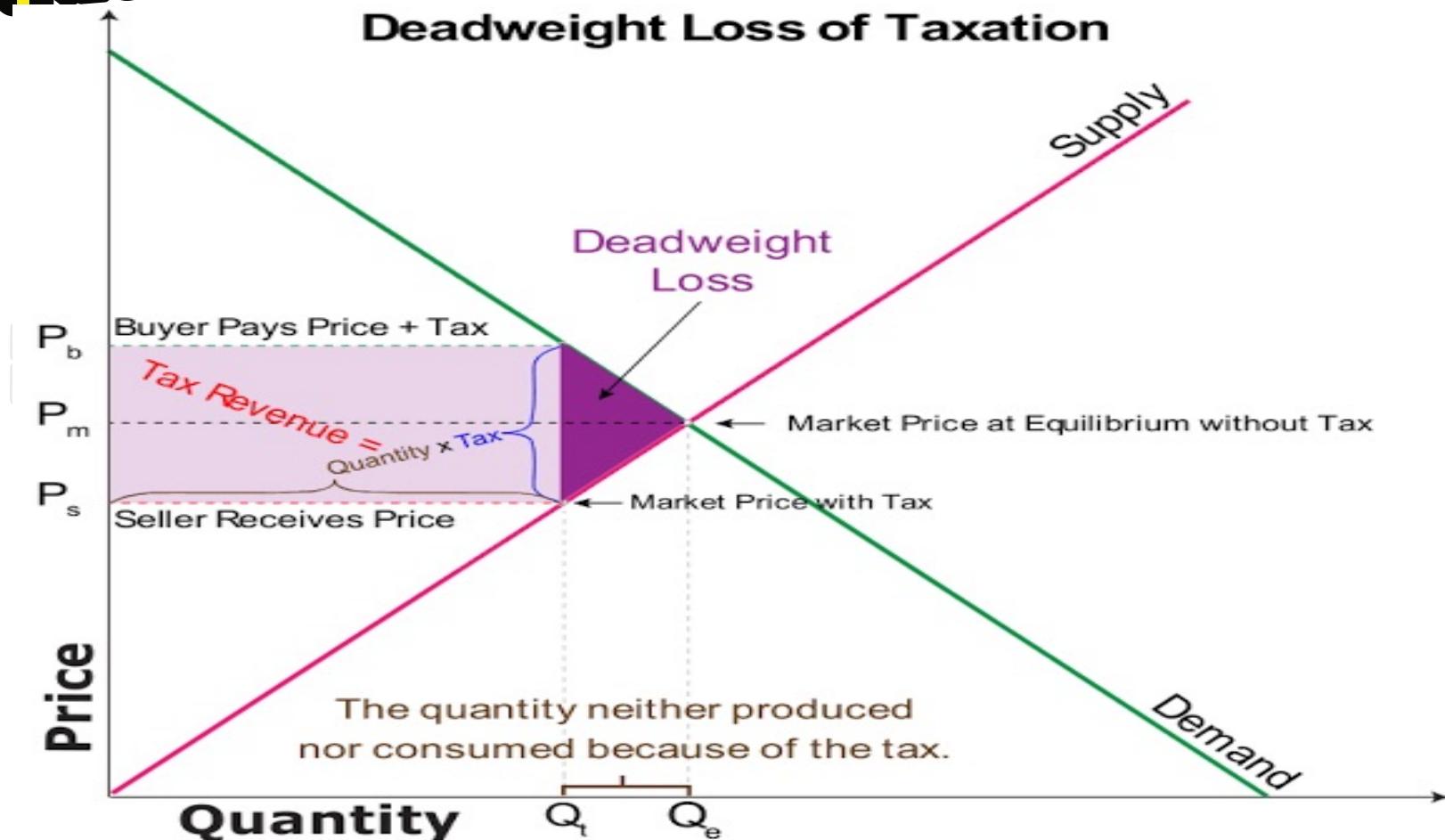




Q. Diagrammatically explain deadweight loss of taxation. Examine the consumer and producer surplus before and after a tax with the help of a diagram. (2024, 7 marks)



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