

Assignment-15

What is your expectations from a company's stock price when the company has consistently increased dividend in the past but has recently cut it down.

* When a company consistently increases its dividend payments over time, it sets a certain expectation among investors.

* A sudden cut in dividend payments can have significant implications.

* (i) Sign of Financial Distress or Reduced Profitability:-

Investors may interpret a dividend cut as a sign that the company is facing financial challenges or that its future earnings are expected to decline.

(ii) Loss of investor confidence:-

Many investors, especially income focused ones, rely on regular dividends for income.

(iii) Revised valuation and lowered expectations:-

Stocks of companies that pay dividends are often valued based on the expectation of consistent cash flows.

iv) possible Strategic Reinvestment or Restructuring.

A company might cut dividends to redirect funds into strategic investments debt reduction, or restructuring effort, which could potentially improve long-term value.

v) Market Reaction and Sentiment:

Dividend cuts can create uncertainty and speculation about debt, undisclosed issues within the company.

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