



Semester: VIII

Subject: Project Management

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### Module 3

#### Project Planning & Scheduling

#### \* Project cost estimation & budgeting:-

- It is the process of approximating the total expenditure of the project.
- Accuracy of cost estimation depends on the accuracy of project scope.
- Cost estimation & budgets are a work in progress, i.e. they will be changing.
- Cost estimation can be categorized into different categories:
  - Labor cost
  - Equipment cost
  - Cost of supplies
  - Travel cost
  - Training cost
  - Overhead cost etc.

#### \* Characteristics:-

##### ① Unbiased:-

- A good cost estimate is unbiased.
- It should clearly define the purpose of the project, what it will achieve, what assumptions are made, how long the estimate is valid & what is the project cost?



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② Accuracy:-

- Mgmt should assess the accuracy of cost estimates & budgets.
- Unexpected expenses may lead to stop the project.
- Overstated cost estimates may also have -ve consequences.

③ Consideration:-

- Every change in cost estimate should be documented thoroughly.
- Mgmt should also consider how changes affect the other phases of the project.

④ Project Management Software:-

- An effective & simple way to estimate costs & prepare a budget is to use Project Mgmt. Software.
- Most slw's has features to identify the types, quantities & phasing of different types of labor.