

## Section-4

Q1 What factors determine the size of the investment of a company in accounts receivable?

Ans. The size of investment in receivables is influenced by number of factors. Among them two factors, the volume of credit sales and the average length of time between sales and collection are important.

To illustrate, suppose National Enterprises a newly established firm makes a credit sales of \$ 5000 per day and its customers are allowed 15 days of credit. At the start of business i.e. in the first day it sold \$ 5000 on credit so that its end-of-day accounts receivable stand \$ 5000 in the firm's book. During the second day, it sold another \$ 5000 on credit increasing the book receivables to \$ 10,000. If it goes on granting a credit of \$ 5000 per day for 15 days, its account receivables will increase to \$ 75,000 at the end of 15th day. However in 16th day it will make

another \$ 5000 credit sales, but payments for sales made on first day will reduced receivables by \$ 5000 credit sales, but payments for sales made on first day will \$ 75000 in 16<sup>th</sup> day and the each day thereafter throughout the year. The average account receivable the firm must carry during the year is therefore \$ 75000.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Account Receivable} &= \text{Credit sales Per} \\ &\quad \text{day} \times \\ \text{Average length of collection Period} \\ &= \$ 5000 \times 15 \text{ days} = \$ 75000. \end{aligned}$$