

Glossary

- **Convertible Debentures:** A convertible debenture is a type of loan issued by a company that can be converted into stock.
- **Stocks:** a share which entitles the holder to a fixed dividend, whose payment takes priority over that of ordinary share dividends.
- **Balance of Payments(BoP):** it is the record of all economic transactions between the residents of the country and the rest of the world in a particular period (over a quarter of a year or more commonly over a year).
- **Capital scarcity:** it is used to describe the lack of various forms of capital.
- **Interest rates:** the proportion of a loan that is charged as interest to the borrower, typically expressed as an annual percentage of the loan outstanding.
- **Bonds:** it is a debt investment in which an investor loans money to an entity (typically corporate or governmental) which borrows the funds for a defined period of time at a variable or fixed interest rate.
- **Entrepreneur:** a person who sets up a business or businesses, taking on financial risks in the hope of profit.
- **Emerging economies:** An emerging market economy describes a nation's economy that is progressing toward becoming more advanced, usually by means of rapid growth and industrialization.
- **Inflation:** it is the rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is rising and, consequently, the purchasing power of currency is falling.
- **Depreciation:** it is the gradual decrease in the economic value of the capital stock of a firm, nation or other entity, either through physical depreciation, obsolescence or changes in the demand for the services of the capital in question.