Capital structure and EPS: a study on selected financial institutions listed on Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) in Sri Lanka.

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Abstract

The main objective of this study is to find out the impact of capital structure on earnings per share (EPS) inselected financial institutions listed on Colombo Stock Exchange in Sri Lanka during 2006 to 2010. To attainthis objective, distinctive methodologies consistent with the previous research studies have been used. The studyemploys correlation and regression model to test the operational hypotheses. The results revealed that Equity anddebt ratio have a negative association with EPS, whereas leverage ratio has a positive association according tocorrelation analysis (r = -.244, -.326 and .389 respectively).In addition, capital structure ratios have an impactwhich is approximately (R2) 22.6 % on EPS at 0.05 significant levels. This study would hopefully benefit to theacademicians, researchers, policy makers, and practitioners of Sri Lanka as well as other similar countries.

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