

ECONOMICS

UG Semester - 6 [MJC-10]

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Unit 4

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)

Origin :-

During the 1950's, it was strongly felt that there should be a bank for Asia like the World Bank to meet the development needs of this region. This was suggested for the first time at the Ministerial Conference on Asian Cooperation held at Manila in December 1963.

The conference constituted a working group of experts which submitted its report to the UN Economic Commission for Asia and Far East (ECAFE) at its session held at Wellington in March 1965. It was on the basis of this report that an

Agreement Establishing the Asian Development Bank was drafted and adopted at the Second Ministerial Conference on Asian Economic Cooperation at Manila in Nov. Dec 1965.

By January 1966, 33 countries had signed its Charter and the Asian Development Bank was set up on December 19, 1966 with its headquarters at Manila in the Philippines.

Its Objectives :-

The aim for the establishment of ADB was to supplement the work of the World Bank in Asia. Its objectives are:-

- ① To promote public and private investment for economic development in the ECAFE region.
- ② To utilise the available resources for financing of economic development. To achieve this, it gives priority to those regional and sub-regional and national projects and programmes which contribute more effectively to the harmonious growth of the entire region, especially of the lower and less developed members of the region.