

An Empirical Study on Analysing SEBI's Role in Enhancing Market Stability and Investor Confidence with Special Reference to India

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Abstract: *The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) plays a crucial role in **regulating** the Indian financial markets, ensuring market stability, and fostering investor confidence. This study empirically **examines** SEBI's impact by assessing its regulatory framework, enforcement mechanisms, and investor protection measures. The research employs an empirical **methodology**, collecting data from 203 respondents in public areas around Chennai using the convenient sampling method. Independent variables include age, gender, educational qualification, occupation, and marital status. The **findings** indicate that SEBI's regulatory framework significantly contributes to maintaining market stability by enforcing compliance and reducing fraudulent activities. Moreover, the study reveals a positive correlation between SEBI's investor protection measures and increased investor confidence. SEBI's enforcement mechanisms, including strict monitoring and penal actions against market violations, further enhance transparency and trust in the financial markets. The analysis also highlights that investor confidence varies across demographic factors, with education and occupation playing a crucial role in determining perceptions of SEBI's effectiveness. Overall, the study **concludes** that SEBI has been instrumental in promoting a stable and transparent market environment, though continuous improvements in regulatory policies and enforcement strategies are necessary to adapt to evolving market dynamics. Strengthening investor awareness initiatives and ensuring faster resolution of grievances could further bolster trust and market participation, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness of SEBI in India's financial ecosystem.*

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