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Introduction to the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

• Definition:

• An Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a yearly gathering of a company's shareholders.

• Purpose:

• To discuss the company's performance, financial health, and future goals.

• Importance:

• Provides transparency and accountability, allowing shareholders to make informed decisions.

Key Objectives of an AGM



1. Review Company Performance:

• Presentation of annual financial statements and the directors' report.

2. Shareholder Involvement:

• Allows shareholders to participate in discussions and vote on significant matters.

3. Compliance Requirement:

• A legal requirement for many types of companies to ensure transparency.

Agenda of an AGM

1. Approval of Financial Statements:

 Review and approval of annual accounts and reports.

2. Election of Directors:

• Appointment or re-election of board members.

3. Appointment of Auditors:

• Approval of external auditors for the next financial year.

4. Dividend Declaration:

• Discussion and approval of dividends to be paid to shareholders.



Legal Requirements for an AGM

• Frequency:

• Typically held once a year within a specified period after the financial year ends.

Notice to Shareholders:

• Proper notice (e.g., 21 days) must be given to shareholders before the meeting.

• Quorum:

• A minimum number of shareholders must be present to proceed with the meeting.

Roles and Responsibilities in an AGM



• Chairman:

• Leads the meeting, ensures the agenda is followed, and manages discussions.

• Company Secretary:

• Prepares minutes of the meeting, assists with legal compliance, and arranges the meeting.

• Shareholders:

• Participate by voting on key issues, expressing views, and asking questions.

Voting and Decision-Making in an AGM

• Types of Voting:

• Shareholders vote on resolutions through methods like show of hands or proxy voting.

• Resolutions:

- Ordinary Resolution: Requires a simple majority.
- **Special Resolution**: Requires a higher majority, typically 75%.

• Importance of Voting:

• Allows shareholders to influence company policy and leadership.



