Chapter - 11

Average

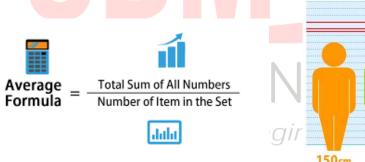
STUDY NOTES

This lesson will help you to:

- Know about the concept of average
- Meaning of average
- Need of finding average
- Finding average of given data

<u>Average</u>

An average is a number obtained by adding a group of numbers, then dividing the sum by the number of numbers there were.





(No. of person =5)

The average height of the given data = 150 + 160 + 170 + 180 + 180

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$$=\frac{840}{5}=168 \text{ cm}$$

From the above example it is clear that

- ♦ An average is a number which roughly between the smallest and the largest number / quantity.
- ♦ It gives an idea of the general value of a group.
- ♦ The average is the arithmetical mean value of the number of given values/ quantities.

FINDING THE SUM OF THE QUANTITIES IF AVERAGE IS GIVEN:

As we already know











- > Sum of the given quantities = Average x No. of items/ quantities
 - ❖ Example: The average weight of 12 rice bags is 98 kg. What is the total weight of the rice bags?
 - SOLUTION: Average weight= 98 kg

No. of bags = 12

The total weight of the rice bags = $98 \times 12 = 1176 \text{ kg}$.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- ♦ We use the word 'Average' almost every day.
- ♦ Average is used to represent a large set of numbers with a single number.
- ♦ It is the number falls between the smallest and the greatest value of the given numbers.
- ♦ It gives idea about the general value of a group.
- ♦ It is the arithmetical mean value of given numbers.
- ♦ Average = Sum of the numbers

Number of items/ quantities

♦ Sum of the numbers = Average x Number of items/ quantities

