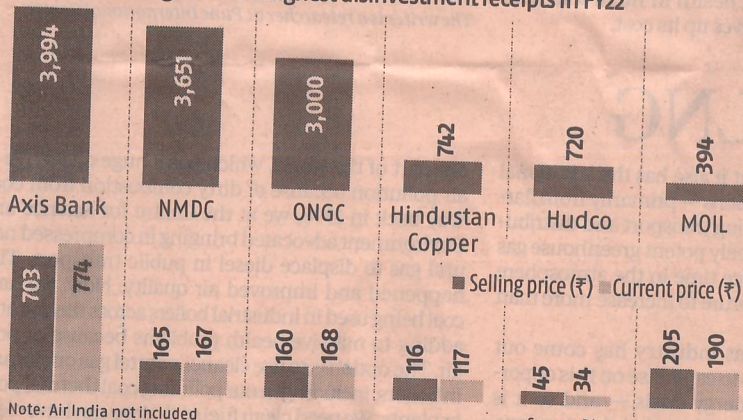


IPOs, buybacks go missing from 2021-22 disinvestment drive

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Companies that generated highest disinvestment receipts in FY22

Proceeds (₹ cr)



Axis Bank, NMDC, and ONGC helped generate the maximum disinvestment proceeds for the year 2021-22. Meanwhile, offer for sale (OFS) remained the most preferred mode for disinvestment. OFS is a mode to divest stake in a listed company using the stock exchange platform. Including the recently-concluded ONGC OFS, the total mop-up by way of disinvestment in the financial year 2021-22 (FY22) was ₹16,500 crore – less than a fifth of the ₹78,000 crore the government was eyeing. The ₹64,500-crore shortfall was on account of delay in the initial public offering (IPO) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). The government didn't do a single IPO during the year. In FY21, the government had launched three IPOs: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, IRFC, and RailTel Corp. Also, the number of buybacks dropped from seven in FY21 to just one in FY22. The total government had mopped up was ₹32,845 crore in FY21, double that of FY22.

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