Share of govt holding in listed firms rises 4% in March qtr

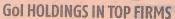
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The share of the Government of India (GoI) as a promoter in companies listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) increased to 5.48 per cent as on January-March of 2021-22, from 5.25 per cent in the previous quarter (October-December) — a rise of 4.38 per cent.

The share has been on a steady downswing since June 2009, when it was 22.48 per cent as a consequence of the government's divestment programme and insufficient new listings, taking into consideration the lacklustre performance by many central public sector enterprises, relative to their private peers.

In value terms, government holding in companies listed on the NSE increased 3.69 per cent to ₹14.13 trillion, from ₹13.63 trillion on December 31, 2021.

In terms of ownership by number of shares or share by volume (average of GoI holding as percentage of total share capital across all NSE-listed companies), GoI share





went down to 2.69 per cent as on March 31, from 2.71 per cent in the previous quarter.

The share of private promoters in companies listed on the NSE declined marginally to 45.13 per cent as on March 31, from 45.15 per cent on December 31, 2021. In value terms, private promoter holding was at ₹116.44 trillion as on March 31. This was a decrease of 0.72 per cent over the previous quarter.