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AN ANALYSIS OF pledged holdings of BSE-500 stocks shows that the value of the promoter (majority shareholder) pledged holding as a percentage of pro-

moter holding declined to 1.5% in the June 2022 quarter from 1.7% in the previous quarter.

Promoters of 81 companies in the BSE-500 index have pledged part of their holdings in the quarter under review. Only three companies - Thyrocare Technologies, Max Financial Services and Suzlon Energy - had more than 80% of their promoter

holdings pledged, data from Kotak Institutional Equities show.

The value of pledged promoter holdings stood at ₹1.7 trillion, which is about 0.77% of the market capitalisation of the BSE-500

Apollo Hospitals (16.4%), Asian Paints (11%), IndusInd Bank (45.5%) and JSW Steel (16.8%). Firms that saw substantial increase in Pledging of shares

Companies in the Nifty-50 with more

than 5% of pledged promoter holdings include Adani Ports & SEZ (13.1%),

> pledged promoter holdings include Medplus Health Services, Sterling & Wilson, Iindal Steel & Power, Sobha and Strides Pharma Science.

Companies in which pledged promoter holdings declined include Lemon Tree Hotels, Adani Power and Sun Pharmaceuticals.

Fresh promoter pledges were seen in Cyient and Elgi

Equipments.

Pledging of shares does not necessarily imply that a company or a promoter is under financial stress, as lenders could have sought additional security in the form of promoter shares.