

# Firms mop up ₹2L cr via debt placement in H1

New Delhi, Nov 23: Indian companies raised a staggering ₹2.04 lakh crore through private placement of corporate bonds in the first six-month of the ongoing fiscal, to meet business needs, a surge of 21% from the year-ago period.

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In debt private placements, firms issue securities or bonds to institutional investors to raise capital.

According to Prime Database, firms garnered a total of ₹2.04 lakh crore during April-September period of the current fiscal, higher than ₹1.69 lakh crore mobilised in the first half of 2014-15.

Financial institutions/banks contributed to most of the fund raising, Prime Database

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managing director Pranav Haldan said.

Financial Services sector continued to dominate the market, collectively raising ₹1.4 lakh crore or 68% of the total amount. This was followed by power sector with a fund mop-up of ₹17,962 crore.

The highest fund mobilisation through private placement of debt during the period was by Power Finance Corp (₹19,312 crore), LIC Housing (₹10,768 crore), HDFC (₹9,701 crore), Rural Electrification Corp (₹8,121 crore) and IDFC (₹7,042 crore).

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