

# Govt to sell SUUTI stake in Axis Bank for ₹4,000 crore

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**THE GOVERNMENT IS** all set to sell the residual 1.55% stake held by the Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI) in private sector lender Axis Bank through an offer for sale (OFS) on November 10 and 11, according to a notice to the stock exchanges.

While the government will no longer hold any stake in the lender after the sale, LIC still has an 8.14% in Axis Bank.

The shares will be priced at ₹830.63/share, which brings the total value of the sale to

nearly ₹4,000 crore.

The offer will be open to non-retail investors on Novem-

ber 10. On November 11, it will be open to retail investors, and for non-retail investors who opt

to carry forward their bid. Ten per cent (10%) of the issue will be reserved for retail investors. They will have the option to bid at a price above the floor price or the cut-off price, where the latter is the lowest price at which the OFS were sold in the non-retail category, based on all bids on T-day. The latest development is unlikely to have any sharp impact on the private bank's share price, as SUUTI has been shedding its stake in the bank at regular intervals, say analysts.

In May 2021, the government sold around 1.95% stake in the bank through an OFS.