

# Promoters' holding in private firms plunges to 8-year low

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The promoters' holding in private sector companies has plunged to eight-year low as of June quarter to 40.58 per cent against 40.81 per cent logged in the March quarter as they were net seller of stakes worth ₹54,732 crore.

The previous low was in September quarter of 2017 when the share of promoters holding of private companies touched 40.19 per cent, as per primeinfobase.com, an initiative of PRIME Database Group.

In the last three years, their share has fallen by a staggering 4.55 per cent from 45.13 per cent on March, 2022.

While 'Indian' private company promoters holding were down to 32.56 per cent from 36.86 per cent, 'foreign promoters' share was down to 8.02 per cent against 8.28

## Behind the market

	(No of cos)	
	Change in holding	
	Increase	Decrease
Government	1	3
FII's	773	902
Private promoters	161	381
HNI	859	951
DII's	728	583
MFs	564	426
Retail	1066	967
LIC	83	88

Source: primeinfobase.com  
Period: March to June quarter

per cent in the same period.

Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, PRIME Database Group, said while promoter buying is always a positive sign, promoter selling (No of cos) can be due to a wide variety of reasons such as promoters taking advantage of bullish markets to take money off the table and debt reduction, besides other strategic reasons. Relatively lower promoter holding in some of the recent IPO companies and overall institutionalisation of market are some of the other reasons behind this fall, he said.

## DII's RULING ROOST

After having overtaken foreign institutional investors (FIIs) in the March quarter, the share of domestic institutional investors (DII's) reached yet another all-time high of 17.82 per cent (17.62 per cent) following a net investment of ₹1.68 lakh crore in the June quarter.

Flush with retail money coming through SIPs, the domestic MFs, holding in listed companies listed on NSE also to yet another all-time high of 10.56 per cent (10.35 per cent).

On the other hand, the share of FIIs declined further to a 13-year low of 17.04 per cent from 17.22 per cent during the quarter, despite a net inflow of ₹38,674 crore.

DII holding of ₹81.06 lakh crore is now 4.57 per cent higher than FII holding of ₹77.51 lakh crore, it said.

LIC saw its holdings fall to 3.68 per cent from 3.72 per cent, despite being a net buyer of ₹9,914 crore.