

Divestment: Govt way behind target

Even as 2020 was the best year for fundraising through the equity markets, it was a dismal one for the government's disinvestment plans. According to the data from the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, only ₹13,844 crore has been raised so far, against the target of ₹2.10 trillion for FY21.

Reduction in the government's holding in 23 listed central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) to 75 per cent according to the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (Sebi's) norms can contribute over ₹18,000 crore

towards the target, according to PRIME Database. Further, the government has also placed a roadmap for several unlisted profit-making CPSEs to get listed and identified 45 CPSEs for strategic sale. Among strategic sales, the government is already working on

plans to divest Bharat Petroleum, Container Corporation, BEML, and Shipping Corporation. Inability to meet the disinvestment target had forced it to revise the target in previous years, as well. The government cut its divestment target from ₹1.05 trillion to ₹65,000 crore in FY20. It also lowered the target in FY16 and FY17. With three months in this financial year, it needs to be seen whether the government will achieve the steep target for FY21.



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Figures in ₹ crore

	Target	Achieved	Achievement (%)
2015-16	25,312	23,997	95
2016-17	45,500	46,246	101
2017-18	1,00,000	1,00,056	100
2018-19	80,000	84,972	106
2019-20	65,000	50,298	77
2020-21	2,10,000	13,844	6

All target figures are revised ones

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