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The government is considering the sale to meet its asset sales target, Bloomberg TV India tweeted its newswire report which cited unnamed sources.

At the current **market** price, the government's about 11.6 percent stake is worth around \$1.8 billion.

A spokesman for the finance ministry and the **Economic Affairs Secretary** were not immediately available for comments.



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