

## **Janalakshmi Financial Services gets Rs. 330 cr from UK's CDC Group**

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*The MFI is among 10 entities that has got RBI nod to start a small finance bank*

Mumbai, January 11:

CDC Group plc, UK's development finance institution, has invested \$50 million (about Rs. 330 crore) as Tier-II capital in Bengaluru-based microfinance institution Janalakshmi Financial Services.

Janalakshmi Financial is one of the 10 entities given in-principle approval by the Reserve Bank of India in September 2015 to start a small finance bank.

### **Will 'deepen reach'**

In a statement, Srini Nagarajan, CDC Regional Director for South Asia, said this transaction will enable Janalakshmi Financial to deepen its reach as well as to provide a broader range of products and services to its customers.

CDC, however, did not disclose details of the tenure and coupon rate of the Tier-II capital.

Janalakshmi Financial has presence in over 170 cities across 19 states with outstanding loans and advances of \$900 million ( Rs. 6,000 crore) as of September 2015.

Ramesh Ramanathan, Chairman of Janalakshmi Financials, said: "...the urban financial inclusion space is large and this large investment will facilitate our progress, especially as we transition into a small finance bank."

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