

## Loan provisioning weighs down ICICI Bank

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Huge provisioning towards bad loans proved to be a drag on ICICI Bank's standalone profit in the third quarter ended December 31, 2015.

Net profit of India's largest private sector bank edged up a marginal 4 per cent to Rs. 3,018 crore in the quarter, against Rs. 2,889 crore in the year-ago period.

Profitability in the quarter was helped by write-back of Rs. 733 crore in the form of 'deferred tax adjustment'.

With non-performing assets (NPAs) in the reporting quarter jumping to Rs. 6,544 crore against Rs. 2,279 crore in the year-ago period, the bank had to raise the provisioning to Rs. 2,844 crore ( Rs. 980 crore).

Chanda Kochhar, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, explained that almost 60 per cent of the addition to the gross NPAs was due to the RBI's directive to banks to review certain loan accounts and their classification over the third and fourth quarters of FY16.

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