

Suprajit Engineering: Margin Pressure Amid Integration Costs

August 13, 2025 | CMP: INR 444 | Target Price: INR 420

Expected Share Price Return: (5.3)% | Dividend Yield: 0.3% | Potential Upside: (5.0)%

REDUCE  
Sector View: Neutral

Change in Estimates	✓
Change in Target Price	✓
Change in Recommendation	✗

Company Info	
BB Code	SEL IN EQUITY
Face Value (INR)	1.0
52 W High/Low (INR)	640/352
Mkt Cap (Bn)	INR 60.8/ \$ 0.7
Shares o/s (Mn)	137.2
3M Avg. Daily Volume	1,80,599

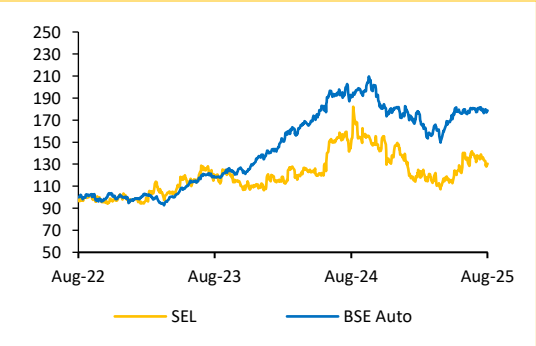
Change in CIE Estimates						
	FY26E			FY27E		
INR Bn	New	Old	Dev. (%)	New	Old	Dev. (%)
Revenue	36.8	36.2	1.9	40.3	39.4	2.5
EBITDA	3.9	4.4	(10.7)	4.7	5.0	(7.1)
EBITDAM%	10.7	12.2	(151)bps	11.6	12.8	(120)bps
PAT	2.0	2.2	(8.5)	2.6	2.7	(2.9)
EPS	14.8	16.2	(8.5)	18.9	19.4	(2.9)

Actual vs Consensus			
INR Mn	Q1FY26A	Consensus	Dev. %
Revenue	8,629.2	8,622.0	0.1
EBITDA	817.4	892.8	(8.4)
EBITDAM %	9.5	10.4	(88)bps
PAT	480.9	367.7	30.8

Key Financials					
INR Bn	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	29.0	32.8	36.8	40.3	43.9
YoY (%)	5.2	13.2	12.4	9.5	8.8
EBITDA	3.2	3.3	3.9	4.7	5.4
EBITDAM %	11.2	10.2	10.7	11.6	12.4
Adj PAT	1.7	1.0	2.0	2.6	3.1
EPS (INR)	12.1	7.2	14.8	18.9	22.8
ROE %	12.3	7.8	14.4	16.4	17.6
ROCE %	11.0	10.9	12.3	14.1	15.5
PE(x)	36.7	61.3	30.0	23.5	19.4
EV/EBITDA	20.6	19.8	16.5	13.7	11.5

Shareholding Pattern (%)			
	Jun-25	Mar-25	Dec-24
Promoters	45.09	44.60	44.64
FIIIs	7.11	7.05	6.83
DIIIs	16.73	17.20	17.24
Public	31.07	31.15	31.29

Relative Performance (%)			
YTD	3Y	2Y	1Y
BSE Auto	78.6	51.2	(7.4)
SEL	30.4	9.4	(10.3)



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**High Overhead and Ongoing Acquisition Integration Costs:** While the Global Controls Division has started to see better operational efficiency, SEL's standalone EBITDA was down, mainly due to higher IT, R&D, and corporate costs.. Furthermore, while the Stahlschmidt Cables (SCS) acquisition saw reduced losses in Q1 due to restructuring, the company still expects SCS to be EBITDA positive only by Q4FY26. Also, the Phoenix Lamps Division and Suprajit Electronics Division (SED) experienced a soft Q1 in terms of revenue and EBITDA and softness is expected to continue in the next few quarters due to uncertain global markets. **We believe these substantial ongoing costs for strategic initiatives and acquisition integration could continue to exert pressure on short-term profitability and will remain a key focus point going forward with near-term execution being an important factor amid weak global demand and cost pressures.**

**View and Valuation:** We revise our FY26/27 EPS estimates down by 8.5%/2.8%, and arrive at a target price of **INR 420**; valuing the company at 20x (maintained) on the average FY27/28E EPS, while we introduce FY28 estimates. We maintain our **'REDUCE'** rating on the stock.

Q1FY26: Revenue in line, EBITDA margin disappoints

- Revenue was up 17.4% YoY and down 1.6% QoQ to INR 8,629Mn (vs consensus est. at INR 8,622Mn).
- EBITDA was down 5.3% YoY and down 6.1% QoQ to INR 817Mn (vs consensus est. at INR 893Mn). EBITDA margin was down 228bps YoY and down 45bps QoQ to 9.5% (vs consensus est. at 10.4%).
- PAT was up 26.1% YoY and up 76.5% QoQ to INR 481Mn (vs consensus est. at INR 368Mn)

**Turnaround and Operational Efficiency in the Global Controls Division:** The Suprajit Controls Division (SCD), excluding the recent SCS acquisition, delivered a strong quarter with EBITDA margins improving from 8% to 12%. This turnaround is attributed to successful restructuring projects, including rightsizing in Germany, establishing a warehouse in Hungary, and consolidating operations in Mexico. Despite a generally muted automotive industry, the controls division grew 6% YoY.

SEL (INR Mn)	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	YoY (%)	Q4FY25	QoQ (%)
Net Sales	8,629.2	7,348.6	17.4	8,769.2	(1.6)
Material Expenses	4,760.0	4,116.5	15.6	5,012.4	(5.0)
Employee Expenses	2,160.7	1,641.5	31.6	1,914.0	12.9
Other Opex Expenses	891.0	727.0	22.6	972.6	(8.4)
EBITDA	817.4	863.6	(5.3)	870.2	(6.1)
Depreciation	343.8	261.7	31.4	324.0	6.1
EBIT	473.6	601.9	(21.3)	546.2	(13.3)
Other Income	389.7	104.9	271.4	98.9	294.2
Interest Cost	153.6	122.6	25.3	143.0	7.4
PBT	709.8	584.2	21.5	502.1	41.4
Tax	228.9	202.8	12.9	229.7	(0.3)
RPAT	480.9	381.4	26.1	272.4	76.5
APAT	480.9	381.4	26.1	272.4	76.5
Adj EPS (INR)	3.5	2.8	27.4	2.0	76.5

SEL	Q1FY26	Q1FY25	YoY (bps)	Q4FY25	QoQ (bps)
Employee Exp. % of Sales	25.0	22.3	270.2	21.8	321.3
Other Op. Exp. % of Sales	10.3	9.9	43.2	11.1	(76.6)
EBITDA Margin (%)	9.5	11.8	(227.9)	9.9	(45.1)
Tax Rate (%)	32.3	34.7	(246.3)	45.7	(1,349.0)
APAT Margin (%)	5.6	5.2	38.3	3.1	246.6

Source: SEL, Choice Institutional Equities

**Management Call - Highlights**

- Global conditions remain challenging due to geopolitical risks, Chinese rare earth issues and tariffs.

**Suprajit Controls Division (SCD):**

- Delivered a strong quarter in both revenue and EBITDA (excluding the recent SCS acquisition).
- EBITDA margin for the controls division grew from 8% to 12%, reaching "internationally acceptable levels".
- Restructuring projects (Germany rightsizing, Hungary warehouse setup, Mexico operation consolidation, new organization structure with regional emphasis) are progressing well as planned.

**Domestic Cable Division (DCD):**

- Reported a strong revenue growth, outpacing the industry.
- Business continues strongly in terms of EBITDA, particularly good aftermarket growth.

**Phoenix Lamps Division:**

- Had a soft quarter in both revenue and EBITDA terms.
- The Middle East conflict impacted brand exports, though India business remains steady.
- Expect softness to continue in the next few quarters due to uncertain global markets.

**Suprajit Electronics Division (SED):**

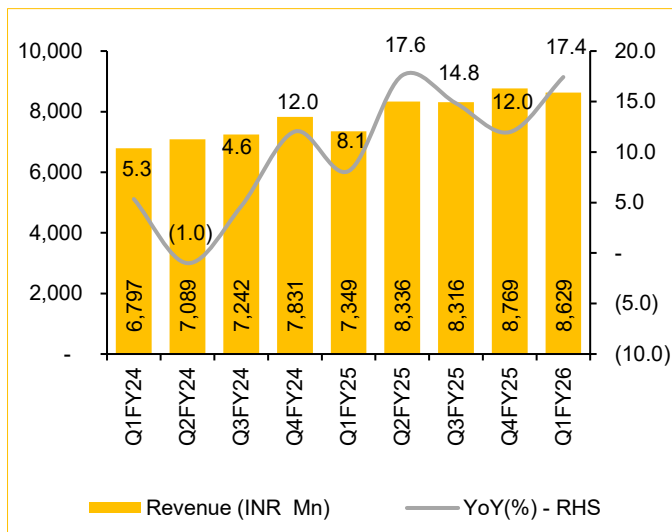
- Revenue and EBITDA were down mainly due to a struggling major EV customer.
- This drop was partly offset by a ramp-up from the global controls division and the launch of a throttle sensor project with a top three-wheeler OEM.

**Stahlschmidt Cables (SCS) Acquisition:**

- Completed the second branch of acquisition (China and Canada side) in Q1, contributing one month of revenue.
- Overall SCS losses were reduced due to restructuring projects.
- Major projects completed include moving a German warehouse to Hungary and completely closing the entity in Poland.

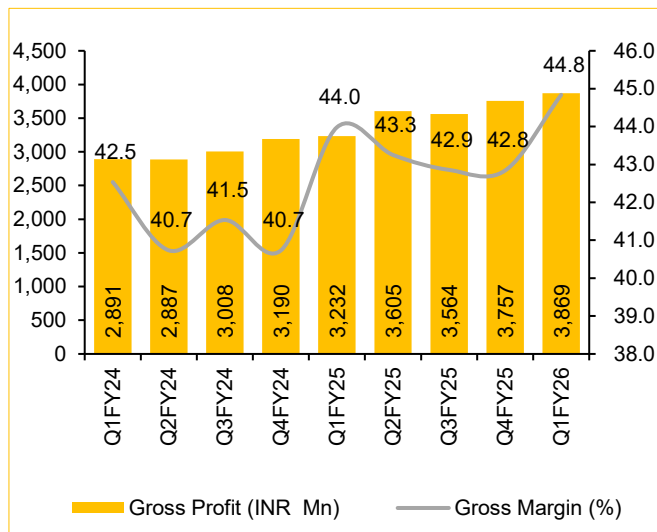
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### Revenue was up 17.4% on a YoY basis



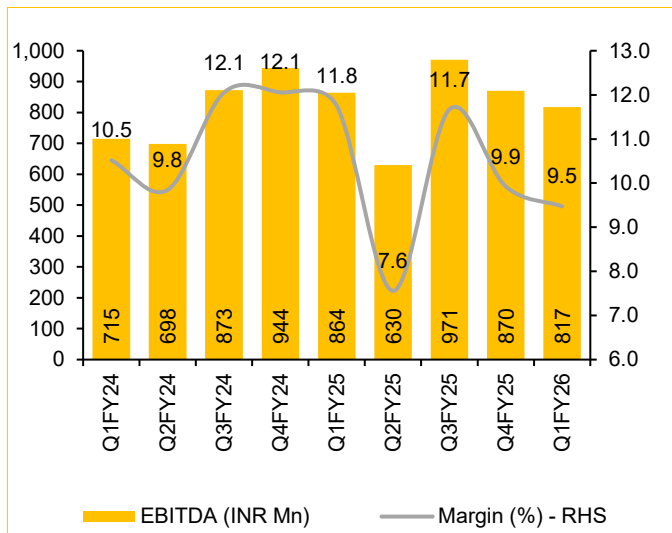
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### Gross Margin improved by 86bps on a YoY basis



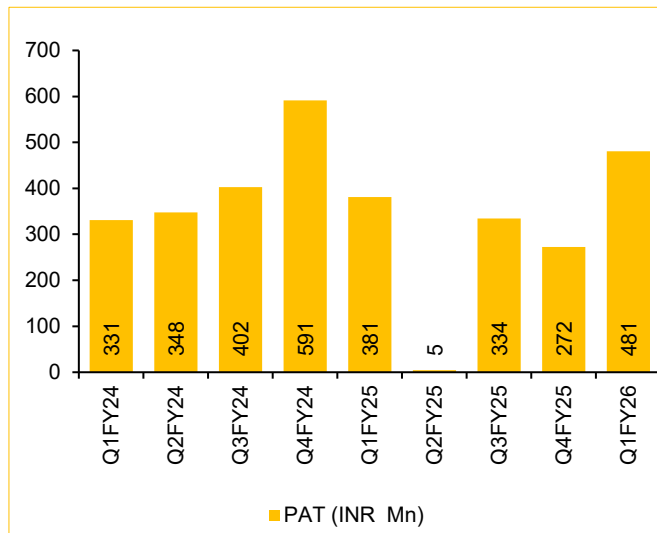
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### EBITDA margin contracted by 228bps on a YoY basis



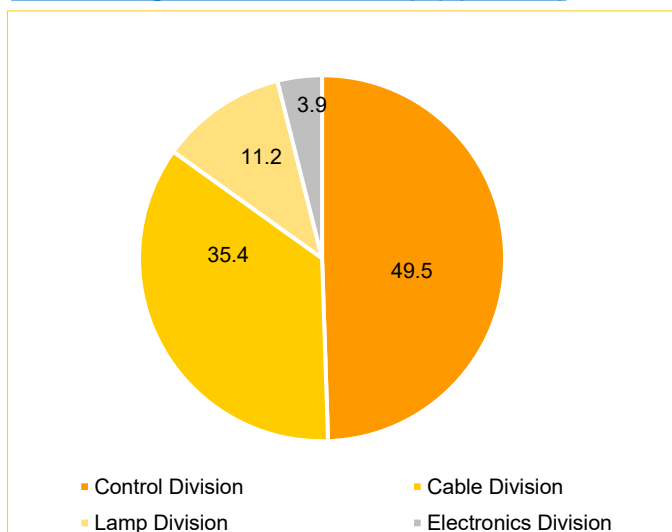
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### PAT was up 26.1% on a YoY basis



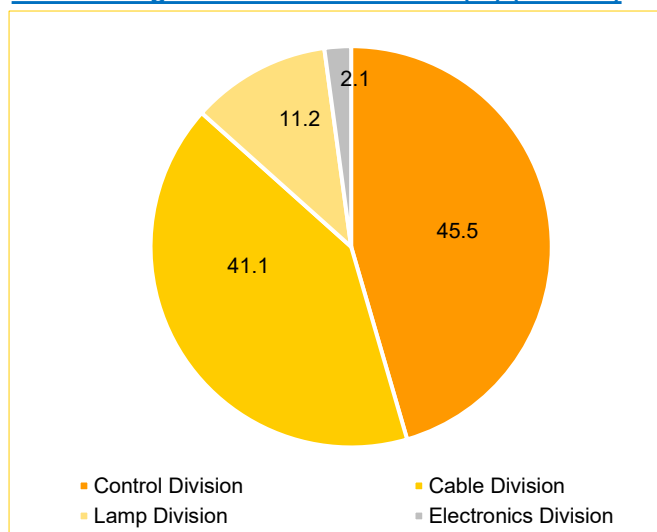
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### Q1FY26 Segment Revenue Mix (%) (ex-SCS)

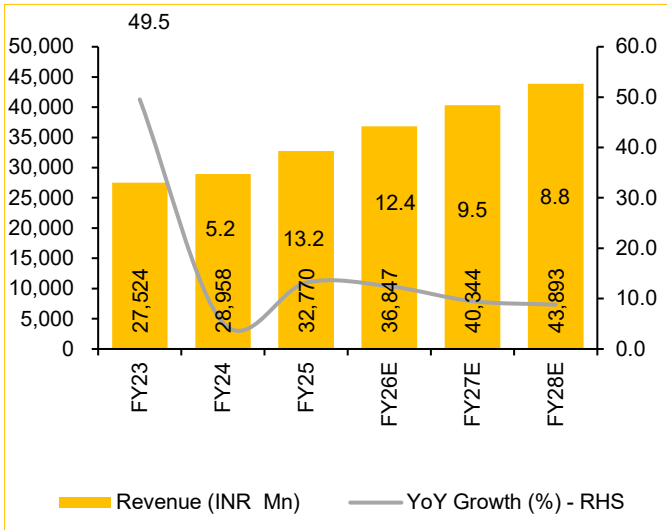


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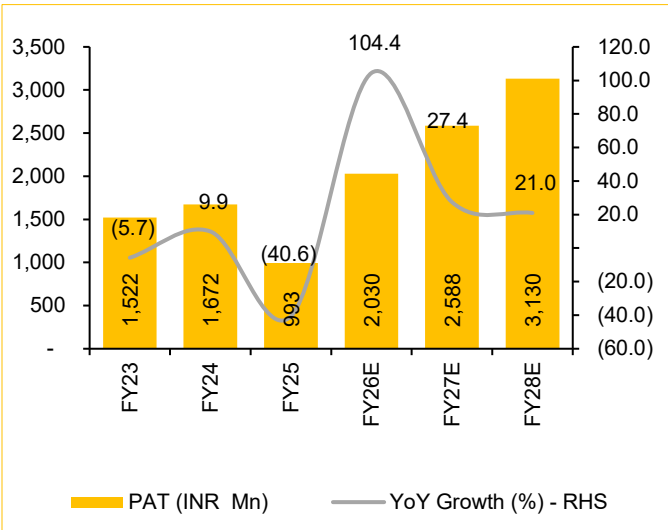
### Q1FY26 Segment-wise EBITDA Mix (%) (ex-SCS)



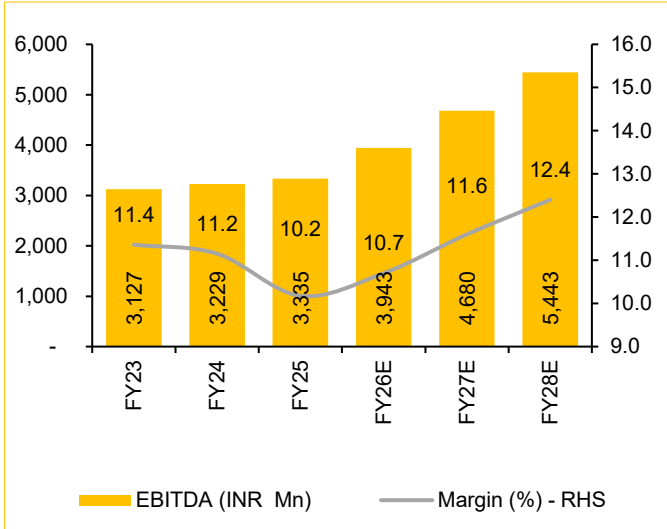
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**Revenue expected to grow at 10.2% CAGR over FY25–28E**

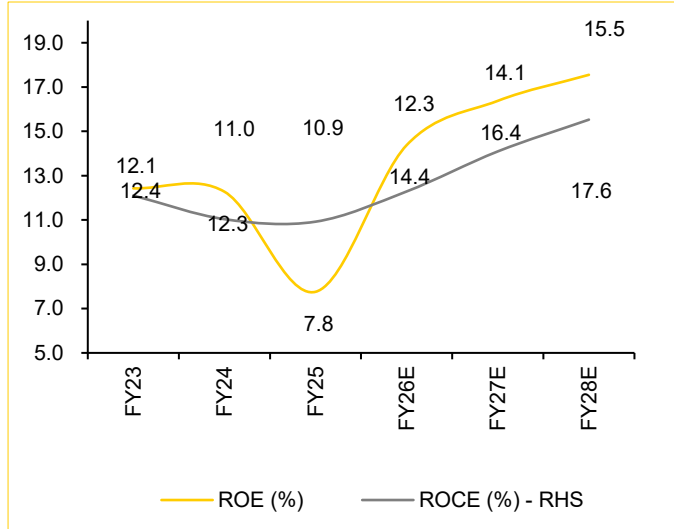
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**PAT anticipated to grow at 46.6% CAGR over FY25–28E**

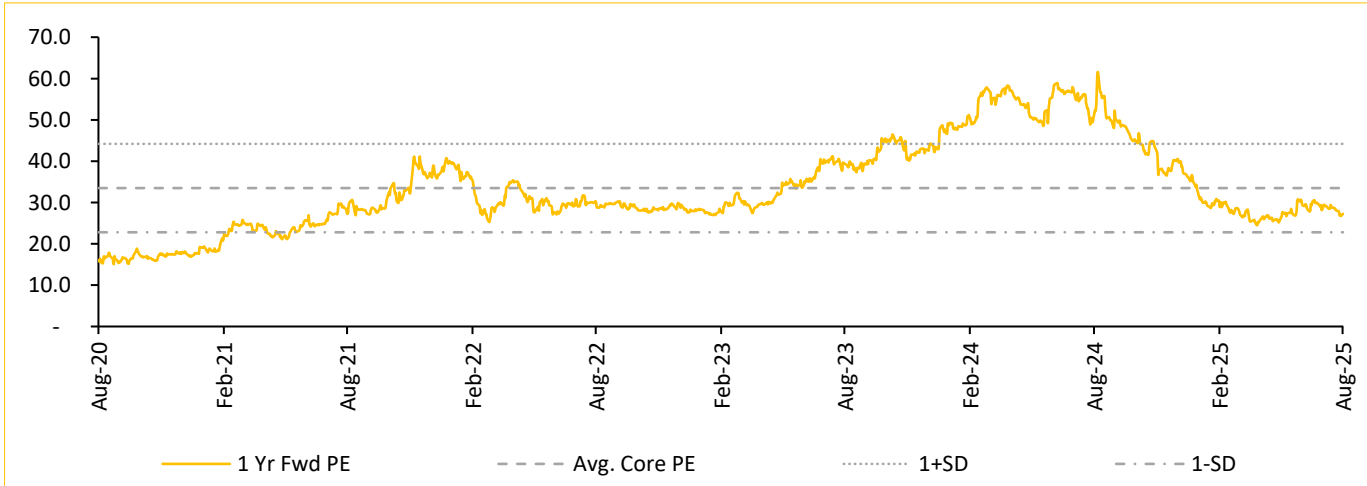
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**EBITDA projected to grow at 17.7% CAGR over FY25–28E**

Source: SEL, Choice Institutional Equities

**ROE(%) and ROCE (%)**

Source: SEL, Choice Institutional Equities

**1 Year Forward PE Band**

Source: SEL, Choice Institutional Equities

Income Statement (INR Mn)

Particular	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	28,958	32,770	36,847	40,344	43,893
Gross profit	11,976	14,159	16,581	18,235	19,928
EBITDA	3,229	3,335	3,943	4,680	5,443
Depreciation	1,037	1,218	1,400	1,527	1,653
EBIT	2,192	2,116	2,543	3,153	3,789
Interest Expenses	514	604	593	606	599
Other Income	599	462	831	998	1,097
Reported PAT	1,672	993	2,030	2,588	3,130
Adjusted PAT	1,672	993	2,030	2,588	3,130
EPS (INR)	12.1	7.2	14.8	18.9	22.8
Ratio Analysis	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Growth Ratios (%)					
Revenue	5.2	13.2	12.4	9.5	8.8
EBITDA	3.3	3.3	18.2	18.7	16.3
PAT	9.9	(40.6)	104.4	27.4	21.0
Margins (%)					
EBITDA	11.2	10.2	10.7	11.6	12.4
PAT	5.8	3.0	5.5	6.4	7.1
Profitability (%)					
ROE	12.3	7.8	14.4	16.4	17.6
ROCE	11.0	10.9	12.3	14.1	15.5
ROIC	9.1	5.8	10.2	12.2	14.2
Working Capital					
Inventory Days	56	61	61	61	61
Debtor Days	65	65	65	65	65
Payable Days	41	42	42	42	42
Cash Conversion Cycle	80	84	84	84	84
Valuation metrics					
PE(x)	36.7	61.3	30.0	23.5	19.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.6	19.8	16.5	13.7	11.5
Price to BV (x)	4.5	4.8	4.3	3.9	3.4
EV/OCF (x)	25.3	35.7	20.8	16.3	13.7

Source: SEL, Choice Institutional Equities

Balance Sheet (INR Mn)

Particular	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net worth	13,622	12,802	14,120	15,799	17,830
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Tax	468	476	475	473	475
Total Debt	6,239	6,571	6,571	6,571	6,571
Other Liabilities & Provisions	754	1,469	1,745	2,077	2,482
Total Net Worth & Liabilities	21,082	21,318	22,911	24,920	27,358
Net Fixed Assets	8,515	10,109	10,204	10,177	10,025
Capital Work in Progress	72	255	200	176	211
Investments	5,127	2,514	2,765	3,042	3,346
Cash & Bank Balance	1,186	1,503	2,213	3,161	4,625
Loans & Advances & Other Assets	509	787	505	600	631
Net Current Assets	6,859	7,653	9,236	10,925	13,146
Total Assets	21,082	21,318	22,911	24,920	27,358
Cash Flows (INR Mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Cash Flows From Operations	2,631	1,848	3,129	3,952	4,592
Cash Flows From Investing	(1,120)	770	(1,410)	(1,847)	(1,871)
Cash Flows From Financing	(1,217)	(2,507)	(1,030)	(1,184)	(1,291)
DuPont Analysis (INR Mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
ROE	12.3%	7.8%	14.4%	16.4%	17.6%
Net Profit Margin	5.8%	3.0%	5.5%	6.4%	7.1%
Asset Turnover	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
Financial Leverage	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5

Source: SEL, Choice Institutional Equities

Historical Price Chart: SEL



Date	Rating	Target Price
February 15, 2024	ADD	426
May 31, 2024	BUY	507
August 17, 2024	SELL	576
November 13, 2024	SELL	435
February 17, 2025	SELL	364
May 30, 2025	REDUCE	390
August 13, 2025	REDUCE	420

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