

## **Adani Ports & SEZ**

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Bloomberg	ADSEZ IN
Equity Shares (m)	2160
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	2326.6 / 26.9
52-Week Range (INR)	1621 / 994
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-10/-24/-17
12M Avg Val (INR M)	5875

### Financial Snapshot (INR b)

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Y/E MARCH	2025E	<b>2026E</b>	<b>2027E</b>
Sales	298.2	341.9	396.2
EBITDA	181.0	209.7	242.0
Adj. PAT	102.9	126.3	151.3
EBITDA Margin (%)	60.7	61.3	61.1
Adj. EPS (INR)	47.7	58.5	70.0
EPS Gr. (%)	15.5	22.7	19.8
BV/Sh. (INR)	286.8	336.5	396.0
Ratios			
Net D:E	0.6	0.5	0.4
RoE (%)	17.9	18.8	19.1
RoCE (%)	11.8	12.8	13.6
Payout (%)	15.4	12.6	10.5
Valuations			
P/E (x)	22.1	18.0	15.0
P/BV (x)	3.7	3.1	2.7
EV/EBITDA(x)	14.6	12.5	10.7
Div. Yield (%)	0.7	0.7	0.7
FCF Yield (%)	2.8	3.6	4.7

### Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Dec-24	Sep-24	Dec-23
Promoter	65.9	65.9	65.9
DII	14.2	13.3	12.0
FII	13.9	15.2	14.7
Others	6.0	5.6	7.4

FII Includes depository receipts

# Performance broadly in line; FY25 EBITDA guidance

TP: INR1,400 (+30%)

CMP: INR1,077

- Adani Ports & SEZ (APSEZ) reported a revenue growth of 15% YoY to INR79.6b in 3QFY25 (our estimate was INR75b). Cargo volumes grew 4% YoY to 113mmt. The growth was primarily led by containers. In 9MFY25, APSEZ managed ~27.2% of the country's total cargo and ~45% of container cargo.
- EBITDA margin came in at 60.3% in 3QFY25 vs. our estimate of 58.6% (-20bp YoY, -150bp QoQ). EBITDA grew 15% YoY to INR48b (9% above our estimate), while APAT increased 14% YoY to INR26.7b (in line).
- During 3Q FY25, Port revenues grew 8% YoY to INR59.9b. Port EBITDA margins stood at 73% in 3Q FY25 (+200bp YoY). Logistics revenues grew 31% YoY to INR6.9b. EBITDA margins in the Logistics business stood at 23% in 3Q FY25 (28% in 3QFY24).
- During 9MFY25, Revenue was INR 220b (+11% YoY), EBITDA was INR 134b (+13% YoY), EBITDA margin came in at 61%, and APAT was INR 78b (+17% YoY).
- Management has raised its FY25 EBITDA guidance to INR188-189b (vs. previous guidance of INR170-180b). It has reiterated its FY25 cargo volume guidance of 460-480 MMT.
- APSEZ's 3QFY25 performance was in line and the company is projected to grow at 1.5-2.0x India's cargo volume, driven by market share gains and capacity expansion. Additionally, its logistics business will enhance last-mile connectivity, adding value to domestic port operations. We largely retain our estimates for FY26/FY27. We expect APSEZ to report 10% growth in cargo volumes over FY24-27. This would drive a CAGR of 14%/15%/19% in revenue/EBITDA/PAT over FY24-27. We reiterate our BUY rating with a revised TP of INR1,400 (premised on 15x on Sep-26 EV/EBITDA).

## In-line performance led by strong growth in container cargo; new ports to add to volume growth in 4Q

- During the quarter, APSEZ clocked a cargo volume of 113mmt (up 4% YoY) and 332mmt in 9MFY25 (+7% YoY), driven by growth in containers (+19% YoY), liquids and gas (+8% YoY), and dry bulk cargo, partially offset by a decline in imported non-coking coal.
- APSEZ strengthened its presence along the Eastern coast with a 95% stake acquisition in Gopalpur Port and expanded into the global marine services market with an 80% stake in Astro Offshore.
- APSEZ remains on track to commission the Colombo Port by 2026, with trial volumes expected in 4QFY25. Growth will be further driven by new volumes from Vizhinjam, Gopalpur, and Tanzania ports, with Vizhinjam now commercially operational and the other two expected to handle ~1 MMT monthly from Jan'25.

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### Last-mile connectivity to bolster growth in the Logistics business

- In 3QFY25, Adani Logistics (ALL) posted ~31% YoY growth in revenue and an EBITDA margin of 23% (28% in 3QFY24).
- The rake count has risen to 132 (with 68 for Containers, 54 for GPWIS, 7 for Agri, and 3 for AFTO) from 127 at the end of FY24.
- APSEZ launched Trucking Management Solution (TMS), a tech-driven platform to streamline supply chains through marketplace and fulfillment services. EBITDA margin for the Trucking business will be ~10%.
- ALL expanded its services to cover container train operations, container handling in logistic parks, and warehouses offering storage and trucking solutions. With 12 multi-modal logistics parks, 132 trains, 3.1m sq. ft. of warehousing space, and 1.2mmt of grain silos, ALL aims to establish a nationwide presence by further developing logistic parks and warehouses.

### Highlights from the management commentary

- The proportion of non-Mundra domestic ports in the overall cargo distribution stood at 53% in 9MFY25, from 56% in 9MFY24.
- APSEZ remains on track to commission the Colombo port by 2026 and expects trial volumes in 4Q.
- New volumes from Vizhinjam, Gopalpur, and Tanzania ports will further boost growth. Vizhinjam port commenced commercial operations post-extensive trials. Tanzania and Gopalpur ports are expected to handle ~1 MMT of monthly volumes from January 2025
- During FY25, cargo volumes are expected to range from 460mmt to 480mmt, with revenue projected to be between INR290b and INR310b. The company has raised its EBITDA guidance for FY25 to INR188-189b (earlier guidance was INR170-180b) with a net debt-to-EBITDA ratio of 2.2-2.5x.

### Valuation and view

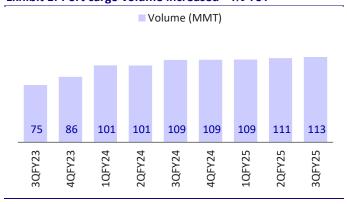
- APSEZ is anticipated to outpace India's overall growth, driven by a balanced port mix along India's western and eastern coastlines and a diversified cargo mix. The company continues to invest heavily in the ports and logistics business to drive growth. The commencement of operations at Gopalpur and Vizinjham Ports will enable the company to further boost volumes.
- We broadly maintain our estimates for FY26/27 and expect APSEZ to report 10% growth in cargo volumes over FY24-27. This would drive a CAGR of 14%/ 15%/19% in revenue/EBITDA/PAT over FY24-27. We reiterate our BUY rating with a revised TP of INR1,400 (premised on 15x Sep-26 EV/EBITDA).

### Quarterly Snapshot – Consolidated (INR b)

Y/E March FY2		24			FY2	5E		FY24	FY25E	FY25	Var.	
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE			3QE	vs Est
Net Sales	62	66	69	69	70	71	80	78	267	298	75	6
YoY Change (%)	23.5	27.6	44.6	19.0	11.3	6.3	15.1	13.5	28.1	11.6	8.3	
EBITDA	38	39	42	40	42	44	48	47	159	181	44	9
Margins (%)	60.1	58.4	60.5	58.6	61.0	61.8	60.3	59.8	59.4	60.7	58.6	
Depreciation	9	10	10	10	10	11	11	12	39	43	11	
Interest	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	28	29	7	
Other Income	4	3	5	3	5	3	2	3	15	13	5	
PBT before EO expense	25	25	30	27	31	29	32	31	107	122	32	0
Extra-Ord expense	-1	0	2	3	-6	0	2	0	4	-4	0	
PBT	26	25	28	24	37	29	30	31	103	126	32	
Tax	4	8	5	3	5	5	5	6	20	20	5	
Rate (%)	14.5	30.7	18.8	13.7	13.2	16.4	16.9	18.1	19.4	16.0	17.3	
MI and Associates	1	0	1	0	1	0	-1	0	2	0	0	
Reported PAT	21	17	22	20	31	24	25	25	81	106	26	_
Adj PAT	20	22	24	23	26	25	27	25	89	103	26	2
YoY Change (%)	-2.6	15.2	51.0	11.0	28.7	10.9	13.6	10.0	16.5	15.5	11.8	

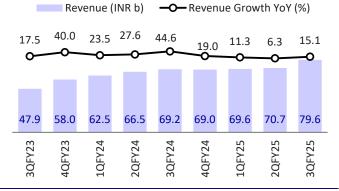
### Story in charts - 3QFY25

Exhibit 1: Port cargo volume increased ~4% YoY



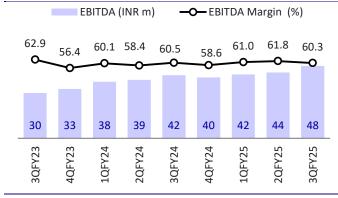
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 2: Growth in revenue led by higher realization



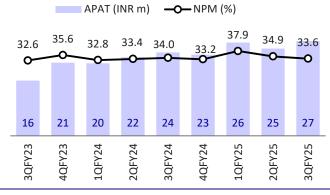
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**Exhibit 3: EBITDA and margin trends** 



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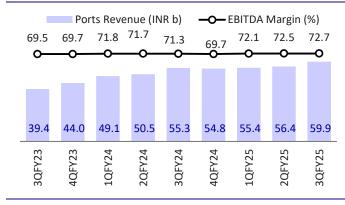
**Exhibit 4: APAT increased 14% YoY** 

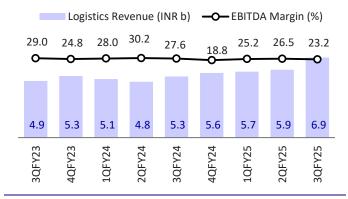


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**Exhibit 5: Port revenue increased 8% YoY** 

### Exhibit 6: Logistics revenue increased 31% YoY





Source: Company, MOFSL Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 7: Volume trend across ports (m tons)

										Port Contribution
Ports	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	<b>2QFY25</b>	3QFY25	(%)
Mundra	35.6	38.4	41.5	44.5	47.8	45.9	51.1	50.0	48.8	46.9
Dahej	2.1	2.3	2.6	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.2
Hazira	6.2	6.2	6.7	7.3	6.2	6.1	6.8	6.9	7.1	6.3
Dhamra	7.0	7.1	9.9	9.9	11.3	11.7	12.0	11.5	11.4	10.1
Kattupalli	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.1	2.8
Krishnapatnam	10.2	12.9	16.1	13.2	14.2	15.6	15.4	14.1	12.6	11.2
Gangavaram	6.5	8.6	9.4	8.7	9.4	9.8	4.6	6.8	7.3	6.5
Others	4.9	8.0	12.2	11.8	14.1	13.5	12.7	15.5	19.7	17.5
Total (MMT)	75.4	86.3	101.4	101.2	108.6	108.8	109.0	111.0	112.5	

Source: Company, MOFSL



# Highlights from the management commentary Operational highlights

- APSEZ domestic cargo volumes grew 4% YoY to 113mmt. APSEZ clocked 332mmt (+7% YoY) cargo volume in 9MFY25 led by growth in containers (+19% YoY), liquids and gas (+8% YoY) and dry and dry bulk cargo (iron ore, limestone, minerals, coking coal, etc.), partially offset by the decline in imported noncoking coal.
- In 3QFY25, port revenue rose 8% YoY to INR59.9b and the EBITDA margin stood at 73% (+200bp YoY). Logistics revenues grew 31% YoY to INR6.3b and EBITDA margins stood at 23% (vs. 28% in 3QFY24).
- The net debt-to-EBITDA ratio stood at 2.1x from 2.3x in Mar'24. As of Dec'24, gross debt was INR450b, net debt was INR 380b, and short-term debt was INR23b
- In 9MFY25, APSEZ managed ~27.2% (up from 26.5% in FY24) of the country's total cargo and ~45.2% of container cargo (up from 44.2% in FY24).
- Of the INR 75b capex in 9MFY25, 20% was allocated to non-port investments, while the rest focused on ports.
- Container volumes grew 14-15% YoY in 9M FY25, outpacing the 7-8% growth in all-India container volumes, leading to market share gains.
- The trucking business operates at ~10% margins, while traditional logistics had 28% margins in 3Q FY25. The introduction of new services like trucking has impacted logistics margins YoY, but the segment continues to grow.
- Focus continues to be a transport utility with Logistics being an integral part of the business.

### Port vertical

APSEZ completed the acquisition of a 95% stake in Gopalpur Port, enhancing its presence along the Eastern coast of India. As a deep-draft, a multi-cargo port plays an important role in supporting the growth of mineral-based industries in its hinterland.

- Completed acquisition of 80% stake in Astro Offshore group. This investment is
  in line with the company's strategy to increase its footprint in the global marine
  service market.
- APSEZ remains on track to commission the Colombo port by 2026 and expects trial volumes in 4Q.
- New volumes from Vizhinjam, Gopalpur, and Tanzania ports will further boost growth. Vizhinjam port commenced commercial operations, post extensive trials. Tanzania and Gopalpur ports are expected to handle ~1 MMT of monthly volumes from January 2025.
- Adani Ports aims to expand its market share over the next five years through both organic and inorganic growth.
- The company is leveraging its port network to drive growth in the logistics business and will invest in ICDs, warehousing, and trucking expansion.
- Domestic port acquisition opportunities are limited, but the company remains open to opportunities as they arise.
- Lower margins at Krishnapatnam and Gangavaram were due to lower coal volumes, but business at Gangavaram is ramping up.
- Gopalpur handled 1.3 MMT, with higher revenue due to other income sources; normal realizations are expected to return.

### **Logistics business**

- Logistics revenue grew 31% YoY to INR6.9b. EBITDA margin stood at 23% in 3QFY25 (28% in 3QFY24).
- The total number of rakes at the end of Dec'24 increased to 132 (127 rakes at the end of Mar'24).
- The total warehousing capacity at the end of Dec'24 expanded to 3.1m sq. ft.
- Started Trucking Management Solution (TMS), a technology platform that acts as a transformational marketplace plus fulfillment solution to streamline the supply chain for customers.

### **Guidance**

- During FY25, cargo volumes are expected to range from 460mmt to 480mmt, with revenue projected to be between INR290b and INR310b.
- EBITDA margins for international operations are expected to remain around 30% (USD).
- Management has raised its EBITDA guidance for FY25 to INR 188-189b (earlier guidance was INR 170-180b) with a net debt-to-EBITDA ratio of 2.2-2.5x. The increase is despite no change in the tonnage guidance or revenue guidance. The focus on value-added solutions is aiding to higher margins which is leading to an improved outlook on EBITDA.
- The container business remains a key driver of market share gains and is expected to sustain growth into FY26.

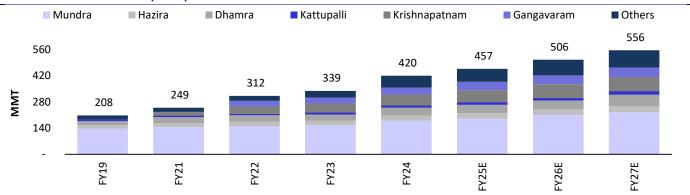
**Exhibit 8: Our revised estimates** 

(INR m)		FY25E			FY26E			FY27E		
	Rev	Old	Chg(%)	Rev	Old	Chg(%)	Rev	Old	Chg(%)	
Net Sales	298	296	0.7	342	340	0.7	396	394	0.6	
EBITDA	181	177	2.3	210	206	1.6	242	239	1.3	
EBITDA Margin (%)	60.7	59.8	94	61.3	60.7	60	61.1	60.7	38	
PAT	103	106	-2.9	126	128	-1.3	151	153	-1.0	
EPS (INR)	47.7	49.1	-2.9	58.5	59.2	-1.3	70.0	70.8	-1.0	

Source: Company, MOFSL

### **Story in charts**

Exhibit 9: APSEZ - volumes (MMT)

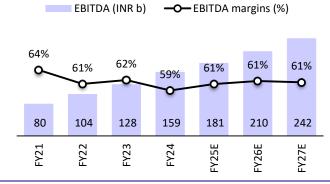


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**Exhibit 1: Revenue growth to remain strong** 

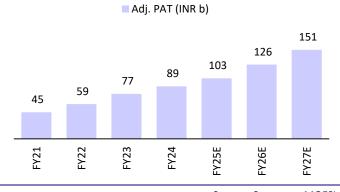
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Exhibit 2: Margin to stabilize at ~60%



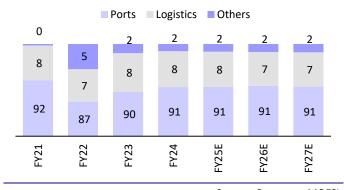
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**Exhibit 3: Strong operating performance to drive PAT** 



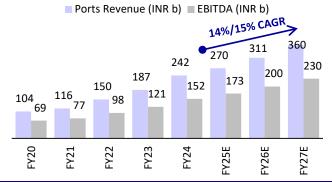
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Exhibit 4: Revenue share (%)



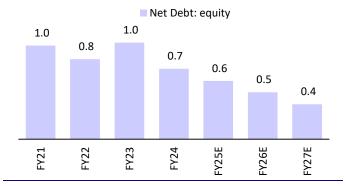
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Exhibit 5: Port segment's revenue to report 14% CAGR



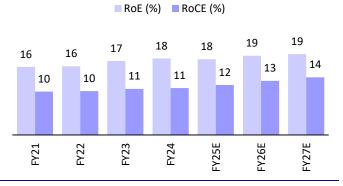
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Exhibit 7: Net debt/equity to decrease



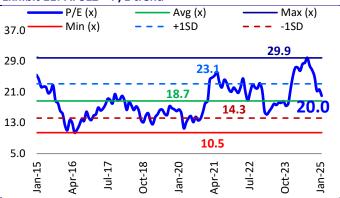
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**Exhibit 9: Return ratios to remain stable** 



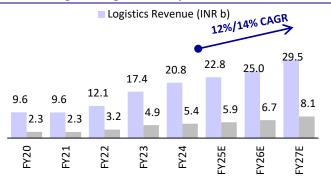
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Exhibit 11: APSEZ - P/E trend



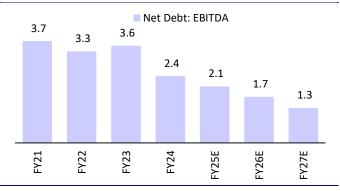
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Exhibit 6: Logistics segment to report 12% CAGR in revenue



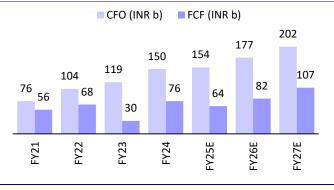
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Exhibit 8: Net debt/EBITDA to improve with better efficiency



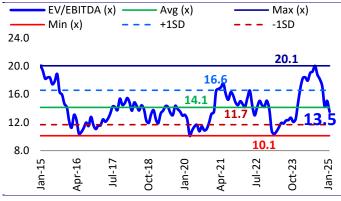
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Exhibit 10: CFO and FCF generation to pick up



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 12: APSEZ - EV/EBITDA trend



Source: Company, MOFSL

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## **Financials and valuation**

### **Consolidated Income Statement**

Y/E March (INR b)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	125	171	209	267	298	342	396
Change in Net Sales (%)	5.7	36.4	21.8	28.1	11.6	14.7	15.9
Total Expenses	46	67	80	108	117	132	154
EBITDA	80	104	128	159	181	210	242
Margin (%)	63.6	60.7	61.5	59.4	60.7	61.3	61.1
Depn. & Amortization	21	31	34	39	43	47	52
EBIT	59	73	94	120	138	163	190
Net Interest	21	26	26	28	29	27	27
Other income	20	22	16	15	13	15	16
PBT	57	70	84	107	122	150	180
EO expense	-6	13	29	4	-4	0	0
PBT after EO	63	57	54	103	126	150	180
Tax	12	8	1	20	20	24	29
Rate (%)	19.7	13.4	1.8	19.4	16.0	16.0	16.0
PAT before JV, MI	51	49	53	83	106	126	151
Share of loss from JV, MI	-1	0	0	-2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Reported PAT	50	49	53	81	106	126	151
Adjusted PAT	45	59	77	89	103	126	151
Change (%)	-9.6	30.3	29.8	16.5	15.5	22.7	19.8
Margin (%)	36.0	34.4	36.7	33.4	34.5	36.9	38.2

Source: MOFSL, Company

### **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

Y/E March (INR b)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Share Capital	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Reserves	302	416	452	525	615	723	851
Net Worth	306	420	456	529	620	727	856
Minority Interest	15	4	13	16	17	18	19
Total Loans	344	455	498	463	458	448	438
Deferred Tax Liability	3	17	10	23	23	23	23
Capital Employed	668	895	977	1,031	1,117	1,215	1,335
Gross Block	552	700	782	848	938	1,033	1,128
Less: Accum. Deprn.	111	142	148	179	222	269	321
Net Fixed Assets	441	558	634	669	715	763	807
Capital WIP	37	40	68	109	109	109	109
Investments	22	32	101	56	76	106	136
Curr. Assets	244	353	324	335	353	377	427
Inventories	10	4	5	4	5	6	6
Account Receivables	24	22	32	37	45	56	71
Cash and Bank Balance	47	107	42	76	84	95	129
-Cash and cash equivalents	42	87	9	16	24	34	68
-Bank balance	5	20	33	61	61	61	61
Loans & advances	21	19	20	3	3	4	4
Other current assets	143	201	225	215	216	216	217
Curr. Liability & Prov.	76	88	150	139	138	141	144
Account Payables	10	12	18	22	20	23	27
Provisions	1	1	17	13	13	13	13
Other current liabilities	65	75	114	105	105	105	105
Net Curr. Assets	168	265	175	196	216	236	282
Appl. of Funds	668	895	977	1,031	1,117	1,215	1,335

### **Financials and valuation**

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Deste (IND)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Basic (INR)	22.2	27.0	25.4	44.2	47.7		70.0
EPS	22.3	27.9	35.4	41.3	47.7	58.5	70.0
EPS Growth	-9.6	25.4	26.9	16.5	15.5	22.7	19.8
Cash EPS	32.6	42.6	51.3	59.3	67.8	80.2	93.9
BV/Share	150.7	198.8	211.0	245.1	286.8	336.5	396.0
Payout (%)	22.5	17.9	14.1	14.5	15.4	12.6	10.5
Dividend yield (%)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Valuation (x)							
P/E	47.2	37.7	29.7	25.5	22.1	18.0	15.0
Cash P/E	32.2	24.7	20.5	17.7	15.5	13.1	11.2
P/BV	7.0	5.3	5.0	4.3	3.7	3.1	2.7
EV/EBITDA	31.9	24.4	20.5	16.4	14.6	12.5	10.7
Dividend Yield (%)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Return Ratios (%)							
RoE	16.1	16.2	17.5	18.1	17.9	18.8	19.1
RoCE (post-tax)	10.3	10.4	10.9	11.1	11.8	12.8	13.6
RoIC (post-tax)	9.5	9.9	12.5	12.4	14.1	15.6	17.2
Working Capital Ratios							
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Asset Turnover (x)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Debtor (Days)	69	47	57	50	55	60	65
Creditors (Days)	29	25	32	30	25	25	25
Inventory (Days)	29	8	8	6	6	6	6
Leverage Ratio (x)							<u>~</u>
Current Ratio	3.2	4.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.7	3.0
Interest Cover Ratio	3.7	3.7	4.2	4.8	5.3	6.5	7.8
Net Debt/EBITDA	3.7	3.3	3.6	2.4	2.1	1.7	1.3
	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4
Net Debt/Equity	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4
Cash Flow Statement (INR b)							
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	63	57	55	101	127	151	181
Depreciation	21	31	34	39	43	47	52
Direct Taxes Paid	-9	-10	-8	-13	-20	-24	-29
(Inc)/Dec in WC	4	8	-9	0	-11	-10	-13
Other Items	-4	18	47	23	15	12	10
CF from Operations	76	104	119	150	154	177	202
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-19	-36	-89	-74	-90	-95	-95
Free Cash Flow	56	68	30	76	64	82	107
Acquisitions/Divestment	-150	-7	-144	-31	0	0	0
Change in Investments	6	-28	23	-5	-20	-30	-30
Others	22	18	15	41	13	15	16
CF from Investments	-141	-53	-196	-69	-97	-110	-109
Share issue	0	9	9	2	0	0	0
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	55	75	3	-41	-5	-10	-10
Interest	-20	-26	-24	-28	-29	-27	-27
Dividend	0	-10	-11	-11	-16	-19	-23
Others	0	-54	-6	0	0	0	0
Cash from financing activity	35	-54 -6	- <del>0</del> - <b>27</b>	- <b>78</b>	-49	- <b>56</b>	
		- <b>6</b> 46					- <b>59</b>
Net change in cash & equi.	-31	45	-104	3	8	10	34
Opening cash balance	72		87	11	16	24	34
change in control of subs.	1	-2	27	2	0	0	0
Closing cash balance	42	87	9	16	24	34	68

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