

Tata group cos sell stake in Tata Tele

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Tata group companies Tata Communications and Tata Power have jointly raised Rs 740.72 crore from selling their stake in group company, Tata Teleservices.

While Tata Power raked in Rs 316.72 crore, a senior company official of Tata Communication said the company sold about one per cent stake in TTSL to raise Rs 424 crore.

This stake sale by Tata Power and Tata Communications is part of a \$2.7-billion deal where Japan's NTT DoCoMo is picking up 26 per cent stake in TTSL. Of this, it is expected to pick up 20 per cent through fresh issue of shares and the balance through a partial buyout of existing shareholders.

Post the infusion of fresh equity in TTSL and the completion of the stake sale process, Tata Communications will hold 10.6 per cent stake in TTSL. Prior to the NTT DoCoMo deal, Tata Communications held 14.43 per cent stake in TTSL, the official added. The company does not plan to sell further stake in TTSL, a spokesperson said.

Tata Sons holds 45 per cent stake in TTSL and it is the largest shareholder in the company.

The Tata Communications scrip rose 2.13 per cent to Rs 523.15, while the Tata Power scrip was up 7.12 per cent at Rs 740.2 on the BSE on Wednesday.