

CHOLAMANDALAM LOAN GROWTH SLIPS TO 3%

CHENNAI-based financial services firm Cholamandalam Investment and Finance has reported a 12 per cent growth in net profit at Rs 163 crore in the quarter to December, pulled down by the note-ban disruption that led to lower disbursements and a rise in bad loans.

In the September quarter of this fiscal year, it had reported a 42 per cent rise in post-tax profit to Rs 171 crore from Rs 120 crore a year ago.

"Demonetisation has its effect on the disbursements. There was an impact on all of our portfolios during the quarter," executive vice-president and chief financial officer Arul Selvan said.

The aggregate disbursements for the third quarter ended December 31 grew only 3 per cent to Rs 4,373 crore from Rs 4,260 crore last year, he said.