

Bajaj Electricals looking to acquire firms in related field

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BAJAJ Electricals, which focuses on small appliances, fans, lighting, and industrial luminaries, is eyeing companies that are in the related field of business for acquisition. According to the company, the acquisition rationale may be on brand, network or for strengthening the manufacturing base.

R Ramakrishnan, executive director, Bajaj Electricals said, "We can comfortably allot Rs 100 crore for an acquisition". The company is eyeing both Indian or foreign companies for acquisition though it hasn't found any serious prospect as of now, he added.

The subsidiary of the Bajaj Group also has plans to enter the solar energy segment with initial focus on solar lanterns, solar water heaters and solar street lights.

Ramakrishnan opined that the solar industry needed a solid government policy, adding, "at present the industry is not cost competitive and is not financially viable for the consumers." However, the sector is expected to do well over a period of time.

Shekhar Bajaj, CMD of Bajaj Electricals, said "We successfully completed a QIP for Rs 160 crore at a share price of Rs 785. This will help in reducing our interest burden, provide working capital for growth and capital expenditure. We will also look at possible acquisitions in the future."

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