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## **Sundaram BNP Paribas Home Finance Q2 profit up 3%**

CHENNAI: Sundaram BNP Paribas Home Finance on Monday reported second quarter profit up 2.8% to Rs 40.31 crore from Rs 39.21 crore in the same period last year, as recovery in the real estate sector continued to remain muted.

The non-banking finance company (NBFC), however, saw its second quarter home loan disbursement goes up 32% year-over-year to Rs 439 crore, compared to Rs 334 crore.

"The strong 32% growth in home loan disbursements in the second quarter gives us the confidence that the worst may be behind the sector. While Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala registered good growth, the most heartening news has been the growth of almost 40% registered in the Chennai market," said Srinivas Acharya, MD, Sundaram Home Finance.

"Over 40% of the company's disbursement is from the affordable housing segment. And this segment will continue to be an important growth driver for the company in the second half of the year," he said, adding, "We expect the second half of the year to be equally good and are targeting an overall growth of 20% this year in home loan disbursements."

The company said it plans to raise Rs 1,500 crore this year to funnel growth plans. "Around 70% of this will be raised through debentures and short term market borrowings," said G Sundararajan, CFO, Sundaram Home Finance.

The company, which has 110 branches across the country, will be opening 10 new branches this year.