

# JS Auto Cast Foundry to invest ₹67.5 crore in capacity expansion of Perundurai unit in TN

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JS Auto Cast Foundry, a subsidiary of Bharat Forge, has proposed to invest ₹67.5 crore in capacity expansion at its Perundurai foundry unit near Erode in Tamil Nadu.

The company, a manufacturer of raw and machined ductile iron castings for various international brands, has submitted a pre-feasibility report detailing its expansion plans while seeking environmental clearance. The investment aims to increase the production capacity of grey and SG iron castings by over 60 per cent, funded through internal accruals and some debt.

To meet the rising demand for high-quality cast-



**GROWTH PLAN.** The proposed expansion will increase the plant's capacity to 1.16 lakh tonnes per annum GETTY IMAGES

ings and address the needs of both domestic and export markets, the company is set to enhance the production capacity of its facility, it said in the report.

#### **EXPANSION PLAN**

The proposed expansion will increase the plant's capacity from 72,000 tonnes per an-

num to 1.16 lakh tonnes per annum. This will involve installing three additional induction furnaces, a sand plant, a sand cooler, two shot blasting machines, two nozzle blasting machines, a grit blasting machine and other equipments. The company derives over 40 per cent of its revenue from exports.

The project is expected to generate direct employment for about 200 people and provide indirect jobs for another 200.

JS Auto operates three facilities in Tamil Nadu: One at Perundurai, which houses the main foundry operations; the second at Kuppelalayam, where machining and dispatch operations are conducted; and the third, an SEZ unit.

Its current installed capacity is about one lakh million tonnes per annum, as reported by ICRA in its March 2024 report.

The company came under Bharat Forge's fold after the latter acquired 100 per cent of the Goimbatore-based JS Auto Cast Foundry through its wholly-owned subsidiary, BF Industrial Solutions on July 1, 2022, for ₹346 crore.