

'Spat with Canada may choke RE investments'

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Recent developments in India-Canada relationship could dent Canadian investments in renewables in India, according to Bernstein.

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CDPQ (Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec) has 53 per cent stake in Azure



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Power and 21 per cent is held by OMERS (Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System). CDPQ also has Apraava Energy with 1.2 GW operating capa-

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Brookfield is another Canadian company looking to make inroads in this space they have an existing portfolio of ~4 GW, another \$1 billion they invested in Avaada and \$361 million in CleanMax where they acquired 55 per cent stake and OTPP (Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan) holds 30 per cent in Mahindra Susten with an investment of \$287 million, which has 1.3 GW operating and 0.4 GW pipeline.

"We don't see exits happening for existing investors, but there definitely could be slow-down in incremental investments in In-

dian renewable space from Canada.

"The visa blockage if sustained could be a big factor; we have seen this challenges for Chinese nationals to get visa even leading to project delays," Bernstein said in a note.

The brokerage said for ReNew this does not impact any existing projects but further investments by CPPIB is less likely or delayed till any further clarity emerges on these developments.

"Reluctance could come from CPPIB or even from the Indian govt. to allow full control of one the largest renewable players," Bernstein said.