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RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group BPO firm Firstsource Solutions has witnessed a 15.4% drop in profit after tax to Rs 65.3 crore in the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2017 from Rs 77.5 crore in the corresponding quarter of the last fiscal.

Firstsource Solutions chairman Sanjiv Goenka pointed out that the drop in net profit in the fourth quarter happened due to Brexit which led to a loss of Rs 35 crore in rupee term. However, the revenue of the company was up 2.6% to Rs 892 crore during the quarter from Rs 869 crore.

For the whole year, the BPO has witnessed a 10.5% jump in topline to Rs 3,555 crore. Goenka pointed out that there is an order worth \$376 million in the pipeline. The debt situation of Firstsource, once a debtstressed company, too, has been improved during the quarter to \$66.25 million.

“It was \$44 million less compared to the same quarter. Every quarter we are paying debt of \$11.25 million. In next seven quarters we shall be in zero debt position unless we take fresh exposure,” he added.

According to the Firstsource chairman, after entering the mortgage space in BPO, the company might look into categories like robotics and digital in BPO space. “In mortgage also, we would look for expanding into new geographies. Now it is in the US only,” he added.

The BPO firm has also recruited 400 people in the US during the Donald Trump regime. It employs 3,661 employees in the US, 5,809 in the UK and 15,446 in India.

Firstsource Solutions chairman Sanjiv Goenka (in pic) said the drop in net profit in the fourth quarter happened owing to Brexit episode, which led to a loss of Rs 35 cr in rupee term

