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# SLCM plans Rs 700 crore IPO in mid-2024 for business expansion

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**SLCM IPO in 2024:** Sohan Lal Commodity Management Pvt Ltd (SLCM) is preparing to initiate an initial public offering (IPO) in mid-2024, aiming to raise approximately Rs 700 crore for the expansion of its business, as per sources familiar with the matter.

SLCM is currently in discussions with financial institutions and is in the process of seeking board approval for the IPO, sources said, requesting anonymity as the information is not public.

This IPO will mark a unique entry in the agriculture sector. The company intends to secure funds for the growth of its non-banking financial company (NBFC) and warehousing operations, using both primary and secondary market sources. A representative for SLCM did not provide an immediate comment.

## **KAFS aims to double up assets under management by next decade**

Kissandhan Agri Financial Services Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of SLCM established in 2017, currently manages assets worth Rs 350 crore and aims to double this figure within the next decade. Since its inception, it has disbursed loans totalling Rs 2,700 crore and aims to surpass Rs 5,000 crore by the end of the next fiscal year.

On the warehousing front, SLCM handles assets under management (AUM) for banks and targets an increase from the current level of Rs 7,000 crore to Rs 13,000 crore of AUM by September next year, as per sources.

SLCM reported a substantial rise in net profit, from Rs 2.81 crore in the first half of the 2022-2023 financial year to Rs 7.73 crore in the same period of the 2023-2024 financial year. Total revenue also increased to Rs 84.8 crore in H1 of the current fiscal year, up from Rs 57.7 crore in the same period the previous year. The company's gross merchandise value (GMV) grew to Rs 1,035 crore, up from Rs 1,012 crore in the same period.

Currently, SLCM's net worth stands at approximately Rs 350 crore, with outstanding debt of around Rs 170 crore. Founded in 2009, SLCM Group provides commodity warehousing services, financing, and technology applications within the agriculture sector in India and Myanmar.