

Bharat Heavy Electricals | BUY

Q1FY27: Q1 PAT positive after eight years; maintain BUY

BHEL posted Q1FY27 PAT of INR 4bn versus INR (4.6 bn) YoY/INR 0.9bn JMF/INR (0.2bn) consensus. This performance marks profit in the first quarter by BHEL after eight FYs. The quarter witnessed a sharp pickup in execution; revenue thus came in at INR 77bn (40% YoY; 17% JMF/16% consensus). The 202bps YoY improvement in gross margin (31%) indicates an increasing share of new orders in execution mix, which fetch higher realisation. EBITDA margin, benefiting from operating leverage, came in at 6.5% (1,634bps YoY; 462bps JMF/384bps consensus). BHEL booked INR 267bn of orders in Q1FY27, leading to a healthy order book of INR 2.6tn (INR 2tn at end-Jun'25). Collections increased to INR 110bn, easing the WC. As we discuss in [Ideas for Summer Season-2](#), BHEL is among our top 5 picks as the 97GW of the original target for thermal additions now extends to 110GW+. We maintain BUY on BHEL with an unchanged TP of INR 481 valuing the stock at 30x Sep'28E EPS.

- **Positive Q1 PAT after eight years:** Execution pickup lifted revenue to INR 77 bn (40% YoY; 17% JMF/16% cons.). Gross profit came in at INR 24bn (50% YoY; 14% JMF/9% cons.). Gross margin is 31% (202bps YoY; -81bps JMF/-181bps cons.). EBITDA is INR 5bn versus INR (5.4 bn) YoY/ INR 1.3bn JMF/INR 1.8bn cons.; EBITDA margin is 6.5% (1,634bps YoY; 462bps JMF/384bps cons.), in part attributable to withdrawal of provisions. PAT is INR 4bn versus INR (4.6bn) YoY/ INR 0.9 bn JMF/INR (0.2 bn) cons. GM is a more relevant metric to monitor versus EBITDA margin.
- **Power segment drives revenue and profitability:** Revenue from power was INR 59bn (52% YoY) along with 10% EBIT margin % versus -13% YoY, indicating pickup in execution of new projects. Industry reported revenue of INR 18bn (12% YoY) with an EBIT margin of 14% versus 19% YoY.
- **Collections' improvement gives impetus to WC cycle:** Collection increased to INR 110bn (34% YoY). As discussed in [Journey of growth and profit begins](#), better collection has facilitated lower interest expense of INR 1.4bn during the quarter versus INR 2bn QoQ/ INR 1.8bn in Q1FY26. At end-FY26, working capital stands at 164 days, which we estimate at 105 days during FY27E.
- **Orders inflow remains healthy:** Booked INR 267bn of orders in Q1FY27, taking total OB to INR 2.6tn (INR 2tn at end-Jun'25). During Q1, BHEL secured 3x800MW NTPC Meja STPP EPC order valued at INR 210bn with commissioning in 70 months. BHEL has also signed an INR 20–25bn export contract with Nigeria's Dangote Petroleum Refinery for eight gas turbine generators.
- **Pipeline promising too:** Government remains aggressive in new thermal additions. Currently, 39GW of the projects are under construction while 22GW were recently awarded and yet to start. Additionally, 35GW are under tendering/planning. Recently, various developers such as NTPC and NALCO announced 15GW of projects. So, 97GW of the original target now extends to 110GW+. This excludes emerging scalable opportunities such as nuclear and coal gasification.
- **Not just a thermal equipment player:** Out of the total OB of INR 2.6tn, INR 0.7tn comes from non-thermal areas comprising INR 120bn/140bn/70bn/15bn/80bn/55bn/40bn from nuclear/ transmission/defence/transportation/coal gasification/hydro/spares & services.
- **Outlook for FY27:** Notwithstanding the current performance, we maintain FY27E revenue at INR 419bn (24% YoY), gross margin of at least 31.5% (29% in FY26) and EBITDA margin of 10.4% (6.9% in FY26).

Financial Summary

Y/E Mar	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Net Sales	283,395	337,822	419,224	510,224	584,624
Sales Growth (%)	18.6	19.2	24.1	21.7	14.6
EBITDA	12,416	23,422	43,708	59,778	80,317
EBITDA Margin (%)	4.4	6.9	10.4	11.7	13.7
Adjusted Net Profit	5,339	16,003	33,378	47,590	63,961
Diluted EPS (INR)	1.5	4.6	9.6	13.7	18.4
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	89.2	199.7	108.6	42.6	34.4
ROIC (%)	2.6	6.3	14.5	19.6	22.7
ROE (%)	2.2	6.3	12.4	16.4	20.1
P/E (x)	257.8	86.0	41.2	28.9	21.5
P/B (x)	5.6	5.3	4.9	4.6	4.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	111.8	57.1	29.5	21.9	16.3
Dividend Yield (x)	0.2	0.6	1.2	1.7	2.3

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of July 15, 2026



Recommendation and Price Target

Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	481
Upside/(Downside)	15.1%
Previous Price Target	481
Change	0.0%

Key Data – BHEL IN

Current Market Price	INR418
Market cap (bn)	INR1,455.3/US\$15.1
Free Float (%)	35.8
Shares in issue (mn)	3,482.1
Diluted share (mn)	3,482.1
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR7,028.0/US\$73.0
52-week range	INR425/205
Sensex/Nifty	77,185/24,079
INR/US\$	96.3

Price Performance

%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	9.2	56.3	62.3
Relative*	8.6	69.2	73.8

*To the NSE Nifty 50

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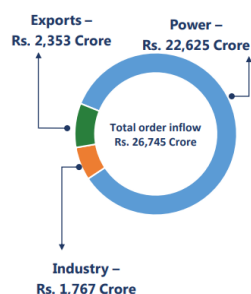
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Exhibit 1: Q1FY27 results summary

Particulars	Q1FY27	Q1FY26	YoY %	Q4FY26	QoQ %	JMFe	% Var	Cons	% Var
Revenue	76,977	54,869	40%	1,23,104	-37%	65,843	17%	66,514	16%
Expenditure									
Raw material expense	52,967	38,865		80,206		44,773			
Gross Profit	24,010	16,004	50%	42,897	-44%	21,070	14%	21,950	9%
<i>Gross Margin</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>202bps</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>-366bps</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>-81bps</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>-181bps</i>
Employee expense	15,063	14,625		19,945		16,300			
Other expenses	3,908	6,751		5,422		3,500			
<i>% of Revenue</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>12%</i>		<i>5%</i>		<i>5%</i>			
EBITDA	5,039	(5,371)	-194%	17,531	-71%	1,270	297%	1,798	180%
<i>EBITDA margins</i>	<i>6.5%</i>	<i>-9.8%</i>	<i>1634bps</i>	<i>14.2%</i>	<i>-770bps</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>462bps</i>	<i>2.7%</i>	<i>384bps</i>
Other income	2,256	1,848		2,599		2,500			
Depreciation	819	745		879		780			
Interest	1,399	1,812		1,975		1,789			
PBT	5,077	(6,080)		17,276		1,201			
Tax	1,310	-1,525		4,371		300			
PAT	3,767	(4,555)	-183%	12,905	-71%	901	318%	(219)	-1824%
<i>PAT margin</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>-8.3%</i>	<i>1320bps</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>-559bps</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>353bps</i>	<i>-0.3%</i>	<i>522bps</i>
EPS	1.08	-1.31		3.71		0.26			

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 2: Key orders booked during 1QFY27

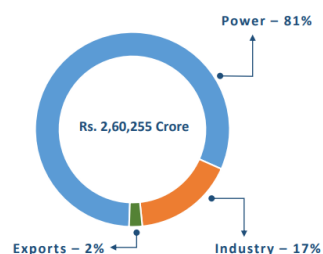


- **Significant expansion in international business**
 - Design, manufacture, supply & supervision of erection & commissioning 8 Gas Turbine Generator (GTG) Packages for Petroleum Refinery and Polypropylene Plant — **BHEL's largest-ever single export order on Supply & Supervision basis for GTG.**
- **Sustained Leadership in core thermal Area:** Secured EPC of 3x800 MEJA STPP, 1X800 Main Plant Package of DVC Durgapur
- **Sustained Traction in non-thermal Areas:**
 - **Nuclear:** Overhauling and commissioning of TG pkg of 500 MW PFBR at Kalpakkam
 - **Transmission:** 29 transformers (5430 MVA) from utilities
 - **Defence:** Major Overhaul of 10 SRGMs and Supply of SRGM spares
 - **O&G:** Supply of Well Head & Christmas Tree equipment from exploration company
 - **Transportation:** Supply of propulsion equipment sets, electrics, traction motors from Indian Railways

Source: Company

Exhibit 3: Profile of total orders book

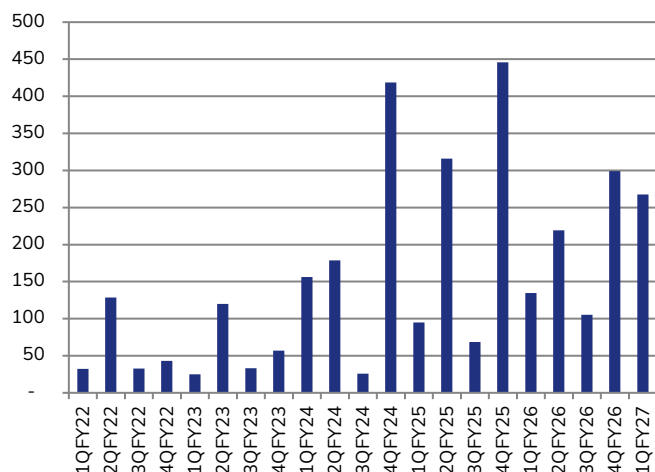
High-quality, and increasingly diversified order book, with a growing share from strategic non-thermal businesses.



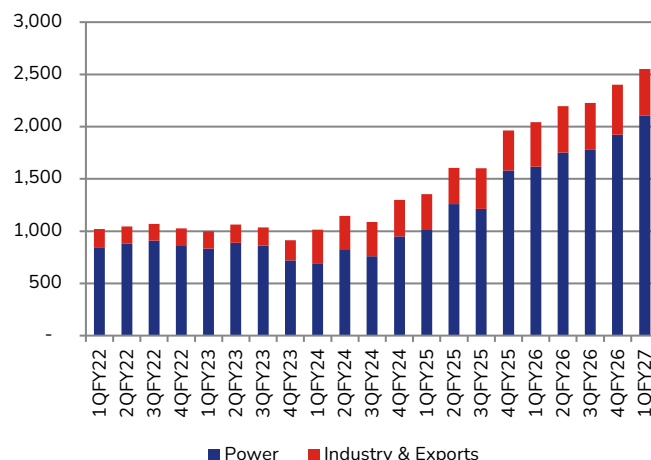
- **Significant outstanding OB in non-thermal areas:**
 - Nuclear: ~Rs. 12,000 Cr
 - Transmission: ~Rs. 14,000 Cr
 - Defence: ~Rs. 7,000 Cr
 - Transportation: ~Rs. 15,000 Cr
 - Coal gasification: ~Rs. 8,000
 - Hydro: ~Rs. 5,500 Cr
 - Spares & Service: ~Rs. 4,000 Cr

Source: Company

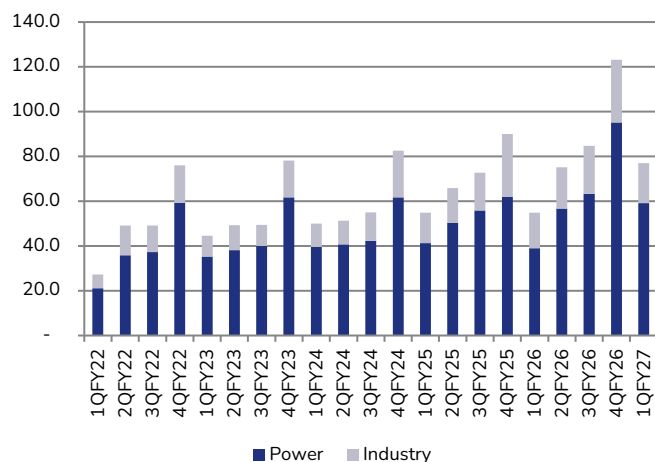
Metrics that matter

Exhibit 4: Order inflows (INR bn) remain strong at INR 267bn...


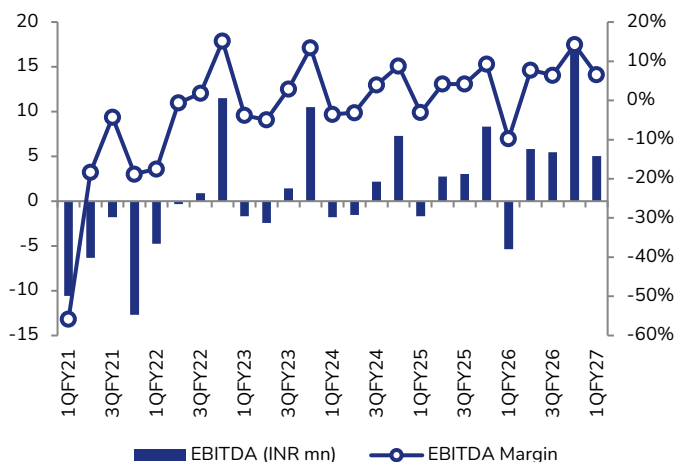
Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 5: ...taking the order book (INR bn) to INR 2.6tn


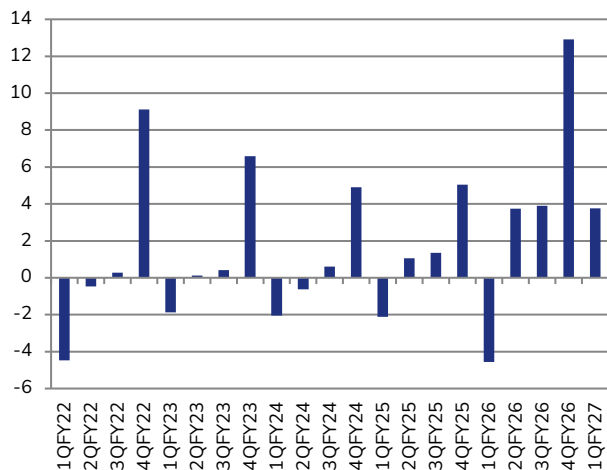
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Exhibit 6: Pickup in execution drives YoY revenue growth (INR bn)


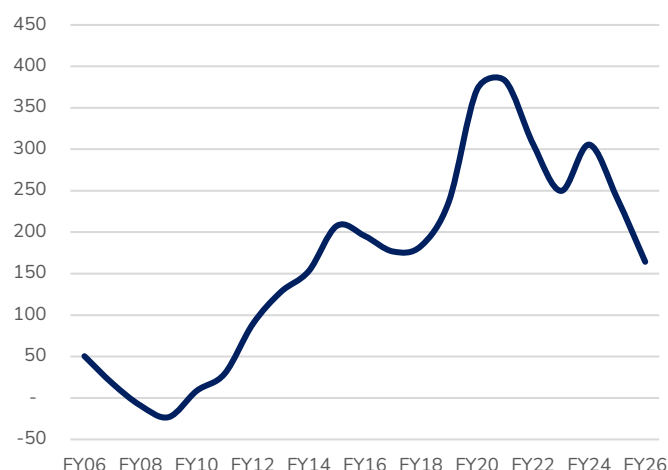
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Exhibit 7: EBITDA (INR bn) and EBITDA margin (RHS)


Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 8: Adjusted PAT (INR bn) turns positive in Q1FY27


Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 9: Working capital (days)


Source: Company, JM Financial

Band charts

Exhibit 10: 1 year forward EV/EBITDA (x)



Exhibit 11: 1 year forward P/E (x)



Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement		(INR mn)			
Y/E Mar	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Net Sales	283,395	337,822	419,224	510,224	584,624
Sales Growth (%)	18.6	19.2	24.1	21.7	14.6
Other Operating Income	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	283,395	337,822	419,224	510,224	584,624
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	188,452	229,831	277,425	332,320	376,464
Personnel Cost	59,234	64,676	69,527	82,737	86,874
Other Expenses	23,293	19,893	28,564	35,389	40,969
EBITDA	12,416	23,422	43,708	59,778	80,317
EBITDA Margin (%)	4.4	6.9	10.4	11.7	13.7
EBITDA Growth (%)	102.7	88.6	86.6	36.8	34.4
Depn. & Amort.	2,720	3,159	3,355	3,614	3,899
EBIT	9,696	20,263	40,353	56,163	76,418
Other Income	1,217	1,288	1,481	1,703	1,788
Finance Cost	7,483	7,564	5,366	3,220	2,576
PBT before Excep. & Forex	7,456	21,386	44,606	63,600	85,478
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	-	-	-	-	-
PBT	7,456	21,386	44,606	63,600	85,478
Taxes	2,117	5,384	11,229	16,010	21,518
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	-	-	-	-	-
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	-	-	-	-	-
Reported Net Profit	5,339	16,003	33,378	47,590	63,961
Adjusted Net Profit	5,339	16,003	33,378	47,590	63,961
Net Margin (%)	1.9	4.7	8.0	9.3	10.9
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	3,482	3,482	3,482	3,482	3,482
Diluted EPS (INR)	1.5	4.6	9.6	13.7	18.4
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	89.2	199.7	108.6	42.6	34.4
Total Dividend + Tax	2,638	7,907	16,492	23,515	31,604
Dividend Per Share (INR)	0.8	2.3	4.7	6.8	9.1

Source: Company, JM Financial

Cash Flow Statement		(INR mn)			
Y/E Mar	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Profit before Tax	7,456	21,386	44,606	63,600	85,478
Depn. & Amort.	2,720	3,159	3,355	3,614	3,899
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	7,483	7,564	5,366	3,220	2,576
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	17,301	40,837	32,695	-37,060	-30,300
Others	-13,848	-14,676	-1,481	-1,703	-1,788
Taxes Paid	813	104	-11,229	-16,010	-21,518
Operating Cash Flow	21,925	58,374	73,313	15,660	38,348
Capex	-2,909	-5,760	-6,194	-6,814	-7,495
Free Cash Flow	19,016	52,614	67,118	8,846	30,852
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-28,727	-31,481	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000
Others	4,321	6,888	1,481	1,703	1,788
Investing Cash Flow	-27,315	-30,354	-5,714	-6,111	-6,707
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	-	-8,450	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	-874	-1,746	-16,492	-23,515	-31,604
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	-684	-770	-39,750	-7,950	-6,360
Others	21,497	25,488	-5,366	-3,220	-2,576
Financing Cash Flow	19,939	14,522	-61,609	-34,685	-40,540
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	14,549	42,542	5,990	-25,135	-8,899
Opening Cash Balance	61,575	76,124	118,666	124,657	99,521
Closing Cash Balance	76,124	118,666	124,657	99,521	90,622

Source: Company, JM Financial

Balance Sheet		(INR mn)			
Y/E Mar	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Shareholders Fund	247,222	261,466	278,351	302,426	334,783
Share Capital	6,964	6,964	6,964	6,964	6,964
Reserves & Surplus	240,258	254,502	271,387	295,462	327,819
Preference Share Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Total Loans	87,950	79,500	39,750	31,800	25,440
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	-40,677	-35,328	-35,328	-35,328	-35,328
Other non-current liabilities / Lease Liabilities	103,791	140,388	172,820	209,077	238,719
Total - Equity & Liab.	438,962	481,354	490,921	543,303	598,942
Net Fixed Assets	31,422	34,931	37,770	40,970	44,566
Gross Fixed Assets	77,482	81,153	87,348	94,162	101,657
Intangible Assets	337	959	959	959	959
Less: Depn. & Amort.	48,014	51,173	54,528	58,142	62,042
Capital WIP	1,617	3,992	3,992	3,992	3,992
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	608,733	691,598	727,062	831,093	927,980
Inventories	98,695	133,346	165,477	201,397	230,764
Sundry Debtors	89,309	92,232	103,370	125,809	144,154
Cash & Bank Balances	76,124	118,666	124,657	99,521	90,622
Loans & Advances	-	-	-	-	-
Other Current Assets	344,605	347,354	333,558	404,366	462,440
Current Liab. & Prov.	241,869	280,502	309,239	364,088	408,932
Current Liabilities	267,787	271,125	293,753	357,082	409,041
Provisions & Others	-25,917	9,377	15,486	7,006	-109
Net Current Assets	216,194	258,320	261,897	277,668	302,212
Other Non Current Assets/ROU Assets	150,670	152,775	155,926	189,337	216,836
Total - Assets	438,962	481,354	490,921	543,303	598,942

Source: Company, JM Financial

Dupont Analysis		FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Y/E Mar						
Net Margin (%)		1.9	4.7	8.0	9.3	10.9
Asset Turnover (x)		0.7	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0
Leverage Factor (x)		1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
RoE (%)		2.2	6.3	12.4	16.4	20.1

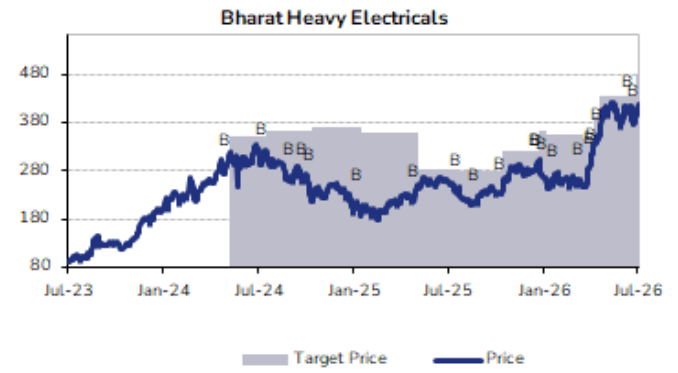
Source: Company, JM Financial

Key Ratios		FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Y/E Mar						
BV/Share (INR)		71.0	75.1	79.9	86.9	96.1
ROIC (%)		2.6	6.3	14.5	19.6	22.7
ROE (%)		2.2	6.3	12.4	16.4	20.1
Net Debt/Equity (x)		0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
P/E (x)		257.8	86.0	41.2	28.9	21.5
P/B (x)		5.6	5.3	4.9	4.6	4.1
EV/EBITDA (x)		111.8	57.1	29.5	21.9	16.3
EV/Sales (x)		4.9	4.0	3.1	2.6	2.2
Debtor days		115	100	90	90	90
Inventory days		127	144	144	144	144
Creditor days		158	137	134	136	139

Source: Company, JM Financial

BHEL – Recommendation history table

Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.
14-Jul-26	Buy	481	10.6
5-Jul-26	Buy	435	0.0
5-May-26	Buy	435	10.6
24-Apr-26	Buy	393	0.0
23-Apr-26	Buy	393	13.7
30-Mar-26	Buy	345	-2.8
11-Feb-26	Buy	355	0.0
19-Jan-26	Buy	355	-2.1
8-Jan-26	Buy	363	0.0
6-Jan-26	Buy	363	13.3
30-Oct-25	Buy	320	15.1
13-Sep-25	Buy	278	0.0
7-Aug-25	Buy	278	-0.9
19-May-25	Buy	281	-21.6
30-Jan-25	Buy	358	-3.4
29-Oct-24	Buy	371	2.7
17-Oct-24	Buy	361	0.0
23-Sep-24	Buy	361	0.0
31-Jul-24	Buy	361	2.4
22-May-24	Buy	353	

BHEL – Recommendation history chart

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