

Auto component industry may end current fiscal in negative zone: ACMA

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THE AUTOMOBILE COMPONENT industry is expected to end the current financial year on a negative note as it would be difficult for the segment to make a recovery in the second half after reporting a de-growth of 10% in the first six months, ACMA president Deepak Jain said.

The Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) also expects the first half

of the next financial year to remain challenging for the industry. It, however, expects things to become relatively better in the second half of the next financial year.

"Overall, our estimate is that we will have a de-growth in the current fiscal because we have already de-grown by 10 per cent in the April-September period. I do not think it is possible to catch up (in the second half) in the current situation," ACMA president Deepak Jain said.

He further said, "So, the

outlook would be that we would be basically going into negative. I am hopeful that the negative would not be double digit but single digit, as the second half performance should be better as compared with the first half."

When asked about the factors that could help the industry in the fourth quarter, Jain said the expected launches of BS-VI compliant models during the period would help the automobile companies generate better sales.