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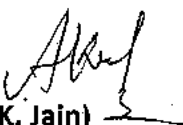
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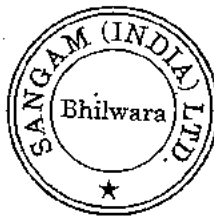
Pursuant to Regulation 30 and 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are enclosing herewith the copy of Notice of Board Meeting scheduled to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, published in Business Standard (English) and in Rajasthan Patrika (Hindi).

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**For Sangam (India) Limited**

  
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# Single-window clearance for foreign investors hits a bump

Manpower crunch because of Covid, only 8 states put in place the requisite infra

SHRIMI CHOUDHARY AND SHREYA NANDI  
New Delhi, 28 April

The Centre’s ambitious single-window clearance mechanism for foreign investors, which was expected to launch on April 15, has been delayed because states’ technical infrastructure is not yet prepared for the new mechanism. Besides, the second wave of Covid-19 and resultant lockdowns have affected manpower availability within the nodal departments.

As a result, it is learnt that the government has worked out a new timeline and has shifted the launch to June.

The new system is being developed to handhold foreign investors keen to invest in India. It aims to help them obtain all requisite regulatory and state clearances to set up manufacturing units here. The portal is also expected to have a repository of the county’s land bank, comprising information of all the vacant plots and multiple layers of connectivity, along with satellite views of the terrain.

“There are certain factors that have posed a challenge. First, the magnitude of the land banks is such that identifying them or respective sites for setting up manufacturing units is quite cumbersome. Second, states have to ramp-up their infrastructure to ensure that all available licences/clearance are updated on a single portal for single-window clearance,” said a senior government official in know.

It is learnt that a majority of states have not created the technical infras-



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### Key Challenges

■ States to ramp up their infrastructure to ensure that clearance are updated

■ Such technical infrastructure has not been created for a majority of states

tructure required for the system, which has resulted in Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) coordinating with a few states in the initial phase. The challenges faced by such states are primarily in coordinating with various sub-departments/ministries and collating the necessary information in a single easy-to-understand portal.

In addition, the DPIIT has endeavored to make the portal uniform across India, which has added to the complexity of the matter, said another source aware of the issue.

Sources say that so far, the Centre has managed to get eight states on board,

■ Collating the necessary information in a single easy-to-understand portal is cumbersome

### About new system

■ Single point contact in work for potential investors to attract investments

■ Application under different department to be consolidated into one

■ So far, eight to nine states on board, awaiting consent from at least 15–20 states

■ Scheme will have details of state and district wise industrial and land details

while another seven-eight have not yet given consent for land banks. The DPIIT expected to get at least 15 states on board, including Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu at the time of launch.

“The single-window clearance system intends to provide a one-shot clearance for industrial projects and do away with multiple regulatory approvals/clearances. While the DPIIT had intended to launch the project by April 15, the states that propose to be a part of such clearance will also have to keep their infrastructure ready, so that the entire process is seamless. Further, the lockdown imposed in

Delhi as well as the spread of virus has adversely affected the manpower within the concerned ministry. So I think it may take some additional time to be completely ready,” said Atul Pandey, partner, Khaitan & Co.

Meanwhile, for domestic investors, the government is working on a national similar window — Maadhyam — which is currently in testing. The portal aims to allow investors to seek approvals required for kick-starting business in India. It is learnt that DPIIT has asked for industry feedback to be submitted by April 27. It will also integrate the existing clearance system of the Centre as well as states.

The portal will allow investors to track their investment proposal, resolve queries, and respond to clarifications raised by government departments on a single platform. While the timeframe for approval will not be revised, respective government departments will know where the investor’s proposal is stuck. The portal has more than 650 licences across more than 28 central government departments and 14 states.

“Investors will be able to apply for these central government licences/approvals by filling the Common Registration Form. Further, Maadhyam is integrated with the State Single Window (SWS) of the portal of all the participating States. The investor will be able to apply for the State licences by filling in the relevant State Registration Form,” according to information available on the portal.

# Draft electricity policy bats for pvt investment

SHREYA JAI  
New Delhi, 28 April

The draft National Electricity Policy (NEP) — a guiding policy for planning power generation, supply, and investment, under the Electricity Act, 2003, — has laid emphasis on increasing private participation, especially in power distribution in its latest revision. The NEP has also introduced power quality, micro grids, pump hydro storage, real-time power markets in the draft policy statement as key focus areas.

Underlining the most pertinent issue of the sector, the draft has called for major reforms in distribution — “this sector is marred with many inefficiencies like high AT&C losses, inadequate system planning, poor upkeep and maintenance of equipment, etc, which are affecting the financial health of the discoms, and leading to poor consumer satisfaction.”

NEP has noted that despite the central government connecting 100 per cent households in the country with the national power supply grid, quality of power and duration remain an issue.

“There is a need to strengthen the distribution system to ensure 24x7 power supply. Also, evolve a unified scheme for development of adequate distribution infrastructure wherein central assistance is linked to reform milestones of the states,” said the draft NEP.

The Union Budget announced a revamped reform scheme for discoms, entailing an expenditure of ₹3.05 trillion. The scheme would put the onus on the states to formulate their own action plans and funds would be disbursed accordingly.

The draft has stated that public-private partnership in electricity distribution is one of the effective ways to improve efficiency, enhance consumer satisfaction and reduce financial losses of the discoms. “Franchisee model being one of the PPP models has emerged as a preferred route for introduction of privatisation in the distribution sector. Another variant of the PPP model could be in the form of a sub-licencee power distributor for a particular area.”

The suggestions come months after the Centre amended the Electricity Act, 2003, to abolish power “distribution licence” and allowed any company to supply electricity in an area, after necessary regulatory approval. With this, the Centre has ended the monopoly of existing power distribution companies (discoms), which are mostly state-owned entities, and any and every area has been thrown open to be offered to private discoms.

This year’s draft NEP, like earlier versions, has underlined the importance of coal-based power and why it is still too early to retire it,

KEY SUGGESTIONS  
IN DRAFT NEP

■ Invite private participation in power distribution

■ Ensure quality power supply, especially in rural areas

■ Coal-based power to continue to be major contributor in power supply, hence reduce dependence on imported coal

■ Enhance use to balancing power such as pump hydro storage, hydrogen storage, etc

■ Invest in mini grids, mostly those powered by renewable energy

■ Speed up 100% smart metering

■ Increase use of indigenous power equipment

despite growth in renewable power. “While India is committed to add more capacity through non-fossil sources of generation, coal-based generation capacity may still be required to be added in the country, as it continues to be the cheapest source of generation, though compliance to stricter environment norms remain a challenge, particularly for older stations,” said the draft NEP.

The draft was floated on a public forum by the ministry on Wednesday for stakeholder comments, which must be submitted within two months.

The NEP has introduced several new concepts, starting from the need for micro grids in remote areas to having a real-time power market and need for investment in pump hydro generation.

With the rising capacity of renewable energy generation and lack of balancing sources of energy such as gas and large hydro, the NEP has battled for realising the potential of pump hydro storage. The NEP noted that the country has a potential of 96,524 Mw of pump hydro storage and of that barely 4,785 Mw has been used.

For utilising power generation at the source and reducing wastage, the NEP has suggested that discoms explore the possibility of micro grids, especially in areas prone to natural disasters. The NEP has further said these grids should preferably be powered by renewable sources of energy.

## Cabinet approves India-UK deal on Customs cooperation

SHREYA NANDI  
New Delhi, 27 April

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the signing of a deal between India and the United Kingdom on information sharing and preventing Customs offences.

The agreement is also expected to facilitate trade and ensure clearance of goods

traded between the countries, an official statement said.

The deal will be signed on behalf of the governments of the two countries after it is approved by the respective governments.

“This Agreement shall enter into force from the first day of the month following signature by duly authorised representatives of both parties,” it said.

The agreement will provide a legal framework for sharing of information and intelligence between the Customs authorities of India and the UK and help in the proper application of Customs laws, prevention and investigation of Customs offences and the facilitation of legitimate trade.

The draft text of the proposed agreement has been

finalised with the concurrence of the two Customs administrations.

“The Agreement takes care of Indian Customs’ concerns and requirements, particularly in the area of exchange of information on the correctness of the Customs value, tariff classification and origin of the goods traded between the two countries,” the statement said.



# Court stays probe under FIR against Indiabulls Housing

Says charges malafide, casts doubts on bonafide of complainant

BS REPORTER  
New Delhi, 28 April

A Division Bench of the Bombay High Court on Tuesday stayed all investigations by the Palghar police regarding a first information report against Indiabulls Housing Finance (IBHL) for allegedly siphoning off funds and for accounting irregularities.

In its order, the court cast serious doubts on the bonafides of the complainant — Ashutosh Kamble, a shareholder of the company.

IBHL had approached the court and the petition was taken up for urgent hearing. The court noted that the Supreme Court has laid down that “interference at the stage of investigation can be justified only in exceptional cases...”

Noting the malafide intent of the complainant, the court said it is prima facie of the opinion that the complaint “appears to be malafide and deficient”.

“It is needless to observe that since we have stayed the investigation, the question of taking further action on the basis of the said FIR would not arise,” the court said.

The FIR was filed by police after Palghar’s judicial magistrate passed such



an order under Section 156(3) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The company’s counsel told the court that the FIR was nothing but part of a long-running extortion and blackmail saga. Only this time, since blackmailers who had been running this racket from Delhi have been arrested, they chose to rope in a Maharashtra-based accomplice, and this complaint is only a copy-and-paste of earlier patently false and malicious complaints that the blackmailers have been circulating.

The counsel said Kamble had approached the company a few months

back and tried to extort money, but IBHL has not succumbed to the threats and extortion attempts of the blackmailers for the last three years, and has chosen to take them on through appropriate legal proceedings. Members of the gang were arrested and have had their bail applications repeatedly rejected by courts, noting their conduct as extortionists and blackmailers in the court orders.

In this case, Kamble, the counsel said, has falsified his residential address to claim favourable jurisdiction of Wada police station in Palghar, where the company has no office or business. He purchased 500 shares of the company just 10 days before lodging the FIR, to create the subterfuge of being an aggrieved shareholder.

In its order, the court acknowledged this and said “prima facie it appears that respondent no. 2 (Kamble) has been set up to initiate criminal proceedings in the matter.”

The court was also informed that the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has already examined the books of IBHL and the loans mentioned in the allegations, and has filed a court affidavit saying the loans have either been fully repaid or are standard.

## Potential restructuring won’t impact business, says ONGC

JYOTI MUKUL  
New Delhi, 28 April

The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) on Wednesday defended its business prospects as also government strategy, stating that the ongoing discussions with stakeholders were helping it raise issues important for the company and any “potential” restructuring would not significantly affect the company.

News agency PTI had on April 25 reported the petroleum ministry told ONGC to sell stake in producing oil fields such as to Ratna R-Series to private firms, get foreign partners in the Krishna Godavari basin gas fields, monetise existing infrastructure, and have off drilling and other services into a separate firm to raise production. Amar Nath, additional secretary (exploration) in the ministry, on April 1 had written to ONGC Chairman and Managing Director Subhash Kumar giving a seven-point action plan, ONGC Way Forward, that would help the company raise oil and gas production by one-third by 2023-24.

The company did not deny

### ONGC Videsh invokes force majeure in Mozambique project

ONGC Videsh has invoked force majeure in a liquefied natural gas project in Mozambique. Considering the evolution of the security situation in the north of the Cabo Delgado province in Mozambique, the Area 1 Operator Total E&P Mozambique Area 1 Limitada informed the withdrawal of all Mozambique LNG project personnel from the Afungi site.

receipt of the letter but said it was also looking into strategic relationships and close alliances with key international players through ONGC Videsh.

The intention is to invite foreign participants to explore Category-II and Category-III basins, which match the size and scale of expectations and portfolio of these large players. “So, it can be stated that the ongoing discussions are neither new nor intended to limit the role or growth of ONGC. Requirement and opportunity for ONGC are to play an even more pronounced role in improving the energy security of the country. ONGC feels confident and comfortable that the ongoing discussions within ONGC and with its stakeholders will help deliver greater value to all stakeholders,” said the statement.

## SBI board gives nod for raising up to \$2 bn via bonds

State Bank of India (SBI) said its central board in its meeting on Wednesday has approved raising up to ₹2 billion (around ₹14,880 crore) through bonds this fiscal.

The Executive Committee of the Central Board in its meeting on April, 28, 2021 has approved long term bond raising in single / multiple tranches up to ₹2 billion, SBI said in a regulatory filing.

The funds are to be raised through a public offer and /or private placement of senior unsecured notes in US dollar or any other convertible currency during FY 2021-22, said SBI.

SBI shares closed at ₹363.30 apiece on BSE, up 2.95 per cent from the previous close.