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To  
National Stock Exchange of India Limited,  
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Dear Sir,

**Sub: Newspaper Advertisement of Postal Ballot Notice pursuant to Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations And Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (SEBI LODR).**

In furtherance to our letter SSFL/Stock Exchange/2020-21/219 dated February 23, 2021 and pursuant to Regulation 47 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we have enclosed herewith the copies of newspaper advertisement published in Financial Express (English) and Nava Telangana (Telugu) on February 24, 2021 with regards to the Postal Ballot Notice (remote e-voting) to the Members of the Company.

We request you to kindly take on record the aforesaid information.

Thanking you

**For Spandana Sphoorty Financial Limited**

**Ramesh Periasamy**  
**Company Secretary and Compliance officer**

Encl.: e-copy of Newspaper

# Economy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

## Quick View



### 'GDP may turn positive at 1.3% in Dec quarter'

INDIA'S GDP MAY turn positive at 1.3% in the third quarter of 2020-21, having witnessed contraction in the previous two quarters due to the coronavirus pandemic, as the number of cases is falling and public spending has started rising, according to a report. The government will release the GDP numbers for the October-December quarter of the current fiscal on Friday.

### NHAI to carry out periodic quality audit

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS Authority of India on Tuesday said it has decided to carry out periodic quality audits and independent inspection of its projects in order to ensure quality construction. In this regard, 51 projects have been identified in the first stage.

### Cochin Shipyard bid lowest for contract

COCHIN SHIPYARD ON Tuesday said it has emerged as the lowest bidder for a ₹10,000-crore contract by the Indian Navy, to build Next Generation Missile Vessels.

## DISINVESTMENT

# BPCL, Air India deals to conclude by July-Aug

PRASANTA SAHU  
New Delhi, February 23

### THE SHORTLISTED BIDDERS

for fuel retailer-cum-refiner BPCL and national carrier Air India (AI) are likely to be asked to submit their financial bids in a couple of months, as the government intends to complete the two transactions latest by July-August if not earlier, an official source told FE.

Even though the department of investment and public asset management (Dipam) had set a target to complete the transactions by June-end, the government may have to give shortlisted bidders a little bit of extra time if needed to complete their due diligence of the companies and their assets.

"Covid-19 has affected travel, especially from overseas. Some bidders may need to bring in experts from overseas for valuation of the assets and/or physical verification of plants and equipment to assess their real worth," the official said.

On November 16, three bidders showed interest for BPCL buyout — Vedanta, Apollo Global Management and

### Think Gas.

After failing to conclude most of the big ticket deals including BPCL sale in FY21 and pared the target to just ₹32,000 crore from initial estimate of an ambitious ₹2.1 lakh crore, the Centre is serious about achieving ₹1.75-lakh-crore target for FY22.

The value of the Centre's 53% stake in BPCL, which was down 35% to ₹39,000 crore as on October 16, 2020, from ₹60,000 crore in November 2019 (around the time the stake sale proposal was approved by the Union Cabinet), has recovered to a little over ₹50,000 crore as on Tuesday. However, the actual receipts will depend on valuation and consideration of a premium.

BPCL operates four refineries in India, Mumbai Refinery (1955), Kochi Refinery (1966), BOREL-Bina Refinery (2011) and Numaligarh Refinery (1999) with a combined crude oil refining capacity of 38.3 MTPA (766 KBPD). BPCL's stake in Numaligarh refinery will be sold to another CPSE oil firm separately.

The officials are optimistic of

the AI deal going through this time. The bids for AI are likely to be under ₹20,000 crore. The Centre could get about ₹3,000-crore cash. With Covid-19 hitting the aviation sector hard, Air India has estimated that its cash losses would rise 80% on year to ₹6,000 crore in FY21. Air India CMD Rajiv Bansal had said that the carrier's losses could be around ₹8,000 crore in FY21.

Besides BPCL and AI, strategic disinvestment pipeline for this fiscal includes Shipping Corporation of India, Container Corporation of India, IDBI Bank, BEML and Pawan Hans — are all expected to be completed in FY22. Additionally, privatisation of two public sector banks and one general insurance company are to be taken up in FY22.

The IPO of LIC was the second biggest component of the budgeted disinvestment target for this fiscal. While the valuation of the insurer — which often plays White Knight to the government — will be known closer to the listing, it is believed to be worth ₹8-11.5 lakh crore, meaning a 10% IPO could fetch the government ₹80,000-110,000 crore.

# TN envisages modest rise in budget in FY22, refrains from populism

## Revenue projections seem optimistic

FE BUREAU  
Chennai, February 23

THE ELECTION-BOUND Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday presented the interim budget for 2021-22, with no populist measures and big-ticket announcements, while revealing the Covid-19 battered finances of the state and pegging the fiscal deficit for the year at 3.94% of the gross state domestic product (GSDP).

The fiscal deficit for 2020-21 has been revised sharply to 4.99% as against 2.84% budgeted initially, an inevitable fallout of the pandemic. The deficit rose as a result of a sharp revenue shortfall, Covid-19-related additional spending and a thrust given to capex.

The state, however, chose to be fiscally responsible and announced a glide path for consolidation — the fiscal deficit to GSDP ratio is estimated to be 3.49% in 2022-23 and 2.99% in 2023-24.

The state's 2021-22 Budget size (total expenditure) is projected to be ₹3,03,580 crore, up



Tamil Nadu deputy chief minister and finance minister O Panneerselvam presents the interim budget in the assembly in Chennai on Tuesday

just 6.7% from the Revised Estimate (RE) for 2020-21. Budgetary capital expenditure is seen to be ₹43,171 crore in 2021-22 compared with ₹37,734 crore in 2020-21 (Revised Estimate).

The total revenue receipts in the Interim Budget Estimate for 2021-22 are estimated at ₹2,18,992 crore, which means an optimistic 21% growth over the 20120-21 RE.

Revenue expenditure for the next fiscal year is pegged at ₹2,60,409 crore, leaving a revenue deficit of ₹41,417 crore.

O Panneerselvam, the deputy chief minister, who is also holding the finance portfolio presenting the interim budget, said the elevated level of the fiscal deficit in the current

fiscal year was unavoidable and this deficit has to be brought down gradually to ensure there is no adverse impact on the economy. Even the 15th Finance Commission has recommended that a higher fiscal deficit of 4% of GDP should be permitted to states in 2021-22. Accordingly the fiscal deficit in 2021-22 has been contained to ₹84,202 crore which is 3.94% of GSDP, he said.

A provision of ₹5,000 crore has been made the crop loan waiver scheme announced by the state government recently and a provision of ₹11,983 crore has been made for agriculture.

The other major focus has been education, health care, infrastructure, public distribution system, industries and develop-

ment of local bodies, among others.

The government, over the next few years, will procure 12,000 buses of which 2,000 would be electric buses. In the first instance, with KfW financial assistance, 2,200 BSVI buses and 500 electric buses at a cost of ₹1,580 crore will be procured. An amount of ₹624 crore has been provided for the implementation of the project.

The overall debt outstanding as on March 31, 2021, is estimated to be ₹4,85,503 crore and as on March 31, 2022, it is estimated to be ₹5,70,189 crore.

The debt-GDP ratio of Tamil Nadu as on March 31, 2021, will be 24.98% and as on March 31, 2022, will be 26.69% of GDP, which is well within the norms prescribed by the 15th Finance Commission, the state finance minister said.

The state's own tax revenue is expected to be ₹1,09,969 crore in the revised estimates for 2020-21 which represents a drop of 17.64% against Budget Estimate. The aggregate revenue receipts in the Revised Estimates 2020-21 are estimated to be ₹1,80,701 crore which represents a decline of 17.63% from the Budget Estimate.

# India's health sector overcame trial by fire during Covid: PM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, February 23

The prestige of India's health sector and trust in it has increased manifold across the globe after it successfully overcame the trial by fire during the COVID-19 pandemic last

year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday and asserted that time has come to take accessibility and affordability in healthcare to the next level.

Addressing a webinar on effective implementation of the Union Budget's provisions

in the health sector, he said the budget allocated to health this year is unprecedented and shows the government's commitment to provide better health care.

Modi said his government is taking a holistic approach to healthcare and is not just

focused on treatment but also wellness.

To keep India healthy, the government is working on four fronts simultaneously — prevention of illness and promotion of wellness, providing cheap and effective treatment to the poorest of the poor,

# Modi warns against dangers of climate change

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Kharagpur, February 23

WARNING AGAINST THE dangers of climate change and natural disasters like the one in Uttarakhand recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday asked the IITs to develop

disaster resilient infrastructure that can withstand their effects.

Addressing the 66th convocation of IIT (Kharagpur), the oldest of Indian Institutes of Technology, he gave the students the mantra of "Self-3" "self-awareness, self-confidence and selflessness" in

order to become startups for bringing about a change in the lives of people.

He also spoke of the need for making available safe, affordable and environment friendly energy to people through initiatives like the International Solar Alliance.

## From the Front Page

# Global, local majors line up for telecom gear PLI

Through such incentives, the government is aiming to reduce imports, boost domestic production, increase employment and export competitiveness.

The scheme, which would be operational from April 1, would lead to incremental production of around ₹2.4 lakh crore with exports of around ₹1.95 lakh crore over five years. Sources in the government said the scheme is expected to create 40,000 jobs, revenues of around ₹8,500 crore in direct taxes and ₹8,700 crore in indirect taxes

like GST. It is expected to bring in investments of over ₹3,000 crore.

Telecom equipment that would be covered includes core transmission equipment, 4G/5G next generation radio access network and wireless equipment, access and customer premises equipment (CPE), Internet of things (IoT) access devices, other wireless equipment and enterprise equipment like switches, routers etc.

The scheme is expected to offset huge imports of telecom equipment worth more than ₹50,000 crore and reinforce it with ₹5,000 crore in India products both for domestic markets and exports.

The selected companies would be eligible for incentives subject to achievement of a minimum threshold of cumulative incremental investment and incremental sales of manufactured goods. The incentive structure ranges between 4 and 7% for different categories and years. For MSMEs, 1% higher incentive is proposed in year 1, year 2 and year 3. Financial Year 2019-20 will be treated as the base year for computation of cumulative incremental sales of manufactured goods net of taxes. Fiscal 2021 has not been taken as a base year because of lower production during the year due to the pandemic.

The minimum investment threshold for MSMEs has been kept at ₹10 crore and for others at ₹100 crore.

The upcoming 4G tender of BSNL would provide a perfect opportunity for the firms to expand their manufacturing capacity in India. The government has already decided that core network for BSNL's network would be provided by an Indian company.

# Covid surge: Rise not due to UK or SA strains, says govt

This was done as per a tracking protocol formalised when the consortium was announced.

While speaking of the 3,500 strains that have been sequenced so far, Paul added, "when we are doing sequencing, we are looking for any abnormal shift in the virus character".

The number of new Covid-

19 cases reported in the country dropped on Tuesday to 10,584 after rising to 14,264 on February 21; it was marginally lower at 14,199 on February 22. At the beginning of the month, India had 11,427 cases and this fell to 8,635 on February 2. This has sparked fears of a second wave, and one possibly due to the more infectious UK and South African strains. Two states, Maharashtra and Kerala, contribute three fourths of the active infections in the country.

The health ministry, on Tuesday, said that the Centre has sent or is in the process of sending teams of experts, including in public health and epidemiology, to assess the situation in states and Union territories—Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir—where there has been a rising trend so as to advise the state governments on what containment steps need to be taken.

With the government saying the UK and South African mutations are not responsible for the surge in Maharashtra and the high absolute numbers in Kerala, the focus is back on the failure to observe Covid-appropriate behaviour. After local-train services resumed in Mumbai on February 2, the municipal and Railways authorities had reported close to 5,000 people being fined for not wearing masks in the train in the first two weeks itself. Following the rise in numbers, the Maharashtra government has imposed several restrictions in high-incidence districts, while the chief minister has said that the trend of Covid-19 spread will be observed over the next 8-15 days to see if the state will need to go for a lockdown.

# Asset monetisation: Mop-up of over ₹2L cr seen by 2024

The idea is to boost the non-debt capital receipts, which are currently raised solely via disinvestment of government stakes in central public sector undertakings (CPSUs). In parallel, the government has also adopted a policy of aggressive privatization of CPSUs, as it seeks to make up for the low tax revenue buoy-

ancy in the short term.

All infrastructure ministries have been directed to zero in on potential assets for monetisation. Niti Aayog chief executive Amitabh Kant is driving this initiative. A dash board, along the lines of the one for the ₹111-lakh-crore National Infrastructure Pipeline, will be set up where the assets can be viewed by potential investors.

Earlier, Niti Aayog had identified two lists of core assets, including 12 lots of highway bundles of 6,000 km to raise up to ₹60,000 crore. Power Grid will offer transmission lines worth a total of ₹20,000 crore in phases. Even private sector participation in the running of about 150 passenger trains and redevelopment of 50 railway stations also featured in the government's agenda.

A core group of secretaries for asset monetisation (CGAM), headed by the cabinet secretary, reviews the progress of this initiative.

In the Budget for FY22, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that National Highways Authority of India and Power Grid Corporation each have sponsored one InvIT to draw investors. Five operational roads, with an estimated value of ₹5,000 crore are being transferred to the NHAI InvIT. Similarly, transmission assets worth ₹7,000 crore will be transferred to the PGCIL InvIT, she said. The next lot of airports will be monetised for operations and management concession.

Earlier, NITI Aayog had also recommended the monetisation of special assets such as stadiums and tourism/mountain railways lines. The CGAM last year reviewed progress on monetisation of Jawaharal Nehru Sports Stadium in New Delhi and three stadiums of railways (Karnail Singh Stadium, Waltair Stadium and Railway Indoor Sports Stadium) and four tourism/mountain railways at Darjeeling, Nilgiris, Kalka Simla and Matheran.

The Airports Authority of India is the only entity to have completed monetisation of six identified airports (Ahmedabad, Mangalore, Lucknow, Thiruvananthapuram, Jaipur and Guwahati) and is now gearing up for the next round.

FE had earlier reported that the shipping ministry was in the process of recycling 11 assets, including 10 berths and

International Cruise Terminal at Goa Port.

As for the assets of central public-sector enterprises (CPSEs), while the government would retain 100% of the proceeds from monetisation of non-core assets of units identified for strategic sale and enemy properties, it could share a large chunk of the proceeds with CPSEs in case operational core assets are monetised. The proceeds to the Centre from asset monetisation would be counted as disinvestment receipts, which so far only included receipts from equity sales in CPSEs and other entities.

# RIL outlines plan for O2C business spin off

The company proposes to transfer all its refining, petrochemicals and marketing assets to the O2C entity, which includes the 51:49 fuel marketing joint venture with BP, 74.9% elastomer JV with Sibur, Recron/RP Chemicals Malaysia, trading subsidiaries, ethane pipeline and all other related assets. The O2C scheme becomes effective with appointed date of January 1, 2021.

The company will transfer ₹40 billion of long-term assets, ₹2 billion of net working capital and ₹5 billion of non-current liabilities to the O2C entity for a consideration of ₹25 billion of long-dated loan and ₹12 billion of equity from RIL, it said in a presentation. RIL expects the separation to be completed by September.

RIL's rationale behind creating a standalone company is to let the new entity pursue opportunities across O2C value chain through self-sustaining capital structure and dedicated management team. "(It) facilitates value creation through strategic partnerships and attract dedicated pools of investor capital," it said.

The management control of O2C will continue to be with RIL, while there will be no dilution of earnings or any restriction on cash flows and the company expects to retain its investment grade international and domestic credit ratings. O2C re-organisation results in no change in shareholding of RIL and no impact on consolidated financial position, the company said.

RIL's consolidated balance

sheet as on appointed date of January 1, 2021 has \$122 billion of long term assets and cash and equivalents of \$30 billion. Total equity stands at \$88 billion, non-controlling interests at \$13 billion, total borrowings at \$35 billion, non-current liabilities of \$11 billion and net working capital of \$5 billion.

While the O2C demerger is not expected to have any impact on consolidated numbers, it should improve outlook on stake sale in O2C business. "The loan of \$25 billion to O2C at floating interest rates (linked to SBI's 1-year MCLR) will make up-streaming of potential stake sale in O2C more tax efficient," analysts at Nomura observed.

The separation of the O2C business to a subsidiary also facilitates a potential stake sale to Saudi Aramco, which, Sweta Patodia, analyst (corporate finance group) at Moody's Investors Service observed will enable a further reduction in RIL's net debt.

In the past, RIL had considered a potential 20% stake sale in O2C to Saudi Aramco at a valuation of \$75 billion, which would have resulted in potential receipt of \$15 billion. "A higher loan of \$25 billion indicates that Reliance could consider even more than 20% stake sale to strategic investors and dedicated PE investors," analysts at Nomura said.

# Media laws: Facebook 'refriends' Australia after changes

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But after a series of talks between Treasurer Josh Frydenberg and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, a concession deal has been struck, with Australian news expected to return to the social media site in coming days.

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Facebook said it was satisfied with the revisions, which will need to be implemented in legislation currently before the parliament. "Going forward, the government has clarified we will retain the ability to decide if news appears on Facebook so that we won't automatically be subject to a forced negotiation," Facebook Vice President of Global News Partnerships Campbell Brown said in a statement online.

She said the company would continue to invest in news globally but also "resist efforts by media conglomerates to advance regulatory frameworks that do not take account of the true value exchange between publishers and platforms like Facebook." —REUTERS

# MPC minutes: Bonds rise as RBI supportive

The central bank is signaling its intent to support growth — through rates and liquidity — and that is a supporting sentiment, says Debendra Dash, head of fixed income at AU Small Finance in Mumbai. The RBI changing its auction method is also slightly positive for bonds, supported by some amount of value buying after the recent selloff. The government plans to sell ₹24,000 crore of bonds on Friday, the RBI said.

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The issue has been widely watched internationally as other countries including Canada and Britain consider similar legislation. Facebook has refriended Australia, and Australian news will be restored to the Facebook platform," Frydenberg told reporters in Canberra on Tuesday.

Frydenberg said Australia had been a "proxy battle for the

