

Date :- August 30, 2023

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Mumbai - 400 001

National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.
Exchange Plaza, Plot no. C/1, G Block,
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Sub.: Newspaper Advertisement of Offer-Opening pertaining to Buyback of Equity Shares by FDC Limited ("the Company").

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find enclosed Newspaper Advertisement of "Offer-Opening pertaining to Buyback of Equity Shares" in connection with Buyback of Fully Paid - up Equity Shares of the Company published today i.e. on August 30, 2023 in the following newspapers:

Name of publication	Language	Edition
Business Standard	English	All editions
Business Standard	Hindi	All editions
Loksatta	Marathi	Aurangabad (Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar) edition

This will also be made available on the Company's website at www.fdcindia.com.

Kindly take the above on record.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
For FDC Limited

Varsharani Katre
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
M. No.: FCS-8948

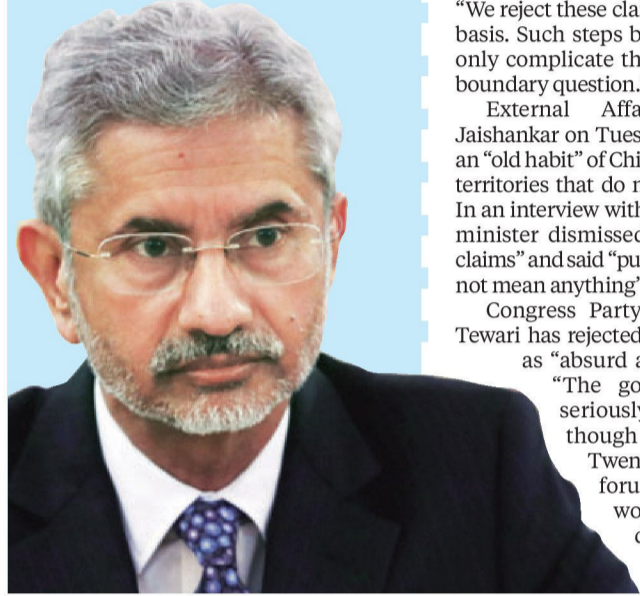
China includes Arunachal in new 'standard map'

India lodges protest, says such steps only complicate border dispute

OLD HABIT OF THEIRS: JAISHANKAR ON NEW CHINESE MAP

"JUST BY PUTTING OUT MAPS WITH PARTS OF INDIA... DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING. OUR GOVERNMENT IS VERY CLEAR ABOUT OUR TERRITORY. MAKING ABSURD CLAIMS DOES NOT MAKE OTHER PEOPLE'S TERRITORIES YOURS"

S JAISHANKAR
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



AJAI SHUKLA
New Delhi, 29 August

In a resurgence of Beijing's ongoing cartographic aggression against New Delhi, the Chinese government has released its latest 'standard map' of its border areas, continuing to show several Indian regions, including the entire Indian province of Arunachal Pradesh and the Aksai Chin region, as part of the People's Republic of China.

The map, released by Beijing on Monday, inaccurately reflects inflated territorial claims regarding China's maritime borders. It depicts China's maritime borders with the so-called 'nine-dash line', covering large swathes of the South China Sea, East China Sea, and the Sea of Japan.

India's External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said: "We reject these claims as they have no basis. Such steps by the Chinese side only complicate the resolution of the boundary question."

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday stated that it is an "old habit" of China to stake claim on territories that do not belong to them. In an interview with NDTV, the foreign minister dismissed Beijing's "absurd claims" and said "putting out a map does not mean anything".

Congress Party member Manish Tewari has rejected the Chinese claim as "absurd and preposterous".

"The government should seriously introspect — though the Group of Twenty is a multinational forum — whether it would be in accordance with India's self-respect to be fettering a person in

Delhi, Xi Jinping, who is in illegal occupation of 2,000 sq. km of Indian territory along the LAC," he told ANI.

Such fallacious Chinese representations have also appeared on other Sino-Indian maps. Other regional countries, including Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Brunei, have all voiced their claims over the waters of the South China Sea. In one of these maps, a 'tenth dash' has been placed east of Taiwan, depicting Beijing's claims over the island.

The publication of maps incorrectly depicting parts of India as Chinese territory has been a standard tactic employed by Beijing to lay claim to Indian territory and waters.

In the early 1950s, Beijing published its first official map of China, asserting ownership over large portions of Ladakh and the North East Frontier Agency (NEFA). This subsequently became an official claim to those Indian territories.

The latest map has been released by China's Ministry of Natural Resources. It was unveiled during the celebration of Surveying and Mapping Publicity Day and the National Mapping Awareness Publicity Week in Zhejiang Province.

The English-language news portal ChinaDaily.com.cn has quoted its chief planner, Wu Wenzhong, as stating that "surveying, mapping, and geographic information play an important role in boosting the development of the nation".

In April, China's Ministry of Civil Affairs released Chinese language names for 11 places in "Zangnam", or South Tibet — the standard Chinese nomenclature for Arunachal Pradesh. This marks the third instance in six years that China has announced Chinese names for towns, villages, and geographical features in Arunachal, reaffirming its claim to the entire Indian state.

Brics+6 to control 30% of global GDP and 46% population: SBI report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Mumbai, 29 August

The addition of six new members to the Brics grouping will see it controlling 46 per cent of the world's population and 30 per cent of its economic output, Somya Kanti Ghosh, chief economic advisor to the State Bank of India, said in a note.

At the latest Brics summit in Johannesburg last week, the present members — Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa — decided to add Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates as new members of the grouping.

The new members will become part of Brics effective January 1, 2024.

The acronym Brics was originally coined in 2001 by Goldman Sachs economists led by Jim O'Neill. Later in December 2010, South Africa was added as the fifth member.

Currently, the five-member grouping is home to 40 per cent of the world's population which controls 26 per cent of the global GDP.

But with the six new members (Brics+6), their GDP share will jump to 30 per cent and their share of the population will go up to 46 per cent, the note said.

However, the biggest impact will be on the share of global oil production which will increase to 40 per cent from the current 18 per cent, while their oil intake share will jump from 27 per cent to 36 per cent, according to the note.

Similarly, their share in global mer-

chandise trade will rise from 20 per cent to 25 per cent, and that of global services trade will increase to 15 per cent from 12, the note said, adding that their share in the global forex reserves will increase by 600 bps to 45 per cent.

Ghosh stated that the new grouping will lead to the rise of a new Global South as Brics+6 will offer a credible alternative to the hegemony of the Global North when it comes to global affairs, trade, currency, and energy security.

He noted that Brics+6 will be a game-changer as the terms of global trade will get rewritten and the new grouping could be the lynchpin of a new global order.

However, even after the new addition, China and India will continue to contribute 74 per cent of the overall GDP of the grouping, it said.

Currently, China controls 70 per cent of the Brics' GDP, while India's share is 13 per cent. This will fall to 62 and 12 per cent, respectively, after the new members join. Brazil's share will remain unchanged at 7 per cent.

Brics+6 and G20 (Group of 20 largest economies) have their share in the global population at 3.7 billion and 5.1 billion, while their GDP share is \$29.2 trillion and \$70.4 trillion, and forex reserves at \$5.5 trillion and \$9.4 trillion, respectively. On the massive increase in the share oil trade — Saudi has the second largest oil reserves after Russia — the oil math will be the potential game changer for payment system and price discovery, says the report.

Gujarat raises OBC quota in local bodies to 27% from 10%

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, 29 August

The Bharatiya Janata Party government in Gujarat on Tuesday announced a 27 per cent reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in local bodies like panchayats, municipalities and civic corporations on the basis of a report, paving the way for polls in these self-governing institutes.

However, in areas notified under the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) (PESA) Act — most of them with substantial tribal populations — the reservation for OBCs in local bodies will continue to be 10 per cent.

The existing quota for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes remains unchanged and there has been no breach of the 50 per cent reservation ceiling, the Gujarat government said.

Earlier, OBC reservation in local bodies was 10 per cent in Gujarat. The announcement, based on the Justice Jhaveri Commission report, comes before the Lok Sabha elections and will pave the way of holding of local body polls, which were postponed due to the pending quota issue after the Supreme Court mandated that reservation for OBCs should be on the basis of their population. After the announcement, seats in the local bodies will be kept reserved for OBC candidates in 27 per cent proportion when elections are held, Gujarat minister and government spokesperson Rushikesh Patel.

The existing quota remains unchanged, and there is no breach of the 50% ceiling

'Democracy important': SC asks for J&K statehood time frame

Govt says J&K status not permanent, but Ladakh will remain a UT for now

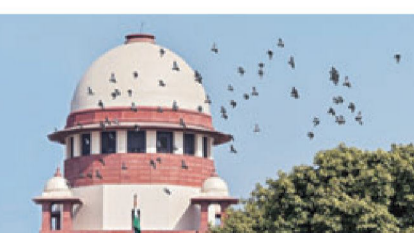
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, 29 August

The Centre told the Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday that the Union Territory status (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is not a "permanent thing" and that it will make a statement on the vexatious political issue in the court on August 31.

The central government's response was conveyed to the court by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, after a five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, hearing the pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370, asked it to set a specific time frame for restoration of electoral democracy in the erstwhile state.

"The Union Territory status of J&K is not a permanent thing. So far as Ladakh is concerned, its UT status is going to remain for some time," Mehta said. The top government law officer said he would make an elaborate statement on the

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SUPREME COURT



future of the Union Territory status of J&K and Ladakh before the bench, which also comprises Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, B R Gava and Surya Kant, on August 31. The Bench, which was hearing Mehta's submissions defending the Centre's decision to do away with the special status of the former state and its reorganisation, said: "Democracy is important, although we agree that in view of the national security scenario, reorganisation of the state can be done." The court said lack of electoral democracy cannot be allowed to go on indefinitely.

Environmental harm irreversible: SC defers govt's GM Mustard plea

The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday deferred the consideration of the Centre's plea for the withdrawal of an oral undertaking made to the court in November, last year, pledging to maintain the status quo on the release of genetically modified (GM) mustard. The government's application for the will now be considered on September 26.

OFFER OPENING ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE BUY BACK OF EQUITY SHARES THROUGH TENDER OFFER UNDER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (BUYBACK OF SECURITIES) REGULATIONS, 2018, ("SEBI BUYBACK REGULATIONS") AS AMENDED FOR THE ATTENTION OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS / BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE EQUITY SHARES OF



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BUYBACK OF UPTO 31,00,000 (THIRTY ONE LAKH) FULLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES, OF FACE VALUE OF RE. 1/- (RUPEE ONE) EACH ("EQUITY SHARES"), REPRESENTING 1.87% OF THE ISSUED, SUBSCRIBED AND PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY AS ON MARCH 31, 2023 ("BUYBACK"). THE BUYBACK WILL BE UNDERTAKEN ON A PROPORTIONATE BASIS, FROM THE ELIGIBLE SHAREHOLDERS HOLDING EQUITY SHARES AS ON AUGUST 25, 2023. ("RECORD DATE"), BY WAY OF A TENDER OFFER THROUGH THE STOCK EXCHANGE MECHANISM ("TENDER OFFER"), FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF RS. 500 (RUPEES FIVE HUNDRED ONLY) ("BUYBACK PRICE") PER EQUITY SHARE FOR AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING RS. 155,00,00,000 (RUPEES ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE CRORES ONLY) ("BUYBACK SIZE")

This Offer Opening Advertisement is to be read together with:

- the public announcement in connection with the Buyback published on August 11, 2023 in the following newspapers: i) Business Standard (English - All editions); ii) Business Standard (Hindi - All editions); and iii) Loksatta (Marathi - Aurangabad Edition) ("Public Announcement");
- the letter of offer dated August 28, 2023 in connection with the Buyback ("Letter of Offer").

Capitalised terms used but not defined in this Offer Opening Advertisement shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in the Letter of Offer.

The dispatch of the Letter of Offer to the Eligible Shareholders of the Company holding Equity Shares on the Record Date i.e. Friday, August 25, 2023 has been completed by August 29, 2023 through electronic mode to the shareholders whose e-mail ids are available with the Company and through speed post / registered post at the address registered in India for all the remaining shareholders.

The Letter of Offer and the Form of Acceptance-cum-Acknowledgement is available on the website of the Company (www.fdcindia.com), SEBI (www.sebi.gov.in), the Registrar to the Buyback (www.linkintime.co.in), the Manager to the Buyback (www.sundaecapital.com), Stock Exchanges, BSE (www.bseindia.com) and NSE (www.nseindia.com). In case of non-receipt of the Letter of Offer, the Eligible Shareholders, if they so desire, may download the Letter of Offer or the Form of Acceptance-cum-Acknowledgement from the websites indicated above.

Record Date and Ratio of Buyback as per the Buyback Entitlement in each Category:

The Buyback Entitlement ratio for the shareholders is as below:

Category of Shareholders	Ratio of Buyback *
Reserved category for Small Shareholders	12 Equity Shares for every 131 Equity Shares held on the Record Date
General category for all other Eligible Shareholders	1 Equity Share for every 61 Equity Shares held on the Record Date

* The above Ratio of Buyback is approximate and providing indicative Buyback Entitlement. Any computation of entitled Equity Shares using the above Ratio of Buyback may provide a slightly different number due to rounding-off. The actual Buyback Entitlement for Reserved category for Small Shareholders is 9.1603% and General category for all other Eligible Shareholders is 1.6393%.

For details, refer to "Record Date and Ratio of Buyback as per the Buyback Entitlement in each Category" on page 28 of the Letter of Offer.

Instruction to Eligible Shareholders

All the Eligible Shareholders of the Company, holding shares in dematerialized and physical form, registered or unregistered are eligible to participate in this Buyback at any time during the period from Buyback Opening Date to Buyback Closing Date ("Tendering Period") for this Buy-Back:

- In case the Shares are held in Dematerialised Form Eligible Shareholders who desire to tender their Equity Shares in the electronic form under the Buyback would have to do so through their respective Seller Member by indicating to their broker the details of Equity Shares they intend to tender under the Buyback as per the procedure specified in Clause 20.24 on page 33 of the Letter of Offer.
- In case the Shares are held in Physical Form: Eligible Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form may participate in the Buyback through their respective Selling Broker by providing the relevant information and documents as mentioned in Clause 20.25 on page 34 of the Letter of Offer.
- In case of non receipt of the Letter of Offer: The Eligible Shareholder may tender Equity Shares under the Offer in terms of the procedure specified in Clause 20.28 on page 37 of the Letter of Offer.

An Eligible Shareholder holding share in physical form may also participate in the Buyback by downloading the Tender Form from the website of the Company i.e., www.fdcindia.com or the website of the Registrar i.e., www.linkintime.co.in or by providing their application in writing on plain paper to the Registrar, signed by Eligible Shareholder or all Eligible Shareholders (in case Equity Shares are in joint name) stating name, address, folio number, number of Equity Shares held, share certificate number, number of Equity Shares tendered for the Buyback and the distinctive numbers thereof, bank account details together with the original share certificate(s), copy of Eligible Shareholders PAN card(s) and executed Form SH-4 in favour of the Company. The transfer Form (SH-4) can be downloaded from the website of the Company i.e., www.fdcindia.com or the website of the Registrar i.e., www.linkintime.co.in. Eligible Shareholders must ensure that the Tender Form, along with the TRS and requisite documents (as mentioned in paragraph 20.25 of Letter of Offer), reach the Registrar on or before the Buyback Closing Date (by 5:00 p.m.). If the signature(s) of the Eligible Shareholders provided in the plain paper application differs from the specimen signature(s) recorded with the Registrar / Company or are not in the same order (although attested), the Company / Registrar shall have a right to reject such applications.

Eligible Shareholders have to ensure that their bid is entered by their respective Seller Member in the electronic platform to be made available by NSE before the Buyback Closing Date.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Particulars	Date	Day
Date of Board Meeting approving the Buyback	August 09, 2023	Wednesday
Date of publication of the Public Announcement for the Buyback	August 11, 2023	Friday
Record Date for determining the Buyback Entitlement and the names of Eligible Shareholders	August 25, 2023	Friday
Last date for dispatch of Letter of Offer	August 29, 2023	Tuesday
Date of Opening of the Buyback	August 31, 2023	Thursday
Date of Closing of the Buyback	September 06, 2023	Wednesday
Last date of receipt of the completed Tender Forms and other specified documents by the Registrar to the Buyback *	September 08, 2023	Friday
Last date of verification of Shares tendered by the Registrar to the Buyback	September 08, 2023	Friday
Last date for settlement of bids on the Stock Exchanges	September 13, 2023	Wednesday
Last date of dispatch of share certificate(s) by Registrar / payment of consideration to shareholders / return of unaccepted demat shares by Stock Exchange to Eligible Shareholders	September 13, 2023	Wednesday
Last date of extinguishment of Equity Shares	September 25, 2023	Monday

* Eligible Shareholders are required to submit their form(s) with their broker for bidding. After entering a valid bid, the seller member should send either by registered post / courier to the Registrar to the Buyback the Tender Forms along with the requisite documents, superscribing the envelope as "FDC Limited - Buyback 2023", or hand deliver the same to the Registrar to the Buyback at the address mentioned on the cover page or in Clause 18 of the Letter of Offer.

Note: Where last dates are mentioned for certain activities, such activities may happen on or before the respective last dates

Further, Eligible Shareholders are required to refer to Clause 20 of the Letter of Offer ("Procedure for Tendering Equity Shares and Settlement") in relation to the detailed procedure for tendering their Equity Shares in the Offer and are required to adhere to and follow the procedure outlined therein.

MANAGER TO THE BUYBACK	REGISTRAR TO THE OFFER AND INVESTOR SERVICE CENTRE
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All capitalized terms, unless defined herein, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Letter of Offer.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of

FDC Limited Sd/- Mohan Anand Chandavarkar Managing Director (DIN: 00043344)	Sd/- Ashok Anand Chandavarkar Executive Director (DIN: 00042719)	Sd/- Varsharani Katre Company Secretary & Compliance Officer FCS 8948
Place: Mumbai Date: August 29, 2023		



