

## गैस पाइपलाइन सुरक्षा के लिए 'डायल बिफोर डिग' पहल



मुंबई. महानगर गैस लिमिटेड (एमजीएल) ने जनता से मुंबई और आस-पास के इलाकों में चल रही खुदाई गतिविधियों के दौरान गैस पाइपलाइनों को होने वाले नुकसान को रोकने के लिए अपनी 'एमजीएल सहयोगी' पहल का समर्थन करने का आग्रह किया है. 'डायल बिफोर डिग' कार्यक्रम लोगों को अपने आस-पास देखी गई किसी भी नियोजित खुदाई गतिविधि की सूचना महानगर गैस लिमिटेड को देने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करता है, जिससे आकस्मिक पाइपलाइन क्षति, गैस रिसाव, घरों और सीएनजी स्टेशनों को गैस आपूर्ति में व्यवधान से संभावित सुरक्षा खतरों को रोकने में मदद मिलेगी. महानगर गैस लिमिटेड को सड़क खुदाई की सूचना टोल फ्री नंबर 1800 266 99 44 पर दी जा सकती है. खुदाई से पहले महानगर गैस लिमिटेड को सूचित किया जा सकता है.



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# Asian Energy Services plans to double revenue in FY25

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**ASIAN ENERGY SERVICES**, a service provider to the energy sector, plans to double its revenue to ₹600 crore in the current financial year 2024-25 from the previous fiscal, said Kapil Garg, managing director of the company.

Additionally, the company has a third party order book of over ₹1,000 crore which it intends to execute in the next two to three years.

"We already have a third party order book of more than ₹1,000 crore which is to be executed in the next two years or less," Garg said.

"We are looking to at least double the revenue target going forward. This year, we will be looking to double from ₹300 crore to ₹600 crore."

Asian Energy Service is a subsidiary of Oilmax Energy which provides services that include geophysical data acquisition (seismic), production facility construction (EPC) and operation and maintenance.

In the past 2.5 years, the company has also diversified into the coal sector and will



further look to expand its footprint in the coal gasification and minerals mining segment going ahead.

Presently, ASEL has five ongoing projects to build coal handling plants with different subsidiaries of Coal India and will continuously look for further expansion in the truck loading systems, Garg noted.

"For quite some time, we have been hearing about the government's 100-day agenda for the year. We feel there is going to be a lot more focus in the mining sector going ahead," he said, adding that the company will diversify its business in mining of minerals.

The company is in discussions with National Mineral Development Corporation

(NMDC) and Vedanta's Cairn to explore opportunities in the mining segment but have not gotten to the stage of bidding yet, Garg informed.

"We are trying to leverage on the existing relationships with Vedanta to build and take it further. We constantly keep on looking for opportunities," he said.

Garg is also optimistic of receiving at least ₹1,000 crore worth of seismic tenders from the country's upstream sector companies in the next 1-2 years.

"This year looks exciting for seismic surveys because the national seismic programme phase 2 which is already approved is in the tendering process. And when you combine that work with existing fields, it's looking very exciting," he said.

The company is hopeful of bagging a generous amount of tenders from Oil India, Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC), and Vedanta's Cairn Oil and Gas which will be out in the next two months. "We will win some of those by September, execution should begin from mid October to early November and they will all be finished by June next year."





# Disinvestments may face coalition hurdle

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**P**rivatization may take the backseat in the coming coalition government as a reduced majority forces the pro-reform Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to work alongside allies with different priorities, officials and experts said.

Strategic sales already in advanced stages like IDBI Bank, Shipping Corp. of India and BEML may take off in the second half of 2024-25, but other transactions and fresh disinvestments may not be as lucky, they said. In the past too, resistance from states was a key reason for the slow progress of divestments.

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bids for some of the strategic sales of PSUs knowing well that the rules do not permit it. In some cases, they've gone to courts to prevent or stall the sale, which leads to further erosion of whatever value the asset may hold at that time,” an official said.

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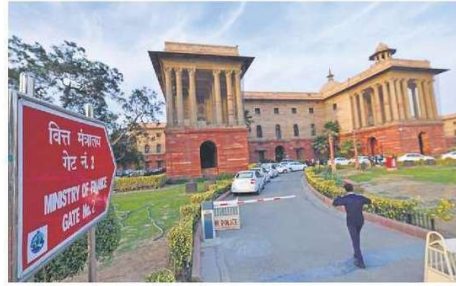
# Coalition hurdle awaits disinvestments

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For instance, the Kerala State Industries Development Corp. submitted a bid for HLL Lifecare Ltd located in the state, which the Centre rejected in 2022. In 2020, the Chhattisgarh assembly adopted a resolution to buy NMDC's Nagarnar Steel Plant if it was divested.

According to a second official, since the PSUs are located in states, the Centre needs states' cooperation to provide approvals, and maintain and hand over the assets.

Besides IDBI Bank, where the government and LIC are jointly selling nearly 61% stake, divestment of NMDC's steel plant in Nagarnar in Chhattisgarh; SAIL's Salem steel plant; Indian Medicines Pharmaceuticals Corp. Ltd; Ferro Scrap Nigam Ltd; HLL Lifecare Ltd and Project & Development India Ltd are in various stages. The Union cabinet has approved the sale of Container Corp. of India Ltd, but the process is yet to begin. The Centre also plans to list NTPC Green Energy Ltd, and has begun the process to list Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd.



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Suresh Ganapathy, managing director and head of financial services research at Macquarie Capital said in a client note that the merger of public sector banks and disinvestment plans would take a back seat. "Yes, they indeed (would). Look, any unpopular move will be avoided clearly for the near term due to reduced

mandate," he wrote the note to clients. The Union budget in July would be "more populist", and the narrative would shift towards welfarist schemes,

Ganapathy said, adding the dividend bounty from the central bank that could have gone into capex would now move towards consumption schemes.

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Tuesday's election results were a rude surprise for the stock markets, which had built up hopes of a thumping win for the Bharatiya Janata Party.

While the National Democratic Alliance crossed the half-way mark, the numbers fell far short of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for 400-plus seats and poll-

sters' predictions of above 350.

Jeremy Zook, director and primary sovereign analyst for India at Fitch Ratings said a weakened majority could pose challenges for more ambitious reforms. "As the BJP fell short of an outright majority and will need to rely more heavily on its coalition partners, passing contentious reforms could prove more difficult, particularly around land and labour, which have recently been flagged as priorities by the BJP to boost India's manufacturing competitiveness," he said in a note.

According to Bank of Baroda's chief economist Madan Sabnavis, though, divestments may not be as hard as feared. "In my opinion, the fact that there are coalition partners may not be a significant challenge when going ahead with disinvestment, as they have a record of being pro-reforms," he said. However, he noted that disinvestments will get more challenging, as the low-hanging fruits have been already sold, and any further programme will have to weigh the pros and cons involved as some large PSUs serve a larger purpose for society as a whole, like oil marketing companies that control fuel prices.

# Electricity Trade Volumes on IEX Jump 29% in May

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Indian Energy Exchange's (IEX) overall trade volume grew nearly 29% to 10,633 million units (MU) in May against 8,251 MU in the year-ago period. The electricity (trade) volumes at 9,568 MU increased 21% year-on-year, an IEX statement said.

According to the statement, IEX achieved a monthly overall volume of 10,633 MU in May 2024, marking a 28.9% year-on-year increase. The renewable energy certificates (REC) increased 640.3% year-on-year to 1,055 MU.

**Despite the increase in consumption, price in the Day Ahead Market was lower by over 20% vs prices discovered via bilateral contracts**

A total of 10.55 lac RECs (equivalent to 1,055 MU) were traded in the trading sessions held on May 8 and May 29 at a clearing price of ₹185/REC and ₹165/REC, respectively. At ₹165 per certificate, the REC market recorded an all-time low price in the trading session held on May 29, 2024.

Proactive measures taken by the government and the regulators, including the sale of surplus un-requisitioned power on exchanges, increased fuel supply and ensuring higher availability of generating units led to an increased sell liquidity on the exchanges, which kept the prices under control on trading platforms, it explained.

Therefore, it stated that despite the increase in electricity consumption, the market clearing price in the Day Ahead Market in May was ₹5.3/unit, lower by more than 20% compared to prices discovered under bilateral contracts. Notably, it stated that on May 30, the country witnessed an all-time high peak demand of 250 GW along with the highest ever single-day energy consumption of 5,466 MU.





## Govt re-initiates process to find new IOC chairman

The government has invited applications for the new chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), ending the uncertainty over continuance of incumbent Shrikant Madhav Vaidya. In an advertisement posted on its website, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas sought applications from engineers, chartered accountants and cost accountants with post graduate management degrees from leading institutions and having at least 5 years experience in leadership roles, by July 3. The age eligibility cut off has been set at not more than 58 years for internal candidates and 57 years for outsiders with 60 years as retirement age, it said.

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Indian refiners continued their purchase momentum for medium sour grades from its two largest trading partners, Russia and Iraq, during May 2024 as crude oil flows from another top supplier, Saudi Arabia, declined due to higher prices.

Analysts and trade sources indicated that price arbitrage favours Russia against Saudi Arabia by around \$5 per barrel. The world's largest crude oil exporter has been raising the official selling price (OSP) of its medium sour grade, Arab Light, to Asia for three consecutive months running into June as it attempts to tighten the oil market. According to energy intelligence firm Vortexa, India imported higher

volumes from Russia, Iraq, the UAE and the US last month compared to April 2024.

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Crude oil imports from Russia fell marginally to 1.72 mb/d in May 2024 (April: 1.75 mb/d) on a monthly basis, and by 13 per cent y-o-y. Ural shipments stood at 1.44 mb/d last month compared to 1.56 mb/d in April 2024.

Vortexa's Head of APAC Analysis, Serena Huang told *businessline*, "Russia continues to be the top crude supplier for India in May. Whilst imports of Russian crude are down slightly in May compared to April, May's volumes are still the second highest compared to last July."

An official with a domestic refiner said that price is a major factor. Russian barrels con-

India's crude oil imports (Barrels per day - kb/d)

Month/ Year	Russia	Iraq	Saudi Arabia	Total
February 2023	16,19,060	10,19,695	6,53,604	46,12,169
March 2023	16,72,476	8,37,063	9,72,171	48,11,130
April 2023	17,42,060	8,12,206	6,75,545	46,77,142
May 2023	19,67,360	7,37,421	5,47,917	44,66,522
June 2023	19,24,486	7,81,151	7,20,277	45,30,876
July 2023	19,90,540	8,23,273	5,09,510	46,50,734
August 2023	13,98,308	8,26,564	8,54,754	43,04,538
September 2023	15,88,617	9,29,742	5,01,498	41,25,279
October 2023	14,58,925	7,77,778	8,60,167	43,58,419
November 2023	16,19,930	9,67,615	6,89,132	46,03,447
December 2023	13,27,286	9,84,589	6,63,137	43,31,678
January 2024	13,02,528	11,80,878	6,86,611	48,51,356
February 2024	14,16,075	7,85,586	8,33,590	44,56,233
March 2024	13,62,000	10,91,000	7,68,000	48,93,000
April 2024	17,48,185	8,06,195	6,72,748	45,84,490
May 2024	17,20,675	9,35,580	6,06,410	45,42,513

Source: Vortexa

tinue to be more viable compared to Saudi Arabia. "Russia-India crude trade is one commercial opportunity both sides

cannot ignore. Despite issues of payment and vessels, it has worked, which indicates the inherent value in it for both

sides," the official explained.

Huang pointed out that Russian crude will likely continue to be priced at a discount to Middle Eastern grades, given the importance of India and China as destination markets and the lack of alternative markets. Both public and private sector refiners continued their import momentum from Russia, albeit at a lower volume compared to April 2024.

Public refiners such as Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) imported 1.04 mb/d crude oil, marginally down from 1.05 mb/d in April 2024. However, imports on an annual basis were down 16 per cent. Private refiners, Reliance Industries (RIL) and Rosneft-backed Nayara Energy, impor-

ted around 6,79,000 barrels b/d from Russia in May 2024 compared to 6,95,000 b/d in April. Shipments were down by 5 per cent y-o-y.

Crude oil imports from Iraq rose by 16 per cent m-o-m and 27 per cent y-o-y to around 9,36,000 b/d. Similarly, imports from the UAE rose by 7 per cent m-o-m to 3,40,000 b/d. In May 2023, India imported around 1,90,000 b/d from the UAE. The FTA and Rupee trade settlement also helped improve volumes.

However, cargoes from Saudi Arabia fell by 10 per cent m-o-m to around 6,06,000 b/d. But, imports were higher by 11 per cent on an annual basis.

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# UAE gas terminal stake for India

Adnoc stake will mark India's first acquisition in an overseas LNG terminal and add to energy-security efforts

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"This is about securing a toe-hold outside the country. It will help Indian state-run firms become world-class companies. Adnoc has been a good partner and has been offering India opportunities. The relationship between the two governments at the highest level has helped," said one person cited above.

With a growing presence in India's energy security architecture, Adnoc is the only company to commit to India's strategic crude oil reserve programme to date. In February 2018, an

Indian consortium comprising ONGC Videsh, Indian Oil Corp and Bharat PetroResources Ltd was awarded a 10% participating interest in Abu Dhabi's offshore Lower Zakum Concession – a first for India.

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# आईओसी के नए चेयरमैन को चुनने की प्रक्रिया शुरू

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संस्कार ने इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन (आईओसी) के नए चेयरमैन की नियुक्ति के लिए पात्र उम्मीदवारों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किए हैं। इससे मौजूदा चेयरमैन श्रीकांत माधव वैद्य के पद पर बने रहने को लेकर अनिश्चितता समाप्त हो गई है। पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय ने अपनी वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित विज्ञापन में अग्रणी संस्थानों से स्नातकोत्तर प्रबंधन डिग्री प्राप्त तथा नेतृत्वकारी भूमिकाओं में कम से कम पांच साल का अनुभव रखने वाले इंजीनियर, चार्टर्ड अकाउंटेंट और कॉस्ट अकाउंटेंट से तीन जुलाई तक आवेदन मांगे हैं। इसमें कहा गया कि आंतरिक उम्मीदवारों के लिए पात्रता की आयु सीमा 58 वर्ष से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए और बाहरी उम्मीदवारों के लिए यह सीमा 57 वर्ष है। सेवानिवृत्ति की आयु 60 वर्ष है। वैद्य ने एक जुलाई, 2020 को भारत की सबसे बड़ी पेट्रोलियम कंपनी के चेयरमैन का पद संभाला था। उन्हें 31 अगस्त, 2023 को सेवानिवृत्त होना था, जब वह 60 वर्ष हो गए थे। हालांकि, चार अगस्त, 2023 के एक आधिकारिक आदेश के अनुसार, उन्हें एक विस्ते कदम के तहत उनकी सेवानिवृत्ति की तारीख से एक वर्ष के



लिए यानी एक सितंबर, 2023 से 31 अगस्त 2024 तक के लिए अनुबंध के आधार पर पुनः नियुक्ति दी गई। इसके बाद 31 अगस्त, 2024 के बाद आईओसी का प्रमुख कौन होगा, यह पता लगाने के लिए तीन सदस्यीय खोज-सह-चयन समिति का गठन किया गया। इस समिति की अध्यक्षता लोक उपक्रम चयन बोर्ड (पीईएसबी) के चेयरमैन ने की। इसमें पेट्रोलियम सचिव तथा हिंदुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड (एचपीसीएल) के पूर्व चेयरमैन एम. के. सुराना सदस्य के रूप में शामिल हैं। हालांकि, समिति आयु-पात्रता के मुद्दे पर कुछ खास नहीं कर पाई। सूत्रों ने बताया कि मंत्रालय ने शुरू में 61 वर्ष से कम आयु के किसी भी व्यक्ति को इस पद के लिए विचार करने की अनुमति देने का प्रस्ताव रखा था। इससे वैद्य इस पद के लिए पात्र हो गए। हालांकि, इस प्रस्ताव को प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय (पीएमओ) से मंजूरी नहीं मिली।



## आईओसी चेयरमैन की तलाश प्रक्रिया फिर शुरू

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)। सरकार ने इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन (आईओसी) के नए चेयरमैन की नियुक्ति के लिए पात्र उम्मीदवारों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किए हैं। इससे मौजूदा चेयरमैन श्रीकांत माधव वैद्य के पद पर बने रहने को लेकर अनिश्चितता समाप्त हो गई है। पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय ने अपनी वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित विज्ञापन में अग्रणी संस्थानों से स्नातकोत्तर प्रबंधन डिग्री प्राप्त तथा नेतृत्वकारी भूमिकाओं में कम से कम पांच साल का अनुभव रखने वाले इंजीनियर, चार्टर्ड अकाउंटेंट और कॉस्ट अकाउंटेंट से तीन जुलाई तक आवेदन मांगे हैं। इसमें कहा गया कि आंतरिक उम्मीदवारों के लिए पात्रता की आयु सीमा 58 वर्ष से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए और बाहरी उम्मीदवारों के लिए यह सीमा 57 वर्ष है। सेवानिवृत्ति की आयु 60 वर्ष है। वैद्य ने एक जुलाई, 2020 को भारत की सबसे बड़ी पेट्रोलियम कंपनी के चेयरमैन का पद संभाला था। उन्हें 31 अगस्त, 2023 को सेवानिवृत्त होना था, जब वह 60 वर्ष हो गए थे।

# एसईजेड को मिल रही छूट पर लगेगा अंकुश!

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**केंद्र** के प्रस्तावित केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क विधेयक, 2024 के मुताबिक विशेष आर्थिक क्षेत्र (एसईजेड) में तैयार या विनिर्मित और भारत में किसी अन्य स्थान पर लाई गई उत्पाद शुल्क योग्य वस्तुओं को कर छूट नहीं दी जाएगी।

विधेयक में कहा गया है कि केंद्र सरकार द्वारा किसी वस्तु को अगर किसी छूट के योग्य पाया जाता है तो उसके लिए अलग से अधिसूचना जारी की जाएगी।

अगर इस मसौदे को लागू किया जाता है तो इससे एसईजेड में स्थित इकाइयों को कथित कर चोरी से रोक जा सकेगा और प्रोत्साहनों के दुरुपयोग पर लगाम लग सकती है। इस समय केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क तंबाकू, कच्चे तेल, पेट्रोल, डीजल, प्राकृतिक गैस और एविएशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल पर लगाया जाता है। वहीं ज्यादातर सामान वस्तु एवं सेवाकर (जीएसटी) के दायरे में आते हैं।

एसईजेड इकाइयों को विशेष प्रोत्साहन और कर लाभ दिए जाते हैं, जिसमें उन्हें केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क

## उत्पाद शुल्क नीति में सुधार पर मसौदा विधेयक

■ सीबीआईसी ने हिस्सेदारों से प्रतिक्रिया लेने के लिए मंगलवार को जारी किया मसौदा विधेयक

■ उत्पाद शुल्क क्रेडिट का उपयोग करने के लिए संरचित ढांचे का प्रस्ताव

■ 'सेनवैट क्रेडिट की जगह लेगा 'केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क क्रेडिट'

■ 'संबंधित व्यक्तियों' की परिभाषा की जाएगी आसान



■ शुल्क वसूली की समयसीमा मौजूदा 2 साल से बढ़ाकर 3 साल हुई

■ शुल्क के रिफंड की अवधि मौजूदा 3 महीने से घटाकर 60 दिन की गई

■ जुलाई के बजट में आ सकता है विधेयक

के दायरे से बाहर रखा जाना शामिल है। मसौदा विधेयक में कहा गया है, 'केंद्र सरकार उत्पाद शुल्क के योग्य वस्तु की किसी खास तरह से विनिर्माण या उत्पादन की प्रक्रिया की प्रकृति को पूरी तरह ध्यान में रखते हुए इस तरह की वस्तुओं पर उत्पाद शुल्क में चोरी व अन्य चीजों पर भी नजर रखेगी। अधिसूचना में निर्दिष्ट वस्तुओं को लेकर कर संबंधी हितों

की रक्षा पर भी ध्यान दिया जाएगा।' उत्पाद शुल्क बास्केट में कुछ ही वस्तुएं हैं, लेकिन यह केंद्र व राज्यों दोनों के ही राजस्व की प्रमुख स्रोत होती हैं। इन वस्तुओं पर राज्य सरकारों राज्य जीएसटी न लगाकर मूल्यवर्धित कर यानी वैट लगाती हैं। वित्त वर्ष 2024 में केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क का संग्रह 3 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक था।

अन्य प्रमुख प्रस्तावों में नए विधेयक में उत्पाद शुल्क क्रेडिट की उपलब्धता के तरीके व इसके इस्तेमाल, शर्तों और प्रतिबंधों का खाका खींचा गया है। मौजूदा दौर में चल रहे सेनवैट क्रेडिट की जगह केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क क्रेडिट का प्रस्ताव रखा गया है, जिसमें ड्यूटी क्रेडिट को लेकर विशेष प्रावधान हैं। मौजूदा अधिनियम के तहत भुगतान

किए गए और इस्तेमाल न हुए क्रेडिट बैलेंस को प्रस्तावित मसौदा अधिनियम में संक्रमणकालीन क्रेडिट के रूप में स्थानांतरित करने की अनुमति दी गई है।

विधेयक में केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिकारियों को कुछ विशेष अधिकार देने का भी प्रस्ताव है। उदाहरण के लिए इसमें केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिकारियों द्वारा

ऑडिट के लिए संरचित ढांचे का प्रस्ताव किया गया है। इस समय उत्पाद शुल्क अधिकारियों द्वारा कोई औपचारिक ऑडिट नहीं की जाती है। शुल्कों की रिकवरी की समय सीमा भी मौजूदा 2 साल से बढ़ाकर 3 साल कर दी गई है। साथ ही पंजीकरण का दायित्व केंद्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क क्रेडिट का लाभ उठाने के इच्छुक व्यक्ति पर डालने का प्रस्ताव किया गया है। हालांकि, विभाग द्वारा शुल्क रिफंड की अनुमति देने की समयावधि मौजूदा 3 महीने से घटाकर 60 दिन करने का प्रस्ताव किया गया है। ईवाई में पार्टनर सौरभ अग्रवाल ने कहा, 'प्रक्रिया को सुव्यवस्थित और विनियमों को स्पष्ट करके विधेयक में कारोबारियों के लिए बेहतर वातावरण बनाने की कवायद की गई है। इस्तेमाल न किए गए धन के हस्तांतरण और शुल्क वसूली का समय बढ़ाने जैसे कुछ प्रस्तावों के माध्यम से सरकार ने उद्यमों के लिए सुचारु रूप से कामकाज की सुविधा देने की सरकार की प्रतिबद्धता को रेखांकित किया है।'

इन कदमों से न सिर्फ अनुपालन सरल होगा बल्कि इससे कारोबार के प्रति मित्रवत और वृद्धि व नवोन्मेष के लिए सकारात्मक माहौल बनेगा।