

Honest Cos Won't Face Action. Goyal

RELIEF ON CARDS Interim FM vows to protect genuine investments to allay angel tax concerns as LS passes interim budget

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New Delhi: The government will ensure there is no action against honest companies that bring genuine money at a premium, interim finance minister Piyush Goyal said, assuring the startup community that they would not be unnecessarily targeted over the so-called angel tax.

In his reply to the debate on the interim budget in the Lok Sabha on Monday, Goyal dismissed allegation of fiscal slippages, saying the budget has been very "honest" with numbers. The Lok Sabha later passed the interim budget for fiscal 2020 by voice vote, amid a walkout by the Congress, NCP and CPM members.

Replying to a question on the issue of angel tax, Goyal said the government would take measures to protect genuine investments that were brought in at a premium.

Some startups have received notice under the so-called 'angel tax' where the share premium received in excess of the fair value was treated as income from other sources and taxed under a provision introduced under Section 56 to prevent

money laundering.

"The government is taking hard steps to ensure that action is taken against bad companies," he said, adding that no action of any kind was taken against honest companies that had brought "genuine money" at a premium. "We will protect honest people and give harshest punishment to the dishonest," he said, amid continuous shouting by some opposition members during his reply.

Goyal dismissed the charge that the government had made important tax changes and policy announcement in the interim budget, even as he pointed to the tax proposals in the interim budget of FY15.

"They could not even wait four months and reduced tax on SUVs... which farmer buys SUVs," he said, hitting out at the Congress that was in power at the time. The government has not changed any tax rate in the interim budget, he said.



PIYUSH GOYAL
Interim Finance Minister

Goyal said if the government had reduced spending by just ₹5,000 crore or raised revenue by that much, the 3.3% target would have been met. "The government would not have had any difficulty in cutting spending by ₹5,000 crore," Go-

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SCHEME FOR FARMERS

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Goyal said, adding that the Prime Minister wanted to present an 'honest budget' and asked for whatever figures came in to be presented to the country. Similarly, a ₹1,500-crore reduction in FY20 would have reduced deficit to 3.3% of GDP

against 3.4% provided in the budget, he said, presenting the government's record on consolidation. He said the Narendra Modi government inherited a fiscal deficit of 4.5% that now improved to 3.4%.

PM KISAN SAMMAN

Goyal said the Modi government had taken a lot of initiatives in the past four-and-a-half years for the benefit of the poor, farmers and the middle class and the 2019-20 interim budget was a continuation of that. On the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, under which small farmers would be provided ₹6,000 a year, Goyal said those living in palaces would never understand the importance of ₹2,000 every four months and hence they "belittle" the scheme.

The Congress party had said the amount was too little.

Goyal said the scheme would cost ₹75,000 crore in FY20 and ₹20,000 crore in the ongoing fiscal year. In contrast, he said, the only benefit from the UPA government to the farmer in its 10 years was ₹52,000-crore loan waiver. "Perhaps people (living) in big palaces with lot of inheritance, the namdaars won't understand what this amount means for small and marginal farmers," he said.

India Played Key Role in Energy Justice, Says Modi

PM underlines the need for responsible oil pricing and moving towards flexible markets

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New Delhi: India has contributed significantly to energy justice by focusing on greater access to affordable and efficient energy in recent years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday.

"India's contribution at the onset of an era based on energy justice is significant," he said in his inaugural speech at Petrotech 2019 conference. "Energy justice is a key objective for me and a top priority for India. Towards this end, we have developed and implemented many policies. The results of these efforts are now evident."

India has improved its ranking in the World Bank Ease of Getting Electricity index, from 114 in 2014 to 29 in 2018, largely due to focus on increasing access, according to the Prime Minister. All homes are targeted to be electrified this year.

Distribution of LED bulbs resulted in annual savings of ₹17,000 crore, Modi said. New cooking gas connections to 6.4 crore households in just three years under the Ujjwala scheme enhanced LPG coverage to more than 90% homes, from 55% just five years ago.

"Suitably priced, stable and sustainable energy supply is essential for the rapid growth of the economy. It also helps the poor and deprived sections of society to partake of economic benefits," Modi said.

The energy sector is a key enabler of growth, especially for India, which has recently become the sixth-largest economy. "In an uncertain global economic environ-



NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister

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ment, India has shown tremendous resilience as an anchor of the world economy," said the PM.

Modi also underlined the need for responsible oil pricing and flexible markets. "We need to move to responsible pricing, which balances the interests of both the producer and consumer. We also need to move towards transparent and flexible markets for both oil and gas."

India is the third-largest energy consumer, with demand growing at more than 5% annually and imports comprising more than 80% of the oil it consumes. Price spikes hurt consumers and upset the fiscal maths, stoking inflation, enlarging the subsidy burden and putting pressure on local currency.

Green Energy Cos Oppose Cap on Tariffs at Auctions

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Bengaluru: Renewable energy developers have been opposing ceiling tariffs at auctions ever since they began, but government agencies conducting the auctions, keen to keep tariffs low, have been adamant about imposing them. The Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA) has opposed such tariffs, by petitioning Appellate Tribunal for Electricity and getting a stay order.

In April last year, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Authority set a fee in tariff for wind power of ₹2.80 per unit. State power regulators continue to set fees in tariffs for wind projects, depending on various factors such as speed, intensity of wind etc, but state agencies conducting auctions have lately been ignoring them, preferring to hold auctions and thereby get a still lower tariff.

Traditional Knowledge, Cheaper Drugs on India's Agenda for WTO

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New Delhi: India wants the World Trade Organization (WTO) to address issues related to exploitation of traditional knowledge, food security and access to affordable medicine going ahead.

In its reforms proposal, that it plans to submit to the organisation, India has also sought amendment of laws on unilateral action by members on trade issues and resolution of the WTO's dispute settlement system that is rendered unproductive with the US blocking the appointment of judges for more than two years.

India has been trying to revive talks to strengthen global norms to protect traditional knowledge from reckless patenting by corporates through commercial exploitation of natural products by obtaining patents without fairly compensating the communities from

which these originate. "The proposal has been formulated in the wake of various proposals made by Canada, EU, China, African group and the US-EU-Japan trilateral to reform the multilateral trade body," said an official in the know of the development.

Focused on strengthening the multilateral trading system and safeguarding development concerns, India has also sought the WTO's attention to address asymmetry in its agreements.

The proposal assumes significance in the light of the US not only unilaterally crippling the dispute settlement mechanism but also accusing emerging economies including India and China of eating into the development rights of poorer nations, and insisting on penali-

sing countries if they introduce or increase subsidies for domestic industry without reporting to the organisation. "More than what we say in the paper, it is important to build collations because there are only a handful of countries who are talking of reforms. We need a critical minimum to form a coalition to drive the agenda," said Biswajit Dhar, professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University.

One of the themes of India's reform paper emphasises on amending laws of members that mandate unilateral action on trade issues. With more than half of WTO membership now involved in plurilateral trade agreements including e-commerce and investment, which go beyond the ministerial decisions, India has also stressed on progress on ministerial decision on implementation related issues and concerns. India has pointed out the US failure to put forth any proposal to address its concerns on the functioning of the dispute settlement mechanism of the body

Venezuela Plans to Double Oil Exports to India

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New Delhi: Venezuela is planning to double exports to India in the face of US sanctions that is fast shrinking the pool of its oil buyers.

"We are selling more than 300,000 barrels per day and we want to increase that. We want to double that amount. We want to establish contact with all the buyers and also continue relationship with the present buyers," Manuel Quevedo, Venezuela's oil minister and head of state producer Petroleso de Venezuela SA (PDVSA), told reporters at the Petrotech conference on Monday.

Quevedo met oil minister Dharmendra Pradhan and top executives of Indian refiners at the conference to discuss increased trade possibilities. State refiners have limited technical ability to process Venezuelan crude.

Venezuela is faced with a large inventory build-up after the US refiners stopped taking supplies from PDVSA. Venezuela's attempt at pushing more crude into India will have its own challenges. Payment for Venezuelan oil can also be a hurdle although presently it is unclear how the sanctions will impact payment channels.

UAE May Invest More in Refining, Petrochem

New Delhi: The UAE is looking to make more investments in India's refining and petrochemicals sector, hoping to build a strategic partnership between the two countries. "India is not only an important market for us, but a very strategic partner," said Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, minister of state in the UAE and CEO of state-run Abu Dhabi National Oil Company. The UAE had last year inked a pact to invest in the ₹3-lakh cr refinery-cum-petrochemicals facility being planned in Maharashtra. -Our Bureau

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
		31.12.2018 (Reviewed)	31.12.2017 (Reviewed)	31.12.2018 (Reviewed)	31.12.2017 (Reviewed)
1	Total Income from Operations	7,362.29	6,245.62	21,376.10	19,873.16
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	2,760.50	1,709.57	6,857.76	4,743.83
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	2,760.50	1,709.57	6,857.76	4,743.83
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	2,075.84	1,216.94	4,804.22	3,565.28
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	2,143.71	1,348.31	4,691.95	3,571.42
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value of share is ₹ 10/- each)	2,640.08	2,640.08	2,640.08	2,640.08
7	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (Face value ₹ 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (not annualised)				
	(a) Basic EPS (in ₹)	7.86	4.61	18.20	13.50
	(b) Diluted EPS (in ₹)	7.86	4.61	18.20	13.50

Note:
 1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange websites www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.pfcindia.com.
 2 The Company adopted Ind AS from 01.04.2018 and the effective date of transition was 01.04.2017. Accordingly, the above financial results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of Ind AS prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder. The transition to Ind AS has been carried out from the erstwhile Accounting Standards notified under the Act read with relevant rules thereunder and directions issued by the RBI (collectively referred to as "previous GAAP"). The impact of transition has been accounted for in the opening reserves as at 01.04.2017. Results for the corresponding period prepared under previous GAAP have been duly restated to Ind AS. These financial results have been drawn up on the basis of Ind AS applicable to the Company as at 31.12.2018. Any application guidance / directions issued by RBI or other regulators are adopted / implemented as and when issued.
 3 Press Information Bureau vide its release ID No. 1554933 dated 06.12.2018 has informed the public that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, has given its "in-principle" approval for strategic sale of the Government of India's existing 52.63% of total paid up equity shareholding in REC Ltd. to the Company along with transfer of management control. Board of Directors of the Company in their meeting held on 20.12.2018, subject to necessary approvals, has inter-alia, granted in-principle approval to purchase GoI's entire shareholding in REC Ltd. along with transfer of management control. Accordingly, necessary steps are being taken for completion of the transaction.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
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