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ONGC without a chairman for 9 months

New Delhi, June 2: India's most valuable public sector firm by market capitalisation ONGC on Saturday became a company with no chairman and managing director after incumbent Subhash Kumar superannuated and the government did not immediately name his replacement.

Kumar, who was Director-Finance of ONGC and has been since April last year holding the additional charge of chairman and managing director, superannuated on December 31, 2021, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) said in a stock exchange filing.

"Anurag Sharma, Director (Onshore) has been entrusted with an additional charge of the post of Director (Finance) with effect from January 1, 2022," the company said, citing a December 28, 2021, order of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to this effect.

But, it did not say anything about who gets charge of the chairman and managing director.

As per practice, the government appoints a replacement of a director or chairman on any public sector board at least a couple of months before his retirement.

However, in the case of ONGC, the same practice wasn't followed. So, its last full-time head Shashi Shanker retired on March 31, 2021, with his replacement not even been selected. Kumar, who was the senior-most director on the board, was given the additional charge.

But this time around, no one has been given a charge, sources aware of the development said.

The Times of India
ONGC, India's most-valued PSU, headless since Fri
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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: For more than 24 hours since 5pm on Friday, no one has been in charge of India's most valuable public sector company, ONGC, as the government failed to appoint even an officiating chairman after incumbent Subhash Kumar superannuated.

It is quite likely that India's flagship explorer, which accounts for the bulk of domestic oil and gas production and has annual capex plans in excess of ₹30,000 crore, will continue to be headless for another 24 hours unless the government goes out of the way and orders someone to take charge on Sunday.

In normal circumstances, director (HR) Alka Mittal, the seniormost functional director on the board, would have been asked to take on the mantle from Kumar. While the oil ministry did no such thing, it issued an order on December 28 giving director (onshore) Anurag Sharma additional charge as director (finance) — which was Kumar's job before he was given the additional role of chairman — from Saturday.

The situation, industry observers said, was unprecedented and could indicate the government's desire to hoist a bureaucrat as chairman with the aim of subjugating the management into hiving off ONGC's large producing fields. They pointed to repeated letters written by a senior bureaucrat in the ministry, asking the company to sell a major share in Mumbai High and Bassein fields to private firms – ostensibly with the aim of inducting technology for raising production.

ONGC has been without a duly selected chairman since February 2021 after Shashi Shanker retired. Kumar was appointed as Shanker's successor as he was the seniormost functional director on the board and retired as chairman since the government failed to find a chairman through due selection process – either through government headhunter PESB or search-cum-selection committee.

Business Standard
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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, January 2

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Petrol and diesel prices too have not changed for almost two months now. Petrol costs ₹95.41 a litre in Delhi and diesel comes for ₹86.67 per litre.

While the rates are to be revised on a daily basis based on a 15-day rolling average of the benchmark international fuel, prices have not changed since November 4, 2021 when the Centre had cut excise duty on the two fuels.

The Financial Express
ATF price hiked by 2.75%, LPG cut by Rs102.5
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Gazprom misses gas export target for 2021

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Russian gas giant Gazprom PJSC missed its own "conservative" target for 2021 exports to Europe, and those capped flows contributed to the continent's worst energy supply crunch in decades.

Gazprom delivered 185.1 billion cubic metres to its main clients abroad, including Turkey, China and Europe, excluding the former Soviet Union nations, chief executive officer Alexey Miller said in a statement on Sunday. That's 3.2% above 2020 levels, but lower than 2018 and 2019, which were around 200 billion cubic metres.

Deliveries to Europe and Turkey were about 177 billion cubic metres last year, according to calculations by Bloomberg News and BCS Global Markets based on Gazprom's data. That fell short of Gazprom's forecast for exports to Europe and Turkey of as much as 183 billion cubic metres—an estimate it stuck to since the spring and maintained at the end of October, even as Europe clamoured for more supplies.

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While Gazprom's flows to Europe and Turkey were seen below Gazprom's outlook, they were in line with recent estimates from BCS Global Markets, said Ron Smith, the company's senior oil and gas analyst in Moscow. "It was clear in recent weeks that high prices had caused a reduction in nominations from its European customer base," he said.

Flows to Europe and Turkey could be even lower—at some 175.4 billion cubic metres last year, based on assumption that Gazprom's daily flows to China were more than a third above its contractual volumes in November and December.

The Russian company's exports have been closely scrutinized as tight supplies in Europe recently sent prices soaring to record highs.

नई परियोजनाओं में कमी आई

सचिन मामबटा
मुंबई, 2 जनवरी

सितंबर तिमाही की तुलना में दिसंबर तिमाही में नई परियोजनाओं में 6.3 प्रतिशत की कमी आई है। सेंटर फॉर मॉनिटरिंग इंडियन इकोनॉमी (सीएमआईई) के मुताबिक अभी समाप्त तिमाही के दौरान नई परियोजनाओं का मूल्य महज 2.1 लाख करोड़ रुपये रहा है, जो सितंबर तिमाही के 2.2 लाख करोड़ रुपये की तुलना में कम है। बहरहाल दिसंबर 2020 को समाप्त तिमाही में यह 1.5 लाख करोड़ रुपये था, जो कोविड-19 महामारी का पहला साल था।

यह आंकड़ा आठ प्रमुख उद्योगों के सूचकांक, प्रमुख क्षेत्र की वृद्धि के नवंबर के आंकड़े के मुताबिक है, जिसमें 2021 के शुरुआत के बाद से सबसे कम वृद्धि दर्ज की गई थी। सीमेंट का उत्पादन पहले साल की तुलना में कम हो गया। वहीं सूचकांक के अन्य उद्योगों जैसे कोयला, कच्चा तेल, प्राकृतिक गैस, रिफाइनरी उत्पादों,स्टील और बिजली के उत्पादन में कमी आई, सिर्फ उर्वरक का उत्पादन मामूली बढ़ा था। विशेषज्ञों ने कहा कि इसकी वजह यह है कि इस समय रबी की फसल की बुआई चल रही है।

बहरहाल पूरी हो चुकी परियोजनाओं का मूल्य लगातार दूसरे महीने बढ़कर 1.4 लाख करोड़ रुपये हो गया, जो 1.15 लाख करोड़ रुपये था। आने वाले समय में इस पर नजदीकी से नजर रखनी होगी क्योंकि ओमीक्रोन वैरिएंट के मामले बढ़ रहे हैं। कंपनियां ऐसे समय में क्षमता बढ़ाने में निवेश करती हैं, जब उनकी मौजूदा उत्पादन क्षमता कम पड़ती है। इस तरह का निवेश पृष्ठभूमि में चला गया है, क्योंकि महामारी के कारण मांग गिर रही है। 2020 के शुरुआत में पहले की लहर के दौरान क्षमता उपयोग पर असर पड़ा था।

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के जून तिमाही के आवधिक ऑर्डर बुक, भंडारण और क्षमता उपयोग सर्वे (ओबीआईसीयूएस) में कहा गया है, 'कोविड-19 महामारी की दूसरी लहर के कारण देश के तमाम इलाकों में कुछ प्रतिबंध लगाए गए, जिसका भारतीय विनिर्माण क्षेत्र के क्षमता उपयोग (सीयू) पर विपरीत असर पड़ा। बहरहाल यह असर वित्त वर्ष 2020-21 की पहली तिमाही में कम गंभीर रहा क्योंकि पहली लहर की तुलना में लॉकडाउन और अन्य प्रतिबंध कम थे।' जून 2020 तिमाही के दौरान राष्ट्रीय स्तर के लॉकडाउन के कारण क्षमता उपयोग कम हुआ था।

रिजर्व बैंक के नोट के मुताबिक, 'कुल मिलाकर विनिर्माण क्षेत्र का क्षमता उपयोग 2021-2022 की पहली तिमाही में घटकर 60 प्रतिशत पर आ गया, जो इसके पहले की तिमाही में 68.4 प्रतिशत था। एक साल पहले की समान अवधि में यह 47.3 प्रतिशत था।'

रेटिंग एजेंसी इक्रा में मुख्य अर्थशास्त्री अदिति नायर ने कहा था कि कुछ क्षेत्रों में क्षमता विस्तार हो रहा है। सरकार की उत्पादन से जुड़ी प्रोत्साहन योजना (पीएलआई) से भी विनिर्माताओं को बढ़ावा मिल रहा है। पीएलआई योजना भारत में विनिर्मित उत्पादों के लिए कंपनियों को प्रोत्साहन देती है।

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Experts say uncertainty caused by the emergence of the Omicron variant may further delay capacity expansion

New projects drop for 2nd straight qtr

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Mumbai, 2 January

New projects fell 6.3 per cent in the December quarter compared with the September quarter. The value of new projects in the just-concluded quarter was ₹2.1 trillion, according to the data from Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), which was lower than the ₹2.2 trillion seen in the September quarter. It is, however, higher than ₹1.5 trillion recorded for the quarter ended December 2020, the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic.

This data ties in with the November data for core sector growth, an index of eight core industries, which grew at its slowest pace since early 2021. It was up 3.1 per cent in November. Cement output contracted over the previous year. Other industries included in the index, such as coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilizers, steel, and electricity, recorded a slowdown barring fertilizers. This is because rabi crop sowing was currently underway, said experts.

Meanwhile, the value of completed projects went up for the second quarter in a row to ₹1.4 trillion from ₹1.15 trillion. The pace going forward is likely to be closely watched amid rising cases of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus. Companies typically invest in creating new capacities when existing production capacity is anticipated to fall short. Such investments had taken a back seat amid falling demand because of the pandemic. The previous wave in the early part of 2020 had a marked effect on capacity utilisation.

"Due to the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic, several restrictions were imposed in many regions of the country, which adversely affected capacity utilisation (CU) in the Indian manufacturing sector; the impact was, however, less severe than that witnessed during Q1:2020-21 in the wake of lockdowns and other restrictions during the first wave," said the Reserve Bank of India's periodic Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey (OBICUS) for the June 2021 quarter.

A national level lockdown had hit capacity utilisation during the June 2020 quarter.

"At the aggregate level, CU for the manufacturing sector declined to 60.0 per cent in Q1:2021-22 from 69.4 per cent recorded in the previous quarter; it stood at 47.3 per cent a year ago," according to the RBI note.

Rating agency Icra's chief economist Aditi Nayar had said that some sectors were seeing capacity expansion. The government's production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes were also encouraging manufacturers. The PLI scheme provides incentives for companies on increase in sale of products manufactured in India.

"Capacity expansion is already taking place in some sectors such as cement and steel, and the PLI sectors, although the uncertainty generated by Omicron may temporarily delay some capex plans. In our view, rising consumption will push capacity utilisation above the crucial threshold of 75...(per cent)...by the end of 2022, which should then trigger a more broad-based pickup in private sector investment activity in 2023," she said.

There is a case to be made for additional capacity addition in India given slower investments in previous years, according to Sorbh Gupta, Fund Manager- Equity, Quantum Mutual Fund. The current uncertainty may affect how this plays out. "Fresh capacity addition could get further delayed," he said.

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MPOST BUREAU

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The Hindu
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NEW DELHI

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The Indian Express
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DOMESTIC LPG

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The Morning Standard
EU bid to label gas, N-energy as green
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ENERGY

BRUSSELS: The European Union is planning to label energy from nuclear power and natural gas as "green" sources for investment despite internal disagreement over whether they truly qualify as sustainable options.

The proposal, seen by *AFP* on Saturday, aims to support the 27-nation bloc's shift towards a carbon-neutral future and gild its credentials as a global standard-setter for fighting climate change.

But the fact the European Commission quietly distributed the text to member states late Friday, in the final hours of 2021 after the much-delayed document had been twice promised earlier in the year, highlighted the rocky road to draft it.

If a majority of member states back it, then it will become an EU law, coming into effect from 2023.

The commission confirmed on Saturday that it has started consulting with member states on the proposal where it covers nuclear and gas energy.

"The activities covered in this complementary Delegated Act would accelerate the phase out of more harmful sources, such as coal, and in moving us towards a more low-carbon greener energy mix," it said.

It said it "considers there is a role for natural gas and nuclear as a means to facilitate the transition towards a predominantly renewable-based future".

France has led the charge for nuclear power—its main energy source—to be included, despite robust opposition from Austria and scepticism from Germany, which is in the process of shutting all its nuclear plants.

Germany's Environment Minister Steffi Lemke told German media group Funke on Saturday that including gas and nuclear would be "a mistake", arguing that atomic power "can lead to devastating environmental catastrophes".

Austrian Environment Minister Leonore Gewessler also criticised the project, denouncing nuclear power as "an energy of the past" that was "too expensive and too slow" to combat climate change.

Fossil-reliant countries in the EU's east and south have defended the use of natural gas, at least as a transitional source, even though it still produces significant greenhouse emissions. "It is necessary to recognise that the fossil gas and nuclear energy sectors can contribute to the decarbonisation of the Union's economy," the commission proposal says.

It added that, for nuclear power, appropriate measures should be put in place for radioactive waste management and disposal.

Gas still flowing east from Germany to Poland via Yamal-Europe pipeline for 13th straight day

MOSCOW: The Yamal-Europe pipeline which usually sends Russian gas west into Europe was flowing east from Germany to Poland on Sunday for the 13th straight day, data from German network operator Gascade showed.

Flows at the Mallnow metering point on the German-Polish border showed eastbound volumes at almost 5.4 million kilowatt hours (kWh/h), the data showed, broadly unchanged over the past 24 hours. The pipeline is a major route for Russian gas exports to Europe.

There were no requests for westbound flows via Mallnow. Such requests emerged on Friday. Russian gas exporter Gazprom has also not booked gas transit capacity for export via the pipeline for Sunday, auction results showed.

The company booked 8.3 million kWh/h of transit capacity via the pipeline for January at an auction last month.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said last week that Germany was reselling Russian gas to Poland and Ukraine rather than relieving an overheated market, putting blame for the reversal of flows along the Yamal pipeline, and rocketing prices, on German gas importers.

Capacity nominations for Russian gas flows from Ukraine to Slovakia via the Velke Kapusany border point, another major route for Russian gas to Europe, fell further on Sunday.

The nominations stood at 375,529 megawatt hours, their lowest level since February 25, 2021, down from Saturday's 524,134 MWh, Slovak operator Eustream data showed. AGENCIES

The Pioneer
Jet fuel price hiked by 2.75%, LPG cut for 1st time since Oct
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Petrol and diesel prices too have not changed for almost two months now. Petrol costs ₹95.41 a litre in Delhi and diesel comes for ₹ 86.67 per litre.

While the rates are to be revised on a daily basis based on a 15-day rolling average of the benchmark international fuel, prices have not changed since November 4, 2021 when the Union government had cut excise duty on the two fuels.

Prices had eased from an all-time high on November 4, 2021 after the Union government had cut excise duty on petrol by ₹5 per litre and diesel by ₹10 a litre. States too cut local sales tax or VAT on the two fuels - BJP ruled states on the same day and some others at differing dates thereafter. But other than these two, the basis rates have remained unchanged.

Petrol used to cost ₹110.04 a litre in Delhi on November 3, 2017 and diesel was priced at ₹ 98.42 a litre. The current rate after accounting for a cut in excise duty and VAT. ***PTI***

OMCs keep diesel, petrol prices unchanged on Sunday

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Oil marketing companies (OMC) have kept the prices of diesel and petrol unchanged across major Indian cities since November 3, 2021, when the Centre and some states reduced duties on them.

Accordingly, diesel and petrol prices in Delhi stood at Rs 86.67 per litre and Rs 95.41 per litre on Sunday, respectively.

In the financial capital Mumbai, the rates were unchanged at Rs 94.14 and Rs 109.98.

Prices also remained static in Kolkata at Rs 89.79 and Rs 104.67.

In Chennai too, they remained untouched at Rs 91.43 and Rs 101.40.

Across the country as well, the price of the fuel remained unchanged on Sunday but the retail rates varied depending on the level of local level taxes.

Russian annual oil output recovers in 2021 after slump

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MOSCOW: Russia's annual oil production rose by more than 2 per cent last year thanks to the easing of output cuts by the OPEC+ group of leading oil producers after a pandemic-induced decline in 2020, data showed on Sunday.

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In tonnes, oil and gas condensate output increased to 524.05 million in 2021 from 512.68 million tonnes in 2020, but was still below a post-Soviet record-high of 560.2 million, or 11.25 million bpd, seen in 2019.

According to Interfax, Russian oil exports outside the former Soviet Union declined by 2.2 per cent in 2021 to 214.4 million tonnes. It also said that Russian natural gas output jumped by 10 per cent last year to 762.3 billion cubic metres.

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Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak has said that country's oil output is expected to rise further to 540-560 million tonnes (10.8-11.2 million bpd) in 2022, and to 542-562 million tonnes in 2023.

He has also said that Russia will restore its oil production to pre-pandemic levels by May 2022, though the timeline has been questioned by some analysts.

Many oil producers have reported they are almost out of spare production capacity having reduced output in tandem with other OPEC+ producers.

OPEC+ is now easing its output curbs, and in early December agreed to stick to its plan to increase output in January by 400,000 bpd.

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