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# एलएनजी आयात करेगी ओएनजीसी



#### शाइन जैकब और शुभायन चक्रवर्ती चेन्नई/ नई दिल्ली, 17 जून

सरकारी तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस निगम (ओएनजीसी) इस वित्त वर्ष की चौथी तिमाही (जनवरी-मार्च) तक आयातित एलएनजी के कारोबार में कदम रखने की तैयारी कर रही है। कंपनी के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने बताया कि वह हेनरी हब या पश्चिम एशिया में हाजिर बारा में एलएनजी खरीद कर शहरी गैस वितरण कारोबार में भी हाथ आजमाएगी।

कंपनी वित्त वर्ष 2027 तक 30 लाख टन सालाना (एमएमटीपीए) गैस आयात करने की योजना बना रही है। ओएनजीसी में राणनीति औं कंपोरिट मामलों के निदेशक अरुणांग्यु सरकार ने कहा कि वह कम कीमतों पर लंबी अवधि के लिए एलएनजी सौदों के विकल्प भी लेकर चल रही है। इस योजना के जिए वह गेल (इंडिया) के पेट्रोनेट एलएनजी को सीधे टककर देगी। पेट्रोनेट में ओएनजीसी की 12.5 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी है। भारत पेट्रोलियम (बीपीसीएल), गेल (इंडिया) और इंडियन ऑयल कंपोरिशन (आईओसीएल) भी पेट्रोनेट में बराबर के हिस्सेदार हैं।

सरकार ने कहा, 'अनुमानों के अनुसार 2030 तक प्राकृतिक गैस की मांग बढ़कर लगभग 210 अर का मांग विस्तिएम ) तक पहुंच सकती है। इस मांग की पूर्ति के लिए लगभग 12.4 करोड़ टन सालाना एलएनजी की जरूरत होगी। इससे कहीं न कहीं आपूर्ति में बड़े अंतर का संकेत मिलता है और एगनीतिक हस्तक्षेप की जरूरत होती है। इसे देखते हुए हम एलएनजी कारोबार में सक्रियता से संभावनाएं तलाश रहे हैं।

सरकार ने बिजनेस स्टैंडर्ड को व्यवाधि के उनकी कंपनी लगभग 3 प्मएम्टीपीए रीगैसीफाइड 4 महीनों में पूरा हो जाएग एलएनजी (आर-एलएनजी) के मध्य तक बढ़ाकर 63 रही है।उन्होंने कहा, 'इसे हेनरी हब प्रति वर्ष करना चाहती है।'

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