

Decline in India's Russian crude oil imports may boost demand for VLCCs

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A major decline in India's import of Russian crude oil is sure to affect the global tanker trade patterns. Demand for very large crude carriers (VLCCs) is set to rise when India turns to its traditional buyers — West Asia.

Besides, the European Union's (EU) 18th sanctions package lowers the price cap from \$60 a barrel to \$47.6, which would mean that Russia will have to expand its dark fleet strength to continue delivering its flagship grade Urals to buyers in India, China and Turkey.

According to a July 31 report by maritime consultancy Drewry, tightening of sanctions on Iranian and Russian oil by the US and EU may lead to notable shifts in global tanker trade patterns.

Rajesh Verma, Deputy Director of Tanker Shipping at Drewry, said although the US has not specified the penalty for buying Russian oil by India, any significant penalty might discourage the latter to buy Russian oil and look for alternative supplies.

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India is one of the major buyers of Russian oil and most of this trade is done on Suezmax and Aframax tankers, he added.



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Aframax vessels are ships with capacity of 80,000 and 120,000 deadweight tons (dwt), while Suezmax is between 125,000-180,000 dwt.

On the other hand, VLCCs

can be between 200,000 and 320,000 dwt.

"However, any possible decline in India's imports of Russian crude will lead to a significant increase in the country's imports from

other sources, especially West Asia. In such a situation, the demand for VLCCs will increase at the expense of mid-size tankers as the former dominate the loadings in Arabian Gulf," Verma anticipated.

The lower price cap of \$47.6 per barrel, Verma explained, will make it extremely difficult for Russia to use the mainstream international fleet for the transportation of its crude as Urals are unlikely to trade below such a low price cap.

"Earlier, whenever Urals tend to trade below the price cap (especially in the low price environment), the mainstream fleet, especially from Greek owners, used to

carry the Russian cargo. However, for selling Urals above the new price cap, Russia will need to expand the parallel fleet (normally called dark/grey fleet)," he added.

EU, US SANCTIONS

Verma pointed out that while sanctions by the US and EU reflect a stepped-up effort to curb Iranian and Russian oil revenues, there appears to be limited alignment in their strategies.

"The EU remains focused on constraining Russia's energy income, whereas the US is pursuing broader geopolitical objectives, including trade leverage and renewed diplomatic engagement with

Iran," he added.

Previous rounds of sanctions on Russian, Iranian, and Venezuelan crude have led to the emergence of a parallel market for transporting sanctioned oil, noted Verma.

Despite an expanding list of sanctioned vessels and the G7 price cap mechanism, Russian crude continues to reach select buyers. Likewise, Iranian oil has steadily flowed to Asian markets, even with US sanctions in place since 2019.

"Going forward, it will be important to observe how the latest wave of sanctions on Russian and Iranian oil influences the dynamics of the tanker market," Verma anticipated.

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Fire at Sochi oil depot in Russia put out after Ukrainian drone attack



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▲ A Ukrainian drone attack caused two oil tanks to catch fire at an oil depot in Sochi in southern Russia but the blazes were later extinguished, local authorities said on Sunday. Russia's air defence units destroyed 93 Ukrainian drones overnight, including one over the Krasnodar region and 60 over the Black Sea. REUTERS

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The association's detailed cost study indicates that at an average industrial tariff of ₹7

per kWh, electricity takes up a significant portion of the overall operating costs of commercial-scale CBG plants, like 34 per cent in paddy straw-based plants, 28 per cent in press mud-based plants, 19 per cent in cow dung-based plants, and as high as 48 per cent in Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)-based plants.

The IBA's suggestion to

ments announced at COP26. By easing the cost burden of electricity for CBG plants, we can drive our 50 per cent non-fossil energy transition by 2030 and underpin our Net Zero emissions goal by 2070. With one such policy measure, we can reverse the economics of clean energy manufacturing and bring much-needed private capital to scale the sector across the

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offer is set to enhance sector competitiveness, trigger private participation, and facilitate smoother integration of CBG into India's energy mix, supporting the government's wider clean energy transition goals, it stated.

The IBA is the first and largest professional biogas association for stakeholders in the biogas industry, including technology providers, project developers, plant operators, planners of biogas plants, and representatives from public policy, science and research in India.

The association was established in 2011 and revamped in 2015 to promote a greener future through biogas.

The motto of the association is "propagating biogas in a sustainable way".



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IBA Chairman Gaurav Kedia said, "The CBG industry is a keystone in achieving India's Panchamrit commit-

country".

The grouping underscored that high industrial tariff rates now function as a structural hindrance, having a direct bearing on profit margins and cash flows, especially in the most important formative years, when projects are consolidating.

Financial pressure deters new market players from entering and hinders the expansion of existing units.

The concessional tariff

India financing Russia's war in Ukraine by buying oil from Moscow: Trump aide

Washington: A top aide to Donald Trump on Sunday accused India of effectively financing Russia's war in Ukraine by purchasing oil from Moscow, after the US president escalated pressure on New Delhi to stop buying Russian oil.

"What he (Trump) said very clearly is that it is not acceptable for India to continue financing this war by purchasing the oil from Russia," said Stephen Miller, deputy chief of staff at the White House and one of Trump's most influential aides.

Miller's criticism was some of the strongest yet by



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the Trump administration about one of the US's major partners in the Indo-Pacific.

"People will be shocked to learn that India is basically tied with China in purchasing

Russian oil. That's an astonishing fact," Miller said on Fox News' 'Sunday Morning Futures'. The Indian embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request

for comment.

Indian govt sources told Reuters on Saturday that New Delhi would keep purchasing oil from Moscow despite US threats. A 25% tariff on Indian products went into effect on Friday as a result of its purchase of military equipment and energy from Russia.

Trump has also threatened 100% tariffs on US imports from countries that buy Russian oil unless Moscow reaches a major peace deal with Ukraine. Miller tempered his criticism by noting Trump's relationship with PM Narendra Modi, describing it as "tremendous." REUTERS

India hasn't told refiners not to buy Russian oil

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India hasn't given the country's oil refiners instructions to stop buying Russian oil, according to people familiar with the matter, as officials grapple with meeting energy needs and maintaining ties with Moscow without further angering US President Donald Trump.

No decision has been taken as yet on stopping imports from Russia, the people said, asking not to be named due to the sensitivity of the matter. Both state-run or private refiners are allowed to buy from their preferred sources, and crude purchases remain a commercial decision made by them, several of the people said.

Trump blasted India on Wednesday for continuing to purchase most of its military equipment and energy from Russia. The US leader imposed a surprise 25% tariff on India and threatened an additional penalty for its close ties with Moscow. Two days later, Trump told reporters he "heard" India would no longer be buying oil from Russia, calling it "a good step".

India has maintained its energy purchases are driven by market forces and price. Last week, refiners were told to come up with plans for buying non-Russian crude, people familiar said to *Bloomberg*.

Nayara's pump supplies steady amid EU, US sanctions trouble

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With the firm coming under the European Union's (EU's) latest bout of sanctions 18 days ago, Rosneft-run Indian refiner Nayara Energy may have temporarily lost its export market and reshuffled top management persons, but has kept India's domestic fuel market well supplied.

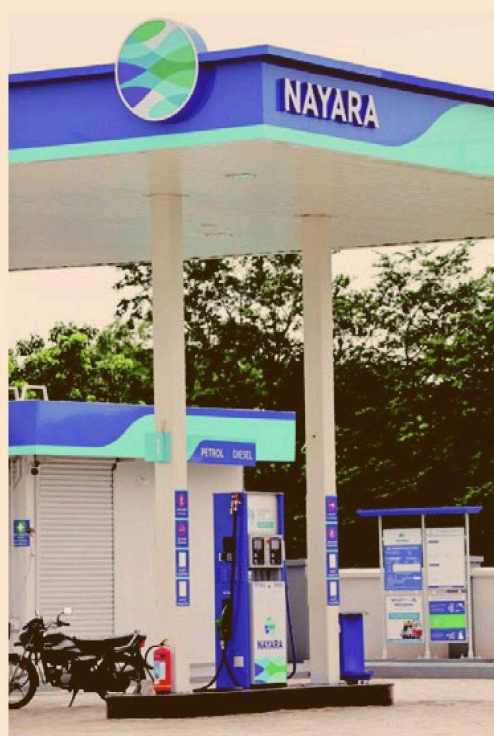
Petrol and diesel were plentiful, and the pump never went dry in recent weeks, they told *Business Standard*. They were expecting an 18-kilolitre tanker the following day to restock the outlet.

The refiner, which owns a 400,000 bpd (barrels a day) refinery on the west coast, in which Rosneft, Russia's state-run producer, holds a 49.13 per cent stake, was targeted by the EU on July 18 as part of the 18th sanctions package against Russia to stop Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

Nayara is also continuing supplies to local refiners, officials from state-run refiners said.

India's domestic fuel market and imports of crude oil are relatively unscathed by the EU sanctions and subsequent secondary tariffs by United States President Donald Trump on Indian purchases of Russian oil, officials in refining units said.

New Delhi has made no specific comments on Nayara, but the foreign ministry said on Friday that "on our energy sourcing requirements... we look at what is there available in the markets, what is there on offer, and also what is the prevailing global situation or circumstances".



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Exports hurt

The only casualty for now is the export of fuels by Nayara. The impact on export in July was minimal, with outward shipment declining by only

around 10 per cent to 96,000 barrels per day (bpd) in July from June, according to the data from maritime intelligence agency Kpler.

Nayara exported around 127,000 bpd, valued at around \$4.5 billion or so, in the entire calendar year 2024, according to approximate calculations based on the data of Kpler and Indian customs.

The loss after the EU sanctions may have been only a few million dollars, industry officials said. No product tanker loaded fuels from the

Nayara snapshot

Vadinar refinery

400,000

Capacity (bpd)

8% of national capacity

415,000 bpd

Capacity in Apr-Jun

120,000 bpd

Exports in Apr-Jun

9% of India's exports

6,763

Petrol pumps (in no.)

7% of total petrol pumps in India

bpd: Barrels per day
Source: Nayara and Oil ministry data

Vadinar refinery since July 21, three days after the sanctions kicked in, according to the ship-tracking data.

Supply options

Two Singapore-based trading analysts said Nayara might explore options of routing export via countries like Dubai because its buyers are unable to make payments to a sanctioned entity.

Traders are working on options to swap large amounts of Indian-made diesel and jet fuel for more West Asian production to keep fuel flowing, said Energy Intelligence, based in the United Kingdom.

A senior trader from a state refiner said Nayara had an option to route diesel and jet fuel through public-sector refiners, for which they would charge a margin. It is not clear if Nayara has approached a state refiner with a firm deal. Barring liquefied petroleum gas, state-run refiners are free to export transport fuels after keeping the domestic market well supplied, he added.

In the immediate term, Nayara has trimmed refining amid storage constraints at the refinery in the absence of export loadings, industry officials said.

Nayara declined requests for comment. Rosneft, however, said in a statement that EU sanctions "violate international law and infringe on the economic interests of a sovereign state". "Nayara Energy is an Indian legal entity whose operations support the development of its assets," Rosneft said.

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"India is a huge importer of LPG. US is a large producer of LPG which is produced as natural gas liquids along with shale gas. So, US can be a significant supplier of LPG to India," said Prashant Vasisht, senior vice president and co-group head, corporate ratings, ICRA Ltd. He added the price of LPG won't be very different and will be competitive compared to the West Asian LPG on a landed basis in India.

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In India, LPG is used primarily for residential cooking. MINT

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A disruption to Russian flows would threaten to drive up crude prices and run counter to Trump's repeated call for cheaper oil, as he pushes the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates.

The alliance has followed with a series of bumper monthly increases, and sped up even further in July, as it sought to capitalise on strong summer demand.

"In view of a steady global economic outlook and current healthy market fundamentals, as reflected in the low oil inventories," Opec said in a statement on Sunday. Opec+ officials have offered a range of explanations for the accelerated supply revival, from punishing the group's over-producing members to placating Trump.

People familiar with the matter have said Saudi Arabia's main objective is to recoup the market share Opec+ has ceded to rivals like US shale drillers during years of output cutbacks.



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able to absorb very well those additional barrels also due to stockpiling activity in China," said Giovanni Staunovo of UBS. "All eyes will now shift on the Trump decision on Russia this Friday."

As well as the voluntary cut of about 1.65 million bpd from the eight members, OPEC+ still has a 2-million-bpd cut across all members, which also expires at the end of 2026. "OPEC+ has passed the first test," said Jorge Leon of Rystad Energy and a former OPEC official, as it has fully reversed its largest cut without crashing prices.

"But the next task will be even harder: deciding if and when to unwind the remaining 1.66 million barrels, all while navigating geopolitical tension and preserving cohesion."

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Sunday's decision also comes as President Trump intensifies diplomatic pressure on OPEC+ co-leader Russia. Trump has threatened Moscow with secondary tariffs on its oil customers unless there is a swift ceasefire in the war in Ukraine.

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Although redirecting diesel exports to Southeast Asia, Africa, or Latin America is operationally feasible, such a shift would involve narrower margins, longer voyage times, and increased demand variability, making it

commercially less optimal, he said.

Kpler data shows a notable decline in India's Russian crude imports in July (1.8 million bpd versus 2.1 million bpd in June), aligning with seasonal refinery maintenance and weaker monsoon-driven demand.

However, the drop is more pronounced among state-run refiners, likely reflecting heightened compliance sensitivity amid mounting geopolitical risk.

Private refiners, who account for over 50 per cent of Russian crude intake, have also begun reducing exposure, with fresh procurement diversification underway this week as concerns over US sanctions intensify.

Ritolia said replacing Russian crude isn't plug-and-play. The Middle East is the logical fallback, but has con-

straints — contractual lock-in, pricing rigidity, and a mismatch in crude quality that affects product yield and refinery configuration.

"The risk here is not just supply but profitability. Refiners will face higher feedstock costs, and in the case of complex units optimised for (Russian) Urals-like blends, even margins will be under pressure," he said.

On the future course, Kpler believes India's complex private refiners — backed by robust trading arms and flexible configurations — are expected to pivot toward non-Russian barrels from the Middle East, West Africa, Latin America, or even the US, where economics permits.

This shift, while operationally feasible, will be gradual and strategically aligned with evolving regulatory frame-

works, contract structures, and margin dynamics.

However, replacing Russian barrels in full is no easy feat — logistically daunting, economically painful, and geopolitically fraught. Supply substitution may be feasible on paper, but remains fraught in practice.

"Financially, the implications are massive. Assuming a \$5 per barrel discount lost across 1.8 million bpd, India could see its import bill swell by \$9-11 Billion annually. If global flat prices rise further due to reduced Russian availability, the cost could be higher," it said.

This would increase fiscal strain, particularly if the government steps in to stabilise retail fuel prices.

The cascading impact on inflation, currency, and monetary policy would be difficult to ignore.

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भारतीय बायोगैस एसोसिएशन (आईबीए) ने स्वच्छ ऊर्जा परिवर्तन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय से संपीड़ित बायोगैस (सीबीजी) संयंत्रों के लिए रियायती बिजली शुल्क का आग्रह किया है।

आईबीए ने एक बयान में कहा कि मंत्रालय को दिए गए व्यापक निवेदन में कहा गया कि बिजली की लागत एक महत्वपूर्ण परिचालन व्यय है, जो कुल परिचालन व्यय का औसतन 30 प्रतिशत है। बयान के अनुसार, आईबीए ने सुझाव दिया है कि सरकार को सीबीजी संयंत्रों को रियायती बिजली दरें प्रदान करनी चाहिए, जो उच्च औद्योगिक बिजली शुल्क के कारण नुकसान में हैं, जो उनकी परिचालन लागत का 48 प्रतिशत है। एसोसिएशन के विस्तृत लागत अध्ययन से पता चलता है कि

सात रुपये प्रति किलोवाट घंटे की औसत औद्योगिक दर पर, वाणिज्यिक स्तर के सीबीजी संयंत्रों की कुल परिचालन लागत में बिजली का हिस्सा काफी अधिक होता है, जैसे धान के भूसे पर आधारित संयंत्रों में 34 प्रतिशत, प्रेस मड आधारित संयंत्रों में 28 प्रतिशत, गोबर आधारित संयंत्रों में 19 प्रतिशत और नगरपालिका ठोस अपशिष्ट (एमएसडब्ल्यू) आधारित संयंत्रों में यह 48 प्रतिशत तक होता है। आईबीए के चेयरमैन गौरव केडिया ने कहा, सीबीजी उद्योग सीओपी26 में घोषित भारत की पंचामृत प्रतिबद्धताओं को प्राप्त करने में एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाता है। सीबीजी संयंत्रों के लिए बिजली की लागत का बोझ कम करके, हम 2030 तक अपने 50 प्रतिशत गैर-जीवाश्म ऊर्जा संक्रमण को आगे बढ़ा सकते हैं और 2070 तक अपने शुद्ध शून्य उत्सर्जन लक्ष्य को प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

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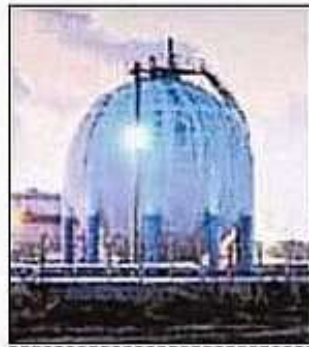
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नई दिल्ली। एक ओर जब दुनिया के करोड़ों लोग ऊर्जा की मूलभूत सुविधाओं से वंचित हैं तो दूसरी ओर गैस फ्लेयरिंग, अर्थात तेल उत्पादन के दौरान निकलने वाली प्राकृतिक गैस को जलाकर बर्बाद करना, 2024 में अपने 17 वर्षों के उच्चतम स्तर पर पहुंच गई।

वर्ल्ड बैंक की नई रिपोर्ट 'ग्लोबल गैस फ्लेयरिंग ट्रैकर 2025' के अनुसार बीते वर्ष 151 अरब घन मीटर गैस फ्लेयर की गई, जिससे 38.9 करोड़ टन कार्बन डाइऑक्साइड के बराबर ग्रीनहाउस गैसों का उत्सर्जन हुआ। इस स्तर की गैस फ्लेयरिंग न केवल जलवायु



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वर्ल्ड बैंक की पहल से जुड़े देशों ने 2012 से अब तक फ्लेयरिंग इंटेन्सिटी में औसतन 12% की गिरावट दर्ज की है, जबकि गैर-सदस्य देशों में यह 25% बढ़ी है। इनमें ब्राजील, कोलंबिया, मिस्र, इंडोनेशिया, कजाकिस्तान जैसे देशों ने न केवल गैस फ्लेयरिंग घटाई बल्कि इसे ऊर्जा, रोजगार और सतत विकास में तब्दील करने की दिशा में भी कार्य किया है।

मीथेन अदृश्य लेकिन खतरनाक : रिपोर्ट के सबसे चौंकाने वाले आंकड़ों में शामिल है गैस फ्लेयरिंग से निकली 4.6 करोड़ टन मीथेन गैस, जो कार्बन डाइऑक्साइड से कई गुना अधिक शक्तिशाली ग्रीनहाउस गैस है। इसकी मौजूदगी तापमान वृद्धि को और तीव्र बनाती है। साथ ही यह स्थानीय प्रदूषण बढ़ाकर मानव स्वास्थ्य पर सीधा असर डालती है।

परिवर्तन को भड़काने वाली है, बल्कि वैश्विक ऊर्जा असमानता को भी और गहरा करती है। 2000 के दशक की शुरुआत में जो सुधार की उम्मीद दिख रही थी, अब वह रुक सी गई है। यह दरअसल तकनीक और नीति की असफलता का प्रतीक है। 2024 में हुई कुल

गैस फ्लेयरिंग का 76% हिस्सा केवल 9 देशों से आया। रूस, ईरान, इराक, अमेरिका, वेनेजुएला, अल्जीरिया, लीबिया, मैक्सिको और नाइजीरिया। रूस, ईरान और इराक मिलकर कुल फ्लेयरिंग का 46% हिस्सा करते हैं। रूस और ईरान में फ्लेयरिंग में लगातार वृद्धि देखी गई

है। अमेरिका में फ्लेयरिंग इंटेन्सिटी में 50% की कमी हुई है, जो अब दुनिया में सबसे कम है। 2012 में इन 9 देशों की संयुक्त हिस्सेदारी 65% थी, जो अब बढ़कर 76% हो चुकी है। यह दर्शाता है कि वैश्विक स्तर पर समस्या कुछ ही देशों में केंद्रित होती जा रही है।

**ऊर्जा का अपव्यय नहीं
अवसर का दोहन चाहिए**

गैस फ्लेयरिंग एक तकनीकी या आर्थिक चुनौती नहीं, नीतिगत इच्छा शक्ति की परीक्षा है। यदि सरकारें और कंपनियां संकल्प लें तो यह अपशिष्ट गैस आने वाले वर्षों में नवाचार और विकास का ईंधन बन सकती है। रिपोर्ट का निष्कर्ष साफ है। गैस फ्लेयरिंग रोकी जा सकती है। इसके लिए चाहिए मजबूत पर्यावरण नीति, प्रभावी तकनीकी समाधान। अगर यह अपव्यय रोका जाए तो न केवल प्रदूषण घटेगा बल्कि ऊर्जा की उपलब्धता, रोजगार सृजन और स्थायी विकास के नए द्वार खुलेंगे।

बीएसएनएल, नुमालीगढ़ रिफाइनरी में समझौता

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संस्कारी दूरसंचार कंपनी बीएसएनएल ने रिफाइनरी क्षेत्र में 5जी निजी नेटवर्क की तैनाती के लिए सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनी नुमालीगढ़ रिफाइनरी लिमिटेड के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं। रविवार को एक आधिकारिक बयान में यह जानकारी दी गई। गुवाहाटी में वित्त मंत्रालय के तत्वावधान में आयोजित सीपीएसई के लिए उद्योग 4.0 कार्यशाला के दौरान दोनों कंपनियों के बीच समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए। बयान के अनुसार, इस समझौता ज्ञापन के तहत, बीएसएनएल और एनआरएल रिफाइनरी क्षेत्र में भारत का पहला 5जी सीएनपीएन (कैप्टिव नॉन-पब्लिक नेटवर्क) स्थापित करने के लिए सहयोग करेंगे, जिससे सुरक्षित, अति-विश्वसनीय और तत्काल औद्योगिक संपर्क का एक नया युग शुरू होगा। यह पहल मिशन-महत्वपूर्ण संचालन



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कच्चे तेल का आयात बंद होने से बढ़ सकते हैं दाम

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : अगर भारतीय निर्यात पर अतिरिक्त शुल्क या जुर्माना लगाने की अमेरिकी धमकियों से बचने के लिए भारत, रूस से कच्चे तेल का आयात बंद करता है, तो देश का वार्षिक तेल आयात बिल 9-11 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर तक बढ़ सकता है। इससे देश में पेट्रोल, डीजल के दाम बढ़ सकते हैं। अभी तेल की कीमतें 80 डॉलर बैरल के आस-पास हैं। अगर यह बढ़ता है तो मजबूरी में उपभोक्ता कीमतों में बढ़ौतरी होगी और इससे देश में महंगाई का खतरा बढ़ जाएगा।

सरकार की कोशिशों से अभी तक महंगाई काबू में रही है लेकिन ऐसा होने से खाद्य वस्तुओं की कीमतों का असर पड़ सकता है। यूरोपीय यूनियन के प्रतिबंध और अमेरिका के शुल्क भारतीय रिफाइनरियों और तेल आयातकों को प्रभावित करेंगे। भारत दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा तेल उपभोक्ता और आयातक है। फरवरी 2022 में



● दोतरफा 'दबाव' में कच्चे तेल का आयात दूसरे देशों से करना पड़ेगा तो आयात बिल में 9-11 अरब डॉलर की बढ़ौतरी होने की आशंका

रूस के यूक्रेन पर आक्रमण करने के बाद पश्चिमी देशों ने मास्को पर प्रतिबंध लगाए थे। इसके बाद भारत ने रूस से सस्ता तेल खरीदकर महत्वपूर्ण लाभ हासिल किया। हालांकि, अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप के भारतीय वस्तुओं पर 25 प्रतिशत शुल्क और रूस से

तेल एवं हथियार खरीदने पर जुर्माना लगाने की घोषणा के बाद अब हालात बदल गए हैं।

अमेरिका ने 25 प्रतिशत शुल्क की अधिसूचना जारी कर दी है, लेकिन जुर्माने की राशि अभी तक घोषित नहीं की गई है। वैश्विक विश्लेषक केप्लर के प्रमुख शोध

विश्लेषक सुमित रियोेलिया ने इसे 'दोतरफा दबाव' करार दिया। एक ओर यूरोपीय संघ के प्रतिबंध भारतीय रिफाइनरियों को प्रभावित करेंगे, वहीं दूसरी ओर अमेरिकी शुल्क का खतरा भारत के रूसी तेल व्यापार के आधारभूत ढांचे को प्रभावित करेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि ये सभी उपाय मिलकर भारत के कच्चे तेल की खरीद के लचीलेपन को कम करते हैं, अनुपालन जोखिम बढ़ाते हैं और लागत में भारी अनिश्चितता पैदा करते हैं।

केप्लर के आंकड़े जुलाई में भारत के रूसी कच्चे तेल के आयात में उल्लेखनीय गिरावट दर्शाते हैं (जून में 21 लाख बैरल प्रतिदिन की तुलना में 18 लाख बैरल प्रतिदिन)। हालांकि यह कमी कुछ हद तक नियमित रिफाइनरी रखरखाव और कमजोर मानसून प्रेरित मांग के चलते भी हो सकती है। यह गिरावट सरकारी रिफाइनरों के बीच ज्यादा स्पष्ट है। निजी रिफाइनरी भी खरीद में विविधता ला रही हैं।

रिफाइनरियों को तेल आपूर्ति स्थिर

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रूस के तेल की खरीद पर यूरोपीय संघ के प्रतिबंधों और अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डॉनल्ड ट्रंप द्वारा द्वितीयक कर लगाए जाने की धमकी का अब तक भारत के घरेलू ईंधन बाजार और कच्चे तेल के आयात पर तुलनात्मक रूप से कोई असर नहीं पड़ा है।

रूस की रोसनेफ्ट द्वारा संचालित भारतीय तेलशोधन कंपनी नायरा एनर्जी ने यूरोपीय संघ के ताजा प्रतिबंधों के 18 दिन बाद भले ही अपना निर्यात बाजार अस्थायी रूप से गंवा दिया है और कंपनी को शीर्ष प्रबंधन में बदलाव करने पड़े हैं, लेकिन भारत के घरेलू ईंधन बाजार में आपूर्ति यथावत है।

अमृतसर के नजदीक छाबल रोड पर स्थित नायराएनर्जी के पेट्रोल पंप पर काम करने वाले कर्मचारी कार की टंकी भरते समय कंपनी की समस्याओं बेफिक्र और बेखबर नजर आए। उन्होंने बिजनेस स्टैंडर्ड को बताया कि पेट्रोल और डीजल पर्याप्त उपलब्ध है और हाल के हफ्तों में कभी कोई कमी नहीं हुई। वह अगले दिन टैंकर से आउटलेट को फिर से भरने की उम्मीद कर रहे हैं।

तेल शोधन कंपनी की पश्चिमी तट पर 4,00,000 बैरल प्रति दिन क्षमता की रिफाइनरी है। इसमें रूस



की सरकारी कंपनी रोसनेफ्ट की 49.13 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी है, जिसे यूरोपीय संघ ने 18 जुलाई को निशाने पर लेते हुए कई प्रतिबंध लगा दिए, जिससे रूस का यूक्रेन में हस्तक्षेप रोका जा सके।

सरकारी रिफाइनरियों के अधिकारियों ने कहा कि नायरा स्थानीय रिफाइनरियों को भी आपूर्ति जारी रखे है। रिफाइनरिंग अधिकारियों ने कहा कि यूरोपीय संघ के प्रतिबंध और उसके बाद ट्रंप द्वारा द्वितीयक शुल्क लगाने के बाद भी भारत का घरेलू ईंधन बाजार और कच्चे तेल का आयात अपेक्षाकृत अप्रभावित है।

भारत ने नायरापर कोई टिप्पणी नहीं की है। विदेश मंत्रालय ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि ऊर्जा जरूरतों के मुताबिक हम उसके स्रोतों की तलाश करेंगे कि बाजार में क्या

उपलब्ध है और किस तरह की पेशकश की जा रही है और वैश्विक स्थिति कैसी है। नायरा पर एकमात्र असर उसके निर्यात के मामले में है। मैरीटाइम इंटेलिजेंस एजेंसी केप्लर के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक जुलाई में निर्यात पर मामूली असर रहा और जून की तुलना में निर्यात करीब 10 प्रतिशत कम होकर 96,000 बैरल प्रति दिन रह गया। केप्लर और भारत के सीमा शुल्क के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक गणना करने से पता चलता है कि नायरा ने 2024 में 1,20,000 बीपीडी ईंधन का निर्यात किया, जिसका मूल्य करीब 2 अरब डॉलर था।

उद्योग से जुड़े अधिकारियों ने कहा कि निर्यात में नुकसान केवल कुछ लाख डॉलर का हो सकता है। शिप ट्रेकिंग डेटा के अनुसार यूरोपीय

यूरोप और अमेरिका के प्रतिबंधों से बेअसर

■ यूरोपीय संघ और डॉनल्ड ट्रंप के आक्रामक प्रतिबंधों के बीच नायरा और सरकारी रिफाइनरियों ने बनाए रखी आपूर्ति

■ रूसी तेल की भारतीय खरीद पर प्रतिबंधों और शुल्क के बावजूद भारत के घरेलू ईंधन बाजार और कच्चे तेल का आयात फिलहाल बेअसर

9-11 अरब डॉलर तक बढ़ सकता है भारत का आयात बिल

अगर भारतीय निर्यात पर अतिरिक्त शुल्क या जुर्माना लगाने की अमेरिकी धमकियों से बचने के लिए भारत, रूस से कच्चे तेल का आयात बंद करता है, तो देश का वार्षिक तेल आयात बिल 9-11 अरब डॉलर तक बढ़ सकता है। विश्लेषकों ने यह अनुमान जताया। भारत दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा तेल उपभोक्ता और आयातक है। फरवरी 2022 में रूस के यूक्रेन पर आक्रमण करने के बाद पश्चिमी देशों ने मास्को पर प्रतिबंध लगाए थे। इसके बाद भारत ने रूस से सस्ता तेल खरीदकर महत्वपूर्ण लाभ हासिल किया।

अमेरिका ने 25 प्रतिशत शुल्क की अधिसूचना जारी कर दी है, लेकिन जुर्माने की राशि अभी तक घोषित नहीं की गई है। वैश्विक विश्लेषक केप्लर के प्रमुख शोध विश्लेषक सुमित रिटोलिया ने इसे 'दोतरफा दबाव' करार दिया। एक ओर यूरोपीय संघ के प्रतिबंध भारतीय रिफाइनरियों को प्रभावित करेंगे, वहीं दूसरी ओर अमेरिकी शुल्क का खतरा भारत के रूसी तेल व्यापार के आधारभूत ढांचे को प्रभावित करेगा। उन्होंने कहा, 'ये सभी उपाय मिलकर भारत के कच्चे तेल की खरीद के लचीलेपन को कम करते हैं, अनुपालन जोखिम बढ़ाते हैं और लागत में भारी अनिश्चितता पैदा करते हैं।' भाषा

संघ के प्रतिबंध लगने के 3 दिन बाद से वडीनार रिफाइनरी से किसी भी उत्पाद टैंकर ने ईंधन नहीं भरा है।

उद्योग सूत्रों ने कहा कि विटोल, ट्रेफिगुरा, शेल या बीपी जैसे बड़े तेल व्यापारियों के यूरोप में हित हैं और वे यूरोपीय संघ द्वारा प्रतिबंधित संस्थाओं के साथ सौदा नहीं करते हैं।

सिंगापुर स्थित दो व्यापारिक विश्लेषकों ने कहा कि नायरादुबई जैसे देशों के रास्ते निर्यात करने के विकल्प तलाश सकती है, क्योंकि उसके खरीदार प्रतिबंधित संस्था को भुगतान करने में असमर्थ हैं। ब्रिटेन के एक एनर्जी इंटेलिजेंस ने बताया कि व्यापारी ईंधन की आपूर्ति जारी रखने के लिए भारत में निर्मित डीजल और जेट ईंधन की बड़ी मात्रा को पश्चिम एशियाई उत्पादन से बदलने के विकल्पों पर काम कर रहे हैं।



रिफाइनरी क्षेत्र में 5जी निजी नेटवर्क पर करार

नई दिल्ली। बीएसएनएल ने रिफाइनरी क्षेत्र में 5जी निजी नेटवर्क की तैनाती के लिए सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनी रिफाइनरी लिमिटेड से समझौता किया। रविवार को यह जानकारी दी गई। समझौते के तहत, बीएसएनएल और एनआरएल रिफाइनरी क्षेत्र में पहला 5जी सीएनपीएन स्थापित करने के लिए सहयोग करेंगे।

रूसी तेल पर अमेरिकी जुर्माने से बढ़ेगा भारत का आयात बिल

■ रूस से आयात बंद किया तो 11 अरब डालर तक बढ़ सकता है तेल आयात बिल

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

अगर भारतीय निर्यात पर अतिरिक्त शुल्क या जुर्माना लगाने की अमेरिकी धमकियों से बचने के लिए भारत, रूस से कच्चे तेल का आयात बंद करता है, तो देश का वार्षिक तेल आयात बिल 9-11 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर तक बढ़ सकता है। विश्लेषकों ने यह अनुमान जताया।

भारत दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा तेल उपभोक्ता और आयातक है। फरवरी 2022 में रूस के यूक्रेन पर आक्रमण करने के बाद पश्चिमी देशों ने मास्को पर प्रतिबंध लगाए थे। इसके बाद भारत ने रूस से सस्ता तेल खरीदकर महत्वपूर्ण लाभ हासिल किया। हालांकि, अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप के भारतीय वस्तुओं पर 25 प्रतिशत शुल्क और रूस से तेल एवं हथियार खरीदने

पर जुर्माना लगाने की घोषणा के बाद अब हालात बदल गए हैं।

अमेरिका ने 25 प्रतिशत शुल्क की अधिसूचना जारी कर दी है, लेकिन जुर्माने की राशि अभी तक घोषित नहीं की गई है। वैश्विक विश्लेषक केप्लर के प्रमुख शोध

वही दूसरी ओर अमेरिकी शुल्क का खतरा भारत के रूसी तेल व्यापार के आधारभूत ढांचे को प्रभावित करेगा। उन्होंने कहा, 'ये सभी उपाय मिलकर भारत के कच्चे तेल की खरीद के लचीलेपन को कम करते हैं, अनुपालन जोखिम बढ़ाते हैं और लागत में भारी अनिश्चितता पैदा करते हैं।'

केप्लर के आंकड़े जुलाई में भारत के रूसी कच्चे तेल के आयात में उल्लेखनीय गिरावट दर्शाते हैं (जून में 21 लाख बैरल प्रतिदिन की तुलना में 18 लाख बैरल प्रतिदिन)। हालांकि यह कमी कुछ हद तक नियमित रिफाइनरी रखरखाव और कमजोर मानसून प्रेरित मांग के चलते भी हो सकती है। यह गिरावट सरकारी रिफाइनरी के बीच ज्यादा स्पष्ट है। निजी रिफाइनरी भी खरीद में विविधता ला रही है।



विश्लेषक सुमित रिटोलिया ने इसे 'दोतरफा दबाव' करार दिया।

एक ओर यूरोपीय संघ के प्रतिबंध भारतीय रिफाइनरियों को प्रभावित करेंगे,

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