

Govt staff absorbed in PSU to lose retirement benefits if dismissed

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A central government employee absorbed in a public sector undertaking (PSU) will lose retirement benefits, if dismissed or removed from service for misconduct, the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare said. This will also have an impact on compassionate allowance.

"The dismissal or removal from service of the public sector undertaking of any employee after absorption in such undertaking for any subsequent misconduct shall lead to forfeiture of the retirement benefits for the service rendered under the government also and in the event of dismissal or removal or retrenchment the decision of the undertaking shall be subject to review by the ministry administratively concerned with the undertaking," said a notification by the department, making changes in the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021.

EFFECTIVE FROM MAY 23

It has been made effective from May 23, 2025. The changes will be effective for all the central government officers and employees and also from Indian Audit and Accounts Department.

This will substitute existing provision where it was said that the dismissal or removal from service of the PSU of any employee after absorption in such undertaking for any subsequent misconduct "shall not amount to forfeiture of the retirement benefits for the service rendered under the government" and in the event of dismissal or removal or retrenchment the decisions of the undertaking shall be subject to review by the ministry administratively concerned with the undertaking.

IMPACTS 4 OTHER PROVISIONS

Further, it said the change will also have an impact on four other provisions which include pension and family pension subject to future good conduct (Rule 7), power to withhold or withdraw pension (Rule 8), compassionate allowance (Rule 41) and amount of pension (Rule 44).

It may be noted that a government servant, governed by old pension schemes and joining Central/State/Autonomous Body after January 1, 2004, will be eligible to continue in old pension scheme, if such scheme exists in new organisation, where such an employee submits resignation to take up new appointment with proper permission. Meanwhile, service rendered in PSUs before joining service under the government is not counted for the purpose of pension in government.



SUSTAINABLE CHECKLIST

Green hydrogen needs demand-side push

SCALING UP. Green tech bodies call for govt-mandated hydrogen purchase obligations to utilise 10% of the volume produced

K Bharat Kumar

ndia's first-ever reverse auction that was intended to help in the price discovery for commercial green hydrogen showed that the gas could be priced at ₹400 per kg, or \$4.7.

L&T Energy Green Tech won the bid to supply Indian Oil Corporation 10,000 tonnes a year from its green hydrogen plant at its Panipat refinery, via a build-own-operate (BOO) model for 25 years. The good news is that two others, who did not win the bid, were also able to quote prices in the same range -NTPC Green Energy Ltd. quoted ₹398 while Renew E-Fuels came in third at ₹407/kg.

The not-so-great news is that we are still a long shot away from the \$1 per kg of GH2 that seems to be the global benchmark. A government-mandated purchase obligation on buyers - so that they buy a certain percentage of their requirements from green hydrogen vendors — could help lower prices.

HOW TO SPUR DEMAND?

When the renewable energy industry was at a nascent stage, a similar mandate, called Renewable Pur-Obligation, enabled producers to gradually acquire economies of scale and that helped hammer costs down over

Earlier this month, the India Hydrogen Alliance (IH2A) urged the Indian government to implement Hydrogen Purchase Obligations (HPOs) for refineries and ammonia plants, proposing a 10 per cent HPO for existing facilities and a 100 per cent HPO for new plants by

In a statement, the alliance pointed out that the proposal aimed to "stimulate domestic green hydrogen demand and safeguard an estimated \$80 billion in hydrogen-reinvestments crucial achieving the National Green Hy-drogen Mission (NGHM) targets." Currently, India's green hydro-



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gen production is less than 1 per cent of the 2030 target of 1.5 million metric tonnes, meant for domestic consumption.

Ammonia plants and refineries account for about 95 per cent of the approximately 6 million tonnes of hydrogen consumed in India, according to Dr Ajinkya Shrish Kamat, Senior Manager - Hydrogen & Innovation at India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA).

The IH2A argues that without HPOs and adequate demand creation, the NGHM targets and associated investments are at significant risk, potentially leading to stranded assets for planned hydrogen plants and supply projects.

A COMMON PLAN

The proposed HPOs target 47 existing and new refinery and ammonia plants across India. This includes a 10 per cent HPO for 39 existing projects (17 refineries and 22 ammonia plants) to meet 45 per cent of the NGHM target by 2030 (672,000 mt). Additionally, a 100 per cent HPO is proposed for 8 new build/expansion projects (5 re-

finery and 3 fertilizer plants) to fulfill the remaining 55 per cent of the NGHM target (849,000 mt).

Amrit Singh Deo, IH2A Secretariat lead, emphasised that a common hydrogen use and demand roadmap for refineries and fertilizers is essential to aggregate demand and procure green hydrogen volumes of at least 10 per cent until 2030.

IH2A estimates an additional budget of \$2 billion for a contract-for-difference (CfD) frame-work that could support the transition of all existing refinery and fertilizer plants to 10 per cent HPO offtake, and all new plants to 100 per cent HPO by 2030.

Whether the government would implement HPOs for cost-sensitive industries such as refining and fertilizers, which are linked to inflation and food security, remains to be seen, he says. Though purchase obligations would be beneficial, several foundational elements must be in place first.

Deo highlights the need for a "very reliable and robust green hydrogen certification mechanism

that is scalable" and capable of certifying large volumes. He says that if the government were to allow, say, 5 per cent HPO, then of the approximately 6 million tonnes of hydrogen that is consumed, the country ought to have the capability to certify at least 300,000 tonnes annually. Before certification, green hydrogen plants ought to have started producing at scale, reliably, and in compliance with technical standards, with well-defined and stable business models.

Most ammonia makers and oil refineries operate captive hydrogen plants. The remaining is procured from the market by specialty chemical companies or glass com-panies, which often pay higher delivered prices due to storage and transportation costs, sometimes reaching ₹400 per kg, and going up to even ₹800 per kg for high-purity requirements, he said.

Does that mean that the \$1 per kg would be difficult to achieve even in the distant future? Kamat savs that the often-cited target of \$1 per Kg for green hydrogen was set by the US Department of Energy before the Covid-19 pandemic and at a time when natural gas prices were low. He noted that today in India, the production cost of grey hydrogen ranges between ₹150 and ₹300 per Kg — significantly higher than the \$1 benchmark.

But green hydrogen costs will eventually decrease, he says, pointing out that government incentives will help spur initial demand which will then become self-sustaining. Initial incentives are vital for establishing large-scale green hydrogen and green ammonia plants.

PUSH FROM STATES

A dozen State governments have announced incentives for green hydrogen and its derivatives.

Odisha is offering a reimbursement of ₹3/kWh on tariff of electricity purchased from its discoms. Gujarat reimburses State GST on capital goods for plants of GH₂ and its derivatives. The land lease policy makes government fallow land available for green hydrogen production on lease charges starting at ₹15,000 per hectare per year. Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and As-

sam have announced incentives for electrolyser manufacturing, including partial or full reimbursement of State GST on electrolysers; Rajasthan and Telangana have promised capital subsidy.

Kamat cites IEA data to suggest that merely increasing the utilisation of existing electrolyser manufacturing capacity from 10 per cent to 85 per cent could significantly reduce electrolyser costs by 40-60 per cent, subsequently lowering green hydrogen costs. This scale-up is essential for achieving economies of scale, eventually reducing the need for extensive incentives.

While large-scale plants are needed for the refining and fertilizer sectors, smaller plants could service others such as specialty chemical companies. These smaller-scale projects can provide valuable experience, providing the initial impetus for the scaling process for green hydrogen, he points out, adding that companies are already exploring various business models.



ONGC JV Restarts Production at Cauvery Basin

New Delhi: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Ltd and its joint venture partners have restarted production from the PY-3 Field in the Cauvery Basin off the eastern coast, 14 years after the field was shut down, the company said in a statement without providing production details.

The PY-3 field was brought onstream in 1997 but had been shut since July 2011. A multi-phase revised field development plan was implemented to revive production. Phase I has been completed.

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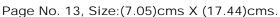
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Mumbai Offshore is also home to the giant Bassein and Satellite gas fields and other significant fields like Heera and Neelam, and Panna-Mukta.

India imports more than 85 per cent of its oil needs and about half of its natural gas requirement. The new discoveries will help augment domestic production, although ONGC gave no timelines for developing the new finds or the production potential.







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n ONGC-ledjoint venture has resumed oil production from the PY-3 Field, located offshore in the Cauvery Basin on India's east coast.

The joint venture of Oil and Natural Gas Corp. Ltd (ONGC) with Hardy Exploration & Production (India) Inc., and Invenire Petrodyne Ltd, has implemented a multi-phase revised Field Development Plan (FDP) to revive production in the PY-3 Field.

Originally brought on-stream in 1997, the PY-3 Field has been shut since July

"Phase I of the revised FDP has now been completed. This included integrity assessment, conditioning and activation of the subsea well PD3SA; installation of subsea infrastructure; and hook-up to the Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessel Svetah Venetia," it said.

The FPSO is being used to process and separate oil, gas and water. The produced oil is stored on the FPSO and offloaded to shuttle tankers for transport to refineries.

The statement said that Phase II of the FDP will involve drilling additional wells and applying enhanced oil recovery (EOR) techniques to boost output from this prolific field, which yields light, sweet crude oil

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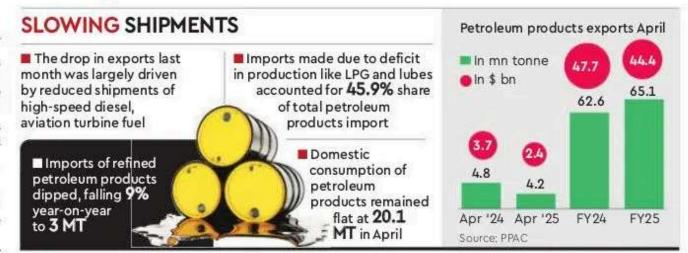
INDIA'S EXPORTS OF petroleum products declined by 12.5% in volume terms to 4.2 million tonne (MT) in April 2025, down from 4.8 MT in April 2024, according to data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC).

The drop in exports last month was largely driven by reduced shipments of high-speed diesel (HSD) and aviation turbine fuel (ATF), the data showed.

In value terms, the export declined by nearly 35% to \$2.4 billion in April 2025 from \$3.7 billion a year earlier.

Imports of refined petroleum products also dipped, falling 9% year-on-year to 3 MT. The import bill dropped 14% to \$1.8 billion, PPAC data revealed.

"Imports made due to deficit in production like LPG and lubes accounted for 45.9% share of total petroleum products import during



April 2025 as compared to 43.0% during April 2024," PPAC said. Petroleum coke (petcoke) accounted for 29.3% of total imports during the month, with the entire volume being brought in by private sector players.

India's domestic consumption of petroleum products remained flat at 20.1 MT in April—unchanged from the same month last year.

However, for FY26, domestic demand is projected to reach a record 252.9 MT.

According to data from global real-time analytics firm Kpler, India's petroleum product exports in April fell by 22% month-onmonth to 1.12 million barrels per day, compared to 1.44 million barrels per day in March. On a year-onyear basis, exports were down over

7% from 1.20 million barrels per day in April 2024.

The United Arab Emirates, Singapore, and the Netherlands remained the top destinations for India's petroleum exports last month. However, ship ments to all three countries saw a decline in April.

Kpler anticipates a temporary dip in crude processing volumes by about 250,000 barrels per dayin the second quarter of 2025, as major refiners including Reliance Industries, Indian Oil Corporation, and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals undertake planned maintenance shutdowns.

"However, export volumes are expected to remain strong," said Sumit Ritolia, Lead Research Analyst, Refining & Modeling at Kpler.

A more significant rise in crude processing is expected by late 2025 or early 2026, as several brownfield expansion projects at refineries in Koyali, Barauni, and Panipat come online.

Meanwhile, India's petroleum sector may be spared from recent trade tensions with the United States. While the US has imposed a 26% reciprocal tariff on several Indian goods, key commodities including energy products and certain minerals have been exempted. Industry stakeholders view this as a positive development that could shield petroleum exports from major disruption.



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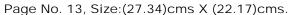
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ओएनजीसी को मिला तेल गैस का भंडार

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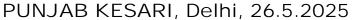


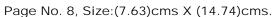
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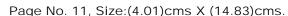






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ओ.एन.जी.सी. ने अपनी चौथी तिमाही के नतीजों की घोषणा में कहा कि ये खोज मुक्त क्षेत्र लाइसैंसिंग नीति (ओ.ए.एल.पी.) व्यवस्था के तहत दिए गए ब्लॉक में की गई हैं।

सूर्यमणि और वज्रमणि नाम की ये खोजें ओ.ए.एल.पी.-6 ब्लॉक एम.बी.-ओ.एस.एच.पी.-2020/2 और ओ.ए.एल.पी.-3 ब्लॉक एम.बी.-ओ.एस.एच.पी.-2018/1 में की गईं। दोनों ही अपतटीय मुंबई घाटी में हैं।

जनवरी-मार्च तिमाही में किए गए परीक्षण के दौरान ब्लॉक एम.बी.-ओ. एस. एच. पी. - 2020/2 पर अन्वेषणात्मक कुआं एम. बी. एस. 202एचएए-1 से प्रतिदिन 2,235 बैरल तेल और 45,18 करोड़ घन मीटर गैस प्रवाहित हुई। ओ. एन. जी.सी. ने कहा कि इस कुएं में मिली सफलता को नई संभावना खोज के रूप में अधिसूचित किया गया और इसका नाम बदलकर 'सूर्यमणि' कर दिया गया। इसके बाद, चालू तिमाही के दौरान, उसी कुएं पर दूसरे क्षेत्र का परीक्षण किया गया, जिसमें प्रतिदिन 413 बैरल तेल और 15,132 घन मीटर गैस प्रवाहित हुई।



ओएनजीसी ने मुंबई अपतटीय क्षेत्र में ओएएलपी ब्लॉक में तेल, गैस की खोज की

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा)। सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनी ऑयल एंड नैचरल गैस कॉरपोरेशन (ओएनजीसी) ने मुंबई अपतटीय क्षेत्र में तेल और गैस की आशाजनक खोज की है। इससे निकट भविष्य में उत्पादन बढ़ाने में मदद मिल सकती है। ओएनजीसी ने अपनी चौथी तिमाही के नतीजों की घोषणा में कहा कि ये खोज मुक्त क्षेत्र लाइसेंसिंग नीति (ओएएलपी) व्यवस्था के तहत दिए गए ब्लॉक में की गई है। सर्यमणि और वज्रमणि नाम की ये खोजें ओएएलपी-6 ब्लॉक एमबी-ओएसएचपी-202012 और ओएएलपी-3 ब्लॉक एमबी-ओएसएचपी-2018ा। में की गईं। दोनों ही अपतटीय मंबई घाटी में है। जनवरी-मार्च तिमाही में किए गए परीक्षण के दौरान ब्लॉक एमबी-ओएसएचपी-202012 पर अन्वेषणात्मक कुआं एमबीएस202एचएए-। से प्रतिदिन 2,235 बैरल तेल और 45,18 करोड घन मीटर गैस प्रवाहित हुई। ओएनजीसी ने कहा कि इस कुएं में मिली सफलता को नई संभावना खोज के रूप में अधिसचित किया गया और इसका नाम बदलकर सुर्यमणि कर दिया गया। इसके बाद, चालु तिमाही के दौरान, उसी कुएं पर दूसरे क्षेत्र का परीक्षण किया गया, जिसमें प्रतिदिन 413 बैरल तेल और 15,132 घन मीटर गैस प्रवाहित हुई।



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