



MHA panel gave 2 yrs to effect Clause 6 of Accord: Himanta

'Assamese people' definition needs approval from Assembly, says minister

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Himanta Biswa Sarma

THE 14-MEMBER high-level committee on implementation of Clause 6 of Assam Accord has stated in its report that its recommendations should be implemented within two years from February this year, when it was submitted, Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Wednesday.

Sarma also said that the committee, constituted by Union Home Ministry, cannot by itself determine the definition of "Assamese people", and that the recommendation has to be accepted by the Assembly before it is implemented.

The senior minister criticised the independent release of the report by four committee members of the panel on Tuesday. The report was leaked to the media by three senior leaders of All Assam Students' Union and Nilay Dutta, a renowned advocate and Advocate General of Arunachal Pradesh.

"The committee has given two years for implementation of its recommendations. They have clearly written it in the report.... Disclosing the report has only in-

creased complications in the matter," Sarma told reporters on Wednesday.

He said the state government is committed to implement provisions of Clause 6 of the Accord, which states, "Constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards, as may be appropriate, shall be provided to protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people."

But since the Accord had not defined "Assamese people", the committee sought to determine a definition before recommending reservations. It recommended that 'Assamese people' should be determined by taking 1951 as a cut-off year.

Sarma, a key BJP leader in the Northeast, said the report is silent on how to determine whether a person was residing in Assam before 1951. "Will there be a new NRC with 1951 cut-off — or how will we determine [whether a person has been in

Assam] prior to 1951? The committee is silent on that," he said. "Will we check an NRC to determine that, or check land documents? Many indigenous persons may not have land documents prior to 1951."

He said that the right to define "Assamese people" rests with the state Assembly. "The Centre has nothing much to do in the matter until the Assembly ratifies the definition. When the Assembly ratifies the definition after discussions then the Centre will have a role to play," he said.

Asked when the Assembly is expected to take up the report, Sarma said, "We are considering whether at the end of our term we are competent to determine a definition for Assamese people. It will be better if a new Assam assembly decides a definition — we just have six more months."

But, he said, it will come up for discussion in the Assembly. "If the Assembly thinks that even at the end of our term we should ratify a definition... then we are not opposing it," he said.

Calling disclosure of the report a "breach of trust", state BJP president Ranjeet Dast told The Indian Express: "There is a time-frame and without letting that

get exhausted, they released the report. It seems it was released with a mala fide intention. We are going to implement Clause 6; there is no question about it. What is being done is being done by us. Has any government before us done anything regarding Clause 6 implementation?"

Among other points, the report recommended several reservations for "Assamese people", such as 80 to 100 per cent of the state's seats in Parliament; and the same proportion in the Assembly and local bodies (inclusive of preexisting reservations).

Sarma argued that the Centre's institution of the delimitation commission is already a step towards implementation of Clause 6 committee's report. When asked to explain it, Sarma said that delimitation was required if 80-100 per cent seats were to be reserved for "Assamese people" by giving example of two Assembly constituencies — Bagbar and Jania — which are dominated by Muslims of Bengali-descent.

The Indian Express had earlier reported that the AASU leadership has questioned why the government is silent on the report even after five months of submission.

AYUSH Minister Shripad Naik tests positive

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UNION AYUSH Minister Shripad Naik tested positive for Covid-19 on Wednesday and said he has opted to isolate himself at home.

Naik, who has mostly been in Goa since the lockdown, tweeted: "I underwent Covid-19 test today & it has turned out asymptotically positive. My vitals are within normal limits and I have opted for home isolation. Those who have come in contact with me in last few days are advised to get tested for themselves and take required precautions."

With the Covid facilities in Goa running to full capacity, a new protocol allows asymptomatic patients to recuperate at home.

Naik, who is also the minister of state for defence, was over the last few days busy visiting monsoon-heavy spots in his Parliamentary constituency of North Goa. He was scheduled to launch a web campaign called 'Ayush for immunity' on August 14.

Goa reported a total of 480 coronavirus cases on Wednesday, including that of Naik.

Siddaramaiah free of virus, to go home today

Bengaluru: Former Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah, who is undergoing treatment for Covid-19 at a private hospital in Bengaluru has tested negative and will be discharged on Thursday, his office said Wednesday. According to doctors, a throat swab and blood test conducted for the second time have come out negative, a statement said. **PTI**

After TV debate, Cong leader dies of heart attack

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Rajiv Tyagi was 53.

CONGRESS SPOKESPERSON Rajiv Tyagi died of a heart attack on Wednesday shortly after he finished an intense discussion on a Hindi news channel on the violence in Bengaluru.

Tyagi was 53. His wife and two sons survive him.

Known for his fiery and spirited articulation on TV debates, Tyagi was regular in TV debates.

According to reports, he suffered the attack soon after participating in the TV debate from his residence in Sector 16, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad.

Dr Sunil Dagar, COO of Yashoda Hospital in Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, where he was taken,

hospital for the last 10 years. There were problems with cholesterol level recently but they were of minor nature."

Congress president Sonia Gandhi, party leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, among others in the party, spoke with his wife.

Rahul tweeted, "The Congress today lost a babbar sher (lion). Rajiv Tyagi's love for the Congress and inspiration for struggle will always be remembered..."

Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad tweeted, "Deeply saddened to hear the shocking news of untimely death of young congress leader & spokesperson Rajiv Tyagi. My heartfelt condolences to the family..."

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra, who was on the show with

Tyagi, tweeted: "I cannot believe my friend Rajiv Tyagi is no more. We were together in a TV debate at 5 pm. Life is so uncertain. I don't have words to express (feelings)..."

Congress communications cell head Randeep Surjewala tweeted in Hindi: "How long will poisonous debates and poisonous spokespersons continue to murder (those with) restraint and simplicity? How long will such debates continue to boost TRPs? How long will the poison of Hindu-Muslim division continue to devour this country's soul?"

Youth Congress president Srinivas BV tweeted, "During the debate, Rajiv Tyagi was called 'jaichand'. He was called 'fake Hindu', questions were raised on his faith... after that he suffered a heart attack..."

Odisha gives nod to raising overtime limit for factories

AISHWARYA MOHANTY
BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 12

THE ODISHA government Wednesday approved amending the Factories Act to increase the overtime limit for industries and relax norms on employee numbers for small units, saying it would help them tide over the "hardships" brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Another proposal cleared by the state cabinet allows conditional approval for women employees to work in night shifts. Also, workers will now have to work for 180 days to be eligible for leaves with wages in the next calendar year, instead of the earlier 240.

"These amendments will facilitate investment, generate more employment and will counter the hardships caused to MSMEs due to the Covid pandemic by way of creating a more conducive and business friendly atmosphere while keeping in mind the welfare of workers," said Odisha Chief Secretary Asit Tripathy.

"The threshold for factories is increased to 20 (with the aid of power) and 40 without the aid of power from existing 10 and 20 respectively. That means the premises including the precincts thereof engaging manpower less than 20 when manufacturing processes being carried on with the aid of power and manpower less than 40 when manufacturing processes being carried on without aid of power will be exempted from licence renewal, approval of plants payment of fees and regular inspections," he added.

The overtime limit has been increased from 75 hours to 115 hours per quarter.

The state government on Wednesday also approved amendments to the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, paving the way for stricter penalties for those violating Covid-19 norms.

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A big opportunity to partner with India's growth engine

Delhi Division, Northern Railway Invites Expression of Interest (EOI) For Developing 15 Goods Sheds.

In continuation of earlier EOI offer published on July 24, 2020, Delhi Division, Northern Railway extends the invitation of EOI from interested Individuals/Customers/Agencies/ Startups/Companies and other entities for undertaking infrastructural development of 15 Goods Sheds over Delhi Division under Public Private Partnership model (PPP).

Development works will include improvements in:	Goods sheds with current traffic handled (Avg. number of rakes per month) are as under:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loading/unloading platform surfaces. Circulating areas. Lighting arrangements. Labour resting facilities. Merchant meeting facilities. The approach roads from Goods Shed to the main road. Basic amenities as per requirement. Any other works/activities related to the Goods-shed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delhi Kishanganj (DKZ) 23 Shakurbasti (SSB) 20 Ballabgarh (BVH) 26 Palwal (PWL) 18 Faridabad (FDB) 17 Partapur (PRTP) 20 Ghaziabad (GZB) 122 Muzaffarnagar (MOZ) 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karnal (KUN) 22 Kurukshetra (KKDE) 17 Jakhal (JHL) 12 Mansa (MSZ) 12 Kaithal (KLE) 15 Jind City (JCY) 12 Farukhanagar (FN) 39

SALIENT FEATURES OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

- Any interested Individuals/Customers/Agencies/ Startups/Companies and other entities may send the proposal.
 - Investment will be aimed at creation of green goods shed having better infrastructural facilities.
- Mutually agreeable terms and conditions may be deliberated upon based on the proposals received.
 - Free to submit any innovative ideas/proposals/ business model.
- A meeting with interested parties will be held after receiving the proposals.

Interested parties may kindly send their EOI/proposals along with details of the proposal for each goods shed separately up to 15:00 hours on 20.08.2020 to the DRM Office, State Entry Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110055.
e-mail id: freightcelldelhi@gmail.com.

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SC panel moots limited resumption of physical hearings

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A SEVEN-JUDGE committee in the Supreme Court is learnt to have recommended a limited resumption of physical hearings in the top court in about two weeks' time. The apex court has been hearing cases only through videoconferencing since the nationwide lockdown was announced to control the Covid-19 situation. At least two or three courts

will be readied for hearing and equipped with glass partitions, proper ventilation and exhaust, etc, it was suggested. The panel is learnt to have suggested that only matters listed for final hearing be taken up for physical hearing.

Sources said the recommendations will have to be approved by Chief Justice of India S.A. Bobde.

The committee is headed by Justice N V Ramana and comprises Justices Arun Mishra, R F Nariman, U U Lalit, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and

L N Rao. It held discussions over videoconferencing with Supreme Court Bar Association president, senior advocate Dushyant Dave, SC Advocates on Record Association president advocate Shivaji Jadhav, and Bar Council of India chairman advocate Manan Kumar Mishra on August 11.

Dave is said to have urged the judges to start physical hearings at the earliest with precautions.

Sources said health experts have advised to wait until September 1.

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INFORMATION REGARDING 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Second Annual General Meeting of the Company ("22nd AGM") will be convened on **Thursday, 10th September, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.** through Video Conference ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, and other applicable circulars, if any, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12th May 2020 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular") (collectively referred to as "relevant circulars"), without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue.
- In compliance with the relevant circulars, the Notice of the 22nd AGM alongwith the standalone and consolidated financial statements for the financial year 2019-20, Board's Report, Auditors' Report and other documents required to be attached thereto, will be sent to all the Members of the Company whose email addresses are registered with the Company / RTA / Depositories / Depository Participant(s). The aforesaid documents will also be available on the Company's website at <https://www.petronetlng.com> and on the website of the Stock Exchange(s) i.e., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at <https://www.bseindia.com> and <https://www.nseindia.com>, respectively, and on the website of Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent, KFin Technologies Private Limited ("KFinTech"), at <https://evoting.karvy.com>.
- Manner of registering / updating email addresses:**
 - Members holding shares in physical mode, who have not registered / updated their email addresses with the Company, are requested to register / update the same by clicking on https://ris.kfintech.com/email_registration/ or by writing to the Company with details of folio number and attaching a self-attested copy of PAN card at investors@petronetlng.com or to the RTA at einward.ris@kfintech.com.
 - Members holding shares in dematerialised mode, who have not registered / updated their email addresses with their Depository Participants, are requested to register / update their email addresses with the Depository Participants with whom they maintain their demat account. Further, the Company has provided the said facility to the shareholders through the depositories i.e. NSDL and CDSL. The Company has also provided the facility to register their email addresses with the Company for receiving the Annual Report for 2019-20 and other communications through its Registrar and Transfer Agent i.e. KFin Technologies Private Limited. The link for registration of email address is https://ris.kfintech.com/email_registration/.
- Manner of casting vote(s) through e-voting:**
 - Members will have an opportunity to cast their vote(s) on the business as set out in the Notice of the 22nd AGM through electronic voting system ("e-voting").
 - The manner of voting ("remote e-voting") by members holding shares in dematerialised mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email addresses will be provided in the Notice of the 22nd AGM. The details will also be available on the website of the Company at <https://www.petronetlng.com/> and on the website of KFinTech at <https://evoting.karvy.com>.
 - The facility for voting through electronic voting system will also be made available at the 22nd AGM and Members attending the 22nd AGM who have not cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting will be able to vote at the 22nd AGM through electronically.
 - The login credentials for casting votes through e-voting shall be made available to the members through email. Members who do not receive email or whose email addresses are not registered with the Company / KFinTech / Depository Participant(s), may follow the instructions given in the Notes to Notice of 22nd AGM in this regard.
 - The same login credentials may also be used for attending the 22nd AGM through VC / OAVM.
- Record Date for Dividend and payment thereof:**
 - The Company has fixed **Thursday, July 16, 2020 as the 'Record Date'** for determining entitlement of Members to final dividend for Financial Year 2019-20 ("Dividend") as recommended by the Board of Directors of the Company.
 - Subject to approval of the Members at the 22nd AGM, the Dividend shall be payable within thirty days of declaration of the same to the Members whose names appear on the Company's Register of Members as on the Record Date and in respect of the shares held in dematerialised mode, to the Members whose names are furnished by National Securities Depository Limited and Central Depository Services (India) Limited as beneficial owners as on that date.
 - As per the relevant circulars, payment of dividend shall be made through electronic mode to the members who have updated their bank account details. Dividend warrants / demand drafts will be dispatched to the registered address of the members who have not updated their bank account details, after normalization of the postal service.
 - Payment of dividend will be subject to deduction of tax at source (TDS) at applicable rates. Members were requested to upload the required documents with KFin Technologies Private Limited, the Registrar and Transfer Agent ("KFin" / "RTA") at <https://ris.kfintech.com/form15/> or to email at einward.ris@kfintech.com and to address all communications / queries in this respect to our RTA only upto 10th August, 2020.
- Manner of registering mandate for receiving Dividend:**

Members are requested to register / update their complete bank details:

 - with their Depository Participant(s) ("DP") with whom they maintain their demat accounts, if shares are held in dematerialised mode, by submitting the requisite documents as required to be furnished by respective DP; and
 - with the Company / KFinTech by emailing to the Company at investors@petronetlng.com or to the RTA at einward.ris@kfintech.com, if shares are held in physical mode by submitting (i) scanned copy of the signed request letter which shall contain member's name, folio number, bank details (Bank account number Bank and Branch Name and address, IFSC, MICR details), (ii) self-attested copy of the PAN card and (iii) cancelled cheque leaf.
- Members are requested to carefully read all the Notes set out in the Notice of the AGM and in particular, instructions for joining the 22nd AGM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting or through electronically during the AGM.**

For Petronet LNG Limited

Sd/-
Rajan Kapur
CGM & Vice President – Company Secretary

Attention Members	Appeal to Members
<p>(1) Non acceptance of request for transfer of shares in physical form with effect from April 1, 2019</p> <p>Pursuant to NSE circular no. NSE/CML/2018/38 dated December 03, 2018 and BSE vide Circular No. LIST/COMP/31/2018-19 dated December 03, 2018, Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) and the Company will not accept any request for transfer of shares in physical form with effect from April 1, 2019. This restriction shall not be applicable to the request received for transmission or transposition of physical shares.</p>	<p>(2) Mandatory updation of PAN and Bank details against your Shareholding</p> <p>Pursuant to SEBI circular dated 20th April, 2018, shareholders, whose ledger folios do not have or having incomplete details with regard to PAN and Bank particulars, are required to compulsorily furnish the PAN and Bank details to the RTA at einward.ris@kfintech.com/the Company at investors@petronetlng.com for registration in the folio so that the investments held by you will be fully protected with proper KYC compliance. Please note that no payment can be made in absence of complete bank details registered against your account.</p>
<p>Green Initiative in Corporate Governance</p> <p>We solicit your valuable cooperation and support in our endeavour to contribute our bit to the environment and also keeping in view of continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide its circular dated May 5, 2020 read with circulars dated April 8, 2020 and April 13, 2020 (collectively referred to as "MCA circulars") permitted holding of Annual General Meeting (AGM) through VC or OVAM, without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. Further, SEBI vide its circular dated May 12, 2020, dispensed the requirement of sending hard copy of Annual Report. In view of the above mentioned circulars, the AGM of the members of the Company will be held through VC/OVAM and the Annual Report will be sent to the registered email ids of members, therefore it is earnestly requested again that the Members who have yet not registered/updated their e-mail ids, to notify the same to the Company at investors@petronetlng.com or to the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company at einward.ris@kfintech.com or to the concerned depository.</p>	

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