

# Aatmanirbhar Bharat: FM to meet bank chiefs to review schemes

Progress of CGSSD, ECLGS and PCGS 2.0 will also be reviewed on Thursday

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New Delhi, August 31  
The review meeting to be taken up by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with bank chiefs on Thursday will discuss schemes rolled out under the ₹20-lakh crore Aatmanirbhar Bharat package, besides the recently announced one-time asset restructuring facility by the RBI in view of Covid-19.

On the anvil is review of the ₹3-lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS); Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt (CGSSD) and the Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS) 2.0 for NBFCs/HFCs/MFs, sources said.

The Finance Minister will review the progress of ECLGS scheme and challenges in its implementation and also identify borrowers who become eligible after the recent amendments, contact and extend credit to them expedi-

tiously, sources said. The government had recently expanded the ambit of the ECLGS to include individuals; hiked the upper ceiling of outstanding loans under the scheme from ₹25 crore to ₹50 crore and hiked the turnover ceiling to ₹250 crore from ₹100 crore.

ECLGS, which was rolled out as part of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package to provide credit support to small and medium enterprises, had recently achieved a milestone of total loan sanctions crossing ₹1.5 lakh crore and disbursements crossing the ₹1 lakh crore mark.

## RBI announcement

On the recent RBI announcement of a one-time restructuring facility in view of Covid-19 with asset classification, the meeting will discuss enabling businesses and households to avail themselves of the revival fac-



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

work on the basis of viability; progress regarding finalising bank policies; identification of eligible borrowers and expeditious initiation of the process.

While chief executives of public sector banks, private sector banks and NBFCs have been invited to participate in the above two segments, for review of progress of Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS) 2.0 for NBFCs/HFCs/MFs, only chief executives of public sector banks have been invited, sources said. Both public sector banks and private sector banks are ex-

pected to participate in the review of the progress of Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinated Debt (CGSSD).

The main objective of CGSSD scheme is to facilitate loans (personal loan) through banks to the promoters of stressed MSMEs for infusion as equity/quasi-equity in the business eligible for restructuring according to the RBI guidelines. The maximum sub-debt eligible under the scheme is equivalent to 15 per cent of his/her existing stake (equity plus debt) or ₹75 lakh, whichever is lower, per the last balance sheet.

## Fiscal deficit touches 103% of Budget Estimate in April-July

OUR BUREAU

New Delhi, August 31

Fiscal deficit has exceeded Budget Estimate (BE) in the first four months - April-July of FY21 - due to lower tax collection, data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on Monday revealed.

The Budget pegged the fiscal deficit at ₹7.96 lakh crore which is 3.5 per cent of GDP (Gross Domestic Product). The Centre has already announced additional borrowing of ₹4 lakh crore which will take the deficit up to 6 per cent. This additional borrowing is yet to be approved by Parliament which will then officially raise the deficit bar for the current fiscal.

According to data, expenditure improved a tad to 34.7 per cent from 34 per cent during April-July period. However, tax collection was down by nearly 30 per cent. This resulted in fiscal deficit touching over ₹8 lakh crore, which is 103 per cent of the Budget Estimate, against 77.8 per cent registered during the first four months of FY20.

## Govt's subsidy burden to turn lighter with steep hike in LPG cylinder prices

Savings expected in the range of ₹18,000 crore to ₹22,000 crore

TWESH MISHRA

New Delhi, August 31

The government is eyeing a huge savings in subsidy this year on cooking gas.

The savings is because the price of a domestic LPG or cooking gas cylinder of 14.2 kg has been hiked by ₹100 a cylinder from July 2019 to July 2020.

The price of a subsidised domestic LPG cylinder increased from around ₹494.35 a cylinder in July 2019 to ₹594 a cylinder in July this year across the country. It will temper a bit more when the price of domestically produced natural gas is revised for the October-March 2021 period.

## Subsidy savings

"There would be a subsidy savings of between ₹18,000 crore and ₹22,000 crore because of the rise in domestic LPG cylinder prices. In 2019-20, the LPG subsidy outflow stood at ₹22,635 crore. Till now, in the first quarter of 2020-21, there has been a subsidy outflow of just ₹1,905 crore. This is a significant saving for the government as there has been practically no subsidy on LPG for the last three months," said K Ravichandran, Senior V-P & Group Head-ICRA Ltd.

It's not that the government is keeping all this money with itself.

The government has offered free cylinders to Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) consumers during the Covid-19 pandemic. This covers some 8 crore consumers.

In all, India has about 27.76 crore LPG consumers. Of these, around 15 crore are not eligible to get an LPG

## Most LPG consumers are not getting support from govt

Category	Number of connections	Support from government
Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana	8 crore	Yes
Other LPG customers with taxable income less than ₹10 lakh per annum	18 crore	No
LPG customers with taxable income more than ₹10 lakh per annum	1.5 crore	No
<b>Total number of LPG consumers</b>	<b>27.5 crore</b>	

Source: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

subsidy since December 2016 because they have an annual taxable income above ₹10 lakh.

This leaves some 26.12 crore consumers who were eligible to get the subsidy relief from the budgetary allocations through a Direct Benefit Transfer in their bank accounts.

But, with the price of the subsidised LPG cylinder also being hiked, nearly 18 crore more consumers are now out of the support net that successive governments over the years had sustained.

"The government has now shifted its focus from relatively better off families getting the subsidy to poorer sections that are being identified by having PMUY connections," a sector watcher said.

These 8 crore families have been offered three cylinders free of cost during the pandemic. To facilitate the same, the government has transferred ₹9709.86 crore into their bank accounts.

## Distribution expense

"The expenditure on distributing free cylinders under the PMUY is much lesser compared to the overall LPG subsidy. The PMUY outflow

is very limited and for 2019-20, the subsidy outflow was only ₹1,300 crore. The savings from this price increase would be much more than the expense for distributing free cylinders under the PMUY scheme," Ravichandran said.

## Rise in oil price

"At current crude price levels of around \$45 a barrel (for the full fiscal 2020-21), there is a direct savings of ₹20,000 crore to the government on LPG subsidy. In a second scenario where crude oil prices will recover to \$50 a barrel (average crude oil price not expected to be higher this fiscal), there may be an incremental subsidy burden rising to be about ₹4,300 crore. Here too, there will be a saving of ₹18,300 crore of LPG subsidy," he added.

## Service tax on monthly average balance: Banks fear ₹50,000-cr provision

HC extends stay on Tax Dept demand

SHISHIR SINHA

New Delhi, August 31

Banks have pleaded before the Delhi High Court that they would have to make provision for ₹50,000 crore in their accounts, if they are held liable to pay tax on services rendered in lieu of Monthly Average Balance (MAB).

Meanwhile, the court has extended the interim stay granted last year and listed the matter for hearing on September 11. The matter relates to the Tax Department's showcase notice with respect to service tax dues amounting to approximately ₹18,000 crore in March-April, 2018. A rough estimate takes

the total amount to ₹50,000 crore if interest and penalty and more banks are included.

Initially, demands were raised against four public sector banks (SBI, PNB, BOB and Corporation Bank) and nine private sector/foreign banks (HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra/ING Vysya Bank, YES Bank, Deutsche Bank, HSBC Bank, Citibank and Standard Chartered Bank). Later, a similar notice was served on Jammu & Kashmir Bank, which also moved the Delhi High Court. Similar petitions have been filed in other High Courts also.

The latest hearing on the matter was on August 28. According to the order, now up-loading, lawyers for the banks pointed out that if the order

holds the petitioners liable to pay service tax together with penalty, it is likely to entail a demand of over ₹50,000 crore.

Though banks, according to the accounting practices, are not required to pay the said amount on the basis of the interim order of the court, they will be required to make a provision in their books of accounts, "wreaking havoc on the banking industry," they said.

The Tax Department made the demand from banks for "treating the commitment of customers to maintain MAB in bank accounts as a consideration for banking facilities provided free."

## Premium accounts

According to sources, the tax demand did not involve the

bank accounts described as Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA) or Jan Dhan account. The tax demand only included premium accounts which require a customer to maintain a hefty balance or fixed deposit. However, vested interests lobbied to create a perception as if all the monthly average balance is being made taxable for service tax GST, the sources added.

Sources in the Tax Department said banks sell their accounts to customers as premium products with various features, including some free services, but in the process, they avoid huge service tax. For example, banks offer locker facility for a rent of ₹2,000 per annum, and if a customer maintains a minimum balance of

₹125 lakh or a fixed deposit of ₹6.25 lakh with the bank, he will be offered the locker facility free, along with other services.

Here, if a customer is 'non-premium' and avails himself of locker facility for rent, the bank would collect service tax at the rate of 18 per cent on the annual locker rent and pay ₹360 to the government. However, if the bank takes this fixed deposit and the High Minimum Balance route and offers a free locker facility, there will be no service tax due to the government as no upfront consideration is charged for this service, sources explained.

## NOTICE

Before the Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
Western Region

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND  
In the matter of M/s Tata Trustee Company Limited having its registered office at

1903, B Wing Parinee Crescenzo, G Block, BKC Bandra East  
Mumbai - 400051 - Applicant Company or the Company

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Company is intending to make an application to the Regional Director, Western Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Mumbai under section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a private limited company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting held on August 12, 2020 to enable the company to give effect for such conversion. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or sent by registered post the objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director, Western Region, Everest 5th Floor, 100 Marine Drive, Mumbai - 400002 (email: rd.west@mca.gov.in), within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

Tata Trustee Company Limited  
1903, B Wing Parinee Crescenzo,  
G Block BKC Bandra East, Mumbai - 400051

For and on behalf of the Applicant  
Sd/-

Company Secretary  
Membership Number: ACS18787

Complete address: Tata Trustee Company Limited  
1903, B Wing Parinee Crescenzo,  
G Block BKC Bandra East, Mumbai - 400051

**GMR Infrastructure Limited**  
GMR Group of Companies, Sector 14, Gurgaon - 122002

Notice is hereby given that the 24th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held through Video Conferencing (VC) on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 3:00 pm IST. In compliance with all the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 ('SEBI LODR'), read with Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 20/2020 dated May 7, 2020 and other applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and SEBI (collectively referred to as 'relevant circulars') to transact the business, as set out in the Notice of AGM which is being circulated for conveying the AGM.

In compliance with the relevant circulars, Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2019-20 has been sent on August 30, 2020 through electronic mode to all those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depository Participants.

The aforesaid documents will also be available on the Company's website at [www.gmrgrp.com](http://www.gmrgrp.com), website of the Stock Exchange of India, BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) respectively and on the website of the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Kfn Technologies Private Limited ('KfnTech') at [www.kfntech.com](http://www.kfntech.com). Members can attend and participate in the AGM through the VC facility only. The instructions for joining the AGM are set out in the Notice of the AGM.

Members who have not registered their email addresses are requested to register the same in respect of shares held in electronic form with the Depository through their Depository Participants and in respect of shares held in physical form by writing to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Kfn Technologies Private Limited, Kfntech, Plot No. 12, Sector 14, Gurgaon - 122002.

The Members who have not registered/updated their email address and therefore, could not receive the Annual Report, Notice of AGM and instructions for e-voting, the Company has provided link to update their email address and mobile number at <http://www.kfntech.com>. Members are requested to update their email address and mobile number at the above link to receive the Annual Report and Notice of AGM (including instructions for e-voting).

The Company is providing the facility to all its Members to cast their votes by electronic means both through remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM. Detailed procedure for remote e-voting/e-voting for Members holding shares in Dematerialised mode, Physical mode and for Members who have not registered their email address is provided in the Notice of the AGM. In case of queries or grievances pertaining to e-voting, Members are requested to contact the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Kfn Technologies Private Limited at Phone: +91 47 6716 2222; Email: [enward\\_ris@kfntech.com](mailto:enward_ris@kfntech.com).

Notice is further given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI LODR, the Registrar of Companies and Share Transfer Agents of the Company will remain closed from Monday, September 14, 2020 to Monday, September 21, 2020 (both days inclusive) during which no transfer of shares will be registered.

For GMR Infrastructure Limited Sd/-  
T. Venkat Ramana  
Group Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place: New Delhi  
Date: August 31, 2020

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## REDEMPTION/MATURITY NOTICE OF TRANCHE 1 - LONG TERM INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS ISSUED BY IDFC LIMITED (Now Transferred to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)

Notice is hereby given that the Tranche 1 (Series 1 - 4) Long Term Infrastructure Bonds ("LTIBs") issued by IDFC Limited during financial year 2010-11 is maturing on November 12, 2020 ("Maturity Date") and as per the terms of Prospectus dated September 23, 2010, no interest shall be payable on the said LTIBs thereafter. The proceeds would be paid to those bondholders whose name are appearing in the Register of Bondholders as on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 ("Record Date").

The details of Redemption amount (Principal per Bond and Interest per Bond) payable on Maturity date for each series (Series 1-4) covered under Tranche-1 is available on the website of the Bank at [www.idfcfirstbank.com](http://www.idfcfirstbank.com). Please note that the Redemption and Interest amount is gross of TDS and the TDS, as applicable, may be deducted from the maturity proceeds.

The registered details available with our Registrar and Share Transfer Agent ("RTA"), Kfn Technologies Private Limited ("Kfn") as on August 21, 2020, is separately shared with the bondholders at their respective e-mail address registered with RTA through e-mail dated August 21, 2020. In case where the e-mail id of bondholder is not registered, the communication will be made through speed / registered post.

If there is any mismatch / change in your Name, Address or Bank account, you are requested to update the requisite information, by following the detailed instructions as mentioned on the website of the Bank at [www.idfcfirstbank.com](http://www.idfcfirstbank.com). This will help us to pay the Maturity proceeds to you on time.

The attention of Physical Certificate Bondholders and Demat Bondholders is drawn on below enumerated points in regard to redemption procedure of Bonds:

- Physical Certificate Bondholders**  
The Original Bond Certificate is NOT required to be surrendered for receiving redemption amount and during the course of maturity process. The maturity proceeds shall primarily be paid through NACH (National Automated Clearing House) or any other electronic mode of payment mode. The templates for updation / change of Bank mandate, Name & Address are available in the 'Investors' tab of the Bank's website at [www.idfcfirstbank.com](http://www.idfcfirstbank.com).
- Demat Bondholders**  
Please ensure to keep your Demat Account status 'Active' latest by Tuesday, October 27, 2020, being a day prior to the Record Date fixed for Redemption of Tranche 1 - LTIBs, with updated bank account details.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

- In case payment of redemption amount is unsuccessful through NACH or any other electronic mode on maturity date / Bank account details are not available or are invalid, the Bank shall issue Warrants / Demand Drafts in the name of Bondholders, whose names appear in the Register of Bondholders as maintained by our RTA, Kfn and/or as provided by the Depositories ("NSDL and CDSL") and the same shall be sent by speed / registered post at the Bondholder's sole risk.  
The Bank shall not be responsible for any delay to the Bondholder receiving credit of Maturity Amount, so long as the Bank has initiated the process in time. No interest will be accrued/payable on LTIBs after the Maturity Date.
- For instructions regarding treatment of Tax Deducted at Source ("TDS") on Redemption amount (including Interest per Bond) and downloading templates of Form 15G / 15H, please visit the 'Investors' tab on the Bank's website at [www.idfcfirstbank.com](http://www.idfcfirstbank.com).
- This Redemption of Tranche 1 - LTIBs shall be governed by the Terms & Conditions as set out in the Prospectus.
- We earnestly request all the Bondholders to support the 'GREEN Initiative', by registering/updating your e-mail address with your Depository Participant (Demat Bondholder) or our RTA, Kfn Technologies Private Limited (Physical Certificate Bondholders) or to the Bank, for receiving all communications electronically.

## DISCLAIMER AND NOTIFICATION

As a responsible organization, we would like to spread a word of caution among all bondholders. The Bondholders are advised to be cautious in dealing with any unauthorized or fraudulent agencies or individuals who are posing as representatives or agents of IDFC FIRST Bank. Please note that IDFC FIRST Bank has not appointed any such agents/representatives for the LTIBs and anyone dealing with the aforesaid individuals or agencies would be doing so at his / her own risk and IDFC FIRST Bank will not be responsible for any loss or damage suffered by such bondholders, directly or indirectly.

In case of any queries, kindly contact our RTA, Kfn Technologies Private Limited (Unit: IDFC FIRST Bank - India), Selenium Tower B, Plot No. 31 & 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally, Hyderabad 500 032, Telangana, India or contact on Toll Free No.: 1800 345 4001 or send an e-mail at [enward\\_ris@kfntech.com](mailto:enward_ris@kfntech.com). You may also refer Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") on Redemption or any other information pertaining to Maturity of Bonds by visiting the 'Investors' section of the Bank's website at [www.idfcfirstbank.com](http://www.idfcfirstbank.com).

For IDFC FIRST Bank Limited  
Sathish Gaikwad  
Head - Legal & Company Secretary

Place: Mumbai  
Date: August 31, 2020