GoM likely to meet tomorrow to finalise draft mining Bill

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The Group of Ministers (GoM) on mining headed by Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee is likely to meet in two days to take a final view on the policy regarding sharing of miners’ profits with the local populace. With this, the government seeks to end the debate on how to make the benefits of mining reach the predominantly impoverished tribal population.

“We have to finalise the text. The final sitting of GoM will be held in a day or two,” said Mines Minister B K Handique. “The Parliament session is still on. It is only a matter of introducing which takes only 5 minutes,” he added.

The 10-member GoM, set up in June, will take a final view on the new mining Bill, which proposes that miners share 26 per cent of their profits with those affected by projects. In addition to profit sharing, measures to check the rampant illegal mining across the country also form a part of the provisions in the new Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2010.

Handique said the proposal of 26 per cent profit sharing with miners are unlikely to be diluted as there was consensus among the members of GoM on the issue. “Everybody supports the 26 per cent profit-sharing proposal. It is likely to be retained in the final version of the draft. Although a hue and cry was made by the industry, there is no pressure on me,” he said.

Private sector mining companies have been opposing the 26 per cent profit-sharing provision. The Tatas, which run private sector giant Tata Steel, had recently stated that the government should not charge the profit shared as separate tax as social obligation forms a part of the operating cost of the company. At least two state-owned public sector undertakings—Hindustan Copper and Manganese Ore—too have listed the Bill as one of the internal risk factors mentioned in their draft offer documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Reacting to recent reports that the governments of Orissa and Chattisgarh have conveyed their concerns to the mines ministry, Handique said: “We have discussed the provisions of the Bill with Orissa and Chattisgarh. They have not opposed the Bill. They have certain views and we are always open to accepting others’ views. Their views were based on the old draft. But, in the meantime, the draft has changed six times.”
Investors chase MOIL

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Mumbai, Nov. 30: The initial public offering of MOIL Ltd, India's largest manganese producer, was subscribed 49 times by qualified institutional bidders (QIBs) on Tuesday as the subscription for this category closed.

The retail category was subscribed 10.86 times. The issue closes for retail investors tomorrow.

Marketmen said the very good response to the issue from institutions was expected to be replicated among high net worth individuals.

QIBs bid for 81 crore shares of the total 1.7 crore shares reserved for this category till 7:00 pm on Tuesday, while retail investors bid for 12 crore shares out of 11.5 crore shares reserved for them.
Japan industrial output falls

TOKYO: Industrial production in Japan has registered the steepest drop in 20 months in October as automakers cut output following the termination of the government’s subsidy program for eco-friendly vehicles in September, the government data showed. The seasonally adjusted production index for the manufacturing and mining sectors was down 1.8% month on month at 91.1, against 100 for the base year of 2005.

AGENCIES
‘MNCs violating human rights’

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NEW DELHI: Bhopal gas tragedy and illegal mining by Vedanta in Orissa are glaring examples of Multinational companies tearing apart human rights in India, National Human Rights Commission chairman KG Balakrishnan said on Wednesday.

Addressing the 31st Bhimsen Sachar Memorial lecture Balakrishnan said “Multinational and Transnational companies easily violate human rights and never realise their social responsibility”.

Citing NC Saxena report in Vedanta mining project Balakrishnan said that company took the rights of existence from tribals in the said mining site.

He said poor locals at the mining site were stripped off their basic right to live a healthy life.

“In the name of globalisation, cooperate companies expand their operations at the expense of human rights” he said. Balakrishnan said that thousands were killed in tragedy and still the perpetrators of the country’s biggest disaster are at large.

Balakrishnan said the state governments should cap the corrupt practices of multinationals. Justice Arijit Pasayat also echoed the need of government machinery to protect and uphold human rights of its citizen.
MOIL IPO oversubscribed

NEW DELHI, 1 DEC: State-run MOIL’s initial public offer was subscribed 56.29 times on the final day of the issue today, attracting total bids worth a staggering Rs 70,923 crore. The IPO, which opened for subscription on November 26, attracted bids for 189.13 crore shares, though only 3.36 crore equities are up for grabs, as per National Stock Exchange data valid up to 2000 hours. pti
‘Aluminium output to reach 5 mt by 2015’

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday said aluminium production in the country is expected to touch 5 million tonnes (mt) per annum by 2015 from the present 1.3 mt on the back of capacity expansion programme by metal producers.

It, however, cautioned against over exploitation of domestic reserves and stressed the need for conservation for future use besides exploring new resources. “All the major primary metal producers are expanding their capacity… it is strongly believed that capacity of 5 mt production by 2015 will be achieved,” mines minister B.K. Handique said. PTT
**Hindustan Copper stake sale deferred**

**New Delhi:** The government has decided to defer the disinvestment in **Hindustan Copper Ltd**, which was earlier expected to happen in December, till next year.

"After Shipping Corp. of India, there would be no public offer in December," disinvestment secretary Sumit Bose told reporters here. Hence, Shipping Corp.'s ₹1,200 crore follow-on public offering (FPO), which began on Tuesday and will close on 3 December, would be this year's last public sector unit offer.

Hindustan Copper's FPO, which aims to raise ₹4,000 crore, was scheduled to open on 6 December and close on 9 December. PTI
Govt considers 10% stake dilution in NLC

New Delhi: The government is likely to dilute up to 10% of its stake in Neyveli Lignite Corp. Ltd (NLC) in the next financial year, a company official said on Wednesday.

“...in principle, it (stake dilution) has been agreed by the government. It is in the process. Some time in the next financial year (this sale could be done),” NLC chairman and managing director A.R. Ansan told reporters.

He said the government stake dilution might go up to 10%, adding that the company is unlikely to issue fresh equity to raise capital. @PTI
Gold crosses ₹21,000 & silver sets record

The price of gold on Wednesday crossed the all-time high of ₹21,000 per 10 gm in the Delhi, with demand from jewellers dramatically picking up amid a busy marriage season.

Silver, also used to make jewellery, spurted to a record high of ₹43,950 per kg, as demand from industrial units and coin-makers went up.

The prices of 99.9 per cent purity gold shot up by ₹200 to ₹21,020 per 10 gm, as stockists and jewellers created fresh positions to meet the marriage season demand, traders said. The price of 99.5 per cent pure gold rose by ₹210 to ₹20,910 per 10 gm. Sovereign was up by ₹100 to ₹16,700 per piece of eight grams.

Prices of silver ready spurted by ₹1,600 to ₹43,950 per kg and weekly-based delivery by ₹1,750 to ₹43,450 per kg.

Silver coins also rose by ₹300 to an all-time high of ₹46,500 for buying and ₹46,600 for selling of 100 pieces.
Gold, silver scale new highs on global trend

Mumbai

Gold prices rose further to climb yet another peak at the bullion market on Wednesday owing to hectic buying from speculators and stockists amid buoyant global conditions.

Besides the global bullishness, heavy demand from jewellery makers to meet the surge in order from consumers in view of the busy marriage season also supported the the up trend in gold.

Moving with the general trend, silver also conquered another milestone, scaling the ₹44,000 per kilo level, driven by robust industrial consumption and strong investment demand, coupled with firm trend in overseas markets.

Standard gold (99.5% purity) hardened by ₹75 per 10 grams to end at ₹20,615 from overnight closing level of ₹20,540. It touched a high of ₹20,715 in early trade.

Pure gold (99.9% purity) also gained by a similar margin to finish at ₹20,710 as compared with ₹20,635.

It hit a high of ₹20,815 in early trade on Wednesday. Silver ready (.999 fineness) surged by a hefty ₹1,445 per kg to close at ₹44,130 from Tuesday’s closing level of ₹42,685.

In Europe, gold continued to move higher on concerns over deepening euro zone debt crisis.
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Cement plant gets 469 acres of forest land

MANISH CHANDER SHARMA

SUNDERNAGAR, DECEMBER 1

Decks appear to have been cleared for a cement plant here which has been resisted by residents for long.

Both Forest and Revenue officials have confirmed that besides 173 hectare of forest land that had been approved to be diverted in 2007, additional 396 hectares had been leased out to Harish Cement Plant of Grasim Industries without mandatory approval.

Under the law, forest land cannot be leased out without forest and environmental clearances. But in this case, it seems that the company has secured 469 hectare of forest land likely to be used for mining. While officials conceded that mandatory clearances were yet to be received from the Centre, they were unable to explain how the land was leased out in the first place.

The successive Congress and BJP governments in the state have favoured the plant. In 1999, the then BJP government first sought to allow the project, which was opposed by the Congress. But ironically, it was the then Congress government which signed an MoU in this regard in 1995. In 2002, the BJP government shifted the project site, while the Congress government in 2005 provided the in-principle forest and environmental clearances. It then was left to the present BJP government to initiate land-acquisition measures in 2008.

It was found that the entries of lease were being entered by the revenue staff and the Director (Industries) had signed a mining lease pertaining to 723.8 hectare on January 15, 2007, in favour of Harish Cement Ltd. The lease was then registered by Sundernagar tehsildar on January 31, 2007. It included 469.68 hectares of forest land and 249 hectares of private land. The company had moved a case for the diversion of 173 hectare only for mining purpose, which was accorded; but for the rest of the land (296 hectare) no case for diversion was moved.

Sundernagar tehsildar Hira Singh Thakur confirmed that the lease deed was registered. He said the Director (Industries) had leased out the land after verifying the facts and it was only attest-
हिन्दुस्तान कॉपर का एफपीओ अगले साल

सरकार ने हिन्दुस्तान कॉपर लिमिटेड (एपीड कॉपर) के दिनिवेश को अगले साल तक के लिए टाला दिया है। पहले यह उम्मीद थी कि कंपनी की पैरोल-ओन विभाग अंपेर (एफपीओ) लिमिटेड, 2010 में ही शुरू हो जाएगी। तरीक़े-तरीक़े 1,000 करोड़ रुपये के इस एफपीओ के 6 हिसाब को खुलने और 9 हिसाब को बंद होने का संचालन जारी रखा जा रहा था।

दिनिवेश सफल सम्पर्क बोला जा रहा कि दिनिवेश शेयरसेकेंट में सरकार बैंक जी परिवार नहीं लगाए। सूचना का कहना है कि एपीड के एफपीओ को तालाब के लिए दुसरे मुख्य वाणिज्यिक शिकार का लोगों की सेवा होगी। इस सीजन के दौरान विशेष रूप से यमुना नदी के आपसी अवलंबक के बीच इस एफपीओ को मुश्किल में डाला जा सकता है।

सुंदर बैंक का उल्लेख भी नहीं

सरकारी बैंक के सुंदर बैंक ने नहीं दिनिवेश गिरावट के लिए दिनिवेश पैरोल-ओन विभाग अंपेर (एफपीओ) के जियर्नल अपने पैरोल की बिक्री को संभाला को छोड़ दिया है। सुंदर बैंक के चेयरमैन के रूप में यह आदेश अस्वीकारों के बीच संभाला को संभाला को कर दिया गया है।
नेवेली लिग्नाइट का विनिवेश

नई दिल्ली। सरकार सार्वजनिक कंपनियों के विनिवेश को अपनी नीति के तहत नेवेली लिग्नाइट कॉर्पोरेशन में अपनी 10 फीसदी हिस्सेदारी बेचने की तैयारी कर रही है। नेवेली लिग्नाइट की इस हिस्सेदारी की बिक्री अन्तर्गत मिलते नए के चीय। बिक्री समय की जाएगी। इसके लिए, नेवेली लिग्नाइट का फोल्स-ओफ पब्लिक ऑफर (एपीओ) लॉन्च किया जा रहा है। इस हिस्सेदारी की बिक्री से सरकार 2,000 करोड़ रुपये से ज्यादा की पूंजी जुटाने सकती है। नेवेली लिग्नाइट कॉर्पोरेशन के चेयरमैन एवं प्रबंध निरीक्षक ए.आर. अंबारी ने बताया कि सरकार ने बैलान्स शित पर हिस्सेदारी बेचने की योजना को जोड़ी दे पी ची। इसकी प्रक्रिया शुरू हो चुकी है। अन्तर्गत जितने के दौरान यह हिस्सेदारी बेची जाएगी। नीला यह है कि कंपनी की 10 फीसदी तक हिस्सेदारी का विनिवेश किया जाए। उद्देश्य का कि कंपनी को अब से शामिल हिस्सेदारी जारी करने की संभावना नहीं है। कंपनी को निरंतर हिस्से पूंजी का आयातधरक करना है, क्योंकि इसके पास 6,000 करोड़ रुपये की पूंजी का भंडार है। भूतपूर्व समय में नेवेली लिग्नाइट में सरकार की 93.56 फीसदी हिस्सेदारी है। (भूरो/प्रेट्ट)
बढ़गा अल्यूमीनियम उत्पादन

नई दिल्ली में सरकार ने कहा है कि वर्ष 2015 तक देश में अल्यूमीनियम का उत्पादन बढ़कर 50 लाख टन सतलाम हो जाएगा। इस समय देश में 13 लाख टन अल्यूमीनियम का हर साल उत्पादन होता है। कई कंपनियां अल्यूमीनियम उत्पादन क्षेत्र का विस्तार कर रही हैं। हालांकि सरकार ने उत्पादकों को आगाज किया है कि अल्यूमीनियम बंदरों का आवश्यक दोहरा करना चाहिए। सरकार ने कहा है कि अल्यूमीनियम बंदरों का विकास ऐसे इकट्ठाएं किया जाएंगी जो कि उत्पादकों के लिए आवश्यक हों। क्रमशः, उत्पादकों के लिए आवश्यक होंगे। इसके अतिरिक्त, वर्ष 2020 तक भारत में उत्पादन क्षेत्र 100 लाख टन हो जाएगा। इसके सप्ताह ही भारत दुनिया के शीर्ष तीन उत्पादकों में से शामिल हो जाएगा।
एलएमई में कॉपर के दाम बढ़े

लंडन • लंडन मेटल एक्सचेंज में तीन मह दिल्लीवाले कॉपर के दाम 112 डॉलर मानी 1.3 प्रतिशत बढ़कर 8,472 डॉलर प्रति टन के रहर पर पहुंच गए। उत्तर युक्तियां के कमेट्स में भी कॉपर दिल्लीवाले कॉपर के दाम 3.8645 डॉलर प्रति प्योर पर पहुंच गए। गिरीफर्स का संकेत है कि चीन में निर्माण संबंधी से आंकड़ों से चेतावनी आंदोलन हटाने के रूप में निर्माण के कारण जापान में खरीदारी का महत्त्व बढ़ा और उन्नती बना रहा। मुद्दा है कि कॉपर के दाम में तेजी का पीछा जी. एस. बनसार रुह सकता है। कॉपर का उच्चतम पुष्टि रूप से नए अर्थक्षेत्र में होता है।
घोटालबाजों के नाम उजागर हों: जोगी

कहाँ! पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री अग्निक जोगी पुथा स्टील पर्यावरण के विलास के ख़ाबे हो गए हैं। उन्होंने सरकार से भ्रष्टाचार से जुड़े दोषियों और उन्हें संरक्षण में दिखाई देने वालों के नाम उजागर करने की मांग की है। जोगी ने कहा कि वह देश और राष्ट्रीय निर्माण के लिए लाभ देने के लिए भ्रष्टाचार के नाम भ्रष्टाचार कर दिया जाए।

उन्होंने गृह मंत्री भारत सरकार पर गृह स्टील की गिनती दरबार से कोई रूपए का लाभ पहुँचाने का आरोप लगाया। श्री जोगी ने कहा कि प्रदेश में भ्रष्टाचार लोग और स्थानीय कोहरे और लोगों की फायदे के लिए दोषियों के नाम पर दूर-दूर भ्रातृत्व की जानकारी जानते हैं। दिल्ली आदान-आदान के इस केस के पूर्वेक्षण में 20 जुलाई 2010 को पूर्व दूर और पूर्वी का पानी का रिपोर्ट दिया गया है।
Hindustan Copper’s share sales put off

NEW DELHI: The government has decided to defer the disinvestment in Hindustan Copper, which was earlier expected to happen in December, till next calendar year. “After Shipping Corporation, there would be no public offer in December,” disinvestment secretary Sumit Bose told reporters here.
Copper at one-week high

Copper rose to its highest in more than a week on Wednesday, buoyed by data out of top consumer China and a weaker dollar. Three-month copper on the London Metal Exchange rose to $8,470 a tonne at 0534 GMT, extending gains made on Tuesday, when it closed at $8,360. The metal used in power and construction earlier touched a session high of $8,494.50. Better-than-expected Chinese factory data in November, with the official Chinese purchasing managers' index rising to a seven-month high of 53.2, showed health in one of the world's largest economic engines, lifting sentiment.
Aluminum output may rise 8-fold by 2020

India's aluminum output may gain almost eight-fold to 10 million tonnes by 2020 as companies expand capacities, Mines Minister B K Handique said. Production, currently about 1.3 million tonnes, is expected to match consumption at 5 million tonnes in the next five years, Handique said at a conference in New Delhi. Hindalco Industries and National Aluminium are expanding their smelters in the eastern state of Orissa, which has the country's largest deposit of bauxite ore used to make aluminum.
HCL divestment deferred till next year

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Govt plans to sell 10% stake in Neyveli Lignite

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MOIL issue gets record 32 times retail subscription

Our Bureau

Mumbai, Dec 1

The retail portion of the initial public offering of MOIL was subscribed more than 32 times (according to provisional data), making it the largest in terms of subscription multiples for any primary market offering this year.

The MOIL issue, which closed today for retail and high net worth individuals, was subscribed 56.29 times, also one of the largest total subscription multiples seen in a primary market issuance this year.

The HNI portion was subscribed a record 144.9 times. The institutional portion, which closed on Tuesday, was subscribed more than 49 times.

Retail investors bid for 37.15 crore shares against the 1.15 crore shares on offer.

MOIL is the third consecutive Government sector issuance that has received more than 10 lakh retail applications. It received close to 12 lakh retail applications.

Coal India's Rs 18,000-crore IPO got 17.5 lakh retail applications and Power Grid's Rs 7,500-crore follow-on offering got 15 lakh applications.

The Government, which planned to raise close to Rs 1,200 crore through the IPO, received subscriptions worth more than Rs 56,000 crore.

The price band for the issue was fixed at Rs 340-375. A merchant banker with the issue said most of the bids had come in at the upper end of the price band.
EGoM soon to resolve issue of mining in forests

Subhash Narayan
NEW DELHI

THE government is expected to set up an empowered group of ministers to resolve the vexed issue of coal mining projects in forest areas, where the environment ministry has categorised “go and no go” areas, creating uncertainty over several mining and power projects.

The issue is likely to be discussed at a meeting of the union cabinet soon, a top government official familiar with the development told ET. “As there is a general agreement that the issue needs to be resolved quickly, the proposal is likely to sail through. A final call, however, needs to be taken by the Prime Minister,” the official said.

The coal ministry along with other ministries dealing with coal-consuming sectors are in favour of a quick resolution of the issue. Coal minister Sriprakash Jaiswal is likely to spearhead the proposal to set up the EGoM. The coal ministry has already moved a note for the Cabinet to rework “go and no go” areas so that the proposal does not disrupt a host of projects in power, steel and other coal-consuming sectors.

The environment ministry had earlier carried out a joint exercise with the coal ministry studying nine major coal mining areas that concluded that about 48% of the area, (203 coal blocks with production potential of over 600 million tonnes a year) under study was not viable for mining activities and was a “go” areas barred for mining. This was later scaled down to 35% after more areas were freed for mining post regular clearances.

The categorisation has put several existing and upcoming coal mining operations including captive mines of the two ultra mega power projects (UMPP) on bidding at Orissa and Chhattisgarh under areas barred for mining. The present categorisation also impacts operations of Coal India Ltd (CIL) as several of its upcoming coal mining projects with potential to give output of 200-300 million tonnes annually now fall under “no go” areas.

Besides, it has also left the Hasdeo Arand coalfields in Chhattisgarh out of bounds for mining affecting 30 mining licence given to companies such as Prakash Industries, Hindustan Zinc, Ultratech Ltd, Chhattisgarh Captive Coal Mining Ltd. etc between 2003 and 2007 and substantive work on some of the blocks has already been done.

“The constitution of an EGoM will give a positive signal to the industry about the seriousness of the government to resolve the issue quickly. Delays in getting clarity whether coal mining projects will be allowed in no go areas will severely impact investment environment and project schedules,” said an official of a private sector power company asking not to be named.

STRIKING BALANCE

The EGoM with powers to take decisions without going for cabinet nod will hasten the clearances for mining projects in sensitive areas.
Copper premium soars as one firm holds most stocks

Bloomberg  
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The copper premium for immediate delivery on the London Metal Exchange climbed to the highest level in more than two years as data showed one unidentified company owned most of the stockpiles monitored by the bourse.

A company held between 80 per cent and 79 per cent of LME copper stockpiles from November 22 through to November 29, the latest exchange data show. The cash contract advanced to a premium of $74 a tonne over the benchmark three-month delivery today, the highest level since October 2008, signalling shrinking supply in nearby futures.

It could be an investor holding a large position for financial gain, or it could well be material that has been stockpiled in readiness for a launch of an exchange-traded fund, Mr Alex Heath, head of industrial-metals trading at Royal Bank of Canada Europe Ltd, said by phone from London today.

JP Morgan Chase & Co, BlackRock Inc and ETF Securities Ltd said in October they are preparing to introduce exchange-traded funds backed by copper, providing investors access to the metal in the form of an equity-like product.

BlackRock is registering shares equal to 1,212,000 tonnes, the New York-based company said in an October 26 filing. The firm and ETF Securities said LME warrants, or documents showing ownership of stockpiles, can be used instead of physical metal.

Dwindling supply

Inventories of copper, used in everything from laptops to jetliners, shrank this year as demand recovered, pushing prices to a record $8,966 a tonne on November 11. Global demand will outstrip production by 250,000 tonnes next year, the first shortage since 2007, according to Royal Bank of Scotland Group Plc, commodity analysts led by Mr Nick Moore.

Stockpiles monitored by the exchange declined 29 per cent this year to 3,548,850 tonnes, the lowest level since October 2009.

Cancelled warrants, or the amount booked for delivery out of the warehouses, rose to 31,975 tonnes from 2,625 tonnes at the beginning of this year, leaving deliverable inventories of 3,228,875 tonnes. In October 2006, when the cash premium was about the current level, deliverable stockpiles were below 2,30,000 tonnes.

Given the current stockpile level, the market is anomalously tight, Mr Leon Westgate, an analyst at Standard Bank Plc, said by phone from London. That was deterring traders from taking bearish bets, he said. A situation where nearby contracts are at a premium to more distant ones is known as backwardation.

Three-month copper on the London Metal Exchange traded at $8,499 a tonne in rings, extending gains made on Tuesday, when it closed at $8,360. Aluminium traded at $2,309.5 versus $2,275 a tonne.

Battery material lead was at $2,280 versus $2,230 a tonne while zinc traded at $2,144 versus $2,112 a tonne. Tin, used in electrical solder, traded at $25,050 from $24,495 a tonne.
Mr B.K. Handique

Aluminium output to rise four-fold by 2015

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The country's aluminium output is expected to see a fourfold growth by 2015 to touch 5 million tonnes from 1.3 million tonnes as primary metal producers such as Nalco and Hindalco expand their capacity, said Mines Minister, Mr B.K. Handique, on Wednesday.

Speaking at a seminar on consultation with stakeholders on Aluminium Mission Plan 2020, Mr Handique said consumption would also touch 5 million tonnes by 2015 and 10 million tonnes by 2020 on rising demand from sectors such as infrastructure, construction and transportation.

The Indian aluminium industry produces about 1.3 million tonnes compared with the world output of 40 million tonnes with a low per capita consumption of 1.3 million kg, Mr Handique said.

Stating that exploitation of aluminium resources has to be guided by long-term national goals and perspectives, Mr Handique said it was necessary to explore new bauxite deposits and develop technologies for using low grade bauxites to meet the growing demand.

Further, Mr Handique said a high growth rate for the industry was possible only if the manufacturing costs of alumina, aluminium and aluminium alloys were reduced.

MINING BILL

The Mines Ministry expects to seek Cabinet approval to the new mining bill in the next two weeks.

"The Group of Ministers would meet in a day or two to finalise the draft mining Bill after which we will go to the Cabinet," Mr Handique said. After seeking the Cabinet approval, the Bill would be introduced in Parliament.

The Mines and Metals (Regulation and Development) Act 2010 would make it mandatory for the mining firms to share 26 per cent of their annual profits earned at the mine level with people displaced by their projects.

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Hind Copper divestment deferred

NEW DELHI: The Centre has decided to defer disinvestment in Hindustan Copper, earlier scheduled for December, till the next calendar year. “After Shipping Corporation, there would be no public offer in December,” disinvestment secretary Sumit Bose told reporters here.
**Copper premium on LME climbs to 2-year high**

*SINGAPORE* - The copper premium for immediate delivery on the London Metal Exchange climbed on Thursday to the highest level in more than two years as data showed one unidentified company owned most of the stockpiles monitored by the bourse. A company held between 50% and 79% of LME copper stockpiles from November 22 through to November 29, the latest exchange data show. The cash contract advanced to a premium of $74 a metric tonne over the benchmark three-month delivery on Wednesday, the highest level since October 2008, signaling shrinking supply in nearby futures. “It could be an investor holding a large position for financial gain, or it could well be material that has been stockpiled in readiness for a launch of an exchange-traded fund,” said Alex Heath, head of industrial-metals trading at Royal Bank of Canada Europe.
नेतृत्वीय लिम्यालिट क्वेश्चनी देखको न 10 फीसदी हिस्सेदारी

पहले हिंदी: अमेरिक दिन वर्ष में सरकार नेतृत्वीय लिम्यालिट के चीफ में अपनी यह फीसदी हिस्सेदारी बाँटने पर बिज्ञान कर रही है। कंपनी के अभियंता ने यह जानकारी दी है। नेतृत्वीय लिम्यालिट के चीफ में आगे अंग्रेज ने कहा, "साइबर रूप से लिम्यालिट से वेबसाइट के बीच में सरकार सहमति देने वाली है। अब तक वर्ष में कंपनी में हिस्सेदारी बाँट दी जा रही है।" उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार बोंड में अपनी यह फीसदी टक हिस्सेदारी बाँट सकती है। पूर्वी जुटने के लिए कंपनी द्वारा प्रतिवेदन देने जा रही कंपनी कोई जज्बा नहीं है। अंग्रेज ने कहा कि कंपनी के पास 6,000 करोड़ रुपये का बैंक रिश्ता है और उसे पूर्वी जुटने की कोई जज्बा नहीं है। इस समय कंपनी में सरकार को 93.56 फीसदी हिस्सेदारी है। बाहर जब सरकार की विदेशी योजना से रूमा जुटने की धारणा के तहत हो रही है।
The initial public offering (IPO) of manganese miner MOIL was bid 35 times the offer, the highest for an IPO since May 2009, as doubling of retail investment limit and attractive pricing pulled investors. The ₹1,238-crore share sale drew investors from the institutions and individual investors alike, following the gains made from buying shares in another state-owned miner Coal India last month.

THE 3.36 crore equity share issue was subscribed more than 49 times in the portion reserved for institutions, data from stock exchanges show. The portion reserved for wealthy, or high net worth individuals, was bid 143 times, while the retail portion, where limit was doubled to ₹2 lakh per application was subscribed more than 28 times. Most of the bids were at the top end of the ₹340-375 a share price band.

“There is a lot of appetite for PSU issuance’s provided it is priced right,” says Jagannadh Thunu-guntla, strategist & head-research at SMC Global Securities.

MOIL accounts for 50% of India’s total manganese ore production with an annual output of 1.1 million. It is a debt-free company with cash reserves of ₹1,770 crore, implying a cash per share of ₹105, to fund capex and working capital requirements.

Its pre-tax margin for last fiscal was 70% and net profit margin was 52%. MOIL’s revenue has grown at an annual rate of 31.5% between 2006 and 2010 on rising output and soaring prices. Investors have been choosy in bidding for IPOs unlike during the past secondary market rallies, when there was a rush to bid for any share sale. Even the state-owned share sales have seen differing approaches from investors.

While Coal India’s ₹3.4-billion IPO was a spectacular success, other share sales such as miner NMDC and utility NTPC got tepid response. Drugmaker Claris Life last week had to cut IPO price after investors shunned the issue. It closes on December 2. The government has raised over ₹21,000 crore this fiscal selling shares including in companies such as Power Grid Corp. The strong response to issues such as MOIL may help it surpass the target of ₹40,000 crore. The government sold the MOIL shares in a price band of ₹340-375 and promised a 5% discount to retail investors and the company staff of 6,734. Nearly half of them may have applied, unlike in Coal India, where trade unions prevented staff from buying its shares, leading to a notional loss of about ₹40,000 on listing.

Shipping Corporation

The follow-on public offer of state-owned Shipping Corporation, which opened for subscription on Tuesday, was subscribed 0.44 times overall. The QIB portion of the book was subscribed 0.76 times, HNI 0.04 times and retail 0.14 times.

The price band for the FPO has been fixed at ₹135-140. The shares of SCI closed flat at ₹144.40 on the BSE on Wednesday. The issue will close for QIBs on December 2 and for others on December 3.
Gold hits ₹21,000 in Delhi market

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MOIL IPO gets 56.2 times oversubscription

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THE Centre’s disinvestment initiative has got a big boost from Dalal Street. The public offer of state-run MOIL was oversubscribed 56.29 times as the issue closed on Wednesday with investors lapping up the issue in spite of the volatility in the stock market.

The country’s largest manganese ore producer witnessed heavy participation from all classes of investors and received bids worth 189.13 crore shares as compared to 3.36 crore equities on offer, according to the data on the National Stock Exchange.

The subscription period for Qualified Institutional Investors (QIBs) that ended yesterday, saw the company offer being subscribed 49.16 times. The retail investors category and non-institutional investors category, for which the issue closes today, were subscribed already oversubscribed 10.86 and 8.77 times by Tuesday itself.

The government has fixed the price band of Rs 340-375 a share for the public offer. The Centre will divest 10 per cent stake in the company through this IPO, while the state governments of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra will offload 5 per cent each.

At the upper end of the price range, MOIL’s IPO is worth nearly Rs 1,260 crore and at the lower end, it would fetch about Rs 1,142 crore. “Going by the demand, the government is likely to fix the offer price at the upper end of the price range. The IPO was priced reasonably,” said a dealer.

Shipping Corporation, another PSU, is also in the market with an FPO. The SCI issue which opened on Tuesday has got only 44 per cent subscription till Wednesday. The ongoing FPO of SCI after 18 years of IPO is at a premium (price band between Rs 135 and Rs 140 per equity share of Rs 10 each).
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He added that the bullion prices are more co-related to foreign exchange markets and development in the international markets than to retail buying.
प्रमुख (वार्ता)। सभी समय लिंकिंग लिमिटेड (लक्स) के प्रमुख डाइनास्टिक विपणन कार्यकारी विभाग के अध्यक्ष डायरेक्टर के रूप में नीद प्राप्त होने के लिए भारत सरकार के लिए सेवा देने की अनुमति देने और भारत सरकार में भारत के न्यायालय में भारत के राष्ट्रीय थीम वापसी शीर्षक के आदेश पर 2009 को भारत के लिए रिलीज़ किए गए 1250 मेगावाट प्रति क्षेत्र की सेवा देने की सुनहरी चीज है।

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