

FinMin's decision to levy penalty for late payment to vendors will assure timely payments: GeM CEO

NEW DELHI, July 5 (PTI)

THE Finance Ministry's decision to levy 1 per cent penalty on Government departments and agencies for delayed payments to vendors selling goods on GeM platform will assure timely payments to them, particularly MSME players, a top official said.

Last week, the Department of Expenditure stated that Government departments and agencies, procuring goods and services from the Government e-marketplace (GeM) platform, will have to pay 1 per cent interest on late payments made to vendors.

Welcoming the decision, GeM Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Talleen Kumar said, one of the biggest complaints from sellers on GeM was delayed payments by Government buyers.

"This has now been resolved through a historic step by the Ministry of Finance. All those who sell on GeM can now be



assured of timely payments," Kumar told PTI. The Government has been repeatedly emphasising on the need for prompt payment to vendors, especially the MSME vendors.

For procurement made on GeM, buyers are mandated to make payments within 10 calendar days after generation (including auto generation) of consignee receipt and acceptance certificate (CRAC) on the GeM. But despite this, several buyers were taking more than 10 days to make their payments to vendors. According to the Department of Expenditure, the

interest amount will be deposited in an account maintained by GeM. This amount will be used to educate sellers and buyers, Kumar added.

Talking about the work on the advanced version of GeM portal, the Chief Executive Officer said work is going on at a fast pace, and by September 2020, "there will be a powerful and feature-rich GeM 4.0".

The platform is coming up with a more dynamic, transformational and vibrant portal by adding advanced features such as powerful search engine, revamped brand and product approval process and faster creation of categories for goods and services through tender analysis. GeM portal was launched in August 2016 for online purchases of goods and services by all Central Government ministries and departments. "The GeM 4.0 will be powerful, more smart, better, unified, intelligent and more inclusive," he said.

Rural markets faring better than urban centres amid coronavirus pandemic: MSI

NEW DELHI, July 5 (PTI)

THE country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) is seeing better demand in rural areas due to less number of COVID-19 cases as compared with urban regions which continue to reel under the high number of cases of the infectious disease, as per a senior company official.



Buying sentiment in rural areas is also better due to good initial spell of rains in June which has led to a better sowing of the kharif crop. "Rural demand is little better than urban right now. In Maruti, the rural share has gone up to 40 per cent in June which is 1 per cent increase over the last fiscal," MSI Executive Director Marketing and Sales Shashank Srivastava told PTI.

He listed three main reasons for the phenomenon which is

based on the recent data.

"One is that COVID-19 has impacted the sentiment little less in rural areas. In fact cluster of Covid and containment zones are largely in urban areas. Secondly, rabi crop has been good, and initial monsoon in June has been good so the sowing for kharif crop is much better, so rural sentiment as compared to urban sentiment is little better," Srivastava noted.

Both rural and urban sales were down as compared to last year, but rural sales were relatively better than urban areas, he added.

"There is decline in rural areas also as compared to last year, but it is less as compared to urban regions," Srivastava said.

In June, MSI reported a 53.7 per cent dip in domestic sales at 53,139 units as against 1,14,861 units in June 2019.

Reliance plans to up aviation fuel stations by 50 per cent

NEW DELHI, July 5 (PTI)

BILLIONAIRE Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) plans to increase its network of aviation fuel stations by 50 per cent as it looks to capture greater market share in the business currently controlled by public sector oil retailing firms.

In its latest annual report, RIL said the double-digit growth observed over 52 consecutive months might have been stalled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but India continues to be one of the fastest growing aviation markets in the world for the fifth consecutive year.

RIL, which operates the world's largest single location oil refining complex, plans to capture this opportunity through increased presence at airports to

refuel airplanes. Air-passenger traffic in India rose 9 per cent even in February after the Indian carriers recouped to full capacity that was lowered following the closure of a major domestic carrier in the first few months of financial year 2019-20 as well as disruptions at Mumbai airport owing to construction and maintenance, it said.

Reliance Aviation has the highest market share in 20 per cent of the operating airports. "RIL is looking to increase its network to 45 locations as against 30 at the end of FY 2019-20 and is well geared to benefit with the growth in the Indian aviation market," it said. India currently has 256 aviation fuel stations, with state-owned IOC owning 119 of them. BPCL has 61 and HPCL the remaining 44.

India should focus on 15 items of imports to achieve self-reliance, says Assocham

NEW DELHI, July 5 (PTI)

INDUSTRY body Assocham has identified 15 large import items for ramping up the country's domestic capacity to achieve the objective of Aatmanirbhar Bharat or self-reliant India in 2-3 years.

These items include electronics, coal, iron-steel, non-ferrous metals and vegetable oils, among others. The analysis, based on the latest data, shows that the electronics goods are the largest non-oil import segment.

Despite the country being under partial lockdown, India imported electronic goods worth USD 2.8 billion only in May, 2020.

"In the circumstance of the industry operating in a normal way, these imports are near about USD 5 billion a month - a huge drain on the forex which needs



to be curtailed," Assocham said.

The chamber's Secretary General Deepak Sood said the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's recent scheme of production-linked incentives and encouraging champions can be a game-changer if pursued vigorously. Both domestic and foreign direct investment should be encouraged in the endeavour.

The Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for Large Scale Electronics offers incen-

tives to boost domestic manufacturing and attract large investments in mobile phone production and specified electronic components, including assembly, testing, marking and packaging (ATMP) units.

The items of non-oil, non-gold imports with significant foreign exchange drain identified by the chamber include electronic goods, electrical and non-electrical machinery, iron and steel, inorganic and organic chemicals, coal-coke & briquettes, and non-ferrous metals, artificial resins & plastic, transport equipment, medicinal and pharmaceuticals. The other items in the list are vegetable oil, fertiliser, dyeing, tanning and colouring material, professional instruments and opticals, fruits and vegetables.

SPORTS

BOTTAS WINS F1 AUSTRIAN GP

Hamilton finishes 4th

SPIELBERG, July 5 (AP)

VALTTERI Bottas won a chaotic season-opening Austrian Grand Prix on Sunday while Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton finished fourth after getting a late time penalty.

The race was interrupted three times by a safety car and nine of 20 drivers abandoned, including both Red Bulls of Max Verstappen and Alexander Albon — who tried to overtake Hamilton on the outside with 10 laps left, touched wheels and flew off track.

Hamilton was given a five-second time penalty for causing



Mercedes' driver Valtteri Bottas celebrates with the trophy after the Austrian Formula One Grand Prix race on Sunday in Spielberg, Austria. (AFP)

the collision, having earlier been hit with a three-place grid penalty after an incident in Saturday's qualifying was reviewed by stewards.

Although Bottas started from pole position and Hamilton from fifth, it looked like a straight fight between the two Mercedes drivers as has been the case so often in recent years.

But late drama in Spielberg ensured otherwise and Hamilton's time penalty meant Charles Leclerc took second place for Ferrari and Lando Norris sent McLaren's garage into raptures — and threw all social distancing rules out of the window amid the euphoria — with third place.

Bayern bag German Cup

BERLIN, July 5 (Reuters)

BUNDESLIGA champions Bayern Munich kept their hopes of a treble alive after beating Bayer Leverkusen 4-2 at the Olympiastadion in Berlin to win German Cup for the 20th time.

David Alaba gave Bayern the lead with a free kick in the 16th minute after Robert Lewandowski was fouled at the edge of the box, with the defender's effort sailing over the wall and beating the outstretched arm of Lukas Hradecky in goal.

Bayern doubled the lead when Joshua Kimmich released Serge Gnabry down the right channel and the winger's uncontested shot nestled into the bottom corner for the 24-year-old's 20th goal



Bayern Munich's Thomas Mueller raises the German Cup trophy as he and his team-mates celebrate winning the final match. (AFP)

of the season in all competitions.

Lewandowski made it 3-0 when he let fly a thunderous strike from range straight at Hradecky and the Finnish goalkeeper fumbled, allowing the ball to creep over the line to give the Polish striker his 50th goal of the season.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) that, the Authorized Officer(s) of HDFC BANK LTD. had taken physical possession of the following property/ies mentioned, pursuant to demand raised vide notice(s) issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in the following loan accounts with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS, WHATEVER IS THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues plus interest as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said property/ies. The sale of the below-mentioned Properties shall be conducted by way of E-Auction through Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com>

S. No.	Name of the Branch & Account	Name of the Mortgagor & Guarantors of the Property	DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES/ DETAILS OF ACCOUNT/ AMOUNT/ EMD/ ETC.		Inspection Date and Time	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amount	Date/ Time of e-Auction	Last Date for Receipt of Bids	Name of Authorised Officer/Phone No./Email Id
			Amount as per Demand Notice	Demand Notice Date					
1.	Branch - HDFC Bank, Mandla & A/c - Jay Prakash and Company	Mr. Jai Prakash Agrawal and Mr. Jayesh Agrawal	Property situated at Gram Binjihiya PH-23, NB-102, RIC Mandla, Part of Khasra No.-41/8, after mutation Khasra No.4, Tehsil and Distt.-Mandla (M.P.). Owned by Mr. Jai Prakash Agrawal	Rs. 26,98,494.98	Dated - 04/03/2020	Rs. 30,19,000/- Rs. 3,01,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	28/08/2020 11 AM to 01 PM	24/08/2020 Up to 4 PM	Ashish Rawat 9981126266 Ashish.rawat19@hdfcbank.com

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- The intended bidders who have deposited the EMD and require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, strictly on e-bidding process etc., may contact our service provider **0926804343, 09111444797 and Mr. Hareesh Gowda, Gulf Petro Chem Building, Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Gurgaon . Helpline Nos : 0124-4302020/21/22/23/24 , Mr. Danish Khan Mobile : 09826804343, 09111444797 and Mr. Hareesh Gowda Mobile-09594597555. Help Line e-mail ID: support@bankauctions.com and for any property related query may contact the Authorized officer as mentioned above in office hours during the working days. (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM).**
- The highest bid shall be subject to approval of HDFC Bank Limited. Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept/ reject all or any of the offers/bids so received, or cancel the auction/sale without assigning any reasons whatsoever. His decision shall be final & binding.
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Date: 04/07/2020, Place : Jabalpur, (M.P.) Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Limited

BCCI to finalise FTP, domestic season in July

NEW DELHI, July 5 (PTI)

THE BCCI will work on finalising India's revised Future Tours Programme and the domestic season when it conducts its fourth Apex Council meeting on July 17.

The meeting, like the last emergent meeting on May 6, will be held online amid the COVID-19. The nine-member Council could also discuss the raging issue of Chinese sponsorship in the IPL. The Indian cricket team, which last played in the first week of March, was scheduled to tour Sri Lanka for a limited-overs series in June-July but that series has been postponed indefinitely due to pandemic.

Purchase or construction of two house properties and capital gain exemption

Any Long Term Capital Gain (LTCG) arising from transfer of a house property can be claimed as exempt if the taxpayer invests the amount of LTCG for purchase of another house property. To avail exemption, taxpayers have to invest the amount within prescribed time frame as under:

- For purchase:** One year before or two years after the date of sale or transfer.
 - For constructions:** Three years from the date of sale or transfer. Prior to 2019, the benefit was restricted to investment in "one" house property. However, considering the socio-economic need of middle class families to maintain houses at two locations on account of their job, children's future, different location of parents etc., the benefit is stretched to two house properties by the Finance Act - 2019, with effect from FY 2019-20. In short, taxpayers can now claim exemption against LTCG by investing the amount in 2 house properties.
- There are few important cautions which taxpayer must take while planning for capital gain exemptions in such cases:**
- Exemption can be claimed only if the amount of capital gain does not exceed Rs 2 crore. Taxpayers may note that restriction of Rs 2 crore is on the amount of LTCG and not on sale consideration. Even if the sale consideration is more than Rs 2 crore, exemption can be claimed in such cases.
 - Exemption against two house properties "once in a life time" offer. If the taxpayers have already availed exemption against two house properties in earlier year then they will not be able to opt for it again.
 - Exemption is available only to an Individual/HUF and not to other categories of taxpayers like firm, AOP, company, etc.



4) Exemption u/s 54 (i.e., LTCG arising from sale of a house property):

Exemption against investment in two house property is available only if such LTCG is arising from transfer of a residential house property on or after 1/4/19. It is admissible under section 54. If LTCG is arising from sale of any capital assets other than house property (like against sale of plot, gold, jewellery, etc.) then exemption towards investment in house property can be claimed u/s 54F and not u/s 54.

Taxpayers must note that freedom of investment in 'two' house property is only for the purpose of exemption u/s 54 and not for the purpose of section 54F.

5) Exemption u/s 54F (i.e., LTCG arising from sale of any capital assets other than house property):

If the LTCG is arising from sale of any capital assets other than residential house property then investment has to be done in 'one' house property. Further, exemption u/s 54F is subject to the condition that taxpayers own not more than one house property on the date of earning LTCG. If a taxpayer already owns more than one house property then exemption u/s 54F is not available to such taxpayers. There is no such stipulation for claiming an exemption u/s 54.

6) There is one more stipulation in section 54F which is not there in section 54. Section 54F stipulates that taxpayer should not purchase any other house property within a period of 2 years or construct another house property within a period of 3 years from the date of earning LTCG.

If taxpayers violate the condition by purchasing another house property within a period of 2 year (3 years for construction) then exemption allowed earlier will be taxable in the year of such violation. There is no such rider in section 54.

7) Illustration:

a) Mr Smart owns 3 house properties and 2 plots. He sold one house property and wants to invest the amount of LTCG for purchase of two house properties. In such case, he will be eligible to claim exemption u/s 54 against investment in two house properties even though he already owns other 2 house properties i.e., after purchasing, he will be owner of 4 house properties. However, if Mr Smart sells one plot then he will not be able to claim any capital gain exemption, neither u/s 54 (as he is not selling the house property but selling the plot) nor u/s 54F as he already owns more than one house property on the date of sale of plot.

b) Mr Smart owns 1 house property and 3 plots. He sold one plot and now wants to invest the amount of LTCG in two house properties. In such case, he cannot claim exemption u/s 54F. If Mr Smart invests the sale proceed for purchase of two house properties, he will be violating the condition enumerated in section 54F and so will not be able to get exemption against any of the house properties so purchased or constructed.

He can claim exemption u/s 54F only if he invests the proceeds in "one" house property.

c) Mr Smart has sold a plot on 15.03.2020 and purchased new house property on 06.07.2020 to claim exemption u/s 54F. Now, if he purchases another house property before 14.03.2022 (or constructs before 14.03.2023) then the amount of LTCG claimed exempt earlier will be taxable in the year of violation of such condition.

8) For the purpose of exemption u/s 54, investment of LTCG is important and not sale consideration whereas for exemption u/s 54F, investment of net sale consideration is relevant and not LTCG. For example, Mr Smart has sold a house property for Rs 2 crore and has earned LTCG of Rs 75 lakh whereas Mrs Smart has sold a plot for Rs 2 crore and has earned LTCG of Rs 75 lakh. For full exemption, Mr Smart will be required to invest only Rs 75 lakh whereas Mrs Smart would be required to invest Rs 2 crore.

Taxpayers may carefully note that the Income Tax Act operates in an un-synchronized manner. Taxpayers need to be cautious while planning the above transactions as there is no scope of presumptions and assumptions. Though the purpose of both the sections (54 & 54F) is same i.e., to grant an exemption from LTCG, the conditions and stipulations are drastically different.

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Puravankara Group to launch 11 residential projects in FY21

MUMBAI, July 5 (PTI)

BENGALURU-BASED realtor Puravankara Group, plans to launch 11 residential projects with a total saleable area of around 10.23 million sqft this fiscal, even as the COVID-19 continues to impact the sector.

The company, which already

launched two projects in the first quarter of the fiscal, plans to launch a total of six projects under the Purvanakara luxury brand and five under Provident affordable housing brand.

The company is expecting revenue of over Rs 6,000 crore from these 11 residential projects, the company said.