

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

TN seeks PM's intervention in early sanction of fund for bulk drug park

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THE TAMIL NADU government has sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention in getting early sanction of financial assistance from the Centre for its proposed bulk drug park and medical devices park, coming up near Chennai.

The state has applied to the department of pharmaceuticals for financial assistance of ₹1,000 crore for bulk drug park and ₹100 crore for medical devices park.

The bulk drug park with an investment outlay of ₹2,153 crore is proposed to come up at Manallur, in Tiruvallur district in an extent of 2,000 acres. The proposed medical devices park will be located near Oragadam in Kancheepuram district spread over 350 acres. The project cost for developing this project is ₹430 crore.

Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on his second day



Union minister Amit Shah met Tamil Nadu chief minister K Palaniswami at his residence in New Delhi on Monday

of Delhi visit called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and sought his intervention in getting the financial assistance for these projects and also sought Centre's assistance in a slew of other welfare measures proposed by the Tamil Nadu government.

The chief minister appraised the PM that these parks will have common and advanced infrastructure facilities like

CETP, steam systems, warehousing and cold storage, R&D centre and testing facilities. The state government will provide an attractive package of incentives to industries which will invest in these parks.

Tamil Nadu is one of the leading industrialised states in the country and a top performer in sectors like automobiles, electronics and textiles. However, in sectors like pharmaceuticals

and medical devices, the state is yet to reach its full potential. Tamil Nadu government is seeking to correct this situation by developing the bulk drug park and medical devices park.

Palaniswami, in memorandum presented to the PM, requested sanctioning of mega textile parks for Tamil Nadu. The Centre has proposed to establish mega textile parks across the country to achieve scale and reduced logistic costs, imperative to compete in the global market.

He said Tamil Nadu is the leading state in textiles and is keen to participate in mega textile park scheme. Demanding that Centre should at least sanction two such projects, he said the state has identified three suitable sites for setting up these parks and will provide around 1,000 acres with requisite infrastructure such as uninterrupted power supply, water, connectivity in addition to single-window facilitation for clearances.

SC: Segmentation of NHs over 100 km as strategy to avoid green nod cannot be adopted

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, January 19

THE SUPREME COURT on Tuesday held that segmentation of a national highway project having total length of over 100 km to smaller packages of less than hundred kilometres cannot be adopted as a strategy to avoid environmental clearances.

The top court said that since it is not an expert on the issue, it is of the considered view that an expert committee should examine the permissibility of segregation.

It set aside the Madras High Court order of last year and held that there is no requirement for obtaining environmental clearances for NH 45-A Villuppuram - Nagapattinam Highway (covering a stretch of 179.555 km in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry) as land acquisition is not more than 40 m on existing alignments and 60 m on realignments or by passes.

A bench of Justices L. Nageswara Rao, Hemant Gupta and Ajay Rastogi directed that "the ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MoEFCC), shall constitute an expert committee to examine whether segmentation is permissible for National Highway projects beyond a distance of 100 km and, if permissible, under what circumstances".

"Having held that adoption of segmentation of a project cannot be adopted as a strategy to avoid environmental clearance impact assessment, the



question that arises is whether segmentation of a national highway beyond 100 km is impermissible under any circumstance. As we lack the expertise of deciding upon this issue, we are of the considered view that an expert committee should examine the permissibility of segregation."

"As the question of permissibility of the segmentation of a national highway beyond a distance of 100 kms is a matter to be considered by experts, it would be necessary for a committee to be constituted by the Government of India to decide whether segmentation of a National Highway project beyond a distance of 100 km is permissible. If it is permissible, the circumstances under which segmentation can be done also require to be examined by the expert committee", it said.

However, the bench said it was "in agreement with the High Court that segmentation as a strategy is not permissible for evading environmental clearance as per Notifications (of MoEFCC), dated September 14, 2006 and August 22, 2013".

BIS hurts metal packaging; packaged food, pharma sectors to feel the heat

FE BUREAU Kolkata, January 19

IMPOSITION OF BIS standards on tinplate or tin free steel has become a major hurdle to the ₹10,000-crore Indian metal packaging industry as it has fallen short of raw material, with most global players and suppliers of tinplate pulling out of supplies to India.

The industry, producing metal cans and containers, is largely dependent on tinplate imports from various countries. Moreover, prices of tinplate or the raw material for metal packaging have escalated more than 15%. Metal Container Manufacturers Association, (MCMA) said.

The MCMA has requested the steel ministry to put the Quality Control Order (QCO) on hold until sufficient quantity of tinplate is produced in India to meet the industry's demand of 7 lakh tonnes per annum.

The steel ministry issued the QCO on July 17 last year when the industry was already reeling under pressure for the pandemic-induced lockdown. While the industry required resetting its business post lockdown, forcing suppliers to go to BIS certification came as a huge road block since it was an expensive affair. India not being a big market for tinplates, the exporters stopped shipments putting the metal packaging industry in a great difficulty, MCMA president Sanjay Bhatia said.

First crack in PAGD: Sajad Lone pulls out over proxy nominees

BASHAARAT MASOOD Srinagar, January 19

IN THE first crack in the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), the People's Conference led by Sajad Lone pulled out of the alliance on Tuesday, citing the fielding of proxy candidates in the District Development Council (DDC) polls as a reason.

Lone, who was the PAGD spokesperson, conveyed the decision in a letter to Farooq Abdullah, president of the alliance.

"It is difficult for us to stay on and pretend as if nothing has happened. There has been a breach of trust between partners, among which we believe is beyond remedy. The majoritarian view in our party is that we should pull out of the alliance in an amicable manner rather than waiting for things to get messier... I am confirming that we will no longer be a part of the PAGD," Lone said in his letter.

He, however, said his party was not "divorcing" from the objectives of the PAGD. "We will continue to adhere to the objectives that we set out when this alliance was made. And the PAGD leadership should be assured that we will extend support on all issues which fall within the ambit of stated objectives," he said. "We have issued clear instructions to all party leaders not to issue any statements against the PAGD or its leaders".

There was disquiet within the People's Conference over



its continuation in the PAGD, and senior party leader Imran Raza Ansari had made his concerns public. Party insiders said Ansari was in touch with several political leaders outside J&K too. They said that while Ansari played a key role in the party's decision to pull out of the PAGD, it was a unanimous decision taken by the top leadership including Lone.

In his letter to Abdullah, Lone cited the fielding of proxy candidates as a reason for parting ways. "I am writing to you in reference to the recently held DDC elections and a spate of statements issued by leaders belonging to our party. The recurring theme of the statements was the fielding of proxy candidates by constituent parties against the officially mandated candidates of the PAGD," he said. "We convened a meeting of our leaders... The predominant feeling in the meeting was that the PAGD sentiment at the top was not emulated on the ground," he said.

He said the alliance partners were "silent bystanders" and even "compounded the problems by fielding proxy candidates". Lone said that while the alliance demanded sacrifice, no party was ready to cede space.

Petrol crosses ₹85 mark for the first time in Delhi

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, January 19

PETROL PRICE ON Tuesday breached the ₹85-a-litre mark in the national capital and diesel neared record high after rates were raised for the second consecutive day.

Petrol and diesel prices were hiked by 25 paise per litre each, according to a price notification from oil marketing companies.

This took the petrol price in Delhi to ₹85.20 per litre and to ₹91.80 in Mumbai.

Diesel rate climbed to ₹75.38 a litre in the national capital — just shying away from its record high — and to an all-time high of ₹82.13 in Mumbai, the price data showed.

Petrol and diesel prices were hiked by 25 paise per litre each on Monday as well.

While petrol and diesel prices are at a record high in Mumbai, petrol price in the national capital is at an all-time high. Diesel price is just short of ₹75.45 a litre record touched on October 4, 2018.

TITAN BIOTECH LIMITED notice of board meeting. Includes details of the meeting, date, and location.

South Delhi Municipal Corporation Horticulture Department (HO) notice inviting tender. Details include item rate open tenders, contact information, and submission details.

Shriram Pistons and Rings Limited company secretary notice. Includes details of the company, contact information, and website.

Form No. UR-2 advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XI. Includes details of the form and registration process.

Canara Bank Credit Review Monitoring & Recovery Section notice. Includes details of the removal of moveable assets from the auctioned property and contact information.

Canara Bank E-Auction Sale Notice. Includes details of the auction, property descriptions, and terms and conditions.

A pioneer in medical sciences in India, she blazed a trail in cancer

ARUN JANARDHANAN Chennai, January 19

DR V SHANTA, one of the biggest names in cancer care, who headed the Adyar Cancer Institute in Chennai, died early Tuesday morning. She was 93. After she complained of discomfort on Monday night, Dr Shanta was rushed to Apollo Hospitals in Chennai, where she died of a heart attack around 3.55 am.



DR V Shanta 1927-2021

Born in 1927 in a family that encouraged women to study, Shanta graduated in medicine in 1949 from the Madras Medical College, later specialising in Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

She joined Adyar Cancer Institute in 1955, a year after it was founded by Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy, one of the first women graduates of medicine in India and a legislator. Shanta, who joined as resident medical officer, went on to become chairperson of the Institute, which began with 12 beds and now has 423 beds and patients from all over the country. As news of her death came in, tributes poured in for the doctor.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "Dr V Shanta will be remembered for her outstanding efforts to ensure top quality cancer care. The Cancer Institute at Adyar, Chennai, is at the forefront of serving the poor and downtrodden. I recall my visit to the Institute in 2018. Saddened by Dr V Shanta's

demise. Om Shanti." Calling her death "shocking and a huge loss to the fraternity of oncologists and patient community", Dr CS Pramesh, Director Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, recalled his interaction with Shanta in 2012, when they were together involved in setting up the National Cancer Grid, a network of major cancer centres and research institutes across the country.

"Not many thought it was worthwhile doing it though it was an effort under the government of India to create uniform standards of care. But she was one of the 17 individuals who joined in the effort to create the grid and true champion of providing uniform standards of care, regardless of people's ability to pay. This was a reflection of her philosophy that cancer care should not be dependent on whether the patient is rich or poor," Dr Pramesh recalled.

Dr Shantha had won several awards, including the Padma Vibhushan (2016), Padma Shri (1986), and Magsaysay Award (2005).

NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM. Ref: (i) Tender Notice No. 45/20-21 dated 02.01.2021 (S.No. 10) (ii) Tender No. 0825026 due on 02.02.2021.

ntc industries limited notice convening the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EOGM) of the Shareholders of NTC Industries Limited. Includes details of the meeting and e-voting information.

Canara Bank E-Auction Sale Notice (continued). Includes details of the auction, property descriptions, and terms and conditions.