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DISINVESTMENT IN INDIA.

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DISINVESTMENT: is a policy of Public Sector reforms. It means of a part of the ownership of Public sector enterprises (PSEs) to the public. It is a kind of privatisation of Public sector enterprises (PSEs) to the public or denationalization by the government.

The main objectives of disinvestment have been to (i) broad base the ownership of PSEs and (ii) augment receipts of the government. Besides, the disinvestment proceeds are to be used towards (a) meeting expenditure in social sectors (b) restructuring of Public enterprises (P.E) and (c) retiring Public debt.

DISINVESTMENT POLICY BUDGET 2021 SILENT FEATURES:

Budget is a government to revive the economy after the year that we have had where every thing from consumption, investments and exports has fallen. In the first quarter of 2021 the economy 24% fall post that there has been a continued reversal of trend. Now almost a year after COVID-19 first hit our shores. The govt is attempting to rebuild the economy through infrastructural spending. Investments in sectors specially MSMEs 2020

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and focusing on a growth formula through upskilling and innovation.

- ETILC hosted an exclusive post-budget analysis session with over 50 CEO involved engaging with senior members from K&P KPMG India.

The numbers in the Budget: -

The government has factored in a 14.4% growth in GDP for FY 21-22 which is real GDP growth of 11% if one accounts for 3.4-4% inflation. For this to be achieved, the service sector would have to grow at 25-30% for a total GDP growth of over 14%. A total receipt of Rs 17.88 lakh crore rupees has been budgeted for tax and non tax revenue and 34.83 lakh crore rupees of expenditure has been budgeted for FY 21-22.

Euphoria of the markets -

There are two reasons for the euphoria of the markets surrounding the budget. First the market was expecting an increase in taxes but there has been no increase in taxes nor has been an introduction of any fresh taxes. Second the market has responded to the year on year increase in government expenditure which results in more growth for Corporate.

Attracting Capital:

There is a strong policy push in this budget to attract capital, the kind index has never attracted before.

10 The government has said that it will be putting public operating infrastructure in the

11 Control of Private Capital.

In order to do this, they will be seeking to attract capital from vehicles such as REITs

and Invits.

1 There is a policy pronouncement which promises that within a short amount of time the

2 necessary framework will be ready for FPI debt to flow into public and private

3 REIT and Invits.

4 While the government understand its constraints, it has allowed the fiscal deficit to slip.

5 It has not cut back on expenditure, at the same time. It is planning for future generation by long term capital 14-18 years capital to flow

6 into these vehicles. The government has also introduced Zero Coupon bonds and formation

of DFI - debt funding for infrastructure projects. There is a budgetary allocation for Rs 20,000 crore for DFI

PSU Divestment programme -

The government has set out a very realistic PSU divestment programme - top banks, one insurance company and they mentioned an LIC IPO. According to experts Rs 1.75 lakh crore is a very conservative target

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and in all probability the government could raise more. Also to increase IRR on disinvestment deals to increase returns for bidders. The government has made changes in the tax laws, to essentially accord tax neutral treatment to these disinvestment deals and to accord certain tax benefits to the buyers.

As on January 29, 2021, the government had raised Rs 17,957.70 crore through minority stake sale in central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) and share buybacks this fiscal year. In all, it has raised Rs 35,094.12 crore from disinvestment proceeds.

Disinvestment target of 2021-22Achievable -

The disinvestment target of Rs 10.75 lakh crore for 2021-22 was "imminently achievable" Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) RV Subramanian on Sunday said the proposed initial public offering (IPO) by LIC itself could garner Rs 1 lakh crore for the government.

He also said retail inflation targeting by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has helped in bringing down the volatility 2020 and level of inflation.

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The RBI's monetary policy Committee has been mandated to maintain annual inflation at 4 percent until March 31, 2021 with upper tolerance of 6 percent and lower limit of 2 percent.

Speaking at a virtual Conference by Jana Small finance bank, Subramanian said the disinvestment target of Rs 1.75 Lakh crore for 2021-22 is a carryover of the Rs 2.10 lakh crore target set for current fiscal ending March 31.

"BPCL privatisation and LIC listing itself were important contributors. Estimate are suggesting of Rs 75,000 - 80,000 crore or even higher can just come from the privatisation of BPCL itself. LIC IPO could bring in Rs Lakh crore approximately" he said. The government is selling its entire 52.98 percent stake in BPCL in the nation's biggest privatisation till date. Vedanta Group and private equity firms Apollo Global and I Squared Capital's Indean unit theirl has have put in an expression of interest for buying the government's stake.

Concerning LIC listing, the government has already got amendments in the LIC Act passed through finance bill 2021 in parliament earlier this week.

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Prime minister Modi had last month said the government has no business to be in business and his administration is committed to privatising all PSUs barring the bare minimum in four strategic sectors.

Subramaniam also emphasised that India needs a lot more banks for meeting its growth potential.

Citing as example of the US, he said America which has one third the population of India has about 25,000-30,000 banks.

On the long term growth story of India, he said the economy is expected to record double digit growth next financial year. During 2022-23, it could moderate to 6.5-7 per cent thereafter 7.5-8 per cent, aided by the reform measures announced by the government recently he added.

20 Govt PSU will be sold to private firms, 6 PSUs will shut down (Full list)

The minister of state for finance, Anurag Singh Thakur said that over 20 central public sector enterprises (CPSE) and their units are at various stages of strategic disinvestment and six are being considered for closure or are under litigation.

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On Monday, Singh said the govt follows a policy of disinvestment through a strategic stake sale and minority stake dilution while answering a question in the lower Sabha.

Content

1. What about the employees?
2. Which CPSEs are on the verge of closure?
3. Which CPSEs are considered for sale?
4. CPSEs completed sale.

What About the employees?

1. Under Strategic disinvestment, the govt considers the substantial sale of govt shareholding of CPSEs, which are not in the priority sector, along with transfer of management control.

Singh said, "Based on criteria laid down by NITI Aayog, the govt has 'in principle' approved strategic disinvestment in 39 cases since 2016, out of which strategic disinvestment in 8 cases has been completed, six CPSEs are under consideration for closure and litigation and remaining 20 transactions are at various stages.

Further, to safeguard employees interest, Singh said "while deciding the terms and condition of the strategic sale, employees concern are suitably addressed through appropriate Provision made in the Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) to be signed

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by the govt with strategic buyer.

9 Which CPSEs Are on the Verge of Closure?

10 If we talk about the closure, Hindustan Fluorocarbon Ltd (HFL), Scooter India,
 11 Pump & Compressors Ltd, Hindustan Prefab,
Hindustan Newspapers, and Karnataka
 12 Amit biotech & pharmaceutical, Ltd are
 the CPSEs which are being considered for
 1 the closure / under litigation.

2 Which CPSEs Are Considered for Sale?

On the other hand, Engineering project (Eordis),
 3 Project & Development India Ltd, Bridge and
Roof Co India Ltd, units of Cement Corporation of
 4 India Ltd (CCI), Central Electronics Ltd, Bharat Earth
Movers Ltd (BEML), Ferro Scrap Nigam Ltd,
 5 Nagarnar Steel plant of NMDC are the transac-
 -tion which are still in process pipeline.
 6 Apart from these, the strategic sale of Alloy
Steel plant which includes Durgapur,
Salem steel plant, Bhaskarwati units of SAIL,
Pawan Hans, Air India and its five sub-
 -sidiaries and one JV (Joint Venture) are
 also under process.

The other firms which are being considered
 for strategic sales include organization
 like HLL life Care Ltd, Indean medicines
 & pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd, various

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of Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), Hindustan Antibiotics, Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (except Numaligarh Refinery Limited), BPCL Stake in Numaligarh Refinery Limited to a CPSE Strategic Buyer, Shipping Corporation of India, Container Corporation of India and Neeelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd.

CPSEs Completed Sale—

Some CPSEs strategic sale has already been completed that includes name like REC, HPCL, Hospital Service Consultancy, National Project Construction Corporation, Dredging Corporation, THDC India Ltd, North eastern Electric power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) and Kamaraj - airport

Tag: 20 government PSUs, Central Public sector Enterprises, CPSE, CPSE for Sale, privatisation of CPSE, PSUs, Sale, Six PSU, strategic disinvestment, will be sold, will shut.