



PNGRB constitutes high-level expert panel to review extant of safety framework

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NEW DELHI: PNGRB desires to effectively implement the mandate provided as per Section 11(i) of the PNGRB Act, 2006 and ensure compliance to various regulations for safety and integrity of oil and Gas Sector in the country.

With a view to obtain guidance from industry and experts, PNGRB has constituted a High-Level Expert Committee vide office order dated November 24, 2023 consisting of the following members: 1. M B Lal (Former CMD-HPCL) Chairman; 2. Mukesh Rohatgi

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(Former CMD- EIL) Member; 3. K K Jha (Former Member-PNGRB & Former Director (Pipeline)- IOCL) Member; 4. R D Goyal (Former Director (Project)- GAIL) Member; 5. Hirak Dutta (Former ED-

OISD) Member; 6. Anil Kumar Garg (Joint Advisor (Technical)-PNGRB) Convener.

As mandated to PNGRB i.e. to ensure safety and integrity of downstream petroleum and natural gas sector, the committee will interact and seek the views of various stakeholders during review of the extant of safety framework. The committee will examine the existing regulatory regime and suggest a way forward to strengthen the technical and safety system in the Oil and Gas industry.

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As per section 11(i) of the PNGRB Act, 2006 the functions of the Board include to "lay down, by regulations, the technical standards and specifications including safety standards in activities relating to petroleum, petroleum products, and natural gas, including the construction and operation of pipeline and infrastructure projects related to downstream petroleum and natural gas sector".

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PNGRB gives nod to initiate bidding to develop 325 km gas pipeline in J&K

NEW DELHI: The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) in its 130th Board meeting held on December 27, 2023 has granted approval for initiation of the bidding process for the development of a crucial 325 kms natural gas pipeline from Jammu to Srinagar.

This significant project aims to introduce the use of gas and contribute to the sustainable development of the Kashmir Valley. It is a significant move to deliver this environmental fuel in a cost effective manner across the mountaineer region of the UT of Jammu and Srinagar.

The proposed natural gas pipeline from Jammu to Srinagar is a key initiative in the expansion of clean energy infrastructure in the region. As part of the broader effort to promote the use of natural gas, this project complements the ongoing development of the natural gas pipeline from Gurudaspur to Jammu being implemented by GAIL (India) Limited.

The pipeline will facilitate the supply of clean and environmentally friendly natural gas to the picturesque Kashmir Valley. This transition to cleaner energy sources aligns with the national commitment to reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable development.

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New panel to seek oil & gas safety inputs

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The petroleum and natural gas regulatory board (PNGRB) has said that the government will seek views from several stakeholders to review the current safety framework in the downstream petroleum and natural gas sector. A newly formed, six-member, high-level expert committee headed by former HPCL (Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd) chairman & managing director, M.B. Lal, will interact with the stakeholders for their views.

The stakeholders are likely to comprise oil and gas companies, oil marketing companies (OMCs) and city gas distribution operators, among others.

“As mandated to PNGRB i.e. to ensure safety and integrity of sector, the committee will interact and seek the views of various stakeholders during review of the extant safety

framework,” the regulator said in a statement. It added that the committee has already convened meetings and would take the process forward.

Other members of the committee, which was formed on 24 November 2023, include Mukesh Rohatgi, former CMD, Engineers India Limited; K.K. Jha, former director of pipeline, Indian Oil Corporation Limited; R.D. Goyal, former director, GAIL India Pvt Ltd; Hirak Dutta,

former member, oil industry safety directorate; and Anil Kumar Garg, joint advisor, PNGRB.

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इंडियन बॉस्केट में कच्चे तेल के दाम पिछले तीन महीने में 17.32% गिरकर 77.29 डॉलर प्रति बैरल पर पहुंच चुके हैं। इसके चलते पहले के घाटे की भरपाई की दुहाई दे रही तेल कंपनियां अब पेट्रोल पर 10 तो डीजल में 4 रुपए प्रति लीटर मुनाफा कमा रही हैं। फिर भी कंपनियों ने मई 2022 के बाद पेट्रोल-डीजल के दाम नहीं घटाए। इसलिए अब दाम घटाकर लोगों को राहत देने का दबाव कंपनियों पर बढ़ रहा है। पेट्रोलियम प्राइस एंड एनालिसिस सेल के अनुसार जब आखिरी बार दाम घटे थे, तब कूड 109 डॉलर/बैरल था। दिसंबर 2023 में इंडियन बॉस्केट में कच्चे तेल का दाम 77.33 डॉलर/बैरल है। यानी 19 महीने में दाम 29% तक गिर चुके हैं।

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रिलायंस और इंडियन ऑयल जैसी तेल विपणन से खनन में लगी 7 कंपनियों को 2023-24 की पहली दो तिमाही में 1,32,396.2 करोड़ रु. का मुनाफा हुआ है। दिसंबर वाली तिमाही में मुनाफा 80 हजार करोड़ तक पहुंच सकता है। इसके बाद भी वे दाम नहीं घटा रही हैं।

कंपनी	दूसरी तिमाही	पहली तिमाही
ओएनजीसी	16,553	17,383
रिलायंस	17,390	16,011
इंडियन ऑयल	12,967	13,750
बीपीसीएल	8,244	10,644
एचपीसीएल	5,827	6,765.5
गेल	3,130	1,793
ऑयल इंडिया	3,25.3	1,613.4

(मुनाफा राशि करोड़ रुपए में)