

# OVL has less than \$100 million stuck in Russia, says official

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**MUMBAI:** India's flagship overseas firm ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) has less than \$100 million of dividend income lying in Russia because of Ukraine conflict but the company is not in a hurry to bring it back, a senior official said on Monday.

Indian state oil firms have invested \$5.46 billion in buying stakes in four different assets in Russia. These include a 49.9 per cent stake in the Vankorneft oil and gas field and another 29.9 per cent in the TAAS-Yuryakh Neftegazodobycha fields.

They get dividends on profits made by the operating consortium from selling oil and gas produced from the fields. Soon after invading Ukraine in February last year, Russia put restrictions on repatriation of dollars to check volatility in foreign exchange rates.

OVL, the overseas arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), got its last dividend back in July 2022. One dividend payout that came after that is lying in the company's account in Russia. Its managing director Rajarshi Gupta said the divi-



dend income lying in Russia is "less than \$100 million."

"We are not in a hurry to get it back as the company has capital and operating expenses for the three projects in Russia," he said. "It is business as usual as far as dividend is concerned."

OVL holds interest in Russia through a Singapore subsidiary. Moscow declared Singapore as an unfriendly nation last year and so money from Russia cannot flow to any company incorporated in that country. He said OVL is looking at right banking channels and discussions are on. Last week, Oil India officials said \$300 million dividend income of the company and its partners are stuck in Russia.

The consortium of OIL, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Bharat PetroResources Ltd has stakes in two projects. The \$300 million dividend was lying with the Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL), which was a joint venture of State Bank of India and Canara Bank. Canara Bank in March sold its 40 per cent stake in CIBL to SBI.

The dividend from TAAS was paid on a quarterly basis, while Vankorneft's earnings were paid half-yearly. The Indian firms are looking at options of how to repatriate the money from Russia, he said.

OVL holds a 26 per cent stake in Suzunskoye, Tagulskoye and Lodochnoye fields — col-

lectively known as the Vankor cluster in the north-eastern part of West Siberia. Indian Oil Corp (IOC), Oil India Ltd (OIL) and Bharat PetroResources Ltd (a unit of Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd or BPCL) hold another 23.9 per cent in Vankor. Russia's Rosneft is the operator with 50.1 per cent interest.

The consortium of OIL, IOC and Bharat PetroResources has a 29.9 per cent stake in TAAS-Yuryakh Neftegazodobycha. The operations of the fields have not been impacted and they continue to produce as normal.

OVL also has a 20 per cent stake in the Sakhalin-1 oil and gas field in Far East Russia, and in 2009 acquired Imperial Energy, which has fields in Siberia, for \$2.1 billion.

OVL, which has 32 oil and gas properties in 15 countries from Venezuela to Vietnam, had seen oil production fall to 6.349 million tonne in 2022-23 fiscal (April 2022 to March 2023) from 8.099 million tonne in the previous year.

Gas output also dipped to 3.822 billion cubic meters from 4.231 bcm in 2021-22.

The lower production was because of halting of opera-

tions at Sakhalin-1 for seven months after operator Exxon declared force majeure post Ukraine war. But higher oil prices help it post a net profit of Rs 1,700 crore in FY23 as against a PAT of Rs 1,589 crore in the previous fiscal.

Meanwhile, India's top oil and gas producer ONGC will invest Rs 1 lakh crore by 2030 on energy transition projects as it targets net zero carbon emissions by 2038, its chairman Arun Kumar Singh said on Monday.

The firm joins fellow state-owned oil and gas firms Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL), GAIL and Bharat Petroleum (BPCL) in preparing roadmaps for net zero emissions as part of the nation's commitment to deal with the climate challenge.

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# ओएनजीसी हरित ऊर्जा में करेगी 1 लाख करोड़ रुपये का निवेश

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देश की शीर्ष तेल और गैस उत्पादक ओएनजीसी लिमिटेड ने वर्ष 2030 तक ऊर्जा बदलाव के लक्ष्यों में एक लाख करोड़ रुपये तक का निवेश करने की योजना बनाई है तथा इस दशक के अंत तक अक्षय स्रोतों से बिजली उत्पादन को मौजूदा 189 मेगावाट से बढ़ाकर एक गीगावाट करने की योजना है।

आय परिणाम के बाद मुंबई में आयोजित मीडिया सम्मेलन में ओएनजीसी के चेयरमैन अरुण कुमार सिंह ने सोमवार को कहा कि कंपनी ने राजस्थान में पांच गीगावाट का संयंत्र स्थापित करने के लिए राज्य सरकार के साथ समझौता किया है।

उन्होंने कहा कि कंपनी अब भी कम से कम पांच गीगावाट की और परियोजनाएं स्थापित करने के अवसर तलाश रही है। इस संबंध में कंपनी अपतटीय पवन परियोजनाओं पर भी ध्यान देगी। उन्होंने कहा कि ओएनजीसी मैंगलोर में 10 लाख टन सालाना



क्षमता के हरित अमोनिया संयंत्र पर भी विचार कर रही है।

सिंह ने कहा कि कुल मिलाकर इसमें एक लाख करोड़ रुपये का निवेश होगा। कंपनी ने 2022-23 में तेल एवं गैस उत्पादन में घटने के रुख को पलटा है और अब पूर्वी और पश्चिमी तटों पर स्थित परियोजनाओं से उत्पादन बढ़ाने पर विचार कर रही है।

कंपनी ने वर्ष 2038 तक शुद्ध रूप से शून्य कार्बन उत्सर्जन का लक्ष्य रखा है, जिसके लिये वह हरित ऊर्जा पर जोर दे रही है। इसके साथ, कंपनी जलवायु परिवर्तन की चुनौतियों से निपटने के लिये देश की प्रतिबद्धता के

## स्वच्छ ऊर्जा

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तहत शुद्ध रूप से शून्य कार्बन उत्सर्जन को लेकर रूपरेखा तैयार करने को लेकर सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की तेल एवं गैस कंपनियों इंडियन ऑयल, हिंदुस्तान पेट्रोलियम (एचपीसीएल), गैल और भारत पेट्रोलियम (बीपीसीएल) की श्रेणी में आ गई है।

सिंह ने कहा कि हमने आंतरिक स्तर पर कार्य किए हैं और अब भरोसा है कि हम 2038 तक शुद्ध रूप से शून्य कार्बन उत्सर्जन का लक्ष्य हासिल कर लेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि कंपनी 2030 तक नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा स्रोतों से उत्पादन 189 मेगावाट से बढ़ाकर 1,000 मेगावाट करेगी।

To up renewable energy capacity from 189 MW to 1 GW

# ONGC to spend ₹1 L-cr to cut carbon emissions

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NEW DELHI, MAY 29

State-owned oil and gas producer ONGC will invest Rs 1 lakh crore by 2030 on energy transition projects as it targets net zero carbon emissions by 2038. Besides, the firm also is mulling to increase electricity generation from renewable sources from 189 MW to 1 GW by 2030, a top official said on Monday.

Net-zero for a company means achieving a balance between the quantum of greenhouse gases it places into the atmosphere and the amount it takes out. "We have done our internal workings and are now confident that we can achieve net-zero for Scope-1 and Scope-2 emissions by 2038. We are planning to scale up electricity generation from renewable sources from 189 MW to 1 GW by 2030," ONGC chairman and managing director Arun Kumar



## SLOW TRANSMISSION

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The firm has already 5 GW of projects planned in Rajasthan and is scouting for a similar capacity, he said adding ONGC would also look at offshore wind farms. It is also looking at setting up a 1 million tonne per annum green ammonia plant at Mangalore. "Overall, the investments will be of the

order of Rs 1 lakh crore," he said.

The firm also joins hands with other public sector oil & gas majors firms like Indian Oil (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL), GAIL and Bharat Petroleum (BPCL) in preparing roadmaps for net zero emissions as part of the nation's commitment to

deal with the climate challenge.

The company reversed the declining trend of oil and gas production in 2022-23 and is now looking at raising output with projects both on the east and west coast.

ONGC produced 19.584 million tonne (MT) of oil in 2022-23, up from 19.545 MT of previous year. The output is likely to rise to 21.263 MT in the current fiscal (April 2023 to March 2024), to 21.525 MT in 2024-25 and 22.389 MT in the following fiscal.

The natural gas output is slated to rise from 20.636 billion cubic meters (bcm) in 2022-23 to 23.621 bcm in 2023-24, 26.08 bcm in the following year and 27.16 bcm in 2025-26.

This rise in output is due to projects the firm is implementing on both the east and west coast to raise productivity from current fields and bring new discoveries into production.