

# 30 Govt assets identified for monetisation

Group of Secretaries discussed a few Delhi Metro routes, Powergrid Corporation assets, and gas pipelines at meet

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TAKING forward the agenda of divestment, a core group of secretaries have shortlisted about 30 projects and assets for monetisation, as announced by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her budget speech.

According to sources, the core group discussed a host of projects that could be monetised on a priority basis, including certain routes of the Delhi Metro, power transmission assets of Powergrid worth ₹10,000 crore, gas pipeline assets of

GAIL worth ₹10,000 crore and some ports. The meeting also discussed aggressive privatisation of stations and Railway routes, a few public spaces and sports stadiums including Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

“The meeting has shortlisted about 30 projects which can be monetized. Niti Aayog is already tasked to come up with the detailed list and the valuation of these projects. The Aayog will consult independent agencies, if required, and give the detailed valuation of each asset,” a senior finance minis-



try official told *TNIE*.

The projects which are expected to be rewarded within the next six months include

Konkan Railways, Kolkata Metro, Mumbai CSMT Station, and New Delhi Station. Railways is already working with Aayog to come up with RFQs for 40 more stations for their redevelopment under the PPP model. The aviation ministry, which has shortlisted Tiruchirappalli, Amritsar, Varanasi, Bhubaneswar, Raipur, and Indore airports, is also planning to give 12 more to private players for operations in FY22.

The meeting also discussed the asset monetisation of state-based public sector enterpris-

es. NITI Aayog has already asked the respective ministries to send the list of assets under their aegis. Sources added that the Aayog is expected to give the first list before March 31 to the finance ministry with a copy to the PMO.

Union Budget 2021 has pegged the divestment target for FY22 at ₹1.75 lakh crore and the Centre has already initiated the process of strategic sale of several firms, has major IPOs planned and said it will sell two public sector banks and one general insurance company.

## एके सिंह ने एलएनजी लिमिटेड के एमडी और सीईओ का कार्यभार संभाला

नई दिल्ली। पेट्रोनेट एनएलजी लिमिटेड (पीएलएल) के नए एमडी और सीईओ अक्षय कुमार सिंह ने कार्यभार एक फरवरी को कार्यभार संभाल लिया। सिंह पीएलएनजी के साथ जुड़ने से पहले इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड(आईओसी लिमिटेड) में बतौर



डायरेक्टर( पाइपलाइन) कार्यरत थे। आईओसी से पहले वे गेल इंडिया लिमिटेड में प्रोजेक्ट डिविजन में बतौर एक्जीक्यूटिव डायरेक्टर सेवाएं दी। कार्यभार संभालने के बाद एके सिंह ने कहा, “मुझे

पीएलएल का नेतृत्व करने की खुशी है और भारत को गैस आधारित अर्थव्यवस्था बनाने के प्रयास में शामिल हो रहा हूं। अक्षय कुमार सिंह ने एमआईटी मुजफ्फरपुर (बिहार) से मैकेनिकल इंजीनियरिंग और दक्षिण गुजरात विश्वविद्यालय से टर्बो मशीनरी में स्नातकोत्तर हैं। अक्षय कुमार सिंह के पास चुनौतीपूर्ण, जटिल कार्य निष्पादित करने का लंबा अनुभव है। उन्होंने राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर बड़े आकार के क्रॉस कंट्री हाइड्रोकार्बन पाइपलाइन नेटवर्क महत्व और पिछले 35 वर्षों में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दिया है।