

Purchase of foreign luxury items restricted

China cracks down on govt spending

BEIJING, July 21: China announced Tuesday a heavy 20 per cent cut in government administrative spending and restricted purchases of imported luxury goods until year's end, the official Xinhua news agency reported, says AFP.

The decision, part of a new government package to cool the economy, was prompted by a shortage of capital triggered by government overspending in the January-June period, Finance Minister Li Zhongli said.

State revenue increased 3.5 per cent in the first half to 164.5 billion yuan (28.6 billion dollar), while expenditure surged 12.5 per cent to 161.9 billion yuan, Liu told a national finance work conference that opened Tuesday.

"The slow growth in revenue has left us struggling with a

capital shortage, which threatens the progress of some of the key state projects," Liu said.

"Cutting public expenditure in the remaining months of this year is the key to supporting key state projects and holding the deficit within the budget figures," the finance minister said.

The ministry would halt approving purchases of cars or mobile phones by administrative organs or debt-ridden enterprises, Liu said at the meeting, which called all provincial finance leaders to Beijing.

Stricter controls would also be introduced for purchase of eight consumer goods, including air conditioners and photographic equipment.

Meanwhile, local authorities would be forced to cut expenditures on meetings by 20 per

cent.

"Units buying imported cars and other luxury items without state permission will be seriously dealt with," Liu warned.

Administrative expenditure jumped 27.1 per cent in the first half, he said.

The crackdown on government spending was part of a 16-point plan adopted by Beijing earlier this month to cool overheated investment and bring down double digit inflation.

The central government has already laid down tough new restrictions on the banking and real estate sectors and warned provincial leaders to fall in line or face immediate dismissal.

The China Daily said Tuesday the government is to examine all interbank loans as

part of a major campaign to clamp down on illegal real estate projects and other financial irregularities, including stock and property speculation or manipulating foreign exchange.

The State Auditing Administration (SAA) will also audit all bond-issuing activities and construction projects from this month, the report said.

An SAA spokesman blamed the diversion of funds by state-owned banks and officials for such activities on China's present financial crisis and its overheated property market.

China's economy grew a record 13.9 per cent in the first half of this year and inflation in major cities was running at more than 17 per cent, figures released Monday showed.

Liu said the government was

still planning to hold the budget deficit within the targeted 20.5 billion yuan, but acknowledged that the state faced a "difficult situation owing to some contradictions and problems that have cropped up in economic performance."

China registered a budget deficit of 23.66 billion yuan last year, exceeding the state's target by 14 per cent. The deficit marked a 17 per cent increase over 1991.

China has registered a budget surplus only once, in 1985, since senior leader Deng Xiaoping launched his economic reforms 14 years ago. The country's current problems were the results of Deng's call for accelerated growth last year, which was sparked out-of-control spending.

German car output falls by 25 pc

FRANKFURT, July 21: German car output fell by 25 per cent in June from the figure in June last year to 343,900 vehicles, the VDA car trade federations said on Tuesday, reports AFP.

In the first half of 1993 car output was down by 25 per cent from the figure for the first half of 1992 to 2.96 million vehicles.

Output of private cars was down by 24 per cent to 1.974 million units and of commercial vehicles by 35 per cent to 122,000 units.

Exports of all vehicles in June were down by 19 per cent to 191,300 vehicles. In the first six months of the year exports fell by 21 per cent to 1.115 million units.

The amount of orders placed for cars appeared to show that the lowest point of the market had been reached, the VDA said.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on July 21, 1993

Mixed trend

Trading on the floor of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) showed a mixed trend on Wednesday.

A total of 45 stocks were traded against Tuesday's 34. Of these, 16 gained, 10 lost while 19 others traded at previous rates.

Turnover in volume term increased from 9085 issues to 12115.75 showing a rise of 33.359 per cent while turnover in value fell to Taka 986545.25 from Taka 1088509.90, a little fall of 8.949 per cent.

The DSE Composite Index also declined slightly. It decreased to 417.0384 from 417.5885, a loss of 0.550 point.

DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE Share Price Index	417.0384
Market Capitalisation (Tk)	15765828811
Turnover in Volume	12115.75
Turnover in Value (Tk)	986545.25

Company's Name	Previous Price Tk	Closing Price Tk	Change (absolute) Tk	Change (% over of shares price)	Number sold
Gains (16)					
Shares:					
Dulamia Cotton	75.00	76.36	1.36	1.81	210
Monno Jute	300.00	305.00	5.00	1.664	05
Rahim Textile	97.00	97.25	.25	0.257	10
3rd ICB M Fund	151.00	152.83	1.83	1.211	30
Bata Shoe	36.79	37.19	0.40	1.087	720
Howlader PVC	106.13	107.00	1.13	1.064	930
5th ICB M Fund	94.00	94.88	0.88	0.936	280
Kohinoor Chemical	83.50	84.00	0.50	0.787	35
4th ICB M Fund	152.00	153.00	1.00	0.657	20
IDLC	218.00	219.30	1.30	0.596	180
Beximco Infusion	226.00	227.00	1.00	0.442	40
Apex Tannery	334.00	335.00	1.00	0.299	15
Quasem Drycells	9.40	9.50	0.10	1.063	1000
Afrah Automobiles	175.99	176.00	0.01	0.005	140
Debtentures:					
Beximco	1915.00	1920.00	5.00	0.261	
Beximco Infusion	1717.14	1720.00	2.86	0.166	

Losses (10)					
Shares:					
Shine Pakur Jute	135.00	115.00	20.00	14.814	77
Karim Pipe	84.00	83.00	1.00	1.190	128
Amber Pharma	12.70	12.50	0.20	1.574	100
Wata Chemical	131.00	130.00	1.00	0.763	100
Talhu Spinning	95.00	94.50	0.50	0.526	300
Bengal Food	117.28	117.00	0.28	0.238	24
Apex Footwear	175.33	175.00	0.33	0.188	780
Peoples Insurance	330.00	300.00	30.00	9.090	30
Eastern Cables	77.02	77.00	0.02	0.025	315
BGIC	206.00	205.98	0.02	0.009	630

Traded at previous rates (19)

Shares: National Bank (20), UCBL (30), 6th ICB M Fund (285), Renwick Jajneswar (20), Aman Sea Food (5), Dhaka Vegetables (170), Rupan Oil (500), Zeal Bangla Sugar (300), B Oxygen (282), Deah Garments (40), Eagle Star Textile (140), Modern Dyeing (10), Padma Textile (340), Saimhan Textile (50), Beximco Pharma (197), Ibsnisa (20), Eagle Box (50), Beximco (1800), Savar Refractories (20).

DSE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)	Northern Jute	10/50	NT
Shamser Jute	100/5	100.00	100/5	100.00	
Specialised Jute	100/5	100.00	100/5	100.00	
Shine Pakur Jute	100/5	115.00	100/5	115.00	
Sonali Aarsh	100/5	115.00	100/5	115.00	

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)	Alhaj Textile	10/50	NT
Arbee Textile	100/10	112.00	100/10	112.00	
Ashraf Textile	10/50	29.30	10/50	29.30	
Chand Textile	100/20	227.00	100/20	227.00	
Chand Spinning	10/50	NT	10/50	NT	
Deah Garments	100/10	50.00	100/10	50.00	
Dulamia Cotton	100/10	76.36	100/10	76.36	
Eagle Star Textile	10/50	14.50	10/50	14.50	
GMG Ind. Corp.	10/50	10.00	10/50	10.00	
Modern Dying	100/5	34.00	100/5	34.00	
Padma Textile	100/20	165.00	100/20	165.00	
Quasem Silk	10/120	2.70	10/120	2.70	
Quasem Textile	100/5	97.25	100/5	97.25	
Rahim Textile	100/10	82.00	100/10	82.00	
Saimhan Textiles	100/10	82.00	100/10	82.00	
S.T.M. (ORD)	100/5	20.00	100/5	20.00	
Stylecraft	100/5	130.00	100/5	130.00	
Swan Textile	100/5	13.00	100/5	13.00	
Talhu Spinning	100/10	94.50	100/10	94.50	
Tamujuddin	100/10	165.00	100/10	165.00	

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)	Amber Pharma <th>10/50</th> <th>12.50</th>	10/50	12.50
Bangla Process	100/5	61.00	100/5	61.00	
BCIL	100/10	286.87	100/10	286.87	
Beximco Infusion	100/20	227.00	100/20	227.00	
Beximco Pharma	100/5	425.00	100/5	425.00	
Glaxo	10/50	125.00	10/50	125.00	
I.C.I.	10/50	10.00	10/50	10.00	
N Polymer	100/10	64.00	100/10	64.00	
Kohinoor Chemical	100/50	10.00	100/50	10.00	
Petro Synthetic	10/50	450.00	10/50	450.00	
Pharmaco	100/5	50.00	100/5	50.00	
Pharmaco Aids	100/5	180.57	100/5	180.57	
Pharmaco	100/5	50.00	100/5	50.00	
Progressive Plastic	100/5	32.00	100/5	32.00	
Reckitt & Colman	100/50	95.00	100/50	95.00	
Rahman Chemicals	100/10	33.00	100/10	33.00	
Therapeutics	100/5	69.00	100/5	69.00	
The Ibsnisa	100/10	101.00	100/10	101.00	
Wata Chemical	100/20	130.00	100/20	130.00	

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)	Eagle Box <th>10/50 <th>20.00</th> </th>	10/50 <th>20.00</th>	20.00
Monosop Paper	100/5	30.00	100/5	30.00	
Paper Converting	100/5	70.00	100/5	70.00	
Paper Processing	100/10	19.42	100/10	19.42	
Padma Printers	100/50	50.00	100/50	50.00	
Sonali Paper	10/50	52.00	10/50	52.00	

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)	Bangladesh Hotel <th>10/50</th> <th>12.00</th>	10/50	12.00
Hotel Service	10/50	NT	10/50	NT	

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)	Beximco <th>1989/1 <th>1920.00</th> </th>	1989/1 <th>1920.00</th>	1920.00
17th 1990	1989/1	1920.00	1989/1	1920.00	
Beximco Infusion	1500/2	1720.00	1500/2	1720.00	
(17th 1990)					
Beximco Pharma	1428/1	1082.00	1428/1	1082.00	
(17th 1990)					
Quasem Silk	1500/1	1200.00	1500/1	1200.00	
(17th 1990)					

Note: FV = Face Value ML = Market Lot NT = Not Traded AL = Allotment Letter

Thai traders blast govt

BANGKOK, July 21: Thai business and finance circles have criticised the Thai government for resolving a labour dispute by forcing several textile companies to rehire workers laid off in recent months, reports Reuters.

Smarn Ophas-wong, Chairman of Thai Durable Textile Co, whose workers blockaded the factory for two weeks, said he would reinstate his 249 laid-off workers but strongly disagreed with the order, the Bangkok Post reported on Tuesday.

"This (the blockade) is illegal action, but they get reward from the government with the order for us to reinstate them. This has set a bad precedent," he was quoted as saying "I want to ask the government, where is the law? Other businessmen said the action did not send a good signal to foreign investors.

"Sooner or later factories must modernise, the order doesn't resolve the issue," a banker said.

The workers had been laid off on the grounds that they had been replaced by improved machinery.

They returned to the factory on Monday while employers, employees and the government continued negotiations on how the necessary layoffs would take place. But several workers found they were given no work to do.

Tea prices fall sharply

Tea prices sharply declined as demand for exports eased at this week's auction sale held in Chittagong on Tuesday.

According to a unity brokers market report, price levels declined by Taka two to three per kilogram against last levels as the export demand eased.

Local traders also operated at much lower levels.

However, the market report added that the prices have now reached at levels where more export demand is likely to be created and hence more buying activity is anticipated in the future sales.

Major buyers at the auction sale were Poland, Russia, Pakistan and the local traders.

Withdrawals were high at the sale as sellers were not willing to meet the market and total withdrawals stood at 29 per cent of the offerings as against last week's 19 per cent.

In the leaf category, a total of 20,178 packages were on offer at the sale. Of which, the export buyers accounted for 57 per cent of the sale while the internal traders purchased 15 per cent and the remaining 28 per cent was withdrawn.

In the dust category, 4,103 packages were offered, of which, the local traders brought 56 per cent while the export buyers

Indian railway realises \$ 2.5m as fines

NEW DELHI, July 21: The Indian railways netted some 2.5 million US dollar in fines from 770,368 people travelling without tickets or with invalid tickets in April and May, officials said today, reports AFP.

The number was an increase of 21.9 per cent over the corresponding two months last year, a railway spokesman said here. Of them, 9,518 were sent to jail.

Some 11 million people travel everyday by train in India.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 21.7.1993

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L Port call	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving
J/1	Fair Spirit	GI	Sing	Prog	20/7	29/7
J/3	Neptune Iris	Pulses	Sing	Msa	11/7	21/7
J/4	Tiger Hope	GI	K Sing	Prag	20/7	25/7
J/5	Mukachevo	Cement	Sing	Ustc	19/7	24/7
J/6	Al Selma	Repair	Repair	Aali	R/A	25/7
J/7	Pearl One	Urea	Rang	Cross	6/7	21/7
J/9	Banglar Sampad	Repair	Repair	Bsc	R/A	25/7
J/11	Sam Hac	Urea	Hong	Psal	27/6	26/7
J/12	Banglar Maya	GI/GL	Male	Bsc	12/7	25/7
MP/1	Pong Shin	Cont	Sing	Bdship	19/7	22/7
MP/2	Eponyma	Cont	Sing	Cont	17/7	21/7
GSJ	Banglar Kiron	Repair	Repair	Bsc	R/A	30/7
TSP	Orsha (PC stop by the court)	IDLE	Sing	Ustc	6/5	25/7
RM/4	Estros-G	IDLE	Ant	BSL	20/5	23/7
RM/6	Eso Bayonac	SKO/JP	Sing	MSPL	19/7	21/7
DOJ	Banglar Jyoti	IDLE	Repair	BSC	R/A	23/7
DD	Banglar Kallol	Repair	Repair	BSC	R/A	7/8
DDJ/1	Barge Labroy-90	GI	Sing	ILA	31/1	7/8
DDJ/2	Banglar Aaha(Ebb)	Repair	Repair	BSC	R/A	30/7
CUFJ	Ronjay Choomie	Urea	Sing	Seacom	2/6	27/7

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Last Port Arrival	Local agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Sound Royal	21.7.93	Cal	BBA	GI
Marglan	21.7.93	Lanch	Od	cement
Rafah	25.7.93	Niko	Dynamic	M Seeds
Vishva Nandini	22.7.93	Tuti	Umal	Salt
Meng Lec	23.7.93	Sing	AML	Cont
Optima	24.7.93	Sing	RSL	Cont
Banglar Moni	23.7.93	Sing	BSC	Cont
Vishva Partmal	24.7.93	Morg	SSL	GI/GL
Pecan	24.7.93	Morg	OWSL	GL
Boris Lavrenyov	30.7.93	USTC	ASH	D E Salam
Nip Ranger	25.7.93	Sing	Bdship	Cont
Andrian	26.7.93	CT	Cont	Sing
Gorsharov	27.7.93	RSL	Cont	Sing
Kota Buana	27.7.93	Karna	GI-S	New York
Robert-o-Lee	28.7.93	Sing	Bdship	Cont
Fong Yun	29.7.93	Sing	BSC	Cont
Banglar Kobi	30.7.93	AML	Cont	Sing
Meng Riat	30.7.93	CT	Cont	Sing
I Yambrak	30.7.93	Morg	Baridhi	Cont
Lanka Mahapala	30.7.93	Morg	USTC	