

Spreading beef bans hit farmers, traders -- and lions in India

REUTERS, Mumbai

Farmer Nitin Tarode wants to sell his old bull to help pay for his sister's wedding after his income was hit by patchy rainfall.

But he has struggled to find a buyer who will pay a decent price because of a ban on slaughtering cows, bulls and bullocks in Maharashtra, the state run by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist party.

"Now I will have to take a loan for my sister's wedding," says Tarode, the oldest of five siblings and the only earning member of his family in Akola, nearly 600 km (370 miles) inland from Mumbai.

A renewed thrust by Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to protect cows, worshipped by majority Hindus, has closed abattoirs in Maharashtra, making it hard for farmers to sell their animals, and restrictions are spreading to other states.

Even lions, tigers and leopards in Mumbai's national park are being fed chicken and mutton rather than their usual beef because the city's main abattoir has been shut for the past two weeks, said S.D. Saste, the park's assistant conservator.

Maharashtra, India's second most populous state, extended a ban on the slaughter of cows to bulls and bullocks this month and other BJP-led states such as Jharkhand and Haryana have also tightened restrictions on trading beef.

Critics say tougher anti-beef laws discriminate against Muslims, Christians and lower-caste Hindus who rely on the cheap meat for protein, and fear they could pave the way to a nationwide ban that would threaten thousands of jobs.

Tarode had hoped to pocket 12,000 Indian rupees (\$190) from selling his bull - more than half the money he makes each month from farming and other paid labour.

Drought in central India has hit



A woman spreads out fodder for rescued cattle at a cow shelter, run by Bharatiya Gou Rakshan Parishad, an arm of Hindu nationalist group Vishwa Hindu Parishad, in Aangaon village in Maharashtra, India.

farmers, and many want to sell livestock due to a lack of fodder and water.

But prices of buffaloes and cattle have fallen by 20-30 percent in Maharashtra due to the ban and could drop further if more states follow its lead.

Several thousand people, mainly from the Muslim community, will be rendered jobless in the beef trade and related industries like leather goods, leaders of the business community say.

"My business is ruined. Farmers are offering cattle at much lower prices but I can't buy because slaughtering is illegal now," said Asif Qureshi, a cattle supplier based in

Baramati, Maharashtra. The supply of hides to tanneries across India would also be hit, pushing up prices. Tanneries buy and process animal hides and sell leather to makers of shoes, handbags and accessories.

"Around 10 percent of my hide supplies coming from Maharashtra would be hit. Prices of hides may rise in the short term," said Ashish Das, director, Hides International, a tanner and maker of bags in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

Slaughterhouses in Maharashtra are now refusing to slaughter buffalo in protest at the ban, cutting off all beef supplies in a bid to put pressure on the government. Hindus do not consider buffalo to be sacred.

Not all BJP-led states are pushing for tighter restrictions on beef. The chief minister of Goa, another BJP-led state, has refused to back the ban, saying that two-fifths of people there eat beef and he respected the rights of minorities.

Meanwhile, Hindu nationalist groups affiliated to Modi's BJP want to set up more cattle camps and cow shelters to house animals no longer wanted by farmers.

India has some 300 million cattle, and animals foraging for food are a familiar sight on the rubbish-strewn streets of towns and villages. Their numbers could swell by 200,000 in Maharashtra alone as farmers abandon animals they can't sell, according to the beef trade.

China firm to take wheel of Italian tyre maker Pirelli

AFP, Shanghai

A Chinese state firm has agreed to buy just over a quarter of Italian tyre maker Pirelli, renowned for its Formula One equipment and racy calendars, in a deal that will lead to a takeover bid.

Pirelli's largest shareholder Camfin said Sunday that it had signed a deal with state-owned chemical giant ChemChina to create a "long-term industrial partnership" for the tyre firm.

ChemChina confirmed it had agreed to pay 15 euros (\$16) per share for Camfin's 26.2 percent stake in the tyre maker and plans to make a tender offer to other investors for their shares, according to a separate statement issued Monday.

The deal, which values Pirelli at around 7.1 billion euros, calls for ChemChina to hold a controlling stake of at least 50.1 percent of Pirelli in the end, Bloomberg News reported.

ChemChina and Camfin agreed to maintain "stability" in Pirelli's operations and management through the process, the ChemChina statement said. A Camfin statement said: "The headquarters and know-how of Pirelli will remain in Italy."

It added that a very large majority of shareholders would be needed for the company to be moved overseas, with Italian media saying that would mean getting the agreement of 80 percent of shareholders.

Chairman Marco Tronchetti Provera is to stay on as chief executive of the group with the Chinese side naming a new chairman of the board. "The partnership with a global player like ChemChina... represents a big opportunity for Pirelli," he said.

IMF head welcomes China-backed bank on Beijing visit

AFP, Beijing

International Monetary Fund head Christine Lagarde said Monday she welcomed Beijing's creation of a new infrastructure bank -- an institution that has drawn support from Europe and scepticism from Washington.

Lagarde made the comments as she wrapped up a five-day visit to China and after a host of European countries announced their intention to sign up for the China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). The moves by Britain, Germany, France, Italy and others have caused consternation in the United States and Japan, which lead the World Bank and the Manila-based Asian Development Bank respectively.

Some view the new bank as a competitor to the two institutions. In a statement issued after she met Premier Li Keqiang, Lagarde hailed Beijing's "impressive efforts" to reform in areas including combating corruption, controlling pollution and "clearing the path to even more engagement with the world".

"I welcomed China's various initiatives in this area, including through the newly established Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank," she said.

China has embraced the European eagerness to take part in the new body, with state media claiming that the US risks being sidelined.

Beijing touts the \$50 billion institution as a tool to help meet gaps in financing needs for regional development in Asia.

But US officials have expressed caution amid worries the institution could undermine the World Bank. Lagarde also said the IMF welcomed Beijing's longstanding drive to include its yuan in the IMF's basket of reserve currencies, adding: "We will work closely with the Chinese authorities in this regard."



China's Premier Li Keqiang shakes hands with International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde during the China Development Forum inside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.

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Vacancy Announcement for the Post of Director General, CIRDAP for the Period 2016-2020

Deadline for Submission of Application by the Applicant

Directly to the Rural Development and Cooperative Division is 23 April 2015

Position Title	Level (Grade)	Duty Station	Duration of Assignment
Director General	D-2, Step-1	Dhaka, Bangladesh	04 (four) years

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Director General of CIRDAP in accordance with the mandate given by the Governing Council (GC) is responsible for carrying out the following functions and responsibilities:

- Acts as the legal and official representative of CIRDAP.
- Directs the work of CIRDAP in accordance with the policies, decisions and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) adopted by the GC, and under the guidance of the Executive Committee (EC).
- Submits the following to the GC at each regular session through the EC:
 - i] an annual report on the work of CIRDAP;
 - ii] audited accounts for the previous biennium; and
 - iii] a draft programme of work of CIRDAP and a draft budget of CIRDAP for the following biennium.
- Convenes the sessions of the Governing Council (GC), the Executive Committee (EC) and the Technical Committee (TC), and all other meetings of CIRDAP. Provides the secretariat for such meetings and participates in those meetings.
- Appoints the Deputy Director General and other staff members of CIRDAP in accordance with the policies and general standards and guidelines laid down by the GC.
- Establishes the conditions of employment of the staff subject to the approval of the GC.
- Provides leadership in raising funds to support CIRDAP programmes and promotes close relationships with the IRD network countries, donor countries and agencies and other institutions or organizations.

Qualifications and Experiences:

- Advanced University degree with specialization in studies and research work related to rural development (RD) and poverty alleviation (PA).
- Must be proficient in English both written and spoken.
- Twenty years of experience in position of decision making in academic/national/international organizations, including at least seven years of policy level experience in the field of rural development and poverty alleviation.
- Should have sufficient background and experience in taking leadership in analyzing the dynamics of RD and PA policies and plans at the national/international levels in respect of Training, Research, Experimentation, Evaluation and Implementation.

Citizenship:

Should be a citizen of CIRDAP Member Country.
Age: Should be between 45 to 62 years (age not to exceed 62 years on the date of assuming the post, i.e. 6 July 2016).

Application to be sent to:

Applications with recent CV along with two copies passport size photographs and duly filled-in CIRDAP Personal History Form should be submitted by the applicant directly to the Rural Development and Cooperative Division latest by 23 April 2015. Form can be collected free from CIRDAP Office, Dhaka [Chameli House, 17, Topkhana Road, Dhaka-1000 or may be downloaded from www.cirdap.org] Or www.rdcgd.gov.bd.

Level D-2, Step-1 carries a salary of US\$ 46,129.00 per annum plus other allowances like Contributory Provident Fund; Group Life Insurance, Group Accident Insurance, Group Sickness Insurance Scheme; Children Education Grant @ US\$ 2400 per child per year for a maximum of two children with effect from 2014 and restricted to two children only studying in Bangladesh; Supplementary Hospitalization Assurance Policy for the spouse & a maximum of three children; Home Leave & Travel for Self and Family Members up to a maximum of five adult fare; fully furnished residence at approved monthly rent ceiling, one Chauffeur driven car including the expenditure of P.O.L; Maintenance of Furniture; Electricity & Water Bills; Telephone for official use; one Cook-bearer & one Watchperson.

As per agreement with Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh: Privileges, immunities and facilities accorded to official representative, the Director General has (1) exemption from taxation on the salaries and emoluments paid by the Centre, (2) immunity, together with their spouse and dependents, the same repatriation facilities in the time of crisis as officials comparable rank of diplomatic mission and the right to import free of duty their furniture and effects, including one car, at the time of first taking up their post in the Centre.

The Personal History Form can also be downloaded from the CIRDAP website <www.cirdap.org>.

Sushanta Kumar Kundu
Deputy Secretary

A British EU exit could hit GDP by 2.2pc: study

REUTERS, London

Britain leaving the European Union could result in a permanent loss of 2.2 percent of the country's gross domestic product by 2030, and the costs would not be offset solely by striking a free trade deal with its former partners, think tank Open Europe said.

The prospect of Brexit - Britain breaking away from Brussels - has moved up the political agenda in tandem with a surge in support for anti-EU party UK Independence Party (UKIP) in recent years.

The Conservative Party, which has long contained a wing sceptical about the European Union, has promised an in-or-out referendum on membership before the end of 2017 if they win national elections on May 7 in a move designed to neutralise UKIP's appeal.

UKIP has said it would only support a minority Conservative government if it agreed to hold a referendum before Christmas.

The Labour Party, which is level with the Conservatives in the polls, is committed to Europe, but wants its institutions reformed, while the Liberal Democrats, currently in coalition with the Conservatives, are strong pro-Europeans.

Think tank Open Europe said on Monday that Britain's GDP would suffer if it failed to strike a free trade deal with Europe from outside the EU, and also did not pursue a free trade agenda with the rest of the world. This could result in a drop in GDP of 2.2 percent.

The best case scenario would involve a free trade agreement with Europe, very ambitious deregulation of its economy and open up almost fully to trade with the rest of the world.

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Sl No.	Tender No.	Description of goods	Earnest Money	Price of Tender documents	Last Selling date of tender document	Closing / Opening Date & time	Source of Finance
1	COM(I) / Zinc & Lead-115 / Tender-08/15 Date: 23-03-2015	1. Zinc Ingot-100 MT (AZ/KZ Brand) 2. Lead Ingot-15 MT	US\$ 6190.00 or Tk. 4,86,000.00	Tk. 1000.00 (Taka One thousand) only (non-refundable)	22-04-2015 (within office hour)	Closing 23-04-2015 at 11-30 AM Opening on the same date at 3:00 PM	Cash/any unutilized credit

In case of unavoidable circumstances the offer will be received on the next working day and opened on the same place and time. Tender documents may be obtained during working hours (excepting on opening date) on cash payment from the following addresses:

- Cash Section, Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation, "BSEC BHABAN", 102 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215.
- Cash Section, National Tubes Ltd., 131-142 Tongi Industrial Area, Gazipur-1710.

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- Purchase Division (4th Floor), Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation, "BSEC BHABAN", 102 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215.
- National Tubes Ltd., Commercial Dept., 131-142 Tongi Industrial Area, Gazipur-1710.

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INVITATION FOR RE-TENDER

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Name of Work	Invitation Ref No. & Procurement Method	Pre-bid meeting	Tender Closing/Opening Date	Tender Document Price (in Cash)
"Procurement of Pocket Router (with Battery) under Frame-work Contract"	TBL/PROC/02/53/2014/112, 23 March, 2015 National Tender Type-2 (NT-2)	at 11:00AM on 30/03/2015	07 April, 2015	Taka 8,000/- (Taka Eight Thousand) only

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