

India's powerful farming lobby turns on Modi

AFP, Kanjhwala

Farmer Tarachand Mathur was one of millions of Indians who voted Narendra Modi into power last year, but the government's push to make it easier for big business to forcibly acquire land means he won't be backing the premier again.

Mathur, 64, believes Modi has turned his back on the plight of farmers, many of whom have seen their crops devastated by unseasonal rains since the start of this year.

"I am on the brink of ruin," he said, close to tears, as he tended the wheat growing on his smallholding in Kanjhwala village around 15 miles (25 kilometres) northwest of New Delhi. "The rain gods don't hear us and Modi has also turned deaf to our cries."

India's poor but powerful farming lobby flocked to Modi's right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the general election last May, when the Hindu nationalist premier won the biggest mandate in 30 years.

But anger in rural areas has been mounting over his government's bid to overhaul land purchasing laws, compounding woes over extensive damage to winter crops due to unseasonal rain across northern India.

The government argues the changes are needed to spur development -- from building new cities and factories to more roads and industrial corridors.

But its attempts to push the Land Acquisition Bill through parliament have been stonewalled by a united opposition, which controls the upper



Farmer Tarachand Mathur looks at his wheat crop grown on the land acquired by the government in the village of Kanjhwala, 25 kilometres northwest of New Delhi.

house.

While the government has issued a temporary order making it easier to buy land for projects, the changes need parliamentary approval before they can be made permanent.

The left-leaning opposition Congress party will on Sunday lead a mass street protest against the legislation in the capital before the reopening of parliament, when the government is expected to reintroduce its bill.

The new bill overhauls legislation passed by the previous Congress-led government in 2013, which was a key initiative of its decade in power.

It would exempt projects related to defence, rural housing and power, along with industrial corridors, from the

requirement that 80 percent of the affected landowners must agree to a sale.

It also does away with the need for a "social impact assessment" to find out how many people would be affected by the loss of land.

The BJP says these rules are restrictive and deter the investment needed to fuel India's growth.

"To be able to push the manufacturing sector, you need land," party spokesman G.V.L. Narasimha Rao told AFP.

"And that land can come only from the existing land available... Industries can't come up in (a) vacuum."

Critics, however, say India's development should not come at the cost of its poorest.

Coca-Cola to buy Chinese protein drinks business

AFP, New York

Coca-Cola has agreed to buy a Chinese plant-based drinks business, renewing its push into the China market after authorities in 2009 blocked its bid for a juice company.

Coca-Cola said Friday it would pay about \$400 million in cash to acquire Xiamen Culiangwang Beverage Technology Company, a producer of plant-based protein drinks sold in China.

"The proposed acquisition is in line with Coca-Cola China's strategy to continue providing a diverse range of beverage products to Chinese consumers with plant-based protein drinks representing a growing beverage category in China," the US beverage giant said in a statement.

The company's top-selling products include green bean, red bean and walnut variants of plant-based protein drinks sold under the brand China Green Culiangwang, Coca-Cola said. It is based in Xiamen, Fujian province.

GE reports \$13.6b loss on finance sale charges

AFP, New York

General Electric Friday reported a \$13.6 billion first-quarter loss on charges from its plan to sell most of GE Capital as profits rose in four of seven industrial businesses.

The big loss had been expected after GE said a week ago that it would take about a \$16 billion charge due to the GE Capital divestment. GE reported \$3 billion in profits in the year-ago period.

The plan to sell most of its finance operations is part of an overhaul directed by chief executive Jeff Immelt to emphasize the company's industrial and technological prowess.

In the first quarter, a big gain in aviation profits and smaller increases in transportation, appliances and lighting, and health care made up for lower profits from power and water, and oil and gas.

Overall industrial profits rose 8.6 percent to \$3.6 billion.

Chief financial officer Jeff Bornstein told an analyst conference call that GE is on track to meet its target of \$1.10-\$1.20 per share in 2015 industrial earnings.

"We are running our businesses to the high end of that range," he said.

Immelt said the company was also on track to complete its takeover of the energy business of French company Alstom in the second half of the year.

GE had said April 10 that it would take a charge of about \$16 billion in concert with

the GE Capital sale to cover such costs as taxes on repatriated earnings and charges on businesses held for sale.

The capital charges are "largely impossible to analyze," said a Deutsche Bank note that described the results as "in line."

"Overall, we are encouraged by GE's favorable margin performance and reiteration of the annual Industrial guidance," the German bank's note said, while highlighting concerns about the company's 2016 revenue outlook and a drop in industrial cashflow in the first quarter.

The first quarter's earnings were also held back by the drag from the strong dollar, which dented revenues by \$950 million.

"GE performed well in the first quarter, in an environment that remains volatile but with continued growth opportunities in infrastructure," Immelt said.

The plan to divest most GE Capital assets is "a major step in our strategy to focus GE around its competitive advantages," Immelt said. "We are reshaping the company."

The results translated into operating earnings per share excluding charges of 31 cents, a penny above analyst expectations.

Revenues were also affected by accounting for the GE Capital sale and fell 12.5 percent to \$29.36 billion.

Shares in Dow member GE were the only gainer on the 30-stock blue-chip index amid a sharp market sell-off, rising 0.6 percent to \$27.44 percent in morning trade.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Statistics and Information Division
Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
Economic Census 2013 Project
Parishankhyan Bhaban, E-27/A, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

Sl. No.	Item	Description
1.	Ministry/Division	Statistics and Information Division.
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.
3.	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Economic Census 2013 Project.
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5.	Expression of interest selection of	Data Processing Consultant, Time Based.
6.	EOI Ref. No.	52.001.0000.402.11.094.13(part).
7.	Date	15.04.2015.

KEY INFORMATION

8.	Project sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9.	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget, Government (GoB).
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10.	Project code	5011
11.	Project name	Economic Census 2013 Project.
12.	EOI closing date and time	Date: 29-04-2015 & Time: 5.00pm.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

13.	Brief description of the assignment	<p>1. Responsibilities: The Key responsibilities of the consultants are as follows, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The consultant will be responsible for working closely with the project team under the direction of Project Director to design web based data entry software for main census, PEC and sample census; ii) He will be responsible for ensuring smooth inflow of data to the central server from different data entry centers. iii) He will be responsible for providing analytical as well as statistical table according to the tabulation plan of national Report, District Report, Analytical Report, Administrative Report, and other Report as needed; iv) He will be responsible for data entry, editing, cleaning, data processing and data analysis the census as well as Pilot Business Register. v) He will be responsible for data analysis for National Report, District Report, Analytical Report, Administrative Report, Pilot Business Register and other Report as needed; vi) He will be responsible for any other job related to census as well as Pilot Business Register data entry, editing, cleaning, processing and analysis assigned by the project team under the direction of Project Director. <p>2. Duration: Tenure of employment will be initially for 13 months, which may be extended later subject to the extension of the project.</p> <p>3. Outputs: The report/reports produced with the data processing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) National Report; ii) District Report; iii) Analytical Report; iv) Administrative Report; v) Business Directory; vi) Pilot BR.
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14.	Experience, resource and delivery capacity required	<p>Qualification & Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Have master degree in Statistics/Mathematics/Social Science/ Commerce/ Economics from a recognized university. Candidate having Ph.D degree in above subject will be given preference. ii) Minimum 20 years experience in data entry/capturing and data processing of census & survey questionnaire. iii) Sufficient working experience in statistical work such as data processing, data analysis, tabulation plan and organization etc. iv) Must have sound knowledge to deal with data processing/analyzing software including Stata/SPSS etc and programming software including CS Pro/FoxPro etc. Candidate having knowledge in Networking and Oracle based programming will be given preference. <p>Age: Age limit should be between 40 to 65 years.</p>
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15.	Other details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Consultant will be selected using the selection procedure of individual consultant as stated in Public Procurement Rules-2008. ii) Remuneration: Negotiable. iii) Interested candidates are required to submit their Expression of Interest in prescribed form to be obtained from the project office during office hours. iv) Applicants should provide attested copies of documents in support of their qualification and experience with EOI. v) EOI shall be submitted in sealed envelope and be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest for Data Processing Consultant."
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PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAILS

16.	Name of official inviting EOI	Mr. Md. Dilder Hossain.
17.	Designation of official inviting EOI	Project Director.
18.	Address of the official inviting EOI	Economic Census 2013 Project, Parishankhyan Bhaban (8th Floor, Block-B), E-27/A, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
19.	Contact details of official inviting EOI	Telephone: 880-2-8181419, Fax: 880-2-9111064, Email: dilderbbsbd@yahoo.com
20.	The processing entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOIs without showing any cause.	

Md. Dilder Hossain
Project Director

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Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from bona-fide manufacturers/local agents/importers/ suppliers for supply of the following items :

Sl. No	Nomenclature & Quantity	Last date of selling tender form	Date of dropping & opening tender	Currency	Price of tender form	Tender No. & date
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
(1)	Circumrotating Press Machine / Double Direction Horizontal Drill Machine, Qty - 01 No	04 May 2015 1300 hrs	05 May 2015 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	Local	Tk. 300/- (Non refundable)	23.04.0000.166.193(ii).6813.14.15 Dt 09-04-15
(2)	Fumace Heater, Qty-75 nos	04 May 2015 1300 hrs	05 May 2015 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	Local	Tk. 300/- (Non refundable)	23.04.0000.166.67(ka(i)).4856.14.15 Dt 09-04-15
(3)	Cartridge Loading and Unloading Machine, Qty - 01 No	04 May 2015 1300 hrs	05 May 2015 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	Local	Tk. 500/- (Non refundable)	23.04.0000.166.195(ii).6813.14.15 Dt 09-04-15
(4)	Vertical Plastic Injection Moulding Machine, Qty - 01 No	04 May 2015 1300 hrs	05 May 2015 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	Local	Tk. 1,000/- (Non refundable)	23.04.0000.166.178(ii).6813.14.15 Dt 09-04-15
(5)	Tool Sharpening With All Standard Attachment For CNC Deep Hole Drill Machine.02 Set	04 May 2015 1300 hrs	05 May 2015 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	Local	Tk. 300/- (Non refundable)	23.04.0000.166.228(i).4856.14.15 Dt 09-04-15
(6)	Plastic box for Ammunition & Grenade Packing, Qty-17952 no	04 May 2015 1300 hrs	05 May 2015 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	Local	Tk. 2000/- (Non refundable)	23.04.0000.166.128(1).4856.11.12 Dt 07-04-15

- Supplier enlisted at BOF, DGP and any other defense organization, who have security clearance will only be eligible to participate in the above tenders.
- Tender forms with detail specifications and terms & conditions will be available in BOF on all working days between 9 AM to 1 PM.
- The supplier will be able to submit only one offer against the purchased tender schedule. If some supplier wants to submit alternative offers, then they will have to buy separate tender schedule for each alternative offer.
- Commandant, BOF reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without any reason thereof.

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For Commandant

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- নির্বাচিত জনবল সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের সাথে চুক্তি সম্পাদিত হবে। কোন ব্যক্তির নামে নিয়োগপত্র ইস্যু করা হবে না।
- আউটসোর্সিং এর মাধ্যমে সেবা গ্রহণের ক্ষেত্রে সরকার কর্তৃক সময়ে সময়ে জারিকৃত আইন, বিধিমালা, নির্দেশনা ইত্যাদি অনুসরণযোগ্য হবে।
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- নিয়োজিত কর্মচারিগণ ছুটির দিনে বা স্বাভাবিক সরকারি অফিস সময়ের পরেও দায়িত্ব পালন করতে হবে।
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- আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে নিজ প্যাডে নির্ধারিত ছক অনুসরণপূর্বক আগামী ১২/০৫/২০১৫ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০টার মধ্যে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে প্রতিটি পদের ০১ (এক) মাসের দর উল্লেখ করে সত্যায়িত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদ ও অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ ইত্যাদিসহ নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে (রাজস্ব শাখায়) রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তবে দরপত্র/প্রস্তাব দাখিল করতে অনুরোধ করা হলো। একই তারিখে বেলা ১.০০টার সময় দরপত্র/প্রস্তাবসমূহ দরদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।
- যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল বা গ্রহণ করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে এবং সর্বনিম্ন দরদাতার দরপত্র গ্রহণ করতে কর্তৃপক্ষ বাধ্য নহে।

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