

India seeks to use its oil thirst to drive bargains

REUTERS, New Delhi

India is trying to use its position as one of the world's biggest energy consumers to strike better bargains for its companies with oil exporting nations, in a marked change of approach under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The oil ministry is moving beyond seeking additional barrels for import in talks with exporters. Now, the energy-deficient country wants to use its thirst for oil as a weapon to broker deals to help strengthen its economy and create jobs, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan told Reuters in an interview.

"We are a market. The quantum that we buy is our weapon," 45-year-old Pradhan said.

India, the world's fourth biggest oil consumer and third biggest importer, ships in about 80 percent of the crude oil it consumes and fuel demand is rising with rapid economic growth.

After clocking faster growth than China in the December quarter, India's economy grew 7.5 percent in the quarter through March, outstripping its larger neighbour's 7 percent in the same period. Last year, India's economy grew at 7.3 percent.

Consumption of petroleum products is estimated to be 166.9 million tonnes this fiscal year, and local oil output has remained almost stagnant for years.

Since taking office in May last year, Modi and his ministers have actively tried to showcase India's growing role in international trade. The prime minister has visited 18 countries including Japan, the United States and China, over the past year, promoting India as an ideal destina-



India's Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan gestures as he sits in his office in New Delhi on Friday.

tion for investments.

Pradhan said India's new oil diplomacy aims to further its interests on four fronts: to buy oil and gas acreage; source imports on better terms; increase investment in sectors such as pipelines and refining; and get business for engineering and construction companies with jobs for skilled Indian labour.

"South Korea lifts slightly more oil that we buy from the Middle East but its participation in engineering and construction business

there is double than ours," said Pradhan, who spoke in Hindi during the interview.

The Middle East is India's biggest oil supplier, although the emergence of new trade routes following a decline in global crude prices and supply glut has led to an increase in supplies from central Asia to Latin America.

India's push comes at a time when it has become a rare bright spot for demand in the global oil market.

A senior Saudi Aramco official

said on Thursday Indian oil demand is set to rise, while Chinese oil demand is likely to stabilise in the second half of this year.

India has a "limited window" of opportunity to get deals for its companies as a glut of oil is allowing buyers to call the shots, said Ehsan Ul Haq, senior consultant at UK-based consultant KBC Energy Economics.

"It is probably the best time," Haq said.

Pradhan sees India's fuel demand rising due to a push by the government to create a manufacturing hub and jobs.

He recently visited Colombia and Mexico, and met OPEC members in Vienna to help Indian companies grow their footprint.

ONGC Videsh Managing Director NK Verma, who travelled with Pradhan, said the visit helped the state-owned oil company forge new relationships and increase its visibility.

"We are getting a boost in our effort to capture equity oil and gas for the nations," Verma said.

Pradhan said easing global oil prices have provided an opportunity to India to raise spot purchases and diversify its crude basket. But he added that New Delhi is also mindful of its long-term relationship with oil-rich nations.

"We cannot make knee-jerk decision following short-term volatility," he said.

When asked whether India will boost imports from Iran if sanctions are lifted against the Persian Gulf nation at the end of the month, he said: "There is sufficient indication to Iran that if anything positive comes out on June 30, India is ready to go ahead."



Md Mofazzal Hossain, chairman of Esquire Group, attends the launch of Esquire Plastics at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka yesterday. Ehsanul Habib, managing director, was also present.



Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh
Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) from International Consulting Firms

Government of Bangladesh (GOB) intends to construct a new International Airport namely "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib International Airport" with a view to create a hub airport in this region and meet the demand of future growth in aviation sector, as the existing infrastructure facilities of main gateway of the country, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport is insufficient to meet the future air traffic demand of the country and there is some limitation to expand this Airport. In this connection, GOB decides to engage reputable International Consulting Firm to carry out the feasibility study of proposed project work. In order to prepare a short list of consulting firms for the works, interested reputable International Consulting Firms are invited to provide information in sealed envelope indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among technical staff etc) following the prescribed EOI application form as per schedule mentioned below:

1.	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
2.	Name of procuring entity	: Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.
3.	EOI Ref. No. & date	: CAAB/W-700/Part-1/3951 Date: 11/06/2015.
4.	Procurement method	: QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection).
5.	Budget and source of funds	: CAAB's Own Fund.
6.	Eligibility for consultancy services	: i. Reputed International Consulting Firms having 15(fifteen) years of experience in consultancy services. International Consulting Firms are encouraged to seek participation and obtain full range of expertise by associating with local consulting firm(s) or entities in a joint venture or sub-consultancy, as appropriate. ii. The international consulting firm should have experience of successfully completion of consultancy services covering feasibility study, site selection, master planning, architectural and engineering design of International Airport with capacity to meet the projected growth of the aviation sector and handle code 4F Aircrafts like B747-8F, B777-300ER, Airbus 380 etc or larger, Covering Terminal, Runway, AGL, electro-mechanical, nav-aid works and communication system (expressway/railway/flyover/tunnel) and connectivity to the road transportation network in a single contract/work order of at least 1 (one) International Airport Project costing US\$ 2.5 (two point five) billion (minimum) during last 10 (ten) years. iii. Joint Venture/Association/Consortium (JVCA) is allowed to participate in the competition. Lead Firm (International) of a JVCA should have experience of successfully completion of consultancy services covering feasibility study, site selection, master planning, architectural and engineering design of International Airport with capacity to meet the projected growth of the aviation sector and handle code 4F Aircrafts like B747-8F, B777-300ER, Airbus 380 or larger etc covering Terminal, Runway, AGL, electro-mechanical works and communication system (expressway/railway/flyover/tunnel) and connectivity to the road transportation network in a single contract/work order of at least 1 (one) International Airport Project costing US\$ 1.5 (one point five) billion (minimum) during last 10 (ten) years. The other International Firm of the JVCA should have experience of successfully completion of consultancy services covering feasibility study, site selection, master planning, architectural and engineering design of International Airport with capacity to meet the projected growth of the aviation sector and handle code 4F Aircrafts like B747-8F, B777-300ER, Airbus 380 or larger etc covering Terminal, electro-mechanical works and communication system (expressway/railway/flyover/tunnel) and connectivity to the road transportation network in a single contract/work order of at least 1 (one) International Airport Project costing US\$ 1 (one) billion (minimum) during last 10 (ten) years. iv. International Consulting Firm(s) as mentioned in (ii) and (iii) above may form joint venture/association/consortium with a local firm. The local associate (if any) should have experience in consultancy services of pavement and/or building projects costing Taka 1000 (one thousand) million in any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization in a single contract/work order during last 10 (ten) years. v. Nos. of firms in a JVCA including a local associate (if any) shall not be more than 3 (three). However, when there will be no local associate, the Nos. of International Firms in JVCA shall not be more than 2 (two).

6.	Name and address of the offices selling EOI application form	: a) Superintending Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, CAAB, Dhaka. b) Executive Engineer, Civil Division-3, CAAB, Dhaka. c) Accounts Officer, CAAB, HQ, Dhaka. d) PA to Member (Ops. & Plans), Headquarters, CAAB, Dhaka. e) PA to Chief Engineer, Headquarters, CAAB, Dhaka.
7.	Designation of official inviting expressions of interest	: Chief Engineer.
8.	Address of official inviting expressions of interest	: Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh. Tel:- +8802-8901414, Fax: + 8802-8901411.
9.	Name and address of the office receiving EOI application	: Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
10.	Closing date & time for selling EOI form	: 08/07/2015 up to 15.30 hours.
11.	Closing date & time for submission of EOI application	: 09/07/2015 up to 12.00 hours.
12.	Date & time for opening of EOI application	: 09/07/2015 at 12.30 hours.
13.	Description of services	: Price of EOI form.
14.	Detailed Feasibility Study for Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib International Airport Project	: US\$ 100 (US Dollar one hundred) or Tk. 8,000/- (Taka eight thousand only) (non-refundable).
14.	Special conditions	: i. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI application(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever. ii. PPR/2008 and PPA/2006 shall be followed for appointment of International Consultant.

CAAB/PR-88/2015/540
Date: 11-6-2015
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Mustafa Anwar, chairman (acting) of Islami Bank Bangladesh, presides over the 32nd annual general meeting of the bank at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday. Mohammad Abdul Mannan, managing director, was also present. IBBL declared 15 percent cash dividends for 2014.

Uber plans \$1b China investment

AFP, Beijing

Taxi hailing app Uber plans to invest seven billion yuan (\$1.1 billion) in China, the Financial Times reported on its website, citing a company email.

The paper said it obtained the message sent to Uber investors this week by its CEO Travis Kalanick.

The FT posted a copy of the email file in a hyperlink within the article.

"Given our recent success in the region and substantial market share gains, we are planning to invest over 7 billion RMB (over \$1 billion) in China in 2015 alone," the email said, referring to renminbi, another name for the Chinese currency.

Uber riders were making almost 1 million trips per day with business doubling in the last month, the email added.

It also said that Uber is operating in 11 cities in China, and over the next year plans to begin operations in 50 of the more than 80 Chinese cities that have populations of more than five million people.



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রাজউক ভবন, ঢাকা

কুড়িল ফ্লাইওভার প্রকল্পের সৌন্দর্য্য বর্ধন ও রক্ষণাবেক্ষণের জন্য (বিজ্ঞাপন আয় হতে ব্যয় নির্বাহের ভিত্তিতে) ম্যানেজমেন্ট অপারেটর নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পূর্বাচল নতুন শহর প্রকল্পের আওতাধীন কুড়িল ফ্লাইওভার কমপ্লেক্স পরিষ্কার পরিচ্ছন্নকরণ, সৌন্দর্য্য বর্ধন ও বিভিন্ন মূল্যবান সামগ্রী যথা বৈদ্যুতিক বাতি, ফোয়ারা, বৈদ্যুতিক সাব-স্টেশন, ফ্লাইওভার ইত্যাদি রক্ষণাবেক্ষণের জন্য বিজ্ঞাপন বাবদ অর্জিত আয় হতে ব্যয় নির্বাহের ভিত্তিতে ০৫ (পাঁচ) বৎসরের জন্য ম্যানেজমেন্ট অপারেটর নিয়োগের প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। চাহিত ম্যানেজমেন্ট অপারেটর কুড়িল ফ্লাইওভার ও ফ্লাইওভারের সাথে সংযুক্ত বিভিন্ন স্থাপনা বা অংশে বিজ্ঞাপন বাবদ রাজউক কর্তৃক নির্দেশনা মোতাবেক কুড়িল ফ্লাইওভার রক্ষণাবেক্ষণের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় কার্যাদি সম্পন্ন করবেন। এতদসংক্রান্ত প্রস্তাবপত্র আগামী ১৪/০৬/২০১৫ইং থেকে ২৫/০৬/২০১৫ইং পর্যন্ত জনতা/সোনালী/অগ্রণী ব্যাংক লিঃ, রাজউক ভবন শাখা হতে অফেরতযোগ্য টাকা ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) মাত্র মূল্যে ক্রয় করা যাবে। প্রস্তাবপত্রের সহিত রাজউক বরাবর প্রস্তাবিত লিজ ফি এর ১০% চেয়ারম্যান, রাজউক এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে আবেদনপত্রের সাথে জামানত হিসেবে দাখিল করতে হবে। আহ্বী ম্যানেজমেন্ট অপারেটরদেরকে আগামী ২৮/০৬/২০১৫ইং দুপুর ১২.০০টার মধ্যে প্রস্তাবপত্রের চাহিদা অনুসারে তথ্যাদিসহ প্রস্তাব প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, পূর্বাচল নতুন শহর প্রকল্প, রাজউক এনেক্স ভবনে (৮ম তলা) দাখিল করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হল।

রাজউক যে কোন সময় কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে আলোচ্য বিজ্ঞপ্তি অথবা সকল/যে কোন প্রস্তাবপত্র স্থগিত/বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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কে এম জাকির হোসেন
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