

BID TO PREVENT FRAUDS

No Extension to OTT SIM Binding Deadline: Scindia

Our Bureau

New Delhi: Communications minister Jyotiraditya Scindia Wednesday ruled out giving an extension for the mandate on SIM binding for over-the-top (OTT) messaging apps, emphasising it's being done on grounds of national security.

From March onwards, OTT apps have to mandatorily bind accounts to SIM cards, which means apps such as WhatsApp, Signal, etc will only function when the registered SIM card is physically present and active in the device.

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on November 28 had issued a directive under the Telecommunications Cyber Security rules to all OTT communication apps to comply with SIM binding within 90 days.

Internet companies and associations such as the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and the Broadband India Forum (BIF), representing companies such as Meta, Google, and Telegram, termed the new rules technically unworkable and a case of legal overreach. They also highlighted that many tablets and laptops lack SIM slots, making the continuous binding mandate technically difficult to implement, aside from



Communications minister Jyotiraditya Scindia

user experience issues. However, Scindia said the mandate is being driven by national security concerns over fraud prevention and proceeds any user experience concerns, adding that public consultation had in fact taken place before mandating the SIM binding rules. "As of now, there is no thought on giving an extension. There are some national security issues, and some which have revenue implications," Scindia told reporters. "On national security issues, there can be no compromise. On revenue implication issues, I am very clear in terms of the ambit, mandate, and where our responsibility lies." Telcos have been pushing the government to regulate OTT apps on the same spam and fraud prevention framework as internet-based services, Scindia said.

SC Seeks Customs Dept Response on Xiaomi's Appeal in Duty Evasion Case

Indu Bhan

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has sought response from the customs department on Xiaomi's appeal against a customs tribunal ruling that held the Chinese firm liable for alleged customs duty evasion of ₹653 crore on royalty payments linked to imported smartphone components.

Xiaomi in its appeal before the Supreme Court stated that the tribunal's order incorrectly treated it as the "beneficial owner" of the imported component as the obligation to pay import duties was on the contract manufacturer who physically imported the goods. The company argued that its royalty payments were independent of the import transaction.

The customs department issued three show cause notices to Xiaomi for recovery of duty amounting to ₹653 crore (excluding interest and penalty) for the period April 2017 to June 30, 2020. The Principal

Commissioner of Customs (Air Cargo) upheld the demand, which was based on an investigation by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI). According to the department, documents seized during DRI searches at Xiaomi Technology's premises indicated that it paid royalty and licence fee to Qualcomm and to Beijing Xiaomi, a related party of the defendant, but did not act in the transaction value of the goods imported by the company

and its contract manufacturers. The investigation also showed that Xiaomi had engaged in the sale of MI brand mobile phones and these handsets were either imported by Xiaomi India or assembled in India by importing parts and components from India. The MI brand mobile phones manufactured by the contract manufacturers were sold exclusively to Xiaomi Technology, it claimed. The MI brand mobile phones manufactured by the contract manufacturers were sold exclusively to Xiaomi Technology, it claimed. The apex court will hear the case next on April 6.

Oil PSUs to Take 35% in JV with SCIL to Keep Crude Transport with Indian Ships

New venture targets to reduce ₹6L cr logistics spend with 59-ship buying plan

Kalpana Pathak

Mumbai: India's oil refiners and its state-run shipping utility are committing significant equity stakes to a dedicated maritime freight joint venture to cut overseas reliance on transporting both crude oil and refined fuels, progressively reducing a part of the ₹6 lakh crore annual bill India foots to charter foreign vessels for inbound and outbound logistics.

Indian Oil Corp (IOCL), Bharat Petro-

leum Corp (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corp (HPCL) would together own 35% in the proposed joint venture with the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), the latter's chairman BK Tyagi told ET.

"We are still working on the technical specification and tender terms of the JV," Tyagi said. "Our partners IOCL, BPCL, and HPCL will together hold 35% stake in the company. We will hold 30% stake."

Besides the above stakeholders, the Maritime Development Fund (MDF) would own the remaining 15%. The joint venture is aimed at progressively onshoring the chartering business through SCI, both helping the state-run shipping utility and conserving forex for the oil marketing companies (OMCs).

"By being part of this joint venture, OMCs aim to reduce the dependence on foreign exchange, thereby cutting the outflow of foreign exchange in hiring foreign-flagged ships and enhancing India's energy security," said a senior OMC official, on the condition of anonymity. Industry estimates suggest India's inbound and outbound cargo logistics would cost around ₹6 lakh crore.

The MDF is a government initiative designed to provide financial assistance to India's maritime sector. It is a blended finance model to attract private investment and has a corpus of ₹25,000 crore to provide long-term financing for the maritime sector.

IOCL, BPCL, and HPCL did not respond to an emailed query.

The joint venture will facilitate the buying of 59 ships — very large crude carriers, very large gas carriers, offshore vessels, etc. — through a combination of second-hand purchases from the market and newly built vessels from Indian yards. This may entail an investment of around ₹15,000-17,000 crore.

The SCI, Tyagi said, would provide technical, operational, and regulatory expertise while IOCL, BPCL, and HPCL will enable cargo commitment through long-term charter contracts. The ships acquired through the JV will be managed by SCI for a certain management fee to be paid by the JV company.

Last September, SCI signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the oil marketing companies to pursue the joint venture.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No. - 1: Tender No. 19/2025-26/SEPH/CHN
Jal Jeevan Mission (JMM)-CVWS to Puthenzha, Thiruvananthapuram, Chottanikkara and Puthukutta Panchayats-Construction of 17MLDWTIP at Chottanikkara and Puthukutta, 5m dia Well cum Pump house at Ranganamangalam and allied works-General Civil Work. EMD: Rs. 5.00 Lakh. Tender Fee: Rs. 15,000/-
Last Date for Submitting Tender: 12-03-2026 03:00 pm Phone: 0484 2364685. Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in. www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kochi



Special Window for Transfer and Dematerialisation of Physical Securities

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") Circular No. HO/38/13/12/2026-MRSD-POD/19/2026 dated January 30, 2026 ("SEBI Circular"), a Special window had been opened for a period of one year, from February 05, 2026 to February 04, 2027 ("said period") to facilitate transfer and dematerialisation ("transfer") of physical securities which were sold/purchased prior to April 01, 2019.

The special window shall also be available for such transfer requests which were submitted earlier and rejected/returned/attended to due to deficiency in the documents/procedure/otherwise. The eligible shareholders may submit their request to the Company at investors@gpowergrid.in or Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (KFIN Technologies Limited) at elandward@kfinet.com along with the requisite documents as specified in the aforesaid SEBI circular.

During the said period, the securities so transferred shall be mandatorily credited to the transferee only in demat mode and shall be under lock-in for a period of one year from the date of registration of transfer. Such securities shall not be transferred/redeemed/pledged during the said lock-in period. As per the SEBI Circular, cases involving disputes between transferor and transferee will not be considered in the special window and may be settled by transferor and transferee through court/NCLT process. Further, securities which have been transferred to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) shall not be considered under special window for processing.

The SEBI Circular can be accessed at https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jan-2026/ease-of-doing-investment-special-window-for-transfer-and-dematerialisation-of-physical-securities_39411.html

For and on behalf of
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
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Date: February 25, 2026 Company Secretary & Legal Officer

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tenders are invited by KSDLD in two cover system through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/>) with respect to supply of following Goods/Services/Works.

Sl. No.	Tender Number	Tender Name	Tender Quantity	Published Date	Last Date of Submission
1	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1043	Procurement of Diphenyl oxide	1000 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
2	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1044	Procurement of Celestolux	20 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
3	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1045	Procurement of Methyl Cinnamate	1000 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
4	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1046	Procurement of Resinoid oakmoss	350 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
5	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1047	Procurement of Alpha amyl cinnamic aldehyde	1000 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
6	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1048	Procurement of Stalmitol	100 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
7	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1049	Procurement of Timbrol	200 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
8	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1050	Procurement of Methyl anthranilate	800 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
9	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1051	Procurement of Methyl dihydroxy jasmonate (MDHJ)	650 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
10	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1052	Procurement of Aldhyde C-14	1000 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
11	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1053	Procurement of Lavandin oil	350 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
12	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1054	Procurement of Geranyl Acetate	2892 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
13	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1055	Procurement of Geranyl Formate	4965 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
14	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1056	Procurement of Hydroxy Citronellal	6544 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
15	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1057	Procurement of Nagarmotha oil	608 Kgs.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
16	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1058	Procurement of Mysore Sandal Soap 75g CG Corrugated Boxes	325000 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
17	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1059	Procurement of Mysore Sandal Soap 300g Container with Cap	572000 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
18	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1060	Procurement of Mysore Sandal Soap 300g Corrugated Boxes with partition and top plate	23833 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
19	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1061	Procurement of Mysore Sandal Soap 100g Container with Cap	1950000 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
20	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1062	Procurement of Mysore Sandal Soap 300g Shrink Sleeves	583440 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
21	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1063	Procurement of Mysore Sandal Soap 150g (S) Sandal Bath Tablet 150g (S) (Export) Corrugated Box	16331 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
22	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1064	Procurement of Mysore Sandal Soap 75g Export Cartons	2155835 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
23	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1065	Procurement of Mysore Sandal Soap 150g (Tri/S) Sandal Bath Tablet 150g (Tri/S) (Export) Corrugated Boxes	87583 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
24	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1066	Procurement of Mysore Sandal Detergent Powder 1kg Corrugated Boxes	9799 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
25	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1067	Procurement of Mysore Sandal's Point Advanced Liquid Detergent 1000ml label (Front & Back)	92365 Set	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
26	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1068	Procurement of Mysore Sandal Detergent Powder 1kg Pouches	158340 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
27	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1069	Procurement of HHMDPE Bag for Export Corrugated Boxes	54167 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
28	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1070	Procurement of Mysore Bar Soap 250g/200g Corrugated Boxes	43550 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
29	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1071	Procurement of Mysore Sandal's Point Advanced Liquid Detergent 1000ml HDPE container, inner plug and outer cap	91455 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026
30	KSDLD/2025-26/IND1072	Procurement of Mysore Sandal Detergent Cake 150g Corrugated Boxes	152425 Nos.	25-02-2026	12-03-2026

For any further queries/clarifications please contact the undersigned.

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ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 18/2025-26

नगर निगम बीकानेर द्वारा नगर निगम क्षेत्र के निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु उम्मीदवारों को ई-निविदा करवाये जाने का निर्णय लिया गया है। ई-निविदा करवाये जाने वाले कार्य का विवरण (अनुमति प्राप्त करी 1.5 करोड़ रुपये) 01 नवंबर 2024 तक नगर निगम कार्यालय, बीकानेर (राजस्थान) में उपलब्ध रहेगा। नगर निगम कार्यालय, बीकानेर (राजस्थान) में उपलब्ध रहेगा। नगर निगम कार्यालय, बीकानेर (राजस्थान) में उपलब्ध रहेगा।

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