INDIA-LED CARTEL IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

CCI penalises HP India ₹127 cr for bid rigging

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New Delhi, July 13

THE COMPETITION COMMISSION of India (CCI) on Monday held tech giant HP India liable for orchestrating bid-rigging through its 16 authorised resellers in the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) tenders. The regulator imposed a penalty of ₹126.87 crore on the firm.

The CCI found HP India guilty of cover bidding, price fixing, and dividing the tenders among themselves for supplying printer ink and toner cartridges between 2017 and 2020.

In two separate orders involving HP's personal system products (such as laptops, desktops, notebooks, workstations) and printer consumables, the commission said HP India coordinated bids among its reseller network by selectively issuing Manufacturer Authorisation Forms (MAFs), which is a mandatory certificate required from the original manufacturer to bid on government tenders.

According to one CCI order, the collusion revolved around the transition to the GeM portal in 2017. Before GeM, these resellers had developed legacy commercial relationships with government departments, and such accounts were termed as "Most Valuable Customer" (MVC). When the new GeM portal introduced open competition, HP India's resellers started losing their MVC account business to new rivals.

GeM CARTEL

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In its defence, HP India argued it was not the "kingpin" of the cartel, claiming it was forced into the arrangement because resellers threatened to shift to low-cost counterfeit products if the company refused to provide support. On the other hand, resellers argued that to maintain business and meet sales targets set by HP India, they had to coordinate pricing and discounts for specific tenders floated on the GeM portal.

"Transparency introduced by the GeM framework allowed these incumbent resellers to track other competing resellers who had previously not serviced the government customer accounts but were now competing for the GeM tenders issued by them. "This shift adversely impacted the commercial interests of these incumbent resellers," the CCI said.

To minimise their loss, certain resellers approached HP India to devise an arrangement that would enhance their chances of securing government supply contracts against other competing HP India resellers. The CCI's probe found that HP India issued MAF selectively to its resellers. It gave them only to preferred resellers or those who agreed to cooperate with them, effectively blocking genuine outside competitors from participating in the tenders.

To create the illusion of competition, the incumbent resellers routinely engaged in "cover bidding". When an incumbent reseller who had previously serviced the tendering government entity wanted a specific contract, it would request HP India to arrange such "cover bids". In some cases, the fellow resellers or sister companies were asked to submit intentionally higher or non-competitive bids. This ensured that the tender met the government's minimum requirement of three participants without creating real competition.

"The Director General (DG) has also brought to light the aspect of use of sister entities by some resellers to meet the requirement of minimum participation. Such sister concerns have participated in order to give a façade of competition," the order said. During its investigation, the DG found communications between HP India and its resellers in addition to communications among resellers which showed that they were in direct contact with each other through emails and WhatsApp groups.

The CCI rejected both defenses. The regulator concluded that the transparent bidding process was deliberately manipulated, thereby depriving government departments of competitive market rates. The cases originated from HP India's leniency application filed with CCI, with the company later admitting to the competition law violations and cooperating with the probe.

BSNL posts 10% revenue growth in Q1

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New Delhi, July 13

STATE-RUN TELECOM OPERATOR Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has reported a nearly 10% year-on-year rise in revenue for the first quarter of financial year 2026-27, driven largely by strong growth in its enterprise and consumer mobility segments, Union Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Monday.

"As far as our total revenue is concerned, directly from business operations, we have posted close to about a 10% increase in revenue over last year.

Last year, we closed Q1 at ₹4,017 crore. This year, we have closed Q1 at ₹4,418 crore. So there's a delta of ₹401 crore, an increase," Scindia said while announcing the provisional figures to the media.

He added that BSNL's ARPU (average revenue per user) has provisionally increased from ₹100 to ₹102.7.

Enterprise Business vertical grew the fastest, rising from ₹1,463 crore to ₹1,745 crore, a 19.2% year-on-year increase. Meanwhile, the Consumer Mobility segment grew from ₹1,594 crore to ₹1,724 crore, an 8% increase from Q1 last year.

BSNL noted that the figures presented are provisional, with final numbers expected within the week.

Meanwhile, BSNL's turnaround, though gaining momentum, has come with significant challenges. BSNL's net loss for FY 2025-26 had more than doubled to ₹4,738 crore, as a weak fourth quarter erased earlier gains and the company missed its full-year revenue target by more than ₹7,000 crore.

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June retail inflation rises to 18-mth high of 4.38%

"BUT THE EARLIER (fuel price) hikes will still add around 0.5 percentage points to headline inflation over the next year," he said.

CPI inflation averaged 3.9% in the June quarter, lower than the RBI's projection of 4.2% for the quarter. Inflation is projected to rise moving ahead due to an increase in food prices and the impact of the US-Iran conflict, which has flared up again pushing crude oil prices and freight costs higher.

The RBI in June projected CPI inflation to rise to 5.1% in the September quarter and average 5.1% in 2026-27 (Apr-Mar). Even as the RBI projected higher inflation going ahead, its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) left the repo rate unchanged at 5.25% in June.

Some economists expect the MPC to raise interest rates in the coming months to combat the rising inflation. "The central bank left interest rates unchanged at its meeting last month, but with inflationary pressure building, we think it is only a matter of time before the central bank begins a hiking cycle," Shah said. "A first hike in August is a growing possibility."

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra last month said it was premature to talk about raising interest rates. The central bank was watching for the second round impact of higher oil prices on inflation before taking a call on rates, Malhotra had said.

Minutes of the June MPC meeting showed other panel members also favored a "wait and watch" approach before moving to raise interest rates.

"While policymakers will remain vigilant to weather-related and geopolitical risks, the lack of discernible spillovers into demand should limit any market tendency to bring forward rate hike expectations," said Radhika Rao, senior economist, DBS Bank.

SC refers Kalyani family dispute to mediation

THE ASSETS INCLUDE extensive real estate holdings and stakes in several listed Kalyani Group companies, including Bharat Forge and Kalyani Steels, which continue to be managed by Baba Kalyani. There is no indication that the litigation has affected the operations of the group's listed companies.

The Supreme Court's intervention came after Hiremath challenged a Bombay High Court order of May 4, 2026, which declined to refer the matter to mediation after Baba Kalyani opposed the move. The High Court had held that mediation under the Mediation Act, 2023, is consensual and cannot be imposed on an unwilling party.

Appearing before the apex court, counsel for Baba Kalyani argued that three earlier attempts at mediation had failed—before the Supreme Court in 2018, a district court in 2024 and another attempt this year. They contended that the dispute involved multiple companies, family branches and public shareholders, making it far more complex than a conventional family settlement.

The Bench, however, urged all parties to make one more sincere effort to resolve the dispute. At the outset, the court observed that persuading the parties to mediate was akin to "taking an unwilling horse to the pond", but maintained that the effort was nevertheless worthwhile.

Chief Justice Surya Kant said mediation succeeds only when senior counsel persuade clients to move beyond litigation and focus on preserving family relationships. The Bench also remarked that all sides were financially well placed and should devote their energies to more constructive pursuits.

To underline the point, the Bench recounted how an earlier dispute between two brothers from another business family was resolved after the elder sibling sought respect rather than wealth. "Such is the miracle and magic of mediation," the court observed.

Baba Kalyani's counsel sought a time-bound mediation while requesting that proceedings before the Bombay High Court continue in parallel. The Supreme Court declined the request, staying all related proceedings for the duration of the mediation and directing the parties to approach Justice Rao without delay, observing that there remained a genuine possibility of settlement.

The hearing featured some of the country's leading lawyers. Hiremath was represented by Senior Advocate Shyam Divan, along with Karanjawala & Co and RJD & Partners. Baba Kalyani's side was represented by Senior advocates Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Kapil Sibal and Aryama Sundaram.

Top court seeks aviation rules amid scrutiny of airfare pricing

THE CONCERNS OF price hikes gained prominence during the Maha Kumbh, when both bookings and airfares to Prayagraj witnessed steep increases as demand surged.

According to an analysis by travel portal ixigo, one-way airfare on the Bhopal-Prayagraj route jumped 498% to ₹17,796 from ₹2,977 a year earlier.

Airfares on the Delhi-Prayagraj route also rose by up to 21% during the period.

Similar spikes are witnessed during almost every festive season, with airfares typically increasing by 20-100% as demand peaks.

Under the existing regulatory framework, airfares in normal circumstances are market-driven and are neither fixed nor regulated by the government.

Following the repeal of the Air Corporations Act in March 1994, tariff fixation was deregulated, allowing airlines to determine fares under Rule 135(1) of the Aircraft Rules, 1937, after taking into account factors such as operating costs, characteristics of service, reasonable profit and prevailing market tariffs.

As a result, ticket prices generally fluctuate based on market forces and demand-supply dynamics, with airlines free to adopt dynamic pricing models.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the 22nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 12th August, 2026 at 1.00 p.m. through Video Conferencing (VC)/Other Audio-Visual Means (OAVM) without physical presence of the members at a common venue in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and SEBI Circulars issued in this regard.

Electronic copies of the Notice of 22nd AGM and Annual Report for Financial Year 2025-26 will be sent to the Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/ Depository Participants.

Members who have not registered their email addresses or desires to change their email addresses may update the same by sending email to the Company at compliance@kritikawires.com or to Registrar and Transfer Agent at prasanta.sen@in.mpms.mufg.com or may contact the concerned Depository Participants.

The said AGM Notice and Annual Report for the Financial Year 2025-26 will also be available on the Company's website i.e., www.kritikawires.com and on the website of National Stock Exchange of India Limited i.e., www.nseindia.com.

For Kritika Wires Limited
Sd/-
Komal Kanodia
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Date: 13th July,2026
Place: Kolkata

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302

No.: JDA/EE & TA to Dir. Engg.-I/2026-27/D- Date : 10.07.2026

NOTICE INVITING BID

NIB No. : EE & TA to Dir. Engg.-I/15/2026-27

Bids are invited from interested bidders for following works :-

S. No.	UBN No.	Cost of Work (Lacs)	Nature of Work	Last Date
1	JDA2627WSOB00197	310.93	Road	28.07.2026
2	JDA2627WSOB00200	270.77	Construction of Bridge	29.07.2026
3	JDA2627WLOB00202	687.53	Road	01.08.2026
4	JDA2627WLOB00204	536.54	Construction and Installation of "Waste-To-Art" Entrance Gateways	30.07.2026

Other particulars of the respective bid may be visited on Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the company will be held on **Thursday the 9th day of August, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.** at the registered office of the company to approve and take on record, interalia, the Unaudited Financial results (provisional) for the **1st Quarter Ended on 30th june, 2026**.

FOR ENTERPRISE INTERNATIONAL LTD.
Sd/- GOPAL DAS SARDA
WHOLE TIME DIRECTOR

PLACE : KOLKATA
DATED : 13.07.2026

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NOTICE
(for attention of Equity Shareholders of the Company)
Sub: Transfer of Equity Shares of the Company to the DEMAT Account of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority

This Notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 124(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act'), read together with the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 and amendments thereof ('Rules').

Section 124(6) of the Act provides that all shares in respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed for seven consecutive years or more shall be transferred by the Company in the name of Investor Education and Protection Fund.

Adhering to the various requirements set out in the Rules, the Company has communicated to the concerned shareholders, at their latest available addresses, who have not claimed their dividend(s) for the Financial Year 2018-19 and onwards, for taking appropriate action(s).

This notice pertains to the dividends paid by Srikalahasthi Pipes Limited, which was amalgamated with and into Electrosteel Castings Limited.

The Company has uploaded details of such shareholders along with their folio number or DP ID/Client ID and number of Equity Shares due for transfer to DEMAT Account of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority ('Authority') on its website, **www.electrosteel.com**. The shareholders are requested to refer to the website to verify the details of dividends not encashed and the Equity Shares liable to be transferred to the DEMAT Account of the Authority.

The concerned shareholders, holding Equity Shares in physical form and whose Equity Shares are liable to be transferred to DEMAT Account of the Authority, may note that the Company would issue new share certificate(s) in lieu of the original share certificate(s) held by them for the purpose of transfer to the DEMAT Account of the Authority as per the Rules and upon such issue, the original share certificate(s) will stand automatically cancelled and be deemed non-negotiable. The concerned shareholders, holding Equity Shares in dematerialised form and whose Equity Shares are liable to be transferred to DEMAT Account of the Authority, may note that the Company would inform the depository by way of Corporate Action for transfer of shares in favour of DEMAT Account of the Authority. The shareholders may further note that the details uploaded by the Company on its website should be regarded and shall be deemed adequate notice in respect of issue of the new share certificate(s) by the Company for the purpose of transfer of Equity Shares to DEMAT Account of the Authority.

The Shareholders may note that both the unclaimed dividend and the shares transferred to the IEPF Authority/DEMAT Account of the Authority including all benefits accruing on such shares, if any, can be claimed back by them from IEPF Authority after following the procedure prescribed in the Rules.

In case the Company does not receive any valid claim from the concerned shareholder by **04 October, 2026** the Company shall with a view to comply with the aforesaid requirements set out in the Rules, transfer the shares to the DEMAT Account of the Authority.

In case the shareholders have any queries/clarifications on the subject matter and the Rules, they may contact the Company at its Registered Office or Maheshwari Datamatics Pvt. Ltd., the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent, at 23, R. N. Mukherjee Road, 5th Floor, Kolkata 700 001, Tel. No.: +91 33 2248 2248/2243 5029; E-mail ID: contact@mdplcorporate.com.

For Electrosteel Castings Limited
Sd/-
Indranil Mitra
Company Secretary
ICSI: A20387

Place: Kolkata
Date: 13 July, 2026

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NOTICE
Sub: Transfer of Equity shares to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF)

NOTICE pursuant to Section 124(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 6(3)(a) of Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 is hereby given that the equity shares of the Company in respect of which dividends remained unclaimed or unpaid for 7 (seven) consecutive years or more, are required to be transferred by the Company to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) as established by the Central Government in terms of Section 125(1) of the Companies Act, 2013. The amount of unpaid dividend for the year ended 31 March 2019 and onwards is lying in separate banking accounts for the respective years.

We further inform that the dividend declared for the financial year ended 31 March 2019 at the Annual General Meeting held on 25 September 2019, is due to be transferred to IEPF Authority on **31 October 2026**, after expiry of the period of seven years.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that those shareholders who has not claimed dividend for the year ended 31 March 2019 and onwards, if any, are being provided an opportunity to claim such dividend by sending a letter under their signature along with one cancelled cheque, PAN and Aadhaar Copy claiming the amount of unpaid dividend, so as to reach with the Company's Registrar & Share Transfer Agent, **M/s S.K. Infosolutions Pvt. Ltd.** at D/42, Katju Nagar Colony, Ground Floor, Near South City Mall, PO & PS - Jadavpur, Kolkata - 700 032, **on or before 30 October 2026**. The details of those shareholders who has not claimed dividend for consecutive period of seven years or more and the relevant details of shares due to be transferred to the IEPF, are available on Company's website at www.himadri.com under Investors Section. If no valid claim is received from the concerned shareholders within 30 October 2026, the Company shall take necessary steps to transfer of those shares to the IEPF. The dividend declared for the financial year ended 31 March 2019 will also be transferred to the IEPF after expiry of period specified herein.

The shareholders may note that both the unclaimed dividend and the shares after being transferred to IEPF can be claimed back from the IEPF Authority by filing the web Form IEPF -5 and following the procedure as prescribed thereunder by the IEPF Authority. No claim shall lie against the Company in respect of unclaimed/ unpaid dividend and shares after the same are being transferred to IEPF. The shareholders who has any query or anything to communicate to the Company in respect of the above, may write to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, **M/s S. K. Infosolutions Private Limited, (Attention: Mr. Dilip Bhattacharya) at D/42, Katju Nagar Colony, Ground Floor, Near South City Mall, PO & PS - Jadavpur, Kolkata - 700 032 (Tel: 033-24120027 / 033-24120029, e-mail ID: skcdilip@gmail.com.)**

For Himadri Speciality Chemical Ltd
Sd/-
Monika Saraswat
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
ACS: 29322

Place: Kolkata
Date : 14-07-2026

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 32nd Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of the Members of Kirloskar Industries Limited ('the Company') will be held on Tuesday, 18 August 2026, at 11.30 a.m. (IST) through Video Conferencing ('VC') or Other Audio-Visual Means ('OAVM') facility, in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') and Rules made thereunder, read with the General Circular No. 14/2020 dated 8 April 2020; the General Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13 April 2020; the General Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5 May 2020, and subsequent circulars issued in this regard, the latest being General Circular No. 03/2025 dated 22 September 2025, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (hereinafter referred to as 'MCA Circulars') and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, read with SEBI Master Circular No. HO/49/14/14(7)2025-CFD-POD2/I/3762/2026 dated 30 January 2026, issued by SEBI, read with other applicable Circulars and Notifications issued (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force and as amended from time to time) (hereinafter referred to as 'SEBI Circulars'), to transact the businesses that will be set forth in the Notice of AGM.

In compliance with the provisions of the MCA Circulars and the SEBI Circulars, the electronic copy of the Notice of the 32nd AGM and the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2025-2026 of the Company will be sent only by email to all those members, whose email address(es) are registered with the Company or the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA), viz., MUFG Intime India Private Limited (formerly known as Link Intime India Private Limited) or with their respective Depository Participant(s) (DPs). The same will be uploaded on the Company's website, viz., www.kirloskarindustries.com and on the website of the Stock Exchanges where the shares of the Company are listed, viz., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited, i.e., www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and on the NSDL website at www.evoting.nsdl.com.

Members can vote either through remote e-voting or e-voting at the time of the AGM. Instructions for remote e-voting, e-voting at the time of AGM and the procedure for attending the AGM through VC / OAVM facility for the Members holding shares in dematerialised mode, physical mode, and for members who have not registered their e-mail addresses will be provided in the Notice of the AGM.

In view of the above, members are requested to register their email address(es) or update the changes therein, if any, at the earliest, to receive the Notice of AGM, Annual Report and login credentials for e-voting, electronically.

As per circulars issued by SEBI from time to time, it mandates all the listed Companies to record the PAN, Nomination, and KYC details of all the shareholders and Bank Account details of the first holder. In view of the aforesaid, we request you to submit the requisite Investor Service Request Form(s) along with the required supporting documents at the earliest. The relevant formats for Nomination and Updation of KYC details, viz., Forms ISR-1, ISR-2, ISR-3, SH-13, SH-14 and SEBI circular, are available on the RTA website https://web.in.mpms.mufg.com/KYC-downloads.html and on the website of the Company at https://www.kirloskarindustries.com/investors. The members of the Company holding shares in dematerialised form and who have not registered their bank details or registered their e-mail address (es), can get the same registered with their respective Depository Participants by following the procedure prescribed by them. In case of failure to comply with SEBI KYC norms, the dividend shall be withheld till compliance by such shareholder.

By the Order of the Board of Directors
For Kirloskar Industries Limited

Sd/-
Ashwini Mali
Company Secretary

Place : Pune
Date : 13 July 2026

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দীপেন ঢাং, গঙ্গাজলঘাটি : সোমবার সকালে বাঁকুড়া রানিগঞ্জ জাতীয় সড়কের ওপর ভিভিসির মেজিয়া বিদ্যুৎ প্রকল্পের ১নং গেটের কাছে ৪০ জন যাত্রী বোঝাই ১টি টাটা এসি গাড়ি নিয়ন্ত্রণ হারিয়ে উলটে যায়। গাড়িতে থাকা ৪০ জনের মধ্যে বেশ কয়েকজন শিশুও ছিল। দুর্ঘটনায় প্রত্যেকেই কমবেশি জখম হন। স্থানীয় বাসিন্দাদের সহযোগিতায় গঙ্গাজলঘাটি থানার পুলিশ জখম যাত্রীদের স্থানীয় অমরকানন গ্রামীণ স্বাস্থ্যকেন্দ্রে নিয়ে যায়। সেখানে ১৯ জনের অবস্থা গুরুতর হওয়ায় তাঁদের বাঁকুড়া সম্মিলনী মেডিক্যাল কলেজ হাসপাতালে পাঠানো হয়েছে। বাকিদের প্রাথমিক চিকিৎসার পর ছেড়ে দেওয়া হয়। স্থানীয় বাসিন্দাদের কাছ থেকে জানা গেছে, গঙ্গাজলঘাটি থানারই রাধাকৃষ্ণপুর গ্রাম থেকে ওই টাটা এসি গাড়িতে করে বেশ কয়েকজন শিশু মহিলা সহ ৪০ জন যাত্রী স্থানীয় দুর্লভপুর এলাকায় এক পারলৌকিক অনুষ্ঠানে যাচ্ছিলেন। ওই টাটা এসির পরিবহণ ক্ষমতা কম ছিল। দ্বিগুণেরও বেশি যাত্রী গাদাগাদি করে চেপেছিলেন। সম্ভবত ওভারলোডিংয়ের কারণেই চালক নিয়ন্ত্রণ হারিয়ে ফেলে গাড়িটি রাস্তার ওপরেই পাল্টি খেয়ে যায়। এরফলে জাতীয় সড়কে বেশ কিছুক্ষণ যান চলাচল ব্যাহত হয়। পুলিশ দুর্ঘটনা কবলিত গাড়িটি সরিয়ে দেওয়ার পর পরিস্থিতি স্বাভাবিক হয়।

কীর্ণাহারে উচ্ছেদ অভিযান শুরু করল রেল

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