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"As we go along we will see what can be done," he said at a press conference when asked if bringing down fuel prices is on the government's agenda. He said state-run oil marketing companies did "okay" in the last quarter. "They have recovered some of their losses. As we go along we will see what can be done," he said.

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'Oil Firms Can Take a Call on Fuel Price Cut if Int'l Crude Stays Stable'

A lot would depend on first quarter performance of oil cos as well: Hardeep Singh Puri

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Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters here to mark the Modi government's nine years in power, Puri also attacked Rahul Gandhi for his remarks on Rafale and other issues, saying politics is all about credibility, and claimed that the Congress leader's statements have been proven false in the past.

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To questions on whether a reduction in oil prices was under consideration, he said he was not in a

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The minister lauded Modi for pursuing policies that kept availability and affordability under control while also pushing sustainability by promoting green energy. The government is also working to push the country's refining capacity to 400-450 million metric tonnes from around 252 MMT now, he said.

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Will see what can be done, says Puri on petroleum prices

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CRUDE WATCH

OIL POSTS SECOND WEEKLY DECLINE

Oil prices fell more than a dollar a barrel on Friday to record a second straight weekly decline, as disappointing Chinese data added to doubts about demand growth after Saudi Arabia's weekend decision to cut output. **REUTERS**



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OMCs may take call on fuel prices if crude stays stable: H S Puri

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IF INTERNATIONAL crude rates stay stable, Indian oil marketing companies (OMCs) will be able to take a call on reducing petrol and diesel prices, said Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday. It also depends on the performance of the oil companies, he added.

He, however, added that he was not in a position to make any announcement on the issue. The minister was highlighting the

achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government in the last nine years.

On the questions about bringing down the fuel prices, Puri said the state-run oil marketing companies did "okay" in the last quarter. "They have recovered some of their losses. They have been very good corporate citizens. As we go along, we will see what can be done," he said.

Puri said the government had ensured no rise in oil prices since April 22 and assured that the government would keep a check

on consumers suffering no hardship. Puri cited various data, including those related to the housing and urban development ministry, also under him, to assert that the government's policies are sound, forward-looking and well-intentioned, and it has a decisive leadership in Modi who makes them happen.

Slamming the Opposition for indulging in "revdi politics", he said one might like to give everything for "free", but then they enter the dangerous territory of freebie politics. The issue of pricing is a dynamic matter, Puri

said, adding that the government has taken several welfare measures in its nine years term to help people.

He alleged that non-BJP state governments are most vocal about petroleum prices even though they sell petrol and diesel at higher prices than BJP governments as they did not reduce value-added tax (VAT).

The minister said unlike his neighbouring countries, which suffered a financial crisis, PM Modi has pursued policies which kept availability and affordability under control while also

pushing sustainability by promoting green energy.

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He cited the growth in the infrastructure sector to ridicule Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his jibes at the government that it is always looking into the rearview mirror to blame others.

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omy has risen to the fifth position globally from 10 under the UPA government and citing other development figures.

When he goes abroad, he remembers minorities, Puri said of Gandhi and then mentioned the 1983 Nellie massacre of Muslims and the 1984 killings of Sikhs when the Congress was in power.

Lauding PM Modi, he said the government is characterised by "niti, niyat and neta" (policies, intentions and leader) as he has led from the front on every issue.

With PTI inputs



HPCL Shines at FIPI Oil and Gas Awards 2022

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Gas industry, is thrilled and honored to announce its outstanding achievements at the prestigious FIPI Oil and Gas Awards 2022. The award was presented by the Honorable Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, in the gracious presence of the Honorable Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Labour & Employment, Shri Rameswar Teli, and Secretary of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Pankaj Jain. The company's commitment to sustainability, innovation, and fostering an inclusive workplace culture has been recognized through multiple accolades: Company of the Year - Excellence in Human Resource Management, Sustainably Growing Corporate of the Year, Innovator of the Year - HP Green R&D Centre.



Min: Oil firms may slash petroleum prices if global crude cost remains stable

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Petroleum Minister and senior BJP leader Hardeep Singh Puri said on Saturday oil companies will be in a position to look at the issue of reducing petrol and diesel prices if the international crude cost remains stable.

Addressing a press conference here at the BJP headquarters on the 9th anniversary of the Modi-government, Puri lauded its performance saying the government is characterised by good “niti, niyat and neta” (policies, intentions and leader) as the prime minister has led from the front “on every issue”.

On the oil price front, the petroleum minister said He said state-run oil marketing companies did “okay” in the last quarter. He, however, added that he was not in a position to make an announcement on the issue. “As we go along we will see what can be done”.

Puri was asked whether reducing oil prices is on the government’s agenda. The minister said it is the non-BJP state governments that are most vocal about petroleum prices even though they sell petrol and diesel at higher prices than BJP governments as they did not reduce VAT.

He referred to neighbours like Pakistan and Sri Lanka without naming them and noted the power crisis they have suffered.

The western neighbour has to cut down on electricity after evening, the minister said, lauding Modi for pursuing policies which kept availability and affordability under con-



trol while also pushing sustainability by promoting green energy.

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An eminent economist who has turned to politics, Puri said in a dig at him and used the barb of “prophets of doom” to criticise critics like Rajan.

He cited growth in the infrastructure sector to hit-out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his jibe at the government that it is always looking into the rear view mirror to blame others.

“His eyesight should be checked. He may be wearing wrong glasses,” the minister said. Puri said the Indian economy has risen to the fifth position globally from 10 under the UPA government.

Range stays intact

CRUDE CHECK. Consider longs at range bottom

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Crude oil witnessed volatile sessions over the past week and eventually posted a weekly loss. The Brent crude futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) lost 1.6 per cent as it ended the week at \$74.8 a barrel. Likewise, the MCX crude oil futures (July contract) was down 1.3 per cent last week as it closed at ₹5,866 per barrel on Friday.

There was an expectation that the OPEC+ could go for a cut in oil production. But in their latest meeting held last Sunday, they decided to stick to the 2023 production targets. Yet, Saudi Arabia announced a voluntary one-month one million barrels per day cut, which can be extended. While this instilled some volatility in prices, it did not help establish a trend.

Similarly, the inventory data of the US released last week, too, failed to guide crude oil in either direction. According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), the inventory dropped by 0.5 million barrels versus the expected increase of 1.2 million barrels.

MCX-CRUDE OIL (₹5,866)



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this level and closed the week at ₹5,866. Thus, the narrow range of ₹5,750-6,075 and the broader range of ₹5,580-6,200 remain valid. Unless the contract moves out of the broader range, we cannot assume the next leg of trend.

The risk seems to be evenly balanced and so, the crude oil futures is likely to stay within the range for some more time.

In case the contract breaks out of ₹6,200, we might see a quick rally to ₹6,500 — the nearest barrier. Resistance above this level is at ₹6,800. On the other hand, if the price drops below ₹5,580, it can find a support immediately at ₹5,500. A breach of this level can drag the contract to ₹5,280.

Trade strategy: Stay on the side lines. Traders with high-risk appetite can go long if the price moderates to ₹5,600. Target and

Govt may cut fuel prices after reviewing OMCs' performance in the first quarter

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The common man can expect a cut in petrol and diesel prices during the July-September or the October-December quarter of FY24 as softening international crude oil prices are helping oil marketing companies (OMCs) to recoup losses incurred during FY23.

The Government is expected to take a decision on reducing retail prices of the two key auto fuels after reviewing the earnings of the PSU OMCs in the April-June quarter of FY24.

Oil Minister HS Puri said on Saturday: "If you are asking my expectation on prices (petrol and diesel), I want them to come down if inter-

national crude prices remain stable and do not rise. In the last quarter (Q4 FY23), our OMCs did okay, meaning they did not incur losses. I am not in a position to make an announcement, but I think if next quarter (Q1 FY24) goes well and the coming time is fine, they will be in a position to look at it (cutting prices)."

When prodded further, the Minister added: "OMCs have recovered some of their losses. As we go along, we will see what can be done."

IN THE RED

The OMCs have been making losses on sale of petrol and diesel to the public due to unprecedented volatility in international crude oil



prices following the Ukraine war in February 2022 and a freeze on the retail prices since April 6, 2022.

However, the government cumulatively cut the excise duty by ₹13 per litre and ₹16 on petrol and diesel, respectively, during November 2021 and May 2022, to tame inflation. Petrol costs ₹96.72 a litre in

Delhi, while diesel is priced at ₹89.62.

Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) cumulatively posted a loss of ₹18,622 crore during April-December of FY23.

Puri commended the OMCs for acting as "responsible corporate citizens" by shielding the common man from high prices of auto fuels.

For instance, while crude oil prices (Indian basket in rupee per barrel terms) rose by 23 per cent between December 2021 and March 2023, the increase in retail selling price of petrol and diesel at Delhi has only been 1.08 per cent and 3.40 per cent, respectively.

Petrol pricing a dynamic issue: Puri

Will see what can be done for reduction, said the minister

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China drills in deeper waters to cut dependence on foreign oil

BEIJING: A concrete expanse the size of Monaco jutting off China's southern coastline is the imposing centerpiece in Beijing's efforts to slow its growing dependence on imported oil, *Bloomberg* reported.

More than 15,000 workers can be on site at one time at the facility at Zhuhai, near the gambling mecca of Macau. Run by a unit of China National Offshore Oil Corp (CNOOC), it's been churning out production platforms to be deployed in China's offshore oil fields.

The deepwater drilling push comes as China's aging onshore wells and insatiable appetite for energy force it to become ever more reliant on foreign crude. The world's biggest oil importer gets more than 70 per cent of its supply from overseas, compared with less than 10 per cent at the turn of the millennium.

With its sprawling industrial base and deepwater ambitions, CNOOC, one of China's three main state-owned oil firms, is on a spending spree to develop the drilling technology currently dominated by western oil majors. But pushing into waters contested by China's neighbors has also put it in conflict with the US government.

Washington blacklisted CNOOC in 2021, saying that it acted in concert with China's military to "bully" neighboring countries over its disputed claims over large parts of the South China Sea. The company

has denied the allegations.

The Chinese oil major has developed the Bohai Sea between northern China and the Korean peninsula into the country's largest oil field and is expanding the Liuhua and other fields in the eastern South China Sea. Wells at sea accounted for 60 per cent of China's new oil production last year.

"With significant untapped volumes offshore China, domestic offshore barrels are expected to become an indispensable growth engine for the coming decade," said Baihui Yu, senior research analyst at S&P Global Commodity Insights. "Technology progress and increased access have enabled more drilling to be focused into deeper waters."

China isn't the first country to have to go to sea to replace dwindling onshore reserves. US drillers opened up the Gulf of Mexico in the 1960s, and European firms turned the North Sea into a major production hub in the 1970s and 1980s.

CNOOC is China's exclusive offshore oil producer and its domestic production grew to account for 23 per cent of the country's total in 2021, compared with 15 per cent in 2013, according to company filings and BP Plc data. The explorer is investing heavily to raise output by 4 per cent to 6 per cent this year and then by a further 12 per cent by 2025.

As well as geopolitical hurdles, the technical challenges of deep-water drilling are also immense. On a recent weekday afternoon at the site in Zhuhai, one of the world's largest such facilities, sparks flew into the air as a small group of workers put the finishing touches on what looked like the Eiffel Tower laying on its side.

The steel structure, called a jacket, will be dragged onto a boat and taken 200 kilometers offshore, where its 338.5-meter-length will let it stretch from the seafloor to above the ocean's surface. The jackets, which need to be strong enough to withstand massive waves and typhoons, are too large to be moved by crane so they are constructed horizontally and rolled sideways onto a ship.

Oil majors like Chevron Corp. and Shell Plc are still the most advanced players in the sector, with the technological capability to drill in harsher and deeper offshore environments. But CNOOC is catching up.

A year ago it built the largest jacket in Asian history for its Haiji-1 field, and it's increasing exploration in deeper waters further from China's coast. CNOOC expects to produce between 650 million to 660 million barrels of oil equivalent this year and is also participating in projects globally, including Exxon Mobil Corp's mammoth find off the coast of Guyana.

AGENCIES

पैट्रोल कीमत घटाने पर केंद्रीय मंत्री पुरी बोले 'आने वाले समय में देखेंगे, क्या हो सकता है'

नई दिल्ली, 10 जून (एजेंसी): पेट्रोलियम मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी ने कहा कि अगर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे तेल की कीमतें स्थिर रहती हैं, तो तेल कंपनियां पैट्रोल और डीजल की कीमतें घटाने पर विचार करने की स्थिति में होंगी। केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि तेल कंपनियों के आगामी तिमाही नतीजे अच्छे होंगे। पुरी ने यहां भाजपा मुख्यालय पर पैट्रोल कीमतों पर विभिन्न सवालों के जवाब देते हुए हालांकि कहा कि वह इस मुद्दे पर कोई घोषणा करने की स्थिति में नहीं हैं। उन्होंने कहा, "आगे चलकर देखेंगे कि क्या किया जा सकता है।" उन्होंने कहा कि सरकारी तेल विपणन कंपनियों ने पिछली तिमाही में 'ठीक' प्रदर्शन किया। उन्होंने कहा, "उन्होंने कुछ घाटे की भरपाई कर ली है। उन्होंने अपनी कॉर्पोरेट जिम्मेदारी बहुत अच्छी तरह निभाई है। हम जैसे आगे बढ़ेंगे, हम देखेंगे कि क्या किया जा सकता है।"

भाजपा नेता ने कहा कि नरेन्द्र मोदी की अगुआई वाली सरकार ने सुनिश्चित किया है कि 22 अप्रैल से तेल कीमतों में बढ़ाव नहीं हो। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार आगे भी सुनिश्चित करेगी कि ग्राहकों को परेशानी न हो।

पुरी ने विपक्ष पर 'रेवड़ी राजनीति' करने का आरोप लगाते हुए कहा कि कोई सब कुछ 'मुफ्त' में देने की पेशकश कर सकता है, लेकिन ऐसे में मुफ्तखोरी की राजनीति खतरनाक क्षेत्र में प्रवेश कर जाती है।



जल्दी ही पेट्रोल-डीजल के घट सकते हैं दाम

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महानगरों में पेट्रोल-डीजल के रेट : पेट्रोल व डीजल के दाम में एक्साइज ड्यूटी, डीलर कमीशन, वैट और अन्य चीजें जोड़ने के बाद इसकी कीमत मूल भाव से लगभग दोगुना हो जाती है। जिससे पेट्रोल-डीजल हमें महंगा खरीदना पड़ता है। दिल्ली में पेट्रोल 96.72 रु और डीजल 89.62 रु प्रति लीटर, मुंबई में पेट्रोल 106.31 रु और डीजल 94.27 रु प्रति लीटर, कोलकाता में पेट्रोल 106.03 रु और डीजल 92.76 रु प्रति लीटर व चेन्नई में पेट्रोल 102.63 रु और डीजल 94.24 रु प्रति लीटर है। भोपाल में पेट्रोल 108.32 रु व डीजल 93.90 रु प्रति लीटर है।

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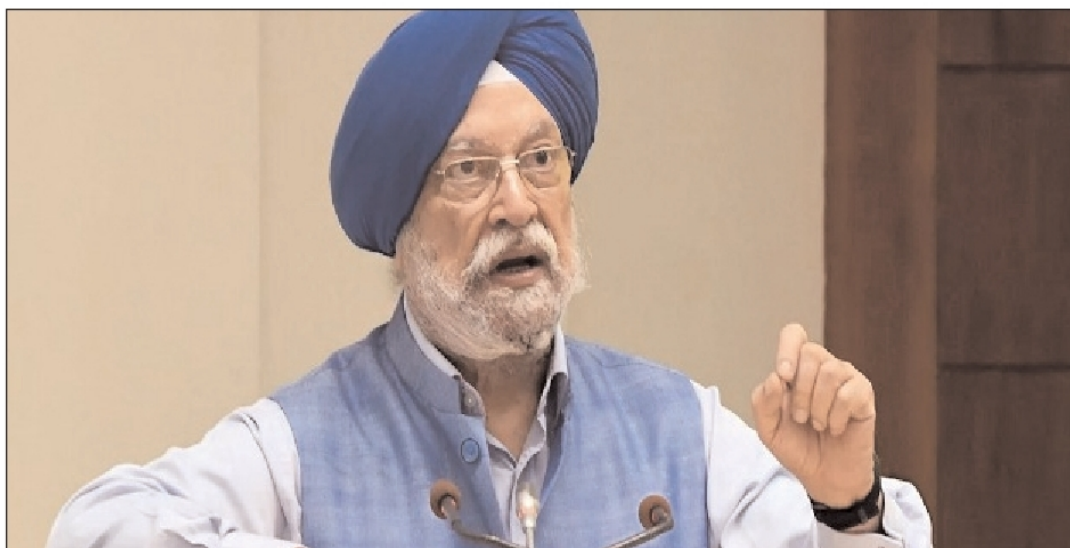
केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा अगर अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे तेल की कीमतें स्थिर रहती हैं, तो तेल कंपनियां पेट्रोल और डीजल की कीमतें घटाने पर विचार करने की स्थिति में होंगी। कहा, तेल कंपनियों के आगामी तिमाही नतीजे अच्छे होंगे। पुरी ने यहां भाजपा मुख्यालय पर पेट्रोल कीमतों पर विभिन्न सवाल के जवाब देते हुए हालांकि कहा कि वह इस मुद्दे पर कोई घोषणा करने की स्थिति में नहीं हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि आगे चलकर देखेंगे कि क्या किया जा सकता है। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकारी तेल विपणन कंपनियों ने पिछली तिमाही में 'टीक' प्रदर्शन किया।

उन्होंने कहा कि उन्होंने कुछ घाटे की भरपाई कर ली है। उन्होंने अपनी कॉरपोरेट जिम्मेदारी बहुत अच्छी तरह निभाई है। हम जैसे आगे बढ़ेंगे, हम देखेंगे कि क्या किया जा सकता है। भाजपा नेता ने कहा कि नरेन्द्र मोदी की अगुआई वाली सरकार ने सुनिश्चित किया है कि 22 अप्रैल से तेल कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी न हो। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार आगे भी सुनिश्चित करेगी कि ग्राहकों को परेशानी ना हो। पुरी ने विपक्ष पर 'रेवड़ी राजनीति' करने का आरोप लगाते हुए कहा कि कोई सब कुछ 'मुफ्त' में देने की पेशकश कर सकता है, लेकिन ऐसे में मुफ्तखोरी की राजनीति खतरनाक क्षेत्र में प्रवेश कर जाती है।

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