

GAIL marketing director Sanjay Kumar named as Managing Director & CEO of Petronet LNG Ltd

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State-owned GAIL (India) Ltd's Director (Marketing) Sanjay Kumar has been appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Petronet LNG Ltd, effective May 13, 2027, when the position falls vacant.

According to a regulatory filing, Petronet's board cleared the top-level appointment during

a brief 15-minute meeting held on October 2.

Kumar will take over on May 13, 2027, when the existing CEO A K Singh's extended tenure ends. Kumar, 59, will have a five-year term.

Petronet, India's largest gas importer, is majority owned by state-owned oil firms.

While the superannuation age in public sector companies is 60 years, Petronet, though headed



Sanjay Kumar, Director (Marketing), Gail

by the government's top

bureaucrat in the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, is registered as a private limited company.

Petronet is not under any government watchdog like CAG or CVC and is beyond the purview of RTI. Its board executives enjoy higher remuneration than PSUs and also retire at the age of 65 years.

State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC),

GAIL (India) Ltd, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) hold a 12.5 per cent stake each in the company.

The heads of the four blue-chip oil firms, who sit on the board of Petronet, superannuate at the age of 60 years.

Kumar has been director for marketing at gas utility GAIL since mid-June 2023.

Nayara hikes petrol by ₹5, diesel by ₹3

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NAYARA ENERGY HAS raised petrol prices by ₹5 a litre and diesel by ₹3 a litre with immediate effect, widening the gap with state-run fuel retailers as higher international crude and refined-product prices squeeze marketing margins.

Following the hike, petrol at Nayara outlets in Delhi is priced at ₹107.12 a litre, ₹5 higher than ₹102.12 at state-run pumps, while diesel costs ₹98.20 a litre compared with ₹95.20, a gap of ₹3, according to a fuel pump owner who did not wish to be identified.

The increase has also pushed prices sharply higher in other markets. In Bhopal, petrol at Nayara outlets is now priced at ₹119.54 a litre, while diesel costs ₹103.64 a litre following the latest revision.

The hike comes even as domestic consumption of both fuels remains firm. Petrol consumption rose 7.21% year-on-year (y-o-y) to 3.644 million tonnes in September 2026 from 3.399 million tonne (MT) a year earlier, according to the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell's (PPAC) flash report.

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Diesel consumption increased 4.86% to 7.116 MT from 6.786 million tonnes during the same period. During April-September 2026, petrol consumption rose 7% to 22.673 MT, against 21.189 MT in the corresponding period last year. Diesel consumption increased 4.85% to 47.891 MT, compared with 45.678 MT.

Nayara operates 7,108 petrol pumps across the country. A query sent to the company seeking comments remained unanswered till press time.

US-Russia talks on Ukraine lead to Lukoil oil agreement



REUTERS
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THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S talks with Russia on ending the war in Ukraine have expanded to include a multibillion-dollar oil deal that would benefit Middle Eastern business executives with ties to US negotiators Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, the *New York Times* reported on Saturday.

The deal, which is contingent on approval from the US government and the Kremlin, involves a sprawling set of oil fields, refineries and gas stations around the world owned by Russian energy group Lukoil.

The White House, the US Treasury Department and Lukoil didn't respond to requests for comment.

The group pursuing the deal includes US investor and billionaire Todd Boehly, two Middle Eastern groups that have done business with Kushner or Witkoff's family, and an arm of the US government, the newspaper said. Russian President Vladimir Putin raised the deal during a September 5 meeting at the Kremlin, the *NYT* said citing people familiar with the meeting.

'INDIA SUPPORTS DIALOGUE & DIPLOMACY TO END UKRAINE CONFLICT'

Russian Crude to Remain Part of Energy Mix: Jaishankar to Panel

European countries continue energy imports from Russia despite Ukraine war, MPs told

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New Delhi: India's dependence on Russia for crude oil and its efforts to help end the Ukraine war figured prominently at a meeting of the External Affairs Ministry's Consultative Committee on Saturday, with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar conveying to MPs that New Delhi remained committed to maintaining its ties with Moscow despite external pressure.

The meeting discussed India-Russia relations against the backdrop of the Ukraine conflict, disruptions in West Asian energy supplies and the proposed US tariff on countries importing Russian oil.

It was discussed that around 52% of India's crude imports were coming from Russia, with traditional suppliers in West Asia impacted by the war. Members were also informed that European countries continued to import part of their energy requirements from Russia despite the ongoing conflict.

The discussions also covered India's efforts to facilitate an end to the Ukraine conflict. India has maintained that dialogue and diplomacy remain the way forward, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi having spoken to both Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian leadership.

Jaishankar said in a post on X that India had highlighted its "multifaceted engagement" with Russia in trade, investments, energy, connectivity, culture and people-to-people ties, besides its "active support to dialogue & diplomacy to end the Ukraine conflict". The meeting also discussed concerns over the US proposal to impose a 100% tariff on countries importing Russian oil. MPs raised questions over the implications of the proposed measure for India-Russia trade and energy ties.

Congress MPs Manish Tewari, Mukul Wasnik and Gurjeet Auja, BJP MPs Vinod Tawde, Vikramjit Sawhney and K Sudhakar, AITC MP Babul Supriyo and CPM MP P Santhosh Kumar were among those present.



Jaishankar and others during a MEA consultative committee meeting on Saturday —PTI

India Needs Competitive Capabilities, Import Diversification: PK Mishra

Self-reliance shouldn't mean closing doors to the world, says PM's principal secy

Our Bureau

New Delhi: India's economic resilience lies in strengthening domestic capabilities, undergoing diversification, and remaining open to the world, said a senior official in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Addressing a session titled 'A World Priced for Risk' at the annual Kautilya Economic Conclave, P K Mishra, principal secretary to the Prime Minister, said self-reliance doesn't mean closing doors to the world but being self-sustaining and self-generating.

The world in the near future will belong to those who can be steady without being closed, careful without being fearful, and ambitious without being naive, and India intends to be such a country, he said.

"The world is confronting not merely risk, but uncertainty," said Mishra, underlining that geography has returned to the centre of the economic table amid rising global uncertainty.

"Disruption to shipping routes can affect energy prices thousands of kilometres away, while the concentration of critical minerals and their processing creates new vulnerabili-



BUILD TO COMPETE

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es," he said.

Mishra said India has maintained substantial stocks, increased domestic production where possible, diversified procurement, and ensured that alternative supply routes and suppliers are

available.

Mishra said the number of countries from which India imports crude oil has increased to 43 from 27, which is "very large".

Mishra cautioned that strengthening domestic capacity shouldn't translate into import substitution at any cost. Domestic capabilities need to be competitive, scalable and capable of eventually serving global markets, he said.

Mishra cited developments in electronics, semiconductors and pharmaceuticals as examples of strategic sectors where India is seeking to strengthen domestic capabilities while expanding its role in global production networks.

He pointed out that export restrictions, sanctions and tariffs become instruments of economic policy and are sometimes even weaponised.

Speaking at the same session, Nicholas Stern, IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government at the London School of Economics said India is in a "special position" to lead during a period of escalating climate and energy security risks.

"India is a major player at centre stage, and the world needs exactly that," said Stern.



INDIA ENERGY WEEK 2027 TO BE HELD IN KOLKATA

As India's energy demand continues to grow amid a rapidly shifting global energy landscape, the technologies, partnerships and strategic choices shaping the future of energy will be at the forefront of India Energy Week (IEW) 2027. Making its debut in Kolkata from January 28–31, 2027, under the theme “Unlocking Innovation. Securing Energy. Shaping Tomorrow,” the fifth edition of IEW will serve as the first major global energy conclave of the year, bringing together policymakers, energy leaders, innovators, investors and industry stakeholders.

Nayara hikes petrol price by Rs 5, diesel by Rs 3

New Delhi: Nayara Energy, India's largest private fuel retailer, has raised petrol prices by Rs 5 per litre and diesel by Rs 3 with immediate effect, seeking to narrow the gap between retail prices and rising international oil and refined-product costs, people familiar with the matter said.

The latest increase comes amid renewed pressure on fuel retailers from higher global energy prices and follows a series of price adjustments by Nayara this year as refiners grapple with the impact of geopolitical disruptions on crude and product markets.

Nayara, which operates 7,108 petrol pumps across the country, raised petrol and diesel prices with effect from early hours of Saturday, sources said.

An email sent to Nayara spokesperson for comments remained unanswered.

Nayara was the first fuel retailer to pass on the surge in international oil prices to consumers when the Iran conflict disrupted energy supplies earlier this year. On March 26, it raised petrol prices by Rs 5 a litre and diesel by Rs 3, taking the rates at its outlets to Rs 100.71 and Rs 91.31 a litre, respectively, at the time.

State-owned fuel retailers subsequently began raising pump prices in May. They increased petrol and diesel prices in a series of staggered moves, with the cumulative increase reaching about Rs 7.50 a litre each by late May. PTI



Nayara Energy hikes petrol by ₹5 and diesel by ₹3 per litre

New Delhi: Private fuel retailer Nayara Energy has increased petrol prices by Rs 5 per litre and diesel prices by Rs 3 per litre across its nationwide network as rising global crude oil and fuel product prices continue to pressure retail margins, effective from Saturday, according to industry sources.

The revised rates at Nayara's more than 7,000 fuel stations mark the company's latest attempt to narrow the gap between retail fuel prices and higher procurement costs amid a sustained increase in international energy prices.

However, this is the second such revision by Nayara this year so far.

WASHINGTON

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Indore: Nayara Energy has raised petrol and diesel prices by Rs 5 per litre and Rs 3 per litre, respectively. The new prices came into effect from Saturday. Now petrol costs Rs 119.42 per litre and diesel costs Rs 102.67 per litre.

There are 11 petrol pumps of Nayara Energy in Bhopal and 350 pumps in Madhya Pradesh (MP). The main reason behind this hike is the increasing price of crude oil in the international market, according to the petrol pump dealers association.

Normal rates at other petrol pumps are Rs 114.57 per litre (petrol) and Rs 99.67 per litre (diesel).

However, state-owned oil companies Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have not changed their prices.

Ajay Singh of the petrol pump dealers association informed Free Press, "The main reason behind this hike is the increasing price of crude oil in the international market."

India stays confident as world faces diesel crunch

NEW DELHI, Oct 3: As the global diesel market faces the brunt due to the US-Iran war as well as the Russia-Ukraine conflict, India has said it will honour its commitments and continue diesel shipments even if the US moves forward with export bans.

According to Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, years of investment in refining capacity had left the industry well placed to sustain overseas supply.

Speaking at a recently held PAFI event, the minister said India "honours its commitments".

In recent days, due to the West Asia crisis, industrial fuel has rallied much more than crude oil, hurting businesses, farmers and consumers, while

fanning inflation.

India's refining capacity today stands at around 267 MTPA. "Within the next year, we are poised to reach nearly 290 MTPA, with a target of 320 MTPA by 2030-32," said Puri at the event.

According to reports, as refining capacity is declining in several parts of the world, India is moving in the opposite direction, building new refineries while simultaneously expanding and modernising existing ones.

"In the US, diesel prices went up to \$6. If you look at a neighbouring country — just compare the rates. Look at the prices in 2014, 2021, and 2026. This isn't just about political rhetoric. We have 107,000 retail outlets across the country; not a single one

ran dry," said the minister.

Meanwhile, a US ban on diesel exports could push British inflation to nearly 5 per cent, economists have warned, after average pump prices topped 2 pounds per litre (\$2.7) for the first time. Forecasters said a prolonged ban could push prices to 3 pounds and add as much as one percentage point to UK inflation, strengthening the case for Bank of England interest-rate hikes, according to multiple reports.

The warnings followed reports that the Group of Seven countries (G7) plan to release up to 100 million barrels of diesel and oil over the next four months to ease market strains, sending European diesel and Brent crude futures lower. — IANS

Hormuz blocked, but Gulf crude shipments at pre-war level

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New Delhi: Disruptions to energy supplies through Strait of Hormuz notwithstanding, crude shipments from the West Asian Gulf region, excluding Iran, have returned to pre-war levels as countries cut dependence on oil tankers to navigate through the choked strait.

According to maritime intelligence and research firm Kpler, at least 16.5 million barrels per day (mbd) of crude left the region between Sept 1 and 28, matching the pre-war average. During the peak of the West Asia war in March, the average was 10.5 mbd.

While 83% of the region's crude crossed Hormuz before the war, 40% was exported in Sept through pipelines in Saudi Arabia and UAE without crossing the key chokepoint.

Of the remaining 60% that physically crossed Hormuz, most was moved using shuttle tankers, Emmanuel Belostrino, head of global crude and geopolitical market data at Kpler, said in his analysis.

Belostrino said more than 70% of the crude that crossed Strait of Hormuz in Aug changed tankers offshore in the Gulf of Oman.

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Crude via other routes made up the difference

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Confirmed crude crossings were still more than a quarter below the pre-war level, but volumes moving through alternative routes had more than doubled and made up almost exactly the difference.

Saudi pushed more crude through the east-west pipeline to Yanbu, with loadings rising from 0.8 mbd before the war to 4.3 mbd in June. UAE sent crude through the Abu Dhabi crude oil pipeline to Fujairah, where loadings rose from 1.1 mbd to 2.7 mbd.

Though Russian Urals volumes shrank during the month, they continued to top India's import basket. India imported a 5.3 mbd of crude in Sept, highest since the Ukraine war began.

325 million barrels released from oil reserves, says IEA

The International Energy Agency said member countries had released 325 million barrels of oil and oil products from strategic reserves, out of 400 million barrels pledged in March.

Resource security key as global economy faces uncertainty: FM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman Saturday said that amid uncertainty “now a standing condition” of the global economy, national security requires structural autonomy in strategic inputs, as strategic resource security sits at the centre of macroeconomic policy.

Besides, she argued for private investment to lead the cycle, including in research and innovation and skilling to prepare people for a changing world of work, while asserting that global financial architecture should reflect where growth was coming from.

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tilya Economic Conclave.

The remarks assume significance amid global economic uncertainties triggered by US tariffs and conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia, which have disrupted global supply chains and resulted in higher prices of key commodities.

“A price shock can be cushioned with monetary and fiscal tools. But a quantity shock tests buffer stocks and the reach of delivery systems and therefore the capacity of the state itself,” she added.

Sitharaman said supply chains optimised for cost

alone carry hidden fragility. To replace fragile single-source dependencies with domestic operational depth, govt has launched programmes focused on critical mineral and rare earth, semiconductors and small modular nuclear reactors.

She said for India, resilience means building upon the structural foundations laid over the past decade such as entrepreneurial growth, focusing on efficient last mile delivery, infrastructure creation and managing prices, essential supplies and external pressures. “The test of

the coming years will again be partly invisible: the shocks India absorbs without disruption to households and enterprises.”

The evidence of resilience lies in the counterfactual, in the outcomes that did not materialise, such as an inflation spiral that did not take hold, queues that did not form at the fuel outlets, banking stress that did not surface and a fiscal correction that was never forced. “These counterfactuals deserve as much attention from economists as the headline growth rate,” she added.

Talking about open, predictable and rule-based global economic relationships, Sitharaman said nations should engage with one another through dialogue and negotiated agreements, rather than allowing geopolitical differences to become barriers to trade and investment.

नायरा एनर्जी ने पेट्रोल और डीजल की कीमत बढ़ाई

एजेंसी ■ नई दिल्ली

निजी ईंधन कंपनी नायरा एनर्जी ने देशभर में फैले अपने नेटवर्क पर पेट्रोल में 5 रुपए प्रति लीटर और डीजल पर 3 रुपए प्रति लीटर की बढ़ोतरी शनिवार से लागू की है। इसकी वजह कच्चे तेल की कीमतों में तेजी होना है। यह जानकारी इंडस्ट्री के सूत्रों की ओर से दी गई। नई कीमतों के जरिए नायरा एनर्जी की कोशिश बढ़ी हुई लागत और बिक्री मूल्य में अंतर को कम करना है। मौजूदा दौर में कच्चे तेल की कीमतों के ऊपर जाने के कारण पेट्रोल और डीजल की लागत तेजी से बढ़ी है। देश में 7,000 से ज्यादा पेट्रोल पंप चलाने वाली नायरा एनर्जी की ओर से इस साल दूसरी बार ईंधन की कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी की है। इससे पहले मार्च में, पश्चिम एशिया में तनाव के कारण आपूर्ति में रुकावट आने पर कंपनी ने पेट्रोल और डीजल की कीमतें बढ़ाई थीं, लेकिन जुलाई में कच्चे तेल की कीमतें कम होने पर यह बढ़ोतरी वापस ले ली थी। कीमतों में यह ताजा बढ़ोतरी ऐसे समय में हुई है जब सरकारी तेल वितरक



कंपनियां, जो भारत के 1,04,000 से ज्यादा पेट्रोल पंपों में से 90 प्रतिशत से ज्यादा का संचालन करते हैं, ने ग्लोबल क्यूड मार्केट में उतार-चढ़ाव के बावजूद रिटेल कीमतों को काफी हद तक स्थिर रखा है इस हफ्ते की शुरुआत में, सरकार ने कहा था कि निजी ईंधन विक्रेताओं को पेट्रोल और डीजल की बिक्री पर रोक नहीं लगानी चाहिए। इसके अलावा, सरकारी कंपनियों ने एक अक्टूबर से 19 किलो वाले कर्माशियल एलपीजी सिलेंडर के दाम में 62.50 रुपए का इजाफा किया था। हालांकि, घरेलू एलपीजी की कीमतों को 942 रुपए पर स्थिर रखा था। साथ ही, एविेशन टर्बाइन फ्यूल (एटीएफ) की कीमतों में भी 16 प्रति लीटर की बढ़ोतरी की गई थी। घरेलू एयरलाइंस के लिए एटीएफ की कीमतें 121 रुपए प्रति लीटर से बढ़कर 137 रुपए प्रति लीटर हो गई हैं।

पहल आंध्र प्रदेश के लिए अनंत अंबानी का बड़ा ऐलान रिलायंस ग्रीन एनर्जी में 1 लाख करोड़ निवेश करेगी, 3 लाख जॉब पैदा होंगे

देश का पहला इंडियन स्कूल
ऑफ एग्रीकल्चर भी खुलेगा

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देश के अन्नदाता अब ऊर्जादाता भी बनेंगे। रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज आंध्र प्रदेश में ग्रीन एनर्जी के क्षेत्र में 1 लाख करोड़ रुपए का निवेश कर कंप्रेसड बायोगैस (सीबीजी) प्लांट लगाएगी। किसानों द्वारा उगाई गई घास से इन प्लांटों में स्वच्छ ऊर्जा तैयार होगी। इससे देश को खाद्य सुरक्षा देने वाले किसान ऊर्जा सुरक्षा में भी भागीदार बनेंगे। इस पहल से आने वाले दशकों में 3 लाख से ज्यादा रोजगार पैदा होने और आंध्र को करीब 60 हजार करोड़ का राजस्व मिलने की उम्मीद है।

रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज के एजीक्यूटिव डायरेक्टर अनंत अंबानी ने गांधी जयंती के अवसर पर मदनपल्ली में यह विजन सामने रखा। उन्होंने कहा, 'रिलायंस के ग्रीन एनर्जी कारोबार के जरिए मुझे हमारे अन्नदाताओं को ऊर्जादाता बनाने का अवसर दिखाई देता है।' इसके साथ ही रिलायंस आंध्र सरकार के साथ मिलकर मदनपल्ली में देश का पहला इंडियन स्कूल ऑफ एग्रीकल्चर (आईएसए) भी बनाएगी। इंडियन स्कूल ऑफ बिजनेस (आईएसबी) की तर्ज पर विकसित होने वाले इस संस्थान

भारत ने दुनिया को सीईओ दिए, आईएसए
किसान को खेत का सीईओ बनाएगा: अनंत



चंद्रबाबू नायडू के साथ अनंत अंबानी।

अनंत अंबानी ने कहा कि करीब 25 साल पहले चंद्रबाबू नायडू इंडियन स्कूल ऑफ बिजनेस को हैदराबाद लेकर आए थे। अब वे भारत के किसान को उसका अपना आईएसबी दे रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा, 'भारत ने दुनिया को बहुत सीईओ दिए। आईएसए भारत के किसान को अपने खेत का सीईओ बनाएगा।' आईएसए

में भविष्य की खेती के लिए ऐसी तकनीकें विकसित करने पर जोर होगा, जो कीटों के हमले से पहले किसान को सतर्क कर सकें। ड्रोन फसल की सेहत की मॉनिंग करेंगे और प्राइस इंटेलिजेंस के जरिए मदनपल्ली के टमाटर किसान को यह पता चल सकेगा कि उपज कब और कहाँ बेचना उसके लिए बेहतर होगा। ग्रीनहाउस टेक्नोलॉजी के जरिए 365 दिन खेती की दिशा में भी काम किया जाएगा। अनंत अंबानी ने इस पहल को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के विकसित भारत और आंध्र प्रदेश के 'स्वर्ण आंध्र 2047' विजन से जोड़ते हुए कहा, 'विकसित भारत का सपना, हम साकार करके दिखाएंगे।' उन्होंने सीएम नायडू से कहा कि वे उन्हें आंध्र प्रदेश के बेटे की तरह मानें।

में भारत के किसानों के पारंपरिक ज्ञान को आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस, ड्रोन, रोबोटिक्स और एआर/वीआर जैसी आधुनिक तकनीकों से जोड़ा जाएगा। रायलसीमा हॉर्टिकल्चर हब और इंडियन स्कूल ऑफ एग्रीकल्चर

की आधारशिला केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण, आंध्र प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री एन. चंद्रबाबू नायडू, उपमुख्यमंत्री पवन कल्याण और मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री नारा लोकेश की मौजूदगी में रखी गई।

जी-7 देश 100 मिलियन बैरल कच्चा तेल और डीजल करेंगे जारी

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): जी7 और उसके साझेदार देश अपने इमरजेंसी भंडार से करीब 100 मिलियन बैरल कच्चा तेल और डीजल जारी करेंगे। इसकी वजह बढ़ती ईंधन कीमतों के बीच ट्रंप प्रशासन के लगातार दबाव को माना जा रहा है।

फ्रांस के राष्ट्रपति और जी7 के मौजूदा चेयरमैन इमैनुएल मैक्रों ने मीडिया को बताया कि जी7 ईंधन की कीमतों में कमी लाना चाहता है। इंटरनेशनल एनर्जी एजेंसी (आईईए) की देखरेख में अगले चार महीनों में यह आपूर्ति जारी की जाएगी। यह फैसला ऐसे समय पर लिया गया जब अमेरिका ने संकेत दिया कि अगर यूरोपीय देशों ने और आपूर्ति जारी नहीं की, तो डीजल निर्यात पर भारी असर डालने वाला बैन लगाया जा सकता है। ऐसा कदम यूरोप के लिए आपूर्ति के एक अहम जरिए को खतरे में डाल सकता है, क्योंकि यूरोपीय महाद्वीप डीजल के उत्पादन में कमी को पूरा करने के लिए काफी हद तक आयात पर निर्भर है।