

ROW OVER PROBE INTO NIJJAR KILLING ESCALATES

# India pulls out top envoy, expels 6 Canada diplomats

ARCHIS MOHAN  
New Delhi, 14 October

India's diplomatic relations with Canada hit a fresh low on Monday following New Delhi's decision to withdraw its High Commissioner, Sanjay Kumar Verma, along with other diplomats and officials, from the North American nation and expel six of its diplomats. India said the Canadian government, led by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, had been targeting its representatives for "vote bank politics".

In a late night development, New Delhi asked the six Canadian diplomats, including Acting High Commissioner Stewart Ross Wheeler, to leave the country by or before 11.59 pm, October 19. The tensions escalated after Ottawa conveyed to New Delhi its intention to question Indian diplomats and officials as part of its probe into the killing of Sikh extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Earlier in the afternoon, in a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India revealed it had received a diplomatic communication from Canada on Sunday identifying Verma and other diplomats as "persons of interest" in the Nijjar case. New Delhi firmly rejected these "preposterous imputations", attributing them to a "political agenda" from the Trudeau government aimed at serving its "narrow political interests".

The ministry underscored that High Commissioner Verma is a senior diplomat with a distinguished career spanning 36 years, having served in various countries, including Japan, Sudan, Italy, Türkiye, Vietnam, and China.



Canada's Acting High Commissioner to India Stewart Ross Wheeler leaves the external affairs ministry office in New Delhi

New Delhi then had rejected Trudeau's allegations as "absurd." In October 2023, Canada withdrew over 40 diplomats from India after New Delhi asked Ottawa to reduce its diplomatic presence. Subsequently, India suspended visa issuance to Canadian nationals.

In its statement, the MEA hit out at the Trudeau government for executing a "deliberate strategy of smearing India". It cautioned Ottawa about the "activities" of the Canadian High Commission in India "serve the political agenda of the current regime".

New Delhi stated that it has begun to apply the principle of reciprocity regarding diplomatic representation. However, it indicated that in light of Canada's recent "efforts" to fabricate allegations against Indian diplomats, India "now reserves the right to take further steps".

India asserted that the Canadian government has failed to share "a shred of evidence" to support its claims, despite multiple requests following Trudeau's allegations in September 2023.

Trudeau and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met on October 11 during the East Asia Summit in Laos, where India contested Canada's characterisation of their discussions. The Canadian government claimed that the leaders had a "brief exchange".

At a press conference in Laos, Trudeau emphasised his focus on ensuring "the safety of Canadians", while MEA sources dismissed his claims, asserting there was "no substantive discussion" between him and Modi.

## Pannun case: Indian enquiry committee visiting US today

An Indian enquiry committee established to investigate the American allegations of the involvement of an Indian government official in a foiled plot to assassinate a US national will be visiting on Tuesday, the US Department of State said. "The Enquiry Committee will be travelling to Washington, D.C. on October 15th, as part of their ongoing investigations to discuss the case, including information they have obtained, and to receive an update from US authorities regarding the US case that is proceeding," an official media release said.

India denounced the "ludicrous" accusations made against him by the Canadian government, calling them deserving of contempt.

By evening, the MEA summoned Canada's Charge d'Affaires (CDA), Wheeler, in New Delhi, informing him that the "baseless targeting" of Indian diplomats was "completely unacceptable". India expressed that the actions of the Trudeau government had fostered an environment of extremism and violence, jeopardising the safety of its diplomats. It conveyed a lack of confidence in the current

Canadian government's commitment to their security, warning that India reserves the right to take further measures in response to what it described as the Trudeau government's "support for extremism, violence and separatism against India".

Tensions between India and Canada had already heightened after Trudeau alleged last September a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Nijjar, a Canadian citizen. Nijjar was shot dead in Surrey, British Columbia, in June 2023 by two masked assailants.

## Violence erupts in UP's Bahraich after clashes



Vehicles were set on fire as tension escalated in Bahraich on Monday, a day after a 22-year-old man was killed in communal violence in the Mahrajganj area of Mansoor village. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will on Tuesday meet the kin of the man who was shot dead during a Durga idol procession in a village here, a local BJP lawmaker said.

## ITC rule: Bombay HC seeks response from state's revenue dept

BHAVINI MISHRA & HARSH KUMAR  
New Delhi, 14 October

The Bombay High Court has recently granted an interim stay on a court order asking Enzene Biosciences Ltd to reverse proportionate Input Tax Credit (ITC) on interest earned on fixed deposits (FDs), and directed the pharmaceutical company to pay 10 per cent of the total tax amount.

The court has also sought a response from the Maharashtra State and Revenue Department in the case. "Pending the final disposal of this petition, the demand in the impugned order dated 16 April, 2024 is stayed subject to the Petitioner depositing in this court 10 per cent of the tax amount within a period of six weeks from today after giving

due notice to the learned counsel for the respondents Nos. 1, 2 and 3. This means that the Petitioner will have to deposit an amount of ₹75,43,330.8 within a period of six weeks from today," the court said.

Enzene Biosciences Limited and a few other companies have challenged the constitutional validity of Explanation to Rule 43(1)(b) of the Maharashtra Goods and Service Rules, 2017 through a writ petition before the Bombay high court.

During the initial stage of developing the pharmaceutical product, the petitioner (Enzene Biosciences) had incurred a lot of expenditure. The petitioner earned interest income from fixed deposits in the banks, while there was hardly any taxable turnover.

## Ahead of elections, Mumbai entry points go toll-free for light vehicles

PRACHI PISAL & AMRITHA PILLAY  
Mumbai, 14 October

The Maharashtra state government announced a toll exemption for all light motor vehicles (LMVs) crossing Mumbai's five entry points on Monday. While the move is expected to help decongest these locations, analysts indicate that tolling concession agreements will need to be addressed.

Ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly polls, the Eknath Shinde state government has announced a full toll waiver for LMVs at all five toll booths for entry into Mumbai. The waiver will take effect from midnight on Monday.

According to a PTI report, 280,000 LMVs are expected to benefit from the Maharashtra government's toll waiver daily.

PTI reported that an official from the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) said that 360,000 vehicles pass through the five toll booths located on LBS Road and the Eastern Express Highway at Mulund, Airoli Creek Bridge, the Western Express Highway at Dahisar, and Vashi Creek Bridge each day. Of these, an average of 280,000 are LMVs.

MSRDC is the nodal agency for these five entry points, and according to data available on the agency's website, the tolling concession agreements are with MEP Infrastructure Developers.



### OPEN ROADS

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- The company has collected an overall toll worth ₹45.31 cr

According to the company's submission of the monthly toll collection statement for January 2024, it collected a total toll amounting to ₹45.31 crore. Executives at MEP Infrastructure could not be reached for immediate comment.

"The state authority will need to settle contractual obligations with the parties to whom they have awarded toll collection concession agreements. This could be a long-drawn-out process, arriving at either a settlement formula through monetary payment or an extension of the concession period to collect toll from non-passenger vehicles on the same stretch," said Rajashree Murkute, senior director and head of the infrastructure sector at

CARE Ratings. She noted that roughly 65 per cent of the vehicles passing through Mumbai's entry points are passenger vehicles, and "some of these concession agreements may be nearing expiration". MSRDC appointed MEP Infrastructure as a concessionaire through a letter of award on October 28, 2010.

Regarding the possibility of extending this exemption to other parts of the state, she said, "I do not expect similar exemptions for other regions immediately, as the correlation with the reason for severe congestion may not apply to those cities; yet, it remains to be seen how the situation unfolds."

With inputs from PTI

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CWIKGM-37/2024-25, Dt. 07.10.2024 - M&R works to Central Stores, Main Workshop, Civil Department, etc., at Kothagudem Corporate for the year 2024-25, Bhadradi Kothagudem District, Telangana State. Rs. 30,52,991/- 23.10.2024 - 04.00 P.M. GM (Civil)

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In compliance with Master Direction notification No. DOR.FIN.REC. NO.05/03.10.119/2023-24 October 19, 2023 (Updated As On March 21, 2024) as may be amended from time to time, notice is hereby given that **AJ Finance Private Limited** ("company") CIN: U67120WB1994PTC066334 a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and Registered with Reserve Bank of India vide Certificate Number B05.03837 as a Non accepting Public Deposits hereby inform that **Mr. Shambhu Chakraborty (DIN- 08653834)** intend to appoint as a New Director of the Company.

The Company has already obtain the Prior approval for Change in Management from the RBI, Kolkata vide Email Dated 09th Oct, 2024.

Any clarification / Objection in this regard may be addressed to Department of Non-Banking Supervision, Reserve Bank of India 5th Floor, 15, N.S. Road, Kolkata - 700001 within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice stating therein the nature of interest and grounds of objection. This public notice is being issued jointly by the Company and the above-mentioned Management.

For AJ Finance Pvt. Ltd.  
Sd/-  
Rohit Singh  
Director

Dated:- 14/10/2024

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Scheme Name	Plan	Option	Record Date #	Amount of IDCW* (Rs. per unit)	NAV per unit as on October 11, 2024 (Rs.)
Sundaram Aggressive Hybrid Fund	Regular	Monthly IDCW	October 17, 2024	0.250	30.5303
	Direct	Monthly IDCW		0.350	46.2420
Sundaram Balanced Advantage Fund	Regular	Monthly IDCW		0.115	16.6412
	Direct	Monthly IDCW		0.140	20.1211

# Or subsequent business day if the specified date is a non-business day.  
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Pursuant to the payment of IDCW, the NAV of the scheme will fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy, if applicable. The IDCW pay-out will be to the extent of above mentioned IDCW per unit or to the extent of available distributable surplus, as on the Record Date mentioned above, whichever is lower. Past performance may or may not be sustained in future. All unitholders under the IDCW Option of the above-mentioned schemes, whose name appears on the Register of Unitholders on the aforesaid Record Date, will be entitled to receive the IDCW. The above stated quantum of IDCW and the Record Date were approved by the Board of Directors of Sundaram Trustee Company Limited vide their circular resolution dated October 14, 2024.

For Sundaram Asset Management Company Limited,  
R. Ajith Kumar,  
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place: Chennai  
Date: October 15, 2024

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