

Unrelenting Cong pushes INDIA bloc to the brink

BIJAY CHAKI @Bhubaneswar

AS has been the trend in several other states like West Bengal and Punjab, the INDIA bloc seems to have failed in Odisha. With Congress announcing its candidates for Bhubaneswar and Jagatsinghpur Lok Sabha seats, which were demanded by CPM and CPI respectively, the alliance in Odisha is on the brink of collapse.

Besides, the party has also not left any seat for the alliance partners in the latest list of 75 Assembly candidates announced by it on Sunday for the ensuing election. The alliance talks between Congress and mainly the Left parties in Odisha have not taken off because of the reluctance of the grand old party to cede ground. Though several rounds of talks have been held between the Congress and other constituents, they have failed to hit a common ground.

The Congress has so far announced candidates for 17 Lok Sabha and 124 Assembly seats in two phases for the ensuing elections. In the first list, only two Assembly seats, one for CPM and JMM each, were left by the party. The party is also yet to announce any candidate for Mayurbhanj and Aska seats.

While the JMM has already announced its candidate for Mayurbhanj, sources said CPI is also likely to field candidates from Jagatsinghpur and Aska.

Sources said state leaders of the Left parties are not happy with the unilateral announcement of candidates by the Congress. Senior CPM leader Janardan Pati said the party will announce its candidate for Bhubaneswar Lok Sabha seat after a meeting of senior leaders here on Monday. Pati is likely to be fielded from Bhubaneswar Lok Sabha seat by CPM. He will be pitted against sitting BJP MP Aparajita Sarangi, Manmath Routray of BJD and Yasir Nawaz of Congress.

However, president of Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee Sarat Pattanayak said the state units of the party do not have any say in seat sharing with INDIA partners. OPCC only informs the central party about the expectations of other alliance partners for Lok Sabha and Assembly seats. It is the central leadership which takes a decision. "We had forwarded whatever discussions we had with the Left parties to the Centre. Decisions are taken by the central party after careful consideration of all aspects," he added.

BJP leaders intimidating women: BJD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhubaneswar

ACCUSING state BJP leaders of trying to coerce ASHA, anganwadi and Mission Shakti workers to vote for the party, BJD on Sunday moved the Election Commission of India (ECI) seeking immediate protection for them.

A BJD delegation led by party's Rajya Sabha member Sasmit Patra, Sulata Deo and others, submitted a memorandum to chief electoral officer (CEO), Odisha in this regard and alleged Odisha BJP leaders and candidates are defaming, intimidating, harassing and even character assassinating ASHA and anganwadi workers as well as Mission Shakti leaders and members.

"Workers at the grassroots are being targeted with threats of job loss and other consequences if they do not comply with the demands. This is a clear violation of their rights and an attempt to manipulate the electoral process through fear and intimidation," alleged the BJD leaders in their memo. The regional party requested ECI to provide protection to the workers and ensure they perform their duties without fear and interference. "The respect and dignity of these workers must be upheld and they should not be used as pawns in political games," the party stressed.

It also urged ECI to take strong and immediate action against BJP leaders and candidates responsible for the threats to uphold the principles of free and fair elections.

PRADHAN SLAMS GOVT OVER DMF FUND MISUSE IN MINERAL-BEARING AREAS

BIJOY PRADHAN @Bhubaneswar

CONTINUING his attack on the state government, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Sunday raised the issue of utilisation of district mineral foundation (DMF) funds in mineral-bearing districts.

Expressing concern over media reports that residents of Kandapur village in Badapurunapali panchayat under Lahunipada block of Sundargarh have taken it upon themselves to construct a road after their repeated appeals to the district administration went unheeded, Pradhan asked, "Is this the transformation brought about in the lives of people by the state government in the last 24 years?"

Taking to social media handle

The Modi government has created DMF fund for the development of education, health and transportation in tribal areas. A total of ₹6,405 crore has been received in DMF in Sundargarh, a mineral rich district, while only ₹860 crore has been spent

X, the minister said DMF fund was created by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the prime objective of improving the quality of life of people in mineral-bearing districts affected by mining activities. Sundargarh district has so far received ₹6,405 crore in DMF of which only ₹860 crore has been utilised.

"The Modi government has created DMF fund for the development of education, health



and transportation in tribal areas. A total of ₹6,405 crore has been received in DMF in Sundargarh, a mineral rich district, while only ₹860 crore has been spent," he posted on X.

Pradhan sought justification of procurement of expensive vehicles by Rourkela police and construction of boundary wall of Sundargarh circuit house from DMF fund which is meant for priority activities like construction of road, supply of drinking water, improvement of health services and education.

The minister further said out of 88.76 lakh households in rural areas, around 23.89 lakh families do not have access to safe drinking water through tap.

Around 56.12 per cent of the villagers are still using contaminated water. In at least 15 districts of the state, clean drinking water is not available for more than 40 per cent of the families. Even in urban areas, 31.2 per cent families are deprived of safe drinking water.

Referring to the boycott threat by women voters of Mahakalapada area of Kendrapara district over water crisis, Pradhan again questioned whether this is the transformation the government is talking about.



BATTLE WITH BLAZE Fire fighters demonstrate fire safety and emergency rescue drills at an event to mark Fire Service Week at Odisha Fire And Disaster Response Academy in Bhubaneswar | DEBADATTA MALLICK

BJP not finding candidates for Assly, says BJD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhubaneswar

THE BJD on Sunday targeted the BJP for delaying release of its candidates list for rest of the Assembly seats.

Taking to X, BJD spokesperson Ipsita Sahoo said search for candidates by the senior BJP leaders is going on for the last 15

days. "Everyday senior BJP leaders are announcing that the list of candidates will be released within the next two to three days, but there is no list so far," she added.

Sahoo said it seems the search for candidates is still going on in the BJP. The saffron party inducted leaders from different political parties, but they are not

interested to contest election. Many of them have informed the state leadership of BJP that they are not interested to contest as they are sure that they will be defeated at the hands of the BJD candidates, she added. "We hope BJP will announce candidates for rest of the Assembly seats by the time filing of nominations starts," she said.

THE ALL-NEW APP

SCAN THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD THE APP

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH THE LATEST NEWS

भारत कोकिंग कोल लिमिटेड
BHARAT COKING COAL LIMITED
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

NOTICE

All the tenders* issued by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of BCCL www.bcclweb.in, Coal India Limited (CIL) e-procurement portal <https://coalindiatenders.nic.in> and Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in>. In addition, procurement is also done through GeM Portal <https://gem.gov.in>.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

S.No	Name of Work	Approximate Amount (₹)	Submission Date & Time
EP No. 04.05.06	Water supply to the...	Rs. 85.84 Lakhs	15.04.2024
07 & 08 (GEM)	Water supply to the...	Rs. 85.84 Lakhs	15.04.2024
TC 173 - Tankers	Supply of water tankers...	Rs. 85.84 Lakhs	07.00pm
024-25	Supply of water tankers...	Rs. 85.84 Lakhs	07.00pm
024-25	Supply of water tankers...	Rs. 85.84 Lakhs	07.00pm
024-25	Supply of water tankers...	Rs. 127.45 Lakhs	07.00pm

MCL MAHANADI COALFIELDS LIMITED

Notice

The tenders issued by C.L and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Ltd. www.coalindia.in, respective Subsidiary Company (MCL, www.mahanadicoal.in), C.L e-procurement portal <https://coalindiatenders.nic.in> and Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in>. In addition, procurement is also done through GeM Portal <https://gem.gov.in>.

LIC LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA

NOTICE FOR EMPANELMENT

Applications are invited from reputed firms for empanelment for a period of two years for supplying or undertaking jobs as given below under the following categories for Life Insurance Corporation of India, Divisional Office, Khodasingi, Berhampur - 10, Odisha.

- Supplying of various Competition Prize Articles / Gift Articles / Mementoes etc.,
- Various publicity related jobs like Wall Painting, Flex Preparation / Mounting, Neon / Glow Sign Board preparation, Rental Hoarding etc.,
- Printing of leaflets, brochures, posters etc.,

The interested firms are required to apply within 17.30 hrs on 06.05.2024 in the prescribed form which can be downloaded from our website www.licindia.in (Tenders link). The envelope containing the application form and other documents should be super-scribed as:

"Application for empanelment for Supplying of various Competition Prize Articles / Gift Articles / Mementoes etc."

"Application for empanelment for Various publicity related jobs like Wall Painting, Flex Preparation / Mounting, Neon / Glow Sign Board preparation, Rental Hoarding etc."

"Application for empanelment for Printing of leaflets, brochures, posters etc."

as the case may be and to be submitted to Manager (Sales), LIC of India, Divisional Office, Khodasingi, Main Road, Berhampur-760010 along with non-refundable amount of Rs.300.00 + GST Rs.54 = Total Rs.354.00 (Three Hundred Fifty Four Only) in the shape of DD in favor of LIC of India, payable at Berhampur (Odisha). Firms interested for more than one category should submit separate application for each category along with separate DDs. The selection shall be at the sole discretion of the appropriate authority of LIC of India, Berhampur Division. The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any/all applications without assigning any reason therefor. For eligibility and other details please visit www.licindia.in (Tenders link).

Date : 15.04.2024

DEMAND NOTICE

Enforcement of Security Interest Action Notice in connection with the Credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrower with our Rourkela Main Branch Classified as NPA

Name & Address of Borrower/Guarantor	Nature / Limit	Date of Demand Notice/Outstanding	Details of Properties Mortgaged
1) Mrs. Kay Bee Sales & Services, Represented by its Managing Partner: Mr. Tushar Kant Das, C.O-120 New RCMs Complex Rourkela Dist. Sundargarh Odisha-769004	CCEN - ₹ 50,84,658.93 UGCEL ₹ 1,76,267.09 DL004 - ₹ 3,60,581.00 DL004 - ₹ 3,58,643.73 DL004 - ₹ 3,46,444.00 DL004 - ₹ 3,55,694.00	23.03.2024 / ₹ 50,84,658.93 as on 27.03.2024 with interest & charges thereon	1) Land measuring Area 1280 sq ft on their store premises at Building having plot No. 1280/1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1289, 1290, 1291, 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1299, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1348, 1349, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354, 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359, 1360, 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1368, 1369, 1370, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1378, 1379, 1380, 1381, 1382, 1383, 1384, 1385, 1386, 1387, 1388, 1389, 1390, 1391, 1392, 1393, 1394, 1395, 1396, 1397, 1398, 1399, 1400, 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 1410, 1411, 1412, 1413, 1414, 1415, 1416, 1417, 1418, 1419, 1420, 1421, 1422, 1423, 1424, 1425, 1426, 1427, 1428, 1429, 1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1435, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1443, 1444, 1445, 1446, 1447, 1448, 1449, 1450, 1451, 1452, 1453, 1454, 1455, 1456, 1457, 1458, 1459, 1460, 1461, 1462, 1463, 1464, 1465, 1466, 1467, 1468, 1469, 1470, 1471, 1472, 1473, 1474, 1475, 1476, 1477, 1478, 1479, 1480, 1481, 1482, 1483, 1484, 1485, 1486, 1487, 1488, 1489, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1524, 1525, 1526, 1527, 1528, 1529, 1530, 1531, 1532, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1536, 1537, 1538, 1539, 1540, 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1559, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1565, 1566, 1567, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577, 1578, 1579, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1588, 1589, 1590, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1597, 1598, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1608, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1620, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1625, 1626, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1630, 1631, 1632, 1633, 1634, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1640, 1641, 1642, 1643, 1644, 1645, 1646, 1647, 1648, 1649, 1650, 1651, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666, 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1673, 1674, 1675, 1676, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683, 1684, 1685, 1686, 1687, 1688, 1689, 1690, 1691, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1731, 1732, 1733, 1734, 1735, 1736, 1737, 1738, 1739, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2