

Hike in duty may nix PLI benefits

High component cost may push up mobile prices by18%

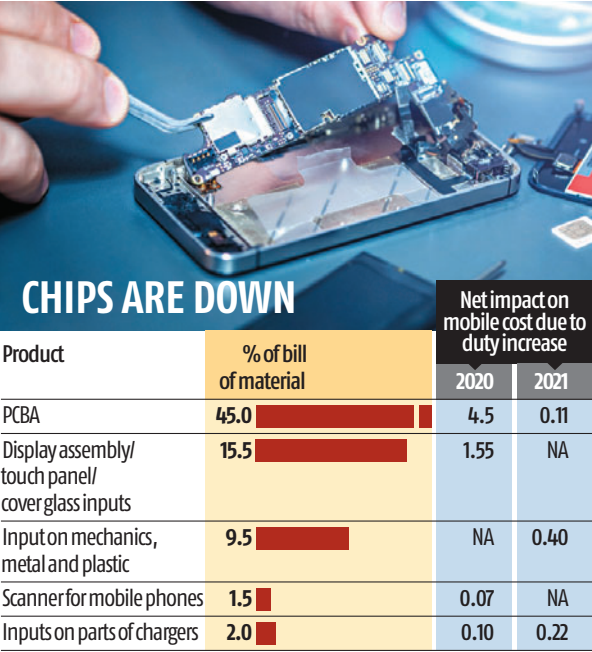
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New Delhi, 20 January

The repeated increase in the import duties on key components of mobile devices may neutralise the benefits of the government’s ambitious and much-touted production-linked incentive scheme (PLI) for mobile phones.

The success of the PLI scheme is key to the government meeting its ambitious target of hitting \$250 billion in the production value of electronics by 2025-26. Mobile devices are a large part of this plan, with the government aiming for a mobile phone manufacturing target of \$110 billion by 2025-26 — nearly 3.7 times of what it has undertaken in 2020-21.

However, research conducted by the India Cellular and Electronic Association (ICEA), and presented to the government before the Budget, shows that the average ex-factory cost of mobile phones has gone up by 5.72 per cent since 2020 and 2021 due to the increase in import duties. And that neutralises the 4-6 per cent (which on an average comes to 5-5.2 per cent) incentive on production value given to eligible players under the PLI scheme. The incentive under the PLI scheme was given primarily to reduce the cost disability of Indian manufacturers. For instance, they have a cost disability against countries like Vietnam and China (ranging between 10-12 per cent) which is a key impediment to exports.

The ICEA report says that in 2020, import duty was raised on key components such as printed circuit board assembly



(PCBA), comprising 45 per cent of the bill of material (BOM), display assembly and camera module, among others.

In 2021, duties were raised once again — on over 13 components, including PCBA and camera modules, connectors, inputs and parts for the ringer and vibrator, display assemblies, mobile charger, and so on.

The hike in import duties has consequences. First, the aspired 40-45 per cent value addition in mobile phones (from the current 15-20) will not take place. This is because domestic producers of sub-assemblies and components will quote a higher price — with their cost plus the high tariff. If there is no appreciable cost advantage, manufacturers of mobile devices may prefer to import the components.

Moreover, the impact of the tariff hike will be felt for long, creating an ecosystem which serves a fraction of the domestic market. Besides, the report says import tariffs focused on the domestic market do not provide scale by giving competitive access to global markets through exports. A modelling of input-output linkages shows that the tariff hikes of 2020-2021 are likely to reduce output and investment in mobile phones by 8 per cent, employment by 9 per cent, and exports by 31 per cent vis-à-vis the results if such hikes had not taken place. Plus, prices of mobile phones will rise in the domestic market by 18 per cent.

The report says there are challenges for exporters as while they get refunds on duties it is onerous and expensive.

CESL floats world’s biggest e-bus tender

SHALLY SETH MOHILE
Mumbai, 20 January

Convergence Energy Services (CESL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services (EESL), on Thursday announced the floating of a request for proposal for the biggest-ever demand for electric buses (e-buses) under the Grand Challenge scheme.

Through the \$5,450-crore tender, CESL aims to deploy 5,450 single-decker buses and 130 double-decker buses. It will include a set of homogenised demand for e-buses aggregated across five major cities.

From working on financing electric vehicles (EVs) and setting up a charging infrastructure (infra) to floating tenders for EVs, the EESL subsidiary has been playing a pivotal role in pushing electrification in the public transport space. EESL recently closed a tender for 150,000 electric three-wheelers, at prices 18-20 per

cent lower than the retail price. The scheme aims to reduce the operating costs for cities, removing bottlenecks of procuring e-buses by state transport undertakings (STUs), instituting best-in-class practices and operating standards, enabling operational and passenger efficiencies by evolving into a platform for modernisation of city buses, CESL said in a statement on Thursday.

STUs are no longer buying buses as they don’t have the financial wherewithal to buy regular models, let alone EVs which are a lot more expensive than internal combustion engine-powered models, said Mahua Acharya, managing director and chief executive officer (CEO), CESL. The buses are financed either by bus makers or financial institutions.

"They (public transit companies/STUs) are now moving towards a gross cost contracting model, wherein they pro-



CONVERGENCE ENERGY

■ Aims to deploy 5450 single and 130 double-decker buses

■ Tender for these 100% e-buses stood at ₹5,450 cr, will reduce operating cost

■ Bengaluru, Delhi, Surat and Hyderabad will be covered in first phase

■ First lot is expected to hit the roads as early as July, 2022

urement service based on the terms and conditions defined in the tender document. Based on that, price is discovered in the market," said Acharya.

"This is the biggest-ever scheme in the world and is based on an asset-light model that makes it possible for STUs to deploy affordably - and at scale," she added.

"Standardising tendering

conditions in diverse cities is a big step towards the transformation of public transport in India. Participation in the Grand Challenge is a commendable effort from STUs, who will stand to gain from economies of scale through the aggregation of demand by CESL," said Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog, in a statement.

Transport and Environment Minister of Delhi Kailash Gahlot said his government has sought 1,500 buses under the Grand Challenge and is ready to offer subsidies where required. "We are aggressively pursuing electric mobility. I commend CESL for its efforts to standardise the terms and conditions for how this is delivered," he said.

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Extract of unaudited consolidated financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December 2021

(₹ In Crore)			
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 31.12.2021 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 31.12.2020 (Reviewed)
1	Revenue from operations	17,586.74	15,958.53
2	Profit before tax	3,249.00	2,779.16
3	Profit for the period (attributable to owners of the company)	1,255.79	1,289.96
4	Total comprehensive income (attributable to owners of the company)	1,069.51	1,617.28
5	Paid-up equity share capital	79.57	79.57
6	Other equity (as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)		35,750.43
7	Earnings per share (not annualised) (Face value of ₹ 5 each)		
	Basic (₹)	78.9	81.1
	Diluted (₹)	78.9	81.0

Key standalone financial information is given below:

(₹ In Crore)			
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 31.12.2021 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 31.12.2020 (Reviewed)
1	Total income	271.63	46.67
2	Profit before tax	225.21	10.08
3	Profit after tax	168.50	8.40

Note: The above is an extract of the unaudited financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December 2021 which have been reviewed by the Audit Committee, approved by Board of Directors at its meeting held on 20 January 2022, subjected to limited review by statutory auditors and filed with the stock exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended. The full format of the aforesaid financial results is available on the website of the Company, BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited i.e. www.bajajfinserv.in, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively.

By order of the Board of Directors
For Bajaj Finserv Limited



Pune
20 January 2022

Sanjiv Bajaj
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Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 31.12.2021 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 31.12.2020 (Reviewed)
1	Revenue from operations	95.57	100.33
2	Profit before tax	1,058.98	1,174.79
3	Profit for the period (attributable to owners of the company)	1,040.16	1,149.58
4	Total comprehensive income (attributable to owners of the company)	482.56	4,142.72
5	Paid-up equity share capital	111.29	111.29
6	Other equity (as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)		37,055.67
7	Basic and diluted earnings per share (₹) (not annualised) (Face value of ₹ 10 each)		
		93.5	103.3

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(₹ In Crore)			
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 31.12.2021 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 31.12.2020 (Reviewed)
1	Total income	99.21	105.32
2	Profit before tax	65.15	74.96
3	Profit after tax	49.12	50.82

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By order of the Board of Directors
For Bajaj Holdings & Investment Limited

Pune
20 January 2022

Sanjiv Bajaj
Managing Director & CEO

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENCH AT CHENNAI CP (CAA)/62/(CHE)/2021

IN
CA (CAA)/52/CHE/2021

In the matter of Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013

And

In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation between Himshikhar Investment Limited and Dalmia Bharat Sugar and Industries Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors.

Dalmia Bharat Sugar and Industries Limited,
CIN: L15100TN1951PLC000640,
A company incorporated under Companies Act, 1913, having its registered office at, Dalmiapuram, P.O. Kallakudi, Dist. Tiruchirappalli Tamil Nadu – 621651

...Petitioner/ Transferee Company

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that by an order dated 23rd December 2021, the Chennai Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal has fixed the date of hearing of the Joint Company Petition filed by the Petitioner Company (**Dalmia Bharat Sugar and Industries Limited**) under Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for the sanction of the Scheme of Amalgamation between Himshikhar Investment Limited and Dalmia Bharat Sugar and Industries Limited and their respective Shareholders and their respective shareholders and creditors, on the 10th February, 2022. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's Advocates, notice of his intention, signed by him or his Advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner's Advocates not later than two days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2022

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