

# Making all efforts to bring rare earths to India: Commerce secy

India is hopeful of a positive outcome from its engagement with China to address issues related to Beijing's export curbs on rare earth magnets, which are mainly used in the auto sector, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said on Monday. China's restrictions on the export of rare earth elements are affecting auto and white goods sectors. The automobile industry has sought government support in expediting approvals from the Chinese government for importing rare earth magnets. Barthwal said that these curbs are against all countries. The Centre is in talks

with Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers and the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India. "We are facilitating them to have discussions with their counterparts in China and at the diplomatic level the external affairs ministry and the department of commerce also have spoken to the Ambassador over there," he said. "We are making all the efforts to see that these essential items of imports can come to India... I feel that this communication should yield a positive result," Barthwal said.