

# Uttar Pradesh to be a top ranking state in ease of doing business

## *Proactive work on in concerned departments based on key parameters for industrial development*

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Apart from giving an unprecedented thrust to infrastructure development, Government of Uttar Pradesh is now making all out efforts to further improve the ease of doing business in the State. As part of this exercise, the State government has already incorporated industrial services into the U.P. Janhit Guarantee Act with specific timelines for service delivery and provision of appellate authorities.

With focus on simplification and rationalisation of processes required to establish business and enterprise in Uttar Pradesh, **a high-level meeting was held here under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Shri Alok Ranjan here today.** In the meeting, various steps in this direction were discussed, including- preparation of comprehensive checklist for all NOCs, licences, registrations, clearances and land and building related approvals, improvement in web-based single window clearance system – Nivesh Mitra, classification of land parcels on the basis of industrial category, transparent land allotment system through adoption of IT, etc.

Emphasising the need to impart efficiency and transparency to various procedures and processes of concerned departments required for setting up of industry in the State, the **Chief Secretary said**, “All concerned departments should seriously take time-bound action to simplify the processes and facilitate the entrepreneurs”. **He stressed** on the need to bring in change in perception of State’s investment-friendly environment. **He instructed** the related departments to reform the inspection exercise of industrial units by synchronising the inspections. Besides, Labour department was directed to expedite the labour reforms exercise, which is already underway.

It was informed that online services of Commercial Tax department in the State were at par with any other progressive state in India. Online refund facility has also been introduced, apart from already available facilities, such as, e-registration, e-sancharan (for intra-state movement of goods), e-payment, e-return, etc. Similarly, U.P. Pollution Control Board had stopped accepting manual applications and now all industry requests for No-objection Certificates were being accepted online only.

**Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development, Shri Mahesh Kumar Gupta informed** that state government had been working in this regard for over six months. Departments concerned had been asked to suggest the best practices to improve and expedite the clearance issuing processes and other procedures involving key industrial activities covering - setting up of business, land allotment, property registration, construction permits, environment and labour compliances, infrastructure related utilities, finance & tax, inspection reforms, enforcement of contracts and business exiting process.

**He said** that extensive consultations had also been held with main industrial associations for their feedback and inputs. Except for departments that undertake technical evaluation of the industrial unit being set up, **Principal Secretary, Industrial Development suggested** the related departments to consider the issuance of temporary clearance on a composite form to speed up the process of enterprise establishment.

It is pertinent here to mention that Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Government of India would undertake a detailed study in May-June 2015 and rate the States against various parameters for ease of doing business.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of departments of Labour, MSME, Urban Development, Commercial Tax, Energy, Revenue, Law, Stamp & Registration as well as senior officials of NOIDA, Greater Noida, Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority and U.P. State Industrial Development Corporation, etc.