

**EASE OF DOING BUSINESS in UTTAR PRADESH**

## **To expedite industry clearances**

### **U.P. government mulling to time bar departmental queries**

- ***All queries & anomalies in applications to be intimated to investors within a week***
- ***In process: A Composite application form for industries to get clearances***
- ***Prerequisite of pollution NoC for getting electricity connection to be removed***
- ***Departments to ensure that their services are included in the U.P. Janhit Guarantee Act***
- ***Development of Digital signature mechanism for issuing final approvals online***

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In a bid to improve ease of doing business and to attract investment in Uttar Pradesh, the State government is seriously considering to set a time limit for intimating departmental queries and objections on the applications by entrepreneurs for getting clearances to establish an industry. The step is aimed at expediting the issuance of various permissions and streamlining the procedures required for setting up of an enterprise in Uttar Pradesh.

**Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development, Shri Mahesh Kumar Gupta,** who is holding a series of meetings with departments concerned, **said,** *'It has been observed that departments continue to send queries to the entrepreneurs repeatedly, which in turn delays the issuance of approvals, no-objection certificates and permissions needed to set up an industrial unit. Hence the government is considering limiting the time to send queries to applicants to a maximum of one week from the date of receipt of application by the department.'* The Principal Secretary was chairing a meeting with departments of Forest, Fire Safety, Stamp & Registration, Commercial Tax, Labour, Revenue, Pollution Control, etc.

Stressing on the need to eliminate human interference to impart transparency and efficiency to the processes involved in setting up industry, **Shri Mahesh Kumar Gupta informed** that a **composite application form** was being prepared to ease the process of getting clearances through State's online single window clearance system *Nivesh Mitra*. The new form would do away with the need to fill several forms of different departments to obtain the licences to start or run an enterprise.

Uttar Pradesh government has already ordained that **State government departments will not accept clearance applications from entrepreneurs and industrialists manually.** **Principal Secretary asked** the departments concerned to initiate process for **development of digital signature mechanism for issuing final approvals online.** **He also directed** the departments for inclusion of **more services related to industry with timelines in the U.P. Janhit Guarantee Act, 2011.** The Act has provision of penalising the officers at fault with specific timelines for service delivery and appellate authorities.

In another significant decision, **U.P. Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) is now accepting applications only through online facility of Nivesh Mitra and the scanned copy of permission is being sent to the applicant through email.** As per the new directions, inspection report of unit site will have to be uploaded and displayed on Udyog Bandhu website ([www.udyogbandhu.com](http://www.udyogbandhu.com)) within **48 hours after the inspection.**

Moreover, a **proposal to remove the prerequisite of a Pollution NoC for obtaining electricity connection for the industrial unit is also under process.** It may be noted that **220 kinds of non-polluting industries are already exempted** in the State from obtaining consent of UPPCB.

The Uttar Pradesh government has **increased validity period of water and air consent given by UPPCB to industries** under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 respectively. Now, the consent validity of **red category**, highly polluting industries has been raised to **five years** from two years, for the **orange and green category** of industrial units the consent validity has been increased to **10 and 15 years** from the present 3 and 5 years respectively.

**U.P. Fire Services** official informed that a new system involving use of IT was being developed, which would reduce time taken to issue fire safety clearance along with facility of submitting the maps online. These maps would be examined by approving authorities to issue the clearance online.

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