

Public-Private Dialogue shaping U.P.'s new Industrial Policy

Industrial associations put forward their suggestions to Government Steering Committee
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In keeping with the inclusive approach of Government of Uttar Pradesh to involve all stakeholders in formulating new Infrastructure, Industrial and Service Sector Investment Policy-2012, State government started formal consultations with industrial associations here today. The dialogue aims to incorporate valuable suggestions of industrial associations put forward during the three day one-on-one interactive sessions of Government Steering Committee with industrial associations.

Representatives of industrial associations discussed numerous issues in detail, including land, infrastructure, stamp duty, taxes, power, pollution, lending, market development support, etc. The common demand was of time-bound issuance of notifications for proper implementation of the proposed policy.

Member-Secretary of government steering committee specifically constituted for the purpose, Secretary Industrial Development, Sanjay Prasad said, "State Government is committed to incorporate progressive suggestions of all stakeholders to formulate a policy that encourages infrastructure and industrial development leading to employment generation and inclusive development of the State."

Special Secretary, Infrastructure Development and Joint Executive Director, Udyog Bandhu K R Sharma assured the delegates that their views will again be solicited after departmental consultations before finalising the industrial policy.

Manish Goel, General Secretary of Indian Industries Association (IIA) emphasized on development of lateral industrial infrastructure, setting up of Common Facility Center, Designing facilities, testing & Inspection facilities for all Handicraft clusters / MSME as per international requirements, etc. IIA also raised the demand for 'industrial tax' provision, separate from residential or commercial tax along with rigorous implementation of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Development Act (MSMED) 2006.

Provincial Industries Association, Kanpur was represented by its General Secretary, Atul Seth. He suggested relaxation in pollution prevention provisions for small scale industries by providing common effluent treatment plant infrastructure in industrial areas.

Gajendra Verma, Deputy Director of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) asked for provision of focused development of roads, transportation, dry ports, etc. CII also raised the demand for preferential establishment of new distribution and transmission sub-stations in coming up industrial areas along with separate VAT classification for industries.

R.K. Jain, Secretary of Western U.P. Chamber of Commerce and Industry Meerut and R.C. Verma of Assocham (Associated Chamber of Commerce & Industry, U.P.) also took active part in deliberations.

All industrial associations were unanimous in their demand for ensuring uninterrupted and reliable power supply to industries. Next rounds of consultations with industrial associations will continue tomorrow and day after on Tuesday and Wednesday.