

Udyog Bandhu Tripartite Meetings conclude on a positive note

- *Directions issued to govt departments for time-bound compliance*
- *Unresolved issues to be taken up by Chief Secretary next month*

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Series of tripartite meetings chaired by **Executive Director, Udyog Bandhu and Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development, Dr Surya Pratap Singh** concluded here today on a positive note with emphasis on positive attitude and swift response from government departments for addressing industry related issues.

Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development, Dr Surya Pratap Singh said, "There is urgent need to rationalise and simplify the procedures to impart the much desired boost to industries." **He said** that departments not complying with decisions taken in these meetings would be held accountable and action would be initiated against erring officials.

"Officers of departments concerned should adopt positive approach in resolving the issues of entrepreneurs instead of creating hindrances in the name of regulations", **Dr Singh added.**

In all **47 cases** pertaining to wide spectrum of pending issues of entrepreneurs belonging to different sectors from across the State were taken up for resolution. Majority of the cases were resolved by directing the concerned departments to implement the decisions in a time bound manner. Aggrieved entrepreneurs and representatives of industrial associations actively participated in these meetings along with senior officials of government departments concerned.

Spread over three consecutive days, **crucial industry issues** were taken up relating to rate of house tax levied on industries, construction and widening of approach roads, pollution, exemption from Mandi fee, concession in stamp duty, excise duty, electricity duty, power connection, physical possession of industrial plots, tax relief to natural essential oil purchasing units of Kannauj, exemption from stamp duty in SEZs, handing over the operation of Employees State Insurance (ESI) hospitals to Central government, etc.

Issues which were resolved mainly related to exemption from electricity duty, input tax refund to de-natured spirit purchasing units, widening of approach roads, possession of industrial plots, issuance of No-objection certificate (NOC) by U.P. Pollution Control Board, exemption from Mandi fee, etc.

Expressing satisfaction on the fresh and straight forward approach of Udyog Bandhu, **General Secretary of Ghaziabad Industries Federation, Anil Gupta said** that such meetings were required to be held regularly to resolve the issues of industries.

Following the demand by **Firozabad glassworks** units for issuance of NOC by U.P. Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) after old units having adopted gas-based operations, it was decided that **UPPCB will soon hold a camp in Firozabad** for this purpose. It may be noted that abiding by the orders of the Supreme Court to allow only gas-based units, around 625 units were closed. Now, nearly 184 such units wish to restart manufacturing on gas-based fuel.

Joint Executive Director, *Udyog Bandhu*, **Kaushal Raj Sharma informed** that a few issues that require important policy intervention would be escalated to the level of **Chief Secretary** next month.

It is pertinent to mention here that tripartite meetings are organized by *Udyog Bandhu* as a facilitating tool to resolve entrepreneurs' problems related to different government departments.
