

Six north Indian states attend Workshop on Ease of Doing Business for NORTH REGION in Lucknow

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As part of its exercise towards improving the doing business environment across the States, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (**DIPP**), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India in association with the **World Bank Group** convened a workshop on “**Business Reform Action Plan-2019 (BRAP-2019) implementation Guidelines and the feedback methodology**” for north Indian region here at Udyog Bandhu office – the investment facilitation agency of Uttar Pradesh government.

In addition to the host state of **Uttar Pradesh**, concerned officials from **Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand** and **Himachal Pradesh** participated in this day-long workshop.

There are 80 recommendations under the BRAP-2019. It was informed that ground level **feedback of users would be the main criteria of ranking under BRAP-2019** and feedback would be taken on all the implemented reforms. The implementation deadline is **Feb 28, 2019**.

Addressing the participants, **Chief Secretary and Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner (IIDC) of Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Anup Chandra Pandey** said that State government was making concerted efforts to ease the doing business environment in Uttar Pradesh by continuously strengthening the single window clearance portal – Nivesh Mitra. **He said** that in addition to 70 services of 20 departments, government was in the process of integrating new industrial services to the online portal. “Additionally, we hold regular interactions with industrialists to resolve their issues in a time-bound manner”, **IIDC added**.

Dr. Pandey said that tremendous response of the investors to new measures and investment friendly policies is a testimony to State government's successful efforts in this direction.

World Bank representative, Mr. Harsh Jhanjaria said that improving the business climate is a dynamic and evolving process. **He said** that the India has witnessed significant improvement in actual implementation of the World Bank recommendations during the last three years. He informed that **17 states had implemented over 90% reforms in the year 2017-18.**

It may be noted that **from a ranking of 142 in the year 2014, India jumped to 77th position in world ranking for ease of doing business**, which has the highest jump by any country in such a short period. Now India ranks first amongst the South Asian countries.

Highlighting the fact that Uttar Pradesh secured 'Achiever State' category with 92.89% score in implementation of business reform points, **Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development – Mr Rajesh Kumar Singh told** that Udyog Bandhu has been taking the business reforms to ground level through training workshops at division level for awareness amongst government officials and entrepreneurs. Such workshops have been held in 14 divisions of the state so far.

Earlier, welcoming the participants, Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development and **Executive Director, Udyog Bandhu – Mr. Santosh Yadav said** that sharing of experience of all states in implementation of business reform action plan would contribute positively in achieving the set targets.

On this occasion, a detailed presentation on BRAP-2019 was made by DIPP representatives and each point was discussed in detail. Representatives of various states raised their queries mainly regarding the feedback mechanism under the reform action plan, which were adequately addressed.
