

## **U.P. government to proactively improve ease of doing business in State**

*Endeavour to achieve the status of the best State with 'best practices'  
U.P. already at par with other states in commercial tax services*

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In a bid to improve the business climate in the State, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has initiated a fresh exercise to adopt and evolve best practices in this regard.

Encouraged by the tremendous response of investors in the recently held investors' conclave in national capital, the State government has decided to address the issues of creating an enabling environment on priority based on the feedback of investors and industry. In this regard, a high-level meeting of seven government departments was held under the chairmanship of **Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development Department (IIDDD), Sanjeev Saran** here today. The departments included Commercial Tax, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Pollution control, Labour, NOIDA, Greater Noida and U.P. State Industrial Development Corporation.

**It was decided** that all departments, related with providing various kinds of clearances for establishing enterprise or industry in the State, should conduct a comparative mapping of 'best practices' adopted by other states vis-à-vis Uttar Pradesh within a fortnight, after which a meeting would be organised at the level of the Chief Secretary.

**Principal Secretary, IIDDD, Sanjeev Saran said**, *"Industrial growth is imperative for economic development. In the current scenario, improvement in doing business environment seeks to be addressed on priority by easing the procedures, simplifying the processes and utilisation of information technology for time-bound and quick issuance of clearances"*.

*"State government is striving to create and adopt best practices that are exemplary and conducive to industrial growth"*, **he added**.

It was informed that online services of Commercial Tax department in the State were at par with any other progressive state in India. Recently, **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, pollution clearance related applications are also being accepted online only.

**Decision was taken** that the departments, which have provided facility for making their services available through website, should also start work on switching over to online back-end processing of entrepreneurs' application to impart transparency and reduction in time taken to issue approvals.

**Special Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development, Ms Kanchan Verma** asked the departments to ensure online acceptance of applications under the single window system of *Nivesh Mitra* as per the government order.

**It was suggested** that Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping of industrial land availability should be done to enable online selection of site by the industrialists. It was also suggested that labour pools may be created on the basis of various skills by industrial associations on the initiative of the government to provide job-specific work-force to industries on demand.

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