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Endeavour to achieve the status of the best State with 'best practices': *Alok Ranjan*

Chief Secretary issues directions for improving ease of doing business in the State

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To improve the business climate in the State, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has initiated a fresh exercise to adopt and evolve best practices. With the objective of promoting industrial development in the State, the Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh, Mr Alok Ranjan has directed all principal secretaries of departments concerned to discuss the suggestions related to their departments with industrial associations by 25th November after obtaining the list of sector-wise issues from industrial associations by 10th November. So that conclusive decisions could be taken. He said that efforts should be made to achieve the status of the best State with 'best practices' to provide improved facilities to the industries.

The Chief Secretary was issuing directions for improving ease of doing business in the State in a high level meeting here today. Certain states have adopted best practices pertaining to several spheres; it was decided to adopt these best practices in Uttar Pradesh as soon as possible. These mainly include labour reforms, better management of indirect taxes, single-window system for industries, e-governance, land availability and allotment.

Mr Ranjan said that industrial growth was imperative for economic development, in the current scenario, improvement in doing business environment needed to be addressed on priority by easing the procedures and processes, simplifying the processes for time-bound and quick issuance of clearances.

Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development, Mr Sanjiv Saran informed that departments related with issuing clearances for setting up of industry and enterprises were working towards improvement of procedures under the endeavour to establish best practices. He said that all industrial associations were being consulted by the concerned departments in this regard.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Labour & Cooperatives – Mr Shailesh Krishna, Principal Secretary, Energy – Mr Sanjay Agarwal, Principal Secretary, Stamp & Registration – Mr Anil Kumar, Principal Secretary, MSME – Mr Mahesh Gupta, Commissioner, Commercial Tax – Mr M K Narain, MD, U.P. State Industrial Development Corporation – Mr Manoj Singh along with representatives of industrial associations, including ASSOCHAM, IIA, CII, PHD Chambers of Commerce.