

## CII to assist Odisha for 'ease of doing business'

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Industry body Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is keen to assist the state government for promoting the 'ease of doing business' in the state.

"As focus area of the CII, we will work with Lee Kuan Yew School for Public Policy of Singapore on creating a roadmap for ease of doing business in the state. A team from Lee Kuan Yew School is scheduled for a meeting with the state government on July 13. We are looking at signing a tripartite agreement between the state government, CII and the Lee Kuan Yew School for Public Policy in this regard", AK Verma, chairman, CII (eastern region) told media persons.

CII is in talks with each state in the eastern India to formulate laws and procedures so that things can move fast, he added.

It may be noted that the central government is working on a report card with assessment of each of the state's performance in ease of doing business. "As far as we know this is part of the Central government's efforts to put an evaluation system in place and identify the best performing states. I am sure Odisha will fare well in the report card," the regional chairman said.

CII will create a forum on industry defence linkage to connect industry with the defence PSUs and ordnance factories and also a forum on industry - railways linkage to highlight the opportunities existing in the railways.