

MP takes steps to cut red tape, industry wants more

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INDORE: The Madhya Pradesh government has taken a series of steps to improve the investment climate in the state by introducing measures to cut red tape and ease labour laws, industry department officials said, even as the allocation of industrial land under the new land and building management rules still need to be sorted out.

Sources said that the state industry department has been asked by the government to emulate other states and even other countries to implement rules and procedures that are paying rich dividends.

"Basically, we are doing away with the procedure, and making it online. In case the process has already been made online, we

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have explored the possibility of simplifying it further. We have also made attempts to draw up a timeline. This has helped to cut down on unnecessary delays in project implementation," a state industry department official said.

Some of the prominent measures that the government has introduced include self-certification cum voluntary compliance schemes in factories and scheme to exempt industries from multiple inspections. The state has also made available grant of several

permissions online.

"The single-window system introduced earlier was only in name. We will have to wait and see how the latest initiatives change the situation on ground," Pithampur industry association president Gautam Kothari said.

Meanwhile, the industry is miffed over new rules for management of industrial land and buildings, which has created confusion over the lease rates. The industry associations recently met the industries commissioner over the issue who has assured them to look into the matter.

In March this year, CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan had announced that rules and laws would be simplified to boost trade and industry. The state government had earlier coined a phrase "Make in India - Make in Madhya Pradesh" a few months ago.

MoU ON EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

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INDORE: The government of Madhya Pradesh has joined hands with Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), Singapore, along with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to create a conducive and vibrant environment for businesses, a CII release stated.

An MoU on building a master plan on "ease of doing business in Madhya Pradesh: Vision 2020" was also signed on Monday in the state capital.

"Professor Tan Kong Yam, co-director of the institute, Mohammed Suleman, state principal secretary (commerce and industry) and Girish Mangla, chairman, CII Madhya Pradesh exchanged the MoU in the presence of Yashodhara Raje Scindia, Minister of Commerce and industry," the release said.

As per the MoU, MP govt, CII and LKYSPP will collaborate in conducting joint research and capacity building on issues related to the ease of doing business in state.