

Now, traders don't need to renew licences annually

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Lucknow: In a fresh traction to ease of doing business in UP, the urban development department has decided to raise the time limit of trade licences from 12 months to 3-5 years.

Principal secretary (urban development), Deepak Kumar, in a directive to heads of municipal bodies, said, municipal bodies may issue licences for a period of three to five years on condition traders deposit fee annually throughout the period. In case the trader fails to deposit the fee, the licence would be cancelled.

The department has also developed an e-nagar sewa portal for issuing trade licences. Now, municipal bodies would be using the portal for online issuance of licences to traders.

The department said, the portal also has the auto-rene-

wal module which would help in re-issuance of licences on expiry. The department stated local bodies should issue licenses for various trade activities and fee would be determined by the municipal commissioner or executive officer of local bodies. The clause for issuing or suspending licenses are mentioned in Section 451 of UP Municipal Corporation Act, 1950.

And the fee would be decided as per Section 452.

Currently, licences are renewed annually, which causes hassles for traders, who are required to submit applications personally. The Business Reforms Action Plan-2020 mooted under Centre's ease of doing business, however, lays thrust on issuing long-term trade licences with an easy renewal process so that the applicant does not need to apply repeatedly.

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