

Govt initiates steps to foster logistics sector

Appoints Nodal Officer For Drafting Plan

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Lucknow: The state government on Sunday announced appointment of additional chief secretary, infrastructure and industrial development, Alok Kumar as state nodal officer for developing an integrated logistics plan for the overall development of logistics sector in the state.

The government will also set up a State Logistics Coordination Committee under the chairmanship of chief secretary to monitor the implementation and progress of the logistics plan.

The move comes in the backdrop of CM Yogi Adityanath issuing directions to further improve the industry ecosystem and build a robust logistics infrastructure in the state. Kumar will head the newly-created State Logistics Cell to function in sync with national logistics

division for development of supply chains and warehousing facilities for industry.

Departments like planning, transport, civil aviation, revenue, PWD, Export Promotion Bureau, UP Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) will be the key members on board, and nodal officers

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from central agencies like National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Airports Authority of India (AAI), Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), etc. will be special invitees to the cell.

Industry minister Satish Mahana said an integrated plan would ensure coordinated action and focused attention on logistics and supply chain issues in the state.

ACS, infrastructure and industrial development, Alok Kumar said in addition to granting 'industry status'

to the logistics sector, the government has made numerous new provisions to give impetus to this sector.

So far, six proposals worth approximately Rs 43 crore investment have been received in the logistics sector.

The UP government has launched its incentive policy for warehousing and logistics in 2018.

Moreover, recently the state government has rationalised its land use policy to facilitate land for the logistics sector at lower price and conversion fees. Accordingly, the development authorities are amending their zoning regulations, master plans and bylaws to apply industrial land use and industrial land use conversion charges for logistics parks and units besides lowering the eligibility limit from 5 acre to 25 acre for setting up logistics parks in the state.