

UP to get rid of obsolete laws to facilitate biz

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Lucknow: The state government is likely to repeal all redundant, irrelevant and cumbersome laws, especially those related to the department of industries. Chief secretary JK Tiwari has directed the departments concerned to scrutinise all such rules and ensure they are either merged or removed by March 31 to enable a conducive atmosphere for industrialisation. "Tiwari has asked departments like labour, home etc to complete exercise of repeal, merger or reducing number of compliances by March 31, a spokesperson said.

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'Accept all applications only through Nivesh Mitra portal'

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Action will also be taken to eliminate the need for renewal of clearances required for operation of low-risk industries or to increase frequency and duration of renewals," a government spokesperson said.

In a meeting of infrastructure and industrial development department, the chief secretary directed the forest & environment department to reduce the timeline for issuing pollution-related 'no objection certificates' (NoC) to industries from 120 days to 30-45 days to bring UP at par with other states.

He said a government order

should be issued, mandating all departments to accept applications related to industries only through single-window portal 'Nivesh Mitra'.

"Officials heading the departments should conduct a monthly review of user feedback on the portal so that concerns may be addressed," he said. The 'Ease of doing business' rankings (UP currently holds second spot) are determined by the feedback. The review was held to discuss the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)-2020, recommended by the department of industrial promotion and internal trade, Government of India, for reduction of burden of regula-

ry compliances on industries.

Additional chief secretary (infrastructure and industrial development) Ajok Kumar said action was also being taken at the department level to reduce the number of other compliances related to industries in various departments. Currently, these stand at 1,300.

Requirement of maintenance of registers and records by enterprises will also be rationalised and manual records and registers related to enterprises will be digitised or simplified.

It was decided in the meeting that more services should be integrated with Nivesh Mitra portal.