

UP cabinet approves data centre policy

Govt Bid To Draw Investment In IT Sector

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Lucknow: The state cabinet on Monday cleared the Data Centre Policy-2021 which aims at incentivising data centres in Uttar Pradesh. The policy envisions establishing of 250 MW data centre industry along with at least three private data centre parks and draw an investment of Rs 20,000 crore into the state.

The policy will be valid for five years or till the time the government brings in a new policy or makes an amendment to the current one, whichever is first.

An empowered committee or the chief minister will decide on the extension of the policy. However, to avail

the incentives under the policy, an investor will have to start commercial production while the policy is in place.

The IT and electronics department has been named the nodal agency for policy

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implementation. "Additional concessions have been incorporated in the policy for those who want to establish data centres in Bundelkhand and Purvanchal," a senior officer said.

Along with subsidies on investment and interest, the policy allows for exemption on stamp duty on the purchase of land and incentives

on power utilisation. "Presuming that at least three data parks and 10 data centres come up under the policy, 4,000 direct and 10,000-20,000 indirect employment opportunities will be created. Currently, work is on for setting up of two data centres in Noida, one by a Japanese company and the other by Hiranandani Group. Once the data centres are in place, we expect that companies like Google, Amazon, Microsoft and IBM may want to come to UP as well," the official added.

He said data centres encourage setting up of IT companies around them and UP could soon emerge as the next IT hub of the country.