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'Given Rs 8k cr proposals to UP govt'

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For any businessman, setting up an industry in his native town gives him an utmost satisfaction, said CP Agarwal, chairman and managing director, Gallant Ispat Ltd. "While that was impossible earlier, this government wants to facilitate businessmen and not do business on its own," said Agarwal.

Addressing a session titled 'Substantial industrial development as future of Purvanchal', he announced that Gallant Ispat has sent proposals worth Rs 8,000 crore to the government. "This will generate jobs for 8,000 to 10,000 people," he said.

A businessman, he added, needs respect, trust and the right environment. "Earlier, when I would visit any place, people would ask me where I was from. On telling them that I was from Uttar Pradesh, they would ask me in amazement how I did business in the state as it's unsafe," said Agarwal, recalling his experience over the years. Improvement in law and order is the basic requirement for any industry, he said, adding that safety and security now has made it possible for new businesses to set up shop here.