

# Nod to Uttar Pradesh Biofuel Policy-2022

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LUCKNOW: The Cabinet on Tuesday cleared two important policies aimed at taking the state's economy to USD 1 trillion. As part of that, a nod was given to the UP Biofuel Policy-2022 and to the new MSME policy.

Urban development minister AK Sharma said that the biofuel policy would help in reducing pollution by preventing burning of municipal waste, agricultural and mandi waste and that from sugar mills. All this could be processed into biofuel, reducing the dependency on imported gas and oil and increasing farmers' incomes.

## OTHER DECISIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Digitisation of deeds registered in deputy registrar's office will be carried out in three phases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There are <b>30 hotels</b> and <b>100 temple dharamshalas</b> in Ayodhya which have a total of <b>25,000 beds</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Construction and operation of tourist facilitation centre project in <b>Ayodhya</b> to be done on <b>PPP</b> mode</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Payment of <b>₹5 per service</b> to panchayat assistant from <b>₹14.50-15 per service</b> which accrues to gram panchayats through gram sachivalaya services</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Under <b>Ayodhya Vision-2047</b>, creation of budget tourist hotels, dormitories, and amphitheatre for tourists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expansion of <b>Muzaffarnagar Nagar Palika</b> and of <b>Gonda's Katra Nagar panchayat</b></li> </ul>

"The policy will be in place for five years and is expected to bring in investment of Rs 5,500 crore. It will include production of compressed biogas, biocoal, bioethanol and biodiesel. The incentive will mainly be provided on production," he said.

For compressed biogas a subsidy of Rs 75 lakh per ton, up to a maximum of Rs 20 crore while on biocoal a subsidy of Rs 75,000 per ton up to a maximum of Rs 20 crore will be given. For plants with an investment of Rs 50 crore or more, the government will pay for five km of the approach road.

In the MSME Promotion Policy 2022, 5 acre or more land in each gram sabha will be handed over to the directorate of industries for allocation to MSMEs. Along all expressways, five acre or more land in a five km radius of the expressway will also be given to the directorate for setting up of industrial clusters. A subsidy will also be offered to private enterprises that set up MSME clusters in an area of 10 acre or more. Under the new policy, subsidy of 10-15% will be given to new units. In Bundelkhand and Purvanchal, micro, small and medium units will get a subsidy of 25%, 20% and 15% respectively. Women, SC/ST will get an additional 2% subsidy. MSME units will also be encouraged to list on stock exchanges and 20% of the expenditure will be borne by the government.

It also approved of simplification of the 'Engineering, Procurement and Construction' (EPC) mode for constructing any government building which costs Rs 50 crore or more. For this, an EPC Mission will be set up under the planning department which will monitor the entire process from formulation of the DPR to completion of the project. It will work like a project management unit. A governing body will be set up under the chairpersonship of the chief secretary which will give policy related advice to the EPC.