

Policy tweaks to make UP data centre hub

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Lucknow: Amendments in UP's Data Centre Policy of 2021, approved by the state cabinet on Thursday, will pave the way for making the state a hub of data centres in India.

Additional chief secretary, IT and electronics, Arvind Kumar said the state government has decided to set up seven more data centres and the changes in the existing policy will facilitate their development.

Adding that the government will arrange land grants for all the proposed data centres, Kumar said that two pro-

posals will pave the way for opening data centres beyond Noida and Greater Noida. He added that in case of supply from dual feeders, the government will bear the cost of one.

Stating that the amendments have been made in view of the one trillion-dollar economy goal, Kumar said, "The government has instructed departments to make the changes in their policies ahead of the Global Investors Summit, so that they are not only better than other states, but also more investor-friendly."

He said that the capacity of data centres, for example, was

fixed at 250 MW earlier, but there have been proposals for increasing it to 636 MW. "In such a situation, we will increase the target capacity of data centres to 900 MW," he said.

Also, a policy has been prepared for small data centres so they can be opened in other districts. Furthermore, the definition of FAR for data centres has been changed so that maps can be passed quickly.

UP has provided facilities for partial completion and increasing power connections. Moreover, funding of up to Rs 10 crore will be provided in the field of Center of Excellence.