

Govt eases norms on industry land disputes

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Lucknow: To make the state laws industry-friendly and to speed up projects launched in the private sector, the state government on Wednesday decided to delegate powers to district authorities to resolve land disputes at their level.

An order to this effect was issued by additional chief secretary, revenue, Renuka Kumar on Wednesday.

Talking to TOI, official so-

urces explained that the state government had received a number of complaints related to land disputes at industrial plots. There had been a number of cases where it was found that chak roads or government land existed at the plot purchased by private investors for setting up universities, medical colleges or other industrial projects, the sources said, adding that since local authorities had no powers to settle these disputes

they forwarded the complaints to the state government, resulting in inordinate delay in disposal of such cases and the projects too got entangled in legal hurdles.

"Now the power to resolve such disputes has been delegated to district authorities," the sources said and added that it is another step to ensure ease of doing business in the state.

However, the GO by the ACS, revenue, clarified that

the above amendment is limited to those projects and proposals which have received letter of comfort by the state government. The GO has been issued to divisional commissioners and district magistrates.

A senior officer in the revenue department said that the decision has been taken to attract more investment in the private sector in developing universities and medical colleges under the PPP model.