

Eye on investment, govt to ease 795 biz processes

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Lucknow: The industries department has identified 795 processes which it is working on to simplify, merge or just do away with in order to improve ease of doing business in the state.

Addressing the CII UP annual session here on Friday, additional chief secretary Arvind Kumar said that the step was being taken to reduce the compliance burden on investors and industrialists. “We have identified 795 processes which can be combined, removed or modified. A timeline of August has been decided to have a more concrete action plan in place,” Kumar said.

He asked industry representatives to set up sector wise working groups and give their inputs to the government on what processes, related to any department pertaining to industrial work, can be merged or deleted. He said that the processes could pertain to schemes, laws, policies, etc. The ACS also said that another concern which the government will be addressing shortly is empowerment of women in the workplace.

Talking about the state’s ongoing Mission Shakti programme, Kumar asked CII to identify women entrepreneurs in the state and recognize their contribution to the sector. The government, he added, would support such an initiative. Industries minister Satish Mahana said that the government’s pro-active measures had significantly improved UP’s status as an investor hub. “We set up help desks which have helped us realize a conversion rate of 40-45% in MoUs we signed for investments in the state, which is among the highest anywhere in the world,” he said.

The minister added that due to Covid-19, the government’s focus had been on helping industries survive, but in 2021, it will focus on their revival and progress.

Nikhil Sawhney, chairperson, CII northern region, emphasized on the importance of agriculture, infrastructure and information

technology in shaping the next wave of growth in the state.