Single window system to boost 'ease of doing biz'



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NEW DELHI: The recently launched National Single Window System for investors and businesses will prove to be one of the biggest steps for 'Ease of Doing Business' in the country, a top government official said. The system eliminates filing multiple applications across ministries and state government departments, and also allows automatic renewal.

"This is for the first time 18 states have come on board. Once you file an application with required documents, you don't need to visit any office. The system has been designed to guide and help the applicants in a very simple manner," said outgoing DPIIT secretary, Giridhar Aramane. These states include Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Punjab. So far, 32 ministries and Central government departments have joined the platform.

The website of the single window system shows that till Sunday, the central government departments had given approvals for 542 applications.

The applicants need to register for getting log-in and password. Since the system is aimed at streamlining the feeding of information, processing of applications, there is one-time capturing of information and the documents can be submitted at one place. "For every application, there is a fixed time period for processing. Since some applications may require security clearance, time periods for processing are different. This is a single online interface to identify, apply and track registration and approvals for entrepreneurs or investors," Aramane said.