

All barriers between UP and top spot must go: Yogi

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Lucknow: Reviewing the progress of UP's preparation for the ease of doing business (EoDB) ranking on Monday, chief minister Yogi Adityanath directed officials to work strategically on the front, so that the state becomes the best in the country. As of now, UP ranks number two while Andhra Pradesh retains the top slot in EoDB ranking 2021.

"We have come a long way from rank 14 in 2016 to rank two in now (assessment year 2019, release year 2021). All barriers between UP and the top spot must be removed," the CM told officials. Started by the department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT), ministry of commerce and industry in 2014, the ease of doing business ranking evaluates all states and Union Territories on pre-decided parameters

developed on the lines of the World Bank for its Doing Business Report (DBR).

An industry department official said that through the plan, the Union government spearheaded a dynamic reform exercise called 'Business Reforms Action Plan'. "The focus of the reforms has been on streamlining the existing regulations and processes and eliminating unnecessary requirements and procedures," said the official. The parameters include areas such as investment enablers, online single window system, land administration and transfer of land and property, construction permits enablers, labour regulation enablers, environment registration enablers, inspection enablers, paying taxes, obtaining utility permits and so on.