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When notified, it would give three industrial authorities — Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority, Noida Authority and Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority, and UPSIDA — the power to acquire gram samaj land free of cost.

“The three industrial authorities will have the power to acquire gram samaj land under their jurisdiction for industrial development. UPSIDA will not be restricted to any specific area. The land can be acquired for setting up of any kind of industry and there is no requirement for minimum land. This will make it possible for these authorities to have land available for the massive industrialisation that the state is anticipating in the coming days, especially

ahead of the first groundbreaking ceremony after February’s GIS,” said the official. The authorities will develop the land as per demand and then sell it to the industry at rates which they determine. With cabinet clearance already having been received, the authorities have started preliminary work for land acquisition. UPSIDA, for instance, has already written to all DMs, asking them to identify suitable land, the acquisition of which will start as per procedure once the govt order is issued.

An official said that so far, DMs of three districts have reverted with a list of suitable land, the acquisition of which will be processed after the government order. This includes around 250 acres in Hardoi and Barabanki districts, respectively, and 60 acres in Chitrakoot.