

# CM: File FIR against bizmen only after preliminary probe

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**Lucknow:** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ordered on Friday that a preliminary investigation must be conducted before filing First Information Reports (FIRs) against traders and entrepreneurs. The order, however, will not be applicable to cases of cognizable offence.

"The move is to reduce the number of frivolous FIRs filed against businesspersons and traders in the state, which frequently result in harassment and undue pressure. Now, FIR cannot be lodged directly by any person against traders and entrepreneurs," a government spokesperson said.

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the Supreme Court in 2008 in 'Lalita Kumari vs UP state' case," he added. The apex court had fixed a formal procedure of preliminary investigation before filing an FIR in civil matters, related to business rivalry or a sudden incident at an institution/concern.

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