

# UP to give more power to Udyog Bandhu

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**Lucknow:** Uttar Pradesh may soon have a Gujarat-like single window system for better implementation of 'ease of doing' business initiatives in the state.

Under this, the government is looking at an option to give statutory status to Udyog Bandhu that may also have divisional and district level offices to facilitate investors.

Confirming this, minister for industrial development, Export Promotion, NRI and Investment Promotion Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi said: "To achieve

higher levels of ease of doing business, UP got the model in several states studied. Of them, the one in Gujarat appears to be the most robust which the department has decided to imbibe. Officials concerned have been instructed

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to draft a cabinet proposal in this regard so that it can be pursued further."

Insiders revealed that the draft, in one way, would decentralise the Udyog Bandhu to speed up service delivery. The minister further pointed out that in this regard, the state government had earlier

conducted a study of the acts prevalent in these states and a proposal had also been made.

Nandi also said that there should be greater decentralization of powers for various types of permissions for entrepreneurs.

Mandal level committees like Udyog Bandhu need to be given more powers and further said that it should be ensured that the meetings of district and divisional level Udyog Bandhu are held on time. The DM and divisional commissioner themselves should preside over the meeting, he stressed while adding that it should be reviewed re-

gularly at the government level and if any district magistrate or divisional commissioner does not take interest, the matter should be brought to the notice of the Chief Minister.

The minister further said that in the Global Investors Summit held in Lucknow last year, investment proposals worth about Rs 40 lakh crore were received.

The process of implementing these proposals is underway at a fast pace. Nandi has also given instructions to speed up these efforts and to take action on these proposals on priority basis to provide better experience to investors.