

Fast-track land allotment for mega investments: State govt to IDAs

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LUCKNOW: Chief executive officers (CEO) of all major industrial development authorities (IDAs) on Friday discussed fast-tracking industrial land allotment, resolving acquisition-related challenges, strengthening investor facilitation and formulating a unified, time-bound strategy for industrial growth.

Alok Kumar, additional chief secretary of infrastructure and industrial development, chaired a high-level agenda-setting meeting and workshop held in Noida.

The session focussed on accelerating over 132 major investment proposals (above Rs 100 crore), worth more than Rs 1.68 lakh crore, by resolving land-related issues across various IDAs.

These high-value proposals

cover key sectors such as electronics, solar manufacturing, logistics, food processing, warehousing, cement, and data centres. It was also suggested that the extensive land bank, totaling over 25,000 acres, be updated on a monthly basis.

The discussions also emphasised standardising regulations across IDAs and introducing Unified Building Bye-Laws to promote greater transparency and uniformity. Presentations by Invest UP and IDAs revealed that more than 33,000 industrial plots have been surveyed, of which nearly 25% remain vacant.

The workshop highlighted the need to swiftly operationalise units in line with the state's Industrial Investment and Employment Promotion Policy. Authorities were directed to cre-

ate sector-specific land banks for emerging industries, including solar manufacturing, data centres, logistics, IT/ITeS, and food processing.

Addressing the gathering, Kumar stressed, "Unlocking land for investors and building world-class infrastructure lies at the heart of UP's industrial strategy." He added that the workshop aimed to build a seamless, responsive system where investors get solutions.

At the meeting, all IDAs were instructed to fast-track land facilitation for investment proposals exceeding ₹100 crore within 15 days and to keep their land banks regularly updated. Senior representatives from UPSIDA, NOIDA, GNIDA, YEIDA, UPEIDA, GIDA, BIDA (Jhansi), and SIDA (Jaunpur) participated in the workshop.