

# UP bets on easier building norms to drive growth

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**Lucknow:** State cabinet on Friday approved Model Building Regulations 2026 for industrial development authorities across the state.



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Industrial development minister **Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi'** said the move was intended to streamline construction-related procedures while supporting planned urban growth and private investment. "This will enable simplified building plan approvals, improved land utilisation and create a more investor-friendly environment," he said.

To note, Model Building Regulations 2026 will make the approval of building and plot maps simpler, more transparent and citizen-friendly. "This will provide greater clarity to investors, entrepreneurs and ordinary citizens while facilitating construction activities," Nandi said.

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The regulations have been prepared after a comparative study of building rules in six states and regions, including UP, Gujarat, Delhi, Maharashtra, Odisha and Tamil Nadu. The model framework seeks to bring greater consistency to construction norms across the state's industrial development authorities.

Nandi said the initiative was aligned with the state's ambition of becoming \$1 trillion economy by enabling better use of available land and improving the regulatory environment for businesses. "With industrial and urban infrastructure expanding, demand for developed land is also rising. It is important to ensure that land is used optimally and in a planned manner. The new regulations can facilitate permitted residential, commercial and other construction activities in areas under industrial development authorities," he said.