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Trade (DPIIT).

"The ease of doing business fosters entrepreneurship, attracts investments, creates jobs, increases government revenue, reduces corruption, promotes sustainable development, and boosts competitiveness. States can achieve sustainable and inclusive economic growth by focusing on improving the business environment," said Anil Kumar Sagar, Principal Secretary, Infrastructure and Industrial

Development Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh. He was speaking at the one-day regional workshop on the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2024 and Reducing Compliance Burden (RCB), organised by Invest UP in collaboration with the Department of Industrial Promotion and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India in Lucknow. He also elaborated on the critical role of ease of doing business in driving economic growth. Along with Uttar Pradesh, the workshop brought together state government officials of Delhi, Bihar and Jharkhand to discuss and strategize on improving the business environment and reducing compliance burden for businesses and citizens.

The technical session featured a presentation on Business Reform Action Plan 2024 and Reducing Compliance Burden by Bhuvnesh Pratap Singh, Deputy Secretary DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. This was followed by thematic presentations on the National Single Window System by DPIIT. The presentation highlighted that over the past nine years, Bihar and Delhi have emerged as thriving business ecosystems, while Jharkhand falls under the "Aspiring" category.

Regarding "Reducing Compliance Burden," the presentation emphasized the need for a "whole-of-governance" approach, focusing on digitization, decriminalization, and simplification. Of the 42,349 total compliances reduced, 2,943 were from the Central Government and 39,406 from various states. Under the compliance reduction initiative, 670 unique Acts were reviewed and streamlined across the state. Sharing best practices by Government of Uttar Pradesh in Business Reforms Action Plan, Secretary, Infrastructure and Industrial Development Department, government of Uttar Pradesh and CEO-Invest UP Abhishek Prakash made a detailed presentation on good practices by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in Business Reform Action Plan and Reducing Compliance Burden (RCB). He specifically mentioned about Good Practices of the State including deployment of Mukhyamantri Udyami Mitra to facilitate domestic and foreign investors in the State at multiple Departments and Industrial Development Authorities.

He also informed that through Nivesh Mitra - Single Window Portal, State is providing 490+ services to investors to apply for various NoCs and approvals required to set up Industries in the State. He further said that Uttar Pradesh is recognized as an "Achiever State" under the Business Reform Action Plan 2020 and in 2022 Uttar Pradesh has 100% performance in reforms implementation which is a great achievement in itself.

"Uttar Pradesh has improved its Ease of Doing Business rankings through unprecedented reforms, including reduction of over 4,600 business and citizen-centric compliances and simplification of regulatory processes in which 2512 compliances of 52 departments were business centric, 1586 compliances of 40 departments were citizen centric and 577 compliances of 4 departments were decriminalized. Key measures include online single-window clearance system - Nivesh Mitra, other digital platforms like Nivesh Sarathi and Online Incentive Management System as well as removing licence renewal requirements under various laws and rules. "The vision is to transform UP into a one trillion-dollar economy by 2027 through comprehensive reforms", said Abhishek Prakash.

Vivek Ranjan Maitrey, Director Department of Industries, Govt of Bihar highlighted the state's progress in ease of doing business showcasing key achievements of the Bihar Government in BRAP exercise.

Sanjay Kumar Sahu, General Manager, State Single Window, Department of Industries, Government of Jharkhand made a presentation during the Regional Workshop on BRAP 2024 & RCB with States & Departments. He also shared his valuable insights on the state's journey reiterating the initiatives taken to enhance Ease of Doing