



COMPLIANCE UPDATE

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Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

▪ **Framework for considering unaffected price for transactions upon confirmation of market rumor**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on May 21, 2024, issued the framework for considering unaffected price for transactions upon confirmation of market rumor.

Further, it has been specified in the Circular that the unaffected price shall be considered by excluding the effect on the price of the equity shares of the listed entity due to the material price movement and confirmation of the rumor.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Industry Standards on verification of market rumors**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on May 21, 2024, issued the Industry Standards on verification of market rumors. The requirement to verify market rumors under Regulation 30(11) of LODR Regulations shall be applicable to top 100 listed entities with effect from June 01, 2024 and to top 250 listed entities (i.e., next top 150).

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Modification in Staggered Delivery Period in Commodity Futures Contracts**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on May 24, 2024, has modified the Staggered Delivery Period in Commodity Futures Contracts to three working days.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Timelines for disclosures by Social Enterprises on Social Stock Exchange (SSE)**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on May 24, 2024, has directed Not for Profit Organizations (NPOs) registered on SSE including NPOs whose designated securities are listed on SSE, to make annual disclosures to the SSE by October 31, 2024.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on May 17, 2024, has amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. As per the amendments every recognized stock exchange shall, at the end of the calendar year i.e., 31st December, prepare a list of entities that have listed their specified securities ranking such entities on the basis of their average market capitalization from 1st July to 31st December of that calendar year.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on May 17, 2024, has amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011. The amendment provides that the effect on the price of the equity shares of the target company due to material price movement and confirmation of reported event or information may be excluded as per the framework for determination of the offer price on takeover offers under this Regulation.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-Back of Securities) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on May 17, 2024, has amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-Back of Securities) Regulations, 2018. As per the amendment, the effect on the price of the equity shares of the company due to material price movement and confirmation of reported event or information may be excluded for determination of the volume weighted average market price and lower end of the price range for buy back offers.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on May 17, 2024, has amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018. The amendments are:

- Regulation relating to 'Securities ineligible for minimum promoters' contribution' has been revised and a new provision has been inserted which says that in case of conversion or exchange of fully paid-up compulsorily convertible securities, full disclosures of conversion or exchange should be made in the draft offer document.
- The Regulations relating to Security Deposit have been omitted.
- The minimum days for which the bidding can be extended, in case of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstance, has been revised from 3 working days to 1 working day.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

▪ **Revision of BIS standards for tutorial and application guide for high-voltage fuses, passenger and goods lifts and plastic films for electronic uses**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 17, 2024, notified a list of BIS Standards which shall be revised/withdrawn. The relevant standards are:

- IS 11298 (Part 2): 1999 IEC 674-2 (1988) Plastic Films for Electrical Purposes, shall be replaced by its second revision titled as IS 11298 (Part 2): 2024 IEC 60674-2: 2016 Plastic Films for Electrical Purposes Specification.
- IS 14665 (Part 2/Sec 1 & 2): 2000 Electric Traction Lifts Part 2 Code of Practice for Installation, Operation and Maintenance (Including Passengers and Goods Lifts), shall be replaced by IS 17900 (Part 20): 2024 Lifts for the Transport of Persons and Goods Part 20 Dumbwaiters - Specification and Safety Rules for Planning, Installation, Operation and Maintenance

- IS 9385 (Part III) – 1980 Specification for High Voltage Fuses Part III Application Guide for High Voltage Fuses, shall be replaced with IS/IEC/TR 62655: 2013 Tutorial and Application Guide for High-Voltage Fuses

All revised standards will come in force retrospectively from May 07, 2024.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Revision of BIS Standards for Perfume Flavorings**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 17, 2024, revised the following standards:

- IS 3926 – 1986 Specification for Methyl Cinnamate (First Revision) shall be revised with IS 3926: 2024 Methyl Cinnamate – Specification (Second Revision)
- IS 4272 – 1986 Specification for Vanillin (First Revision) shall be revised with IS 4272: 2024 Vanillin – Specification (Second Revision).

The abovementioned chemicals are used in manufacturing and flavoring perfumes.

All revised standards will come in force retrospectively from May 07, 2024.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Revision of BIS Standards for general use Plywood and Door Handles**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 17, 2024 revised the following standards:

- IS 303: 1989 Plywood for General Purposes – Specification (Third Revision) which shall be revised by IS 303: 2024 Plywood for General Purposes – Specification (Fourth Revision)
- IS 4992 – 1975 Specification for Door Handles for Mortice Locks shall be replaced by IS 4992: 2024 Door Handles for Mortice Locks – Specification (Second Revision)

All revised standards will come into force retrospectively from May 14, 2024.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Notification of Standards for Fluorescent Lamps, Indicator Lamps and Flashlights**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 17, 2024, notified the following standards for lamps and flashlights:

- IS 1534 (Part 1) – 1977 Ballasts for Fluorescent Lamps Part 1 For Switch Start Circuits
- IS 1901 – 1978 Specification for Visual Indicator Lamps (First Revision)
- IS 2261 – 1975 Specification for Lamps for Flashlights (First Revision)

All standards will come in force retrospectively from May 07, 2024.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Withdrawal of Standards for Methods of Measurement of Transformer and Reactor Sound Levels**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 17, 2024, withdrew IS 13964: 1994 Methods of Measurement of Transformer and Reactor Sound Levels with effect from May 10, 2024.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **BIS Standards for Gas Cylinders and Cryogenic Vessels**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 27, 2024, notified the following Standards for Gas Cylinders and Cryogenic Vessels along with others:

- IS/ISO 11119-1: 2020 Gas Cylinders - Design, Construction and Testing of Refillable Composite Gas Cylinders and Tubes Part 1 Hoop Wrapped Fibre Reinforced Composite Gas Cylinders and Tubes up to 450 Litres
- IS/ISO 11119-2: 2020 Gas Cylinders - Design, Construction and Testing of Refillable Composite Gas Cylinders and Tubes Part 2 Fully Wrapped Fibre Reinforced Composite Gas Cylinders and Tubes up to 450 Litres with Load-Sharing Metal Liners
- IS 18719 (Part 1): 2024/ISO 21029-1: 2018 Cryogenic Vessels — Transportable Vacuum Insulated Vessels of not more than 1 000 Litres Volume Part 1 Design, Fabrication, Inspection and Test.

All standards will come in force retrospectively from May 24, 2024.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Revision of BIS Standards for Dunnage Pallets Made from Recycled Packaging Wastes**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 27, 2024, has revised IS 16058: 2013 Dunnage Pallets Made from Recycled Plastic Wastes for Warehousing Applications – Specification with effect from May 24, 2024.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Revisions of BIS Standards for chemical compositions used for Water Treatment**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 28, 2024, has revised the standards for following chemicals used for treatment:

- IS 259 - 1969 Specification for Ammonium Alum (First Revision) replaced with IS 259: 2024 Ammonium Alum — Specification (Second Revision)
- IS 557 - 1988 Specification for Sodium Acetate, Photographic Grade (Third Revision) replaced with IS 557: 2024 ISO 3943: 1993 Sodium Acetate, Photographic Grade — Specification (Fourth Revision)

All revised standards will come into force retrospectively from May 14, 2024.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Withdrawal of Standards for Electronic Equipment**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 30, 2024, withdrew the following BIS Standards with effect from May 10, 2024, for Electronic Equipment among others:

- IS 2786 (Part 2) -1984 Specification for Ceramic Dielectric Capacitors Type 2 Part 2 FCCG 01 And FCCG 02 Capacitors
- IS 3700 (Part VII) – 1970 Essential Ratings and Characteristics of Semiconductor Devices Part VII Reverse Blocking Triode Thyristors
- IS 5786 (Part 7) - 1982 Specification for Fixed Resistors, General Purpose, Low Power Part 7 Resistor Type FRLP 6 (First Revision)
- IS 9816 – 1981 General Requirements and Classification of Tests for Semiconductor Devices.

(To view the notification, please click [here](#))

Industry-wise updates

Commerce (wholesale & retail)

▪ **Amendment in Foreign Trade Policy, 2023 for import of second-hand electronics**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on May 20, 2024, has restricted import of second-hand electronics notified under the Electronics and IT Goods (Requirements of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Self-Contained Drinking Water Cooler (Quality Control) Order, 2024**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on May 24, 2024, notified that Self-Contained Drinking Water Cooler shall comply with BIS Standard 1475 (Part 1): 2001 Self-Contained Drinking Water Coolers Energy Consumption and Performance.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

State-wise updates

Andaman & Nicobar

▪ **A & N Administration notified regarding the VAT regulations**

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration on May 24, 2024, notified regarding the Value Added Tax (VAT) Regulations.

- All the Bar owners, CSD canteens, POL outlets and all stakeholders are required to comply with VAT Regulations, including accurate reporting of sales, timely filing of VAT returns, and payment of taxes as applicable to the VAT department (DC office, South Andaman).
- Failure to adhere with VAT Regulations may result in penalties and legal consequences as stipulated under the VAT Regulation and Rules of A & N Islands.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Andhra Pradesh

▪ **Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Threshold Limit for the Development of Inter-State Transmission Projects under Tariff Based Competitive Bidding) Regulation 2024**

(APERC) on May 17, 2024, issued the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Threshold Limit for the Development of Inter-State Transmission Projects under Tariff Based Competitive Bidding) Regulation 2024.

This shall come into force on May 17, 2024. The following has been stated namely: -

- It states that the commission shall fix the threshold limit of above INR 250 crores excluding land cost for the new Intra-State Transmission (InST) projects to be awarded under TBCB, and it shall be implemented by the bid process coordinators.
- It states that the entire Intra-State Independent Transmission projects including an upstream/downstream project shall be designed as a single project for inviting bids for the development of the project through TBCB.

It states that if the STU intends to implement any InST above or below the threshold limit, due to some specific reasons such as the project being of a critical nature, the STU shall implement such projects through Tariff based Competitive Bidding with the prior approval of the commission for the same

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Transmission License Regulation, 2024**

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) on May 17, 2024, notified the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Transmission License Regulation, 2024.

This Regulation shall apply to all transmission licensees in the State and in respect of all applications for Transmission License including applications pending before the Commission on the date of publication of this Regulation.

This Regulation shall be applicable to all Transmission Licensees who were granted a license under the AP Electricity Reforms Act, 1998 in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

This Regulation shall come into force from May 17, 2024

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Arunachal Pradesh

▪ **Draft Arunachal Pradesh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Demand Side Management), Regulations, 2024**

The Arunachal Pradesh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (APSERC) on May 14, 2024, issued the Draft Arunachal Pradesh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Demand Side Management), Regulations, 2024.

The Notice is hereby given for any comments/suggestions/objections on the draft Regulations which may be sent by any interested person(s)/stakeholders to the undersigned latest by June 05, 2024, at the address given above or through email at apserc-arn@gov.in followed by signed hard copy.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#) and to view the Regulations, click [here](#))

Bihar

▪ **Bihar Govt notified regarding the Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit**

The Government of Bihar on May 27, 2024, issued the notification regarding the Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit.

As per the Notification, the 'Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit' is notified as the system with which information may be shared by the common portal based on consent under sub-Section (2) of Section 158A of the Bihar Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 which deals with obtainment of consent.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Corrigendum regarding the revised fees for obtaining certified copies**

The Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bihar on May 29, 2024, issued a Corrigendum regarding the revised fees for obtaining certified copies of various documents.

- Revised fees for obtaining certified copies of documents are:
 - o For the first 5 pages - INR 200/-
 - o For every page after the first 5 pages - INR 40/-

For filing written statement - INR. 400/- This notification will come into force from May 29, 2024.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Chhattisgarh

▪ **Revision of the minimum wage rate for the scheduled employment**

The Government of Chhattisgarh on May 24, 2024, revised the minimum wage rate for the scheduled employment from April 01, 2024, to September 30, 2024.

The following rates for the following scheduled employment have been mentioned-

The revised minimum wage rate for-

- Unskilled is INR 10900 per month.
- Semi-skilled is INR 11550 per month.
- Skilled is INR 12330 per month.
- Highly skilled is INR 13110 per month.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Goa

▪ **Retrofitting of emission control devices/equipment in DG Sets with capacity of 125KVA and above in State of Goa**

The Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) notified regarding the Retrofitting of emission control devices/equipment in DG Sets with a capacity of 125KVA and above in the State of Goa. All the industries and establishments operating DG sets of capacity 125 KVA and above within the jurisdiction of the state of Goa, are hereby directed to:

- Retrofit all operational Diesel Generator (DG) sets of capacity 125 KVA up to 1000 KVA with an Emission Control Device that is powered by engines up to gross mechanical power of 800 KW. The emission control device must be type-approved as per the CPCB system & procedure, Ref. PCLS/12/2021-22 dated February 01, 2022, for emissions and particulate diagnostics compliance of retrofit emission control devices (RECD) by one of the four Central Pollution Control Board, Govt. of India, recognized /approved laboratories as given below:
 - o Automotive Research Association of India, Pune (Maharashtra)
 - o International Centre for Automotive Technology, Manesar (Haryana)
 - o Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun (Uttarakhand); or
 - o Vehicle Research Development Establishment, Ahmednagar (Maharashtra)

This is to be complied with by June 30, 2024, by all stakeholders.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Govt of NCT of Delhi

▪ **Circular regarding preventing heat waves in all the establishments / factories / shops / construction sites**

The Labour Department GNCT of Delhi on May 27, 2024, issued a circular regarding preventing heat waves in all the establishments/factories/shops/construction sites.

- Adequate clean drinking water, cooler/fans, all fire-fighting equipment, and medical kit shall be available at the workplace.

- There shall be a change in the shift of work as far as possible to avoid peak hours of 12 to 4 PM.
- All electrical installation works in the NCT of Delhi shall be executed by a licensed Electrical Contractor.
- Flammable items such as flammable chemicals, solvents, etc. shall be kept in an isolated cool place and be handled by an authorized person.
- After the completion of wiring, a general inspection shall be carried out by competent personnel to verify that all equipment, fittings, accessories, wires, and cables, used in the installation are of adequate rating and quality to meet the requirements of the load.
- Supply of electricity to all electrical installations of 2 KW and above shall be controlled by a Residual Current Device (RCD) to protect against electric leakage.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Haryana

▪ **Haryana Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Amendment Rules, 2024**

The Government of Haryana on May 16, 2024, issued the Haryana Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Amendment Rules, 2024, to further amend the Haryana Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2017 whereby Schedule II, which states Registration/Renewal Fees for Real Estate Agent, has been substituted.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Water Purification System (Regulation of Use) Rules, 2023**

The Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) notified regarding the Water Purification System (Regulation of Use) Rules, 2023. It has stated the responsibilities of the manufacturer and user of domestic water purification systems, commercial purification systems, Bureau of Indian Standard and water supply agencies (local bodies, Public Health Engineering Department, Jal Nigam, Municipal Corporation, Jal Board, Municipalities, private and public sector agencies engaged in potable water supply) and State Pollution Control Boards have been notified in the subject cited Rules and same may please be seen in the said notification.

It has been directed that the user and manufacturer of the commercial water purification system must obtain consent and authorization/registration from CPCB/SPCB as the case may be.

The notification shall come into force on the expiry of 1 year from November 10, 2023.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Himachal Pradesh

▪ **Draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) on May 22, 2024, issued the Draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2024, to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012.

- Regulation 13 – ‘Standard Cost Data’ has been substituted
- Regulation 21 has been amended.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024**

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) on May 20, 2024, issued the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024.

Objective: Maintain grid discipline and grid security, as envisaged under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Indian Electricity Grid Code) Regulations, 2023 and State Grid Code as amended/replaced from time to time, through the commercial mechanism for settlement of the Deviation, made by the users of the grid, between the draws/injections viz-a-viz corresponding schedules.

Applicability: Buyers and the sellers i.e. the State Distribution Licensee (s), State Sector Generating Stations and Open Access Customers connected to the State Grid and shall also include the Directorate of Energy, Government of Himachal Pradesh, HPPTCL i.e. State transmission utility as well as the SLDC: Provided that in case any such buyer or seller operates through any agency, these Regulations shall be applicable to such agency(ies) as well.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **HPSPCB issued a Public Notice for Manufacturer, Producer, Refurbisher and Recyclers**

The Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPSPCB) on May 14, 2024, issued a Public Notice for Manufacturer, Producer, Refurbisher and Recyclers.

Recyclers shall ensure that the facility and recycling processes are in accordance with the standards or guidelines laid down by the Central Pollution Control Board, and maintain a record of e-waste collected, dismantled, recycled, and sent to registered recyclers on the portal.

All Producers under the E-Waste Management Rules, 2022, are required to fulfill their Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) obligations assigned to them through online purchase of EPR Certificates from registered Recyclers only.

All the Producers, Manufacturers, Refurbisher and Recycler shall file annual and quarterly returns in the laid down form on the portal on or before the end of the month succeeding the quarter or year, as the case may be, to which the return relates.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) on May 13, 2024, issued the Draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024 wherein the following Amendments have been made:

- Insertion of definition of 'State Nodal Agency'
- Regulation 7(6) has been substituted.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Amendments to the Himachal Pradesh Excise Bonded Warehouses Rules, 1987**

The Government of Himachal Pradesh issued amendments to the Himachal Pradesh Excise Bonded Warehouses Rules, 1987.

A new sub-rule 6 (2) after sub-rule 6 (1) under rule 6 shall be added as under:

The government gazette holidays to the government staff posted in such Bottling Plants, Distillery, Brewery be allowed as per the Factory Act 1948 along with the compensatory leave as mentioned in the Act *ibid*. The provisions of the act *ibid* have been mentioned as below:

- Weekly hours - No adult worker shall be required or allowed to work in a factory for more than 48 hours in any 52 weeks.
- Weekly holidays - No adult worker shall be required or allowed to work in a factory on the first day of the week (hereinafter referred to as the said day), unless—
 - o He has or will have a holiday for a whole day on 1 of the 3 days immediately before or after the said day, and
 - o The manager of the factory has, before the said day or the substituted day under clause (a), whichever is earlier, delivered a notice at the office of the Inspector of his intention to require the worker to work on the said day and of the day, which is to be substituted, and
 - o Displayed a notice to that effect in the factory
 - o Provided that no substitution shall be made which will result in any worker working for more than ten days consecutively without a holiday for a whole day.

This notification will come into force from April 01, 2024.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Jharkhand

▪ **Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) Scheme**

The Government of Jharkhand on May 20, 2024, issued the Grant to Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) Scheme.

- Some of the features of this scheme are as follows:
 - o The scheme will be implemented through an online portal.
 - o The FPOs registered in the state will be eligible.
 - o The one-time matching equity grant maximum up to INR 15 lakhs will be provided to eligible FPOs.
 - o The FPO will also be incentivized for incremental sales turnover or profitability.
- Some of the objectives of this scheme are:
 - o To extend financial support to FPOs in the form of a time-matching equity grant to well-performing FPOs in Jharkhand state.
 - o To provide performance-based financial incentives to well-performing FPOs for the next 4 years.
 - o To enhance the viability and sustainability of FPOs.

To increase and improve business activities and the net worthiness of FPOs.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Karnataka

▪ Draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Petrol Depots

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on May 23, 2024, issued draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Petrol Depots.

- It shall be applicable for petrol depots having facilities for storing, handling, distribution, transportation, loading, or unloading of petrol and that are liable to take approval/license from the Chief Controller of Explosive for storage of petrol.
- It states that petrol depots shall install hydrocarbon sensors along with an alarm system at the leakage-prone locations to detect any leakage at the earliest.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ Publication of the Kannada translation of Central Acts

The Government of Karnataka on May 17, 2024, issued a notification regarding the publication of the Kannada translation of Central Acts.

Under the Official Texts (Central Acts) Act, 1973, Section 2(a) the Translation in Kannada of the following Acts has been done, namely: -

- The Disaster Management Act, 2005
- The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014
- The Commercial Courts Act, 2015
- The Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021
- The Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ Dos and Don'ts for prevention of potential contamination of ground water from Rainwater Harvesting systems

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on May 27, 2024, issued guidelines for prevention of potential contamination of ground water from Rainwater Harvesting systems.

The guidelines provide:

- Right Rainwater recharge technique
- Site for establishment of Rainwater Harvesting System
- Insulation from Possible Contaminant Source
- Monitoring of Harvesting System

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Kerala

▪ Revision of Speed Limit of Vehicles on National Highway

The Government of Kerala on May 20, 2024, issued a notification related to Speed Limit.

As per the Notification, in the entry - National Highway-Six lane & above divided carriage way, the speed of M1 category vehicles is refixed as 100 kmph and the speed of M2 & M3 category vehicles is refixed as 90 kmph.

- Category M1, means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of passengers, comprising not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat.
- Category M2, means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of passengers, comprising nine or more seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum Gross Vehicle Weight not exceeding 5 tons.
- Category M3: Means a motor vehicle used for the carriage passengers, comprising nine or more seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding 5 tons.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Madhya Pradesh

▪ Draft Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for determination of Generation Tariff) Regulations, 2024

The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (MPERC) on May 22, 2024, issued the Draft Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for determination of Generation Tariff) Regulations, 2024.

As per the Regulations, the generating company shall make an application in accordance with these Regulations for the determination of provisional tariff for the new generating station or unit thereof along with all relevant documents and details, 60 days prior to the anticipated date of commercial operation.

Additionally, the generating company shall submit a certificate of the auditor indicating the capital cost incurred till date and shall submit details of the projected additional capital expenditure till COD and for respective years of the tariff period 2024-29.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#) and to view the Regulations, click [here](#))

▪ **Increase in the minimum wage rates including variable dearness allowance**

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on May 24, 2024, issued a notification regarding the minimum wage rates including variable dearness allowance for the workers of the state.

The following has been stated: -

- The Variable Dearness Allowance has increased by INR 350/- per month.

The minimum wage rates, including variable dearness allowance will be effective from April 01, 2024, for the workers of the state under the Minimum Wage Act, of 1948.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Draft Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination of energy from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2024**

The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (MPERC) on May 22, 2024, issued the draft Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination of energy from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2024.

The following has been stated: -

- Persons intending to file suggestions/objections/comments on the draft Regulation may send latest by June 14, 2024.

The Commission shall hold a public hearing on June 18, 2024, at 11:00 AM through video conferencing. The persons who have filed their suggestions/objections/comments in writing with the Commission within the stipulated period may intimate their mobile number and e-mail ID to participate in a public hearing as per the relevant guidelines available on the Commission's website.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#) and to view the Regulations, click [here](#))

Maharashtra

▪ **Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) on May 22, 2024, notified Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024 to amend Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2020.

- Regulation 3.3 has been substituted
- Regulation 5 Proviso to Regulation 5.3 of the Principal Regulations stands deleted, and Second and Third Proviso to Regulation 5.4 of the Principal Regulations stands deleted. Appendix 1 of the Principal Regulations stands deleted.

They shall come into force from May 22, 2024.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Meghalaya

▪ **Revision of annual Consent Fees (Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate) for mining activities for the purpose of Grant of Consent**

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MPCB) issued the notification regarding the revised annual Consent Fees (Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate) for mining activities for the purpose of Grant of Consent.

- Fee for Consent to Establish:
 - o Minor Minerals - INR0.50 /MT subject to a minimum of INR 10,000/- only
 - o Major Minerals - INR1.50 /MT subject to a minimum of INR 20,000/- only
- Fee for Consent to Operate:
 - o Minor Minerals - INR0.50/MT subject to a minimum of INR 10,000/- only
 - o Major Minerals - INR1.50/MT subject to a minimum of INR 20,000/- only

This shall be in effect from February 07, 2024

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Application fees & Annual Processing Fees for Plastic Waste Processors and Producers Importers Brand Owners**

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) on February 20, 2024, notified the Application fees & Annual Processing Fees for Plastic Waste Processors and Producers Importers

Brand Owners. The applicant shall pay the application fees as per details given in the Table along with the application for Registration. Fees for renewal of Registration shall be the same as the Registration fee. 25% of Application fees are to be paid as Annual Processing Fees at the time of filling annual returns.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Prohibition on the use of a stream or well for disposal of polluting matter along the catchment/tributaries of Umiam Lake etc.**

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) on May 01, 2024, notified regarding the Prohibition on the use of a stream or well for disposal of polluting matter along the catchment/tributaries of various rivers/lakes.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Mizoram

▪ **Criteria for establishing a facility for waste lithium-ion batteries**

The Mizoram Pollution Control Board (MPCB) on January 30, 2024, issued the criteria for establishing a facility for waste lithium-ion batteries. The units (depending on the type of recycling process) shall be equipped with the following minimal requirements before registering to the portal, as follows: -

- Dedicated spaces for receipt and storage of waste batteries;
- Waste LIB discharging operation;
- Facility for crushing/breaking of battery packs/batteries with Air Pollution Control Systems;
- Separation of components aluminium, copper, iron, plastics, anode & cathode material (black mass);
- Hydro-metallurgical operations to recover key metal salts like cobalt, nickel, manganese, zinc, lithium, cadmium etc. – the reactors to be connected with suction hoods and suitable APCDs (such as scrubbers);
- Pyro-metallurgical operations to make metal ingots - the furnace to be connected with suction hoods and suitable APCDs (such as scrubbers);

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **SOP for new Petrol Pumps**

The Mizoram Pollution Control Board (MPCB) on January 19, 2024, issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for new Petrol Pumps.

- The documents required for seeking Consent to Establish (CTE) are stated
- The conditions for the new petrol pumps while selecting the site and installation of the pump as directed by the NGT Order and the guidelines of the Central Government have been stated.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#) and [here](#))

Punjab

▪ **Guidelines for promoting Community Boiler for Cluster of Small-Scale Industries issued by CPCB**

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) notified regarding the Guidelines for Promoting Community Boilers for Cluster of Small-Scale Industries issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

These Guidelines cover the following:

- Need of Community Boiler in the country
- Benefits and Shortcoming of Community Boiler
- Guidelines for Promoting Community Boiler for Cluster of Small-Scale Industries

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Tamil Nadu

▪ **Handbook on EPR Guidelines for plastic packaging**

The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) on May 13, 2024, issued a Handbook on EPR Guidelines for Plastic Packaging. The Handbooks covers the following:

- It aims to empower businesses by assisting them in comprehending and fulfilling their obligations seamlessly under the provisions of the PWM Rules.
- It elucidates the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder of EPR for plastic packaging.
- It states the types of packaging under EPR are Rigid Plastic, Flexible Plastic, Multi-Layer Plastic, Compostable Plastic, and Biodegradable Plastic.

- It states that the obligated entities shall be the producer, importer, brand owner, manufacturer, and plastic waste processor.
- It states that the Brand Owners falling under the Micro and Small category shall be exempted from Registration in the portal.
- It states that the Producers falling under the Micro and Small categories shall be exempted only from EPR obligations, however they have to get Registered in the portal.
- It specifies the mandatory minimum recycling target of EPR target for brand owners, producers, importers, and manufacturers.
- It states that the manufacturers or importers of raw material (for Category I, II, and III categories) of plastic shall be liable for EPR, in case of micro or small producers are selling to other small or micro producers or brand owners.
- It states that the Manufacturer of biodegradable plastics shall fulfil their EPR obligations by obtaining EPR certificates generated by local authorities, as per agreed modalities, and shall fulfil their EPR target for compostable plastic.
- It states that the obligations for reuse shall apply to Brand Owners for plastic packaging only under the rigid category starting from FY 2025-26 and the quantity reused shall be deducted from the EPR target.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Notice to inform all the PIBOs and PWP to obtain registration from CPCB/SPCB (as applicable) in accordance with provisions of PWM rules 2016**

The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) on May 27, 2024, issued a notification regarding notice to inform all the PIBOs and PWPs to obtain registration from CPCB/SPCB (as applicable) in accordance with provisions of PWM rules 2016.

The Producers, Importers, Brand Owners, and Plastic Waste Processors must submit application with complete details (as per the Standard Operating Procedure and Guidance manual for Registration of PIBOS uploaded on EPR Portal) on the Centralized EPR Portal for Plastic Packaging on or before May 31, 2024. Failing which action under Section 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be initiated/ taken for non-compliance of the same.

All PIBOs and PWPs are requested to file their Annual Report on the EPR Portal before May 31, 2024.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Second Amendment) Act, 2024**

The Government of Tamil Nadu on May 03, 2024, issued the notification regarding the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Second Amendment) Act, 2024 to further amend the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 whereby the following amendments have been made:

- Section 111 which states 'Power of Village Panchayat to provide for certain other matters' has been inserted
- Section 112 which states 'Duty of Panchayat Union Council to provide for certain matters' shall be inserted

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Indian Stamp (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 2023**

The Government of Tamil Nadu on May 03, 2024, notified the Indian Stamp (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 2023 to further amend the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 whereby the following Articles have been amended:

- Article 3
- Article 4
- Article 5
- Article 10
- Article 17
- Article 24

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Ban on the manufacture, storage, transport, distribution, or sale of chewable food products, gutkha, pan masala**

The Government of Tamil Nadu on May 23, 2024, hereby prohibits the manufacture, storage, transport, distribution or sale of all food products chewable or otherwise which are either flavored or scented or mixed with any of the said additives, and whether going by the name or form of gutkha, pan masala, flavored or scented food products or chewable food products by whatsoever name called, whether packaged or unpackaged and/or sold as one product, or though packaged as separate products, sold or distributed in such a manner to easily facilitate mixing by the consumer and any other food products containing tobacco and/or nicotine as ingredients, by whatsoever name it is available in the whole of the State of Tamil Nadu for a further period of one year with effect from May 23, 2024.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Preventive measures to be taken for BOCW workers**

The Government of Tamil Nadu on May 09, 2024, notified regarding the preventive measures to be taken for BOCW workers. It has been advised to all construction companies that all construction work carried out in the open shall not be carried out between 10 AM and 4 PM, to prevent from the heat wave.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Telangana

▪ **Ban on Gutkha/Pan masala**

The Government of Telangana on May 24, 2024, issued a notification regarding the ban on Gutkha/Pan masala. The manufacture, storage, distribution, transportation, and sale of Gutkha/Pan masala which contains tobacco nicotine as an ingredient that is packed in sachets /pouches/packages/containers, etc., or by whatever name it is called in the entire State of Telangana for a period of one year with effect from May 24, 2024, will be banned.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

Uttar Pradesh

▪ **Selling rate of certain seeds through National Seed Corporation**

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on May 16, 2024, issued a notification regarding the selling rate of certain seeds.

- Certified seeds of Kodo, Sawna, Jowar, Groundnut, and Arhar supplied through the National Seed Corporation (NSC) will be supplied at the district level.

The compliance with the orders/instructions issued by the concerned project director regarding grant adjustment is to be ensured.

(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **Payment of variable dearness allowance payable under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948**

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on May 16, 2024, issued a notification regarding variable dearness allowance payable in 74 scheduled employments under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

The following has been stated: -

- The basic wage and variable dearness allowance shall not be less than 1/26 and the hourly rate shall not be less than 1/6 of the daily rate.

In pursuance of the above, the All-India Consumer Price Index for the employees employed in the following 74 employments has increased from an average of 400 points in the base year for the months of July 2012 to December 2012 to an average point of 386 in the months of April 01, 2024, to September 30, 2024.

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