



# COMPLIANCE UPDATE

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## Central Board of Direct Taxes

### ▪ Online filing of notifications related to Housing Projects, Safe Harbor and Mutual Funds

The Ministry of Finance on June 24, 2024, directed that the following forms shall be filed online:

- Application for notification of affordable housing project
- Application for notification of a semiconductor wafer fabrication manufacturing unit
- Application for opting for safe harbor in specified domestic transactions
- Application for approval of mutual funds investing in the eligible issue of public companies

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

## Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs

### ▪ Revision of Custom Tariff on Palm Oil

The Ministry of Finance on June 28, 2024, has revised the Custom Tariff on the following categories of Palm Oil among others:

- Crude Palm Oil
- RBD Palm Oil
- Crude Palmolein
- Others – Palm Oil
- Crude Soya Bean Oil

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

## Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

### ▪ Notification of Goods for the purpose of Commodity Derivative Contracts

The Ministry of Finance on June 26, 2024, has notified the list of goods specified in the Schedule for the purposes of Commodity Derivative Contracts under Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956.

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

### ▪ Securities and Exchange Board of India (Stock Brokers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on June 27, 2024, has added a new chapter in Securities and Exchange Board of India (Stock Brokers) Regulations, 1992, which mandates stock brokers to establish robust surveillance systems and internal controls to monitor trading activities and detect potential fraud or market abuse by clients, employees, or authorized persons.

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

## Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

### ▪ Notification of BIS Standards for Inner Tanks of Storage Water Heater

The Bureau of Indian Standards on June 20, 2024, notified IS 18751: 2024 Polymer Coated Inner Tanks for Storage Water Heater — Specification, which will come in force retrospectively from **June 11, 2024**.

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

### ▪ Revision of BIS Standards for Surgery Instruments

The Bureau of Indian Standards on June 20, 2024, revised the following standards of Surgery Instruments:

- IS 7346 – 1987 Specification for Raspatories, Rib, Semb's Pattern (First Revision), shall be replaced by IS 7346: 2024 Thoracic Surgery Instruments — Rib Raspatories — Specification (Second Revision).
- IS 10937 - 1984 Specification for Nose Ring and Key, Bull, shall be revised by its First Revision titled as IS 10937: 2024 Bull Nose Ring and Key — Specification (First Revision).
- IS 12329 - 1988 Specification for Self-Centring Bone Holding Forceps has been revised by IS 12329: 2024 Veterinary Surgical Instruments — Self-Centring Bone Holding Forceps — Specification (First Revision)

All revised standards will come in force retrospectively from **June 11, 2024**.

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

### ▪ Revision of BIS Standards for Graphical Instruments, Dryers and introduction of BIS Standards for Transmission Systems

The Bureau of Indian Standards on June 20, 2024, revised the following standards:

- IS 3232: 1999 Recommendations on Graphical Symbols for Process Flow Diagrams, Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams (Second Revision), shall be replaced by IS 3232: 2024 Recommendations on Graphical Symbols for Process Flow Diagrams, Piping and Instrumentation Diagrams (Third Revision).
- IS 11620 - 1986 Code of Practice for Fluid Bed Dryer, shall be revised by its First Revision titled as IS 11620: 2024 Fluid Bed Dryer - Code of Practice (First Revision).

Further, the following BIS Standards have been introduced:

- IS 18739: 2024 Textiles - Bedsheets, Pillow Cover and Blanket Cover - Specification
- IS/IEC TS 63042-302: 2021 UHV a.c. Transmission Systems Part 302 Commissioning
- IS/IEC TR 63042-303: 2021 UHV a.c. Transmission Systems Part 303 Measurement of UHV a.c. Transmission Line Power Frequency Parameter - Guidelines

All revised standards will come in force retrospectively from **June 06, 2024**.

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

### ▪ Revision of BIS Standards for Assessment of Biodegradability of Plastics

The Bureau of Indian Standards on June 24, 2024, revised the following standards:

- IS 17899 T: 2022 Assessment of Biodegradability of Plastics in Varied Conditions, shall be replaced by IS 17899 T: 2024 Assessment of Biodegradability of Plastics in Varied Conditions (Revised)

The revised standards will come in force retrospectively from **June 13, 2024**.

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

### ▪ Revision of BIS Standards for Guide and Rubbing Ropes

The Bureau of Indian Standards on June 26, 2024, revised the following standards:

- IS 3623 - 1978 Specification for Guide and Rubbing Ropes (First Revision), shall be replaced by IS 3623: 2024 Guide and Rubbing Ropes — Specification (Second Revision)

All revised standards will come in force retrospectively from **June 06, 2024**.

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

▪ **BIS Standards for Determination of the Potential Milling Yield and Metallic Materials**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on June 26, 2024, notified the following standards:

- IS 7754 (Part 3): 2024 ISO/TR 945-3: 2016 Microstructure of Cast Iron Part 3 Matrix Structures (First Revision)
- IS 18695: 2024 ISO 6646: 2011 Rice — Determination of the Potential Milling Yield from Paddy and from Husked Rice
- IS 18733: 2024 ISO 11531: 2022 Metallic Materials — Sheet and Strip — Earing Test

All revised standards will come in force retrospectively from **June 06, 2024**.

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

▪ **Amendment of BIS Standards for Stainless Steel and Alloy Steel**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on June 28, 2024, amended the following standards:

- IS 5522: 2014 Stainless Steel Sheets and Strips for Utensils — Specification (Third Revision)
- IS 12145 - 1987 Specification for Quenched and Tempered Alloy Steel Forgings for Pressure Vessels

All amended standards will come in force retrospectively from **June 05, 2024**.

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

# Industry-wise updates

## Commerce (wholesale and retail)

### ▪ [Special Economic Zones \(Fourth Amendment\) Rules, 2024](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on June 20, 2024, amended Rule 18 of Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006, which regulates the criteria for consideration of proposals for setting up of Unit in a Special Economic Zone. The amendments clarify the conditions under which reconditioned, repaired, or re-engineered products may be exported and outline the regulations for handling non-hazardous metal wastes. These wastes, once processed, can be sold domestically under strict conditions, while ensuring compliance with the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

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

### ▪ [Cast Iron Products \(Quality Control\) Order, 2024](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on June 21, 2024, notified Cast Iron Products (Quality Control) Order, 2024. The Order provides mandatory adherence to IS Standards for:

- Cast iron manhole covers and frames
- Malleable cast iron pipe fittings
- Cast iron single faced thimble mounted sluice gates
- Grey iron castings

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

## Forest and Environment

### ▪ [Battery Waste Management \(Second Amendment\) Rules, 2024](#)

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on June 20, 2024, amended the targets for producers with respect to the minimum use of domestically recycled materials in a new Battery.

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

## Labor and Employment

### ▪ [Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance \(Amendment\) Scheme, 2024](#)

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on June 14, 2024, has amended the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976. The amendment states that if an employer defaults in making contributions to the Insurance Fund or other charges under the Act, the Central Provident Fund Commissioner or an authorized officer can recover damages from the employer at the rate of 1% of the arrears per month or part thereof.

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

### ▪ [Employees' Provident Funds \(Amendment\) Scheme, 2024](#)

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on June 14, 2024, has amended the penalty for default in EPF contribution by the employer. As per the amendment, the Central Provident Fund Commissioner or such officer, may recover damages from the employer at the rate of 1% of the arrears of contribution per month or part thereof.

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

### ▪ [Employees' Pension \(Third Amendment\) Scheme, 2024](#)

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on June 14, 2024, has amended the penalty for default in Pension contribution by the employer. As per the amendment, the Central Provident Fund Commissioner or such officer, may recover damages from the employer at the rate of 1% of the arrears of contribution per month or part thereof.

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

### ▪ [Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(Amendment\) Rules, 2024](#)

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on June 19 and June 20, 2024, has added accessibility code for:

- Educational Institutions
- Police Stations, Prisons and Disaster Mitigation Centers

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

## Telecommunication

### ▪ Post Office Act, 2023

The Ministry of Communications on June 17, 2024, appointed June 18, 2024, as the date of enactment for the Post Office Act, 2023. The salient features of the Act are:

- The government will not have exclusive privilege over conveying letters.
- The Director General of Postal Services will be appointed to head India Post and will have powers to make regulations on various matters including tariffs for services and supply of postage stamps.
- The government may intercept an article transmitted through India Post on specified grounds, including the security of the state and public order.
- India Post will not incur any liability concerning its services, except any liability prescribed through Rules.

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

## Transport (including aviation, railways, roads, and inland waterways)

### ▪ Central Motor Vehicles (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2024

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on June 26, 2024, have added the following categories of vehicles in Rule 2 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989:

- "Category L2-5" means a three wheeled motor vehicle, with a 2-wheeler-3 wheeler combination module, constructed in such a way that a two-wheeled vehicle of category L2 is combined with a non-self-propelled rear module unit.
- "Category L2 – 5 M" means a category L2-5 vehicle on account of technical features intended to carry passengers
- "Category L2 – 5 N" means a category L2-5 vehicle on account of technical features intended to carry goods.

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

## State-wise updates

### Assam

#### ▪ **Assam Tea Employees Welfare Board Scheme**

The Government of Assam on June 20, 2024, notified regarding the Assam Tea Employees Welfare Board Scheme.

As per the scheme, ten months of residential training will be given to Female Plantation workers at Mezenga Female Labour Welfare Training Centre in health-hygiene, family welfare care of children including crèche attendance, industrial relations and Vocational subjects like weaving, tailoring and knitting, and embroidery with stipend at the rate of INR 500/- per month, along with free accommodation.

The Board under the banner of Tea Sports Control Board of Assam shall provide financial assistance to young and promising sports persons belonging to Tea Tribe Community from this year.

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

### Andaman and Nicobar

#### ▪ **Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Standard of Performance for Distribution Licensees) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024**

The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) on June 12, 2024, issued the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Standard of Performance for Distribution Licensees) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024, to further amend the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and UTs (Standards of Performance for Distribution Licensees) Regulations, 2015.

These Regulations shall extend to the State of Goa and the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Puducherry and Chandigarh.

Further, Regulation 8, which states "Compensation Mechanism", shall be substituted.

This notification will come into force from June 12, 2024.

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

### Chandigarh

#### ▪ **Permission for Shops and Commercial Establishments to operate 24 hours**

The Labour Department, Chandigarh on June 26, 2024, issued the notification regarding the permission to keep the Shops and Commercial Establishments open all 365 days and operate 24 hours.

- Every employee working in the said shops and establishments shall be given one day's rest in a week without making any deduction from his/her wages.
- Every employee shall be given a rest period of at least half an hour after 5 hours of continuous work.
- No employee shall be required to work for more than 9 hours in a day or 48 hours in a week.
- If any shop or establishment remains open after 10:00 P.M. on any day, adequate safety and security arrangements shall be ensured for all employees and visitors by the management.
- The female employees will not be allowed to work after 8.00 P.M. and in case the female employees are allowed to work after 08.00 P.M, their written consent in this regard shall be taken. Additionally, adequate safety and security arrangements for female employees shall be taken during the working hours.

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

### Goa

#### ▪ **Revised minimum rates of wages and variable dearness allowance in various Scheduled Employment**

The Government of Goa on June 18, 2024, issued a notification to revise the minimum rates of wages and variable dearness allowance in various Scheduled Employment. The rate of variable dearness allowance so calculated is INR 125/- per day, for various categories of employees employed in Scheduled Employments, and becomes effective from **April 01, 2024**.

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

### ▪ **Safety guidelines for factories during monsoon**

The Government of Goa on May 27, 2024, issued the safety guidelines for factories during monsoon. The Occupier and Manager of all the factories are hereby advised to comply with the mentioned requirements to ensure safe manufacturing operation and safe working conditions inside the factory premises. The requirements are:

- Ensure and maintain a good drainage system in the factory premises to prevent accumulation of rainwater inside the premises.
- Ensure that all the machinery and equipment are regularly inspected and properly maintained.
- Check the integrity of buildings, roofs and structures to resist heavy rainfall.
- Ensure all the roofs of the facility are tested for any pinhole leakages before the monsoon, as part of a preventive monsoon maintenance plan to prevent seepage of the water inside the facility.
- Workplaces must have adequate emergency lighting systems to tackle power outages during rain. Workers with outdoor assignments should keep backup lights to help work in low-visibility areas.
- Keep walkways, platforms and stairs clear of any debris, water or slippery substances.
- In case of any excavation work in the factory premises, ensure adequate shoring is provided.
- Provide adequate lightning arrestors at the highest point in the factory premises and ensure its adequacy.

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

## Govt of NCT of Delhi

### ▪ **Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents) Regulations, 2024**

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) on June 26, 2024, issued the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents) Regulations, 2024. These shall come into force on **June 27, 2024**.

It shall apply to all generating companies as well as transmission and distribution licensees in their respective licensed areas in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

- It states that generating companies and licensees shall ensure that their installations, constructions, maintenance, operations, and use of electricity protect the public, including personnel involved in electricity activities, as well as animals and birds, from electric shock hazards, complying with all mandatory safety standards and taking necessary measures to prevent injuries from contact with or proximity to any defective or dangerous electrical appliance or apparatus.
- It states that compensation for electrical accidents shall include INR 7,50,000/- per person for loss of life, INR 5,00,000/- per person for over 60% disability, INR 1,00,000/- per person for 40%-60% disability, and additional sums up to INR 25,000/- per person for hospitalization exceeding a week and INR 10,000/- per person for hospitalization less than a week.
- It states that compensation for animal loss due to electrical accidents shall include INR 50,000/- per Buffalo/Cow/Camel/Yak, INR 5,000/- per Sheep/Goat/Pig; INR 25,000/- per Horse/Bull, INR 15,000/- per Calf/Donkey/Pony/Mule; INR 100/- per poultry bird, capped at INR 3,00,000/- for milch animals or INR 1,50,000/- for draught animals per household.
- It states that generating companies or licensees shall promptly report electrical accidents to the Electrical Inspector and their designated "Concerned Authority" (not below the level of the General Manager) within 24 hours and upload relevant details and forms on their website.
- It states that after conducting an inquiry, the Electrical Inspector shall submit a report to the licensee's concerned authority, which shall decide on compensation within 30 days, and claimants shall submit claims within 90 days.

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

### ▪ **Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Guidelines for establishment of the Forum and the Ombudsman for Redressal of grievances of Electricity Consumers) Regulations, 2024**

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) on June 24, 2024, issued the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Guidelines for establishment of the Forum and the Ombudsman for redressal of grievances of Electricity Consumers) Regulations, 2024.

- These Regulations shall be applicable to the Distribution Licensees operating in the National Capital Territory of Delhi in their respective areas of supply.
- A user-friendly Web portal and E-mail facility for Online lodging of Consumer grievances shall be established.
- The establishment of an Internal Consumer Grievance Redressal Cell (ICGRC) has been stated.
- The Jurisdiction and Proceedings of the Forum have been stated.

These regulations shall come into force on **June 24, 2024**.

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

▪ **Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Peer to Peer Energy Transaction) Guidelines, 2024**

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) on June 24, 2024, notified the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Peer to Peer Energy Transaction) Guidelines, 2024.

- The main objective of these guidelines is to promote the use of Renewable Energy, the promotion of embedded generation within the distribution network, the generation of additional avenues of income for prosumer through innovative technologies and net savings for the consumer. DERC taking a progressive view, provides flexibility to prosumers and eligible consumers to mutually sell and purchase electricity through Peer-to-Peer Transactions securely and reliably.
- Delhi DISCOMs shall file a petition under Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Peer to Peer Energy Transaction) Guidelines, 2024 and subsequent amendments thereof, for determination of transaction charges, if any, for enabling Peer-to-Peer Transactions.
- These Guidelines shall apply to the prosumers, except ground mounted projects, and consumers who opt to transact energy among themselves through an online Platform of Service Provider(s) or a Distribution Licensee within its area of supply.
- The P2P Participant shall clear all the dues for the energy transacted on the P2P platform as per the due date. If the dues are not paid, the P2P participants shall be deactivated from the P2P platform.

These guidelines shall come into effect from **June 24, 2024**.

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

## Gujarat

▪ **Amendment to Gujarat Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures Regulations, 2023**

The Urban Development and Urban Housing Department, Gandhinagar on June 24, 2024, notified the amendments to the Gujarat Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures Regulations, 2023.

As per the amendment, if the Fire Safety Officer intends to work in multiple areas, then he must register with the Regional Fire Officer or Chief Fire Officer in each respective area with a copy of enrolment certificate issued by the Director.

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

▪ **Gujarat Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures (Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Gujarat on June 24, 2024, issued the Gujarat Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures (Amendment) Rules, 2024 to further amend the Gujarat Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures Rules, 2014.

As per the amendment, the validity of the Fire Safety Certificate Renewal shall now be for a period of two years from the date of issuance.

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

## Himachal Pradesh

▪ **Shimla Municipal Corporation (Property Taxation) Amendment Bye-Laws, 2022**

The Municipal Corporation of Shimla on June 10, 2024, issued the Shimla Municipal Corporation (Property Taxation) Amendment Bye-Laws, 2022 to further amend the Shimla Municipal Corporation (Property Taxation) Bye-Laws, 2015.

- The following proviso shall be added to the existing Byelaws 6: - "Provided that in cases in which any land or building is for the first time assessed or rate able value of any land or building is increased, the Commissioner shall give written notice thereof in Form-G to the owner or to any lessee or occupier of the land and building."
- In Byelaws 25, clause (ii) in column D after the word Guest House the Word "Bed and Breakfast" shall be added.
- In Byelaws 26, after clause (ii) new clause (iii) shall be inserted as under "(iii) Let out residential=2.50/-".

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

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

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) on June 12, 2024, issued the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024, to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) Regulations, 2015.



- In Regulation 2, which states “Definitions”, the following new Clause (22 A) shall be inserted, namely:
  - o “22 A ‘State Nodal Agency’ for the purpose of these Regulations, means the Himachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency (HIMURJA) or the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (i.e. Distribution Licensee) designated to implement the Solar Rooftop Scheme(s) by the State/Central Government”.
  - o In Regulation 5, which states “Capacity of Rooftop Solar PV Systems”, in Sub-regulation (2), for the existing Table-1 and Table-2, the following new Table-1 and Table-2 shall respectively be substituted.
  - o In Regulation 7, which states “Procedure for making application and registration”, in Sub-regulation (3), after the words “checking the feasibility” appear in the first line, the words and signs “, where required,” shall be inserted.

This notification will come into force from **June 12, 2024**.

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

## Karnataka

### ▪ **Draft Karnataka Excise (Excise Duties and Fees) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Karnataka on June 21, 2024, notified the Draft Karnataka Excise (Excise Duties and Fees) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2024 further to amend the Karnataka Excise (Excise Duties and Fees) Rules, 1968.

As per the proposed amendment, sub-rule (2-A) shall be inserted which states that the detailed cost sheet relating to each quoted brand of Liquor must show the details of items and costs involved in arriving at the declared price.

As per the proposed amendment, after reckoning the Maximum Retail Selling Price, the Additional Rounding-Off Excise Duty (AROED) is to be charged wherever required, at such a rate to ensure that the liquor prices are rounded off to the next INR 5/-.

The Notifications shall come into force with effect from **July 01, 2024**.

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

### ▪ **Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Merit Order Despatch and Optimization of Power Purchase Cost) Regulations, 2024**

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) on June 24, 2024, notified the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Merit Order Despatch and Optimization of Power Purchase Cost) Regulations, 2024.

These Regulations shall be applicable to the SLDC, all the distribution licensees, generating companies including Captive Generating Plants supplying power to the distribution licensees in the State of Karnataka.

These regulations shall come into force from **June 24, 2024**.

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

### ▪ **Karnataka Motor Transport and Other Allied Workers Social Security and Welfare Rules, 2024**

As per Rule 15 of the said rules, the Registered Workers will be provided Accident Benefit and Medical Reimbursement in case of Death and Disability.

The Government of Karnataka on June 29, 2024, notified the Karnataka Motor Transport and Other Allied Workers Social Security and Welfare Rules, 2024.

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

## Kerala

### ▪ **Kerala Garment Workers Appreciation Fund (Amendment) Scheme, 2024**

The Government of Kerala on June 13, 2024, issued the Kerala Garment Workers Appreciation Fund (Amendment) Scheme, 2024 to further amend the Kerala Garment Workers Welfare Fund Scheme, 1995.

It has been stated by Amendment that a person whose retirement benefit calculated on the basis of the year so completed is less than the amount mentioned in the table below shall be entitled to the amount as per Table T.”

It shall be deemed to have come into force on **June 26, 2020**.

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

▪ **No tree standing in the area specified area shall be cut or uprooted**

The Government of Kerala on June 14, 2024, directed that no tree standing in the area specified area shall be cut or uprooted, burnt or otherwise destroyed except on the following grounds:

- The tree constitutes a danger to life or property; or
- The tree is dead, diseased or wind fallen.

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

## Madhya Pradesh

▪ **Building and Other Construction Disability Assistance Grant Scheme, 2024**

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on June 14, 2024, issued a Building and Other Construction Disability Assistance Grant Scheme, 2024.

- This scheme is for building and other construction workers.
- The objective of this scheme is to provide a grant amount to the building and other construction workers registered in the Board and the dependent family members included in their registration card in case of disability, for purchasing motorized three-wheelers and all other disability equipment for their transportation.
- This scheme will be applicable from April 01, 2023.

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

## Maharashtra

▪ **Extension of Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees for violating Combined Consent Regime prescribed under the Air/Water Act**

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) on June 27, 2024, issued a notification regarding the Extension of Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees for violating the Combined Consent Regime prescribed under the Air/Water Act.

- It states that the Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees is extended for a further 3 months period i.e. from June 01, 2024, up to August 31, 2024.
- It states that all the applications received in this period will only be considered. Industry applying under the amnesty scheme will have to pay the total penal fees within 15 days period once the online link for payment of fees is provided through the online e-payment gateway by the Board.
- The Amnesty Scheme fees amount to be paid by PP through the online e-payment gateway.

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

▪ **Maharashtra Factories (Safety Audit) (Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Maharashtra has issued Notification of the Maharashtra Factories (Safety Audit) (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

- This amendment lowers the threshold for mandatory safety audits from factories employing 250 workers to those employing 50 or more workers.
- Further, the definition of a Safety Auditor has been broadened to include institutions recognized by a committee constituted by the State Government, ensuring audits are conducted in accordance with the new Rules.
- After completing an internal audit, the occupier must submit an executive summary of observations and an action-taken report to the Chief Inspector of Factories, within thirty days of completion of the audit.
- The eligibility criteria of safety officer are now defined as a person who possess degree in Chemical, Electrical and Mechanical Branch and possessing the qualifications, experience or any other requirements set out in Schedule I.
- The occupier of the factory has to electronically inform the officer of Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health, seven days in advance before the commencement of the safety audit.

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

▪ **Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Framework for Resource Adequacy) Regulations, 2024**

The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) on June 21, 2024, issued the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Framework for Resource Adequacy) Regulations, 2024.

- Aim:
  - o The purpose of these Regulations is to enable the implementation of the Resource Adequacy Framework by designing a system for planning generation and transmission resources to reliably meet forecasted demand by complying with specified reliability standards to supply electricity loads with an optimum generation mix. Provided that the

planning of transmission resources shall be consistent with MERC (State Grid Code), Regulations, 2020, and amendments thereto.

- **Assessment of Planning Reserve Margin (PRM):**

- o The Planning Reserve Margin (PRM) as a percentage of peak load indicates excess generation resources or planning reserves required to be considered for the purpose of generation resource planning.

This notification will come into force on June 21, 2024. Provided that the time limit prescribed in regulation 21 of these regulations shall continue to apply from the financial year 2025-26.

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

## Manipur

### ▪ **Draft Imphal Municipal Waste Management Bye-laws, 2024**

The Imphal Municipal Corporation, Manipur on June 25, 2024, issued the Draft Imphal Municipal Waste Management Bye-laws, 2024. It aims to manage solid waste, e-waste, plastic waste, bio-medical waste, construction and demolition waste.

- It states that it shall be necessary for all the waste generators to separate and store the waste coming out of their own places regularly into the streams - Biodegradable or wet waste, non-biodegradable or dry waste, and Domestic hazardous waste and deposit it into covered waste bins.
- It states that the color of bins for storage of segregated waste shall be green for biodegradable waste, blue for nonbiodegradable waste or dry waste, and black for domestic hazardous.
- It states that the IMC shall be responsible for the development and setting up of infrastructure for segregation, collection, storage, transportation, processing, and disposal of the plastic waste either on its own or by engaging agencies or producers.
- It states that vehicles used for the transportation of waste shall be covered in such a manner that the collected waste shall not be exposed to an open environment and shall transport the waste directly to a compost plant, waste to an energy plant, or to any other site/plant designated by the IMC.

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

### ▪ **Manipur Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2024**

The Government of Manipur on June 10, 2024, issued the Manipur Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2024, to further amend the Manipur Excise Rules, 1962. This shall come into force on June 18, 2024.

- In rule 127 - 'Fine in case of breaches of conditions of license, etc.', the figures "INR 50" and "INR 1,000", shall be substituted with the figure "INR 1,000/-" and "INR 1,00,000/-", respectively.
- Rule 185, which states "Retail liquor and ganja shops within two and half miles of border of another district", shall be substituted with "Except with the previous sanction of the State Government, licenses for the retail sale of liquor at any place within 500 meters of the border of another district shall not be granted".
- In rule 188 - 'Places where foreign liquor 'on' licenses may be granted', the words "in Imphal only", shall be substituted with the words "as notified by the State Government".
- In rule 238 - 'Women not to be employed' in country spirit or hemp drug shops', the words "any women as saleswoman" shall be substituted with the words and figure "any woman below 25 years of age as sales woman".
- In rule 272 - 'Wholesale licenses', the words appearing in the last line "superior class", shall be substituted with words "superior class or Government owned Agency/Corporation as notified by the State Government".
- In the Principal rules, after rule 354, new rules 355-365 shall be inserted.

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

## Puducherry

### ▪ **Steps for the management and mitigation of adverse effects of extremely hot weather**

The Government of Puducherry on June 16, 2024, issued steps for management and mitigation of adverse effects of extremely hot weather.

The following has been stated: -

- Ensuring adequate drinking water facilities at workplaces.
- Making provision for emergency ice packs and heat illness prevention material, for construction workers.
- It is further mentioned that special attention also needs to be paid to construction workers, and brick kiln workers.
- For awareness of daily wage/casual workers, information dissemination in respect of the above guidelines may also be undertaken at the Market place/ Bazaars etc.

- The Department of Labour urges and encourages all the stakeholders to maintain a sufficient quantity of drinking water/buttermilk at a suitable place in their workplace, which is easily accessible by the workers.
- Increase the frequency and length of rest breaks for outdoor activities - at least 5 minutes after every one hour of labor work.
- Owners of the factories/construction sites are encouraged to maintain sufficient stocks of ORS Packets, essential medicines, intravenous fluids, and ice packs during the season of intense heat.

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

## Punjab

### ▪ **Draft Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024**

The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (PSERC) on June 19, 2024, notified that it is inviting suggestions and objections of the public and stakeholders on the Draft Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024.

It proposes that the PSERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2014 along with amendments, and PSERC (Single Point Supply to Co-operative Group Housing Societies/Employers) Regulations, 2008, along with amendment, shall stand repealed.

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

### ▪ **Meter connections of solar rooftop plants**

The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) on June 19, 2024, notified regarding the meter connections of solar rooftop plants.

- It states the conditions to be kept in notice while checking connections of Solar Rooftop Consumer: The supply from the solar meter shall be connected to the output (consumer) side of the Main meter (Bi-Directional).
- In the case of LT CT OR HT Bi-Directional meters, the polarity of CT & PT shall be kept in the same sequence, and it needs to be checked properly.

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

### ▪ **Tariff for Small Power, Medium Supply, and Large Supply consumers who use electricity exclusively during night hours for FY 2024-25**

The Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL) on June 14, 2024, issued a circular regarding the special tariff for Small Power, Medium Supply, and Large Supply consumers who use electricity exclusively during night hours for FY 2024-25.

- PSERC in the Tariff Order for FY 2024-25 has decided to continue with the special reduced tariff for industrial consumers who opt to use electricity during night hours i.e. from 10:00 P.M. to 06:00 A.M. (next day), with the provision of consumption of electricity from 06:00 AM to 10:00 AM at normal tariff rate for FY 2024-25.
- The Commission also retains the provision of allowing the additional consumption of 10% of total units consumed during the night hours (10:00 P.M. to 06:00 A.M. the next day) which could be availed during the period from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. at normal rates.
- This tariff shall be applicable if the consumer opts to be so charged in place of the normal tariff by using electricity exclusively during night hours as above. The option can be exercised to switch over from a normal tariff to an exclusive night-time tariff by giving not less than one month's notice in writing.

Revised rates shall be applicable from **June 16, 2024, to March 31, 2025.**

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

## Rajasthan

### ▪ **Exemption to shops and commercial institutions registered under the Rajasthan Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958**

The Government of Rajasthan on June 20, 2024, issued a notification regarding the exemption to shops and commercial institutions registered under the Rajasthan Shops And Commercial Establishments Act, 1958.

- The employer will permit to employ the female employee at night only after obtaining her consent.
- All women employees will be issued appointment letters and identity cards with photographs by the employer. In the case of women employees working at night, it will be the responsibility of the employer to ensure their complete safety and the employer will provide safe transport arrangements for the women employees to come from home to the workplace and back at night.

- Separate restrooms and lockers for storing luggage will be provided for women employees at the workplace.
- No pregnant woman will be called for night work, 3 months before her expected delivery date and 3 months after giving birth to the child.
- The employer will ensure arrangements to prevent possible acts or incidents of sexual harassment in the workplace.
- In case any shop or commercial institution violates the above conditions, the exemption given will automatically be void and as a result, the employer will be responsible for legal action under the relevant section and other laws.

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

#### ▪ **Variable Dearness Allowance payable according to the Engineering Wage Board recommendations**

The Government of Rajasthan on June 11, 2024, notified regarding the variable dearness allowance payable in accordance with the recommendations of the Engineering Wage Board.

It states that the new series of Consumer Price Index Number (Base 2016 = 100) for industrial workers has been introduced w.e.f. September 2020 onwards. It states that as per the recommendations of the Engineering Wage Board, Variable Dearness Allowance shall be worked out based on All India Consumer Price Index Numbers Base Year 1949 = 100, for period from October 2023 to March 2024. The average for the period from October 2023 to March 2024 is 11097 points.

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

### Tamil Nadu

#### ▪ **Minimum Support Price for paddy in the year 2024-25**

The Government of Tamil Nadu on June 26, 2024, issued the Minimum Support Price for paddy in the year 2024-25.

It has recently fixed INR 2300/- per quintal for normal paddy as the minimum reference price for the Kharif season 2024- 2025. It has also fixed INR 2,320/- per quintal for fine paddy, with an additional incentive of INR 105/- per quintal for normal paddy and INR 130/- per quintal for light paddy.

It has been approved to take up paddy procurement for the 2024-2025 season from **September 01, 2024**.

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

### Telangana

#### ▪ **Implementation of reform No. 167 - Mandate to publish on the online dashboard in the public domain under EoDB**

The Labour Employment Training & Factories (Lab-I) Department, Telangana on June 21, 2024, notified regarding the implementation of reform No. 167 - Mandate to publish on the online dashboard in the public domain under EoDB.

- It states that the Director of Labour, Director of Factories, and Director of Boilers, are mandated to publish in the public domain an online dashboard, with the following features:
  - o Publish the data on the number of applications received and granted, and the time taken, and fee incurred to grant approvals/certificates.
  - o Highlight that the dashboard is updated preferably in real-time or updated regularly (daily/weekly/fortnightly/monthly).
- It states that the dashboard shall cover the following acts:
  - o License for contractors under provision of The Contracts Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, Shops and Establishment Act, Principal employer's establishment under provision of The Contracts Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, Building and Other Construction Workers Act, Establishment under the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (RE&CS) Act, 1979, Factories Act, Registration/renewals under Boiler Act, and Registration/renewals under Boiler Manufacturer.

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

#### ▪ **Submission of the quarterly progress reports**

The Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TG RERA) on May 20, 2024, notified regarding the submission of the quarterly progress reports to the Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TG RERA) authority within 15 days from the end of each quarter.

It has been stated that all the promoters are mandated to submit their pending quarterly progress reports by the end of June 2024, failing which the Authority will be constrained to impose a penalty under section 61 of the RE (R&D) Act, 2016 without any further notice.

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

## West Bengal

- **Public holiday on July 10 due to elections**

The Government of West Bengal on June 19, 2024, issued the notification regarding the Bye-Election to WBLA from 35.

As per the Notifications, Bye Election to WBLA from 35 Raiganj, 90 Ranaghat Dakshin (SC), 94 Bagda (SC) & 167 - Maniktala Assembly Constituency, 2024 in the state of West Bengal is going to be held on July 10, 2024 (Wednesday).

Employers of any business, trade, undertaking, shops, commercial, and industrial establishment are to declare the said date as a paid holiday for their workers to enable them to exercise their franchise in the ensuing election.

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

- **Compulsion to issue and renew new sawmill licenses online**

The Government of West Bengal on June 24, 2024, issued a notification regarding the regular renewal of sawmill license and therein stated that issuance of new licenses will be done online compulsorily.

However, keeping in view the current progress in the online system, there are still some technical issues that need some more time for easing out. Therefore, both online system and offline system (i.e. manual system) for change of ownership, change of name of sawmill and intra-divisional shifting will continue up to September 30, 2024.

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