



# COMPLIANCE UPDATE

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## Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

- **Order for removing Difficulty in Direct Tax Vivad se Vishwas Scheme, 2024**

The Central Board of Direct Taxes on January 20, 2025, released an Order to remove difficulty in Direct Tax Vivad se Vishwas Scheme, 2024 with respect to the cases of appeal. (To view the Order, please click [here](#))
  
- **Income-tax (First Amendment) Rules, 2025**

The Central Board of Direct Taxes on January 21, 2025, notified Income-tax (First Amendment) Rules, 2025. The amendment notifies provision in favor of non-resident for computing profits and gains of business of operation of cruise ships. (To view the Amendment, please click [here](#))
  
- **Income-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2025**

The Central Board of Direct Taxes on January 27, 2025, notified Income-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2025. The following rules have been added:

  - Rule 2DAA: Conditions for the Venture Capital Fund for the clause (23FB) of section 10
  - Rule 21ACA: Conditions and activities for the Finance Company located in any International Financial Services Centre for section 94B
  - Rule 21AIA(4): Other conditions required to be fulfilled by a specified fund referred to in clause (4D) of Section 10

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

# Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

## ▪ **BIS Standards for Rotating Electrical Machines**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on January 16, 2025, has amended the following Standards among others:

- IS 12065: 2025 Permissible Limits of Noise Levels for Rotating Electrical Machines (IEC 60034-9: 2021, MOD) (First Revision)
- IS 15199 (Part 1): 2025 IEC 61287-1: 2014 Railway Applications — Power Converters Installed on Board Rolling Stock Part 1 Characteristics and Test Methods (First Revision)
- IS/IEC 60034-5: 2020 Rotating Electrical Machines Part 5 Degrees of Protection Provided by the Integral Design of Rotating Electrical Machines (IP Code) — Classification (Third Revision)
- IS/IEC 60071-2: 2023 Insulation Co-ordination Part 2 Application Guidelines (Second Revision)

**The standards will come into force retrospectively from January 10, 2025.**

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

## ▪ **BIS Standards for Textiles and Washing Machines**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on January 15, 2025, has notified the following Standards:

- IS/IEC 60071-2: 2023 Insulation Co-ordination Part 2 Application Guidelines (Second Revision)
- IS 6686: 2025 Textiles — Nose Bars for Speed and Ring Spinning Frames — Specification (Second Revision)
- IS 7216: 2025 Textiles — Handloom Cotton Angavastram — Specification (First Revision)
- IS 14155: 2025 Domestic Electric Clothes Washing Machines for Household Use — Specification (First Revision)

**The standards will come into force retrospectively from January 10, 2025.**

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

## ▪ **Amendment in BIS Standards for Welding Rods and Cold Rolled Steel Strip**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on January 16, 2025, has notified the following Standards:

- IS 3024: 2015 Cold Rolled Grain Oriented Electrical Steel Strip and Sheet Delivered in Fully Processed State (Third Revision)
- IS 6419: 1996 Welding Rods and Bare Electrodes for Gas Shielded Arc Welding of Structural Steels — Specification (First Revision)
- IS 7226: 1974 Specification for Cold-Rolled Medium, High Carbon and Low Alloy Steel Strip for General Engineering Purposes

**The standards will come into force from January 14, 2025.**

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

## ▪ **BIS Standards for Neurosurgical Instruments and Ophthalmic Optics**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on January 16, 2025, has notified the following Standards:

- IS 8174: 2025 Neurosurgical Instruments — Forceps, Artery, Dandy's Pattern — Shape and Dimensions (Second Revision)
- IS 13175: 2025 Neurosurgical Instruments — Needle Holder — Shape and Dimensions (First Revision)
- IS/ISO 8980-3: 2022 Ophthalmic Optics — Uncut Finished Spectacle Lenses Part 3 Transmittance Specifications and Test Methods (First Revision)

**The standards will come into force retrospectively from January 10, 2025.**

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

# Industry-wise updates

## Commerce and Industries

- **Amendments to Handbook of Procedures, in line with the Implementation of the eCertificate of Origin System**  
The Ministry of Commerce and Industries on January 27, 2025, made amendments to Para 2.91 and 2.93 of Chapter 2 of the Handbook of Procedures 2023 for the eCertificate of Origin System. (To view the Amendment, please click [here](#))
- **Amendment in import Policy Condition of Glufosinate Technical covered under HS Code of Chapter 38**  
The Ministry of Commerce and Industries on January 24, 2025, notified amendment in import Policy Condition of Glufosinate Technical covered under HS Code 38089390 of Chapter 38 of Schedule –I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022.  
The notification restricted Import of ‘Glufosinate and its salts’ (Purity – Minimum 95% w/w) for CIF value below INR 1289/- per Kg.  
(To view the Amendment, please click [here](#))
- **Electrical Appliances for domestic water heating (Quality Control) Order, 2025**  
The Ministry of Commerce and Industries on January 16, 2025, notified the Electrical Appliances for domestic water heating (Quality Control) Order, 2025.  
The Electrical Appliances for domestic water heating shall conform to the Indian Standards and bear the Standard Mark under a license from the Bureau as per Scheme-1 of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018.  
(To view the Order, please click [here](#))
- **Amendment to Refrigerating Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2020**  
The Ministry of Commerce and Industries on January 16, 2025, notified amendment to the Refrigerating Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2020.  
The order makes amendment while adding supplementary provisos to Refrigerating Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2020, paragraph 2.  
(To view the Amendment, please click [here](#))
- **Introduction of new Scheme as ‘Diamond Imprest Authorisation’**  
The Ministry of Commerce and Industries on January 21, 2025, notified the introduction of new Scheme as ‘Diamond Imprest Authorisation’ under Chapter 4 of Foreign Trade Policy 2023.  
It states that Diamond Imprest Authorization may be granted for the import of Natural Cut and Polished Diamonds, including semi-processed, half-cut, and broken diamonds.  
(To view the Order, please click [here](#))

## Employee Provident Fund Organisation

- **Simplification of Joint Declaration Process**  
The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) on January 16, 2025, notified directions regarding the Simplification of Joint Declaration Process.  
The revised guidelines categorized the members into three distinct groups based on their UAN and Aadhaar linkage status.  
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))
- **Deployment of functionality for capture of data of non-EPS members**  
The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) on January 17, 2025, notified the deployment of a new functionality designed to capture data for non-EPS members of Provident Fund (PF) trusts.  
UAN generation and activation are mandatory for utilizing this new functionality. This ensures that all PF members, whether they are under EPS or not, have a unique identification number to facilitate accurate data capture.  
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))
- **Implementation of Centralized Pension Payment System (CPPS)**  
The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) on January 17, 2025, notified regarding the Implementation of Centralized Pension Payment System (CPPS).  
It states that the CPPS enables pension payments through the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), allowing pensions to be processed for any bank account, in any branch, of any scheduled commercial bank across India.  
(To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

▪ **De-linking of erroneously linked Member Ids from UAN**

The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) on January 17, 2025, notified regarding the De-linking of erroneously linked Member Ids from UAN.

This new facility empowers employees to manage their EPFO records more effectively, eliminating the issue of wrongly linked Member IDs.

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

▪ **Clarifications on policy issues related to the processing of Pension on Higher Wages cases**

The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) on January 18, 2025, notified regarding Clarifications on policy issues related to processing of Pension on Higher Wages cases.

Key Clarifications in the notification include:

- Pension Computation on a Pro-Rata Basis
- Eligibility for PoHW in Exempted Establishments
- Netting of PoHW Dues Against Pension Arrears
- Reckoning Wage Arrears Payable Retrospectively

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

## Forest and Environment

▪ **Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2025**

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on January 23, 2025, notified Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2025. The amendment highlights the necessary information with respect to plastic packaging.

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

# State-wise updates

## Andhra Pradesh

### Amendment in Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966

The Industries and Commerce Department (Mines-III), Government of Andhra Pradesh, vide notification dated January 20, 2025, announced amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966. These changes impact dead rent payments and address levies on minerals used in specific projects. The key amendments include:

- Substitution of Rule 10(3) which revises the dead rent payment schedule. Lessees are now required to pay the first year's dead rent at the time of lease deed execution. Subsequent years' dead rent must be paid annually in advance. Furthermore, the seignior age fee and other applicable taxes are to be paid before the mineral is dispatched from the leased area.
- Insertion of sub-rule (8) to Rule 10. This sub-rule exempts minor minerals obtained within the cutting sections of NHAJ projects from seigniorage fees, consideration amounts, DMF (District Mineral Fund), and MERIT, unless these materials are used in the same NHAJ project by the contractor.
- Insertion of sub-clause (vii) to Rule 10(G)(2) which states that seignior age fee, consideration amount, DMF and MERIT for the dispatches to State Government Works/National Highway Works should be collected with the exemption of advance payment and free dispatch permits should be issued by DMGO/Div. MGO concerned.

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

## Assam

### Clarification on Input Tax Credit availed by Electronic Commerce Operators

The Commissioner of Taxes, Government of Assam, vide circular dated January 17, 2025, issued a clarification on Input Tax Credit (ITC) availed by Electronic Commerce Operators (ECOs) where services are supplied through their platform. The circular clarified that:

- The ECOs paying tax under Section 9(5) of the Goods and Services Act, 2017, are not required to proportionately reverse ITC on their inputs and input services.
- The tax liability should be paid in cash and though ITC cannot be used for this liability, it can be utilized for taxable supplies made on their account, thus, ensuring consistency in tax treatment for specified services under Section 9(5) GST Act, 2017.

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

## Bihar

### Notification related to exemptions on Supply of Services

The Commercial Tax Department, Government of Bihar, vide notification dated January 17, 2025, amended an older notification no, 12/2017-State Tax (Rate) dated June 29, 2017, which was related to exemptions on the supply of goods. Through this notification, the Government stated that:

- The words "transmission and distribution" in serial number 25A, column (3) of the Table provided should be substituted with the words "transmission or distribution".
- Insertion of serial number 36B which talks about Services of insurance provided by Motor Vehicle Accident Fund against contributions made by insurers out of the premiums collected for third-party insurance of motor vehicles.
- Insertion in column (3) of Table of item (f) in serial number 69, namely: a training partner approved by the National Skill Development Corporation.

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

### GST Rate Schedule

The Commercial Tax Department, Government of Bihar, vide notification dated January 16, 2025, issued a notification regarding the GST Rate Schedule and made amendments in the older notification (08/2018), dated January 25, 2018. In the notification, in the table provided, against serial number 04, column (4), for the entry "6%", the entry "9%" has been substituted.

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

## Goa

### Guidelines for Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), 2024

The Government of Goa vide notification dated January 23, 2025, announced the implementation of the Guidelines for Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), 2024. This initiative aims to significantly improve the ease of doing business in the state and attract both local and foreign investment. The key features of BRAP, 2024 include:

- Mandatory PAN Requirement: All business entities must use their Permanent Account Number (PAN) as a unique identifier for registration on the Goa-Online Portal. This will facilitate data interchange and improve transparency in government-to-business (G2B) services.
  - Know Your Approvals (KYA): A new online wizard has been launched to guide new businesses through necessary pre-establishment and pre-operation clearances. This tool integrates with the National Single Window System to provide comprehensive information based on industry type and other parameters.
  - Real-Time Updates: An online dashboard will display application statistics, approval times, and associated fees to enhance transparency in the application process. It will provide real-time updates to users.
  - Integration with State Departments: All state departments are required to inform the Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board (Goa-IPB) of any changes in licenses or clearances within 30 days, ensuring that the KYA wizard remains current and accurate.
- (To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

## Govt. of NCT of Delhi

### ▪ **Installation of real-time electronic display board for PM10 and PM2.5 at Construction sites**

The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) vide notification dated January 22, 2025, issued new directives aimed at mitigating air pollution at construction sites/projects. These directions mandate the installation of real-time electronic display boards for air quality information and the provision of electric heaters for construction workers. The key directives include:

- Real-Time Electronic Display Boards: Construction sites are now required to install large, real-time electronic display boards, as per the provided proforma. These boards must be 10 ft x 7 ft in size and display information, including plot area, dust control measures implemented, and real-time air quality data (PM10 and PM2.5 levels).
- Electric Heaters for Workers: To prevent the burning of biomass/municipal solid waste (MSW) during winter, construction site owners are directed to provide electric heaters to construction workers and security personnel.

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

## Gujarat

### ▪ **Draft Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2025**

The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) vide notification dated January 23, 2025 released the Draft Regulations on Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Green Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2025. These proposed amendments focus on clarifying banking charges and their effective date. The Key Proposed Amendments:

- Revision in Clause 1(4) which now specifies the effective period for banking charges specified in Regulation 17.6. These charges are applicable from the date of notification of these regulations up to September 30, 2025, or an earlier date notified by the Commission.
- Revision in Clause 17.6(viii): The banking charge of Rs. 1.50 per unit is applicable from the notification date of these regulations until September 30, 2025, or an earlier date notified by the Commission. Subsequent banking charges, effective after this period, will be determined and notified separately by the Commission.

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

### ▪ **Consent Process for Healthcare Units**

The Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) vide notification dated January 21, 2025, issued a notice simplifying the consent process for Non-Bedded Health Care Units (HCUs) and HCUs with less than 30 beds that generate biomedical waste.

- Mandatory Consent: HCUs with fewer than 30 beds are now required to obtain consent under the Water Act, 1974, the Air Act, 1981, and the Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016, from the GPCB.
- Expedited Processing: To facilitate ease of doing business, consent and authorization applications from these units will be processed within 15 days without on-site inspection, based on merit. While initial processing will be expedited, on-site inspections will be conducted within 90 days of approval to verify compliance with the applicable regulations.
- Qualified Personnel Required: These HCUs are required to appoint a qualified individual responsible for ensuring adherence to all relevant rules and regulations.

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

## Haryana

### ▪ **Paid Holiday for Delhi General Elections, 2025**

The Labour Department, Government of Haryana, vide notification dated January 22, 2025, notified February 05, 2025, i.e., "Wednesday" as a Paid Holiday (Holiday with Wages) under the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958, for all Shops and Commercial Establishments employing workers who are enrolled as voters in the NCT of Delhi. (To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

### ▪ **Leave for Factory Workers on account of Delhi General Elections, 2025**

The Labour Department, Government of Haryana, vide notification dated January 27, 2025, exempted from the provisions of Section 52(1)(a) of the Factories Act, all adult workers working in the factories situated in the state of Haryana who are voters in the General Elections to Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi to be held on February 05, 2025, i.e., "Wednesday". The exemption applies for the week from February 02, 2025, to February 08, 2025. (To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

## Jammu and Kashmir

### ▪ **Postponement of Holiday on account of Shab-i-Miraj**

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir vide notification January 25, 2025 declared that the holiday for Shab-i-Miraj will now be observed on **January 28, 2025**, i.e., Tuesday instead of the previously announced date of January 27, 2025. (To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

## Karnataka

### ▪ **Amend KERC (Implementation of rooftop aero turbine with solar or without solar) Regulation, 2025**

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission vide notification dated January 20, 2025 released the KERC (Implementation of rooftop aero turbine with solar or without solar) Regulation, 2025. These regulations govern the installation of grid-connected rooftop aero turbine (RAT) power plants, including those combined with solar PV systems. Some of the key provisions include that:

- Distribution licensees will provide gross or net metering arrangements as determined by the Commission, on a non-discriminatory, first-come, first-served basis.
- Consumers may install grid-connected RAT plants (with or without solar) up to their sanctioned load. Combined solar and aero turbine installations can reach 125% of the sanctioned load (with the aero turbine capped at 25% of the solar capacity), while aero turbine-only systems are limited to the sanctioned load. Minimum capacity for each resource is 1kW.
- Consumers are responsible for ensuring their rooftops can withstand the static and dynamic loads of the RAT plant, consulting a structural engineer as needed.
- The total capacity of grid-connected RAT plants allowed under these regulations is subject to a statewide limit determined by the Commission.

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

### ▪ **Draft Karnataka Electricity Grid Code (KEGC), 2024**

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission vide notification dated January 20, 2025, released the Draft Karnataka Electricity Grid Code (KEGC), 2024. This draft code aims to enhance the reliability and efficiency of Karnataka's electricity grid. The Key Objectives of the KEGC, 2024 include:

- Enhanced Grid Reliability: The draft code establishes a mechanism for ancillary services and seeks to maintain a balance between power generation and consumption to improve grid stability.
- Improved Operational Efficiency: It outlines measures designed to optimize the operational efficiency of the electricity grid.
- The draft code further mandates compliance with updated technical standards for equipment and installations.
- Increased Accountability: The draft code promotes transparency and fairness by establishing a structured framework for service providers.
- Improved Service Delivery: It proposes the use of Geographical Information System (GIS) technology for consumer indexing and asset mapping to enhance service delivery.

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

▪ **Draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) Regulations, 2025**

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission vide notification dated January 16, 2025, released the Draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) Regulations, 2025. This action follows the invalidation of the "Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) Rules 2022" by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka.

The key points covered are as follows:

- Interim Arrangements: Pending the finalization of new regulations, the court has permitted interim arrangements, including 50% payment of transmission charges, wheeling charges at 5%, and a revised banking facility at 4%.
- Introduction of Draft Regulations: It aims to incorporate advancements in the electricity sector, particularly concerning renewable energy integration and to improve the open access framework in the state.

The KERC has invited stakeholders to submit any objections or suggestions within 30 days of the draft regulations' publication in the official gazette.

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

▪ **Draft KERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2025**

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission vide notification dated January 16, 2025, issued draft regulations, i.e., the Draft KERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) (Third Amendment) Regulations 2025 with the aim to improve the process of resolving electricity-related grievances in Karnataka. The key amendments include:

- These amended regulations will apply to all electricity distribution licensees and electricity consumers within the State of Karnataka.
- Insertion of definition for Prosumers – anyone who consumes electricity from the grid and can also inject electricity into the grid for distribution licensee.
- Establishment of a consumer redressal forum consisting of a chairperson and four members by every distribution licensee.
- Timeline for filing complaint - Complaint should be submitted within 3 months of the issue rising to the district level.

The Draft Regulations invite interested stakeholders to submit their comments, views, suggestions, or objections on or before February 10, 2025.

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

▪ **Effective date for Karnataka Motor Vehicle (Second) Amendment Act, 2024**

The Government of Karnataka vide notification dated January 27, 2025, officially announced that the Karnataka Motor Vehicles Taxation (Second Amendment) Act, 2024, will come into effect on **February 01, 2025**. The Second Amendment introduces significant changes to the assessment and collection of motor vehicle taxes within the state like introduction of Additional Cess, i.e., an extra cess of INR 500 for two-wheelers and INR 1,000 for motor cars will be levied at the time of registration on non-transport vehicles to fund the Karnataka Motor Transport and Allied Workers Social Security and Welfare Fund.

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

## Kerala

▪ **Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Laborers and Industrial Workers for November 2024**

The Department of Economics and Statistics of Kerala vide notification dated January 17, 2025, released the Consumer Price Index (CPI) numbers for agricultural laborers and industrial workers for November 2024.

- These CPI figures are essential for wage determination under the Minimum Wages Act. The Director General of Economics and Statistics uses these numbers to ascertain appropriate wage levels.
- The CPI serves as a vital tool for adjusting employee wages in line with fluctuations in the cost of living, ensuring fair compensation.
- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) numbers for November 2024 indicate the cost of living for agricultural labourers and industrial workers across various districts in Kerala, calculated using base years 2011-12=100 and 1998-99=100.
- The values show minor changes compared to October 2024, suggesting moderate inflation trends, with Kasargod having the highest CPI (222) and Palakkad among the lowest (197) under the 2011-12 base.

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



## Ladakh

### ▪ [Draft Ladakh Motor Vehicle Scrapping Policy 2025](#)

The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh on January 16, 2025, notified the Draft Ladakh Motor Vehicle Scrapping Policy 2025 and invited comments from Stakeholders & General Public within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of the notice. The objective of the policy is to reduce pollution, improve road safety, boost the auto sector and formalize the vehicle scrapping industry.

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

## Maharashtra

### ▪ [Maharashtra Labour Welfare Board extended the payment of contribution by employers](#)

The Maharashtra Labour Welfare Board (MLWB) issued the notification to extend the payment of contribution by employers. The date of payment has been extended to January 31, 2025.

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

## Meghalaya

### ▪ [Conditions for Employing Women in Night Shifts in the Factories](#)

The Government of Meghalaya on January 16, 2025, issued a notification regarding Conditions for Employing Women in Night Shifts (7 PM to 6 AM) in the Factories in which the following has been stated:

- Occupier to ensure women's safety and security, which include the prevention of sexual harassment, provision of CCTV, transportation with security, and female supervisors for night shifts.
- Factories must establish an Internal Committee for sexual harassment, provide medical facilities, and display emergency contacts. Regular workshops and grievance meetings are also required, along with compliance with the Factories Act and other labour laws.
- The Occupier must submit annual reports and incident reports per the Sexual Harassment Act.

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

### ▪ [Meghalaya Factories \(Amendment\) Rules, 2025](#)

The Department of Labour, Employment and Skill Development, Meghalaya on January 16, 2025, issued the Meghalaya Factories (Amendment) Rules, 2025, to further amend the Meghalaya Factories Rules, 1980.

The following has been amended namely:

- Substitution of sub-rule (2) of Rule 6 which states "Grant of Licence" - "Every license granted or renewed under this chapter shall remain valid or be in force for a minimum period of one year to a maximum period of 10 years as applicable. The license so granted or renewed shall remain valid up to the end of the tenure period"
- Substitution of sub-rule (2) of Rule 8 which states "Renewal of Licence" - "Every application for renewal of a License shall be applied online, and shall be made not less than 2 (two) months before the date on which the License expires, and, if the application is so made, the premises shall be held to duly licensed for a validity period of 1 (one) year and may be extended to 10 (ten) years on a case-to-case basis as applicable with the approval of the Chief Inspector".

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

### ▪ [Meghalaya Factories \(Amendment\) Rules, 2024](#)

The Government of Meghalaya on January 16, 2025, issued the Meghalaya Factories (Amendment) Rules, 2024 to further amend the Meghalaya Factories Rules, 1980.

The following amendments have been made:

- Rule 6, sub-rule 2 of the Meghalaya Factories Rules, 1980 has been substituted as follows:  
(2) "Every license granted or renewed under this chapter shall remain valid or be in force for a minimum period of one year to a maximum period of 10 years as applicable. The license so granted or renewed shall remain valid up to the end of the tenure period. Notwithstanding the above, the Chief Inspector of Boilers & Factories may issue/grant factory license for more than 10 years on a case-to-case basis".

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

## Mizoram

### ▪ **Poll day of the Local Council Election as a holiday for Government servants in certain districts**

The Government of Mizoram on January 28, 2025, declared poll day of the Local Council Election as a Public holiday for Government servants on February 12, 2025 (Wednesday) under Section 25 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, for all Government Servants including employees under Central/State Public Undertakings, Educational Institutions and Banking Institutions within Aizawl Municipality to enable the electors to exercise their franchise in the forthcoming General Election to Local Councils, 2025. The notification is also to be applicable in the following districts:

- Aizawl
- Lunglei,
- Serchhip
- Champhai
- Mamit
- Kolasib
- Saitual
- Khawzawl
- Hnahthial Districts

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

## Nagaland

### ▪ **Registration Form of Lead Acid Battery Dealers**

The Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB) on January 24, 2025, issued the Registration Form of Lead Acid Battery Dealers. The registration form mandates the submission of comprehensive information like applicant details, project information, compliance requirements, and other relevant information necessary for regulatory purposes, and a Trade License and GST certificate.

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

## Punjab

### ▪ **Ban on Synthetic Kite Flying Threads**

The Punjab Pollution Control Board on January 15, 2025, issued a notification regarding the ban on Synthetic Kite Flying Threads.

In the notification, the following has been stated:

- Ban on the manufacture, sale, storage, and use of kite flying threads made from nylon, plastic, or any synthetic material, including "Chinese Dor/manjha" coated with sharp substances.
- Violators will face penalties under the Environment Protection Act, 1986, with fines or imprisonment.

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

### ▪ **Levy of Green Tax on Motor Vehicles**

The Department of Transport, Punjab on January 17, 2025, notified the levy of Green Tax on Motor Vehicles which will come into force with effect from September 01, 2024.

As per the notification, the Green Tax will be levied as follows:

- Non-Transport Vehicles (on renewal of registration):
  - o Two-Wheelers INR 500 (Petrol), INR 1000 (Diesel)
  - o Four-Wheelers
    - Up to 1500 CC INR 3000/- (Petrol), INR 4000/- (Diesel)
    - Above 1500 CC, INR 4000/- (Petrol), INR 6000/- (Diesel)
- Transport Vehicles (after 8 years):
  - o Motorcycles INR 250 p.a.
  - o Three-Wheelers INR 300 p.a.
  - o Motor/Maxi Cabs INR 500 p.a.
  - o Light Motor Vehicles ₹1500 p.a.
  - o Medium Motor Vehicles ₹2000 p.a.
  - o Heavy Motor Vehicles ₹2500 p.a.

No levy of Green Tax if the vehicle is operated by LPG, CNG, Battery, or Solar Power.

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

## Rajasthan

### ▪ **Rajasthan Transparency in Public Procurement (Amendment) Rules, 2025**

The Finance Department, Government of Rajasthan on January 22, 2025, issued the Rajasthan Transparency in Public Procurement (Amendment) Rules, 2025, to further amend the Rajasthan Transparency in Public Procurement Rules, 2013. This shall come into force from January 22, 2025.

The following has been stated in the amendment:

- In Rule 36 which states the Preparation of bidding documents, after the existing clause (f) and before the existing clause (g), a new clause (ff) shall be inserted which states that a contractor/approved bidder may subcontract/sub-let, without prior approval of the procuring entity, to QRated Score startups up to 20% of the original contract value, limited to INR 1 crore for bronze, INR 2 crores for silver, INR 5 crores for gold, and INR 10 crores for platinum/signature QRated score startups.

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

## Tamil Nadu

### ▪ **Holiday for Bye-Election to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly**

The Government of Tamil Nadu on January 20, 2025, issued notification regarding the holiday on February 05, 2025. The holiday is declared due to polling for the Bye-Election to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

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

### ▪ **Amendment to the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Rules, 2023**

The Government of Tamil Nadu on January 07, 2025, issued the amendment to the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Rules, 2023.

The following has been stated namely:

- In the heading “Devices” given in column 3 of THE TABLE provided in sub-rule (1) of Rule 322, for the figure “(2)”, the figure “(3)” shall be substituted.
- In Rule 334, sub-rule (1) shall be substituted for “(1) The licence fee shall be levied and shall be collected for one year or two years or three years, as the case may be, as desired by the licensee.”

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

### ▪ **Notification regarding the Bye-Election to Legislative Assembly**

The Government of Tamil Nadu on January 20, 2025, issued a notification regarding the General Election to Legislative Assembly in which all employees working in Erode and neighboring districts but registered as voters in the 98. Erode (East) Assembly Constituency shall be granted a paid holiday on February 05, 2025 to enable them to cast their votes. Furthermore, all Government offices, industrial establishments under Government control, and educational institutions within 98. Erode (East) Assembly Constituency in Erode district will remain closed on February 05, 2025. (To view the Notification, please click [here](#))

### ▪ **Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman (Amendment) Act, 2025**

The Government of Tamil Nadu on January 22, 2025, issued the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman (Amendment) Act, 2025, to further amend the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman Act, 1998. The Amendment shall come into force on **January 25, 2025**.

The following has been stated:

- In section 4, the expression “shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and with fine which shall not be less than ten thousand rupees”, shall be substituted with the expression “shall be punished on first conviction with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine which shall not be less than one lakh rupees and be punished on a second or subsequent conviction, with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than five years but which may extend to ten years and with fine which shall not be less than ten lakh rupees.”
- In section 5 (2), the expression “two thousand rupees”, shall be substituted with the expression “fifty thousand rupees.”
- In section 6 (2), the expression “one thousand rupees”, shall be substituted with the expression “twenty-five thousand rupees.”

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

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