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UNCOMPLYCATE – NEWSLETTER

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR UNREGISTERED ENTITIES TO REGISTER & IMPROVE NON-STANDARDS WEIGHTS & MEASURES UNDER LEGAL METROLOGY

India's regulatory framework has been increasingly promoting Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) while ensuring that businesses continue to comply with regulatory requirements. As part of this effort, the Government has introduced various reforms to make the compliance framework more business friendly.

In line with this objective, the **Department of Consumer Affairs** has notified the **Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026**, which introduced the 'Improvement Notice mechanism' under the **Legal Metrology Act, 2009**, with effect from **May 1, 2026**. Under this mechanism, regulated entities which commit first-time non-compliances may be given an opportunity to rectify them within a specified time.

The Improvement Notice mechanism applies to various categories of regulated entities operating under the Legal Metrology framework, including manufacturers, importers, packers, dealers, repairers, traders, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and other entities.

BENEFITS OF THE MECHANISM

The mechanism provides several advantages to regulated businesses like:

- Opportunity to rectify genuine first-time procedural and regulatory non-compliances before penal action is initiated.
- Encourages voluntary compliance and timely corrective action.
- Reduces unnecessary litigation arising from unintentional compliance lapses.

ISSUANCE OF IMPROVEMENT NOTICE

If a regulated entity commits a specified first-time procedural or regulatory non-compliance, mentioned below, a Legal Metrology Officer may issue an 'Improvement Notice' identifying the deficiency and granting a reasonable period to rectify the same. If the deficiency is rectified within the prescribed time, the entity may avoid penal proceedings and the associated litigation.

However, failure to comply with the Improvement Notice or repeated non-compliance will continue to attract penalties in accordance with the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

The mechanism applies to following first-time procedural and regulatory non-compliances:

- Use, manufacture, sale, transactions and quotation or publication in contravention of the prescribed standards for weights, measures or units. [Section 25, 27, 28 & 29]
- Non-production of statutory documents [Section 31]
- Failure to obtain model approval [Section 32]
- Manufacture, sale, repair or rendering services by non-standard weights and measures [Section 34 & 35]
- Sale of non-standard packaged commodities [Section 36(1)]
- Import of non-standard weights and measures without registration [Section 38 & 39]
- Furnishing false statutory information and false returns [Section 41(1) & 41(2)]
- Manufacture, Repair, sale or dealing in weights and measures without registration [Section 45 & 46]
- Tampering with Registration certificate [Section 47]

Note: The Department has clarified that the Improvement Notice **does not dilute or weaken consumer protection**. Strict action will continue to be taken against fraud, repeated violations, tampering, intentional non-compliance, and other acts that adversely affect consumer interests. While the reform provides businesses with an opportunity to rectify genuine lapses without facing penal proceedings, it simultaneously preserves strict enforcement against intentional or repeated violations.

Hence, all the regulated entities are required to use this mechanism as an opportunity to strengthen internal compliance systems and ensure continued adherence to the requirements of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

COMPLIANCE UPDATE

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Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

▪ Condonation of delay for filing Form 10AB

The Central Board of Direct Taxes on July 02, 2026, has condoned the delay in electronically filing Form No. 10AB for the renewal of approvals under clause (ii) of the first proviso to Section 80G (5) of the Income-tax Act, 1961. This statutory relief is explicitly extended to funds and institutions whose tax-exempt approval expired on March 31, 2026, but who failed to submit the mandatory renewal application by the prescribed due date of September 30, 2025. Under the Act, which provides deductions for donor contributions, approved entities seeking to extend their status are legally required to file Form No. 10AB electronically at least six months prior to the expiration of their existing approval period.

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

▪ TDS on Ship Lease Rent Paid to Eligible IFSC Units

The Central Board of Direct Taxes on July 03, 2026, notified that no tax is required to be deducted at source under Section 393(1), on lease rent or supplemental lease rent paid by a lessee to an International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Unit engaged in the business of leasing ships, subject to specified conditions. The IFSC Unit must furnish a Statement-cum-Declaration in Form No. 1(N), specifying the twenty consecutive tax years for which it has opted to claim the deduction.

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

▪ TDS on Aircraft Lease Rent Paid to Eligible IFSC Units

The Central Board of Direct Taxes on July 03, 2026, notified that no tax is required to be deducted at source under Section 393(1), on lease rent or supplemental lease rent paid by a lessee to an International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Unit engaged in the business of leasing aircraft, subject to specified conditions. The IFSC Unit must furnish a Statement-cum-Declaration in Form No. 1(N), specifying the twenty consecutive tax years for which it has opted to claim the deduction.

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

▪ TDS on Specified Payments to Eligible IFSC Units

The Central Board of Direct Taxes on July 10, 2026, notified that no tax deduction shall be made on specified payments made to eligible Units of an International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in respect of specified categories of income under the relevant TDS provisions. The notification covers various IFSC Units, including Banking Units, Finance Companies, Finance Units, Insurance Intermediary Offices, Fund Management Entities, Broker Dealers, Investment Advisers, Registered Distributors, Custodians, Credit Rating Agencies, Investment Bankers, Debenture Trustees, International Trade Finance Services and FinTech Entities.

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

▪ Cost Inflation Index for FY 2026-27 Notified under Income-tax Act, 2025

The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), on July 15, 2026, published in the Official Gazette a notification specifying the Cost Inflation Index (CII) for the purposes of the Income-tax Act, 2025.

The notification provides that:

- The Cost Inflation Index (CII) for the Financial Year 2026-27 has been notified as 384.

The notification shall be applicable from Tax Year 2026–27 with effect from April 1, 2026, and to the subsequent tax years.

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

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)

▪ Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 01, 2026, extended the transitional timeline under the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018 framework, till August 31, 2026, thereby providing additional time for stakeholders to align with the electronic filing and compliance requirements under the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018.

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

▪ Anti-Dumping on imports of N-Butyl Alcohol

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 03, 2026, continued the anti-dumping duty on imports of Normal Butanol (N-Butyl Alcohol) falling under tariff item 2905 13 00 originating in or exported from Malaysia, South Africa, and the United States of America. The anti-dumping duty will remain in force for five years from its publication unless revoked, amended, or superseded earlier, and will be payable in Indian currency based on the applicable exchange rate.

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

▪ Temporary admission of animals under INDIA UK CETA

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 03, 2026, exempted Custom Duty and Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) on animals imported into the country for participation in shows, exhibitions, contests, competitions, demonstrations and certain public functions under the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with effect from July 15, 2026. Importers will be required to submit a declaration stating that the animals are intended for display or use in a specified event at the time of filing the bill of entry.

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

▪ Anti-Dumping Duty on Insoluble Sulphur

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 03, 2026, directed provisional assessment of imports of Insoluble Sulphur originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China during the pendency of an anti-absorption review investigation. Importers are directed to furnish a guarantee, as determined by the proper customs officer, to secure payment of any differential anti-dumping duty that may become payable following the review.

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

▪ Provisional assessment of Glufosinate imports

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 03, 2026, directed provisional assessment of imports of "Glufosinate and its salt" originating in or exported from China PR pending the outcome of an anti-absorption review investigation. Importers are directed to furnish a guarantee, as determined by the proper customs officer, to secure payment of any differential anti-dumping duty that may become payable following the review.

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

▪ Customs Tariff (Determination of Origin of Goods under CETA between India and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) Rules 2026

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 03, 2026, has notified the Customs Tariff (Determination of Origin of Goods under Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between India and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) Rules, 2026. The Rules specify:

- Qualifying Value Content
- Non-qualifying operations and cumulation
- Tolerance Rules
- Late claims and refunds

The Rules will come in effect from July 15, 2026.

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

▪ Extension of Anti-Dumping Duty on Seamless Tubes and Pipes

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 06, 2026, extended the anti-dumping duty on "Seamless Tubes, Pipes and Hollow Profiles of Iron, Alloy or Non-Alloy Steel" originating in or exported from China PR till January 27, 2027.

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

▪ **Basic Custom Duty exemption for goods used in manufacture of display assemblies**

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 08, 2026, exempted Basic Custom Duty on goods for use in the manufacturing of display assemblies (falling under heading 8524) for automotive, medical or industrial applications for automotive, medical or industrial applications. The eligible goods are Cell, Flexible Printed Circuit Assembly (FPCA), Backlight Unit, Frame and Anisotropic Conductive Film (ACF).

The exemption applies until March 31, 2029.

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

▪ **Basic Custom Duty exemption for Mobile Phone Inductor Coil**

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 08, 2026, exempted Basic Custom Duty on goods for use in the manufacturing of Inductor Coil Module used in cellular mobile phones for wireless charging such as NC (Nano-Crystalline) Assembly, E-Shield, PET Liner, PC Shim (with Z-Liner), Main Stranded Coil and NFC Coil, and NdFeB Magnets.

The exemption applies until March 31, 2029.

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

▪ **Basic Custom Duty exemption for Lithium Ion Cell**

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 08, 2026, exempted Basic Custom Duty on goods for use in the manufacturing of Lithium Ion Cell including coating, compression, winding, filling, sealing, testing, welding, formation, cleaning, recovery, treatment, inspection, packaging and related manufacturing equipment.

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

▪ **Extension of Anti-Dumping Duty on Arylides**

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 10, 2026, extended the levy of anti-dumping duty on Aceto Acetyl Derivatives of aromatic or heterocyclic compounds (Arylides) originating in or exported from China PR till January 13, 2027.

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

▪ **Exemption on Health Cess and Agriculture Cess: India UK CETA**

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on July 14, 2026, exempted several imported items from Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess and Health Cess, when imported from UK under India UK Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement.

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

▪ **CBIC Revises Tariff Values for Specified Imported Goods under Customs Act**

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), on July 15, 2026, published in the Official Gazette the Customs (Second Amendment) Notification, 2026, revising the tariff values of specified imported goods under the Customs Act, 1962.

- The notification provides that:
- The tariff values of specified imported goods have been revised by substituting Table-1, Table-2 and Table-3 in the principal notification.
- Tariff values of crude palm oil, RBD palm oil, other palm oil, crude palmolein, RBD palmolein, other palmolein, crude soybean oil and brass scrap have been revised under Table-1.
- The tariff values of gold and silver, including specified forms eligible for concessional customs duty, have been revised under Table-2.
- The tariff value of areca nuts under Table-3 has been retained at US\$ 10,785 per metric tonne, with no change.
- The revised tariff values shall apply for the purpose of determining the assessable value of the specified imported goods under the Customs Act, 1962.

The revised tariff values shall come into force with effect from July 16, 2026.

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

Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)

▪ **Extension of Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026**

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs on July 08, 2026, extended the validity of the Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026 (CCFS-2026) from its earlier expiry date of July 15, 2026, to August 31, 2026. The Scheme was introduced to provide companies with an opportunity to complete pending statutory filings.

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

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

▪ Extension in the validity of TRQ Authorisation for import of gold under India UAE CEPA

Director General of Foreign Trade, on July 01, 2026, has extended the validity of Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) authorizations for gold imports under the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) issued during FY 2025-26 from June 30, 2026, to September 30, 2026. Key points include:

- TRQ authorisations for gold imports (CTH 7108) issued in FY 2025-26 under the India-UAE CEPA now remain valid until September 30, 2026, instead of June 30, 2026.
- The extension is automatic, importers need no separate application, composition fee, amendment, or endorsement to benefit.

The move continues an earlier relaxation issued through Public Notice dated March 24, 2026.

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

▪ Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Governance) Amendment Directions, 2026

The Reserve Bank of India on July 14, 2026, amended the provisions related to responsibilities of the Board and the matters to be placed before the Board.

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

▪ Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Governance) Amendment Directions, 2026

The Reserve Bank of India on July 14, 2026, amended the provisions related to responsibilities of the Board and the matters to be placed before the Board.

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

▪ Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Governance) Amendment Directions, 2026

The Reserve Bank of India on July 14, 2026, amended the provisions related to responsibilities of the Board and the matters to be placed before the Board.

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

▪ Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Governance) Amendment Directions, 2026

The Reserve Bank of India on July 14, 2026, amended the provisions related to responsibilities of the Board and the matters to be placed before the Board.

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

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

▪ Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-Back of Securities) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 01, 2026, amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buy-Back of Securities) Regulations, 2018. The amendments provide that open-market buy-backs through stock exchanges must be less than 15% of a company's paid-up capital and free reserves, based on both standalone and consolidated financial statements, and prohibit buy-backs resulting in breach of minimum public shareholding requirements. Public announcements must be made within two working days of the relevant resolution or postal ballot result, with electronic intimation to shareholders within one working day.

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

▪ Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Securitised Debt Instruments and Security Receipts) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 01, 2026, amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Securitised Debt Instruments and Security Receipts) Regulations, 2008. As per the amendments:

- RBI-regulated entities are exempt from the 25% single-obligor cap for large-ticket, single-asset securitisation.
- RBI-regulated originators are limited to one, non-veto-holding representative on the SPDE board.

Prohibits SPDEs from acquiring assets from an originator in the same group as the trustee

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

▪ Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Municipal Debt Securities) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 01, 2026, amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Municipal Debt Securities) Regulations, 2015. The amendments introduce key definitions for "retail individual investor" and "working day" while establishing a

framework for issuing and listing Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) debt securities. Operationally, they enable pooled financing through Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) under the Pooled Finance Development Fund Scheme, mandate a new disclosure schedule (Schedule IB) for SPVs raising municipal debt securities, and require additional disclosures for project refinancing.

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

▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Portfolio Investors) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 03, 2026, amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Portfolio Investors) Regulations, 2019. Key changes include:

Replaced the existing US dollar-denominated registration fee for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) with a rupee-based fee structure

FPIs are now mandated to provide their precise Date of Birth/Incorporation or Formation details in the registration schedule

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▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Custodian) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 03, 2026, amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Custodian) Regulations, 1996. The amendments replace the requirement for “annual” reporting with “monthly” reporting in regulations 9(d) and 26(i). Custodians registered before commencement must pay proportionate annual fees for the financial year of commencement within 15 days, followed by full monthly fees for subsequent months, with any annual fee already paid for periods after commencement being proportionately adjusted against the amount payable.

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

▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 03, 2026, allowed Mutual Funds to use intraday borrowing to manage temporary timing mismatches between scheme inflows and outflows.

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

▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Venture Capital Investors) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 03, 2026, amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Venture Capital Investors) Regulations, 2000. The regulations omit the requirement in Regulation 3(3) relating to the fee specified in the Second Schedule. The Second Schedule has been amended by replacing the application fee of \$2500 with Rs. 2,30,000 in eligible foreign exchange equivalent, payable prior to the grant of the certificate of registration, replacing the renewal fee of \$100 with Rs. 9,000 in eligible foreign exchange equivalent and replacing the late fee amounts of \$5 and \$150 with Rs. 500 and Rs. 15,000 respectively in eligible foreign exchange equivalent.

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

▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Alternative Investment Funds) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 10, 2026, amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012. The amendments provide that applications under regulation 12(1) shall be accompanied by fees specified in the Second Schedule, while exempting the first scheme launched by an Alternative Investment Fund from scheme fees. Regulation 12(2) replaces the period of “thirty” with “ten working” and requires filing of documents specified by the Board instead of fees, while omitting the existing proviso. Regulation 12(3) is substituted to provide that, after filing the specified documents, the Board may communicate its comments to the merchant banker or the Manager.

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

▪ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 10, 2026, amended Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. As per the amendment, Regulation 40(7) has been substituted to provide that a listed entity shall comply with all procedural requirements relating to transfer and transmission of securities as specified by the Board from time to time. In Regulation 61(4), the words “specified in Schedule VII” have been

substituted with the words “as specified by the Board from time to time.” Further, Clause C of Schedule VII has been omitted.

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

▪ **Handling of Client’s Unpaid Securities by Trading Members**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 03, 2026, revised guidelines for the handling of clients’ unpaid securities by Trading Members (TMs).

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

▪ **Review of norms for utilization of interest or income from IPF of the Depositories**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 07, 2026, revised the norms governing the utilization of interest or income generated from the Investor Protection Fund (IPF) of depositories. SEBI has decided that at least 95% of the annual interest or income from IPF investments must be ploughed back into the IPF corpus. A maximum of 5% may be used during the financial year for expenses relating to dedicated IPF Trust employees, administrative and statutory expenses, including taxes, audit fees and charity commissioner’s fees.

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

▪ **Intraday borrowing facility availed by mutual funds**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India on July 10, 2026, permitted mutual funds to avail intraday borrowing facilities to address liquidity mismatches arising from differences in market settlement timings, following amendments to the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2026.

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

Ministry of Finance (MoF)

▪ **Revision of Excise Duty Rates on Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel**

The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), on July 15, 2026, issued an amendment to the notification prescribing the rates of Special Additional Excise Duty on Motor Spirit (Petrol) and High Speed Diesel (HSD) under the Central Excise Act, 1944 and the Finance Act, 2002.

The following has been revised:

- The rate of excise duty applicable to Motor Spirit (Petrol) has been revised to ₹2.50 per liter.
- The rate of excise duty applicable to High Speed Diesel (HSD) has been revised to ₹15.50 per liter.

The notification shall come into force on July 16, 2026.

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

▪ **Special Additional Excise Duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel Revised**

The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), on July 15, 2026, issued an amendment to the notification prescribing the rate of Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) under the Central Excise Act, 1944 and the Finance Act, 2002.

The following has been revised:

- The rate of Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) applicable to Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) has been revised to ₹14.50 per liter.

The notification shall come into force on July 16, 2026.

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

▪ **Social Protection Fund, Oman Notified as Specified Pension Fund for Tax Exemption**

The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), on July 15, 2026, notified the Social Protection Fund (SPF), Oman as a specified pension fund under the Income-tax Act, 2025.

The notification provides that:

- The Social Protection Fund (SPF), Oman has been specified as a specified person for the purpose of tax exemption in respect of eligible investments made in India from the date of publication of the notification until March 31, 2030.
- The Fund is required to file income tax returns for the relevant previous years within the prescribed due date and furnish a compliance certificate in the prescribed form.
- The Fund is required to report details of eligible investments made in India on a quarterly basis in the prescribed form and maintain segregated accounts of income and expenditure relating to such investments.
- The Fund must continue to be regulated under the laws of the Government of Oman and must administer or invest assets solely for meeting retirement, social security or similar statutory benefit obligations.
- The earnings and assets of the Fund must be used exclusively for statutory obligations and defined contributions, and the Fund must not have any borrowings for making investments in India.

- The Fund is prohibited from participating in the day-to-day operations of the investee, although monitoring rights, including the right to appoint directors, shall not be treated as such participation.

Any violation of the prescribed statutory or notification conditions shall render the Fund ineligible for the tax exemption.

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

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

▪ Amendment of BIS Standards for Petroleum Products

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 02, 2026, amended the following Standards:

- IS 1448 [P: 23]: 2004 ISO 3837: 1993 Methods of Test for Petroleum and Its Products [P: 23] Liquid Petroleum Products — Determination of Hydrocarbon Types — Fluorescent Indicator Adsorption Method (Fourth Revision)
- IS 1448 (Part 29): 2021 ISO 6246: 2017 Methods of Test for Petroleum and its Products Part 29 Petroleum Products — Gum Content of Fuels — Jet Evaporation Method (Fourth Revision)
- IS 1460: 2025 Automotive Diesel Fuel — Specification (Seventh Revision)

The Standards will come into effect from December 21, 2026.

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

▪ Revision of BIS Standards for IT Security

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 02, 2026, revised the following Standards among others:

- IS 14990 (Part 5): 2026 ISO/IEC 15408-5: 2026 Information Security, Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection — Evaluation Criteria for IT Security Part 5 Pre-Defined Packages of Security Requirements (First Revision)
- IS/ISO/IEC 19896-1: 2025 Information Security, Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection — Requirements for the Competence of IT Security Conformance Assessment Body Personnel Part 1 Overview and Concepts (First Revision)
- IS/ISO/IEC 19896-3: 2025 Information Security, Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection — Requirements for the Competence of IT Security Conformance Assessment Body Personnel Part 3 Knowledge and Skills Requirements for Evaluators and Reviewers According to the ISO/IEC 15408 Series and ISO/IEC 18045 (First Revision)
- IS/ISO/IEC 27018: 2025 Information Security, Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection — Guidelines for Protection of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in Public Clouds Acting as PII Processors (Second Revision)
- IS/ISO/IEC 27031: 2025 Cybersecurity — Information and Communication Technology Readiness for Business Continuity.

The Standards will come into effect from June 23, 2026.

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

▪ BIS Standards for Railway Infrastructure

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 02, 2026, notified the following Standards among others:

- IS 19751 (Part 2): 2026 ISO 22074-2: 2021 Railway Infrastructure — Rail Fastening Systems Part 2 Test Method for Longitudinal Rail Restraint
- IS 19751 (Part 4): 2026 ISO 22074-4: 2022 Railway Infrastructure — Rail Fastening Systems Part 4 Test Methods for Resistance to Repeated Loading
- IS 19751 (Part 5): 2026 ISO 22074-5: 2021 Railway Infrastructure — Rail Fastening Systems Part 5 Test Method for Electrical Resistance

The Standards will come into effect from June 23, 2026.

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

▪ Amendment of BIS Standards for Domestic Gas Stove

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 07, 2026, amended IS 4246: 2025 Domestic Gas Stove and Built in Hob for Use with LPG — Specification (Sixth Revision).

The Standards will come into effect from December 28, 2026.

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

▪ Revision of BIS Standards for Chemical Gases

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 07, 2026, revised the following among others:

- IS 5760: 2026 Argon, Compressed and Liquid - Specification (Third Revision)
- IS 8573 (Part 5): 2026 ISO 8573-5: 2025 Compressed Air Part 5 Test Methods for Oil Vapour and Organic Solvent Content (First Revision)
- IS 15583: 2026 Compressed Helium Gas - Specification (First Revision)
- IS 16260 (Part 2): 2026 ISO 6142-2: 2024 Gas Analysis - Preparation of Calibration Gas Mixtures Part 2 Gravimetric Method for Class II Mixtures

The Standards will come into effect from June 30, 2026.

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

▪ **BIS Standards for Financial Services**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 09, 2026, notified the following among others:

- IS 14943: 2026 ISO 8583: 2023 Financial Transaction Card Originated Messages - Interchange Message Specifications
- IS 19863 (Part 1): 2026 ISO 3531-1: 2022 Financial Services - Financial Information Exchange Session Layer Part 1 Fix Tagvalue Encoding
- IS 19863 (Part 3): 2026 ISO 3531-3: 2022 Financial Services - Financial Information Exchange Session Layer Part 3 Fix Session Layer Test Cases

The Standards will come into effect from July 03, 2026.

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

▪ **Amendment of BIS Standard for EV Charging**

The Bureau of Indian Standards on July 09, 2026, amended IS 17017 (Part 24): 2021 Electric Vehicle Conductive Charging Systems Part 24 Digital Communication Between a DC Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment and an Electric Vehicle for Control of DC Charging.

The amendment will come into effect from January 05, 2027.

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

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)

▪ **Implementation of Employees' Enrolment Campaign, 2026**

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), vide circular dated July 8, 2026, has issued operational guidelines for implementing the Employees' Enrolment Campaign, 2026 under the Code on Social Security, 2020. The Campaign provides employers with a one-time opportunity to voluntarily enroll eligible employees who remained uncovered under EPF during the period from April 1, 2009, to March 31, 2026, and regularise past non-compliance.

The Notification states the following:

- The Campaign is applicable to all establishments, irrespective of their existing EPF coverage status.
- Employers may voluntarily enroll eligible employees who remained outside EPF coverage during the specified period.
- Employers are required to file declarations electronically and deposit the employer's contribution, applicable interest, administrative charges and prescribed damages.
- The employee's share is waived for the declared period, provided it was not deducted earlier.
- Multiple declarations are permitted, and employers declaring eligible employees may also avail benefits under the PM-VBRY Scheme, subject to the prescribed conditions.

The Scheme shall remain in force from July 1, 2026, to October 31, 2026.

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

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)

▪ **IBBI Extends Timeline for Filing PGIRP Forms**

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), on July 9, 2026, issued a Circular extending the timeline for filing electronic forms relating to insolvency resolution processes of personal guarantors to corporate debtors under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

The following has been stated:

- The last date for submission of all applicable PGIRP Forms (PGIRP-1 to PGIRP-6), prescribed under Circular No. IBBI/II/92/2026 dated March 6, 2026, has been extended from June 30, 2026 to September 30, 2026.
- Penalties for delayed submission or modification of PGIRP forms shall now be levied only after September 30, 2026, instead of June 30, 2026.
- The extension has been granted after considering representations received from Insolvency Professionals (IPs) and Insolvency Professional Agencies (IPAs) highlighting technical issues, operational difficulties and the need for additional time to familiarise themselves with the electronic filing platform.

Insolvency Professionals have been directed to ensure that all information submitted through the PGIRP forms is accurate, complete and consistent with the supporting documents. Submission of incorrect or incomplete information, including entering zero values merely to complete the filing, has been specifically discouraged.

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

Industry-wise updates

Agriculture & other rural sectors

■ **Insecticides Third (Amendment) Rules, 2026**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on July 08, 2026, added a new chapter to regulate import of insecticide for non-insecticidal purpose in Insecticides Rules, 1971.

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

Chemical industries

■ **Revision of Price Ceiling for Anti-Rabies Immunoglobulin**

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on July 08, 2026, increased the retail price of anti-rabies immunoglobulin upward to Rs 119.48 per milliliter (ml) from Rs 112.19 per ml.

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

■ **Retail Price Caps for 39 Medicines Across Key Therapeutic Categories**

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on July 08, 2026, notified the retail prices of 39 new drug formulations under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO), 2013. The retail prices for medicines used in treating diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, infections, eye disorders, respiratory illnesses, pain management, vitamin deficiencies, cancer, and clot-related emergencies has been fixed.

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

■ **Temporary suspension of nButyl Acrylate Quality Control Order**

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on July 09, 2026, suspended the enforcement of n-Butyl Acrylate (Quality Control) Order, 2021, till July 31, 2026.

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

Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

■ **Legal Metrology (General) Fourth Amendment Rules, 2026**

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on July 03, 2026, amended Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011. As per the amendment, when testing instruments at the place of use, any constant load may be employed in substitution of standard weights, subject to the condition that standard weights of not less than one half of the maximum capacity shall be used.

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

Commerce and Industries

■ **Special Economic Zones (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry on July 09, 2026, amended the condition related to submission of Annual Performance Return to Development Commissioner in BOND-CUM-LEGAL UNDERTAKING FOR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE UNIT (Form H). As per the amendment, the Annual Performance Return shall be submitted within 9 months instead of 6 months.

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

Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

■ **Cattle-trespass Rules, 2026**

The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying on July 02, 2026, has notified the Cattle-trespass Rules, 2026 under the Cattle-trespass Act, 1871, marking an important step towards modernizing the implementation of one of India's oldest animal-related laws.

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

Forest and Environment

■ **Revision of White Category Industries under Air Act**

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change on July 08, 2026, amended the White Category Sectors notified under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, by replacing the existing Schedule issued in November 2024 with a revised list of 87 White Category sectors. The revised Schedule expands the scope of White Category industries by including several new low-pollution activities such as Compressed Biogas (CBG) plants, renewable energy-based hydrogen production, used cooking oil collection centers, medical oxygen production, solar module manufacturing, and various assemblies, fabrication, packaging, and dry-process manufacturing units.

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

▪ **Revision of White Category Industries under Water Act**

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change on July 08, 2026, amended the White Category Sectors notified under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, by replacing the existing Schedule issued in November 2024 with a revised list of 87 White Category sectors. The revised Schedule expands the scope of White Category industries by including several new low-pollution activities such as Compressed Biogas (CBG) plants, renewable energy-based hydrogen production, used cooking oil collection centers, medical oxygen production, solar module manufacturing, and various assemblies, fabrication, packaging, and dry-process manufacturing units.

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

Health

▪ **Drugs (Tenth Amendment) Rules, 2026**

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on July 08, 2026, regulated medicines containing more than 12% alcohol (v/v) when packed and sold in containers larger than 30 ml. As per the amendments, these drugs have been categorized as prescription-only drugs that require pharmacists to maintain detailed records of their sale, helping authorities monitor their distribution and reduce the risk of misuse.

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

Labour & Employment

▪ **Contribution under Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 2026**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 01, 2026, notified 0.5% of the wages per month, as the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) Fund under the Code on Social Security, 2020. The amount shall be credited to the Insurance Fund established under the Code on Social Security, 2020.

The notified contribution rate takes effect from 29 June 2026.

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

▪ **Contribution under Employees' Pension Scheme, 2026**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 01, 2026, notified that the employers shall contribute 8.33% of the wages payable in respect of their employees every month to the Pension Fund established under the Code.

The notified contribution is effective from 29 June 2026

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

▪ **Contribution under Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 2026**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 01, 2026, notified that the employers shall contribute 12% of the wages payable in respect of their employees every month to the Provident Fund established under the Code. The notification will not be applicable to the following industries:

- Jute Industry;
- beedi Industry;
- brick Industry;
- coir Industry other than the spinning sector;
- guar gum factories.

The notified contribution is effective from 21 November 2025.

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

▪ **Courses of instructions and practices for rescue trained persons for Mines**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 01, 2026, notified the courses of instructions and practices for rescue trained persons under Rule 141 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026.

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

▪ **Format for Report of Accident in Mines**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 01, 2026, notified Forms for reporting of an accident in a below ground mine, rescue station or rescue room that arises out of the use of any rescue apparatus.

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

▪ **Standards for breathing and resuscitating apparatus**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 01, 2026, notified the standards for testing of breathing and resuscitating apparatus provided in rescue stations and rescue rooms, and purity of oxygen for use in breathing apparatus.

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

▪ **Rescue Signals for below ground miners**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 01, 2026, notified Rescue Signals for Underground Miners as:

- One hoot: “Distress” or “Help Wanted” (if no answer given to call, “Distress” to be understood.
- Two hoots: Halt
- Three hoots: Retire
- Four hoots: Advance

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

▪ **Mandatory rescue and emergency equipment for belowground mines**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 1, 2026, notified the minimum apparatus and equipment to be provided and maintained at the entrance of belowground mines where no rescue room is located. The notification prescribes the mandatory availability of compressed air breathing apparatus, self-contained self-rescuers, flame safety lamps, multi-gas detectors (or separate methane, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and oxygen detectors), whirling hygrometers, safety belts, resuscitating apparatus, first-aid boxes, blankets, scoop stretchers, and spine boards at the mine entrance.

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

▪ **Mandatory rescue and emergency equipment at Rescue Room**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 1, 2026, notified the minimum apparatus and equipment to be provided and maintained at rescue stations or Rescue Room established and maintained for serving any below ground mine or a group of below ground mines. The notification prescribes the mandatory availability of compressed air breathing apparatus, self-contained self-rescuers, flame safety lamps, multi-gas detectors (or separate methane, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and oxygen detectors), whirling hygrometers, safety belts, resuscitating apparatus, first-aid boxes, blankets, scoop stretchers, and spine boards at the mine entrance.

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

▪ **Courses of instructions and practices for initial training in rescue and recovery work**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 01, 2026, notified the courses of instructions and practices for initial training in rescue and recovery work under Rule 141 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026.

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

▪ **Standard for medical examination for training in rescue and recovery work**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 01, 2026, notified standard for medical examination for persons undergoing training in rescue and recovery work and format for issue of certificate and medical report to persons undergoing training in rescue and recovery work.

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

▪ **Manner of application for determination of Core Activity**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 07, 2026, the manner and process of making an application by the aggrieved party to the Central Government for examining the question as to whether any activity of an establishment is a core activity.

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

▪ **Format for Notice of periodical medical examination**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 07, 2026, notified the form of the Notice of Periodical Medical Examination to be issued by a mine manager to persons required to undergo periodic medical examination under Rule 111(2) of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026.

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

▪ **Format for Notice of initial medical examination**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 07, 2026, notified the prescribed form for issuing a notice of initial medical examination. This has been done in exercise of powers under Rule 111(1) of the said rules to standardize the process of medical examination for workers in mines.

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

▪ **Training Allowance for Trainers and Instructors in Mine Vocational Training Centres Notified**

The Directorate General of Mines Safety, Ministry of Labour and Employment, on July 10, 2026, issued a notification specifying the training allowance payable to trainers and instructors under Rule 172 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026.

The following has been stated:

- The notification specifies the training allowance payable to trainers and instructors engaged at Vocational Training Centres established under Rule 163 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026.
- The notification applies to all Vocational Training Centres established to cater to the training requirements of coal, metalliferous and oil mines.
- Every trainer shall be paid a minimum training allowance of ₹50 per trainee per day, in addition to normal wages, subject to a maximum of two trainees being placed under the trainer's supervision at a time.
- Every instructor, other than an instructor under regular appointment at a training centre, shall be paid a minimum training allowance of ₹1,000 per day, in addition to normal wages. Where training is imparted for only part of a day, the allowance may be paid on a proportionate basis.
- The notification clarifies that where a company has a more beneficial scheme relating to training allowances, such scheme shall prevail over the prescribed minimum rates.

The notification shall come into force on July 15, 2026, being the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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

▪ **Corrigendum Issued to Code on Wages (Central) Rules, 2026**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment, on July 15, 2026, published in the Official Gazette a corrigendum to the Code on Wages (Central) Rules, 2026, correcting an inadvertent reference appearing in the Rules.

The corrigendum provides that:

- In the Code on Wages (Central) Rules, 2026, published in the Official Gazette on May 8, 2026, the reference appearing on page 39, line 22 has been corrected.
- The words “the Code on Wages” shall be read as “the Wages”.

The corrigendum corrects a textual reference in the Code on Wages (Central) Rules, 2026 and was published in the Official Gazette on July 15, 2026.

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

▪ **Standards Notified for Approval of Mine Vocational Training Centres**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (Directorate General of Mines Safety), on July 10, 2026, notified the standards for approval of training centres established under laws other than the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, for imparting vocational training to persons employed in mines.

The notification provides that:

- The notified standards prescribe the minimum infrastructure and facilities required for grant of approval to training centres established under laws other than the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020.
- The standards apply to all such training centres seeking approval under Rule 163(3) of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026 to impart vocational training to persons employed in mines.
- Every approved training centre is required to maintain staff, equipment and other facilities in accordance with Rule 164 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026.

The notification shall come into force on July 15, 2026, being the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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

▪ **DGMS Specifies Conditions for Exemption from Refresher Training in Oil Mines**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (Directorate General of Mines Safety), on July 10, 2026, specified the conditions for exempting certain mines from imparting refresher training during normal working hours on a full-day release system under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026.

The notification provides that:

- The exemption applies to oil mines where persons are employed in an "on-and-off" work pattern.
- Such mines are exempted from imparting refresher training during normal working hours on a full-day release system under Rule 160 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026.

- Refresher training may instead be imparted during the off period of the employees.
- Where such training is conducted beyond normal working hours during the off period, employees shall be entitled to compensatory leave equal to the number of training days, in addition to the prescribed training allowance.

The notification shall come into force on July 15, 2026, being the date of its publication in the Official Gazette..

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

▪ **Application Proforma and Fee for Approval of Mine Vocational Training Centres Notified**

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (Directorate General of Mines Safety), on July 15, 2026, published a notification In the gazette specifying the application proforma and fee for obtaining approval of training centres established under laws other than the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, to impart vocational training to persons employed in mines.

The notification provides that:

- Training centres established under any law other than the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, may apply for approval to impart vocational training to persons employed in mines, subject to fulfilment of the prescribed infrastructure and facility requirements.
- A standard application proforma has been prescribed requiring details relating to the training centre, staff, instructors, infrastructure, equipment, training facilities and payment particulars.
- The application fee has been prescribed as follows:
 - o Rs. 5,000 for training centres catering to up to 2,000 mine employees;
 - o Rs. 10,000 for training centres catering to more than 2,000 and up to 4,000 mine employees; and
 - o Rs. 15,000 for training centres catering to more than 4,000 mine employees.

The notification prescribes a uniform application framework and fee structure for approval of eligible training centres to provide vocational training to mine employees.

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

Mining

▪ **Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Amendment Rules, 2026**

The Ministry of Mines on July 03, 2026, amended Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015. The amendment provides greater clarity in the classification of mineral deposits by defining high-purity quartz and revising the categorization of quartz, feldspar and mica in the schedules governing mineral exploration and reporting.

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

Telecommunication

▪ **Telecommunications (Radio Equipment Possession Authorisation) Rules, 2026**

Department of Telecommunications on July 08, 2026, notified the Telecommunications (Radio Equipment Possession Authorisation) Rules, 2026. The new rules establish a comprehensive regulatory framework governing the possession of radio equipment in India, replacing the earlier licensing approach under the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act for eligible cases.

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

▪ **Telecom eServices Portal**

Department of Telecommunications on July 08, 2026, has notified Telecom eServices Portal" of the Department of Telecommunications as the portal for digital implementation of Telecommunications (Radio Equipment Possession Authorisation) Rules, 2026.

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

Shipping, ports, fisheries

▪ **Inland Vessels (Prior Approval for Alteration or Modification) Rules, 2026**

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on July 03, 2026, notified Inland Vessels (Prior Approval for Alteration or Modification) Rules, 2026. The rules require vessel owners or operators to obtain prior approval from the designated authority before undertaking major alterations or modifications that affect a vessel's dimensions, capacity, propulsion system, gross tonnage, structural integrity, stability, safety, or service life.

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

▪ **Merchant Shipping (Control of Anti-fouling System) Rules, 2026 Notified**

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, on July 8, 2026, issued a notification notifying the Merchant Shipping (Control of Anti-fouling System) Rules, 2026 under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025, superseding the Merchant Shipping (Control of Anti-Fouling System) Rules, 2016.

The following has been stated:

- The Rules prohibit the application, re-application, installation or use of harmful anti-fouling systems on Indian vessels, vessels operating under the authority of India, and vessels entering Indian ports, shipyards, offshore terminals or coastal waters, in accordance with the prescribed control measures.
- The Rules apply to Indian vessels, vessels registered in India, vessels operating under the authority of India, and foreign vessels entering ports, shipyards, offshore terminals or coastal waters in India.
- Vessels of 400 gross tonnage and above engaged in international voyages or plying in coastal waters shall be subject to prescribed surveys and shall obtain an International Anti-Fouling System Certificate or an Indian Anti-Fouling System Certificate, as applicable.
- The Director-General or a recognised organisation has been authorised to issue or endorse Anti-Fouling System Certificates upon successful completion of the prescribed surveys. Certificates may be withdrawn where corrective action is not taken for identified non-compliance.
- Vessels of 24 metres or more in length but less than 400 gross tonnage, engaged in international voyages, shall carry a declaration on the anti-fouling system along with appropriate supporting documentation.
- The Rules prescribe measures for the safe collection, handling, treatment and disposal of waste generated from the application or removal of controlled anti-fouling systems in accordance with applicable environmental laws.
- Surveyors have been empowered to inspect vessels at Indian ports, shipyards and offshore terminals to verify compliance with the Rules, including inspection of certificates and sampling of anti-fouling systems where required.
- The Schedule prescribes restrictions on anti-fouling systems containing organotin compounds and cybutryne, including prohibitions on their application and timelines for removal or application of barrier coatings in accordance with international standards.
- Contravention of the Rules shall attract penalties under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025. Where no specific penalty is provided, a penalty of up to ₹50,000, and an additional penalty of up to ₹5,000 per day for continuing contraventions, may be imposed.

The Rules shall come into force on July 15, 2026, being the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

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

▪ **Merchant Shipping (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) Rules, 2026 Notified**

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, on July 10, 2026, issued the Merchant Shipping (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) Rules, 2026, framed under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

The Rules provide that:

- The Rules apply to all Indian ships wherever located and to foreign ships while at any port, place or coastal waters in India, excluding warships and other government vessels used exclusively for non-commercial purposes.
- Ship owners and providers of insurance or other financial security are entitled to limit their liability for bunker oil pollution damage in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims) Rules, 2026.
- Owners of Indian ships, irrespective of size, and owners or agents of foreign ships exceeding 1,000 gross tonnage are required to maintain compulsory insurance or other financial security against liability for bunker oil pollution damage.
- A procedure has been prescribed for the issue, renewal and duplicate issuance of certificates of insurance or other financial security, along with the prescribed application forms and supporting documentation.
- Applications for issue or renewal of a certificate are subject to a fee of Rs. 10,000, while a duplicate certificate may be obtained on payment of Rs. 2,000.
- The Rules also provide for recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments relating to bunker oil pollution damage in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 and the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017.

The Rules were published in the Official Gazette on July 15, 2026.

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

▪ **Merchant Shipping (Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage) Rules, 2026 Notified**

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, on July 8, 2026, issued the Merchant Shipping (Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage) Rules, 2026, framed under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

The following has been stated:

- The Rules apply to all Indian ships wherever located and to foreign ships while at any port, place or coastal waters in India, excluding warships and other government vessels used exclusively for non-commercial purposes.
- Owners of ships carrying oil in bulk as cargo are required to maintain compulsory insurance or other financial security to cover liability for oil pollution damage, in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992.
- Every applicable ship is required to carry a certificate of insurance or other financial security, and a detailed procedure has been prescribed for its issue, renewal and duplicate issuance, along with the prescribed application forms.
- Applications for the issue or renewal of a certificate are subject to a fee of Rs. 10,000, while a duplicate certificate may be obtained on payment of Rs. 2,000.
- The Rules prescribe the procedure for recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments relating to oil pollution damage in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 and the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017.
- The Rules also provide that the Special Drawing Right (SDR) shall be the unit of account for determining liability limits, with conversion into Indian Rupees based on the exchange value notified by the Reserve Bank of India.

The Rules were published in the Official Gazette on July 15, 2026.

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

Transport including aviation, railways, road, inland waterways

▪ **Exemption of class of vehicles from State and National Permits**

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on July 06, 2026, exempted the below mentioned types of transport vehicles from National and State Permits for 7 years:

Battery-Operated Vehicle

- Vehicle driven on methanol fuel;
- Vehicle driven on ethanol fuel;
- Vehicle driven on Hydrogen fuel.

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

Utilities (water, gas, electricity)

▪ **Extension of Solar Systems, Devices and Components Goods Order, 2025**

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy on July 03, 2026, extended the implementation of Solar Systems, Devices and Components Goods Order, 2025, for SPV inverters (items 4-5) of the capacity more than 200 kW (i.e., >200kW) till December 31, 2026

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

▪ **Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) (Amendment) Order, 2026**

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on July 04, 2026, omitted Para 2 to Para 6 of Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026. The amendment removes the temporary regulatory framework that was introduced to address supply disruptions during the crisis.

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

▪ **Extension of Solar Systems, Devices and Components Goods Order, 2025**

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy on July 03, 2026, extended the implementation of Solar Systems, Devices and Components Goods Order, 2025, for SPV inverters (items 4-5) of the capacity more than 200 kW (i.e., >200kW) till December 31, 2026.

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

State-wise updates

Andaman and Nicobar Islands

▪ Amendment to Andaman and Nicobar Islands Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoH&UA), vide Notification dated July 03, 2026, has notified the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026, thereby amending the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2016.

The amendment provides the following:

- Rule 33(1) has been amended by omitting the provision prescribing a monetary penalty equivalent to 10% of the estimated cost of the plot, apartment or building for offences punishable with imprisonment under Section 68 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016.
- Consequently, the specific monetary penalty prescribed under Rule 33(1) is no longer applicable under the Rules.

Stakeholders operating in the real estate sector in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands should take note of the revised penalty framework while ensuring continued compliance with the provisions of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016.

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

Andhra Pradesh

▪ Code on Social Security (Andhra Pradesh) Rules, 2026

The Government of Andhra Pradesh, Labour, Factories, Boilers & Insurance Medical Services Department, vide notification dated July 07, 2026, has officially published the Code on Social Security (Andhra Pradesh) Rules, 2026. This notification operationalizes key portions of the central Code on Social Security, 2020, replacing legacy state rules on maternity benefits, gratuity, and unorganized labor welfare with a modernized, digital-first regulatory framework.

The changes are as follows:

- Digital Registration (Form-I): All establishments must register online. Certificates will be issued within seven days or auto-generated. Registrations lapse after 24 months of non-compliance and can be cancelled for false information after a 30-day show-cause period.
- Gratuity Rules (Forms II-VII): Gratuity claims must be assessed by employers within 15 days and paid within 30 days. For calculation, "wages" strictly exclude medical reimbursements, stock options, and meal vouchers.
- Maternity & Crèche Benefits: Nursing mothers get 15-minute daily breaks (plus travel time). Establishments with 50+ employees must provide a physical crèche or pay a minimum alternative allowance of INR 500/month. Dismissal protection is guaranteed except in cases of "gross misconduct."

Reporting & Compliance: Registers must be retained for 5 years, and annual returns (Form-XIII) filed electronically whereas Job vacancies must be reported to "career centres" using Form-XVII.

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

Arunachal Pradesh

▪ Arunachal Pradesh Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Scheme, 2026

The Department of Rural Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, vide notification dated June 28, 2026, notified the Arunachal Pradesh Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Scheme, 2026 under the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025.

The Notification states the following, namely:

- The Scheme provides an enhanced statutory wage employment guarantee of 125 days in each financial year to eligible rural households undertaking unskilled manual work.
- Wage payments shall be made on a weekly basis or, in any case, not later than fifteen days from the date of closure of the muster roll, failing which delay compensation shall be payable.
- Employment shall ordinarily be provided within fifteen days of receipt of an application, failing which eligible applicants shall be entitled to unemployment allowance.

- The Scheme introduces digital governance measures, including biometric authentication, geo-tagging of works, digital muster rolls, management information systems, social audits and proactive public disclosures.
- Contractors shall not be engaged for execution of works under the Scheme, and all works shall be undertaken through the designated implementing agencies.

The Scheme shall come into force from July 1, 2026.

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

▪ **Draft Amendments to the Industrial Relations (Arunachal Pradesh) Rules, 2021**

The Department of Labour and Employment, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, vide notification dated June 29, 2026, published the draft Industrial Relation (Arunachal Pradesh) Amendment Rules, 2026.

The following amendments have been proposed, namely:

- The registration fee for Trade Unions has been proposed to be fixed at INR 2,000, while the fee for alteration of name or bye-laws has been proposed at INR 1,000, payable through the e-GRAS portal.
- Matters that may be negotiated between employers and recognised Trade Unions have been proposed to be expressly specified, including wages, working hours, leave, transfers, safety, health and other service conditions.
- The minimum membership threshold for recognition of a negotiating union has been proposed to be increased from more than 25% to not less than 30%.
- Industrial establishments have been proposed to provide specified facilities to recognised negotiating unions or negotiating councils, including notice boards, meeting facilities and office accommodation in establishments employing 300 or more workers.

Objections and suggestions from stakeholders are invited within 30 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

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

Assam

▪ **Revision of Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) for Domestic Workers**

The Labour Welfare Department, Government of Assam, vide notification dated June 26, 2026, revised the Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) payable to domestic workers based on the increase in the average All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW).

The following has been stated, namely:

- The VDA for part-time domestic workers engaged in sweeping, swabbing, dusting, washing utensils and washing clothes has been revised, resulting in a gross wage of INR 42.18 per hour.
- The VDA for part-time domestic workers engaged in cooking and baby care/old age care has been revised, resulting in a gross wage of INR 48.66 per hour.
- The VDA for full-time domestic workers has been revised, resulting in a gross monthly wage of INR 10,022.15.
- The VDA for full-time workers engaged in baby care/old age care has been revised, resulting in a gross monthly wage of INR 11,428.55.

The revised VDA shall be effective from January 1, 2026.

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

▪ **Extension of Validity of Fair Price Shop Retailer Licences**

The Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department, Government of Assam, vide notification dated June 29, 2026, extended the validity period of retailer licences issued to all Fair Price Shops under the Assam Trade Articles (Licensing & Control) Order, 1982. The extension shall remain effective from July 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

The following has been stated, namely:

- The validity of retailer licences of all Fair Price Shops in the State has been extended for a further period up to December 31, 2026.
- The extension applies to licences issued under the Assam Trade Articles (Licensing & Control) Order, 1982 (as amended).
- The competent authority shall continue to retain the power to suspend or cancel a licence in case of violation of the prescribed licence conditions under the applicable Order.

The revised VDA shall be effective from January 1, 2026.

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

▪ **Aadhaar Authentication for Financial Assistance under Udasin Bhakat Scheme**

The Cultural Affairs Department, Government of Assam, vide notification dated July 1, 2026, notified Aadhaar authentication as a mandatory requirement for availing financial assistance under the Udasin Bhakat of Assam scheme implemented through the DIDS Portal. The notification has been issued under Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, to ensure targeted delivery of benefits, transparency, elimination of duplication and efficient transfer of financial assistance.

The following has been stated, namely:

- Beneficiaries shall be required to obtain an Aadhaar number, where not already enrolled.
- Beneficiaries shall seed/link their Aadhaar number with their respective bank accounts for disbursement of financial assistance through the Aadhaar-Based Payment System (ABPS).
- Beneficiaries shall furnish Aadhaar details in the DIDS Portal for authentication and verification.

Persons who have not yet been assigned an Aadhaar number shall be required to apply for Aadhaar enrolment. However, no eligible beneficiary shall be denied benefits for want of Aadhaar, subject to production of alternative identification documents as prescribed under the Aadhaar Act and the Rules made thereunder.

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

Bihar

▪ **Draft Bihar Industrial Relations Rules, 2026**

The Labour Resources Department, Government of Bihar, on July 1, 2026, issued the Draft Bihar Industrial Relations Rules, 2026 under the Industrial Relations Code, 2020.

The following has been proposed, namely:

- The draft rules prescribe the procedure for recognition of negotiating unions and negotiating councils, including verification of membership, determination of majority support, tenure, and resolution of disputes relating to recognition.
- Employers proposing lay-off, retrenchment or closure of industrial establishments are required to submit applications, notices and related information in the prescribed forms and comply with the timelines and procedural requirements specified under the Code.
- The draft rules prescribe the manner of electronic maintenance of records, filing of notices and returns, and specify forms relating to standing orders, strikes, lock-outs, change in service conditions and dispute resolution proceedings.

Detailed procedures have been prescribed for conciliation proceedings, industrial tribunals, arbitration, recovery of dues and execution of awards, including the powers and functions of conciliation officers and Industrial Tribunals.

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

▪ **Draft Bihar Code on Social Security Rules, 2026**

The Labour Resources Department, Government of Bihar, on July 1, 2026, issued the Draft Bihar Code on Social Security Rules, 2026 under the Code on Social Security, 2020.

The following has been proposed through the Rules:

- The draft rules prescribe the constitution, powers and functioning of the Bihar Unorganised Workers' Social Security Board, including registration of beneficiaries, administration of welfare schemes and maintenance of records.
- Employers are required to maintain statutory registers relating to employees, attendance-cum-muster roll, wages, overtime, advances, fines, deductions and women employees, either electronically or in physical form, preserve such records for five years, and issue wage slips before payment of wages.
- The draft rules prescribe detailed procedures relating to payment and determination of gratuity, nomination, payment to legal heirs, applications before the competent authority, appeals and recovery of gratuity.
- Employers are required to display prescribed notices at the workplace, produce records before the Inspector-cum-Facilitator on demand, and file returns in the prescribed manner.

The rules also provide for registration of building workers, collection of cess, powers of Inspector-cum-Facilitators, writing off irrecoverable dues of the Welfare Board and administration of welfare funds.

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

▪ **Draft Bihar Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026**

The Labour Resources Department, Government of Bihar, on July 1, 2026, issued the Draft Bihar Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026 under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020.

The following has been proposed, namely:

- The draft rules prescribe the framework for registration of establishments, licensing of contractors and engagement of contract labour, including electronic applications, renewal, amendment and surrender of licences.
- Employers are required to maintain prescribed registers and records, submit statutory returns electronically, issue appointment letters where applicable, and notify commencement and closure of establishments in the prescribed manner.
- The rules prescribe detailed requirements relating to working hours, leave with wages, welfare facilities, employment of women, safety committees, canteens, crèches, first-aid arrangements and medical examinations, depending on the nature and size of the establishment.

The draft rules also prescribe inspection and enforcement mechanisms, powers of Inspector-cum-Facilitators, forms, registers, notices, appeals and compounding of specified offences.

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

▪ **Revision of Pension and Disability Pension for Registered Construction Workers**

The Labour Resources Department, Government of Bihar, vide notification dated July 13, 2026, revised the monthly pension and disability pension payable to registered construction workers under the Code on Social Security, 2020.

The following has been stated, namely:

- The monthly pension payable to registered construction workers has been enhanced from INR 1,000 to INR 1,100.
- The monthly disability pension payable to registered construction workers has also been enhanced from INR 1,000 to INR 1,100.
- All other provisions of the existing scheme shall remain unchanged.
- The revised pension and disability pension shall be effective from the date of the notification.

The revised rates shall come into force with effect from the date of the notification.

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

▪ **Phased Implementation of the Bihar Registration Rules, 2026**

The Registration Department, Government of Bihar, vide notification dated July 13, 2026, notified the phased implementation of the Bihar Registration Rules, 2026 for introducing a paperless registration process across the State.

The following has been stated, namely:

- The Bihar Registration Rules, 2026 have been introduced to facilitate a completely paperless registration process and provide doorstep registration services for senior citizens aged 80 years or above for registration of land, plots and flats.
- In the first phase, paperless registration shall be implemented in 10 registration offices, commencing from July 11, 2026 and July 18, 2026, as specified in the notification.
- Separate notifications shall be issued for implementation in the remaining registration offices across the State.
- Until implementation of the Bihar Registration Rules, 2026 in the remaining offices, the Bihar Registration Rules, 2008 (as amended) shall continue to apply.

The notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

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

▪ **Determination of Normal Cane Requirement for Sugar Mills for the Crushing Season 2026–27**

The Sugarcane Industry Department, Government of Bihar, vide order dated July 8, 2026, determined the Normal Cane Requirement (NCR) for sugar mills in the State for the 2026–27 crushing season under the Bihar Sugarcane (Regulation of Supply and Purchase) Act, 1981. The order specifies the cane requirement for 10 sugar mills across the State, with the aggregate requirement fixed at 809 lakh quintals, to regulate the supply and procurement of sugarcane during the crushing season. The determination has been made in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 27(2) of the Bihar Sugarcane (Regulation of Supply and Purchase) Act, 1981..

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

Chandigarh

■ **Draft Chandigarh Social Security Rules, 2026**

The Chandigarh Administration Labour Department, vide notification dated July 02, 2026, has published the Draft Chandigarh Social Security Rules, 2026. The draft rules proposes the following:

- **Standardized Gratuity Management:** Clear procedures are outlined for gratuity management (utilizing Form IV for nominations and Form VII for claims). Employers must respond to claims within 15 days, and payouts must be completed via bank transfer or Demand Draft. Fixed-term employees are explicitly guaranteed gratuity benefits after just one year of service.
- **Maternity Protection & Dispute Resolution:** Maternity benefit complaints must be submitted to the Inspector-cum-Facilitator, with provisions for subsequent appeals.
- **Mandatory Vacancy Reporting:** Establishments with 20 or more employees are legally mandated to report job vacancies to designated regional Career Centres before filling open posts.
- **Employer Welfare Obligations & Cess:** In the event of an employee's death, employers must deposit a mandatory INR 15,000 toward funeral expenses over and above standard compensation. For construction activities, the statutory welfare cess must be deposited within 30 days of project completion, or on an annual basis for long-term projects.

The Chandigarh Administration has opened the draft rules to invite feedback from businesses, employees, and trade associations. Objections or suggestions must be submitted in writing or via email (alcd-chd@chd.nic.in) to the Labour Commissioner, UT Chandigarh (Labour Welfare Centre Building, Sector 30-B) within 45 days from the publication date of July 02, 2026.

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

■ **Draft Industrial Relations (Chandigarh) Rules, 2026**

The Chandigarh Administration, Labour Department, through notification dated July 2, 2026, has published the draft Industrial Relations (Chandigarh) Rules, 2026. Formulated under Section 99 of the central Industrial Relations Code, 2020, this update establishes a unified regulatory framework to manage dispute resolutions, trade union operations, and employee-employer relations across the Union Territory.

The draft rules proposes the following:

- **Works Committee Structure:** Rules govern the constitution of Works Committees in industrial establishments, capping total membership between 6 to 12 members. The representation of worker nominees must be equal to or greater than that of the employer.
- **Grievance Redressal Mechanisms:** Establishments are required to set up Grievance Redressal Committees containing up to 10 members with equal worker-employer representation and a mandatory, proportional reservation for women workers.
- **Trade Union Recognition:** To streamline collective bargaining, the draft outlines recognition thresholds for single or multiple unions. A single union requires 33% support to be recognized, whereas multiple unions require at least 51% support; otherwise, a joint negotiating council must be formed.
- **Lay-off, Retrenchment, and Closure:** Strict notice windows are established for operational cessations. A minimum 90-day prior notice is required for closures. In cases of retrenchment, employers must disburse a mandatory compensation equivalent to 15 days' wages per year of service within 10 days of the action.

The Chandigarh Administration has opened the draft rules to invite feedback from businesses, employees, and trade associations. Objections or suggestions must be submitted in writing or via email (alcd-chd@chd.nic.in) to the Labour Commissioner, UT Chandigarh (Labour Welfare Centre Building, Sector 30-B) within 45 days from the publication date of July 02, 2026.

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

■ **Draft Chandigarh Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026.**

The Chandigarh Administration, Labour Department, through notification dated July 2, 2026, has published the draft Chandigarh Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026, in exercise of powers conferred under Sections 133 and 135 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020.

The draft proposes the following:

- **Consolidation of Regional Laws:** Once finalized, these rules will officially replace multiple legacy labor regulations in Chandigarh like Punjab Factory Rules, 1952; Chandigarh Contract Labour Rules, 1974; Inter-State Migrant Workmen Rules, 1983; Building and Construction Workers Rules, 2009, etc.
- **Validity of Prior Actions:** Any registrations, licenses, or enforcement actions taken under the legacy rules will remain legally valid during the transition.
- **Scope of Coverage:** The updated draft establishes modern protocols for workplace safety, mandatory health check-ups, welfare facilities, standardized working hours, contractor

licensing, and digital compliance platforms for all applicable establishments in the Union Territory.

The Chandigarh Administration has opened the draft rules to invite feedback from businesses, employees, and trade associations. Objections or suggestions must be submitted in writing or via email (alcd-chd@chd.nic.in) to the Labour Commissioner, UT Chandigarh (Labour Welfare Centre Building, Sector 30-B) within 45 days from the publication date of July 02, 2026.

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

▪ **Draft Chandigarh Code on Wages Rules, 2026**

The Labour Department, Chandigarh Administration, vide notification dated July 02, 2026, published the Draft Chandigarh Code on Wages Rules, 2026. Formulated under the parent central Code on Wages, 2019, this comprehensive regulatory framework modernizes the rules governing minimum wage calculations, working hours, and payment methodologies within the Union Territory.

The draft proposes the following:

- Comprehensive Wage Framework: The draft rules define the criteria for fixing and revising minimum wages, calculating daily and monthly wage rates, managing weekly rest days, and standardizing working hours. They also lay down protocols for overtime payments, bonus disbursements, and permitted salary deductions.
- Bi-Annual Dearness Allowance Revisions: The local dearness allowance (cost-of-living allowance) must be updated twice a year, specifically before April 1 and October 1, linked directly to the regional Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Chandigarh.
- Location-Independent Wage Enforcement: All employers are legally mandated to pay at least the notified regional minimum wage to their workers, regardless of where the company's head office or primary branch is registered.
- Digital Records & Unified Filing: Employers must systematically maintain physical or electronic wage registers, employee databases, and wage slips. The draft also introduces unified annual returns and formal procedures for depositing unclaimed or undisbursed wages with the Assistant Labour Commissioner to benefit legal heirs.

The Chandigarh Administration has opened the draft rules to invite feedback from businesses, employees, and trade associations. Objections or suggestions must be submitted in writing or via email (alcd-chd@chd.nic.in) to the Labour Commissioner, UT Chandigarh (Labour Welfare Centre Building, Sector 30-B) within 30 days from the publication date of July 02, 2026.

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

▪ **Chandigarh Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026**

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, vide notification dated July 03, 2026, notified the Chandigarh Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026. This notification modifies the Chandigarh Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2016, to ease the financial penalty structures linked with specific statutory offences in pursuance of the amendment under the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026.

The amendment officially omits the specific provision that prescribed a monetary penalty of 10% of the estimated cost of the plot, apartment, or building for offences punishable with imprisonment under Section 68 of the Act. As a direct result of this modification, this designated 10% compounding monetary penalty is no longer applicable or provided under Rule 33(1) of the Chandigarh Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2016.

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

Chhattisgarh

▪ **Siting Criteria for Establishment of Industries**

The Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Government of Chhattisgarh, vide notification dated July 3, 2026, notified revised siting criteria for establishment of industries under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

The following has been stated, namely:

- Minimum distance criteria have been prescribed for establishment of industries from surface water bodies, settlements, educational institutions, places of worship, archaeological monuments, reserved forests and protected forests.
- The prescribed minimum distances vary depending upon the pollution category of the industry, namely Red, Orange and Green categories.

The notified siting criteria shall be considered while granting consent for establishment and operation of industries under the Air Act, 1981 and the Water Act, 1974.

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

▪ **Draft Amendments to the Chhattisgarh Motor Vehicles Rules, 1994**

The Transport Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, vide notification dated July 6, 2026, published the draft amendments to the Chhattisgarh Motor Vehicles Rules, 1994 under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, inviting objections and suggestions from stakeholders within 30 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

The following amendments have been proposed, namely:

- The fee structure for various services under the Chhattisgarh Motor Vehicles Rules, 1994 has been proposed to be revised.
- Revised fees have been proposed for issuance of medical certificates, duplicate learner's licences and driving licences, conductor licences, registration-related services and permit-related services.
- The draft amendments also propose revised fees for appeals, certified copies of documents, temporary permits, national permits and transfer of permits.

Objections and suggestions from stakeholders may be submitted within 30 days from the date of publication of the draft notification in the Official Gazette..

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

▪ **Directions Prohibiting Fresh Plantation of Conocarpus Species**

The Housing and Environment Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, vide notification dated July 7, 2026, issued directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 prohibiting fresh plantation of Conocarpus species across the State with immediate effect.

The directions have been issued in view of the environmental and ecological risks associated with Conocarpus erectus, including its adverse impact on native biodiversity, ecosystems, groundwater resources and public health. Accordingly, no person, local authority, Government Department, agency or institution shall undertake or cause to undertake fresh plantation of Conocarpus species anywhere within the State.

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

▪ **Chhattisgarh Shops and Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2025**

The Law and Legislative Affairs Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, vide notification dated July 8, 2026, published the Chhattisgarh Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Act, 2025.

The following amendments have been made, namely:

- The applicability threshold of the Act has been increased from establishments employing 10 or more persons to those employing 20 or more persons.
- Women may be permitted to work between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., subject to such conditions as may be notified by the State Government.
- The opening and closing hours of establishments have been revised from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- The maximum spread-over of working hours has been increased from 10½ hours to 12 hours, and the existing provision relating to intermittent or urgent work has been omitted.

The annual overtime limit has been increased from 125 hours to 144 hours.

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

▪ **Chhattisgarh Compressed Biogas (CBG) Policy, 2026**

The Government of Chhattisgarh, vide notification dated July 10, 2026, notified the Chhattisgarh Compressed Biogas (CBG) Policy, 2026 to promote the establishment and development of Compressed Biogas projects across the State. The Policy shall remain in force up to March 31, 2030.

The Policy states the following, namely:

- The Chhattisgarh Biofuel Development Authority (CBDA) has been designated as the State Nodal Agency for implementation of the Policy.
- The Policy provides incentive and regulatory support for establishment of CBG projects, including land support, utility provisioning, feedstock management, capital support and regulatory facilitation.
- A Single Window Mechanism has been envisaged for approvals, utility shifting and project facilitation.

The Policy also provides for district-level feedstock planning, registration of CBG plants and monitoring mechanisms to promote sustainable development of the CBG ecosystem in the State.

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

Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu

▪ Daman and Diu Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, vide notification dated July 03, 2026, notified the Daman and Diu Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026. This notification modifies the Daman and Diu Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2016, to ease the financial penalty structures linked with specific statutory offences in pursuance of the amendment under the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026.

The amendment officially omits the specific provision that prescribed a monetary penalty of 10% of the estimated cost of the plot, apartment, or building for offences punishable with imprisonment under Section 68 of the Act. As a direct result of this modification, this designated 10% compounding monetary penalty is no longer applicable or provided under Rule 33(1) of the Daman and Diu Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2016.

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

▪ Dadra and Nagar Haveli Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, vide notification dated July 03, 2026, notified the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026. This notification modifies the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2016, to ease the financial penalty structures.

The amendment officially omits the specific provision that prescribed a monetary penalty of 10% of the estimated cost of the plot, apartment, or building for offences punishable with imprisonment under Section 68 of the Act. As a direct result of this modification, this designated 10% compounding monetary penalty is no longer applicable or provided under Rule 33(1) of the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2016.

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

Govt of NCT of Delhi

▪ Delhi Electricity Supply Code and Performance Standards (Removal of Difficulty) Fourth Order, 2026.

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC), vide Order dated July 01, 2026, issued the Delhi Electricity Supply Code and Performance Standards (Removal of Difficulty) Fourth Order, 2026. This order further amends the DERC (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017, to clear regulatory and financial bottlenecks for establishing Electric Vehicle (EV) public charging and battery swapping stations.

The order outlines the following key directives:

- Facilitating PM E-DRIVE Subsidies: Under the central government's PM E-DRIVE scheme, Charge Point Operators (CPOs) must submit proof of payment of demand notes to DISCOMs to claim up to 70% of the eligible central subsidy for upstream infrastructure.
- Expanded Demand Notes for LT Connections: For low-tension (LT) connections up to 200 kW at sites identified by the State Nodal Agency, Distribution Licensees (DISCOMs) are required to issue demand notes in favor of the CPO or the State Nodal Agency.
- Insulating General Consumers: To prevent double funding and avoid adding a financial burden on the public, the order strictly mandates that these upstream costs must not be passed on to Delhi's general electricity consumers. They cannot be factored into the DISCOMs' Annual Revenue Requirement
- DISCOMs must maintain entirely separate accounts and records for all work and payments processed under the PM E-DRIVE scheme.

DERC retains the power to issue further directions or clarifications to ensure smooth execution. This order will remain operational for the entire duration of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme or any succeeding central government scheme.

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

▪ National Capital Territory of Delhi Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, vide notification dated July 03, 2026, notified the National Capital Territory of Delhi Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026. This notification modifies the National Capital Territory of Delhi Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2016, to ease the financial penalty structures.

The amendment officially omits the specific provision that prescribed a monetary penalty of 10% of the estimated cost of the plot, apartment, or building for offences punishable with imprisonment under Section 68 of the Act. As a direct result of this modification, this designated 10% compounding monetary penalty is no longer applicable or provided under Rule 33(1) of the National Capital Territory of Delhi Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2016.

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

Jharkhand

▪ **Administrative Approval for JIMMS Version 2.0**

The Mines and Geology Department, Government of Jharkhand, vide resolution dated June 29, 2026, accorded ex-post facto administrative approval for implementation of the Jharkhand Integrated Mines and Mineral Management System (JIMMS) Version 2.0, a statutory online system for regulation of mineral permits, transport challans and revenue collection under the Jharkhand Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rules, 2017.

The following has been stated, namely:

- Administrative approval has been accorded for implementation of JIMMS Version 2.0 at a total project cost of INR 27.73 crore.
- The project covers the development, operation and management of the online system, including project management, helpdesk support and business intelligence tools.
- The system is intended to strengthen regulation of mineral dispatch, transport permits and revenue collection, while preventing illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals in the State.

The proposal has been approved by the Council of Ministers and shall be implemented in accordance with the tripartite agreement executed with the selected system integrator.

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

Ladakh

▪ **Ladakh Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026**

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, vide notification dated July 03, 2026, notified the Ladakh Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026. This notification modifies the Ladakh Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2020, to ease the financial penalty structures linked with specific statutory offences.

The amendment officially omits the specific provision that prescribed a monetary penalty of 10% of the estimated cost of the plot, apartment, or building for offences punishable with imprisonment under Section 68 of the Act. As a direct result of this modification, this designated 10% compounding monetary penalty is no longer applicable or provided under Rule 33(1) of the Ladakh Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2020.

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

Lakshadweep

▪ **Lakshadweep Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026**

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, vide notification dated July 03, 2026, notified the Lakshadweep Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Amendment Rules, 2026. This notification modifies the Lakshadweep Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2016, to ease the financial penalty structures linked with specific statutory offences in pursuance of the amendment under the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026.

The amendment officially omits the specific provision that prescribed a monetary penalty of 10% of the estimated cost of the plot, apartment, or building for offences punishable with imprisonment under Section 68 of the Act. As a direct result of this modification, this designated 10% compounding monetary penalty is no longer applicable or provided under Rule 33(1) of the Lakshadweep Real Estate (Regulation and Development) (General) Rules, 2016.

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

Maharashtra

■ **Maharashtra Industrial Relations (Repeal) Bill, 2026**

The Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat, vide Bill dated July 1, 2026, published the Maharashtra Industrial Relations (Repeal) Bill, 2026 proposing repeal of the Maharashtra Industrial Relations Act, 1946.

Pending proceedings, settlements, court orders, awards and accrued rights and liabilities under the repealed Act shall continue and be dealt with as if the repeal had not been enacted. The savings provisions under the Maharashtra General Clauses Act, 1904 shall continue to apply upon repeal of the Act.

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

■ **Maharashtra Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Bill, 2026**

The Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat, vide Bill dated July 3, 2026, published the Maharashtra Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Bill, 2026 to provide for registration, regulation and inspection of clinical establishments in the State and to prescribe minimum standards of facilities and services.

The following has been proposed, namely:

- A mandatory registration framework has been proposed for clinical establishments, including hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, diagnostic centres, medical laboratories and day care centres.
- The Bill proposes constitution of the Maharashtra State Council for Clinical Establishments and Clinical Establishment Registering Authorities for registration, regulation and oversight of clinical establishments.
- Every clinical establishment shall be required to comply with prescribed minimum standards of facilities, services, personnel, record maintenance and reporting.

The Bill also proposes mandatory display of registration certificates, service charges and a Charter of Patients' Rights, besides prescribing inspection, appeal and penalty mechanisms for non-compliance.

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

■ **Maharashtra Gig and Platform Workers Bill, 2026**

The Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat, vide Bill dated July 3, 2026, published the Maharashtra Gig and Platform Workers Bill, 2026 to provide statutory rights, welfare measures and social protection for gig and platform workers in the State.

The following has been proposed, namely:

- Platform aggregators shall be required to register with the proposed Maharashtra Gig and Platform Workers Welfare Board.
- Gig and platform workers shall be entitled to social security benefits, insurance coverage, accident assistance and grievance redressal mechanisms as may be prescribed.
- Platform companies shall not arbitrarily block workers from digital platforms without due process and shall establish grievance redressal mechanisms.

The Bill proposes establishment of the Maharashtra Gig and Platform Workers Welfare Board to oversee implementation, welfare measures and registration of workers and platform companies.

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

■ **Maharashtra Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026**

The Government of Maharashtra, vide Act dated July 7, 2026, notified the Maharashtra Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026 to further amend the Maharashtra Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.

The following amendments have been made, namely:

- Section 15 has been amended to prescribe conditions governing tax credit adjustments relating to post-supply discounts through credit notes.
- Section 34 has been amended to align provisions relating to credit notes with the amendments made to Section 15.
- Section 54 has been amended to clarify refund provisions relating to unutilised input tax credit and refund claims in specified cases.

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

■ **Maharashtra Money-Lending (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026**

The Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat, vide Bill dated July 7, 2026, published the Maharashtra Money-Lending (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026 proposing amendments to strengthen enforcement under the Maharashtra Money-Lending (Regulation) Act, 2014.

The following amendments have been proposed, namely:

- The period of imprisonment for carrying on money-lending business without a valid licence has been proposed to be enhanced from five years to seven years.
- The monetary penalties for specified offences under the Act have been proposed to be enhanced from INR 50,000 to INR 1,00,000.
- Enhanced punishments have also been proposed for obtaining licences under fictitious names and for harassment or molestation of borrowers for recovery of debts.

The Bill seeks to strengthen deterrence against illegal money-lending activities through stricter penal provisions.

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

Meghalaya

■ **Revised Rates for Sampling and Analysis of Environmental Samples**

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, vide notification dated June 29, 2026, revised the rates for sampling and analysis of environmental samples under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. The revised rates shall come into force from the date of issue of the notification and remain in force until further orders.

The Notification, states the following:

- The revised schedule prescribes updated rates for sampling and analysis of ambient air, source emissions, noise, water and wastewater, soil, sludge, sediment, solid waste and hazardous waste samples.
- Revised charges have also been notified for analysis of physical, chemical, biological and toxicological parameters, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), heavy metals, pesticides, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and dioxins/furans.
- Transportation charges, taxes and other applicable charges shall be recoverable in addition to the notified rates.

A 50% concession on analytical charges shall be available for samples submitted by students and research scholars undertaking environmental studies or projects.

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

■ **Timeline for Submission of Pending Documents under UNNATI, 2024 Scheme**

The Directorate of Commerce and Industries, Government of Meghalaya, vide public notice dated July 13, 2026, directed industrial units with pending applications under the UNNATI, 2024 Scheme to submit the requisite documents and clarifications in accordance with the approved Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

The public notice applies to industrial units whose applications have remained pending with the applicants for more than 30 days due to non-submission of the required documents or clarifications. Applicants have been directed to furnish the pending documents and clarifications within the timeline prescribed under the SOP approved by DPIIT.

Failure to comply within the stipulated timeline shall result in closure of the application without any further notice. The approved SOP and the list of pending applications have been made available on the official website of the Department.

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

Punjab

■ **100% Exemption from CLU Charges for Eligible Units under Sectoral Policies**

The Department of Local Government, Government of Punjab, vide notification dated July 1, 2026, granted 100% exemption from Change of Land Use (CLU) charges to eligible units established under specified sectoral investment policies, subject to compliance with the prescribed conditions.

The following has been stated, namely:

- Eligible units under the Punjab Logistics and Warehousing Policy, 2026, Punjab Hospital and Medical College Investment Policy, 2026 and Punjab Higher Education Investment Policy, 2026 shall be exempted from payment of 100% CLU charges under the Punjab Regional and

Town Planning and Development Act, 1995, subject to compliance with the applicable siting guidelines.

- Eligible units falling under the MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) category under the Punjab Tourism and Hospitality Policy, 2026 shall also be entitled to 100% exemption from CLU charges.

The notification further provides that External Development Charges (EDC) collected from industries under the Industrial and Business Development Policy, 2026, Punjab Higher Education Investment Policy, 2026 and Punjab Retail Investment and Modernization Policy, 2026 shall be utilised entirely for development of infrastructure for the concerned unit or cluster.

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

▪ **Punjab Right to Business Act, 2020 Extended to Chandigarh**

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide notification dated July 2, 2026, extended the provisions of the Punjab Right to Business Act, 2020 to the Union Territory of Chandigarh, with suitable modifications under Section 87 of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966.

The following has been stated, namely:

- The Punjab Right to Business Act, 2020 shall apply to the Union Territory of Chandigarh with necessary adaptations to references relating to the State Government and designated authorities.
- The Chandigarh Udyam and Investment Bureau has been constituted as the nodal agency to facilitate approvals, grievance redressal and implementation of the Act.
- The notification provides for a digital single-window system for filing declarations, issuance of in-principle approval certificates, tracking applications and grievance redressal.

Various regulatory approvals under municipal, labour, factories, pollution control, electricity, water supply and other applicable laws have been brought within the ambit of the single-window mechanism.

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

▪ **Amendment to Payment Terms for External Development Charges**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, Government of Punjab, vide notification dated July 3, 2026, amended the payment terms for recovery of External Development Charges (EDC), licence fee, SIF, PR cess and other applicable charges payable by promoters and developers under the existing licensing framework.

The following has been stated, namely:

- Promoters and developers shall deposit 25% of the total External Development Charges and other applicable charges within 30 days of issuance of the demand notice or Letter of Intent.
- The balance 75% may be paid either as a lump sum before issuance of licence, in which case a 5% rebate on the balance External Development Charges shall be available, or in six equal half-yearly instalments carrying 12% simple interest per annum.
- Payment through instalments shall be supported by an undertaking together with a bank guarantee or hypothecation/mortgage of property.

Default in payment of instalments shall attract penal interest at 3% above the normal rate of interest specified in the notification.

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

▪ **Classification of Waste Battery Collection Centres under Green Category**

The Punjab Pollution Control Board, vide directions dated July 9, 2026, adopted the directions issued by the Central Pollution Control Board regarding the classification of Waste Battery Collection Centres under the Green category based on the Pollution Index for implementation across the State.

The following has been directed:

- Waste Battery Collection Centres have been classified under the Green category based on their pollution potential.
- The revised classification has been adopted pursuant to the directions issued by the Central Pollution Control Board under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
- Waste Battery Collection Centres shall comply with the Guidelines for Collection, Handling, Storage and Transportation of Waste Batteries issued by the Central Pollution Control Board from time to time.

The revised classification shall be implemented with immediate effect across the State.

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

Rajasthan

▪ **Notification of Interim Machinery-Based Wastewater Calculation Framework**

The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB), vide Notification dated June 22, 2026, has withdrawn the existing wastewater estimation guidelines and introduced an interim machinery-based wastewater calculation mechanism for textile processing industries.

Key Highlights are as follows:

- The RSPCB has withdrawn its guidelines for Estimation of Wastewater Generation and Production dated July 31, 2023.
- Pending the development of a validated methodology based on field studies and stakeholder consultations, an interim machinery-wise wastewater calculation framework has been introduced prescribing standard wastewater discharge values (KLD) for various textile processing machines.
- The revised methodology will be adopted by the RSPCB and Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) Trusts for calculating wastewater discharge and processing Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) applications.

In case of any discrepancy regarding wastewater calculation, the decision of the RSPCB shall be final.

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

▪ **Notification of Motor Vehicle Tax Concessions under the 'Naya Safar Yojana'**

The Government of Rajasthan, vide Notification No. S.O. 24 dated July 02, 2026, has introduced Motor Vehicle Tax Concessions under the "Naya Safar Yojana" with the objective of promoting cleaner and environmentally sustainable transport.

The following has been stated: -

- Eligible vehicle owners in the National Capital Region (NCR) of Rajasthan are exempted from payment of Motor Vehicle Tax, One Time Tax, Special Road Tax, Lump Sum Tax, surcharge, penalty and interest outstanding up to March 31, 2025.
- The exemption is available in respect of vehicles registered up to May 31, 2026, provided the owner opts for the 'Naya Safar Yojana' and the vehicle is found eligible and registered under the Scheme.

The notification further clarifies that 'Naya Safar Yojana' refers to the scheme notified by the Government of India.

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

▪ **Notification of Motor Vehicle Tax Concessions under the 'Naya Safar Yojana'**

The Government of Rajasthan, vide Notification No. S.O. 25 dated July 02, 2026, has introduced Motor Vehicle Tax Concessions under the "Naya Safar Yojana" with the objective of promoting cleaner and environmentally sustainable transport.

The notification provides the following:

- A 100% exemption from one-time tax or motor vehicle tax for 10 years on registration of a new transport vehicle against a Certificate of Deposit issued upon scrapping an old diesel or CNG-run transport vehicle registered before March 31, 2008, within the National Capital Region (NCR) of Rajasthan.
- 50% concession in motor vehicle tax for transport vehicles of the same category already purchased or registered within the NCR, upon submission of the Certificate of Deposit.
- For areas outside the NCR, a 100% tax exemption is available on registration of a new transport vehicle or transfer of ownership against proof of scrapping, while purchase of an already registered vehicle is eligible for a 50% tax concession.

The above concessions are available only for vehicles purchased within the State of Rajasthan, and the newly purchased vehicle must belong to the same category as the scrapped vehicle.

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

Tripura

▪ **Self-attestation of Documents for Services under the Factories & Boilers Organisation**

The Factories & Boilers Organisation, Labour Department, Government of Tripura, through a notification dated July 01, 2026, has permitted the submission of self-attested documents in lieu of affidavits or notarized documents for obtaining various approvals, registrations and No Objection Certificates (NoCs) under the Factories & Boilers Organisation. The notification has been issued to simplify statutory procedures and promote ease of doing business in the State in line with the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 2026 recommended by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

The key highlights include:

- Self-attested/self-certified documents shall be accepted instead of affidavits or notarized documents for specified services under the Factories & Boilers Organisation.
- The relaxation applies to services including approval of new and revised factory plan drawings, registration of factories, grant, renewal and amendment of factory licenses, approval for closure and re-opening of factories, and submission of online returns.
- The notification also covers services relating to boiler registration, renewal of boiler certificates, approval and renewal of boiler erectors and repairers, endorsement of IBR welders, approval for steam pipeline erection, boiler feed pipe licenses and approval of boiler manufacturers.

The measure aims to reduce procedural requirements and facilitate faster processing of statutory approvals for industries in the State.

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

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