



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Industries Department - Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) - Elimination of Renewal of certificates/ approvals/licences obtained by businesses for various activities from the authorities at the State level - Orders issued.

### INDUSTRIES (J) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.65/2020/ID Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 29/06/2020

Read Letter No.: F. No. 40 (06)/PF-S/2017-18/Vol.V dated 17.05.2020 from Joint Director (PF-S), Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure (Public Finance - State Division), New Delhi.

### ORDER

Government of Kerala has taken up a series of measures to improve 'Ease of Doing Business'. The emphasis has been on simplification and rationalization of the existing Rules and introduction of Information Technology to make governance more efficient and effective.

Government of Kerala as part of implementing the recommendations put forward by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in partnership with the World Bank Group, released Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 2020 for implementation by States/ UTs. Also, vide reference cited above, Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure (Public Finance - State Division), New Delhi, it was stated that the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic has had a serious negative impact on the resources of both Central and State Governments. The States require additional resources to fight the pandemic and maintain the standards of service delivery to the public. To strengthen resources in the hands of State Governments, the Central Government has decided to provide additional Borrowing Limit of up to 2 percent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) which is equivalent to Rs.4,27,302 crore for the year 2020-21.

The additional debt, while justifiable in the current situation, will need to be balanced against the need for long term debt sustainability, so that the excess borrowing undertaken now does not reduce lead to adverse impacts in the future. In order to ensure sustainability, there is a need to increase future GSDP growth and future revenues and/ or reduce unproductive future expenditures. Accordingly, the relaxation in borrowing limits will be partly unconditional and partly conditional to:-

- a) Implementation of One Nation One Ration Card System;
- b) Ease of doing business reform;
- c) Urban Local body/ utility reforms; and
- d) Power Sector reforms

Weightage of each reform is 0.25 percent of GSDP totaling to 1 percent. The remaining borrowing limit of 1 percent will be released in two installments of 0.50 percent each - first --immediately to all the States as untied, and the second on undertaking atleast 3 out of the above named reforms.

The Government have examined the matter in detail and has decided to eliminate the requirements of renewal of certificates/ approvals/licences obtained by businesses for various activities from the authorities at the State level as per list circulated by DPIIT and the same listed below. (However, mere collection of reasonable fees with automatic non-discretionary deemed renewal will be permissible if done in a transparent online, non-discretionary & automatic manner.)

S1. No.	Act
1	Registration under Shops & Establishment Act
2	License for contractors under provisions of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.
3	License under The Factories Act 1948.
4	Registration under Legal Metrology Act
5	Registration of establishment under the Inter State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1979
6	Drugs Manufacturing Selling/Storage License.
7	Trade License issued by Municipal Corporations

To become eligible, elimination of renewal and its implementation in the State to be completed at least by 31st January, 2021.

The Department concerned are directed to take necessary action to amend the relevant provisions of Acts/Rules or issue orders and make necessary changes in the online system to meet the deadline.

(By order of the Governor)  
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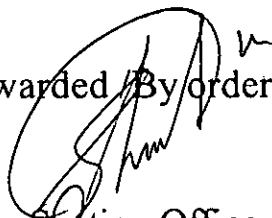
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