GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
CIVIL SECRETARIAT, J&K

NOTIFICATION

Jammu, the 4th of November, 2026

Subject: **Right to Business – facilitation of enterprises through self-declaration, pre-establishment approvals and protection from inspections under the Jammu and Kashmir Ease of Doing Business Act, 2026.**

WHEREAS, the Jammu and Kashmir Ease of Doing Business Act, 2026 (Act No XI of 2026) has been published in the Official Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 27-4, dated 1st October, 2026;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir is committed to securing the Ease of Doing Business for every entrepreneur. In particular, it seeks to enable Enterprises to start operations immediately on self-declaration, with exemption from prior approvals and protection from inspections for an initial period;

AND WHEREAS, the said Act provides that permission-based Control be replaced with rule-based governance, that lawful enterprise and occupation be permitted by default, and that the burden of justification be placed upon the Government wherever it restricts such activity;

AND WHEREAS, Section 3 of the said Act requires all powers under it to be exercised in accordance with guiding principles that include:

i) Permission by exception, under clause(a);
ii) Reliance and certainty, under clause (d); and
iii) Presumption of grant on lapse of time, under clause(f);

AND WHEREAS, Section 16 of the said Act provides that an enterprise is free to undertake any activity in any location unless it is specifically prohibited by the Negative List in Schedule II;

AND WHEREAS, Chapter IV of the said Act incorporates the following provisions regarding Ease of Doing Business for eligible enterprises as follows:

i) Right to start on declaration of Intent: under section 9, an enterprise intending to set up Business enterprise may furnish a Declaration of Intent to the District Empowered Committee in the form and manner as may be prescribed.

ii) Pre-establishment approval: under section 11, the Certificate of In-Principle Approval (CIPA):

a. shall act as an approval for such regulatory services as may be prescribed;
b. shall be valid for three years, during which the enterprise may establish, construct and operate, and may obtain the applicable regular approvals at any time, but not later than three years from the date of its issue;
c. shall be issued within three working days in approved Industrial parks and within 30 days outside the Industrial parks, failing which it shall be deemed to have been granted; and
d. shall not be refused except by a reasoned order in writing, after the applicant has been allowed to rectify deficiencies and to be heard.

AND WHEREAS, Section 13 read with Section 14 of the said Act, protects an enterprise holding a valid certificate of In-principal approval from routine inspection. Inspection is permitted only:

i) Upon a complaint of a serious nature;
ii) Through the competent authority or an officer or Officers authorized by him with the approval of the Deputy Commissioner or Additional District Development Commissioner, wherever so authorized by the Government.

AND WHEREAS, the said Act provides for deemed approvals as follows:

i) Under sub-section (3) of section 11, in case the decision to issue the Certificate of In-Principle Approval is not taken within the stipulated period specified in sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 11, the same shall be deemed to have been issued by the District Empowered Committee.
ii) Under sub-section (4) of section 11, in case the District Empowered Committee fails to issue the In-Principle approvals within the stipulated period specified in sub-section (1) and (2), the certificate of In-Principle approval shall be deemed to have been issued and the concerned enterprise shall have the facility to download the deemed approval, as mentioned in sub-section (3) above, from the portal.

AND WHEREAS, Section 23 and Schedules III and V of the said Act provide for compliance through self- certification or third-party certification in respect of the activities and approvals specified therein;

AND WHEREAS, the provisions referred to above, taken together, constitute and strengthen the Ease of Doing Business framework in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir through:

i) Establishment on self-declaration;
ii) time-bound approval, with deemed grant on lapse of time;
iii) protection from routine inspection;
iv) facilitation through a Single Window System and Invest;
v) district-level decision-making through the District Empowered Committee; and
vi) reliance on self-certification and third-party certification;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby notified that, after coming into force of the Jammu and Kashmir Ease of Doing Business Act, 2026, an Enterprise may obtain a Certificate of In-Principle Approval on the basis of a self-declaration furnished through the Declaration of Intent in accordance with sections 9 and 11 of said Act. Such enterprise shall be protected from routine inspections for a period of three years from the date of grant of the Certificate, save as provided under sections 13 and 14 of the said Act.

By Order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

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