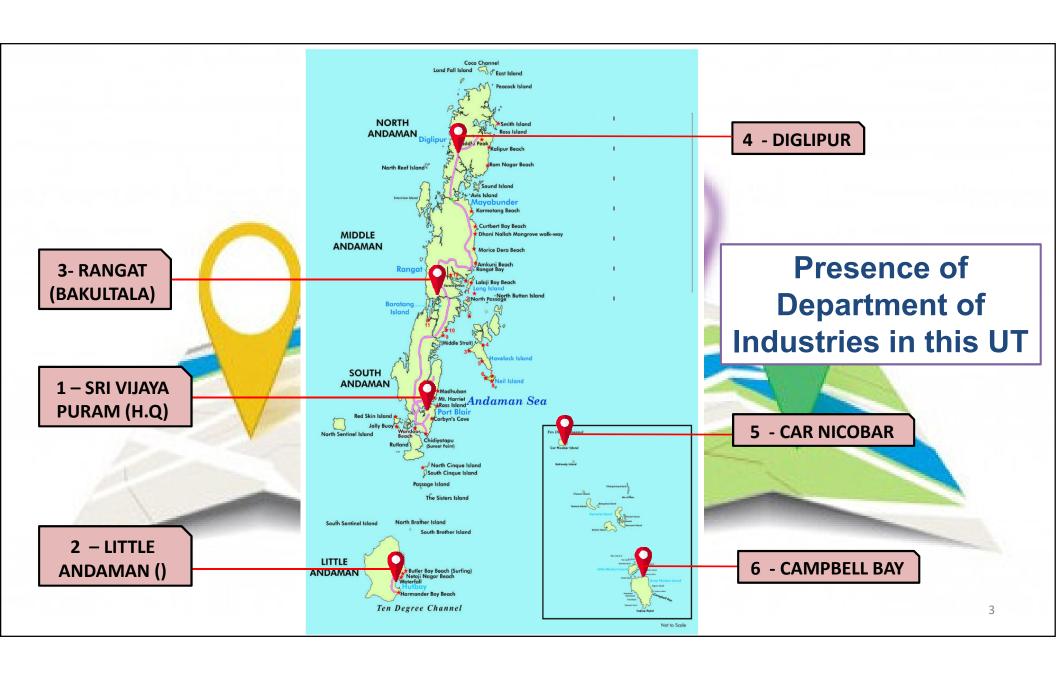




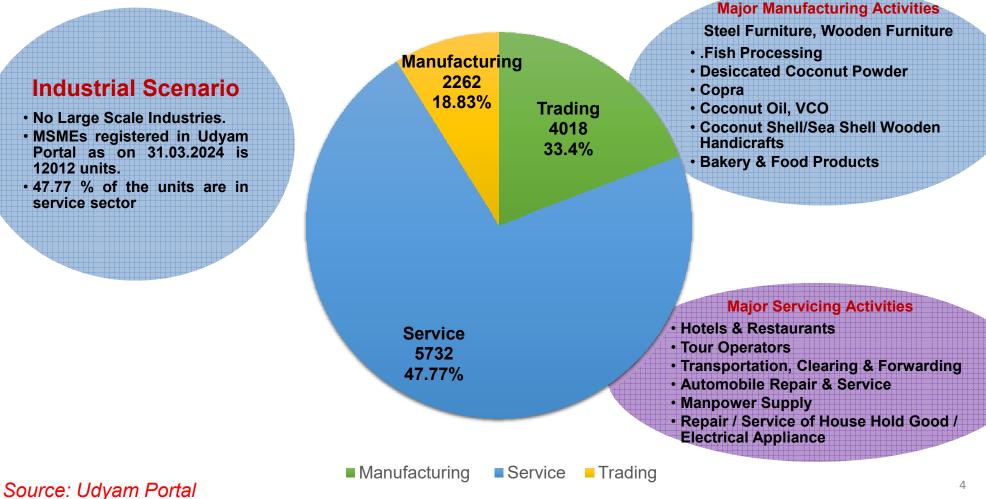


Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

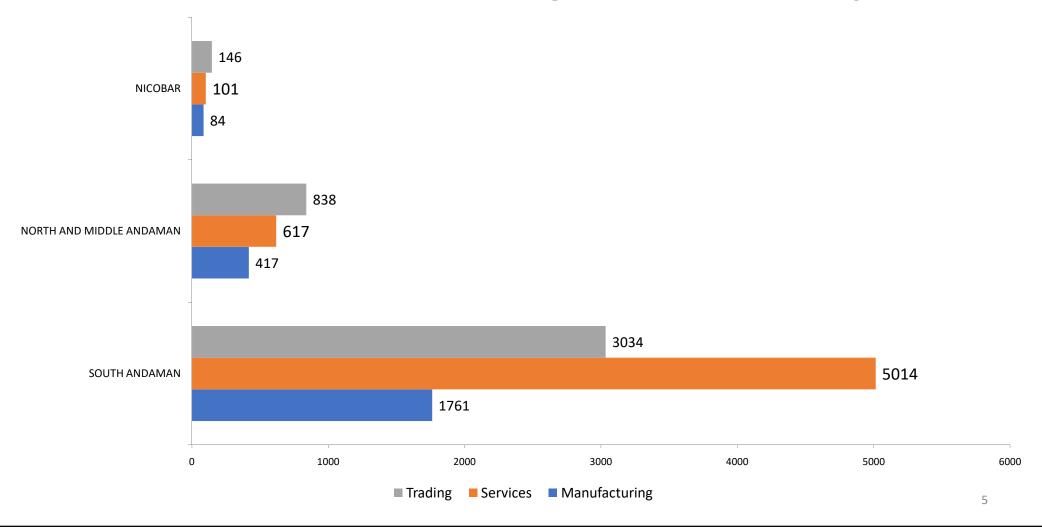




No of MSMEs registered in Udyam Portal



District Wise Distribution of Registered MSME in Udyam Portal



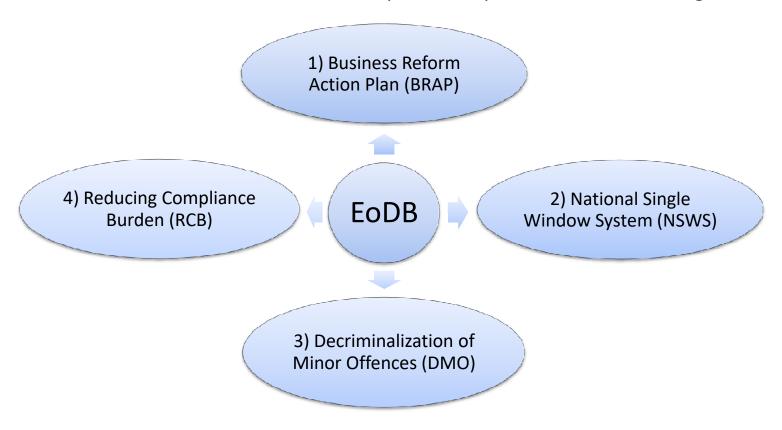
Economic Indicators

| Indicators | Source | A&N Islands | National |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Per Capita Income (in Rs.) (2022-23) at current price | | Rs. 2,58,151/- p.a. | Rs. 1,69,496/- p.a. |
| GSDP at current price (in Lakh Cr.) | | Rs. 0.11/- | Rs. 269.49/- |
| % of Sector-wise GSDP Contribution Primary Secondary Tertiary | Basic Statistics 2022-23 | 11.63% 19.06% 69.31% | 17.48% 28.09% 54.43% |

Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)

Objective: To create a conducive investor-friendly business environment across the country.

Vision: Attracts investment, fosters entrepreneurship, and drives economic growth.



Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)

Long Term Goal

Reducing compliance burden and decriminalization through policy decisions and amendments in the Regulations contingent to the Central Acts & Rules.

Short Term Objectives



Participate in Business Reform Action Plan(BRAP) Rankings by implementation of reform directions received from DPIIT



To reduce compliance burden by means of:

- Digitization
- Simplification of procedures
- Reduction of documents needed

01 - Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)

- ► Launched by DPIIT in 2015
- ▶ 7 editions of BRAP exercise so far

Key steps in implementing reforms:

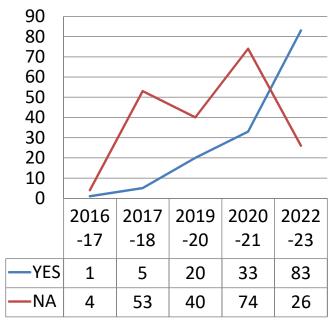
- ➤ Stakeholder consultations Ministries, States/ UTs, Industry stakeholders by DPIIT
- ► Sharing draft action plan with stakeholders for inputs by DPIIT
- ► Release of action plan, implementation guidelines & assessment methodology by DPIIT
- ► Submission of evidences & User data by States/ UTs
- ► Assessment of evidences & User feedback
- ► Release of assessment

Performance of ANI:

- Participation in the annual exercise of BRAP conducted by DPIIT since 2015-16.
- 1201 evidences pertaining to the business and citizen centric reforms have been submitted.
- Organized Workshops in coordination with DPIIT along with regular VCs and review meetings with the line departments.
- ANI was placed as "Emerging Business Ecosystem" in BRAP (2020-2021).
- In BRAP 2022, ANI felicitated as "Top Achiever in Two Citizen Centric Reform Areas", and placed as "Aspirers" in categories G2B & G2C.
- In BRAP 2024 exercise 92% evidences submitted in the <u>BRAP Portal</u> (ongoing).

Performance of ANI in BRAP Assessment over the Years

| Editi on | BRAP | Reform Areas | Evidences submitted | Impleme ntation Score | Rank/Category |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 01 | 2015- 2016 | 98 | 10 | - | 25th |
| 02 | 2016- 2017 | 340 | 55 | 0.29% | 31st |
| 03 | 2017- 2018 | 405 | 58 | 1.34% | 31st |
| 04 | 2019- 2020 | 187 | 60 | 10.69% | 22nd |
| 05 | 2020- 2021 | 301 | 294 | 10.96% | "Emerging Business Ecosystems". |
| 06 | 2022- 2023 | 352 | 308 | 23.57% | "Aspirers" in categories G2B & G2C ANI was felicitated as "Top Achiever in Two Citizen Centric Reform Areas". |
| 07 | 2024- 2025 | 449 | 416 | Ongoing | Ongoing |



 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{YES}}$ -indicates that the Reform has been implemented by the State & UT

NA -Indicates that the relevant regulatory requirement is not in practice in the State & UT, due to court order or less than 20 user, or not applicable due to unique geographical condition of

the State & UT











- pertaining to A&N Islands were soft launched in NSWS portal:

 www.nsws.gov.in from 13th October, 2022
- □ 30 services pertaining to 07 departments have been **integrated** in the NSWS portal.



03 - Decriminalisation of Minor Offences (DMO)

- □ ANI being an UT without Legislature and have several Regulations promulgated under Article 240 of the Constitution.
- ☐ Pursuant to directives of DPIIT, the UT administration has reviewed all the provisions of minor offences towards **decriminalization** and uploaded in the RC portal.
- □ 25 Acts, 9 Rules & 49 Regulations were reviewed towards decriminalization of minor offences wherever possible.
- □ 30 provisions of Labour department and 06 provisions of Revenue department have been recommended for decriminalization.



04 - Regulatory Compliance Burden (RCB)

Initiated on the directions received from the Cabinet Secretary in 2020.

<u>Objective:</u> Reduce regulatory compliance burden by rationalizing, digitizing, decriminalizing and repealing/amending redundant Acts/Rules.

4-pronged strategy to review Acts/Rules/Processes:

- ☐ Simplification of procedures, approvals, rules
- ☐ Elimination of redundant laws/processes
- ☐ **Digitization** of approvals/procedures/inspections
- ☐ **Decriminalization** of minor, technical or procedural defaults

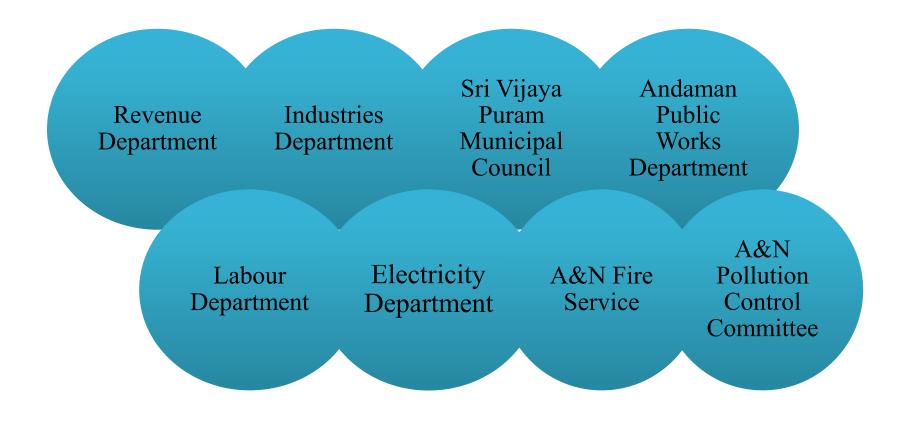
Performance of ANI:

□ 50 business centric and 32 citizen centric services were digitizing and documentary requirements have been reduced.

| RCB | Phase I (April 2021) | Phase II (August 2021) | Total |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Identified | 36 | 46 | 82 |
| Digitized | 33 | 43 | 76 |
| Documents required reduced | 03 | 03 | 06 |

- ☐ Pursuant to DPIIT's directions, **best practices** of the line departments were uploaded in the RC portal in 2024.
- ☐ Implementation of RCB+ under BRAP 2024, wherein RCB certificates for 15 Acts consisting of 60 reform points were uploaded in BRAP portal before the timeline of 30.04.2025.

Stakeholder Departments (23 Priority Areas under RCB)



APWD

Priority Area: Adopt a flexible zoning framework that allows for mixed-use development activities:

| Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|--|--|
| Master Plan for Sri Vijaya Puram Planning Area | APWD-Town Planning - In the Master Plan for Sri |
| | Vijaya Puram Planning Area and Swaraj & Shaheed |
| | Dweep Planning area allows mixed use development |
| | in the zoning regulation. |
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APWD and Revenue

Priority Area: Simplify and digitize the process for land use change by developing a comprehensive list of required documents for CLU and enabling an online application process.

| Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|--|--|
| Andaman Nicobar Islands Town & Country Planning Regulation, 1994 | APWD-Town Planning - As on date, there is no provision for change of landuse in the Andaman Nicobar Islands Town & Country Planning Regulation, 1994. Recently, Administration has submitted a proposal to the Govt. of India for amendment of the above regulation which enables the HLG to change the Master Plan including the change of land use. |
| | Revenue - The proposal to simplify the process for land use change in accordance with the best practices across the with nation has been moved. Subsequently after the approval, the process would be digitized |



APWD

Priority Area: Rationalizing minimum width road requirements for different categories of industries in rural areas

Existing Law, Rules and Regulation

Input of the Department

Planning Area

Master Plan for Sri Vijaya Puram APWD-Town Planning - There is a provision for layout regulation in the Master Plan already approved which prescribes the minimum road width for industrial layouts. However, this could not be rationalized anymore, as the minimum prescribed limit of road width is required to meet the maneuvering of Vehicles including firefighting operations.

> **Industries** - The Department of Industries takes up the matter of civil works including internal roads with APWD that process the same as per by laws/guidelines of PBPA(SVPA)



Industries

Priority Area: GIS databank for industrial land available in State, integrated with India Industrial Land Bank (IILB)

| | Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | NIL ' | The Industrial Estates under the Directorate of Industries has been integrated in the India Industrial Land Bank. |



SVPMC/ Industries/APWD-Town Planning

Priority Area: Amend building regulations to reduce land loss in industrial plots

| Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|--|--|
| Master Plan for Sri Vijaya Puram Planning Area | APWD-Town Planning - In the Master Plan for Sri Vijaya Puram Planning Area, the plot coverage for industrial plot varies from 50-70% for different areas. The open space available beyond the coverage is required for maintaining building line, lighting, ventilation, parking, rainwater harvesting tank, septic tank, tree plantation etc. |
| The Industrial Estate (Allotment & Management) Policy 2025 | Industries - The Industrial Estate (Allotment & Management) Policy 2025 is notified which has provisions for optimum use of land. |



SVPMC/ Industries/APWD-Town Planning

Priority Area: Amend building regulations to reduce land loss in industrial plots

Existing Law, Rules and Regulation

Port Blair Municipal Council Building Bye-Laws, 1999 and it amendment vide notification no. TP -21/CE/2017/48/464 Dated: 22.01.2020

Input of the Department

SVPMC - Yes it is relaxed, amended vide notification dated 22.01.2020 and the same is available in the OBPAS website of SVPMC & the details are tabulated below:

| Existing Norms | Present Norms |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Front Set Back - | Front Set Back - |
| For width of the abutting road | For width of the abutting road |
| upto 12m -3.0m. | upto 12m - 2.5 m |
| For width of the abutting road | For width of the abutting road |
| upto 15m -4.5m. | upto 15m -3.0m. |
| For Building Height up to 12 m | For Building height up to 12 m |
| the side set back are 2.25 m on | the side set back are |
| either side. | 1.0m/1.5m. |
| | 2 |

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SVPMC/ APWD-Town Planning

Priority Area: Amend building regulations to reduce land loss in commercial plots

| Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|--|--|
| Master Plan for Sri Vijaya Puram Planning Area | APWD-Town Planning - In the Master Plan for Sri Vijaya Puram Planning Area, the plot coverage for commercial plot varies from 70-80% for different areas. The open space available beyond the coverage is required for maintaining building line, lighting, ventilation, parking, rainwater harvesting tank, septic tank, tree plantation etc. |



SVPMC/ Industries/APWD-Town Planning

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| Existing Norms | Present Norms |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Front Set Back – | Front Set Back |
| For width of the abutting | For width of the abutting |
| road upto 12mn -3.0m. | road upto 12m - 2.5 m |
| For width of the abutting | For width of the abutting |
| road upto 15m -4.5m | road upto 15m -3.0m. |
| For G+2 or Stilt +3 Floor side | For G+2 or Stilt +3 Floor side |
| setbacks are 2.25 m on | setbacks are 1.5 m on either |
| either side. | side. 23 |

SVPMC

Priority Area: Increase the role of empanelled third parties in building approvals and joint inspections

Existing Law, Rules and Regulation

Port Blair Municipal Council Building Bye-Laws, 1999 and it amendment vide notification no. TP - 21/CE/2017/48/464 Dated: 22.01.2020

Input of the Department

As third party empanelled Licensed Architect & Engineers has submit the drawings and required documents on behalf of applicant for approval of building plan and he is also responsible of submitting the inspection report stage wise and notify the violations if any.

For issue of an occupancy & completion certificate, a third party structural stability certificate is issued by an empanelled licensed engineer for the onward issuance of occupancy /completion certificate.



SVPMC

Priority Area: Simplifying process for issuing Occupation / Completion certification of buildings.

Existing Law, Rules and Regulation

Port Blair Municipal Council Building Bye-Laws, 1999 and it amendment vide notification no. TP -21/CE/2017/48/464 Dated: 22.01.2020

Input of the Department

The provision regarding issuing occupation/completion certificate is laid in the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Building Bye-Laws, 1999 and the same have been incorporated in OBPAS Software (Online Building Plan Approval System).



Labour

Priority Area: Remove prohibitions on women from working in certain 'hazardous' industries

| Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|---|--|
| The Section 22, 27, and 87 of the Factories Act, 1948, prohibits the women from working in 'hazardous' industries | The MoL&E. Gol notified the Occupational, Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 after amalgamation of 13 Labour Laws including Factories Act, 1948 wherein under Section 44 empowers the Appropriate Govt. to make rules requiring the employer to provide adequate safeguards prior to employment of women for dangerous operation. Accordingly the Labour department, A & N Administration has incorporated provisions for adequate safety of women for employing in dangerous operation under Section 70 of the Occupational, Safety, Health and Working Conditions (A&N Islands) Draft Rules 2024 as required under OSH Code, 2020. Upon implementation of the OSH Code, 2020 by the Govt. of India, the same shall be implemented in the UT of A & N Islands also. |



Labour

Priority Area: Allow night-time employment of women(7pm-6am) in all occupations (Factories)

Existing Law, Rules and Regulation

The Section 66 of the Factories Act, 1948 prohibits night-time employment of women (7pm-6am) in all occupations (Factories)

Input of the Department

- The Ministry of Labour and Employment has recently proposed 09 Labour reforms in the existing Labour Laws, wherein one of the Labour reforms is to allow night-time employment of women (7 PM-6 AM) in all occupations (Factories).
- Accordingly, in pursuance to the directions of the MoL&E and the meeting held by the MHA on 05.03.2025, a draft notification to amend Section 66 of the Factories Act, 1948, [Allow night-time employment of women (7pm-6am) in all occupations (Factories)] has been submitted to the MHA for concurrence on 06.03.2025.
- Upon receiving concurrence of MHA, the department shall initiate further process



Labour

Priority Area: Allow night-time employment of women in all occupations (shops and commercial establishments)

Existing Law, Rules and Regulation

The Section 21 of the of the A & N Islands Shops and Establishment Regulation, 2004 prohibits night-time employment of women

Input of the Department

- The Ministry of Labour and Employment has recently proposed 09 Labour reforms in the existing Labour Laws, wherein one of the Labour reforms is to allow night-time employment of women in night shifts.
- Accordingly, in pursuance to the directions of the MoL&E and the meeting held by the MHA on 05.03.2025, a draft notification to amend Section 21 of the A & N Islands Shops and Establishment Regulation, 2004 has been submitted to the MHA for concurrence on 06.03.2025.
- Upon receiving concurrence, the department shall initiate further process.



Labour

Priority Area: Revise the working hours limit for factories

| Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|--|---|
| The Section 51, 56 59 and 65 of the Factories Act, 1948 are relating to the working hours in the factories | The Ministry of Labour and Employment has recently proposed 09 Labour reforms in the existing Labour Laws, wherein one of the Labour reforms is to enhance quarterly overtime hours limit (from 75 up to 125 hours) Accordingly, in pursuance to the directions of the MoL&E and the meeting held by the MHA on 05.03.2025, a draft notification to amend Section 65 of the Factories Act to enhance quarterly overtime hours limit (from 75 up to 125 hours) has been submitted to the MHA for concurrence on 06.03.2025. Upon receiving concurrence of MHA, the department shall initiate further process. Pertaining to amendment of working hours and spread over, it is submitted that the existing Law is sufficient to support implementation of the priority area concerned as currently only 30 Nos factories are licensed from Govt. Sector and 09 factories from private sector. As such the existing Law is sufficient to support implementation of the priority area concerned. |



Labour

Priority Area: Revise the working hour limits for commercial establishments

| Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|--|---|
| The Section 7 to 10 of the A & N Islands Shops and Establishment Regulation, 2004 are relating to the working hours in the factories | The Labour Department shall initiate action to amend the relevant provisions in the Regulation, 2004 after taking concurrence of the MHA. |



Labour

Priority Area: Increase the threshold of workers for the closure of factories, retrenchment and layoff

| Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|--|--|
| Section 25 K of the Industrial Disputes Act,1947 | The Ministry of Labour and Employment has recently proposed 09 Labour reforms in the existing Labour Laws, wherein one of the Labour reforms is to increase the threshold of workers for the closure of industries, retrenchment and layoff. |
| | Accordingly, in pursuance to the directions of the MoL&E and the meeting held by the MHA on 05.03.2025, a draft notification to amend Section 25 K of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 has been submitted to the MHA for concurrence on 06.03.2025. |
| | Upon receiving concurrence, the department shall initiate further process. |



ANPCC

Priority Area: Third Party Certification for Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) currently issued by State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)

Existing Law, Rules and Regulation

Input of the Department

- The ANPCC is constituted under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1.974, and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and follows the provisions provided under these acts.
- The provision of third-party certification is not there in existing Central Act- Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. However, the matter will be examined by ANPCC and suggestion will be sent to CPCB/Govt of India.

Labour

Priority Area: Simplifying approval and renewal of Factory License/Trade License by reducing the steps involved in documentation, and online registration under Shops & Establishments Act

| Existing | Law, | Rules |
|----------|------|-------|
| and Re | gula | tion |

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Input of the Department

 The department has kept only the minimum statutory documents required for obtaining licenses as required under the Factories Act, 1948 and A & N Islands Shops and Establishment Regulation, 2004.

Factories Act, 1948 and A & N Islands Shops and Establishment Regulation, 2004

- The documents required for factory licence: (1) Form-1 (2) Plant lay-out (3) Details of manufacturing process including flowchart. The documents required for shops/establishments registration: (1) property details (2) photograph of the establishment (3) Identity card of employer.
- The Labour department is not issuing Trade Licence under any Regulation/Act.
- The entire process for issuance of Registration Certificate and its renewal under the Shops and Establishment Regulation has been made online since 2018.
- The employer is not required to furnish or submit any kind of documents for renewal under Factories Act or A&N islands Shops and Establishment Regulations.



SVPMC/APWD/ Revenue/ Electricity

Priority Area: Expedite electricity and water connections, including groundwater use permissions, through an online system for application submission, payment, and status tracking

| Input of the Department | |
|--|--|
| | |
| <u>APWD/Municipal</u> Department - An online portal for providing water connection is already | |
| in place. | |
| Revenue Department - Ground water use permission are granted by Central Ground Water Authority in online mode | |
| | |



SVPMC/APWD/ Revenue/ Electricity

Priority Area: Expedite electricity and water connections, including groundwater use permissions, through an online system for application submission, payment, and status tracking

| Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|--|--|
| Electricity Connections | Electricity Department - An online portal for |
| JERC Electricity supply code Regulation, | providing electric connection is already in place. |
| 2018 | Documents required to apply for electric connection reduced from 07 to only 02 namely: |
| | ID CardProof of Ownership |

Labour

Priority Area: Raising the threshold for compliance under the Shops & Establishments Act to 20 workers

Existing Law, Rules and Regulation

Input of the Department

A & N Islands Shops and Establishment Regulation, 2004

- The Object of the A & N Islands Shops and Establishment Regulation, 2004 is to regulate the working conditions of the workers such as timely payment of wages, working hours, weekly off etc.
- It is submitted that major numbers of the shops and establishments are having less than 10 workers in the UT of ANI. The data are as follows:-

| Manpower | No. of Shops & Establishment |
|------------|------------------------------|
| Up to 10 | 9051 |
| 11 to 20 | 173 |
| 21 to 30 | 36 |
| 31 to 40 | 19 |
| 41 to 50 | 9 |
| 51 & above | 14 |
| Total | 9302 |

Only78 shops/establishments have employed more than 20 employees
Raising the threshold for compliance under the Shops and Establishment
Regulation to 20 workers will deprive the workers from ensuring the payment of
wages within due date, working hours, weekly off etc. As such the existing Law is
sufficient to support implementation of the priority area concerned.

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ANPCC

Priority Area: Re-classification of non-polluting industries as White Category for granting Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate under the Air Act, 1981, and the Water Act, 1974

Existing Law, Rules and Regulation

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), MoEF & CC, issued the classification of industries based on the pollution index of their activities. Recently, vide letter No. letter No. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-Ho dated 12.02.2025, CPCB revised the classification of industry sectors into Red, Blue, Orange, Green, and White.

Input of the Department

Re-classification of Non-pollution industries as White Category for granting Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate has already been done by CPCB in the Revised Industrial Classification document dated 12-02-2025 and same is being followed by ANPCC



FIRE

Priority Area: Fire Inspection by accredited third parties and extending the validity of Fire NOCs

| Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|---|--|
| Proposed A & N Fire & Emergency Service Regulation | The Andaman and Nicobar Islands presently does not have a Fire and Emergency Services Regulation. A Fire and Emergency Services Regulation is under consideration with the MHA, GoI and is in the process of being approved. During the drafting of this Regulation, the MHA for approvals and extension of validity consulted the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs which opined that either list of qualified agencies should be provided or the clause may be deleted. In pursuance of which the provisions for third-party or qualified agency inspections was removed from the proposed regulation. The existing validity period of 1 year for FCC/NOC will get three-year validity period in the proposed regulation. |



OVERARCHING PRIORITIES

SVPMC

Priority Area: Introduction of State Level Acts similar to Jan Vishwas Act, focusing on Decriminalizing minor offences, Introducing civil penalties and administrative actions for minor technical and procedural lapses & Removing obsolete and redundant provisions of laws

Existing Law, Rules and Regulation

Input of the Department

OVERARCHING PRIORITIES

SVPMC/ A&N Fire Service/ ANPCC/ Labour/ Revenue/Industries

Priority Area: Third Party Inspections for Low & Medium risk businesses for all approvals: Illustration of Building Permits and Occupancy Certificates

| Existing Law, Rules and |
|--------------------------------|
| Regulation |

(Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and the Air (Prevention and Control of

Proposed A & N Fire & Emergency Service Regulation

Pollution) Act, 1981

Input of the Department

ANPCC - The provision of third-party inspection is not there in existing Central Act- Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. However, the matter will be examined by ANPCC and suggestion will be sent to CPCB/Govt of India.

A&N Fire Service - The Provision of Inspection by a Third Party or a Qualified Agency has been deleted from the Proposed A & N Fire & Emergency Service Regulation as per directions received from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Industries - The Industrial Estates are allotted as plots and sheds by duly issuing allotment letters to the entrepreneurs and the allottees are required to obtain the necessary clearances/permits from the concerned authorities as per the by laws of PBPA(SVPA).

OVERARCHING PRIORITIES

DIC

Priority Area: Bring all State level services into a State Single Window System and link it to the National Single Window System (NSWS)

| Existing Law, Rules and Regulation | Input of the Department |
|------------------------------------|---|
| NIL | 68 KYA (Know Your Approvals) pertaining to A&N Islands were |
| | soft launched in NSWS portal: www.nsws.gov.in from 13th |
| | October, 2022 |
| | 30 services pertaining to 07 departments have been integrated |
| | in the NSWS portal |

