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Dated 08<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

To,

All the Concerned Authorities,  
A&N Administration  
(As per list attached)

**Subject: Minutes of Meetings held during the visit of Task Force Team on Compliance Reduction and Deregulation to the UT of ANI - reg**

Sir/Madam,

Kind reference is invited to the subject cited above. In this regard, the minutes of the meetings held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2025 at 10:00 AM with the Stakeholders & industry Association and at 11:15 AM with the line departments of A&N Administration respectively, in the presence of the Chief Secretary, during the visit of the Task Force on Compliance Reduction and Deregulation to the UT of ANI is enclosed herewith for further necessary action at your end please.

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General Manager(DIC)/Director(Ind.)

Copy To:

1. Sr. PS to Chief Secretary for kind information Chief Secretary, A&N Administration
2. PS to Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Industries) for kind information of Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Industries)
3. PA to Secretary (Industries) for kind information of Secretary (Industries)

  
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**LIST**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Concerned Authorities</b>	<b>Nodal Officers of the Line Departments</b>
1.	The Secretary (Revenue), A&N Administration	Shri Abdul Rasheed (9434269698)
2.	The Secretary (Labour & Employment), A&N Administration	Shri Ajay Kumar (9582354958)
3.	The Secretary (Environment & Forest), A&N Administration	Shri Sukumar Das (9474243261)
4.	The Secretary (Power), A&N Administration	Shri P Subbaraj (9434281023)
5.	The Secretary (APWD), A&N Administration	Shri M Melsingh Salvius (9933245498)
6.	The Secretary (SVPWC), A&N Administration	Shri Ashok Mohan Nath (7019377198)
7.	The Secretary (Science & Tech), A&N Administration	Shri B. Raj Babu (9434285672)
8.	The Secretary (Industries), A&N Administration	Shri Abdul Rashid (9474248484)
9.	The Superintendent of Police (Fire)	Shri John Edwin Fernandez (9474255083)
10.	The Secretary (Law), A&N Administration	Shri Rizwanullah (9933289780)
11.	The Secretary (Tourism), A&N Administration	Shri K. Ramachandran (9531808988)

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**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Venue : Main Conference Hall, Secretariat, Sri Vijaya Puram**  
**Date : 22.03.2025**  
**Time : 10:00 AM**

**Subject: Meeting with the Stakeholders and Industry Associations during the visit of Task Force Team on Compliance Reduction and Deregulation to the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

1. A meeting with all the Stakeholders and Industry Associations of Andaman and Nicobar Islands was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the presence of the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration during the visit of Task Force Team on Compliance Reduction and Deregulation to the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The list of participants is attached as **Annexure-I**.

2. In his opening remarks, the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration welcomed the Task Force Members and all the participants and briefed on the context of the meeting. He informed the Task Force Member Shri Vijay Kumar, IAS, Chairman IWAI on the preparatory action taken by the administration in sharing the Andaman and Nicobar Compliance Reduction and Deregulation Docket made by the Task Force with the Industry Associations and Stakeholders of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

3. Shri Vijay Kumar, IAS, Chairman IWAI made a detailed presentation (**Annexure-II**) on the background of setting up of the Task Force, the need for Deregulation, reforms in the first and second phase of Ease of Doing Business(EoDB) and the priority areas identified for Compliance Reduction and Deregulation. He informed that the objective of the Task Force is to set the framework and assist the UT Administration in Compliance Reduction and Deregulation. The main points of the presentation and ensuing discussions are summed up below:

3.1 Shri Vijay Kumar, IAS, Chairman IWAI informed the participants of the need to deregulate in the changing global scenario. The increase in import restrictions over the years





along with increasing value of trade covered under the new import restrictions signify the end of globalization and the need to increase domestic investment and growth. It was informed that regulation directly affects businesses, hampering productivity. On an average, 50% of an industrial plot is lost to building standards, 20% wage discount for women workers banned from factory processes, 2 times floors required to construct same number of rooms as a hotel in Singapore, 65% higher production costs for iPhones than Japan due to working hour limits etc. He further informed that the aim of Viksit Bharat by 2047 can only be achieved if the real GDP increases at the rate of 8% each year for the next 20 years, investment increases to 35% of the GDP and by increasing investment efficiency. This calls for the need to deregulate and to reduce the Cost of Regulations by reducing compliance burden.

3.2. As such, based on the inputs received by DPIIT, Niti Aayog and various ministries and stakeholders, five priority areas have been identified which have the maximum impact on the industries and incorporated in the Andaman and Nicobar Compliance Reduction and Deregulation Docket. The dockets will cover the present status, possible solutions, time documentation study, best practices and examples of other States, international best practices, and way forward in the identified priority areas. The constraints of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands such as shortage of land, less population and industries were acknowledged and the UT Administration was encouraged to implement the priority areas as mentioned in the docket as far as possible.

3.3 On the topic of the background of the Task Force, Shri Vijay Kumar, IAS, Chairman IWAI informed that during the 4th Conference of Chief Secretaries held in December 2024, the Chief Economic Adviser made a presentation on Systematic Deregulation and the need for making India attractive for investments through compliance reduction was emphasized. Subsequently, requests were received from few Chief Secretaries for access to best practices and templates of Government of India and other State governments on business-friendly ecosystems. On the same occasion, the Hon'ble Prime Minister had emphasized on the need to remove hindrances to businesses, emanating from excessive regulations and directed the Cabinet Secretariat to set up a Deregulation Cell to hand-hold and facilitate States on Ease of Doing Business. The Task Force on Deregulation and Compliance Burden has been constituted with the above objective.

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deregulations in States is to address the persisting points through (a) liberalising standards/ controls that distort the markets and adopt a 'minimum necessary, maximum feasible' approach (b) setting legal safeguards for enforcement by ensuring due process of law, and (c) use risk-based regulation by tailoring the legal norms as per risk profile and scale of businesses, and involving of third parties in enforcement.

3.5 Shri Vijay Kumar, IAS, Chairman IWAI further briefed the participants on the five priority areas identified (**Annexure-III**) which have the maximum impact on the industries, as below:

- I. Land Use (4 Priority Areas; 11 Sub-Priority Areas)
  - II. Building and Construction (4 Priority Areas; 4 Sub-Priority Areas)
  - III. Labour (6 Priority Areas)
  - IV. Utilities & Permissions (6 Priority Areas; 5 Sub-Priority Areas)
  - V. Overarching Priorities (3 Priority Areas)
- (Total = Priority Areas 23, Sub Priority Area 20)

3.6 Following issues were brought forth by the Stakeholders and Industry Association and discussed as under:

- i. **Shortage of Land:** President, ANCCI informed that due to shortage of land, the existing Industrial Land Bank is not sufficient to meet the demands and requested to allot more land for industrial use. Dr. Ayyaj Tamboli, IAS, Director, Cabinet Secretariat added that a GIS based Industrial Land Bank database may be adopted.

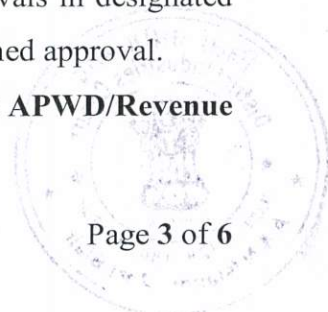
- **Action: APWD/Revenue/Industries**

- ii. **Conversion of Land:** President, ANCCI informed that there is significant delay in setting up of new industries especially in changing land use for commercial land.

- **Action: Revenue**

- iii. **Land Use as notified in Master Plan:** General Secretary, ANCCI suggested that the land owner may be given the Right of Use the existing land as notified in the Master Plan. Dr. Ayyaj Tamboli, IAS, Director, Cabinet Secretariat added that the Andaman and Nicobar Administration may look into the best practices of other countries and consider exemption from CLU Approvals in designated industrial areas and consider expanding the provision for deemed approval.

- **Action: APWD/Revenue**





- iv. **Police Verification in Building Plan Approval:** Dr. Ayyaj Tamboli, IAS, Director, Cabinet Secretariat inquired about the need for police verification in Building Plan Approvals. Further, President ANCCI added that there have been instances where the building plan approval was denied based on minor civil cases.

- **Action: SVP**

- v. **High Cost of Construction:** Ex-President, ANCCI informed about the need of specific policy in procurement of construction material, as locally available materials like sea sand and stone quarries can't be used due to various limitations.

- **Action: Revenue**

- vi. **Timeline for Building Plan Approval:** Member, ANCCI informed that the average time taken for obtaining building plan approval is about 2 years. The owner must be present in person during the inspection; otherwise, a new application is to be submitted, which is inconvenient for businesses. He suggested that this process may be streamlined and necessary provisions of self-certifications and third party approvals may be incorporated.

- **Action: SVP**

- vii. **Relax Building Restrictions:** Ex-President, ANCCI suggested to relax the existing building height restriction and existing FAR norms so as to enable optimal use of the available land.

- **Action: SVP**

- viii. **Power generation and continuous supply:** Member, LUB informed that there are no issues in online electricity connections; however the industrial units in Andaman & Nicobar suffer due to inconsistent power supply, low voltage, and restrictions on industrial usage during evening hours.

- **Action: Electricity**

- ix. **Water source in industrial estates:** Member, LUB suggested that more commercial water supply connections may be provided in industrial estates.

- **Action: APWD/SVP/Industries**

- x. **Delay in CRZ Clearance:** President ANCCI informed that the policy of Home Stay has been very successful in the UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands but the applicants face delays in CRZ clearance and Building Plan approvals.

- **Action: ANPCC**



- xi. **Forest Produce and Wooden Industry:** Member, Andaman and Nicobar Saw Mill Association informed that the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Timber demanded is not issued. Further, very less quantity of raw material is made available to the industrial units, far below their total capacity. The quantity of cane provided by the Forest Department is not sufficient for functioning of the industry, further variety of cane & bamboo as per the market demand need to be provided.
- **Action: Forest**
- xii. **Development of Online Single Window Portal:** President, ANCCI suggested that all the services such as Building Plan Approvals, Shop and Establishment registrations, Fire NOCs, Food Licenses, Consent to Establish, Consent to Operate etc. may be integrated end-to-end in one single window for the ease of the applicant.
- **Action: All Department Concerned**
- xiii. **Introduction of Subsidy linked schemes:** Ex-President ANCCI, requested to introduce subsidy linked schemes providing benefits such as transportation subsidy to cope up with the high transportation cost in the islands.
- **Action: All Department Concerned**
- xiv. **Tourism related approvals:** President ANCCI informed that approval related to tourism industry especially in introduction of new ships, vessels and boats are lengthy and time consuming, requiring approval from various departments such as DG Shipping, PMB etc. He suggested the use of a common single window to facilitate these related approvals.
- **Action: Tourism**

The meeting concluded with the Vote of Thanks.



General Manager (DIC)/Director (Industries)



**List of Participants in the Meeting with the Stakeholders and Industry Association on 22.03.2025 at 10:00 AM**

S. No.	Name	Designation/Association
01.	Shri. Vijay Kumar, IAS	Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India
02.	Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS	Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration
03.	Shri. A.S.P.S Raviprakash, IAS	Commissioner-cum-Secretary(Industries)
04.	Ms. Smitha R, IAS	Secretary(Industries/Power)
05.	Dr. Ayyaj Tamboli, IAS	Director, Cabinet Secretariat
06.	Shri. Mohammad Isharar Ali, IRSEE	Director, DPIIT
07.	Shri. Vinay Kumar Prajapati, IRSSE	Member (Traffic & Logistics), IWAI
08.	Shri. P.K. Das, IEDS	Joint Director, MSME-DFO
09.	Shri. Rakesh Das, DANICS	Director (Industries)
10.	Shri. Pradeep S	Young Professional, NITI Aayog
11.	Shri. Shubham Sisodia	Traffic & Logistics team, IWAI
12.	Comdt S Zakir Hussain	CPA, PMB
13.	Smti. Sunitha Kumari	Deputy Director (Industries)
14.	Shri. Sindhupathi Raja	Deputy Director (Industries)
15.	Shri. Jwahaar Lal Das	Industries Promotion Officer (H), DIC
16.	Dr. K.Chandrasekharan	President, Andaman Nicobar Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ANCCI) -Construction Industry
17.	Shri. Madan Lall	General Secretary, ANCCI-Hotel Industry
18.	Shri. Mohd. H.Jadwet	Ex- President, ANCCI
19.	Shri. Anil Goel	Member, Andaman and Nicobar Saw Mill Association, & Executive Member, ANCCI-Wood Based Industry
20.	Shri. A.L. Verma	President, Laghu Udyog Bharathi, A&N Islands
21.	Shri. Chitta Ranjan Chowdhury	Member, Laghu Udyog Bharathi, A&N Islands
22.	Shri. Ebrahim Jadwet	Member, ANCCI
23.	Shri Sanat Majunder	Treasurer, A&N Furniture Association
24.	Shri. AI. Ravi	President, Cane & Bamboo Industry Owners Multipurpose Association, A&N Islands
25.	Shri. A. Selva Moorthy	Secretary, Cane & Bamboo Industry Owners Multipurpose Association, A&N Islands
26.	Shri Sita Ram Sharma	Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharathi, A&N Islands

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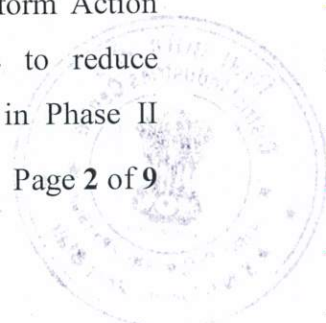


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4. Thereafter, the Chief Secretary, A&N Islands brought forth the current implementation of Ease of Doing Business in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He also briefed the Member, Task Force on Compliance Reduction and Deregulation on the current status of the regulatory environment in the Islands. In the subsequent detailed discussion with the line departments, the Member, Task Force on Compliance Reduction and Deregulation gave various suggestions, directions and way forward which are as follows:

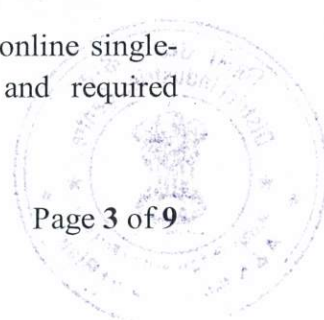
**i) Priority Area 1: Adopt a flexible zoning framework that allows for mixed-use development activities :**

- a. Encouraging inclusive zoning with negative list of activities
  - i. All land uses are allowed Except
  - ii. Non-permissible activities defined and delineated
- b. Allowing for mixed-used development through
  - i. Encouraging more diverse uses of land in one area
  - ii. Reducing the number of sub-classifications in the zones
  - iii. Affordable/Rental housing in Industrial area

- **Action: APWD**

**ii) Priority Area 2: 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.**

- a. Ensuring that land use change services are available through an online single-window system with clear information on fees, procedures and required documents.



- b. Streamlining the documentation process by reducing the number of required documents to two by adopting the best practice of Gujarat
- c. May consider exemption from CLU Approvals in Designated Industrial Areas and consider expanding the provision for deemed approval. It may consider increasing the validity of CLU permission like Haryana.
- d. Exploring the possibility of using PM GatiShakti Platform for change of land use
- e. Allowing industrial worker housing as part of core activity in industrial estates/parks
- f. Having relaxed CLU norms for MSMEs

- **Action: APWD/Revenue**

**iii) Priority Area 3: Rationalizing minimum width road requirements for different categories of industries in rural areas**

- a. May rationalize the minimum road width norm keeping in mind the Indian Road Congress Standards of 6 meters and best practices of other States/UTs.

- **Action: APWD**

**iv) Priority Area 4: GIS databank for industrial land available in State, integrated with India Industrial Land Bank (IILB)**

- a. The State should coordinate with the IILB Team for timely resolution of industrial land data integration.
- b. May consider enhancing online system by incorporating a structured database and provide comprehensive information on the industrial land allotment procedure followed, ensuring transparency and ease of understanding for investors.

- **Action: Industries**

**v) Priority Area 5: Amend building regulations to reduce land loss in industrial plots**

- a. Amend building regulations by rationalizing Setbacks, Floor Area Ratio (FAR), Parking Space, Minimum Plot Area for industries, etc. May consider the best practices of other States/UTs and International practices.

- **Action: SVPMC/APWD/Industries**

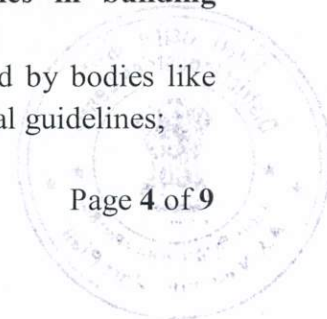
**vi) Priority Area 6: Amend building regulations to reduce land loss in commercial plots**

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- **Action: SVPMC/APWD**

**vii) Priority Area 7: Increase the role of empanelled third parties in building approvals and joint inspections**

- a. Establish a certification system for private agencies accredited by bodies like the Bureau of Indian Standards or State councils to meet national guidelines;





- b. Create a State-level authority for robust monitoring and oversight of these activities.
- c. The role for third party approvals/self certification system may be introduced to augment building approval systems.
- d. Integrated end to end application for all Dept/Agencies responsible for issuing NOCs/approvals (Fire/Water/AAI/Forest etc.)

- Action: SVPMC

**viii) Priority Area 8: Simplifying process for issuing Occupation/Completion certification of buildings.**

- a. E-intimation on commencement of construction and completion of building level
- b. Online submission of a unified completion request form, along with the occupancy certificate application, with system integrated with online Permission.

- Action: SVPMC

**ix) Priority Area 9: Remove prohibitions on women from working in certain 'hazardous' industries**

- a. Permitting women (except pregnant and lactating mothers) to work in all occupations.
- b. Ensuring that the safety conditions for women's work are in accordance with the provisions of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 (OSH Code).

- Action: Labour

**x) Priority Area 10: Allow night-time employment of women (7pm-6am) in all occupations (Factories)**

- a. Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar may consider permitting women's employment on night shifts in factories by making appropriate legislative or regulatory changes, and subject to obtaining the consent of women workers and full adherence to the mandated compliances under the PoSH Act and the Factories Act.

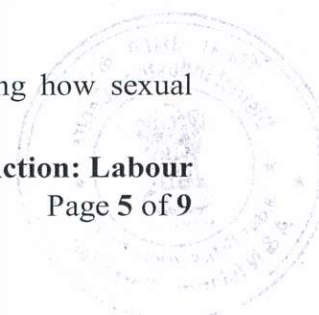
- Action: Labour

**xi) Priority Area 11: Allow night-time employment of women in all occupations (shops and commercial establishments)**

- a. Andaman and Nicobar Administration may consider permitting women's employment on night shifts in commercial establishments, subject to the following conditions:
  - i. Require consent of women workers;
  - ii. Require compliance with PoSH Act; and
  - iii. Require employers to make a general policy announcing how sexual harassment cases will be dealt with.

- Action: Labour

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**xii) Priority Area 12: Revise the working hours limit for factories, and**

**xiii) Priority Area 13: Revise the working hour limits for commercial establishments**

- a. Andaman and Nicobar Administration may consider making the following revisions the following legislative/regulatory changes as appropriate:
- Daily hours: Increase the limit 9 to 10 hrs.
  - Intervals for rest: Increase the maximum period of continuous work before mandated rest from 5 to 6.
  - Spread over: Increase from 10.5 to 12.
  - Quarterly overtime: Increase from 75 to 144 hours/quarter

- **Action: Labour**

**xiv) Priority Area 14: Increase the threshold of workers for the closure of factories, retrenchment and layoff**

- a. Increasing the threshold of number of workers for prior permission for closure, retrenchment and layoff from 100 to 300 workers under the Industrial Disputes Act

- **Action: Labour**

**xv) Priority Area 15: Third Party Certification for Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) currently issued by State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)**

- Andaman & Nicobar Islands should implement third-party certification for CTE and CTO to enhance efficiency and credibility. May consider the best practice of Puducherry.
- This involves accrediting independent agencies to assess environmental compliance. Steps include policy development, legal adjustments, and monitoring systems.
- Standardized procedures and protocols must be developed for third-party agencies to follow during assessments.

- **Action: ANPCC**

**xvi) Priority Area 16: Simplifying approval and renewal of Factory License/Trade License by reducing the steps involved in documentation, and online registration under Shops & Establishments Act**

- Andaman & Nicobar Islands may remove renewals of shops & establishment registration.
- Joint inspections may be conducted under all labour and factory laws.
- Accredited private agencies for inspections may be institutionalized, ensuring they meet standards set by the Labour Department, similar to models in construction safety inspections.
- Establish a transparent accreditation process, with clear guidelines on competence and accountability, to maintain quality.
- Monitor and evaluate third-party reports to ensure compliance, potentially integrating them into digital portals for real-time tracking

- **Action: Labour**





**xvii) Priority Area 17: Expedite electricity and water connections, including groundwater use permissions, through an online system for application submission, payment, and status tracking**

- a. May improve, if possible the existing online single window system with ease of use, and enables a single payment for all approvals and additional charges and simplifying transactions.
- b. The best practice of the UT of A&N Islands in simplifying online electricity connection may be prepared and shared to the Task Force on Compliance Reduction and Deregulation for sharing with the other States/UTs

- **Action: SVP/MC/APWD/Electricity/Revenue**

**xviii) Priority Area 18: Raising the threshold for compliance under the Shops & Establishments Act to 20 workers**

- a. Andaman and Nicobar may consider increasing the threshold to 20 workers for the applicability of the Act through legislative/regulatory changes as appropriate.

- **Action: Labour**

**xix) Priority Area 19: 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**

- a. May re-examine and expand the White Category List of Industries to exempt them from prior consent to establish and operate.

- **Action: ANPCC**

**xx) Priority Area 20: Fire inspection by accredited third parties and extending the validity of Fire NOCs**

- a. May adopt third-party fire inspections to alleviate pressure on public resources, expedite NOC approvals, and elevate fire safety standards by adopting a risk based approach by considering the best practices of States like Gujarat and Maharashtra.

- **Action: Fire**

**xxi) Priority Area 21: Introduction of State Level Acts similar to Jan Vishwas Act**

- a. UT Level Acts similar to Jan Vishwas Act can be proposed considering the best practice of Madhya Pradesh, with focus on:
  - i. Decriminalizing minor offences
  - ii. Introducing civil penalties and administrative actions for minor technical and procedural lapses
  - iii. Removing obsolete and redundant provisions of laws

- **Action: Law**



**xxii) Priority Area 22: Third Party Inspections for Low & Medium risk businesses for all approvals: Illustration of Building Permits and Occupancy Certificates**

- a. Registered third parties i.e. building surveyors may be considered for issuance of building permits, occupancy certificates and NOCs to reduce time taken in these approval processes.
- b. Third parties need to be registered and licensed by the UT, with Independent professional authorities and UT monitoring third parties.
- c. Use of third parties based on risk classification of buildings, initially limited to low and medium risk cases.
- d. State assessment and referral agency (SARA) to act as single agency for verifying zoning and prescribing construction requirements.
- e. Parties can approve buildings plans, submit approvals and OCs

- **Action: SVPMC/ANPCC/Fire/Labour/Revenue**

**xxiii) Priority Area 23: Bring all State level services into a State Single Window System and link it to the National Single Window System (NSWS)**

- a. UT may compare the features of present Single Window System with the proposed detailed reforms in the docket and aim to incorporate all the desired features in a time bound manner.

- **Action: DIC-Industries**

**xxiv) Best practice of other State/UTs and International Practices**

- a. UT may examine the best practices as mentioned in the docket. The UT officials may also consider visiting the concerned State/UT or Country for in-depth study of the best practice and incorporate them accordingly.

- **Action: All Department Concerned**

The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks.



General Manager (DIC)/Director (Industries)





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