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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE

(G.O. Ms. No. 8, Puducherry, dated 19th June 2026)

NOTIFICATION

The Government of Puducherry, in furtherance of its commitment to significantly improve the Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living, has been progressively reducing the compliance burden on existing and new enterprises through Rationalization and Streamlining of Approvals, Permits, Licenses and No Objection Certificates (NOCs) required for industrial and business operations. In this regard, it is re-iterated for public knowledge of all concerned that the Government of Puducherry has been pleased to implement the following measures in the Union Territory through Official Gazette Notifications:

- (a) *Building Permissions — Self-Certification for Low-Risk Buildings.*— The Puducherry Building Bye-Laws and Zoning Regulations, 2012, were amended *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 16/2025-Hg., dated 12-09-2025 to permit building permissions for ‘ordinary or low-risk’ residential structures up to Ground floor + First floor and ‘ordinary or low-risk’ industrial buildings through Self-Certification on the Online Building Permission System (OBPS) portal, dispensing with scrutiny or need for obtaining permit at Departmental level for such categories.
- (b) *Exemption of White Category Industries from Pollution Control Consents.*— *Vide* G.O. Ms. No. 10/ENVT-2025, dated 20th June 2025, all ‘White Category’ Industries have been fully exempted from the requirement of obtaining Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, enabling faster commencement of operations for the most environmentally benign category of industries.
- (c) *Simplification of Fire Safety NOC and Audit Certification.*— The process of issuing Fire Safety Audit Certificates and Fire NOCs has been restructured through the introduction of empanelled Third-Party agencies and self-certification mechanisms *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 61, dated 10-09-2025, thus significantly reducing approval timelines, replacing Departmental inspections with professionally certified assessments.
- (d) *Online Processing and Removal of Physical Inspections for Factory and Trade Licences.*— The Puducherry Municipalities (Amendment) Act, 2025 notified *vide* No. 103/Leg./2025-LD., dated 05th November 2025 and the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayats (Amendment) Act, 2025, notified *vide* No. 130/Leg./2025-LD., dated 05th November 2025, have provided for the approval and renewal of ‘Factory’ and ‘Trade Licences’ entirely through online systems supported by Self-Certification. The physical inspections at Municipality and Commune Panchayat levels have been dispensed, with validity period of such ‘Factory and Trade Licences’ increased from one to five years.
- (e) *Deemed Approval and Three-Year Inspection Moratorium for MSMEs.*— The Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Act, 2024, notified *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 207/Leg./2023-LD., dated 08-09-2025, provides that upon submission of a prescribed ‘Declaration’, the entrepreneur will receive an ‘Acknowledgement Certificate’ to be treated as deemed approval for commencement of business. Industries holding such a Certificate, after commencement of operations, have a three-year window from the date of issue of the Certificate in which to obtain the required licences, if any.

- (f) *Waiver of Departmental Inspection for New Electricity Service Connections up to 100 KVA.*— The requirement of Electricity Department inspection(s) for new service connections up to 100 KVA has been waived *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 18, dated 11th May 2026. Service connections are to be released on the basis of Self-Certification by the consumer in respect of internal wiring for new or enhanced domestic, commercial and industrial services up to 100 KVA.

(Through the abovesaid Amendment Acts and Official Gazette Notifications, a total of 47 NOCs / Licences / and Permits out of a total of 57, required by various establishments depending upon their category and nature, have been removed and dispensed with and only 10 NOCs / Licences / and Permits are presently applicable in the Union territory of Puducherry as per Annexure-1).

2. In order to institutionalize and further strengthen the process of regulatory rationalization on a continuing basis, the Government of Puducherry is pleased to constitute an 'Empowered Executive Committee' (EEC) comprising of the following:

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| (a) The Chief Secretary of Union territory of Puducherry. | .. Chairperson |
| (b) Secretary (Finance) | .. Member |
| (c) Secretary (Revenue) | .. Member |
| (d) Secretary (Town and Country Planning) | .. Member |
| (e) Secretary (Local Administration Department) | .. Member |
| (f) Secretary (Science, Technology and Environment) | .. Member |
| (g) Secretary (Industrial Development, Trade and Commerce). | .. Member |
| (h) Secretary (Labour) | .. Member |
| (i) Secretary (Power) | .. Member |
| (j) Secretary (Public Works Department) | .. Member |
| (k) Secretary (Law) | .. Member |
| (l) Secretary (Personnel / CCD) | .. Member |
| (m) Member-Secretary,
Puducherry Pollution Control Committee. | .. Member |
| (n) Director (Industries and Commerce) | .. Member-Secretary. |

3. The Government of Puducherry is further pleased to mandate and empower the EEC to periodically and generally review the existing catalogue of approvals, permits, licences and NOCs required for business operations and ease of living in order to rationalize, add, revise, or delete such requirements, administered by various Departments of the Union Territory Administration, from time to time, in accordance with evolving ground realities, technological developments and national best practices in regulatory and good governance.

4. The EEC is also mandated and empowered to appraise, process and approve proposals received through the 'Invest Puducherry' portal or circulated by Puducherry Industrial Guidance Bureau in order to systematically dispose specific approvals, permits, licences and NOCs covering new, operating or expanding industrial, business and commercial establishments in a time-bound manner through addressing procedural and substantive requirements and interdepartmental issues, if any.

5. In order to oversee and monitor this institutionalized process of regulatory rationalization on a continuing basis, as well as systemic and time-bound disposal of specific issues related to investment proposals, the meetings of the Empowered Executive Committee may ordinarily be convened once in every two months.

6. The meetings of the Empowered Executive Committee may be conducted in physical mode, virtual mode or hybrid mode, as determined by the Chairperson in keeping with the bi-monthly schedule. Meetings conducted through video conferencing or hybrid mode will be treated as valid for all statutory purposes, subject to prior circulation of agenda notes, recording of deliberations and approval and authentication of minutes in accordance with established procedure(s).

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

A. VIKRANTH RAJA,
Secretary to Government (Industries and Commerce).
