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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE
(G.O. Ms. No. 2/DI&C, Puducherry, dated 01st June 2026)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Act, 2024 (Act No. 6 of 2024), the Lieutenant-Governor of Puducherry, hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

**THE PUDUCHERRY MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM
ENTERPRISES (EXEMPTION FROM APPROVALS TO
COMMENCE BUSINESS) RULES, 2026**

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called “The Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Rules, 2026”.

(2) These rules shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(3) They shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Definitions.*— (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

(a) “Acknowledgment Certificate” means, the certificate issued by the Puducherry Industrial Guidance Bureau (PIGB) upon receipt of the Declaration of Intent from the Entrepreneur;

(b) “Act” means, The Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Act, 2024 (Act No. 6 of 2024), of the Government of Puducherry;

(c) “Approval” means, any permission, no objection, clearance, approval, registration, licence *etc.*, required under any other Law prevailing in connection with the establishment or operation of an Enterprise in the Union territory of Puducherry;

(d) “Declaration of Intent” means, the application, in the prescribed format, submitted by the Enterprise along with a Self-Certification regarding compliance with labour welfare measures, fire safety requirements and environmental safeguards as mandated by law;

(e) “Enterprise” means, a Micro, Small or Medium Enterprise;

(f) “Micro, Small or Medium Enterprises” means, the Micro, Small or Medium Enterprises, as defined in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006;

(g) “Nodal Agency” means, the Puducherry Industrial Guidance Bureau (PIGB) functioning under the Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Puducherry;

(h) “The Puducherry Industrial Guidance Bureau (PIGB)” means, the Puducherry Industrial Guidance Bureau as notified by the Government of Puducherry.

3. *Exemption.*— An Enterprise established in the Union territory of Puducherry is exempted from any approval or inspection for a period as mentioned in section 7 of the Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Act, 2024 from the date of issue of the Acknowledgment Certificate issued by the Puducherry Industrial Guidance Bureau (PIGB).

4. *Procedure for Issue of Acknowledgment Certificate.*— (1) Every Enterprise, other than those classified under the Red and Orange Category by the Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, seeking an Acknowledgment Certificate under sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Act shall submit a duly filled declaration of intent in Form-I appended to these rules, to the Nodal Agency electronically through the designated web portal. In the event of pending operationalisation of the web portal or in special circumstances, or in the event of technical failure of the web portal, the Enterprise may submit the declaration of intent in physical mode or through e-mail to the Nodal Agency.

(2) On receipt of the declaration of intent, duly completed in all respects, the Acknowledgment Certificate, shall be issued instantly by the electronic web portal in Form-II appended to these rules, specifying the date of receipt of the declaration of intent and the period of validity of the Acknowledgment Certificate. In the event of pending operationalisation of the web portal, or in special circumstances, or in the event of technical failure of the web portal to issue the Acknowledgment Certificate, the same shall be issued in physical mode or through e-mail by the Nodal Agency.

(3) The declaration of intent shall be submitted by;

- (a) The proprietor, in the case of a Proprietary Enterprise;
- (b) An authorised Partner, in the case of a Partnership Firm;
- (c) A Director or any person duly authorised by the Board of Directors, in the case of a Private Company;
- (d) An Administrator or an authorised person, in the case of Co-operative Societies;
- (e) An authorised person, in case of other kinds of Enterprises;

Provided that, where an Enterprise carries on Commercial Operations in more than one premises, a separate declaration of intent shall be submitted for each of such premises.

5. *Constitution of the Nodal Agency.*— For the purpose of these rules, the Puducherry Industrial Guidance Bureau (PIGB) shall be the Nodal Agency, with its Members as notified by the Department of Industries and Commerce, Puducherry, from time to time.

6. *Functions of the Nodal Agency.*— (1) The Nodal Agency shall be the co-ordinating and Implementing Agency as per the Act.

(2) The 'Escort Officers' of the Nodal Agency shall be the authorised Officers for verification and issuance of the Acknowledgment Certificate under the Act in case, there is failure of the electronic web-portal.

(3) The Nodal Agency shall receive and address the grievances and queries of the Enterprises related to anything done or omitted to be done under the Act and the Rules.

(4) The Nodal Agency shall maintain the electronic portal for carrying out the purposes of the Act and keep a record of the declaration of intent and the Acknowledgment Certificate. In the event of pending operationalisation of the web-portal, or in special circumstances, or in the event of technical failure of the web portal, the same may be done in the physical mode.

(5) The Nodal Agency shall, on issuance of the Acknowledgment Certificate, forward the declaration of intent and Acknowledgment Certificate of the Enterprise to all Competent Authorities either in electronic mode or physical mode, as the case may be.

(6) Nodal Agency shall be responsible for coordination between the Competent Authorities and the Enterprise. In case of dispute between the Enterprise and Competent Authority, the Nodal Agency shall resolve the dispute and, for that purpose, may seek, directions from the Director of Industries and Commerce, as and when required.

7. *Effect of Acknowledgment Certificate.*— Acknowledgment Certificate issued under sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Act shall have effect as if, it is an approval as defined in clause (b) of section 2 of the Act, for the period mentioned in the Act in such case as mentioned in the Schedule appended to these rules.

8. *Powers to revoke the Acknowledgment.*— In case of wilful submission of false information in the declaration of intent or suppression of material fact, or a violation, breach or contravention of any of the provisions in the Act and the Rules, is noticed by the Nodal Agency, it can revoke / cancel the Acknowledgment Certificate as per provisions of the Act and Rules.

FORM – I

FORM OF DECLARATION OF INTENT / SELF-CERTIFICATION

[See Rule 4(1)]

[Submitted under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Act, 2024]

A. Details of the Applicant	
(1) Name of the Applicant	
(2) Mobile Number	
(3) e-Mail ID	
(4) Aadhaar Number of the Applicant	
(5) Gender	Male / Female / Others
B. Address for Communication	
(1) Address	
(2) PIN Code	
C. Enterprise Information	
(1) Name of the Enterprise / Undertaking	
(2) Type of Organisation	Proprietary / Partnership / Co-operative / Private Limited / Public Limited / Others
(3) PAN Number	
(4) GSTIN (if applicable)	
(5) Type of Enterprise	Micro / Small / Medium
(6) Major Activity of the Enterprise	Manufacturing / Service
(7) Estimated Project Cost	

(8) Products to be Manufactured / Services to be provided	
(9) Expected date of commencement of production / Operation	
D. Location of the Manufacturing / Service activity of the Enterprise	
(1) Total Project Area (in sq. mt.)	
(2) Nature of Land	Owned / Lease / Rent
(3) Address	
(4) PIN Code	
<p>CERTIFICATE</p> <p>I / We residing at the (address) that I am an authorised signatory for M/s. and hereby submit the following Certificate and undertake that:—</p> <p>(i) I / We have read the Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Act, 2024, and the Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Rules, 2026 made thereunder and undertake to abide by them. In case of changes in the above details, the same will be intimated to the Nodal Agency without fail.</p> <p>(ii) I / We hereby agree and undertake that I / We shall comply and observe the various rules and regulations prescribed under various enactments which are required to be complied with for setting up and operation of the Enterprise in the Union territory of Puducherry including but not limited to the Puducherry Municipalities Act, 1973, the Puducherry Village and Commune Panchayats Act, 1973 as the case may be and any Amendment thereof and if, a violation is noticed by the Nodal Agency or there is any suppression of material</p>	

facts or the information furnished in the Declaration of Intent is found to be false, the Nodal Agency has the power to cancel the Acknowledgment Certificate after affording an opportunity of being heard to the applicant / enterprise by giving 15 days notice seeking his / her explanation, if any.

- (iii) I / We hereby undertake that for development of the plot / proposed construction for setting up the Enterprise, I / We shall comply with the provisions contained in the Puducherry Town and Country Planning Act, 1969, Puducherry Building Bye-Laws and Zoning Regulations, 2012, Puducherry Ground Water (Control and Regulation) Act, 2002, framed thereunder and any other conditions or restrictions contained in any other Act / Rules applicable for setting up the Enterprise.
- (iv) I / We am / are furnishing the Declaration of Intent / Self-Certification for the enterprise, which is a new Enterprise as defined in the Act.
- (v) I / We have not previously obtained any Acknowledgment Certificate as defined under sub-section 2 of section 5 of the Act for the land or building or premises as mentioned in 'Location of Manufacturing / Service Activity of Enterprise' in declaration of intent.
- (vi) I / We will maintain the safety standards prescribed under various enactments specified under rule 2(d) of the Rules in the operation of the Enterprise to ensure the safety and health of the workers or employees.
- (vii) I / We will not engage in any manufacturing activity or provide any services that are prohibited under any law or rules.
- (viii) I/We certify that the information furnished in the declaration of intent / Self-Certification under Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Rules, 2026, is true and correct to the best of my / our knowledge and belief, and no material information has been suppressed / concealed.

<i>Signature</i>	
Name	
Designation	
Date	
Place	

FORM – II

ACKNOWLEDGMENT CERTIFICATE

[See Rule 4(2)]

[Issued under sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Act, 2024]

M/s. has filed a declaration of intent / Self-Certification under the Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Rules, 2026, to set up an Enterprise for the Manufacture / Service activity of

The receipt of the declaration of intent / Self-Certification for the Enterprise is hereby acknowledged with the following details as contained in the declaration of intent / Self-Certification:

Acknowledgment Details	
1. Acknowledgment Number	
2. Date of Acknowledgment	
3. Date of Expiry	
4. Name of the Enterprise	
5. Type of Organisation	

6. Address for Communication	
(a) Address	
(b) PIN Code	
7. Product(s) to be Manufactured / Service(s) to be provided	
8. Location of the Proposed Enterprise	
(a) Address	
(b) PIN Code	
9. Classification of the Enterprise	Micro / Small / Medium

1. Subject to provisions of the Act and the Rules, this Acknowledgment Certificate shall entitle the enterprise for the following:—

- (i) Exemption from approval under the various Acts of the Union territory of Puducherry regulating the establishment of an Enterprise.
- (ii) Exemption from inspection for the purpose of, or in connection with, any approval mentioned in the Act or Rules under various enactments pertaining to the Approvals mentioned in the Schedule appended to the Rules.
- (iii) It can be presented to any Competent Authority or Bank or Financial Institution as and when required, who shall treat it as an approval as defined in sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Act for all the purposes.

2. This Acknowledgment Certificate is issued, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The provisions of the Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Act, 2024 and its applicability shall be limited to

the Acts pertaining to the Approvals mentioned in the Schedule appended to these Rules and the activities mentioned in the Acknowledgment Certificate.

- (ii) The Acknowledgment Certificate is valid for the period mentioned in the Puducherry Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Exemption from Approvals to Commence Business) Act, 2024 from the date of issue.
- (iii) On expiry of the Acknowledgment Certificate, the Enterprise shall have to obtain the required approvals, for which no further intimation shall be provided.
- (iv) In case of wilful submission of false information in the declaration of intent / Self-Certification or suppression of material fact, or breach or contravention of any of the provisions in the Act and the Rules, the Nodal Agency can revoke / cancel the Acknowledgment Certificate as per provisions of the Act and Rules.
- (v) The Acknowledgment Certificate will become *null and void* if, the Enterprise ceases to exist due to merger or division of the Enterprise or acquisition or amalgamation of the Enterprises, or if it ceases to be a Micro, Small or Medium Enterprise as defined under the Act.

Dated on this, the (date) day of (month),(year).

Signature of Issuing Authority.

SCHEDULE

Sl. No.	Approval	Department / Organization
(1)	(2)	(3)

Pre-Establishment Stage

1	Issue of NOC and Consent to Establish (CTE).	Puducherry Pollution Control Committee.
2	Site clearance	Town and Country Planning Department.

(1)	(2)	(3)
3	Building plan approval	Puducherry Planning Authority.
4	Approval of factory building and machinery layout.	Inspectorate of Factories and Boilers.
5	Permission for land-use conversion / groundwater clearance (outside the industrial estate).	Town and Country Planning Department / Agriculture Department.
6	Clearance under the Revenue Acts (if required).	Revenue Department
7	Statutory permission for the establishment of the unit.	Municipality / Commune Panchayat.
8	Energising Power Supply :	
	(a) Low Tension (LT)	Electricity Department
	(b) High Tension (HT) - (subject to compliance with procedure).	
Post-Establishment Stage		
9	Licence	Municipality / Commune Panchayat.
10	Factory Licence	Chief Inspectorate of Factories and Boilers.
11	Air and water Consent for Operation of the Unit (Consent to Operate).	Puducherry Pollution Control Committee.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

MOHAMMED AHSAN ABID, I.A.S.,
Secretary to Government (Industries and Commerce).