

THE PUDUCHERRY EASE OF DOING  
BUSINESS (SERVICE DELIVERY) BILL, 2025  
(Bill No. 5 of 2025)

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BILL

**to provide for speedy, transparent, efficient and time bound delivery of services by way of processing the application and issue of various clearances required to be issued by various Competent Authority or Authorities of the Government of Puducherry under various enactments for establishing an Industrial or service or business undertakings including renewals in time bound manner for the promotion of economic development and for an investment friendly environment in the Union territory of Puducherry and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.**

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Puducherry in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

Short title,  
extent and  
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the “Puducherry Ease of Doing Business [Service Delivery] Act, 2025”.
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (a) “Appellate Authority” means, the authority referred to under section 9;
- (b) “Applicant” means, a person duly authorized by an enterprise to file an application on behalf of the enterprise through online or in person and the word “Application” shall be construed accordingly;

- (c) "Checklist" means, list of documents / evidences to be furnished by the applicant along with the Application Form as may be prescribed;
- (d) "Clearances" means, grant or issue of no-objection certificates, allotments, consents, approvals, permissions, registrations, enrolments, licences and the like ones, by any Competent Authority or Authorities in connection with the setting up of an enterprise or expansion of an existing enterprise in the Union territory of Puducherry and shall include all such approvals essentially required, till the enterprise starts commercial production and includes periodic renewals that may inevitably be required for such clearances;
- (e) "Competent Authority" means, Head of any Department or Agency of the Government, Corporation, Board, Local Body or other Authority established by the Government, which are entrusted with the powers or responsibilities to grant or issue of clearances or incentives;
- (f) "Deemed Approval" means, the approval as specified under section 6;
- (g) "Department" means, a Department of the Government of Puducherry;
- (h) "Designated Officer" means, an Officer identified by a Competent Authority for processing of clearances;

- (i) “Enterprise” means, an undertaking that intends to engage in or is engaged in any or all of the activities, namely, manufacturing, processing, providing services or engaging in business/trade;
- (j) “Government” means, the Administrator appointed by the President under Article 239 of the Constitution;
- (k) “Nodal Agency” means, the agency referred to in section 10;
- (l) “Notification” means, a notification published in the Official Gazette of Government of Puducherry and the word “Notified” shall be construed accordingly;
- (m) “Prescribed” means, prescribed by the rules made under this Act;
- (n) “Schedule” means, the Schedule appended to this Act.
- (o) “Service” means, services, including functions, obligations, responsibility or duty, to be provided or rendered by a Public-Authority for issue of clearance;
- (p) “Stipulated time” means, the maximum time excluding public holidays to provide the applied / requested service by the Public Authority;
- (q) “Subordinate Public Servant” means, an officer subordinate to the Designated Officer who is responsible for processing the Application.

3. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, the Competent Authority, within a period of three months from the date of commencement of this Act, with the approval of Government, shall notify the Checklist and the procedure for processing and disposal of applications and designate Officer / Officers for providing services under this Act. Notification of Designated Officers, procedure and checklist for processing of applications.
- (2) The Checklist and the Procedure shall be made available on the website of the Department by the Competent Authority.
4. (1) An applicant shall apply through online for clearance in the prescribed form with necessary particulars and supporting documents as prescribed in the checklist: Application for Clearance.
- Provided that the Government may allow submission of physical application during transitional period, till such time, as it may notify.
- (2) Every application received, shall be given a number by the Designated Officer or by the online system to enable the applicant to monitor the status of the application in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed.
- (3) If, the application is submitted to an Authority other than the Competent Authority or Designated Officer or Subordinate Public Servant for clearance, then the Officer who received the application shall forward it to the concerned Designated Officer within 3 days on receipt of the application and for such application 5 days additional time shall be added to the stipulated time.

Disposal of  
application.

5. (1) The Designated Officer as notified under section 3 of this Act shall, on receipt of the application, consider and dispose it by passing an order either approving or rejecting the same within the stipulated time, as mentioned in the Schedule.
- (2) The Designated Officer or Subordinate Public Servant shall have the powers to seek additional information or clarification, if required, from the applicant:
- Provided that the additional information or clarification shall be sought for only once before the expiry of the stipulated time prescribed in the Schedule.
- (3) The stipulated time shall, start from the date of application excluding the days during which additional information or clarification is sought and received.
- (4) The Designated Officer shall give reasons in the order, in case, the application is rejected.
- (5) The signed final order of approval or rejection shall be made available online to the applicant in downloadable format.

Deemed  
Approval.

6. (1) In case of failure to issue the required approval within the time-limit specified in the Schedule, such approvals shall be deemed to have been issued and the entrepreneurs may proceed with the implementation of the project without contravening any of the provisions of the Act, rules, bye-laws, notifications, standing orders, executive instructions, guidelines and regulations made by the Competent Authority concerned for such clearances:

Provided if any deviations by the applicant with respect to the provisions of the relevant Statutes are detected, the Competent Authority shall take action as deemed fit against the applicant under the concerned Statutes.

- (2) The deemed approval shall be made as an automatic process in the online system and made available to the applicant in downloadable format.

7. (1) Any applicant aggrieved by a decision of the Designated Officer within thirty days from the receipt of such decision, may prefer an appeal to the Competent Authority:

Appeal.

Provided that the Competent Authority may admit the appeal after the expiry of the period of thirty days, if it is satisfied that the Appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal in time.

- (2) In its decision, the Competent Authority shall have the power to:-

- (a) Reject the appeal.  
(b) Give any suitable directions to the Designated Officer.  
(c) Impose any of the penalties provided under this Act;

8. (1) The Competent Authority at the time of deciding any appeal is of the opinion that the Designated Officer or Subordinate Public Servant, as the case may be, who has, without any reasonable cause, failed to deliver the service to an applicant

Penalty and  
Procedure for  
deciding an  
Appeal.

within the stipulated time under section 5 or causes in issue of deemed approval under section 6, it shall impose a penalty of two hundred and fifty rupees each day till service is delivered:

Provided that the total amount of said penalty shall not exceed twenty-five thousand rupees.

Provided further that the penalty amount shall be increased by 10% after every three years from the commencement of this Act.

Provided also that no penalty shall be imposed on the Designated Officer or Subordinate Public Servant, as the case may be, before giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard by way of a written notice, returnable within 15 working days.

Provided also that the burden of proof for acting reasonably and diligently, shall be on the Designated Officer or Subordinate Public Servant, as the case may be.

- (2) The Designated Officer or Subordinate Public Servant, as the case may be, who is aggrieved by the order passed by the Competent Authority in accordance with section 8(1) shall be entitled to file an appeal to the Appellate Authority against such order within a period not exceeding thirty days of the receipt of the impugned order.

- (3) For the purpose of this Act, the appeal against the order of the Appellate Authority shall lie with the Appointing Authority of the appropriate cadre of the Competent Authority / Designated Officer / Subordinate Public Servant.
9. (1) For the purpose of this Act, the Government shall appoint an Appellate Authority to decide on the penalty against any Designated Officer or Subordinate Public Servant who fails to deliver the services within the stipulated time or causes in issue of deemed clearance, as the case may be. Appellate Authority.
- (2) The Appellate Authority shall comprise of the following members:-
- Chief Secretary to Government . . Chairperson
- Secretary to Government (Industries and Commerce) . . Member
- Secretary to Government of the Department concerned . . Member
10. The Directorate of Industries and Commerce shall act as the Nodal Agency to facilitate the delivery of clearances that are required for setting up of new enterprises or expansion or renewal of existing enterprises. Nodal Agency.
11. The Nodal Agency under the superintendence, direction and control of the Government, shall be responsible in discharging the following functions, namely:- Functions of the Nodal Agency.
- (a) act as a single point of contact for all enterprises that require clearances and as notified by the Government under section 3;



- (b) assist the applicants in filing of applications online;
- (c) arrange for pre-scrutiny of applications by convening meetings with representatives of Competent Authorities and address queries of investors;
- (d) receive applications for clearances through single window portal;
- (e) review and monitor the processing of applications by the Competent Authorities;
- (f) compile the number of applications processed outside the stipulated time and deemed approvals generated every quarter and place before the Appellate Authority;
- (g) act as Investor Facilitation Center for investment proposal, industrial facilitation, regulatory reforms and obtaining user feedback, queries and grievance handling.

Inspection.

12. (1) The Government may, by notification, specify the clearances for which inspections under the provisions of the applicable Acts, rules, orders or instructions shall be conducted by the Competent Authorities in accordance with such guidelines as may be prescribed.
- (2) The Government may, from time to time, by notification, specify the clearances for which exemption is granted from inspection and may also delegate the powers of inspection to any person or authority in respect of any specific clearance covered under this Act.

13. (1) The defaults on the part of an Officer in the time bound delivery of services as defined in this Act shall not be counted towards misconduct, as the purpose and object is to sensitize the public servant towards the citizen and to enhance and imbibe a culture to deliver time bound services to the citizens. Developing culture to deliver services within fixed period.
- (2) In case of any Officer who is a habitual and willful defaulter, without any reasonable cause and persistently failed to receive an application or has failed to provide service within the stipulated time or intentionally denied the request for the service or delayed inordinately, appropriate disciplinary action shall be taken against the Officer under the relevant rules applicable to him.
- (3) To encourage and recognize superior performance of Designated Officer(s) having *ad hered* to the stipulated timeline without default, a suitable entry shall be made in the Annual Performance Report by the Reporting Officer concerned.
14. The provisions of this Act shall be supplemented to the disciplinary and financial rules and such other service rules and regulations as applicable, to the employees of the Government or Local Authority or Public Authority concerned, as the case may be, and not in derogation to such service rules and regulations governing the service condition and conduct of the Government Employees or the employees of the other Public Authorities concerned. Supplement.
15. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything which is done in good faith or intended to be done under this Act or any rule made thereunder. Protection of action taken in good faith.

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| Bar of jurisdiction.         | 16. No Civil Court shall have jurisdiction in respect of any matter which the Competent Authority or Designated Officer or Subordinate Public Servant is empowered by under this Act to determine.   |
| Power to make rules.         | 17. (1) The Government may, after previous publication, by notification, in the Official Gazette, make rules to carry out the purposes of this Act.<br><br>(2) Every rule made or notification issued under this Act, shall as soon as may be after it is made be laid before the Legislative Assembly, Puducherry, while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days, which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid, or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly makes any modification in the rule or notification or decide that any rule or notification should not be made or issued, the rule or notification shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be, so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule or notification. |
| Power to amend the Schedule. | 18. (1) The Government may by notification alter, add to or cancel the Schedule.   |

(2) All references made in the Act to the Schedule shall be construed as relating to that Schedule as in the time being amended in exercise of the powers conferred by this section.

19. (1) If any difficulty arises, in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Government may by order publish in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as may appear to it, be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:

Removal of difficulties.

Provided that no such order shall be made under this section after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.

- (2) Every order made under this section shall, as soon as it is made, be placed on the table of Legislative Assembly, Puducherry.

20. The Government may, by notification, exempt any clearances from any of its provisions subject to such conditions as they deem fit and may cancel or modify any such notification, in this Act.

Power to Exempt.

21. Save as otherwise provided in this Act, the provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other law for the time being in force or any custom or usage or any instrument having effect by virtue of any such law.

Act to override other laws.

22. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act, it shall not apply to any other Authority, Department, Government other than Government of Puducherry.

Applicability.

## SCHEDULE

[see Clause (n) of Section 2 read with section 5(1)]

**List of Services, Competent Authority, Stipulated Time for Disposal of Application**

Sl. No.	Service	Competent Authority	Stipulated Time for Disposal*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>Department of Science, Technology and Environment</b>			
1.	Consent to Establish / Operate under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 - Green Category.	Member-Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee.	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
2.	Consent to Establish / Operate under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 - Green Category.	Member-Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee.	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
3.	Consent to Establish / Operate under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 - Orange /Red Category.	Member-Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
4.	Consent to Establish / Operate under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 - Orange / Red Category.	Member-Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
5.	Authorization under the Hazardous and other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 as amended time to time.	Member-Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee.	30 days from the date of receipt of application complete in all respects.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
6.	E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022.	Member-Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board.	30 days from the date of receipt of application complete in all respect or as per Guidelines / SOP issued under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022 by the Central Pollution Control Board [CPCB] as amended, whichever is earlier.
7.	Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 as amended.	Member-Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee.	30 days from the date of receipt of application or as per Guidelines / SOP issued under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended whichever is earlier.

**Labour Department**

8.	Approval of plan and permission to construct / extend / or take into use any building as a factory under the Factories Act, 1948.	Chief Inspector of Factories and Boilers.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
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9.	Registration of Factories under the Factories Act, 1948 / Licence.	Chief Inspector of Factories and Boilers.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
10.	Registration of Boilers under the Boilers Act, 1923.	Chief Inspector of Factories and Boilers.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
11.	Registration of Boilers Manufacturers under the Boilers Act, 1923.	Chief Inspector of Factories and Boilers.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
12.	Licence for contractors under provision of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.	Labour Commissioner, Labour Department.	21 days from the date of receipt of application.
13.	Registration under the Puducherry Shops and Establishments Act, 1964 (including 365 days Licence).	Labour Commissioner, Labour Department.	7 days from the date of receipt of application.
14.	Registration of Principal Employer's Establishment under provision of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970.	Labour Commissioner, Labour Department.	7 days from the date of receipt of application.
15.	Registration under the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996.	Labour Commissioner, Labour Department.	7 days from the date of receipt of application.
16.	Registration of Establishment under the Inter State Migrant Workmen (RE & CS) Act, 1979.	Labour Commissioner, Labour Department.	7 days from the date of receipt of application.

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<b>PIPDIC</b>			
17.	Allotment of Land in Industrial Estates / Parks.	Managing Director - PIPDIC.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Town and Country Planning Department</b>			
18.	Change in Land Use	Chief Town Planner, TCP.	71 days from the date of receipt of application.
19.	Certificate of Land Use	Chief Town Planner, TCP.	45 days from the approval and final Notification of the Government.
<b>Planning Authority</b>			
20.	Building Plan Approval	Member-Secretary, Planning Authority.	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
21.	Plinth Level Inspection	Member-Secretary, Planning Authority.	5 days from the date of intimation.
22.	Completion / Occupancy Certificate.	Member-Secretary, Planning Authority.	7 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Public Works Department</b>			
23.	Water Connection	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
24.	Registration of Contractors for Works and Service.	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
25.	Sewer Connection	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.



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26.	Certificate of non-availability of Water.	Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Electricity Department</b>			
27.	Obtaining Electricity Connection - HT.	Superintending Engineer, Electricity Department.	As per the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, as amended from time to time.
28.	Obtaining Electricity Connection - LT.	Superintending Engineer, Electricity Department.	As per the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, as amended from time to time.
29.	Approval for DG set Installation.	Superintending Engineer, Electricity Department.	As per the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, as amended from time to time subject to condition that to switch over to cleaner technologies by 2025 as insisted in sub-rule (6) of rule 10 of the above Rules.
<b>Local Bodies</b>			
30.	Issue of Permission to establish industry / service / business.	Commissioner, Local Body.	7 days from the date of receipt of clearances.

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31.	Registration for Trade License / License.	Commissioner, Local Body.	10 days from the date of receipt of application.
32.	Registration under Professional Tax	Commissioner, Local Body.	10 days from the date of receipt of application.
33.	Sanction for Storage of Construction material	Commissioner, Local Body.	7 days from the date of receipt of application.
34.	Movie shooting Permission	Commissioner, Local Body.	7 days from the date of receipt of application.
35.	Registration of Hotels	Commissioner, Local Body.	10 days from the date of receipt of application.
36.	Water Connection	Commissioner, Local Body.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
37.	Road Cutting Permission	Commissioner, Local Body.	7 days from the date of receipt of application.
38.	Inspection carried out for Road cutting permission and Verification to ensure proper restoration.	Commissioner, Local Body.	7 days from the date of receipt of application.
39.	Signage Licence for Advertisement.	Commissioner, Local Body.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
40.	Travel Agency	Commissioner, Local Body.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.

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41.	Tourism Events-Performance Licence.	Commissioner, Local Body.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Revenue and Disaster Management</b>			
42.	Property Registration – Appointment Date.	District Registrar / Sub-Registrar.	7 days from the date of receipt of application.
43.	Property Registration – Issue of Registered Deed.	District Registrar / Sub-Registrar.	3 days from the date of appointment.
44.	Property Registration – Mutation.	District Registrar / Sub-Registrar.	30 days from the date of Registration.
45.	Encumbrance Certificate	District Registrar / Sub-Registrar.	30 days from the date of Registration.
46.	Measurement / Demarcation of Land.	Director of Land and Survey.	30 days from the date of Registration.
47.	Registration under State Excise.	Deputy Commissioner – State Excise.	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
48.	State Excise – Label Registration.	Deputy Commissioner – State Excise.	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
49.	License under State Excise for Local Sale, Import and Export permit of Spirit and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL).	Deputy Commissioner – State Excise.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.

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50.	Registration under Legal Metrology Act, 2009.	Controller of Legal Metrology.	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
51.	Certificate for verification of Weights and Measures.	Controller of Legal Metrology.	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
52.	Registration under State Cinema Regulation Rules.	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
53.	State Protected Monument – Movie Shooting Permission.	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
54.	Permission from District Collector for Movie Shooting.	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
55.	Cinematograph Licence and Licence for Screening Films (as applicable).	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
56.	State Excise Licence (a) Wholesale vendor Licence. (b) Import Permits (c) Licence for Retail Sale (d) Licence for Setting up of Distilleries. (e) Licence for Setting up of Bottling Plant.	Deputy Commissioner – State Excise	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
57.	NOC required for setting up of explosives manufacturing, storage, sale, transport.	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.

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58.	NOC required for setting up of petroleum, diesel, naphtha storage, sale, transport.	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
59.	Licence for Sale of Crackers	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
60.	Mining Lease / Composite Licence / Non-exclusive Reconnaissance Permit.	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
61.	Issue of letter of Intent in case of fresh lease (for environmental clearance – category B2-Less than 5 acres).	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
62.	NOC for Soil excavation / filling.	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
63.	Licensing for Auditorium / Places of Public Amusement / Performance for Public Amusement (as Applicable).	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
64.	Resolution of Public Grievances.	District Collector	30 days from the date of receipt of application.

#### **Health and Family Welfare Department**

65.	Registration for Provisional / Permanent Certificate for clinical establishment under Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010.	Director of Health and Family Welfare.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
66.	Registration under PC & PNDT Act, 1994 (Amended, 2003) (for 5 years).	Director of Health and Family Welfare.	70 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Department of Drugs Control</b>			
67.	Retail Licence under the Provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules made thereunder.	Licensing Authority	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
68.	Wholesale Licence under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules made thereunder.	Licensing Authority	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
69.	Granting of Drug Manufacturing Licence.	Licensing Authority	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Food Safety</b>			
70.	Grant of State Licence for Food Business.		
	(a) First Response from Licensing Authority upon scrutiny application.	Designated Officer	15 days from the receipt of the application. [sub-clause 2.1.4 (2) of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011].

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	(b) Generation of Licence	Designated Officer	60 days from the date of making the complete, application. [sub-clause 2.1.6 of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011].
71.	Health NOC for Food Registration Certificate		
	(a) Grant of FSSAI Registration Certificate, if inspection not required.	Registering Authority	07 days from the date of the application. [sub-clause 2.1.1 (3) of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011].
	(b) Grant of FSSAI Registration Certificate, if inspection required.	Registering Authority	30 days from the date of the application. [sub-clause 2.1.1 (4) of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011].

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>Transport Department</b>			
72.	Registration of Vehicles	Transport Commissioner	2 days from the date of receipt of application.
73.	Transfer of vehicle registration.	Transport Commissioner	10 days from the date of receipt of application.
74.	Issuing Vehicle fitness certificate.	Transport Commissioner	5 days from the date of receipt of application.
75.	Grant of Permit – Taxi, Maxi Cab, Omni Bus.	Transport Commissioner	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
76.	Goods Carriage Permit	Transport Commissioner	10 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Commercial Taxes Department</b>			
77.	Registration under GST	Commissioner, Commercial Taxes.	As per Central GST Act.
<b>Fire Service Department</b>			
78.	Fire Licence / NOC	Divisional Fire Officer	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Forest and Wildlife Department</b>			
79.	Certificate of Non-Forest Land.	Conservator of Forest	15 days from the date of receipt of application.



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80.	Letter for Distance from Forest.	Conservator of Forest	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Department of Information Technology</b>			
81.	Mobile Tower Approval	Director of Information Technology.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Police Department</b>			
82.	Movie Shooting Permission	Director-General of Police.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Registrar of Co-operative Societies</b>			
83.	Registration of Co-operative Societies.	Registrar of Co-operative Societies.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Ground Water Authority</b>			
84.	NOC for Water abstraction from Puducherry Ground Water Authority.	Member-Secretary, Puducherry Ground Water Authority.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs</b>			
85.	Grant of Licence for 'Fair Price Shops' under the relevant Act.	Director of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
<b>Department of School Education</b>			
86.	Approvals for setting up Hostel.	Director of School Education.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.

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87.	Approvals for setting up and operating a Play School.	Director of School Education.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
88.	Registration of Schools under Right to Education.	Director of School Education.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
89.	NOC for setting up of CBSE School.	Director of School Education.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.

**Directorate of Industries and Commerce**

90.	Investor Facilitation Centre / Investment Promotion – Queries to be addressed.	Director of Industries and Commerce.	15 days from the date of receipt of application.
91.	Incentives	Director of Industries and Commerce.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.
92.	Procurement	Director of Industries and Commerce.	30 days from the date of receipt of application.

\* All queries / clarification related to the application have to be sought within 7 days from the date of receipt of application, in one go.

Renewals, wherever applicable in the above services, shall be issued within 7 days from the date of application, across the board.

Mis-submitted applications shall be redirected within 3 days by the mis-received Authority / Officer to concerned Authority / Officer.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Sustained business reforms over the past several years has helped India jump 79 places to move to 63rd position in the global ease of Doing Business rankings in 2022. It earned a place in among the World's Top Ten improvers for the third consecutive year. India was ranked at 142 in 2014.

2. The World Bank has observed that "...the persistent efforts made to drive the business reforms agenda, not only at the central level but also at the State level, helped India make significant improvements".

3. Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) released every year by DPIIT since 2015 is the guiding principle towards achieving Ease of Doing Business (EoDB). While bigger states have shown considerable progress in EoDB, Union territory of Puducherry still needs to undertake more reforms.

4. Defining clear timelines with punitive provisions mandated through an Act for provisioning of services is one of the important reforms to be undertaken.

5. The Bill is intended to fix timelines with punitive provisions for providing services like issue of no objection certificate, allotments, consents, approvals, permissions, registrations, enrolments, licences under any Rule or Act for the purpose of starting and running an enterprise.

6. The Bill also provides for administrative reform to reduce compliance load by empowering the Government to exempt clearance for enterprises which are redundant and outdated which stifle growth and adversely affect business environment.

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Minister for Industries and Commerce.

## FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The proposed "The Puducherry Ease of Doing Business (Service Delivery) Bill, 2025" providing for speedy, transparent, efficient and time bound delivery of services for starting and doing business in the Union territory of Puducherry, imposes penalty under the section 8(1) for the period of delay in providing services.

Except for the above-mentioned penalty, this Bill does not have any financial implication.

## MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

1. Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government, to notify designated officer / officers, checklist and procedure for processing and disposal of applications, by the Competent Authority.

2. Clause 9 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government, to notify an Appellate Authority to decide on the disciplinary action of any Competent Authority or his Designated Officer or his subordinate public servant, who fail to deliver the services in stipulated time, resulting in issue of deemed clearance.

3. Sub-clause (1) of Clause 12 seeks to empower the Government to notify the clearances for which inspections under the provisions of the applicable Acts, rules, orders or instructions shall be conducted by the Competent Authorities and guidelines for inspections.

4. Sub-clause (2) of Clause 12 seeks to empower the Government to notify the clearance for which exemptions are granted from inspections and to delegate the powers of inspection to any person or authority in respect of any specific clearance covered under this Act.

5. Sub-clause (1) of Clause 17 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to make rules by notification in the Official Gazette for the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

6. Sub-clause (2) of Clause 18 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to alter, add to or cancel the Schedule.

7. Clause 19 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to exempt any difficulties from any of the provisions of this Act.

8. Clause 20 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to exempt any clearances from any of the provisions of this Act.

9. The matters in respect of which notifications or orders may be issued or rules may be, made, are matters of procedure and are of routine and administrative in nature. Further, the rules are subject to the scrutiny of the Legislative Assembly. The delegation of legislative power is therefore of a normal character.

10. The powers delegated are normal and not of an exceptional character.