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(എ) സംസ്ഥാനത്ത് വ്യവസായ നിക്ഷേപങ്ങൾ ആകർഷിക്കുന്നതിനായി സർക്കാർ നടപ്പിലാക്കിവരുന്ന ഇൻവെസ്റ്റ് കേരളം പദ്ധതിയുടെ നിലവിലെ പുരോഗതി എന്താണെന്ന് വ്യക്തമാക്കാമോ;

മറുപടി: ഉയർന്ന മാനവ വികസന സൂചിക, മികച്ച സാക്ഷരതാ നിരക്ക്, മികച്ച ആരോഗ്യ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ സൂചികകൾ, ബിരുദധാരികളുടെ ലഭ്യത, സാമൂഹിക സ്ഥിരത, മികച്ച കണക്ടിവിറ്റി എന്നിവ കേരളത്തിന്റെ സാമ്പത്തിക വളർച്ചയ്ക്കും സമഗ്ര വികസനത്തിനും ഉതകുന്ന വിധത്തിൽ നിക്ഷേപകരെ ആകർഷിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുന്ന പ്രധാന ശക്തികളാണ്. എന്നാൽ ഭൂമിയുടെ ലഭ്യത കുറവ്, ഉയർന്ന വില, നടപടിക്രമങ്ങളിലെ കാലതാമസം എന്നിവ നിക്ഷേപകരെ ആകർഷിക്കുന്നതിന് തടസ്സമാകാറുണ്ട്. ഇവ ഒഴിവാക്കി നിക്ഷേപകർക്ക് ആവശ്യമായ സൗകര്യങ്ങളും നിയമപരമായ വിവിധ അനുമതികളും, നിക്ഷേപാനന്തര പിന്തുണയും ഓരോ ഘട്ടത്തിലും ഉറപ്പുവരുത്തുന്നതിനായി ഡാറ്റാ അധിഷ്ഠിത ഇൻവെസ്റ്റ് കേരളം എന്ന പേരിൽ ഒരു പ്രത്യേക സെൽ നൂറു ദിന പരിപാടിയുടെ ഭാഗമായി കേരള സ്റ്റേറ്റ് ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡവലപ്പ്മെന്റ് കോർപ്പറേഷനിൽ രൂപീകരിച്ചു. പദ്ധതി നിർവ്വഹണം ത്വരിതപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനും, നിക്ഷേപകരുടെ ആത്മവിശ്വാസം വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനും, പുതിയ തൊഴിലവസരങ്ങൾ സൃഷ്ടിക്കുന്നതിനും സാങ്കേതിക വിദ്യയുടെ കൈമാറ്റത്തിനും ഇൻവെസ്റ്റ് കേരളം സെൽ മികച്ച സംഭാവന നൽകുമെന്നു സർക്കാർ കരുതുന്നു. ഇത് സംബന്ധിച്ച് പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ച ഉത്തരവിന്റെ പകർപ്പ് അനുബന്ധം-1 ൽ ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നു. കൂടാതെ വിദേശത്തുള്ള കേരളീയരുടെ സംഘടനകളുടെ സഹകരണത്തോടെ വിദേശ നിക്ഷേപം ആകർഷിക്കുന്നതിനായി ദുബായ്, ലണ്ടൻ, ന്യൂയോർക്ക്, സിംഗപ്പൂർ, ടോക്കിയോ എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽ കേരളാ ഡെസ്കുകൾ സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതിനും തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. (ഉത്തരവിന്റെ പകർപ്പ് അനുബന്ധം-2 ൽ ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നു).

കെ.എസ്.ഐ.ഡി.സി. മുഖേനയും ഇൻഫർമേഷൻ ടെക്നോളജി, എ.ഐ. & ഫ്യൂച്ചർ ടെക്നോളജി വകുപ്പ് മുഖേനയും 73,401/- കോടി രൂപയുടെ നിക്ഷേപ പദ്ധതികളുടെ വാഗ്ദാനങ്ങൾ ഇതിനകം ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇതുകൂടാതെ, കാക്കനാട്ടുള്ള കിൻഫ്രയുടെ ഭൂമിയിൽ ഐ.റ്റി.സി.യും വിഴിഞ്ഞം തുറമുഖം കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ച് KSIE-യുടെ കണ്ടെയ്നർ ഹൈറ്റ് സ്റ്റേഷനും പ്രമുഖ ലോജിസ്റ്റിക് ഗ്രൂപ്പായ ഷറഫ് ഗ്രൂപ്പിന്റെ ലോജിസ്റ്റിക് ഹബ്ബും സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ പരിഗണനയിലാണ്. സോളാർ പവ്വർ സിസ്റ്റം, ബാറ്ററി സ്റ്റോറേജ് സിസ്റ്റം, കാസർഗോഡ് ജില്ലയിലെ ബോക്സൈറ്റ് ഖനനം, ബംങ്കറിംഗ്

സർവ്വീസ് തുടങ്ങി നിരവധി പദ്ധതികൾ നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ സർക്കാരിന്റെ പരിഗണനയിലാണ്. ഇതുമൂലം ലഭ്യമാകുന്ന തൊഴിലവസരങ്ങൾ കണക്കാക്കി വരുന്നു.

സൂക്ഷ്മ ചെറുകിട തുടത്തരം വ്യവസായ മേഖലയിൽ 21838 പുതിയ സംരംഭങ്ങൾ ആരംഭിച്ചതുവഴി 1756.52 കോടി രൂപയുടെ നിക്ഷേപവും 48304 തൊഴിലവസരങ്ങളും സൃഷ്ടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(ബി) പ്രസ്തുത പദ്ധതിയുടെ ഭാഗമായി ഇതുവരെ ആകെ എത്ര കോടി രൂപയുടെ നിക്ഷേപ വാഗ്ദാനങ്ങൾ ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്ന് വ്യക്തമാക്കാമോ;

മുറപ്പടി: മുൻ ഖണ്ഡിക (എ) യിലെ ഉത്തരം

(സി) ഇൻവെസ്റ്റ് കേരളം സംരംഭങ്ങൾ വഴി സംസ്ഥാനത്ത് ആകെ എത്ര പുതിയ തൊഴിലവസരങ്ങൾ സൃഷ്ടിക്കപ്പെടുമെന്നാണ് കരുതുന്നതെന്ന് വെളിപ്പെടുത്താമോ;

മുറപ്പടി: മുൻ ഖണ്ഡിക (എ) യിലെ ഉത്തരം

(ഡി) നിക്ഷേപകർക്ക് അനുമതികൾ വേഗത്തിൽ ലഭ്യമാക്കുന്നതിനായി സിംഗിൾ വിൻഡോ സംവിധാനത്തിലും മറ്റ് നടപടിക്രമങ്ങളിലും വരുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള പ്രധാന ഇളവുകളും പരിഷ്കാരങ്ങളും എന്തൊക്കെയാണെന്ന് വിശദമാക്കാമോ?

മുറപ്പടി: സാങ്കേതിക പരിശോധനയും വിവിധ വകുപ്പുകളിൽ നിന്നും ഏജൻസികളിൽ നിന്നും നിയമപരമായ അനുമതികൾ ലഭിക്കുന്നതിലെ കാലതാമസം ഒഴിവാക്കുന്നതിനുമായി രൂപീകരിച്ച ഇൻവെസ്റ്റ് കേരളം പദ്ധതിയുടെ തുടർച്ചയായി 'ഒരു സംസ്ഥാനം - ഒരു അനുമതി - ഒരു രേഖ' സംവിധാനവും അതിനായുള്ള ഏക നിയമാധിഷ്ഠിത അതോറിറ്റിയായ സരൾ കേരളം (Simplified and Accelerated Regulatory Approvals and Licencing) പദ്ധതിക്കും തത്വത്തിൽ അംഗീകാരം നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. (ഉത്തരവിന്റെ പകർപ്പ് അനുബന്ധം-3 ആയി ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നു)

ഈ പദ്ധതി നിയമപരമായി നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്നതിന് ആവശ്യമായ പ്രത്യേക നിയമം നിർമ്മിക്കാനും നിലവിലുള്ള നിയമങ്ങളിലും ചട്ടങ്ങളിലും ഉത്തരവുകളിലും അനുബന്ധ ഭേദഗതികൾ വരുത്തുവാനും സർക്കാർ തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. നിക്ഷേപകരെ ആകർഷിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള പുതുക്കിയ ഇൻസെന്റീവ് പാക്കേജം, ട്രൂവിനിയോഗത്തിലും ആവശ്യമായ മാറ്റങ്ങൾ വരുത്തുവാൻ സർക്കാർ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നു.

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GOVERNMENT OF KERALAM

Abstract

Industries Department - 100-Day Action Plan - Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited - Establishment of "Invest Kerala Cell" for investment promotion and facilitation of investors through a single-window mechanism - Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

INDUSTRIES (J) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1057/2026/ID Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 10-09-2026

Read 1 Letter No. 1557/KSIDC(T)/IP-4139(e-235)/2026 dated 11.08.2026 from Managing Director, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited

ORDER

As part of the 100-Day Action Plan, Government have decided to operationalise an **"Invest Kerala Cell"** under the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (KSIDC) to provide investors with the necessary facilities, approvals, and guidelines through a single-window mechanism. The Cell will function in a data-driven manner, supported by Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology, and will coordinate various activities related to attracting investments.

2. As per the letter read above, Managing Director, KSIDC has submitted a Concept Note for operationalising the Invest Keralam Cell as an apex, data-driven, single-window system for land, clearances and post-investment support to investors. The proposal envisages operationalisation of the Cell by reconstituting and strengthening the existing Investment Promotion and Facilitation mechanism within KSIDC, without creation of a new institution.

3.The proposed Cell is intended to provide end-to-end investor hand holding, time-bound facilitation, single-point inter-departmental coordination, Investor Relationship Management and data-driven/AI-supported tracking of investment projects. The Cell

will also operationalise a standardised "Project Implementation Protocol" covering land access, clearances and post-investment support.

4. Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for operationalisation of the "Invest Keralam Cell" within KSIDC, by restructuring and strengthening its existing Investment Promotion and Facilitation mechanism. Government are also accorded sanction to KSIDC towards proceeding with the housing of the Cell including office space and infrastructure, engagement of the requisite manpower including contractual/outsourced technical and domain experts, as required, and the data-driven/AI-supported operational build-out of the Cell, to be met from within the budgetary allocation of Investment Promotion initiatives. The following are the main components of Invest Kerala Cell:

- i. KSIDC shall function as the nodal/implementing agency for operationalisation of the Invest Keralam Cell under the administrative supervision of the Industries Department.
- ii. The Cell is legally defined as the 'Kerala Investment Promotion and Facilitation Cell' under the Kerala MSME and Other Enterprises Facilitation Act, 2019, within KSIDC and its officers and staff are directed to support the Kerala State Investment Promotion Board and Kerala State Investment Promotion Monitoring Committee. Accordingly, the operational role of the Cell is statutorily integrated with and linked to the broader apex governance architecture for investment promotion and facilitation in the State.
- iii. The Cell shall provide data-driven and technology-enabled single-window investment facilitation, including end-to-end investor support, inter-departmental coordination and time-bound tracking of clearances.
- iv. The Cell shall be operationalised through the reconstitution and strengthening of the existing Investment Promotion and Facilitation mechanism within KSIDC, with an expanded mandate, dedicated structure, enhanced inter-departmental coordination and technology-enabled investor facilitation, rather than through the creation of a new institution.

- v. The expenditure for operationalisation of the Cell may be met from the budget provision under the Head of Account **2885-60-190-91(P) - Investment Promotion Initiatives** subject to availability of funds and observance of applicable rules and procedures.

5. The Managing Director, KSIDC shall take necessary further action for operationalising the Invest Keralam Cell in accordance with the approved Concept Note appended to this Government Order as Annexure and the conditions stipulated above, and shall ensure necessary coordination with the concerned Departments/ Agencies for expediting investment facilitation activities. The operationalisation of the Cell shall be within the existing institutional framework of KSIDC and shall not involve creation of a new institution or any additional incorporation cost.

(By order of the Governor)
A P M MOHAMMED HANISH
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To:

The Managing Director, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (KSIDC), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Industries & Commerce, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

Finance (PU-D) Department.

Planning & Economic Affairs Department.

The Director, Information and Public Relations Department (for publishing in the official website).

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GOVERNMENT OF KERALAM

Abstract

Industries Department – Establishment of 'Kerala Desks' in select global cities (Dubai, London, New York, Singapore, and Tokyo) under the 100-Day Action Plan 2026 – Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

INDUSTRIES(J)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1167/2026/ID Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 30-09-2026

1 Letter No. 1558/KSIDC(T)/IP-4139(e-235)/2026
dated:11.08.2026 received from the Managing Director, Kerala
State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (KSIDC)

ORDER

As part of the 100-Day Action Plan, Government have decided to establish 'Kerala Desks' in selected countries across the world for attracting foreign investments and strengthen diaspora-led investment engagement.

2. As per the letter read above, the Managing Director, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC), has submitted a detailed proposal for the establishment of 'Kerala Desks' at five strategic global locations: **Dubai, London, New York, Singapore, and Tokyo** . The proposal seeks to shift the State's diaspora engagement from a predominantly remittance-based outreach to an investment-oriented model by leveraging established Non-Resident Keralite (NRK) business and professional networks across the Gulf, Europe, North America, and East Asia. The Kerala Desks are proposed to function as the State's outward-facing investment facilitation arm in these locations

3.The main objectives and operational framework of the proposed 'Kerala Desks' are as follows:

- to build and sustain structured relationships with NRK associations, Kerala-origin business persons and prospective investors in each city;
- to generate pre-qualified investment leads and refer them, in a structured manner, to the Invest Keralam Cell within KSIDC for facilitation through its single-window mechanism; and
- to provide continuing market intelligence on sectoral opportunities, investment trends and regulatory developments in each jurisdiction that may usefully inform Kerala's investment-promotion strategy.

4.The proposal is designed to entail no financial burden to the State. Each Kerala Desk is envisaged to be hosted and administratively supported by a recognized NRK organisation already established at the location concerned, on an honorary and voluntary cooperation basis, with the Invest Keralam Cell in KSIDC providing only the institutional framework, branding, coordination protocol and technical linkage. The arrangement is structured entirely as a partnership with the diaspora's own institutions, leveraging goodwill and community structures that already exist at each of the five locations.

5.Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accord, in principle, sanction for the establishment of "**Kerala Desks**" at **Dubai, London, New York, Singapore, and Tokyo** on a cooperative, no-cost model in partnership with suitable NRK organizations at each location with an aim to attract foreign investments in the state.

6.The Managing Director, KSIDC shall proceed with identifying and formalizing cooperation arrangements with suitable NRK organizations at

each location, finalizing the scope, protocol and reporting structure of the Desks, and integrating their lead-referral function with the Invest Keralam Cell.

(By order of the Governor)

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To:

The Managing Director, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (KSIDC), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Industries & Commerce, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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GOVERNMENT OF KERALAM

Industries Department - Introduction of 'One-State-One-Approval-One-Document (OSAD)' System - Establishment of Single Statutory Authority - SARAL Keralam (Simplified & Accelerated Regulatory Approvals and Licensing) - In-principle approval -Accorded- Orders issued.

INDUSTRIES (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.69/2026/ID Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 18-09-2026

Read 1 Revised Budget speech 2026-27 (Item 21, Part II)

2 Letter No. KSIDC/TVM/IF-204/2026/1490

dated: 03/08/2026 from Managing Director, KSIDC.

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The Government has been consistently promoting industrial investment with a view to accelerating the economic growth of the State. However, it has been observed that delays in obtaining statutory approvals and clearances from various Government Departments and agencies constitute a major impediment to the timely implementation of investment projects. Timely statutory approvals help to sustain the interest and commitment of project promoters, enable economic benefits through timely project implementation, and provide a competitive advantage by facilitating early market entry and faster realization of project objectives. Delays in securing statutory approvals may diminish the confidence and continued interest of project promoters by creating uncertainty and postponing project implementation. Such delays may result in cost

overruns, weaken the project's competitive position due to delayed market entry and, in certain cases, may prompt promoters to explore investment opportunities in alternative destinations offering a more efficient regulatory framework.

2. Although the Kerala State Single Window Clearance Board (KSSWCB) and the District Single Window Clearance Boards (DSSWCBs) have already been vested with statutory powers to issue licenses, permits, clearances and NOCs under the existing single-window framework, these powers have not been effectively exercised in practice. Consequently, the Boards have largely functioned as facilitation, advisory and grievance-redressal mechanisms rather than as authorities issuing statutory approvals.

3. In pursuance of the INVEST KERALAM initiative announced in the Revised Budget Speech 2026-27, and with a view to ensuring the expeditious, transparent and time-bound grant of enterprise-related approvals and clearances, Managing Director, KSIDC has furnished a proposal for the introduction of "One-State-One-Approval-One-Document (OSAD)" mechanism through a Single Statutory Authority, while retaining the necessary technical scrutiny and regulatory functions of the concerned Departments/agencies.

4. The proposal aims to establish as a structural reform initiative through a comprehensive statutory framework providing for clearly defined institutional responsibilities, enforceable timelines and appropriate accountability mechanisms, with a view to ensuring the timely, transparent and efficient processing and issuance of enterprise-related approvals and clearances. The proposal seeks to restructure the existing clearance framework for projects involving capital investment

exceeding Rs. 25 crore, by separating the technical scrutiny of applications from the statutory approval and issuance of clearances. The technical examination of applications would continue to be undertaken by the concerned Departments/agencies having the requisite statutory and technical expertise, while the final issuance of clearances is proposed to be entrusted to a Single Licensing Authority, subject to the necessary legislative amendments. The authority to grant final approvals/licenses shall vest with the Chief Secretary at the State level and the respective District Collectors at the District level. The proposal envisages a two-tier statutory clearance mechanism at the State and District levels, with prescribed timelines for technical scrutiny and final decision-making, as detailed below:-

Level	Applicability	Appraisal Stage & Maximum Time Limit	Final Decision & Maximum Time Limit
State Level	Capital investment exceeding ₹50 crore	State-Level Referral-cum-Appraisal Committee	State-Level Approval Committee chaired by Chief Secretary
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4.1. Proposed Operational Timeline for Processing an Application

Stage	Activity	Maximum Time
1	Submission of application through Online Portal/ Physical	Day 0
2	Preliminary scrutiny and registration by Secretariat/ Nodal Office and forwarding to concerned Departments	10 days
3	Technical scrutiny by Departments	30 days
4	Consolidation by Appraisal Body	15 days
5	Decision by Clearance Authority	20 days
6	Issue of Integrated Enterprise Clearance Certificate	0 day
	Total Maximum Processing Time From submission of complete application to final approval	75 days

4.2. State-Level Referral-cum-Appraisal Committee

It is proposed that the State-Level Referral-cum-Appraisal Committee shall undertake a coordinated appraisal of applications and technical reports. The Committee shall comprise senior officers/ Departments concerned with the principal enterprise clearances, along with the Heads of Departments/agencies whose licenses or clearances are involved for the particular project.

The proposed composition is:

1. Secretary to Government, Industries Department – Chairperson;
2. OSD, Coordination & Programme Management Division (CPMD), O/o the Chief Secretary;(Co-chairperson)

3. Secretary to Government, Local Self Government Department;
4. Secretary to Government, Power Department;
5. Secretary to Government, Environment Department;
6. Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department;
7. Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department;
8. Heads of the concerned Departments/agencies whose licenses/clearances are involved; and
9. Managing Director, KSIDC – Convenor.

4.3. State-Level Approval Committee

The State-Level Approval Committee shall be the final statutory decision-making body for matters lawfully vested in it and shall consist of:

1. Chief Secretary – Chairperson;
2. Secretary to Government, Industries Department;
3. Secretary to Government, Finance Department;
4. Secretary to Government, Revenue Department;
5. Secretary to Government, Law Department;
6. Secretary to Government, Programme Implementation, Evaluation and Monitoring Department;
7. Secretary to Government, Electronics & Information Technology

Department;

8. OSD, CPMD, O/o the Chief Secretary, Joint Convenor.

4.4. District-Level Referral-cum-Appraisal Committee

The Committee shall comprise:

1. General Manager, District Industries Centre – Convenor;
2. District Development Commissioner;
3. Joint Director, Local Self Government Department; and
4. District-level officers of all concerned Departments/agencies whose licences or clearances are involved.
5. Secretary of the concerned LSGI may be co-opted.

4.5. District-Level Approval Committee

The Committee shall comprise:

1. District Collector – Chairperson;
2. Deputy Director, Local Self Government Department;
3. Executive Engineer (Roads), Public Works Department;
4. District Planning Officer; and
5. General Manager, District Industries Centre – Convenor.

The minimum limit of 25 crores can be relaxed to a lower limit for single approval by state government in case of critical investments.

4.6. Renewal, modification and expansion of clearances

Renewal of existing & covered State clearances shall be processed through Portal by maintaining an electronic renewal calendar for each enterprise and permitting a Composite Renewal Application for all clearances falling due within a prescribed common renewal window. Different clearances have separate renewal periods. Some clearances, like NOC from Fire Services and Electoral Inspectorate are required to be renewed more frequently than others given safety concerns. Under the composite Single Application, Single Approval Scheme, renewal period of all clearances shall be unified and fee structures may be amended to address compressing of renewal periods for such clearances whose current renewal period may be much longer than what is proposed under the Single Application, Single Approval Scheme. Information and documents already available in the Portal need not be resubmitted unless changed, expired, or specifically required under the governing law. Renewal may be processed on a risk-based basis, including self-certification or automatic renewal for eligible low-risk clearances, limited scrutiny for medium-risk clearances, and inspection or technical verification for high-risk clearances. The Single Licensing Authority may issue a Composite Renewal Order specifying separately the validity and conditions of each renewed clearance. Central-law renewals shall continue to be granted by the competent authority under the respective Central law, while State-level inputs shall be furnished within the prescribed time. The same mechanism may also be used for modification of clearances arising from expansion, diversification, or modernization.

4.7. Appeals or Review

1. Appeals against decisions taken at the District Level shall lie before the State Level Committee.
2. Appeals against decisions taken at the State Level shall lie before the State Investment Promotion Board, constituted under Act 25 of 2025. The Board shall refer such appeals back to the State Level Committee for a final decision.

4.8. New Concepts in the proposal

1. It serves as a one-stop shop for all approvals, rather than recommendations.
2. Approval authority is vested in State- and District-level Committees.
3. Statutory amendments have been proposed to transfer approval authority from individual departments and authorities to State- and District-level Committees.
4. A provision has been made for appeals against rejection decisions.
5. The framework does not provide for deemed approvals.
6. All technical procedures are proposed to be simplified through amendments to the relevant Acts and Rules.
7. Timelines for appraisal and approval have been clearly defined.
8. The proposed framework does not dilute safeguards relating to safety, environmental protection, employee welfare, or public health.

9. Existing departmental approval mechanisms will continue to apply to investments outside the specified categories.
10. The responsibilities and accountabilities of departmental officers in the appraisal and approval process have been clearly defined.
11. Amendments to the relevant Kerala State Service Rules are proposed to enable disciplinary action against public servants for 'delays, inaction, failure to act, or a negative attitude in the discharge of their duties'.
12. The excessive regulatory burden has been significantly reduced.
13. Departments will continue to retain their inspection powers to ensure compliance with minimum statutory requirements.
14. The proposed framework does not result in any reduction in revenue collection for any Department or Organization.
15. The statutory amendments are aimed at simplifying the entire approval process.

5. Investments made in the strategic sectors that are above a certain threshold amount as decided by the Government , shall be provided with special incentives in addition to the incentives already inforce as per the current industrial policy of the State.

6. Government have observed that the proposed reform is expected to generate substantial social and economic benefits by accelerating investment, generating employment and livelihood opportunities, and promoting balanced regional development. The proposed reform is also expected to create substantial employment

opportunities across the State in the coming years by facilitating the timely implementation of future investment proposals, attracting new investments and enabling the expansion of existing enterprises, thereby creating a sustained and growing demand for skilled and unskilled workforce across various sectors. It is further expected to provide greater employment and livelihood opportunities for Keralam's skilled youth within the State and thereby contribute to reducing employment-driven outward migration, while promoting more balanced regional development and inclusive economic growth. The proposal introduces an integrated and time-bound enterprise clearance framework by separating technical scrutiny from final decision-making, establishing State-level and District-level mechanisms, and enabling common digital processing through an online portal. It also seeks to strengthen accountability, grievance redressal and regulatory coordination, while preserving the technical scrutiny, regulatory and enforcement functions of the Departments and agencies concerned. The proposed reform is expected to improve the Ease of Doing Business by ensuring transparent and time-bound grant of enterprise approvals, reducing delays and cost overruns, enhancing investor confidence, attracting investment and generating employment. It is also expected to strengthen Keralam's competitiveness and contribute to sustainable economic growth. The proposal is also aligned with the Government's broader policy objective of promoting industrial growth, improving the Ease of Doing Business, attracting private investment and creating quality employment opportunities in the State. By establishing clearly defined institutional responsibilities, statutory timelines and a robust accountability mechanism, the proposed framework will facilitate the timely grant of statutory approvals and thereby expedite the implementation of investment projects. At the same time, the proposal preserves the technical scrutiny functions and

regulatory powers of the Departments concerned, while introducing a unified application system, simplified procedures, coordinated inter-departmental technical appraisal and a dedicated institutional mechanism for processing enterprise-related approvals.

In the circumstances Government are pleased to accord in-principle approval for the following:-

1) The establishment of SARAL Keralam (Simplified & Accelerated Regulatory Approvals and Licensing), a single statutory authority for issuance of Enterprise Clearance and Licenses, based on technical scrutiny by the concerned Departments/ Agencies, with the following framework for a two-tier Enterprise Clearance mechanism at the State and District levels :-

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2) Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (KSIDC) is designated as the Secretariat for receipt, processing and coordination of applications at the State level, and the respective District Industries Centres (DICs) as the Secretariats for corresponding functions at the District level.

3) The enactment of a comprehensive stand alone legislation for the establishment of the proposed statutory Enterprise Clearance Framework and including provisions relating to its powers, functions, procedures, institutional arrangements and to make consequential amendments to the existing Acts, Rules and Government Orders.

(By order of the Governor)
 BISHWANATH SINHA
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To:

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2. The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, TVPM.
3. All District Collectors.
4. The Director of Industries and Commerce, Thiruvananthapuram.
5. The Managing Director, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.
6. The Directors/Heads of Departments concerned.
7. All General Managers, District Industries Centres.
8. The General Administration (SC) Department. (Item No. 189 dated: 16.09.2026)
9. General Administration (C&PMD) Dept
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