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PRESS NOTE

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Yours faithfully

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Functional Manager (EI)

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1. P.A. to Secretary (Industries), A&N Administration, for kind information of the Secretary (Industries).
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Functional Manager (EI)

THE ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS EODB REGULATION, 2026

Promulgated by the President in the seventy seventh Year of Republic of India.

A Regulation to provide for or ease of doing business for the Eligible Enterprises through an enabling eco-system for self-declaration, exemptions, speedier approvals and inspections to establish and operate in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 240 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to promulgate the following Regulation made by her:-

Short title and
commencement.

1.
 - (i) This Regulation may be called the Andaman and Nicobar Islands EoDB Regulation, 2026.
 - (ii) *It extends to the whole Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.*
 - (iii) It shall come into force on and with effect from such date as the Administrator may, by notification in the Official Gazette.

Definitions.

2. In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires: —
 - i. “Administrator” means the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands appointed by the President under article 239 of the Constitution.
 - ii. "Administration" means the Administration of the Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
 - iii. “Central Government” means the Government of India and includes any Ministry, Department, statutory authority, regulatory authority, Board, Commission, Corporation, office, agency or other authority constituted by or under any Central law or functioning under the administrative control of the Government of India.
 - iv. “Law” means any Act of Parliament, Regulation promulgated under Article 240 of the Constitution, rules, notification, order, bye-law, scheme, guideline, policy or other statutory instrument having the force of law and applicable to the Union Territory of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, as amended from time to time.
 - v. "Prescribed" means prescribed by rules made by the Administrator under this Regulation;
 - vi. “Approval” means acknowledgement, no objection certificate, consent, registration, permission, license and such other similar instrument by whatever name called, required under any law with regard to the establishment or operations of an enterprise in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as specified in **Schedule I**;
 - vii. “Approved Industrial Park” means an Industrial Area, Industrial Focal Point, Industrial Estate or any other similar project approved by the

- competent authority of the Administration or the Central Government, as the case may be;
- viii. 'Industrial Area Development Authority' means the Authority established under section 13 of this Regulation;
 - ix. "Competent Authority" means any department or agency of the Administration or any other authority or agency constituted or established by any law or under administrative control of the Administration which is entrusted with the powers or responsibilities to grant or issue approvals for the establishment or operation of an enterprise in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as specified in **Schedule I**;
 - x. 'Certificate of In-Principle Approval' means an approval referred to in section 10 of this Regulation;
 - xi. 'Declaration of Intent' means submission of relevant and accurate information, by an enterprise under any law for the purpose of availing the benefit under this Regulation;
 - xii. 'Deemed Approval' means an approval deemed to have been given on the expiry of a period specified under sub-section 3 of section 10 of this Regulation;
 - xiii. 'District Bureau of Enterprise' means the Bureau established under section 3 of this Regulation;
 - xiv. 'Eligible Enterprise' means new enterprise or existing enterprise undertaking expansion provided the Enterprise going for expansion does not have any violations under any relevant law;
 - xv. 'Enterprise' means a micro, small or medium enterprise, as defined in clause (e) of section 2 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006; or large enterprise with Fixed Capital Investment (land, building and plant and machinery) up to the limit as may be notified by the Central Government;
 - xvi. 'Existing Enterprise' means an enterprise that has commenced commercial production or operations at the time of submitting the Declaration of Intent;
 - xvii. "State Nodal Agency" means the Agency referred to in section 5 of this Regulation;
 - xviii. 'PAT Regulations' means the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956.
 - xix. '**Schedule I**' means the Schedule appended to this Regulation specifying the Approvals and the corresponding Competent Authorities;

3. (1) In order to strengthen and support the Eligible Enterprises at the district level, the Administration shall establish District Bureau of Enterprise in all districts of the Union Territory consisting of the following, namely: -

- (i) the Deputy Commissioner of the district concerned – Chief Executive Officer

Establishment
of District
Bureau of
Enterprise.

- (ii) the Director(Industries) – Additional Executive Officer
- (iii) the other members of the District Bureau of Enterprise as may be notified by the Administration from time to time.

(2) The respective district Extension Office of the Directorate of Industries shall be the Secretariat for the District Bureau of Enterprise.

Powers and functions of District Bureau of Enterprise.

4. Subject to the superintendence, direction and control of the Administration, the District Bureau of Enterprise shall have the following powers and perform the following functions, namely. -

- (i) to assist and facilitate Eligible Enterprises in the Union Territory;
- (ii) to facilitate the process of filing the Declaration of Intent and issuance of Certificate of In Principle Approval;
- (iii) to review and decide the application filed under clause (b) of section 12 and ensure time bound redressal of grievances of the Eligible Enterprises; and
- (iv) to coordinate with the other departments of the Administration and the Central Government at the district level.
- (v) to create awareness and capacity building of all stakeholders including the officials of the Administration; and
- (vi) any other function so assigned by the Administration for facilitation and promotion of Eligible Enterprises in the Union Territory.

State Nodal Agency

5. (1) There shall be a State Nodal Agency at the State level which shall be headed by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Industries) consisting of such other members as may be notified by the Administration from time to time. It shall work under the overall superintendence, direction and control of the Administration.

(2) The District Bureau of Enterprise shall work under the overall superintendence, direction and control of the Administration through the State Nodal agency.

(3) For this purpose, State Nodal Agency may on-board a professional third party consultancy firm(s) to carry out the functions of coordination if it so deems necessary.

Powers and functions of State Nodal Agency.

6. (1) The State Nodal Agency shall have the following powers and perform the following functions, namely: -

- (i) to monitor, supervise and review the overall functioning of the District Bureau of Enterprise;
 - (ii) to coordinate and liaise with the concerned departments of the Administration and with the Central Government; and
 - (iii) to review and take a decision on the appeal filed under clause (a) of section 12 against the orders of District Bureau of Enterprise and ensure time bound redressal of grievances.
- (2) The Administration may assign such other powers and functions as it

may deem fit for giving effect to the provisions of this Regulation.

7. An eligible enterprise, willing to avail the Certificate of In-Principle Approval, shall furnish to the District Bureau of Enterprise, a Declaration of Intent in the format and in the manner as may be prescribed.

Filing of
Declaration
of Intent

8. (1) A Certificate of In-Principle Approval shall act as an approval as defined in clause (v) of section 2 for the approvals specified in Schedule-I, for a period of three years from the date of its issuance;

Effect of In-
Principle
Approval

(2) During the validity of Certificate of In-Principle Approval, no competent authority shall undertake any inspection for the purpose of, or in connection with, any approval as defined clause (v) of section 2 for the approvals specified in Schedule-I, except on the basis of complaints as specified in sub-section (6) of this section;

(3) A Certificate of In-Principle Approval may be issued under section 10 to an eligible enterprise on receipt of a Declaration of Intent complete in all respects in the prescribed format;

(4) The provisions of a Certificate of In-Principle Approval shall be optional and an enterprise may choose to avail the regular approvals from the concerned departments at any point of time;

(5) A Certificate of In Principle Approval shall not entitle a person to use a piece of land in deviation to the land use or PAT Regulation or any stipulations specified in the master plan notified under the provisions of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Town and Country Planning Regulation, 1994. The applicant shall also adhere to the sitting guidelines for setting up industries issued by various departments.

(6) (a) In case of complaints of serious nature, only the Head of the concerned competent authority, as the case may be, may order inspection after recording reasons in writing for such an inspection.

(b) The Inspecting Officer or the team of inspecting officers shall be nominated by the Head of the concerned Department.

(c) The inspection report shall be made available to the enterprise, the concerned department and the District Bureau of Enterprise within three working days after the inspection.

(7) During the course of validity of the Certificate of In Principle Approval, the enterprise shall at any time but not later than three years from the date of the issue of the certificate, apply to the Competent Authority, as the case may be, and obtain all applicable regular approvals from the concerned departments under their relevant law.

9. The District Bureau of Enterprise shall examine and decide upon the applications received under section 7. The District Bureau of Enterprise before making its decision may jointly or severely make a site visit, if so required, with prior notice to the applicant.

Issuance of Certificate of In-Principle Approval	10. (1) For Eligible Enterprises being set up in Approved Industrial Park(s), the decision to issue a Certificate of In-Principle Approval shall be taken by the District Bureau of Enterprise within a period of five working days in accordance with the procedure as may be prescribed. (2) For Eligible Enterprises being set up or operational outside the Approved Industrial Park(s), the decision to issue a Certificate of In-Principle Approval shall be taken by the District Bureau of Enterprise within a period of twenty working days in accordance with the procedure as may be prescribed. (3) In case the decision to issue the Certificate of In-Principle Approval is not taken within the stipulated period specified in sub-section(s) (1) and (2) of section 10 of this regulation, the same shall be deemed to have been issued by the District Bureau of Enterprise. (4) The District Bureau of Enterprise may appoint an officer of the department concerned to inspect the Enterprise under taking expansion before issuing a Certificate of in Principal Approval. The inspection report shall be made available to the District Bureau of Enterprise within forty-eight working hours after the inspection. (5) For those enterprises where Environmental Clearance (EC) or Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Clearance or Forest Clearance is required and the same is yet to be obtained, or where clearances from the Andaman & Nicobar Pollution Control Committee(ANPCC) is required and the same is yet to be obtained, the Certificate of In-Principle Approval shall be granted by the District Bureau of Enterprise subject to the condition that the applicant shall compulsorily get the same from the Administration or the Central Government, as the case may be, before commencing any construction, development or commercial operations at the site.
Revocation of Certificate of In-Principle Approval	11. (1) In the case of any willful submission of false and fraudulent information in the application/Declaration of Intent or violation of any provisions of the relevant rules, the Certificate of In Principle Approval shall be revoked by the District Bureau of Enterprise after giving an opportunity of being heard. (2) In addition to any action that may be taken for violation under any law for the time being in force, any unauthorized construction shall either be demolished by the owner or by the concerned competent authority at the risk and cost of the owner.
Appeal	12. Any eligible enterprise, which has applied or has been issued a Certificate of In-Principle Approval under this Regulation, may file- (a) an appeal within a period of thirty days from the date of rejection of application or any other cause referred to in clause (b) to the State Nodal Agency if a Declaration of Intent filed for grant of the Certificate of In Principle Approval has been rejected by the competent authority; and (b) subject to the action taken in pursuance of the provisions of subsection (6) of section 8, if an enterprise having a valid Certificate of In-Principle Approval under this Regulation is being enquired or inspected or being compelled for submission of documents for its establishment and/or

operation of its business, an application for redressal of grievances, if any, before the District Bureau of Enterprise.

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| <p>13. (1) The Administration shall establish the Industrial Area Development Authority to act as the single point of contact for enterprises within the Approved Industrial Park. The Industrial Area Development Authority shall act as a Nodal Agency to coordinate between the enterprise and the concerned departments, and facilitate all approvals for enterprises within the Approved Industrial Park. For this purpose, it may on-board a professional third party consultancy firm(s) to carry out the functions of coordination if it so deems necessary.</p> <p>(2) The Industrial Area Development Authority shall provide all necessary infrastructure to the enterprises located inside the Approved Industrial Parks. The burden of providing the fire safety, common affluent plants, worker amenities and other environmental norms shall not be placed on the enterprise and the Industrial Area Development Authority shall provide such provisions in the Approved Industrial Parks. The Industrial Area Development Authority may levy such cost to the enterprises as may be prescribed;</p> | <p>Establishment of Industrial Area Development Authority</p> |
| <p>14. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any officer or any employee of the Administration or State Nodal Agency or District Bureau of Enterprise or any competent authority for anything which is done in good faith or intended to be done in good faith under this Regulation for the facilitation of Eligible Enterprises.</p> | <p>Protection of action taken in good faith.</p> |
| <p>15. (1) The Administration may, by notification in the official gazette, make rules to carry out the provisions of this Regulation;</p> <p>(2) All rules made under this Regulation shall be laid, as soon as may be, after they are so made, before the Competent Authority.</p> | <p>Power to make rules.</p> |
| <p>16. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Regulation, the Administrator may, by order published in the Official Gazette, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Regulation, remove the difficulty.</p> <p>(2) No order as referred to in sub-section (1) shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Regulation.</p> | <p>Power to remove difficulties.</p> |
| <p>17. Nothing in this Regulation shall be construed as exempting any enterprise from the application of the provisions of any law for the time being in force, or any regulatory measures and standards prescribed there-under, except to the extent expressly provided in this Regulation.</p> | <p>Saving.</p> |
| <p>18. (1) Notwithstanding anything inconsistent herewith contained in any other regulations, rules or notifications of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, for the time being in force, the provision of this Regulation shall prevail.</p> <p>(2) Any provisions of the regulations, rules or notifications of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands which are repugnant or contradictory to the provisions of this Regulation shall be deemed to have been amended, if so required, to conform with the provisions of this Regulation.</p> | <p>Overriding effect.</p> |

SCHEDULE I
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND APPROVALS

S. No	Name of Approvals	Competent Authority	Law
1.	Registration certificate under A&N Islands Shops & Establishments Regulation, 2004	Registering Officer/Assistant Labour Commissioner	A&N Islands Shops & Establishments Regulation, 2004
2.	All Licenses and Registrations under OSH Code 2020	Labour Commissioner/ Registering Officer	Occupational Safety, Health, and Working Conditions Code, 2020
3.	Approval of site layout building plan of a factory	Chief Inspector of Factories/ Labour Commissioner	Occupational Safety, Health, and Working Conditions Code, 2020
4.	Permission to construct/ extend/ take into use any building as Factory	Chief Inspector of Factories/Labour Commissioner	Occupational Safety, Health, and Working Conditions Code, 2020
5.	Building Plan Approval Application	Superintending Engineer	A&N Islands Municipal Regulation 1994/ SVPMC Building Bye Laws 1999
6.	Fire Safety Certificate	Deputy Director, A&N Fire & Emergency Services	Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fire and Emergency Service Regulation, 2026
7.	Water Connection	Executive Engineer	Port Blair Municipal Council Water Supply Bye-Laws, 2015/ Rural area water supply bylaws-2021
8.	New Electric Connection (LT)	Assistant Engineer	Electricity Act 2003, JERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulation 2018
9.	New Electric Connection (HT)	Superintending Engineer	Electricity Act 2003, JERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulation 2018
10.	Provisional Recognition of School	Director of Education	Delhi School Education Act and Rules 1973 (DSEAR, 1973) and RTE Act, 2009

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