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Bihar Ease of Doing Business Act 2026

A practical guide for business owners and advisers.

The law can reduce repeated paperwork and make it easier to plan a new business or an expansion. The benefit depends on your activity, premises and the approvals that still apply.

16 September 2026

Act in force from Gazette publication

9 October 2026

Three implementation notifications

What changes for a business

- 1 Fewer duplicate licences**
Certain valid registrations can replace a second licence or verification for the same covered activity or purpose.
- 2 A time-bound route to start or expand**
An optional Certificate of In-Principle Approval (CIPA) covers prescribed services for three years, with conditions.
- 3 A coordinated point of contact**
The Executive Committee acts as the Single Nodal Agency through Invest Bihar, including for industrial areas and clusters.

AKHB REVIEW POINT

The likely gain is less administrative duplication and a clearer approval calendar. Keep safety, land and sector-specific compliance in the project budget and timetable.

Legal sources reviewed 11 October 2026. [Act 32 of 2026](#) and [Notification 2497](#). Full source list on page 6.

01 / PRACTICAL BUSINESS EXAMPLES

Fewer duplicate licences

Section 27 and Schedule VII recognise existing registrations for specific purposes. These examples show where to check first.

1 Food business with valid FSSAI registration or licence

For a restaurant or bakery, the listed separate local trade, health-trade, eating-house, restaurant or hotel licence is not needed for the same food activity and premises. Food safety and premises duties continue.

2 Non-food shop with valid GST registration

A separate municipal or local trade licence is not needed for the same non-food commercial activity and premises. GST does not replace the FSSAI route for a food business.

3 Micro, small or medium enterprise with Udyam registration

Duplicate State or district recognition and verification for the same micro, small or medium enterprise (MSME) are removed. Local trade-licence relief also applies to the same MSME activity where GST registration is not otherwise required.

4 CA practice or another recognised profession

A valid statutory registration or certificate of practice can remove duplicate State-level registration or re-verification for the same profession. Premises and sector-specific rules still apply.

Labour registrations: the instruments listed in Schedule VII also remove duplicate State or local requirements for the same purpose. Substantive labour obligations continue.

AKHB REVIEW POINT

Match the exact registration, activity, premises and conditions. Keep the original registration valid. If it expires or the business changes, check whether the relief still applies.

Official source: Notification 2495 of 9 October 2026 and Act section 27 / Schedule VII.

02 / STARTING OR EXPANDING

The CIPA timetable

CIPA is an optional Certificate of In-Principle Approval for a new enterprise or a proposed expansion. You may choose regular approvals instead.

5

working days

Micro enterprises

10

working days

Small enterprises

15

working days

Medium and large

The Act counts these periods from receipt of the Declaration of Intent. File it in the prescribed form through the Single Window System to the District Empowered Committee.

- 1 Before filing**
Confirm your enterprise category, site eligibility, covered regulatory services, required documents and current submission process.
- 2 After filing**
Keep the complete declaration and acknowledgement. The Act provides for deemed grant if the CIPA deadline is missed, subject to its safeguards.
- 3 During the three-year period**
CIPA covers only prescribed services. Obtain all applicable regular approvals within three years of issue. A second certificate cannot restart the period for the same undertaking.

AKHB REVIEW POINT

The 9 October notification specifically confirms the MSME route. Confirm the filing process for your project; the wider Act timetable does not prove every portal function is live.

Official source: Act sections 19-20 and Notification 2496.

03 / IMPORTANT LIMITS

The duties that continue

Three years of CIPA validity is not a three-year holiday from compliance. The following checks remain central to a safe and lawful project.

Land and buildings

Check title or lease rights, permitted land use, the master plan, building rules and restricted land. CIPA does not allow a planning deviation. The committees cannot settle title, tenancy or other protected land disputes.

Environment and public safety

Environment, forests, wildlife, wetlands, pollution, hazardous substances, fire, public health and labour-welfare approvals cannot arise merely from silence unless the governing law expressly permits it.

For these approvals, no decision or written request for information within 30 days of a complete application triggers escalation to a higher authority. It should not be treated as clearance.

Inspections and truthful declarations

Protection from routine inspection has exceptions: serious complaints, prescribed risk-based checks and computerised random checks. The 5% annual ceiling applies only to the random category, not to all inspections.

Mandatory inspections under applicable law may still apply to excluded activities. False information, unauthorised construction or safety failures can lead to cancellation and enforcement action.

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Before construction or operation, list every approval that must already be in place. Confirm fire, pollution and sector-specific requirements separately; never infer permission just because an application is pending.

Official source: Act sections 2(i), 13, 16, 20, 23, 28-29 and 36.

04 / FROM THE LAW TO YOUR PROJECT

Your practical action plan

Plan approvals, responsibilities and spending before committing capital.

1 Define the project

Record the applicant, business activity, location, enterprise size and the exact expansion, if any. Check the site before buying, leasing or building.

2 Make one approval list

For each requirement, record the authority, legal basis, owner and due date. Mark any duplicate removed by Schedule VII and retain the evidence.

3 Confirm the filing route

Check CIPA services, forms, fees and live filing arrangements with Invest Bihar or the District Industries Centre before submitting.

4 Build a realistic budget and calendar

Allow for safety work, technical certification and remaining approvals. Separate CIPA deadlines from loan conditions, commissioning dates and incentive claims.

5 Keep evidence and use escalation

Keep the filing record. Appeal a District Empowered Committee order within 30 days of the order; disposal is due within 30 days of filing.

Other opportunities worth checking

Existing industrial units should also check the applicable rules for shared facilities, plot changes and conditional freehold conversion. These benefits require a separate project-specific review.

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Advisers can map approvals, evidence, costs and deadlines. Check incentives and financing separately: this Act does not guarantee a subsidy, tax holiday or loan.

Official source: Act sections 3-4, 11, 30-35 and 39 and Notification 2497.

05 / SOURCES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Read the official position

The linked sources below support this summary. The legal source review is dated 11 October 2026; this brochure was prepared on 12 October 2026. Check later changes before relying on it.

01 Bihar Ease of Doing Business Act 2026

Bihar Act 32 of 2026. Gazette 1120, published 16 September 2026. The Act and schedules set the framework.

02 Duplicate licences

Notification 2495 / Gazette 1270, 9 October 2026. Gives effect to section 27 and Schedule VII.

03 CIPA and MSME inspection protection

Notification 2496 / Gazette 1271, 9 October 2026. Confirms the MSME self-declaration route, subject to safeguards.

04 Single Nodal Agency

Notification 2497 / Gazette 1272, 9 October 2026. Executive Committee through Invest Bihar.

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