

| Sr. No. | Recommendation | Response (Yes/No/NA) | Supporting Materials |
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| 18 | Ensure that the single window body/ bureau has a physical office to house relevant officials of various Departments for providing approvals/ clearances | NA | |
| <p>The Government of Gujarat has a robust single window system in its Industrial Extension Bureau (iNDEXTb) in relation to the activities of Investor Facilitation Portal (IFP). However, in line with the decentralized system of governance followed in the government, as also the delegation of powers amongst different Ministries and offices under them, as prescribed in the constitution, the actual implementation is done by the departments/ offices authorized for the purpose. However, the applications are made by the concerned applicants in the single window, i.e. the IFP. It is also felt that, in this technology driven times, it is not necessary to concentrate the powers of different government offices in one omnibus office. The work can be done smoothly by different empowered offices, through computerization and online applications, which is how it is currently done in our State.</p> <p>Delegation of required decision making powers to the single window body/bureau to grant all required approvals/ clearances will set a very dangerous precedent and will not be in line with good governance.</p> <p>The Government of Gujarat is not in favor of setting up a centralized bureau and granting to it all powers mentioned in the stated parameters of Business Reforms Action Plan 2016. A centralized system, which vests all powers in one office, is not in accordance with constitutional propriety.</p> <p>The Government of Gujarat adheres to a decentralized system, wherein different ministries exercise powers entrusted to them under the Rules of Business of the government. Quite naturally, all the functions relating to a particular subject, for example Environment or Labor or Construction Approvals in an Area, are vested in the line ministries created for those sectors or offices directly under them, namely Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Labor or the concerned Urban Local Body under the Ministry of Urban Development or Panchayats in this example, as the case may be. This is the correct norm as per the system of constitutional governance adopted in our country.</p> <p>In this connection, it would be important to draw attention to the fact that a meeting of the sub-committee on 'Ease of Doing Business', formed by the Parliamentary Committee attached to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, was held on 4th November 2015 in Parliament House Annexe under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Member of Parliament shri Chandan Mitra. The states of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Gujarat were invited to this meeting. The stated parameters covered in these three questions were discussed by the parliamentary sub-committee. During discussion, the committee members expressed reservations on the centralized system.</p> <p>The single window body/bureau has a well-equipped physical office and manpower that keeps in touch with all departments giving approvals/ clearances, monitors each all applications and related work pendency and ensures timely compliances and delivery.</p> | | | |