

## **New investors can identify ideal location from Industrial Information System**

Hassle free land acquisition is a major challenge faced by new investors in manufacturing and infrastructure sector in India. Government of India has been taking various steps, in association with state governments to facilitate timely and hassle-free acquisition of land by new investors in the country. One such initiative is the launching of single point information portal Industrial Information System (IIS), under the Digital India mission of Government of India. This portal was established by the Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIITI, under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India to provide updated information on land available across industrial areas in the country. The portal provides information on land bank available across all states and union territories in various industrial areas, including special economic zones, industrial clusters, logistics parks and others. According to this database, a total of 60.84 lakh hectare of land is available across the country for industrial project investment.

New investors can identify the ideal location for their projects from this portal as it offers updated information on availability of raw material, land type – agriculture, horticultural, availability of natural resources, distance from key logistic nodes, urban infrastructure available etc. The portal also provides information about the existing external and internal infrastructure such as rail, road, air and port connectivity and other common facilities in and around the manufacturing clusters.

This portal provides the above information on more than 4041 clusters covering about 475,000 hectare land across 31 states or union territories. Across these 4041 clusters, the portal has mapped 3.61 lakh plots.

The portal also contains information about land banks available with industrial development corporations of 29 states. According to this database, the industrial development corporations of these 29 states have more than 1.15 lakh hectares of available land for developing industrial and infrastructure projects. Among them, Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) has the largest land size at 32,804 hectare or 28% of the total land banks, followed by Odisha 21,450 hectare (19%), Tamil Nadu 12199 hectare (11%), Maharashtra 10974 hectare (9%) and Karnataka 10116 hectare (9%).

Among sectors, the Industrial Information System (IIS) has mapped 576 engineering clusters, 107 chemical clusters, 125 textile clusters, 119 food processing clusters, 87 automobile clusters, besides clusters from other sectors across the country.

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