

Business Reform Action Plan

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Ranking of States based on the implementation of Business Reform Action Plan started in the year 2015. Till date, State Rankings have been released for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017-18. The Business Reform Action Plan 2018-19 includes **180 reform points covering 12 business regulatory areas** such as access to information, single window system, labour and environment.

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Ease of Doing Business (EODB) is a joint initiative by the Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and the World Bank to improve the overall business environment in the States. The ranks were released by the DPIIT. The larger objective of attracting investments and increasing Ease of Doing Business in each State was sought to be achieved by introducing an **element of healthy competition through a system of ranking** states based on their performance in the implementation of Business Reform Action Plan. These reforms **cover the entire lifecycle of the business and aim at reducing compliance burden** on industry significantly.

While in the first two years, the **ranking was based only on evidence provided by state governments**, the DPIIT in 2017-18 introduced user feedback for 78 action points from **architects, lawyers and contractors** among others to weigh whether reform measures are reaching the users or not. The ranking this time gives **full weightage to the feedback from over thirty thousand respondents at the ground level**, who gave their opinion about the effectiveness of the reforms. State rankings will help attract investments, foster healthy competition and increase Ease of Doing Business in each State.

The top states under State Reform Action Plan 2019 are: Andhra

Pradesh; Uttar Pradesh; Telangana; Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand. The 12 business regulatory areas are:

- Access to information and transparency enablers
- Single window system
- Land administration and transfer of land and property
- Land availability and allotment
- Environment registration enablers
- Construction permit enablers
- Labour regulation enablers
- Obtaining utility permits
- Paying taxes
- Inspection enablers
- Contract enforcement
- Sector specific measures