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The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Notification F No. RA-14026(11)/I/2022-CERC dated 01.04.2026 notified the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificates for Renewable Energy Generation) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026, introducing key changes to the REC framework. The amendment adds definitions such as “Designated Consumer,” “Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO),” and “Virtual Power Purchase Agreement (VPPA),” and revises provisions related to eligibility and issuance of RECs, including a mandatory three-month timeline for applications. It also updates the certificate multiplier mechanism for various renewable energy sources, with validity fixed at 15 years, and introduces detailed provisions for treatment of RECs under VPPAs, including transfer, usage for compliance, and extinguishment. Additionally, revised principles for determining multipliers based on tariff, technology maturity, and capacity support have been incorporated to better align incentives with evolving renewable energy technologies. [View Notification](#)



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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY- THE CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY (INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF METERS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2026

Central Electricity Authority vide Notification F No. 1/12/CEA/DPM/Regulations/2025 dated 01.04.2026 notified the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Amendment Regulations, 2026. It amends the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 by substituting clause (b) of Regulation 4 (1), in regulation 7 of the said regulations, in sub-regulation (1), in clause (a), in Table-1 for Sl. No. 4 and the pentries relating thereto.

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MINISTRY OF POWER- DE-NOTIFICATION OF LUHRI STAGE-I HEP TRANSMISSION SCHEME UNDER TBCB

The Ministry of Power through the Central Electricity Authority, has issued a Notification F. No. CEA-PS-12-13/3/2022-PSPA-II Division dated 02.04.2026, de-notifying the transmission system scheme for evacuation of power from the Luhri Stage-I Hydroelectric Project, which was earlier notified in June 2022 under Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) guidelines. The decision follows the recommendation of the National Committee on Transmission (NCT) in its 38th meeting held on 25 February 2026, wherein a modified scheme was proposed for approval. Consequently, the previously notified scheme, including its scope, stands withdrawn.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE-

DRAFT TAR-BALLS MANAGEMENT RULES, 2026

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. G.S.R. 252(E) dated 03.04.2026 has issued a draft notification proposing the Tar-Balls Management Rules, 2026 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to regulate the handling of tar-ball waste generated from oil spills and related activities. The rules lay down comprehensive provisions for the environmentally sound collection, storage, transportation, treatment, and disposal of tar-balls, and define responsibilities of key stakeholders including oil companies, coastal authorities, State Governments, Pollution Control Boards, and the Indian Coast Guard. They also mandate preventive measures for oil spills, establish coordination mechanisms for coastal clean-up and emergency response, and provide guidelines for setting up treatment, storage, and disposal facilities. Public comments and objections have been invited within 60 days, and the rules will come into effect one year after final notification.

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COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT- CAQM STRENGTHENS ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MEASURES ACROSS NCR

The Commission for Air Quality Management vide Press Release dated 03.04.2026, reviewed inspection outcomes and enforcement actions during its 128th Enforcement Task Force meeting held on 02.04.2026, covering the period from 14.03.2026 to 26.03.2026. A total of 175 inspections were conducted across sectors such as construction, industries, road dust, and diesel generator sets, leading to closure proposals, sealing actions, and issuance of notices for non-compliance. The Task Force also highlighted significant violations in road dust management and emphasized intensified inspections in priority sectors. With over 26,000 cumulative inspections conducted so far, CAQM stressed the need for stronger inter-agency coordination, improved enforcement efficiency, and strict adherence to environmental norms to curb air pollution across NCR.

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MINISTRY OF MINES- NOTIFIES AMENDMENTS TO THE MINERAL CONCESSION RULES, PAVING WAY FOR INCLUSION OF CONTIGUOUS AREA AND ASSOCIATED MINERALS IN THE MINING LEASE

The Ministry of Mines through a recent press release dated 06.04.2026, has notified amendments to The Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026 to facilitate the inclusion of contiguous areas and associated minerals within existing mining leases. The amendments aim to streamline mining operations by enabling leaseholders to optimize resource extraction, reduce fragmentation of mineral blocks, and improve operational efficiency. By allowing the integration of adjoining areas and additional minerals, the revised framework seeks to promote scientific mining, enhance ease of doing business, and ensure better utilization of mineral resources while maintaining regulatory oversight.

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MINISTRY OF MINES- NOTIFIES MINERAL (AUCTION) SECOND AMENDMENT RULES, 2026 FOR FASTER OPERATIONALISATION OF MINES AND IMPROVING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS IN THE MINING SECTOR

Ministry of Mines through Press Release dated 07.04.2026, has notified the Mineral (Auction) Second Amendment Rules, 2026 to expedite operationalisation of auctioned mineral blocks and enhance ease of doing business. The amendments introduce key measures such as exclusion of non-feasible portions of mining blocks (up to 25% of resources), implementation of a unified mining portal for streamlined processes and automatic issuance of Letter of Intent, and revised timelines for execution of mining leases with stricter limits for non-forest areas. The rules also rationalize upfront payment timelines, provide refund provisions in case of annulled auctions, allow greater participation of private exploration agencies, and offer incentives for critical and strategic minerals, thereby strengthening efficiency, transparency, and investor confidence in the mining sector.

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MINISTRY OF POWER- AUTHORIZATION GRANTED FOR TRANSMISSION LINE FOR 160 MW WIND POWER PROJECT IN KARNATAKA

The Ministry of Power vide Order No. S.O. 1751(E) dated 07.04.2026, has authorized M/s UPC Renewables India Management Private Limited under Section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to lay an overhead transmission line for connectivity of its 160 MW wind power project in Vijayapura, Karnataka. The approval follows prior clearance under Section 68(1) and completion of public consultation, with no objections received. The transmission line will connect the project's generation pooling station at Deghinal village to the Bijapur substation and pass through multiple villages in the region. The authorization grants powers equivalent to those of a telegraph authority under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, and is valid for 25 years, subject to compliance with statutory approvals, regulatory requirements, and necessary clearances from relevant authorities.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- DECLARATION OF RIGHT OF USER ACQUISITION FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN ANDHRA PRADESH

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification No. S.O. 1757(E) dated 07.04.2026, has declared the acquisition of Right of User (RoU) in specified land under Section 6 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, for laying a natural gas pipeline from “SPM#AA to PNM#3” in West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh by ONGC Limited. This follows the earlier notification dated 25.07.2023 and subsequent consideration of the competent authority’s report, confirming the land requirement. The RoU shall vest with ONGC Limited from the date of publication, free from encumbrances, and the company will be solely liable for compensation, with no legal claims maintainable against the Central Government in this regard.

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MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE- JAN VISHWAS (AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS) ACT, 2026

The Ministry of Law and Justice vide Notification dated 08.04.2026, has published the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 (No. 8 of 2026), which received Presidential assent on 07.04.2026. The Act seeks to decriminalise and rationalise offences across various legislations to promote trust-based governance and ease of doing business. It introduces amendments to multiple enactments by replacing criminal penalties with monetary penalties, revising fines, and providing for adjudication and appeal mechanisms. The Act also includes provisions for removal of difficulties and phased implementation, with different commencement dates to be notified by the Central Government.

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FSSAI- FSSAI AMENDMENT NOTIFYING FOOD SAFETY OFFICERS AND OMISSION OF ENTRIES

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) vide Notification F. No. RCD-10002/1/2022-Regulatory-FSSAI dated 08.04.2026, has amended its principal notification of 15.06.2021 issued under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, to notify officers of the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, as Food Safety Officers for specified areas. The amendment omits certain entries in the table, specifically serial numbers 15, 23, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 39, and 40, with effect from the date of publication. This revision forms part of the ongoing updates to the notified list of Food Safety Officers.

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FSSAI- FSSAI AMENDMENT EXPANDING JURISDICTION OF FOOD SAFETY OFFICERS TO MAJOR AIRPORTS

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India vide Notification F. No. RCD-15001/4/2021-Regulatory-FSSAI-part(1) dated 08.04.2026, has amended its principal notification of 02.09.2021 to expand the jurisdiction of certain Central Food Safety Officers. The amendment inserts additional areas of jurisdiction by including major airports- Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, and Kolkata, against specified serial numbers in the table. These changes, effective from the date of publication, aim to strengthen food safety oversight at key entry points and ensure enhanced regulatory supervision at major airports.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE- THE FERTILISER (INORGANIC, ORGANIC OR MIXED) (CONTROL) FIFTH AMENDMENT ORDER, 2026

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare vide Notification No. S.O. 1814(E) dated 09.04.2026 notifies the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Fifth Amendment Order, 2026. It amends Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985 by omitting, in schedule I, in Part A , in the heading Specifications of Fertilisers,- (a) in sub-heading 1(a) relating to STRAIGHT NITROGENEOUS FERTILISERS, (i) the serial number 4 and entries relating thereto; (ii) the serial number 7 and entries relating thereto; (b) in sub-heading 1(e) relating to N.P. COMPLEX FERTILISERS, the serial number 10 and entries relating thereto.

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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION- THE CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TARIFF) (SECOND AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Notification F. No. L-1/268/2022/CERC dated 10.04.2026 notifies the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026. The amendment primarily introduces detailed provisions for Integrated Energy Storage Systems (ESS) in conjunction with generating stations and transmission systems. It expands definitions, scope, and applicability to include ESS, specifies technical parameters such as battery life, cycle, efficiency, and auxiliary consumption, and provides a framework for tariff determination, including supplementary tariff petitions within 90 days of commercial operation. The regulations also outline methodology for computation of energy charges, fixed/storage charges, and treatment of capital expenditure, thereby enabling regulatory clarity for integration of energy storage in the power sector. [View Notification](#)

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MINISTRY OF MINES- THE MINERALS (OTHER THAN ATOMIC AND HYDRO CARBONS ENERGY MINERALS) CONCESSION (THIRD AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Mines vide Notification No. G.S.R. 271(E) dated 10.04.26 notifies the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026. It amends the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 by inserting a proviso in Rule 39 (1) that talks about the royalty that shall be chargeable and a sub-rule 12 after sub-rule 12 of Rule 45.

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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION- MONTHLY ESCALATION RATES FOR POWER PROCUREMENT - MARCH 2026

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide Notification No. Eco-M3/2026-CERC dated 10.04.2026, notifies the monthly escalation rates applicable for March 2026 for payment towards procurement of power by distribution licensees under the Ministry of Power's tariff bidding guidelines. The notified rates include 10.15% for imported coal, 11.37% for transportation of imported coal, and 0.39% for inland handling of imported coal, to be applied as per the provisions of the Power Purchase Agreements executed under the prescribed guidelines.

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FSSAI- ADVISORY REGARDING NON-USE OF ASHWAGANDHA (WITHANIA SOMNIFERA) LEAVES IN CRUDE OR EXTRACT OR ANY OTHER FORM IN FOOD PRODUCTS

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India issued Advisory dated 16.04.2026, clarifying that the use of Ashwagandha (Withania Somnifera) leaves in crude or extract or any other form in food products are not permitted under the Food for Special Medical Purpose, Functional Food and Novel Food) Regulations, 2016. Ministry of Ayush vide letter dated 15.04.2026 has directed Ayush drug/product manufacturers to use only Ashwagandha roots and their extracts and not the leaves, in any form. And any deviation shall attract action under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

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MINISTRY OF POWER- EXTENSION OF TIMELINE FOR RCO COMPLIANCE SUBMISSION FOR FY 2024-25

The Ministry of Power, vide letter dated 16.04.2026, has extended the timeline for submission of Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) compliance details for FY 2024-25. Based on representations from designated consumers citing implementation challenges, the deadline has been extended by two months, from the earlier due date to 31 May 2026. This extension aims to facilitate obligated entities in completing and submitting their compliance requirements within the revised timeframe.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- CAQM REVIEWS ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS ACROSS NCR

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, through a press release dated 18.04.2026, reported that the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) reviewed enforcement actions during its 129th Enforcement Task Force meeting held on 17 April 2026. During the period from 27 March to 10 April 2026, a total of 162 inspections were conducted across NCR, identifying 64 violations mainly in construction sites, industrial units, and diesel generator sets. Actions proposed include closures, sealing of units, issuance of show cause notices, and environmental compensation. The Task Force also emphasized strengthening enforcement, inter-agency coordination, and focused action on key pollution sources such as DG sets, construction activities, and road dust to improve air quality.

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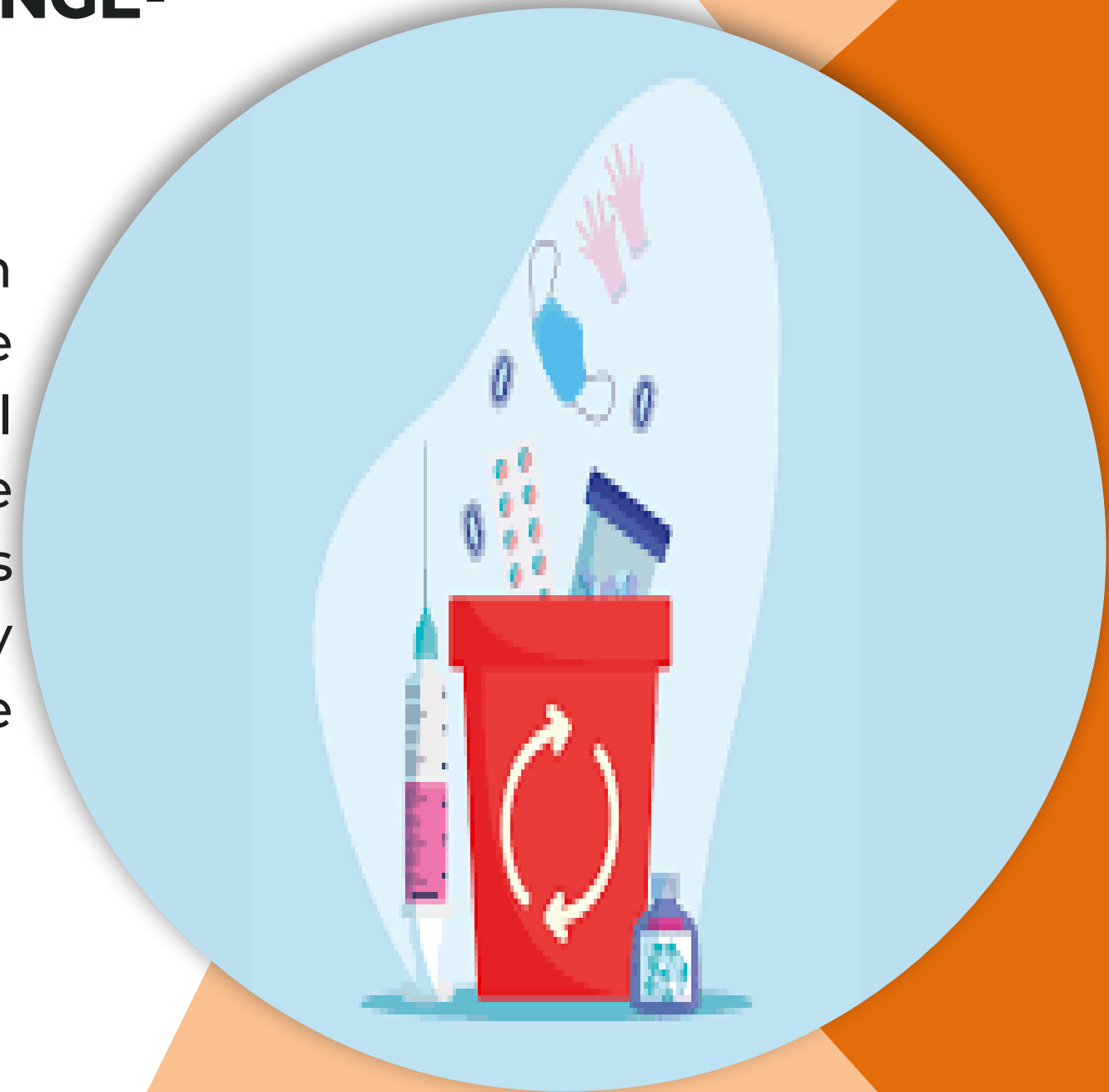
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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- THE BIO-MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. G.S.R. 293(E) dated 20.04.2026, notifies the Bio-Medical Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2026. It amends the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 by inserting: i) a word “Ayush” after the words "Departments of Health," in Rule 11, sub-rule (1), ii) the words "representative, as nominated by the State or Union Territory Department of Ayush” after the words "District Health Officer," in Rule 12, sub-rule (6).

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CENTRAL DRUGS STANDARD CONTROL ORGANIZATION- IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIOR INTIMATION SYSTEM FOR FORM CT-05 APPLICATIONS

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, under the Directorate General of Health Services, has issued a circular dated 20.04.2026 to implement a prior intimation system for Form CT-05 applications (for export purposes only) with effect from 21.04.2026, in line with G.S.R. 50(E) dated 21.01.2026. The amendment to the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 introduces this system for specific bioavailability and bioequivalence studies involving oral dosage drugs (excluding certain categories) already approved in India or select international jurisdictions. Applications must be submitted online via the Sugam portal along with Ethics Committee approval, and the portal-generated acknowledgment will serve as prior intimation. For categories not covered under the amendment, the existing prior approval system will continue to apply.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE- DRAFT DRUGS (..... AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, vide Draft Notification No. G.S.R. 299(E) dated 21.04.2026, has proposed amendments to the Drugs Rules, 1945 under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. The draft primarily revises provisions under Rule 89 by expanding the scope of applicable licence forms, including additional forms such as 25A, 25F, 28A, 28B, and 28D, alongside existing Forms 25 and 28.

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Ministry of Road Transport and Highways vide Notification No. G.S.R. 298(E) dated 21.04.2026, notified the Central Motor Vehicles (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2026. It amends Rule 81 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to revise certain fee provisions. Specifically, under serial number 11A in the table, the fee prescribed in sub-item (2) of items (d) and (e) has been reduced from ₹5,000 to ₹2,500. This amendment lowers the applicable charges for the specified services under the said categories.

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MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION- ENFORCEMENT OF JAN VISHWAS AMENDMENTS UNDER LEGAL METROLOGY ACT FROM 01ST MAY, 2026

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution vide Notification No. S.O. 2103(E) dated 27.04.2026, has appointed 01st May, 2026 as the effective date for the enforcement of provisions of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 relating to serial number 66 of its Schedule, insofar as it pertains to the Legal Metrology Act, 2009. This notification brings into force the relevant amended provisions under the Legal Metrology framework from the specified date.

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MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION- THE LEGAL METROLOGY (PACKAGED COMMODITIES) SECOND AMENDMENT RULES, 2026

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution vide Notification No. G.S.R.312(E) dated 27.04.2026, notifies the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Second Amendment Rules, 2026. It amends the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 by substituting Rule 6 sub-rule 10A with new provision. It shall come into force from 1st July, 2027.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE- THE FERTILISER (INORGANIC, ORGANIC OR MIXED) (CONTROL) SIXTH AMENDMENT ORDER, 2026

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare vide Notification No. S.O. 2105(E) dated 27.04.2026, notifies The Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Sixth Amendment Order, 2026. In the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985, (a) in clause 28 B, in sub-clause (4), for the words “and Ghaziabad”, the words “,Ghaziabad and Guwahati” shall be substituted; (b) in clause 29 B, for the words “and Mumbai”, the words “,Mumbai and Guwahati” shall be substituted.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE- NANO FERTILISERS WITH THEIR SPECIFICATIONS TO BE MANUFACTURED BY COMPANY FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEARS

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, vide Notification No. S.O. 2106(E) dated 27.04.2026, in pursuance of clause 20 D of the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order,1985, notifies Nano fertilisers with their specifications specified in column (3) of the Table mentioned in the said Notification, to be manufactured by the company mentioned in column (4) of the said Table, for a period of one year from the date of publication of this Order in the Official Gazette.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE- NANO FERTILISERS WITH THEIR SPECIFICATIONS TO BE MANUFACTURED BY COMPANY FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, vide Notification No. S.O. 2107(E) dated 27.04.2026, in pursuance of clause 20 D of the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order,1985, notifies Nano fertilisers with their specifications specified in column (3) of the Table mentioned in the said Notification, to be manufactured by the company mentioned in column (4) of the said Table, for a period of two year from the date of publication of this Order in the Official Gazette.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS- DRAFT CENTRAL MOTOR VEHICLES (..... AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, vide Notification No. G.S.R. 313(E) dated 27.04.2026, has published draft rules to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The proposed amendments primarily revise Rule 115 by updating emission-related parameters and fuel specifications, including increasing the gross weight threshold from 3000 kg to 3500 kg, introducing changes in fuel categories such as E20, E85/E100, B100, and HCNG definitions, and making technical corrections in emission norms and test cycle units.

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FSSAI- DRAFT FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (PACKAGING) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2026

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India vide Notification F No. RCD-09002/1/2026-Regulatory-FSSAI dated 28.04.2026, notified Draft Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2026. It amends Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018 by inserting in schedule IV relating to the list of suggestive packaging materials, after the entries at Sl. No. 10.

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FSSAI- AMENDMENT TO FSSAI NOTIFIED FOOD TESTING LABORATORIES

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India vide Notification F. No. QA-12012/8/2021-QA-FSSAI dated 29.04.2026, has amended its earlier Notification No. S.O. 3648(E) dated 06.12.2016 issued under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, to update the list of notified food testing laboratories across regions. The amendment includes substitution and insertion of entries for laboratories in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu, specifying their registration details and scope of accreditation (biological and/or chemical). Notably, new laboratories have been added in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, while certain existing entries have been revised to reflect updated particulars, thereby strengthening the network of accredited food testing facilities in the country.

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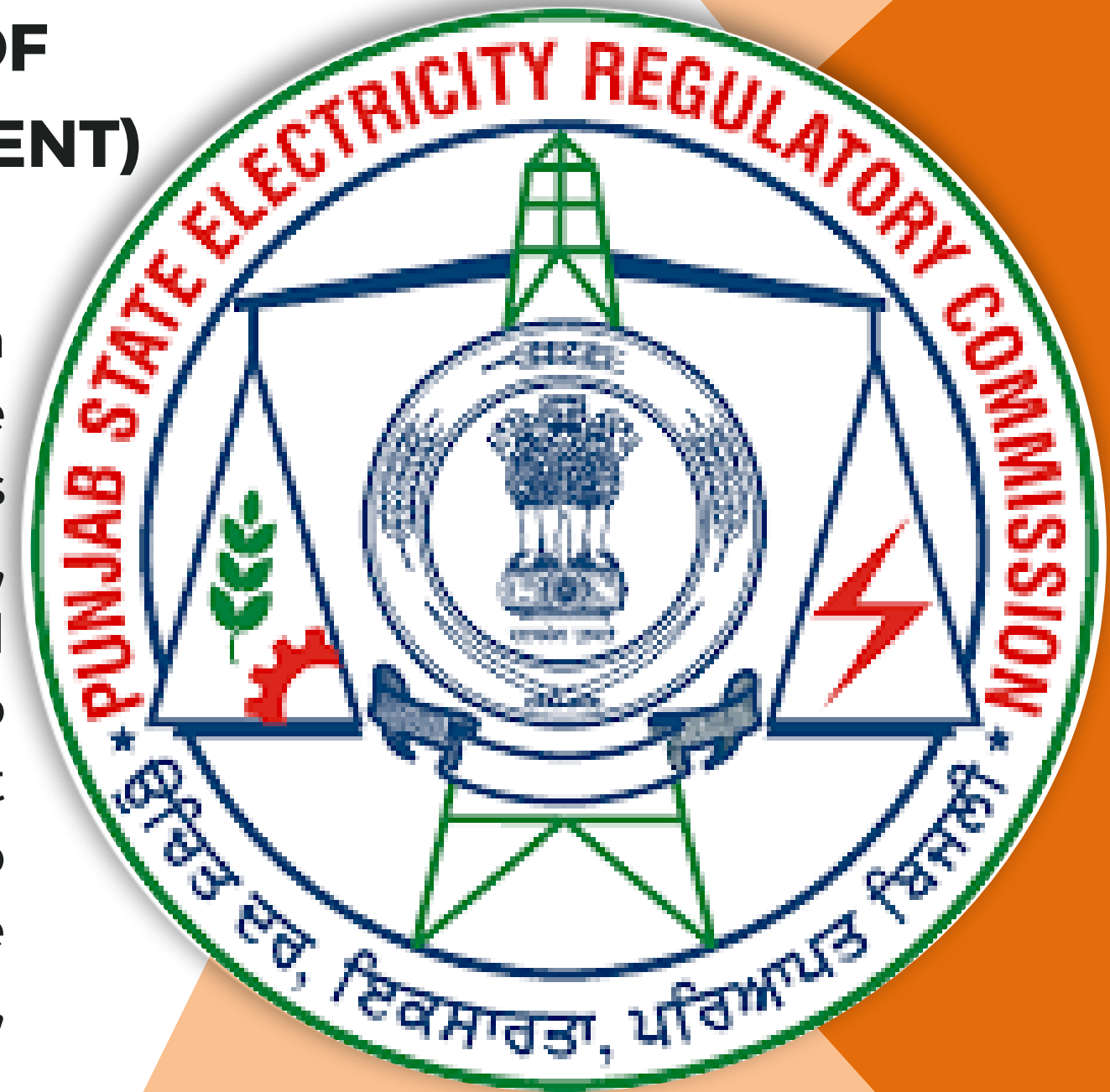
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PUNJAB- THE PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CODE, STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE AND RELATED MATTERS) (2ND AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Notification No. PSERC/Sect/Regu.202 dated 01.04.2026, notifies the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) (2nd Amendment) Regulations, 2026, effective from 01.04.2026, applicable to all licensees and consumers in Punjab. The amendment revises provisions related to advance payment of electricity bills, allowing consumers to deposit advance amounts subject to specified minimum thresholds. It also mandates distribution licensees to provide interest on such advance payments based on SBI's MCLR minus one percent, capped at 7.5%, with adjustments reflected in subsequent billing cycles.

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RAJASTHAN- EXTENSION OF TIMELINE FOR SWITCHING TO CLEANER FUELS FOR ROLLING MILLS TILL 30TH JUNE 2026

The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB), through an office order dated 06.04.2026, has extended the deadline for rolling mills to switch from coal-based fuels to cleaner alternatives such as PNG, CNG, LPG, or electricity up to 30th June 2026. The earlier deadlines initially set for 31st July 2025 and later extended to 31st December 2025, applied to rolling mills with a production capacity of 25,000 TPA or more located in areas with access to cleaner fuel supply. The extension has been granted in view of disruptions in global energy supply and representations from industry stakeholders, along with clarifications from CPCB and CAQM. All other terms and conditions specified in previous orders, including submission of an action plan with a bank guarantee, remain applicable.

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KARNATAKA- DRAFT KARNATAKA MOTOR VEHICLE (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Government of Karnataka vide Notification No. TD 147 TDO 2025 dated 08.04.2026 notifies Draft Karnataka Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Rules, 2026. The amendment introduces definitions under Rule 2, it inserts new Chapter V-B: Non-Motorised Transport and Pedestrian Infrastructure Standards after Chapter V-A and Chapter VI-A: Design, Construction & Maintenance Standards for

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PUNJAB- REVISED DIRECTIONS TO FACILITATE SALE DEEDS AND ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS IN ERRING PROJECTS

The Punjab Pollution Control Board, vide Office Order No. SEE(HQ-2)/F.no.350/2026/133 dated 09.04.2026, has issued revised directions to revenue authorities and Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. regarding erring housing, residential, and commercial projects. The order allows execution of sale deeds and release of electricity connections for individual buyers (common people), recognizing them as innocent purchasers, while continuing restrictions against project proponents and owners. It also mandates legal action against non-compliant developers and requires them to regularize violations before seeking fresh approvals, thereby balancing environmental enforcement with relief to affected residents.

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KERALA- CONSENT MANAGEMENT OF NON-BEDDED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Kerala State Pollution Control Board issued Circular dated 10.04.2026, in which it is stated that as per the direction of CPCB dated 12.05.2025 regarding harmonisation of classification of sectors, all Health Care Facilities (HCFS, as defined Under Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016) shall obtain Consent under Red/Orange/ Green category as applicable. Non-Bedded Health Care Facilities (HCFs) are included under green category as per the aforementioned classification. Hence all non-bedded HCFs holding Board's Authorisation under Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016 shall apply for and obtain consent. And Circular no. PCB/HO/Circular/57/2019 dated 08.12.2019 stands cancelled in the light of above reclassification.

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JHARKHAND- THE JSERC (FEES, FINES & CHARGES REGULATIONS) (FIRST AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Extraordinary Notification No. 139 dated 13.04.2026 notifies the JSERC (Fees, Fines & Charges Regulations) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026. It brings amendment in Schedule Fees, Fines and Charges. In the Principal Regulations, serial No 1 of Schedule Fees, Fines & Charges shall be replaced with Description: Application fees and annual fees for grant of License under Section 15(1) or exemption from License under Section 13 of Act, FessL As prescribed by the State Government.

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CHHATTISGARH- AMENDMENT TO CHHATTISGARH MOTOR VEHICLE POLLUTION TESTING CENTRE SCHEME, 2001

The Government of Chhattisgarh, vide Notification No. F RULE-5/18/2026-TRANSPORT dated 15.04.2026, has amended the Chhattisgarh Motor Vehicle Pollution Testing Centre Scheme, 2001 under the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The amendment removes the requirement under clause 3(b) mandating that applicants or their employees possess an ITI certificate in Diesel Mechanic, Motor Vehicle, or equivalent qualification for operating pollution testing centres. The notification comes into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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DELHI- DRAFT DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GREEN ENERGY OPEN ACCESS) (FIRST AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued a draft Notification No. F.17(17)/Engg./DERC/2023-24/8020 dated 15.04.2026 proposing the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026. The amendment primarily removes the requirement of consumers being connected at 11 kV or above, thereby broadening eligibility for green energy open access. It redefines “Entity” and “Green Energy Open Access Consumer” to include consumers with a contracted demand or sanctioned load of 100 kW or more, whether through single or multiple connections within the same distribution licensee’s area. Additionally, it allows consumers, including those with captive generating plants, to avail open access without any load limitation for setting up green energy projects for captive use.

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DELHI- THE DELHI JAN VISHWAS (AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS) ACT, 2026

The Government of NCT of Delhi vide Notification No. F.14(106)/LA-2026/ala1/22-43 dated 16.04.2026, has notified the Delhi Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026, aimed at decriminalizing minor offences and promoting ease of doing business through a trust-based governance framework. The Act amends multiple existing laws by replacing criminal penalties with civil penalties, rationalizing fines, and introducing adjudication and appellate mechanisms. It also provides for periodic enhancement of penalties and empowers authorities to impose and recover civil penalties. Key amendments have been made across various legislations including those relating to industrial development, shops and establishments, electricity reforms, tourism establishments, agricultural marketing, and Delhi Jal Board, primarily substituting imprisonment provisions with monetary penalties and streamlining enforcement procedures.

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CHANDIGARH- DRAFT CHANDIGARH LEGAL METROLOGY (ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Chandigarh Administration, Department of Food & Supplies and Consumer Affairs & Legal Metrology, vide Notification No. L.M./2026/3202 dated 17.04.2026, notifies draft Chandigarh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2026. The draft proposes issuance of licenses to manufacturers and dealers of weights and measures, as well as registration of packers/importers, on a self-declaration basis without prior physical inspection. It also introduces auto-renewal of licenses subject to fee payment and submission of periodic returns. Additionally, a new Schedule XII is proposed, classifying weights and measuring instruments into high, medium, and low-risk categories to streamline regulatory oversight.

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GOA- THE GOA MUNICIPALITIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2026

The Government of Goa vide Notification No. 8/4/2026-LA/136 dated 23.04.2026, has promulgated the Goa Municipalities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 to amend provisions of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968. The ordinance introduces changes aimed at improving municipal governance and administrative efficiency, including revisions to certain regulatory provisions and procedures under the Act. These amendments are intended to streamline municipal operations and enhance the functioning of urban local bodies in the state.

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DELHI- DIRECTION FOR VEHICULAR POLLUTION CONTROL

Government of the NCR Delhi, Department of Environment and Forests vide Notification F. No. 10(39)/ENV/2021/476 dated 23.04.2026 notifies direction for vehicular pollution control: Fuel (Petrol/Diesel/CNG/LPG) shall be dispensed to motor vehicles only upon production of a valid Pollution Under Control (PUC) Certificate. The Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Indraprastha Gas Limited, Reliance Industries Limited (Reliance Petroleum), all other petrol/diesel/CNG pumps/ stations/ retail outlets, along with the Department of Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs, GNCTD, Transport Department, GNCTD, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Traffic Police shall ensure strict compliance with the direction in letter and spirit.

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MEGHALAYA- REGISTRATION IN THE CPCB PORTAL AND OBTAINING EPR

Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board issued Public Notice on 23.04.2026, in view of the Rule 45 of chapter VIII and Rule 53(1) of chapter VIII of the Hazardous and Other Waste (Management and Transboundary Movement) Amendment Rules, 2025, stating that those persons concerned/occupiers who are operating or in the stage of establishment shall register in the CPCB and obtain EPR for manufacturer, producer, collection agent, refurbisher and recycler of Non-Ferrous metals in Meghalaya.

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KARNATAKA- THE KARNATAKA STATE ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Government of Karnataka vide Notification No. TD22TDR2025 dated 28.04.2026, has notified the Karnataka State Road Safety Authority (Amendment) Rules, 2026. The amendment modifies Rule 4 of the 2023 Rules by inserting new provisions assigning additional functions to the Authority, including monitoring and coordinating the implementation of the cashless treatment scheme for road accident victims, sensitizing non-designated hospitals for effective scheme execution, and ensuring grievance redressal through the appointment of a dedicated officer. The Rules come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

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