

Govt starts process to frame new industrial policy

10 Task Force Panels To Oversee Policy Creation

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Gandhinagar: The Gujarat government on Wednesday announced its decision to set up ten task force committees to provide inputs on the new state industrial policy. The tenure of the present industrial policy, which came into force on January 1, 2015, will end in December this year.

The task force committees will examine and review the existing policy and suggest changes to incorporate into the new policy. They will seek representations from



all stakeholders before making their recommendations, and will have to send their respective reports to the industries commissioner within three months.

The committees will look into aspects like MSME sector development, industrial infrastructure development, environmental protection, pollution control, skill upgradation and development of large industries.

A state-level task force committee will also be for-

med to oversee functioning of these sub-committees. Chief secretary J N Singh will head the state-level committee. Additional chief secretaries of the finance, environment and forests and revenue departments will also be members of the state-level committee, apart from officials of other departments. This committee will also have non-government representatives from GCCI, FICCI, CII, IIM-A, PDPU and EDI.

The state government said that the purpose of an extensive consultation mechanism, and inclusion of all stakeholders in the process, was meant to ensure a pro-people, proactive and transparent policy that will boost balanced industrial growth in the state.