

State okays three projects, says will create jobs for 700 persons

BHUBANESWAR: The state government on Tuesday cleared investment proposals worth Rs 900 crore that would generate direct employment opportunities for around 700 people.

The state-level single window clearance authority (SLSWCA), headed by chief secretary A P Padhi, approved a proposal of Hindustan Coal Cola Beverages Private Limited for doubling the capacity of its non-alcoholic beverage plant at Khurda industrial estate, said an official statement.

The annual capacity of the plant would be doubled against the current capacity of 57.89 million cases a year with an estimated investment of Rs 500 crore. The plant would generate direct employment opportunity for around 348 people.

Another proposal of P & A Bottlers Private Limited (PBPL) to set up a 2.5 lakh hectoliters/annum brewery at Balarampur under Odapada tehsil in Dhenkanal district also received SLSWCA nod. The plant would have an investment potential of Rs 102 crore. Around 116 people would get employment in the proposed plant.

The state government also cleared proposal for Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) to set up a common user facility at Dhutra in Jharsuguda district with an investment potential of Rs 272 crore. The plant would come up on 100 acres and engage 166 people.

While land for BPCL and PBPL plants are available with Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (Idco) under the land bank scheme, it would acquire private land to the tune of 40 acres for the beverage plant at Khurda, said Kalyan Mohanty, general manager of Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited under the state industries department.

Reviewing status of different industrial projects, the chief secretary directed different departments to work in coordination to ensure land, forest and other statutory clearances in time for investors in the state.