

# MONTHLY COMPLIANCE ROUNDUP

**AUGUST 2026**

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUMMARY

The month saw **833** legal and regulatory changes across Centre and States and across various categories.

## REGULATORY CHANGES IN AUGUST 2026

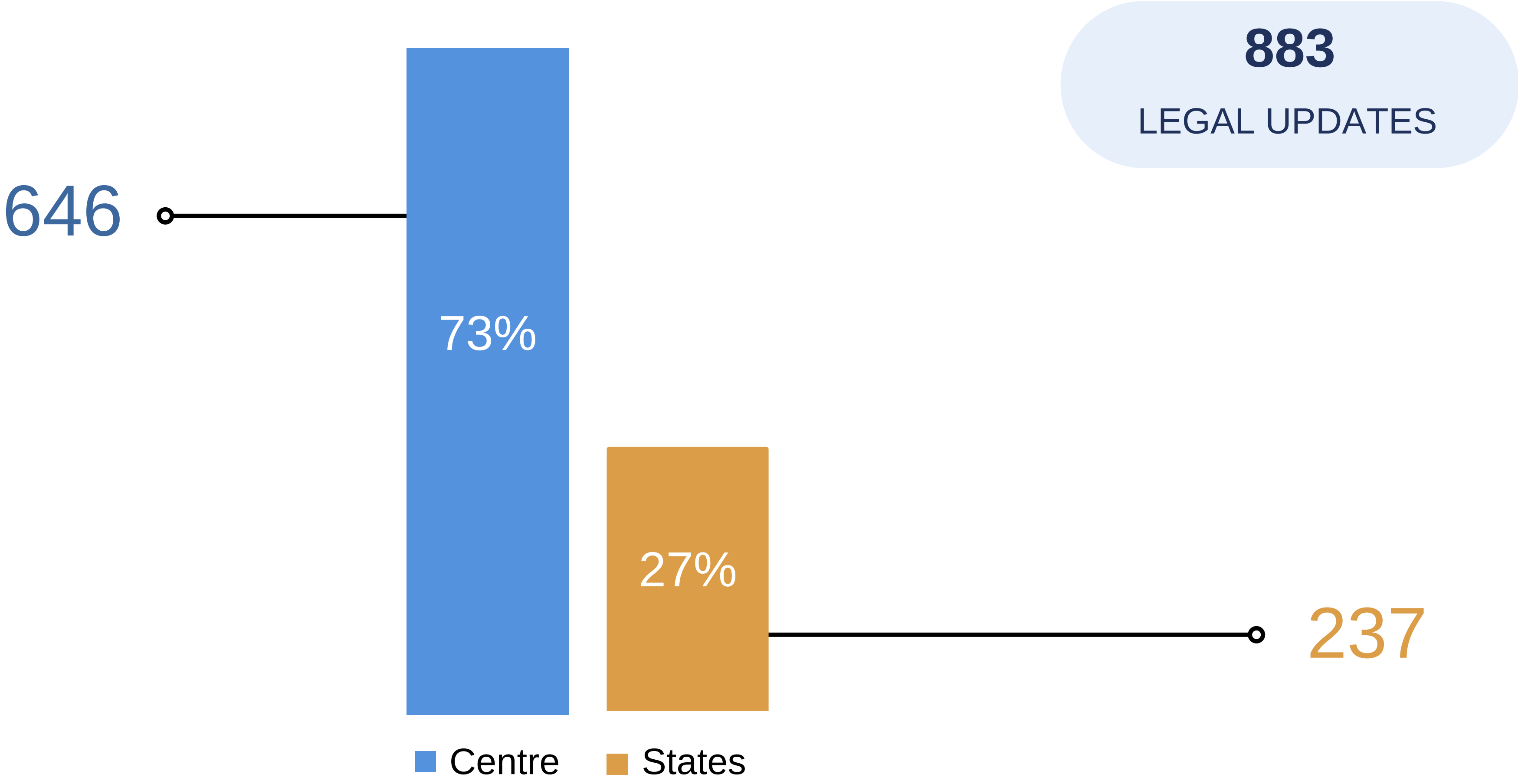
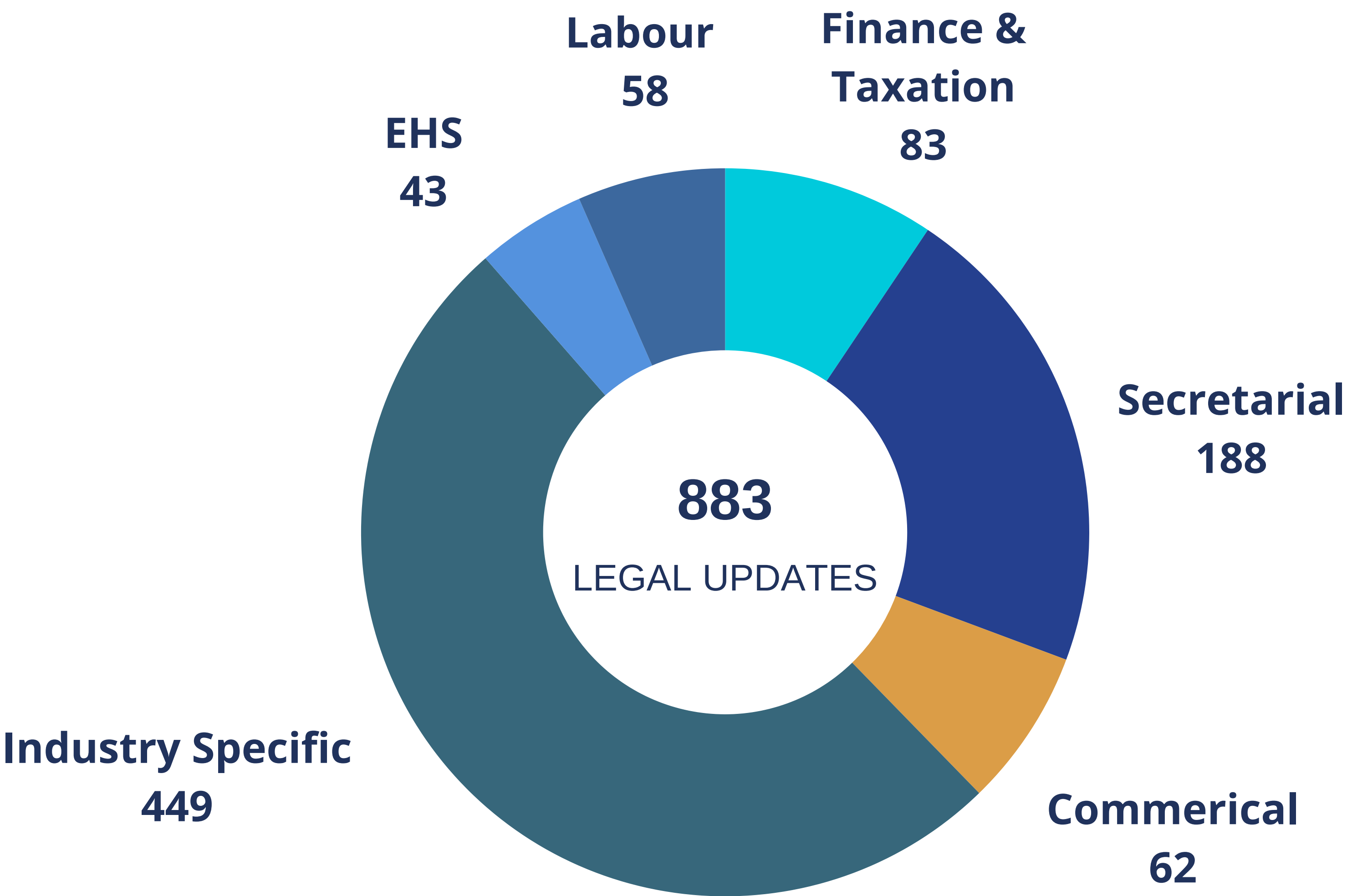


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Fig 2: Compliance Category Statistics



# 1 FINANCE AND TAXATION UPDATES

**There were 83 regulatory updates in this category**

- The Lok Sabha on August 04, 2026, issued the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to further amend the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 and the Income-tax Act, 2025, and to amend the Finance Act, 2026.
- The Lok Sabha on August 03, 2026, issued the Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the 28th edition of its annual publication, "Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy, 2025–26 (HBS)", which serves as a comprehensive source of time-series data on the Indian economy.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Consolidated Supervisory Directions.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on August 06, 2026, issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for clearance of imported goods through Foreign Post Offices under the Postal Import Regulations, 2025.
- The Ministry of Law and Justice, on August 13, 2026, notified the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026, to replace the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891, and align the legal framework for evidentiary use of bankers' books with contemporary digital banking practices.
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), on August 4, 2026, issued the Draft Inland Vessel Tonnage Tax (Minimum Training Requirement and Charter-in) Guidelines, 2026 under sub-sections (12) and (13) of section 232 of the Income-tax Act, 2025, and invited comments from stakeholders.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on July 23, 2026, issued a notification regarding the review of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy on the e-commerce sector.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on August 11, 2026, announced the premature redemption price for Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) 2018-19 Series VI, issued on February 12, 2019.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 08, 2026, issued a notification regarding clarification on UPI Charges and Proposed MDR Framework.
- The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) on August 07, 2026, issued the Draft Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin): VB- G RAM G (Viksit Bharat – G Ram G) Audit of Schemes Rules, 2026.
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- The Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region) (BoPTER) on July 14, 2026, issued the Manual for Establishment Yearly Profile Update.
- The Income Tax Department on August 18, 2026, launched a nationwide verification exercise to examine suspicious outward foreign remittances identified through ground intelligence and data analysis.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 19, 2026, issued the Draft Warehouse Licensing Regulations, 2026, seeking comments and suggestions on the regulations within 15 days.

- The Ministry of Law and Justice, on August 17, 2026, issued the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Act, 2026, to further amend the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, and the Income-tax Act, 2025.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 14, 2026, notified the Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers Disclosure Scheme Rules, 2026.
- The Ministry of Finance, on August 14, 2026, has revised the central excise duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) by amending its previous Notification No. 08/2026-Central Excise dated March 26, 2026.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on August 27, 2026, has prescribed the procedure for payment of IGST on raw sugar actually imported under the Advance Authorisation (AA) Scheme and subsequently converted into the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Scheme.
- The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DCTR), on August 19, 2026, issued a corrigendum to the initiation notification dated June 25, 2026, concerning the anti-dumping investigation into imports of "Hot Rolled Flat Products of Alloy or Non-Alloy Steel" originating in or exported from China PR, Japan and Russia.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on August 25, 2026, issued an amendment to the older notification regarding Customs Tariff Values.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 21, 2026, issued the amendment to the older notification no. 47/2021-Customs (ADD), dated August 26, 2021, regarding anti-dumping duty on imports of natural mica-based pearl industrial pigments excluding cosmetic grade originating in or exported from China PR for a period of five years.
- The Income Tax Department on August 20, 2026, notified that the offline utility of ITR-6 for AY 2026-27 is available now.

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## 2 SECRETARIAL UPDATES

**There were 188 regulatory updates in this category**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 06, 2026, issued the Consultation Paper on Settlement and Risk Management.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 06, 2026, has released its Annual Report for FY 2025-26 (April 2025–March 2026), as legally required under the SEBI Act, 1992.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on August 4, 2026, issued a Consultation Paper seeking public comments on a proposed regulatory framework for the issuance of Depository Receipts (DRs) against units of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Publicly Listed Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs).
- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on July 31, 2026, has introduced a new Category 'I' leased line connectivity with a larger pool of child IPs for members accessing only the Commodity Derivatives Segment through dedicated leased line connectivity.
- Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on July 31, 2026, has issued a communiqué enhancing the transmission processing framework for Depository Participants (DPs), in continuation of its earlier communiqué dated July 27, 2026, which introduced PAN validations for transmission requests.
- The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on August 6, 2026, issued a consultation paper proposing a revised regulatory framework for Authorised Persons (APs) in consultation with SEBI to strengthen oversight, enhance investor protection, and improve compliance.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), on August 13, 2026, issued a clarification regarding the implementation of “@valid” UPI IDs for investor-facing bank accounts maintained by Research Analysts, pursuant to SEBI's communication dated August 7, 2026.
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on August 12, 2026, issued the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2026, to further amend the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 11, 2026, issued the Amendment to SEBI (Issue and Listing of Municipal Debt Securities) Regulations, 2015.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 10, 2026, issued the consultation paper on Review of provisions related to ISIN for Debt Securities.



- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 13, 2026, issued the Consultation Paper on the review of the Accredited Investor framework.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 20, 2026, issued a notification regarding Digital Power of Attorney for FPI Onboarding.
- IBBI issued a Discussion Paper—Guidance to Insolvency Professionals for Due Diligence to Identify Fraudulent or Malicious Initiation of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process and Recourse under Sections 60(5) and 65 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- The Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI) on August 14, 2026, issued a notification on the Facility for Generation and Delivery of Security Interest related MIS Reports.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 19, 2026, issued the Clarification for order settlement of August 26, 2026 (Id-E-Milad) on the BSE StAR MF Platform.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 21, 2026, issued the consultation paper on revision of the Advertisement Code for Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs).
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 20, 2026, notified regarding the sharing of information by KYC Registration Agencies (KRAS) with entities regulated by the International Financial Services Centres Authority.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange Clearing Limited (BSECL) on August 27, 2026, issued intimation of Change of Name BSE Clearing Limited (Formerly Indian Clearing Corporation Limited).
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 27, 2026, issued a Consultation Paper – Exemption from Merchant Banker Appointment for Small-Value Debt.
- The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 20, 2026, issued the UNSC Press Release and Sanction List.

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## 3 COMMERCIAL UPDATES

There were 62 regulatory updates in this category

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on July 29, 2026, issued an amendment to a notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs), published in Part III, Section 4 of the Gazette of India, in pursuance of sub-rule (1) of Rule 15 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.
- The Ministry of Power (MoP), on July 16, 2026, issued a draft notification proposing the Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency (CAFE) 2027 energy consumption standards for M1 category motor vehicles under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 05, 2026, extended the Deadline for Submission of TRQ Applications under India–United Kingdom Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) for Calendar Year (CY) 2026.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 05, 2026, issued a notification regarding the introduction of the Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Export Framework under FTP.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 12, 2026, invited comments on the Draft SOP for reporting Inward Remittance Messages (IRMs) relating to NBFC Factors.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on August 5, 2026, notified amendments to certain Indian Standards under Rule 15(1) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018.
- The Intellectual Property India on August 07, 2026, issued Guidelines for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Patent Examination Procedures.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on August 07, 2026, notified the Central Motor Vehicles (Twelfth Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 12, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for the Indian Standards such as Metallic Materials — Tensile Testing.



- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on August 18, 2026, issued the Competition Commission of India (Commitment) Amendment Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Competition Commission of India (Commitment) Regulations, 2024.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding an amendment in the Import Policy and Policy Condition of Clear Float Glass (4 mm–12 mm), falling under ITC (HS) Codes 70051090 and 70052990, covered under Chapter 70 of Schedule – I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022.
- The Intellectual Property India (IPI) on August 07, 2026, notified the extension of the time for Completion of Mandatory e-KYC until August 31, 2026.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has issued a corrigendum regarding the extension of BIS validity period.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 12, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to p-Toluidine.
- The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on August 19, 2026, issued the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Petroleum Installations) Amendment Regulations, 2026, to further amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Petroleum Installations) Regulations, 2020.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD) on August 19, 2026, issued the Sugar (Stockholding Limit of Bulk Consumers) Order, 2026.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution on 26 August 2026, stated that onion availability remains comfortable and the government has started releasing buffer stocks in a calibrated manner to control seasonal price pressures.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 24, 2026, issued the amendment in the Export Policy of Wheat Flour and related products.
- The Tea Board on August 24, 2026, has directed all Darjeeling tea manufacturers to strictly comply with existing requirements for sourcing green leaf within the area demarcated under the Darjeeling Geographical Indication (GI). Manufacturers are prohibited from purchasing green leaf from outside the Darjeeling GI area, including sourcing from temporarily closed units without proper documentation.

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## 4 INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC UPDATES

There were 448 regulatory updates in this category

- The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) on August 05, 2026, issued the Draft Standards for NABH International Patient Care Standards - 1st Edition.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 07, 2026, invites comments on the draft “Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Eleventh Amendment Directions, 2026”.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), on August 05, 2026, has introduced an online integration of license-wise voluntary duty payment data received from Customs/ICEGATE with the DGFT portal.
- IFSCA issued the consultation paper on the financial soundness criteria for existing Payment System Operators (PSOs) and applicants desirous of operating payment systems in IFSC.
- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), on August 5, 2026, released a Consultation Paper proposing amendments to the Standards of Quality of Service of Access (Wireline and Wireless) and Broadband (Wireline and Wireless) Service Regulations, 2024.
- The Ministry of Law and Justice, on August 13, 2026, notified the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Act, 2026, further amending the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006.
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), on August 13, 2026, issued a Consultation Paper on the Draft Circular titled “Framework for Leasing Activity in the International Financial Services Centre” to seek public and stakeholder comments.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 14, 2026, issued Consultation Paper on Review of Know Your Client process for individual Persons Resident outside India.
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPS&W) on August 07, 2026, notified the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Rules, 2026, in supersession of the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Rules, 1997.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on August 06, 2026, issued the Drugs (Twelfth Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Drugs Rules, 1945
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Department of Health and Family Welfare, on August 14, 2026, notified the Medical Devices (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026 under Sections 12 and 33 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, further amending the Medical Devices Rules, 2017.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has issued the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS).
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on August 19, 2026, issued the Citizenship (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Citizenship Rules, 2009.
- The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on August 17, 2026, issued the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Codes of Practices for Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan (ERDMP)) Amendment Regulations, 2026 to further amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Codes of Practices for Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan (ERDMP)) Regulations, 2010.

- India's Department of Atomic Energy on August 14, 2026, issued the Draft Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Rules, 2026.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 25, 2026, notified the Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies-Concentration Risk Management) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026, to amend the Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies - Concentration Risk Management) Directions, 2025.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW), on August 21, 2026, issued a draft Banning of Carbosulfan Order, 2026, under Section 27(2) read with Section 28 of the Insecticides Act, 1968, proposing a complete prohibition on the import, manufacture, sale, transport, distribution and use of Carbosulfan in India.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched the Cyber Suraksha Portal as part of its Cyber Security Initiative to provide a centralised platform for the securities market to access and share important cybersecurity information.
- The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), on August 10, 2026, directed all State/UT Drugs Controllers to take action against the manufacture and marketing of unapproved drug products containing enclomiphene and its combinations.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), on August 19, 2026, issued the draft Drugs (Amendment) Rules, 2026, under Sections 12(1) and 33(1) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, after consultation with the Drugs Technical Advisory Board. The draft proposes amendments to Schedule H1 of the Drugs Rules, 1945.

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## 5 EHS (ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY) UPDATES

There were 44 regulatory updates in this category

- The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on July 30, 2026, issued amendment to Direction No. 98 regarding Stipulation for Particulate Matter Emissions from industries across Delhi-NCR.
- The Government of Himachal Pradesh on July 14, 2026, issued Draft Door-to-Door Garbage Collection and Disposal bye-laws 2026 of Special Area Development Authority Manikaran.
- The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), on June 23, 2025, issued a circular directing all Board officials to implement the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) revised classification of industrial sectors into Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue categories, as notified by CPCB on February 12, 2025 under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
- The Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government on August 11, 2026, has notified a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)/Guidelines for Identification and Assessment of High Footfall Sites, Tourist-Centric Destinations, and Pilgrim Centres, aimed at developing Sustainable Visible Cleanliness & Solid Waste Management (SWM) Models under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 (Notification No. LG-LG-405/227/2026-LG4/656 dated August 10, 2026).
- The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD) on August 11, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Draft Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Rules, 2026.
- The Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region (CAQM) on August 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the extension of relaxation in the Standard List of Approved Fuels.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on July 27, 2026, issued an advisory on the grant of consent to new mercury-based manufacturing units.
- The Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) has invited objections and suggestions from pressure vessel fabricators, Third Party Inspection Agencies (TPIAs) recognised under the Static and Mobile Pressure Vessels (Unfired) Rules, 2016 [SMPV(U) Rules, 2016], and transporters of compressed gases on the draft Standard Operating Practices (SOPs) and Terms of Reference (TOR).
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on August 27, 2026, issued Mandatory Registration on the Common EPR Portal for entities under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on August 27, 2026, issued the extension of filing of annual returns for battery waste for FY 2025-26 to November 30, 2026.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on August 27, 2026, issued an alert regarding the EPR Certificate Generation & Transfer - FY 2025-26.
- The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM), on August 19, 2026, issued Direction No. 102 under Section 12 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, proposing measures to mandate new registration of cleaner modes of Light Goods Vehicles (LGVs) in Delhi-NCR.

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## 6 LABOUR UPDATES

### There were 58 regulatory updates in this category

- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 04, 2026, issued a corrigendum in the Employees' Deposit-Linked Insurance Scheme, 2026.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on July 30, 2026, notified regarding the permitting of the Point of Presence (PoP) for engagement of 'other persons' as Pension Agents for distribution of Pension Schemes.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), on July 13, 2026, issued the draft Employees' State Insurance (General) Regulations, 2026 under the Code on Social Security, 2020, proposing to replace the existing Employees' State Insurance (General) Regulations, 1950.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on August 03, 2026, has issued a communication providing information on firms and products that have expressed willingness to continue drug supply under the extended period of DG-ESIC Rate Contracts (RC) 154, 155, 156, 157, and 158.
- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), on August 3, 2026, issued a communication informing all zonal and regional offices about the scheduled downtime of the e-Office application for system upgradation.
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- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 19, 2026, clarifies the Scope of Compounding Powers under the Code on Wages, 2019.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on August 14, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Provisional Estimates of Wholesale Price Index, Output Producer Price Index, and Input Producer Price Index for The Month of July 2026, And Final Index for The Month Of May 2026.



- The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI) on August 12, 2026, issued the Consumer Price Index (CPI) – July 2026.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 25, 2026, determines 21,000 Wage Ceiling for Bonus Eligibility under the Code on Wages, 2019.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 22, 2026, urges Establishments to avail the Employees' Enrolment Campaign 2026 for EPF Coverage.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE), on August 25, 2026, determined the wage ceiling to be applied for calculating bonus under Section 26(1) and (3) of the Code on Wages, 2019.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 20, 2026, issued the corrigendum to the Employees' Pension Scheme, 2026.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 20, 2026, issued notification to amend notification no. 5.O. 2701(E) dated May 29, 2026, related to the Exempted Employers to Pay Inspection Charges.

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