

WEEKLY COMPLIANCE ROUNDUP

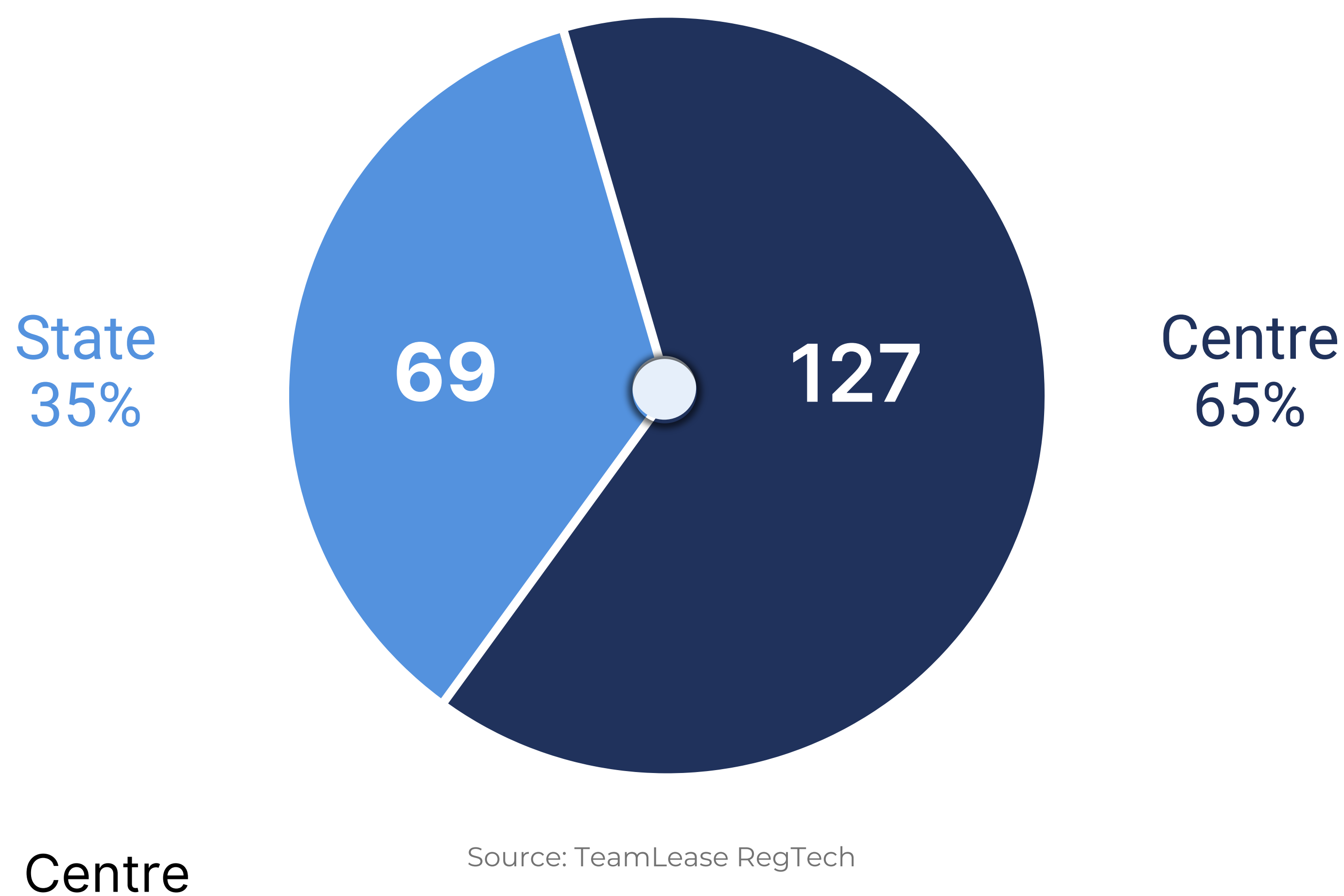
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Weekly Newsletter Summary

Total Legal Updates **196**



1 FINANCE AND TAXATION

There were 14 legal updates in this category

- 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.

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2 SECRETARIAL

There were 41 legal updates in this category

- 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.

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3 COMMERCIAL

There were 16 legal updates in this category

- 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.

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4 INDUSTRY SPECIFIC

There were 105 legal updates in this category

- 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.

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5 ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY

There were 3 legal updates in this category

- 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).

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6 LABOUR

There were 17 legal updates in this category

- The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) on August 07, 2026, issued the Draft Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin): VB- G RAM G (Viksit Bharat – G Ram G) Audit of Schemes Rules, 2026.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) on August 12, 2026, notified regarding the Anganwadi cum Creches under Palna for providing day care creche facilities in a safe and secure environment to children.
- The Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region) (BOPTER), on August 4, 2026, issued Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) clarifying the document requirements for the annual profile update by training establishments on the NATS 2.0 portal.
- The Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region) (BoPTER) on July 14, 2026, issued the Manual for Establishment Yearly Profile Update.

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