

Extend validity of trade, environ-linked licences

MCCI suggests govt to ease business

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The Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) urged the government on Wednesday to extend validity of several licences related to trade and environment by three to five years in order to improve the ease- of-doing-business context in the country.

The trade-body also proposed outsourcing of services of the regulatory body inspectors to ensure overall quality and prompt inspection activities.

They came up with the call at a seminar, organised by the MCCI at its Gulshan office in the city, to aware the business community of the One Stop Service (OSS) - provided by the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), a statement said.

BIDA Executive Chairman Sirazul Islam led the discussion from its side, while MCCI President Md Saiful Islam, Senior Vice-President Kamran T Rahman, directors Syed Tareque Md Ali, Uzma Chowdhury, Rubaiyat Jamil and Golam Mainuddin, and Secretary General and CEO Farooq Ahmed attended the seminar, among others.

In his speech, the BIDA executive chairman emphasised adopting digital services for making the business and investment processes easier and faster in Bangladesh.

He, however, mentioned that the services availed from the OSS were mostly related to the BIDA and not of other agencies.

He also encouraged the private sector entities to use all the services offered by the OSS for their full convenience.

BIDA Director Jibon Krishna Saha Roy made a presentation and highlighted how the businesses could take advantage of the OSS platform.

The BIDA OSS allows different business-related services, including online payments, to be done remotely. Currently, the OSS offers 58 services of 19 organisations virtually.

In his speech, the MCCI president appreciated the BIDA's initiatives to bring everything (related with business) under one umbrella.

He hoped that the BIDA activities would get desired momentum and earn confidence of the local and foreign investors.

Mr Islam also highlighted the need for having three to five-year validity for various trade and environment-related licences to enhance the ease of doing business here.

"In the current context, we only have one-year licences. It hampers the ease of doing business."

He proposed outsourcing of services of the regulatory body inspectors to ensure overall quality and speed of inspection activities.

The statement also said the BIDA introduced the OSS in 2018 to provide essential services in connection with investment facilitation. The OSS focuses on providing several regulatory, compliance, and value-added services through a single window. It would ultimately become the point of contact between the government and investors for availing various investment-related services.

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Bida suggests wider use of its one stop service

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Entrepreneurs should seek services of all sorts and make full use of the convenience offered by Bangladesh Investment Development Authority's (Bida) One Stop Service (OSS) to reduce the hassle they face in doing business, suggested Bida Executive Chairman Md Sirazul Islam yesterday.

He emphasised on going digital and its significance in making business and investment processes easier and faster in Bangladesh.

However, Islam mentioned that most of the services availed from the OSS were that of Bida's and not other agencies, according to a statement from the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

He was addressing a seminar on the OSS at the MCCI's Gulshan office.

MCCI President Md Saiful Islam highlighted the need for trade and environmental related licences to be of a validity of three years to five years.

This will enhance the ease of doing business. Currently the licences come with a one-year validity period, which hampered the ease of doing business, he said.

He also proposed outsourcing services of regulatory inspectors to ensure the overall quality and speed of inspections.

The OSS services can be availed remotely, including making payments. Currently, the OSS offers 58 services of 19 organisations and agencies, the statement said.

Bida introduced the OSS in 2018 in order to provide essential services in connection with investment facilitation.

The OSS focuses on several regulatory, compliance, and value-added services through a single window. It aims to ultimately become the point of contact between the government and investors for investment related services, it added.

The MCCI president appreciated Bida's initiative to bring everything under one umbrella. He believed Bida would enable achieving the desired momentum and earn confidence of the local and foreign investors.

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Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry hosts a dissemination seminar on the One Stop Service of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority at MCCI's Gulshan office in the capital on Wednesday. BIDA executive chairman Sirazul Islam, MCCI senior vice-president Kamran T Rahman, MCCI president Md Saiful Islam, BIDA executive member-5 Mohsina Yasmin, MCCI secretary general and chief executive officer Farood Ahmed, among others, were present in the seminar. — Press release

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MCCI for 3-5 year trade licenses for greater ease of doing business

Leaders of the trade body emphasised this at a seminar on Bida's One Stop Service (OSS)



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Md Saiful Islam, president of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) on Sunday asked for providing trade and environment-related licences valid for 3-5 years to increase ease of doing business in the country.

"Currently we only have one-year licences available. This hampers the ease of doing business," he said at a dissemination seminar on the One Stop Service (OSS) of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida), at MCCI's Gulshan office on Wednesday.

The MCCI president also proposed outsourcing the services of regulatory body inspectors to ensure the overall quality and speed of inspections, said a press release.

At the seminar hosted by the MCCI, Bida executive chairman Sirazul Islam led the discussion from the Bida side to familiarise the business community with the functions of the OSS.

He emphasised going digital and its significance in making the business and investment process easier and faster in Bangladesh.

Saying that most of the services delivered from the OSS were Bida's, he encouraged the private sector to seek all the services and use the full convenience offered by the OSS.

Jibon Krishna Saha Roy, director of Bida, gave a presentation and highlighted how businesses could take advantage of the OSS platform.

The OSS allows for services to be availed remotely, including making payments. Currently, the OSS offers 58 services of 19 organisations/ agencies.

The other members of the team were: Senior Vice-President Kamran T Rahman, members of the Board of Directors, Syed Tareque Md Ali, Uzma Chowdhury, Rubaiyat Jamil, Golam Mainuddin, and Secretary-General and CEO, Farooq Ahmed.

In an open discussion, trade body leaders raised questions about sector-specific registrations, the declaration of local and foreign sales levels, unit-wise registrations of companies, the facilitation of trade and environment related licenses, and so forth.

BIDA officials confirmed that local and foreign sales levels could be amended later as a company required. They also confirmed working on the unit-wise registration.

Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida) introduced the OSS in 2018 in order to provide essential services in order to facilitate investment.

The OSS focuses on several regulatory, compliance, and value-added services at a single window.

Both sides said that such exchanges of views could help Bida in making familiar the services offered to the private sector.

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MCCI hosts seminar to promote BIDA's OSS

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Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) hosted a dissemination seminar on the One Stop Service (OSS) of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) at MCCI's Gulshan office on Wednesday.

Sirazul Islam, executive chairman of BIDA led the discussion from his organisation's side. The goal of the session was to familiarise the business community with the activities of the OSS.

The Executive Chairman of BIDA and his team were warmly received by a team from the members of the MCCI's Board of Directors led by its president, Md Saiful Islam, said a press release.

The other members of the team were Senior Vice-President Kamran T Rahman, members of the Board of Directors Syed Tareque Md Ali, Uzma Chowdhury, Rubaiyat Jamil, Golam Mainuddin, and the Secretary-General and CEO Farooq Ahmed.

The MCCI president appreciated this initiative by BIDA to bring everything under one umbrella. He believed BIDA will get the desired momentum and earn the confidence of the local and foreign investors.

Jibon Krishna Saha Roy, director of BIDA, gave a presentation and highlighted how businesses could take advantage of the OSS platform. OSS allows the pertaining services can be done remotely, including making the payments. Currently, OSS offers 58 services to 19 organizations/agencies.

BIDA had introduced OSS in 2018 in order to provide essential services in connection with investment facilitation.

OSS focuses on several regulatory, compliance, and value-added services through a single window. It will ultimately become the point of contact between the Government and investors for investment-related services.

An open discussion took place after the presentation. Questions were raised about sector-specific registrations, declaration of local and foreign sale levels, unit-wise registrations of companies, facilitating trade and environment related licenses, etc.

BIDA officials confirmed that local and foreign sales levels could be amended later in the way the company required. They also confirmed to be working on the unit-wise registration.

The MCCI president highlighted the need to have 3 to 5-year validity for trade and environmental-related licenses. This will enhance the ease of doing business.

“In the current context, we only have one-year licenses available. This hampers the ease of doing business. He also proposed outsourcing the services of regulatory body inspectors to ensure the overall quality and speed of inspections,” he said.

The BIDA executive chairman emphasised going digital and its significance in making the business and investment process easier and faster in Bangladesh.

He, however, mentioned that most of the services taken from OSS were of BIDA and not of the other agencies. He encouraged the private sector to seek all the services and use the full convenience offered by OSS.

Both sides appreciated the dissemination session and expressed that such exchange of views could help BIDA in familiarizing the services offered to the private sector.

The event ended with a vote of thanks from Kamran T Rahman, senior vice-president, MCCI.

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MCCI for 3-5 year licence validity to ease business

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Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) President Md Saiful Islam has demanded trade and environment-related licences be issued for three to five years to enhance the ease of doing business.

He made the call while addressing a seminar on the one stop service (OSS) platform of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) at the MCCI Gulshan office in the capital on Wednesday.

“In the current context, we only have one-year licences available. This hampers the ease of doing business,” said Saiful.

He also proposed outsourcing the services of regulatory body inspectors to ensure the overall quality and speed of inspections.

BIDA Executive Chairman Sirazul Islam emphasised digitisation as well as its significance in making business and investment easier and faster.

He said most of the services offered by the OSS platform were of BIDA and not of other agencies. He also encouraged the private sector to seek all OSS services and utilise the platform’s conveniences.

BIDA Director Jibon Krishna Saha Roy explained how businesses could take advantage of the OSS platform. He said OSS currently offers 58 services of 19 organisations or agencies.

BIDA introduced OSS in 2018 to provide essential investment facilitation services. The platform focuses on providing several regulatory, compliance, and value-added services through a single window. It aims to become the point of contact between the government and investors for investment-related services.

An open discussion was held during the seminar where questions were raised about sector-specific registrations, declarations of local and foreign sales levels, unit-wise registrations of companies, and facilitating trade and environment-related licences.

BIDA officials said local and foreign sales levels could be amended later as per the companies’ requirements.

Others attending the programme were MCCI Senior Vice-President Kamran T Rahman; board members Syed Tareque Md Ali, Uzma Chowdhury, Rubaiyat Jamil, and Golam Mainuddin; and Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer Farooq Ahmed.

The event ended with a vote of thanks from Kamran.

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গতকাল বাংলাদেশ বিনিয়োগ উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষের (বিডা) ওয়ান স্টপ সার্ভিস (ওএসএস) বিষয়ক এক সেমিনার আয়োজন করে মেট্রোপলিটন চেম্বার অব কমার্স অ্যান্ড ইন্ডাস্ট্রি (এমসিসিআই)। এতে অংশগ্রহণ করেন বিডার নির্বাহী চেয়ারম্যান সিরাজুল ইসলাম ও বিডার পরিচালক জীবন কৃষ্ণ সাহা রায়, বিডার নির্বাহী সদস্য-৫ মোহসিনা ইয়াসমিন; এমসিসিআই প্রেসিডেন্ট মো. সাইফুল ইসলাম, এমসিসিআইয়ের সিনিয়র ভাইস প্রেসিডেন্ট কামরান টি রাহমান, এমসিসিআইয়ের বোর্ড অব ডিরেক্টরের সদস্য সৈয়দ তারেক মো. আলী, উজমা চৌধুরী, রুবাইয়াত জামিল, গোলাম মাস্টনুদ্দিন ও এমসিসিআইয়ের সেক্রেটারি জেনারেল ও সিইও ফারুক আহমেদ। এ সময় বিডার ওএসএস পরিষেবা ব্যবহার করে বিভিন্ন ব্যবসা কীভাবে উপকৃত হতে পারে এ ব্যাপারে বিশদ ধারণা দেয়া হয়। –বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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