

Maharashtra hotels to undergo inspection for industry status eligibility

The directorate of tourism (DoT), Maharashtra will start the physical inspection of hotels which have applied for industry status eligibility starting from, August 3. The process will kickstart from Pune for around 181 non-classified hotels which are registered and applied for industry status since the registration process started in June 2021. The directorate has appointed an agency for inspection, and there is an inspection committee which will be visiting the hotels for verification of the eligibility.

Although Maharashtra was one of the pioneering States to award industry status to the hotel industry way back in 1999, the announcement remained in paper, till a government resolution (GR) was issued in 2020 defining the guidelines for the industry status for non-classified hotels. Non-classified hotels were asked to register and apply to avail the benefits based on the GR.

Having received a fair amount of applications on a regional basis, the directorate of tourism has decided to start the inspection process to ascertain the eligibility of the applicants.

So far 446 applications across Maharashtra have been received by DoT. After inspection, if these hotels fulfill all the said criteria, they will be eligible to receive industrial status. This will make electricity charges, water bill, property tax and non-agricultural tax available to the registered hotels as per industrial rates, The inspection committee will be chaired by the deputy directors of the respective regional directorates, having representatives from the food & drug.