

120 Days ≠ Growth: Karnataka’s Land Clearance Delay Crisis

CM’s Promise vs. Current Reality

In 2023, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah promised a **120-day single-window clearance system** for industrial land conversion and business approvals under the “Ease of Doing Business” initiative. However, in 2025, reports reveal significant delays, hurting Karnataka’s industrial growth and investor confidence.

State	Promised Timeline (Days)	Actual Avg. Timeline (Days)	Remarks
Karnataka	120	210–240	Severe backlog; 5,800+ files pending
Tamil Nadu	90	60	Efficient, automated clearance portal
Telangana	90	45	Transparent approval through TS-iPASS
Maharashtra	100	75	Improving digital process

Economic & Industrial Impact:

Investment Inflow: Dropped by **18%** compared to 2023. **Pending Applications:** Over **5,800** cases awaiting clearance beyond 200 days. **Startup Relocation:** Dozens of emerging companies shifting to Telangana and Tamil Nadu. **Industrial Loss:** Estimated at **₹2,400 crore** annually due to project delays. **Business Sentiment:** Karnataka fell from **3rd** to **7th** place in national Ease of Doing Business ranking.

Question to CM Siddaramaiah:

You promised to make Karnataka an industry-friendly state with a 120-day approval system. But now, investors face over 200 days of delay, pending files, and falling confidence. How long will this government continue to blame bureaucracy instead of fixing it?