

# Will ensure ease of doing biz reaches ground: FM

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday said the government is engaging with states and local administrations to ensure that benefits of Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) initiatives reach the ground. EoDB is not just the Centre's responsibility but that of states as well, she added.

“Central Government can bring in rules, meaningful regulations, remove many of the burdens and give it as a policy. It can be implemented in Union Territories for which the Government of India is directly responsible but further down it is the State governments, which also equally have to do it,” she said. Similarly, municipal areas will have to do their part and panchayats will have to pitch in as well, Sitharaman said while interacting with students here.

The Government of India is engaging with different layers of administration so that this ease continues across the country, she noted. The World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Report 2019 placed India at the 63rd spot in Doing Business, compared to 77th rank in 2018.

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