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Environment clearances had been obtained from the Ministry of Environment and Forests for all the projects, he said, adding that DMICDC would be following the best global practices.

The Centre will start allocating land in all the four industrial cities being implemented under the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project from October, a top official said today.

"Land allotment for industries will begin in October this year for anyone who wants to put up an industry. We are looking at anchor investors, we are looking for some big industries to come up but we are open to all industries," Assocham said quoting Alkesh Kumar Sharma, CEO and MD, DMIC Development Corporation Ltd

The four industrial cities that are being implemented under DMIC project include - Dholera Special Investment Region (Gujarat), Shendra Bidkin Industrial Park & Dighi Port Industrial Area (Maharashtra), Integrated Industrial Township (Greater Noida-Uttar Pradesh) and Vikram Udyogpuri (Ujjain-Madhya Pradesh).

Sharma said the land pricing and disposal policies have already been finalised in Gujarat and it will be also finalised in a week's time in Maharashtra.

"We will also be finalising it in Greater Noida and in Ujjain within this month so that by September-October we can start allotting land," he said.

He informed that DMICDC had already developed a detailed land use plan and that it will also soon come up with a mechanism whereby one can apply online and the land shall be allotted.

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Reference picture

Four months after it was proposed, the city will finally see its first domestic cruise service. The Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB) is likely to start its domestic cruise services this October. These services will operate from Ferry Wharf in Mumbai to Dighi port in Raigad district.

Ferry Wharf which is the city's premier fishing port is set to be refurbished by the Mumbai Port Trust which will provide the necessary infrastructure. An MMB official said, "The MbPT will provide the shed and waiting area for passengers at Ferry Wharf."

The authority has recently appointed a local operator to run the cruise services. "It depends on the operator from where he would purchase the cruise for operating the services. October month is set as a deadline for operating the domestic cruise services," added the official.

The cruise will have a capacity of 300 passengers. The cruise ship will be like a luxurious passenger vessel. We will start with the refurbishing the vessel once the permission is granted by Mumbai Port Trust," said a local ship operator.

According to MMB officials, the domestic cruise services would help in boosting domestic tourism. Passengers will be able to travel comfortably to the Konkan region which is gaining reputation as a tourist destination.

“We will soon extend our cruise services upto Jaigarh and Dabhol ports in Ratnagiri district,” said an MMB official. “We want Mumbaikars to experience the feel of travelling in a cruise. The cost for travelling in a cruise is yet to be decided. However, the rates would be kept nominal,” added an MMB official.

He said, “The cruise will not be a luxurious one, however it would give the travellers a good experience. We have also planned for cultural programs inside the cruise for entertainment.”

“We are now discussing with other local operators for extending our services up to Goa and Tarkarli village in Sindhudurg district,” he added.

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