

MONTHLY COMPLIANCE ROUNDUP SEPTEMBER 2026



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUMMARY

The month saw **781** legal and regulatory changes across Centre and States and across various categories.

REGULATORY CHANGES IN SEPTEMBER 2026

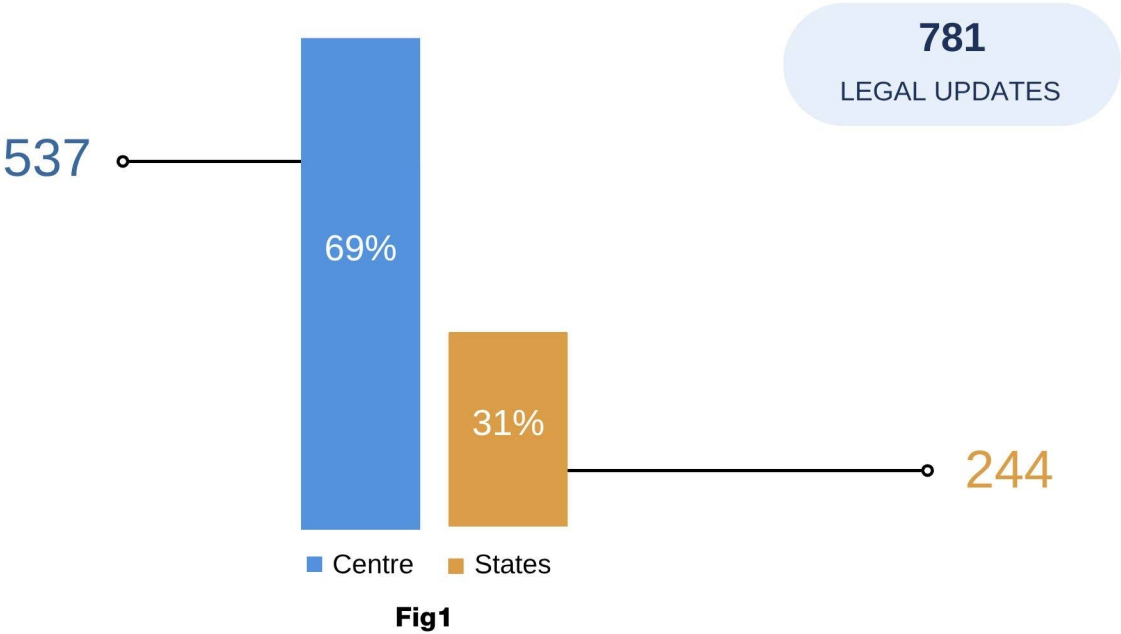
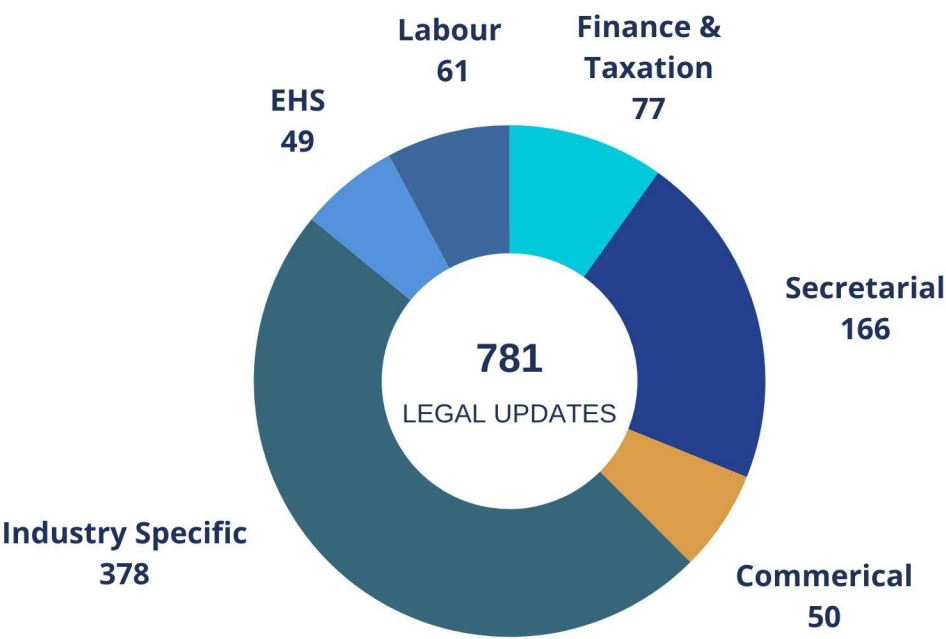


Fig 2: Compliance Category Statistics



1 FINANCE AND TAXATION UPDATES

There were 77 regulatory updates in this category

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on September 28, 2026, has extended the due dates for filing certain Income Tax Returns (ITRs) and audit reports for Assessment Year 2026-27.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on September 22, 2026, notified the Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Goods and Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, to amend the Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Goods and Services) Regulations, 2026.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on September 17, 2026, has amended the Income-tax Rules, 2026, making changes to certain procedural provisions and extending specified deadlines.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on September 15, 2026, issued the Procedure for registration of reporting person/entity and submission of Form No. 98.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on September 3, 2026, issued a circular prescribing mandatory document checklists for Cosmetics, Drugs and Medical Devices to be verified by Customs officers before granting Out-of-Charge (OOC) in cases of PGA-facilitated Bills of Entry.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on September 02, 2026, issued the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) Rules, 2019.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on September 1, 2026, issued an amendment to the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018, under the Customs Act, 1962.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on September 22, 2026, has amended the Income-tax Rules, 2026 to prescribe the procedure and forms for TDS on consideration paid for the transfer of immovable property by a resident individual or HUF, under section 393(2) of the Income-tax Act, 2025.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, on September 24, 2026, announced a reduction in the Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on major crude edible oils to moderate domestic edible oil prices and provide relief to consumers.
- The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) on September 19, 2026, has introduced emSigner sqrt(3.3) to support new DSC USB tokens issued on or after September 21, 2026.
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on September 10, 2026, issued the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Electronic Trading Platforms) Regulations, 2026.
- The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) on September 22, 2026, issued a notification regarding the initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Glycine originating in or exported from China PR".
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on September 28, 2026, issued a circular regarding the establishment of a Special Notified Zone (SNZ) at Surat International Diatrade Centre (SIDC).
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on September 16, 2026, notified the Initiation of an anti-circumvention investigation concerning alleged circumvention through Malaysia, Japan and Thailand of the anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of "Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC) Resin".

- The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN), issued an update on September 7, 2026, announcing the removal of the previous validation restriction that prevented taxpayers from filing appeals against demand orders reflecting a NIL or Zero demand amount.

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2 SECRETARIAL UPDATES

There were 166 regulatory updates in this category

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on September 28, 2026, issued a Master Circular for Debenture Trustees, consolidating the applicable circulars issued by SEBI for effective regulation of Debenture Trustees.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 11, 2026, issued the Consultation Paper on Applicability of IT and Cyber Security Framework of MIs to their Subsidiaries.
- The BSE Clearing Ltd. (BSECL) on September 25, 2026, issued a Draft TRAI Direction on Minimum Information Requirements for OTP SMS Content Template Format.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 23, 2026, issued the Bulletin for September 2026.
- The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), on September 16, 2026, has notified amendments to its Bye Laws and Business Rules pursuant to the SEBI circular concerning the creation and invocation of pledge of securities through the depository system.
- The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on September 3, 2026, has updated the NEAT+ Trader Workstation (TWS) installation guides for all segments to assist members in installing upcoming NEAT+ versions.
- The NSE IFSC Limited (NSE IFSC) has issued a User Manual for submission of the Annual Compliance Audit Report by Broker Dealers through the ENIT Portal.
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has issued a Discussion Paper proposing amendments to the Insolvency Resolution Process for Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued a Consultation Paper on Measures to Strengthen Business Continuity Plan (BCP) and Disaster Recovery (DR) of Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIs), seeking stakeholder feedback on proposed enhancements to the existing BCP/DR framework.
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- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on September 09, 2026, issued a circular regarding Due diligence by Insolvency Professionals regarding misuse of the IBC framework.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 03, 2026, issued a Consultation Paper on a proposal to permit net settlement of funds for transactions undertaken by mutual fund schemes in the cash market.
- The India International Depository IFSC Limited (IIDI), on September 25, 2026, issued a circular prescribing a simplified process for shifting the ISIN of IFSC units from Indian Depositories (NSDL/CDSL) to IIDI.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 07, 2026, issued a circular regarding Ease of Regulatory Compliance for FPIs Investing only in Government Securities.
- The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) on September 25, 2026, issued a circular regarding the revised ratio for conversion of USDINR 1 million equivalent.

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3 COMMERCIAL UPDATES

There were 50 regulatory updates in this category

- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAFPD) on September 09, 2026, issued the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020.
- The Ministry of Commerce & Industries (MoC&I) on September 18, 2026, issued the Draft Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications in the Field of Pharmaceuticals.
- The Intellectual Property India on September 18, 2026, issued the Draft Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications in the Field of Biotechnology.
- The Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (DoC), on September 24, 2026, issued an order relaxing certain restrictions under the Tobacco Board Act, 1975 in the public interest.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD) on September 15, 2026, issued the Legal Metrology (General) Fifth Amendment Rules, 2026, to further amend the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD) on September 21, 2026, issued the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Fourth Amendment Rules, 2026, to further amend the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH), on September 3, 2026, has issued draft rules to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, under Section 110 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The draft is published for public objections and suggestions, which may be submitted within 30 days from publication of the notification.
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on August 24, 2026, issued the Draft Bakloh Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026.



- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH), on August 21, 2026, issued draft rules proposing amendments to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, with the amendments, unless otherwise provided, proposed to come into force from October 1, 2026.
- The Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) on August 27, 2026, notified the requirement of a Security Deposit for the registration of warehouses with the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), on September 22, 2026, amended the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 2019 to permit the receipt and storage of specified petroleum products in CRZ areas, excluding CRZ-IA.
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has published the Draft Lansdowne Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026 under Section 251 of the Cantonments Act, 2006.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on September 07, 2026, issued a notice regarding the introduction of Open API Integration for Certificate of Origin (CoO) through the Trade Connect e-Platform.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on September 08, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for the ENT Surgery Instruments and other Indian Standards.
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on August 04, 2026, issued the Draft Kanpur Cantonment Building Bye-Laws 2026.

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4 INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC UPDATES

There were 378 regulatory updates in this category

- The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), on September 21, 2026, issued a public notice inviting comments, suggestions and objections on the Draft CERC (Indian Electricity Grid Code) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has directed States/UTs and Regional Directors to undertake special surveillance and enforcement drives during the upcoming Navratri and Diwali festive period to prevent adulteration, counterfeiting, and circulation of unsafe food products.
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on March 13, 2026, issued the Guidance for Approval of Combined Airworthiness Organisation for Vertical Take-Off and Landing Capable Aircraft (CAO-VCA).
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), on September 25, 2026, issued a Circular prescribing the Framework for Differential Distribution in Venture Capital Schemes and Restricted Schemes under the IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025.
- The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), on September 18, 2026, notified the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks) Amendment Regulations, 2026, amending the 2008 Regulations.
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPS&W) on September 16, 2026, issued the Merchant Shipping (Regulation of Entry of Ships into Coastal Waters) Rules, 2026.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), on September 22, 2026, published the draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2026, proposing amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011.
- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on September 18, 2026, has amended the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations, 2018, to strengthen controls on unsolicited commercial communications (UCC/spam), A2P calls, and misuse of telecom resources.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on September 22, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks-Classification, Valuation, and Operation of Investment Portfolio) Third Amendment Directions, 2026, to further amend the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks -Classification, Valuation, and Operation of Investment Portfolio) Directions, 2025.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) on September 16, 2026, notified the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Tenth Amendment) Order, 2026, further to amend the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) on September 21, 2026, has amended the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021 to include screen protectors for smartphones under the compulsory registration framework.
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), on September 15, 2026, has notified the Passports (Amendment) Rules, 2026 under Section 24 of the Passports Act, 1967. The amendment further modifies the Passports Rules, 1980 and comes into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on September 14, 2026, has notified the Bureau of Indian Standards (Hallmarking) Amendment Regulations, 2026, under Section 39 read with Sections 13 and 14 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on September 16, 2026, issued a press release regarding the IFSCA (Fund Management) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026 to promote ease of doing fund management business in GIFT IFSC, strengthen investor protection and provide greater regulatory clarity.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on September 10, 2026, notified regarding the Successful launch of the "Demat 2.0" Pilot project for Tokenised Corporate Bonds.

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5 EHS (ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY) UPDATES

There were 49 regulatory updates in this category

- The Ministry of Jal Shakti, on September 28, 2026, notified the Stakeholder Consultation on Emergency Action Plans for Enhanced Dam Safety at Lonavala and Bhushi Dams.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), in September 2026, issued guidelines for levy of registration and annual processing fees for use of the Centralised Online Portal established under the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2026.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on September 23, 2026, issued the Guidelines for Handling, Storage, Management, Utilisation and Disposal of RO Reject Water and Discarded Elements.
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD), on September 7, 2026, published the draft Ahilyanagar Cantonment Building Bye-laws, 2026, proposed by the Cantonment Board, Ahilyanagar under Section 251 of the Cantonments Act, 2006. The draft proposes to supersede Notification No. 05 dated February 3, 1951, while preserving actions already taken under the earlier notification.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on September 21, 2026, issued a notification regarding the validity of Environmental Clearance for Ports and Dredging Projects.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), on September 7, 2026, notified the Greenhouse Gases Emission Intensity Target (Amendment) Rules, 2026 under Sections 3, 6 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on September 08, 2026, issued the Draft Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Imposition, Collection and Utilisation of Environmental Compensation for Stubble Burning) Rules, 2026.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on September 08, 2026, issued the clarification regarding the distinction between Biodegradable and Compostable Plastics.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on September 09, 2026, issued a notification regarding instructions on the summary of EPR Registration for Plastic Importers.

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6 LABOUR UPDATES

There were 61 regulatory updates in this category

- The Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE), on September 16, 2026, announced that the Union Cabinet has approved enhancement of the wage ceiling for mandatory EPFO coverage from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000 per month. The decision is expected to bring more than 51 lakh additional employees within mandatory EPFO coverage, thereby expanding access to statutory social security.
- The Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE), on September 2, 2026, announced the Amnesty provisions under the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme, 2026 for retrospective regularisation of the exemption status of Provident Fund (PF) Trusts.
- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on September 28, 2026, notified the enhancement of the EPFO Statutory Wage Ceiling from 15,000 to ₹25,000 per month.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on September 30, 2026, notified regarding the Procurement of Medical Equipment.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on September 25, 2026, issued the Amendment to the Employees' Pension Scheme, 2026.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on September 18, 2026, issued the Operational Guidelines for NPS Swasthya under the National Pension System (NPS), 2026.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoL&E) on September 25, 2026, issued a notification regarding the implementation of ESI Benefits and contributions in Gujarat Districts under the Code on Social Security, 2020.
- The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on September 18, 2026, issued a corrigendum in respect of Standard Specifications & Cost Estimation of Ophthalmic Operating Microscope without Posterior Segment, uploaded on the ESIC Website for compliance by User Institutions.
- The Ministry of Labour & Employment on September 3, 2026, has urged eligible establishments to avail the benefits of the VISHWAS, 2026 one-time settlement scheme for resolving long-pending disputes relating to EPF damages at substantially reduced penalty rates. The Scheme will remain open until December 28, 2026, and the closing date will not be extended.
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) on September 28, 2026, released the Quick Estimate of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for August 2026, recording 8.0% growth, compared with 6.7% in July 2026. Sector-wise, Mining & Quarrying contracted by 5.6%, while Manufacturing, Electricity & Gas Supply, and Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management grew by 9.0%, 12.3%, and 6.3%, respectively. The overall IIP stood at 123.3 in August 2026, compared with 114.2 in August 2025.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on August 31, 2026, issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for compounding of offences u/s 138 of the Code on Social Security, 2020 (CoSS, 2020).
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on September 07, 2026, issued a circular regarding the submission of the Annual Development Plan (ADP) for ARM/SR Works.

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