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Reducing Unease of Living



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Enhancing ease of living has been a long-standing aim of the Indian government. However, it appears that its idea of ease of living has unfortunately been limited to perception surveys on the quality of life and delivery of basic services. This has resulted into several sub-optimal and unintended outcomes. Unlike other countries, the government hasn't sufficiently focused on reducing the unease of living resulting from inefficient regulations, and fostering inclusive consultations at all levels on regulatory reforms.

India deserves a legislation like Freedom from Regulations Act which can institutionalise a structured process to identify, amend and repeal inefficient regulations, by implementing a three-step test of legality, necessity, and proportionality, informed by robust public consultations and cost-benefit analyses. Interests of workers, micro enterprises, and consumers will particularly need to be taken into account while adopting such reforms. It is pertinent to note that Prime Minister Modi also seems to have equated ease of living with the ease of doing business.

In continuation of series of webinars on regulatory reforms jointly organised by CUTS International and SKOCH Group, this second webinar will discuss possible mechanisms to reduce unease of living. Following questions will be discussed:

1. How to enhance the scope of ease of living from merely ease of doing business and citizen-focussed surveys, and realising that reducing unease of living is equally essential?
2. What incentives and/or disincentives are necessary to institutionalise a structured mechanism to identify, amend, and abolish sub-optimal regulations resulting in unease of living?
3. How to ensure that neglected groups like women, workers and informal enterprises become pivot of ease of living initiatives?

The webinar is likely to attract participation from diverse stakeholders and foster engaging conversations. The details of previous webinar can be accessed at <https://cuts-ccier.org/>.

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