



14th December, 2019

Shri Narendrabhai Modi,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
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Respected Sir,

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

We would like to humbly put forth some suggestions as below with a request to kindly consider them in the larger interest of trade and industry as well as the society at large.

1. Declaring Ahmedabad as the Financial Capital of Gujarat.

Sir, you had taken the revolutionary initiative of developing Gandhinagar-Ahmedabad as twin cities during your tenure as Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat. Due to this effort, over the past few decades, Ahmedabad has emerged as the financial hub for the State of Gujarat, similar to Mumbai. We therefore suggest that Ahmedabad should be declared as the Financial Capital of Gujarat and all financial centers, institutions and Govt. departments should be set up in Ahmedabad.

2. Modifications required in the Pension Plan.

Sir, pension is not available on time in many cases. Therefore, simplification in the pension process as well as introduction of an alternate system in lieu of pension should be considered and option should be provided to the employees to go for the regular or alternate pension plan.

3. Retirement Age of employees

It has been observed that retirement age for employees working in various Government departments, judiciary and private bodies is different. We suggest that the retirement age should be kept at 62 years and it should be consistent across all employees working in Government and Private entities.

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4. Change in Financial Year.

The widely accepted financial year, which is normally used for global trade is considered from 1st January to 31st December. However as per Indian laws, we consider financial year from 1st April to 31st March. This requires investment of huge time and effort to reconcile the Indian Financial Year with the globally accepted Financial Year. We therefore, suggest that the financial year should be changed to start from 1st January and end on 31st December, in congruence with global practice. Further, adequate time should be provided initially for the shift from current to the new financial year, so that businesses and public at large do not have to suffer because of the change.

5. Adjustment in working time for Judges.

It has been observed that there is a huge pendency of cases in various courts across India. Also, the number of fresh litigations is on a rise, thereby further increasing the pendency. Due to this, legal matters run for years and timely justice is delayed. Delay in justice is as good as justice denied. We therefore request that the working hours for the Supreme Court & High Court judges should be kept similar to the other employees in government and private entities, so that pending litigation can be disposed off quickly.

6. Code of Conduct for use of Mobile Phones in Government Offices.

We suggest there should be a code of conduct for the use of Mobile phones in Government offices, so that they are used only as means of communication in times of requirement, without adversely affecting and hampering the work.

7. Strengthening of Alternate Dispute Mechanism for Commercial Disputes.

In order to further enhance the Ease of Doing Business, we suggest that the mechanism of alternate dispute resolution should be strengthened for commercial disputes. Also, an effort should be made to ensure that disputes which are subjected to litigation should be disposed off within stipulated time period.

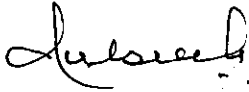
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8. System of reprimand and reward for Government Officers based on direct public feedback.

A survey form should be introduced by Government where cases of delayed response, harassment and corruption by officers can be highlighted without fear of retaliatory actions. Similarly, the exemplary work or services provided by various Government officers should also be highlighted in the survey form. A system of reprimand of Government officers based on this direct public feedback should be developed. Similarly, the best officers who are found to have done exemplary work should be recorded.

Sir, the above suggestions are being given by us with the sole objective of further promoting good governance in the country. We therefore request you to kindly consider the suggestions positively in the interest of society at large.

With regards,



Durgesh Buch
President