

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry



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To
The Principal CCIT (Gujarat)
Aayakar Bhavan,
Ahmedabad

Respected Sir,

This is with reference to the meeting that we had with the Hon'ble Chairman of CBDT, Shri P C Mody and your good self on 11th January, 2020, wherein we had briefed the Hon'ble Chairman on the status of high-pitched assessment cases in Gujarat.

As you are aware, we had brought to the notice of Hon'ble Chairman that in the cases of high-pitched assessments, the stipulation of blanket deposition of atleast 20% of the income tax demand, should not be applicable and stay of demand ought to be granted to the assesseees, by the assessing authorities. This is because of the fact that even the deposition of 20% of the exorbitant and arbitrary income-tax demand in high pitched assessment cases, would result in a lot of financial and other hardships to the assesseees and would also make the right of their appeal totally meaningless and nugatory. Further, in the meeting, we had suggested that an application for granting appropriate relief in terms of absolute stay of demand and early fixation of appeal, may be filed before the "High Pitched Assessment Grievance Committee", which would give their decision on a case to case basis after giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard to the tax payer.

The Hon'ble Chairman had given us a patient hearing and had informed us that necessary instructions, to cater to the hardships faced by the assesseees with reference to the high-pitched assessment cases, were already given to your good self and your team. **Hence, we humbly but urgently request you to please apprise us on the further course of action that the department is taking post issuance of necessary instructions in this regard by the Hon'ble Chairman.**

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We, at the Direct Tax Committee of GCCI (Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry), are not only engaged in the matters related to direct taxes and making representations to the Government, but we also act as a catalyst between the tax payers and tax authorities. We are seriously concerned about the unreasonably high-pitched demand and genuine hardship caused to the tax payers. We would be very grateful if your goodself would take an early action in this regard and issue suitable orders / instructions to this effect at the earliest.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman
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