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**Shri Piyush Goyal**  
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**Sub: Suggestions for recovery of trade and industry post lockdown due to COVID-19**

Respected Sir,

Greetings from GCCI Regional Council.

The Regional Council of Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a consortium of leading Chambers of Commerce in the state of Gujarat. The Regional Council of GCCI represents the voice of the entire trade and industry fraternity of the state and works with the objective of creating a conducive business environment in the state through joint efforts.

Sir, we highly appreciate the timely initiatives taken by the Government for keeping the impact of COVID-19 pandemic under control. We also appreciate the relief measures announced from time to time by your Ministry in view of the current situation.

You would agree that trade and industry fraternity is passing through very challenging times due to this pandemic. The situation is so serious that if timely and adequate support is not provided, a large section of trade and industry, especially the small traders and industrial units, might not be able to survive.

Sir, we have therefore taken feedback from our members and have compiled key suggestions related to post-lockdown support which should be provided to the business fraternity. We are hereby sending the suggestions related to your Ministry for your kind consideration and necessary positive intervention.

We look forward to your early positive consideration of our suggestions in the larger interest of our nation's economy.

With Regards,

Sincerely,

**Durgesh Buch**  
Chairman-GCCI Regional Council

**Encl:** as above

Copy to:

1. Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
2. Shri Som Prakash, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
3. Dr. Anup Wadhvan, Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India

Sr. NO.	SUGGESTIONS	JUSTIFICATION
1	<p>Corporate Farming be allowed in India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint Farming either under cooperative laws or special laws be made to apply so that Agri output per hectare can be increased</li> <li>- Ltd , Pvt. Ltd &amp; LLP Companies be allowed to Invest in Joint farming activities with distressed farmers to undertake corporate farming</li> </ul>	<p>1. Agriculture is still the biggest sector of employment in India, nearly 70% of India's population is employed directly or indirectly in the agriculture sector, many of them work as part time workers on daily wages, whose income may have been impacted due to lockdown and their cash position may be under severe stress, Thus Corporate money be allowed to be invested in such a way that distressed farmers be brought under some one roof and , collectively such farmers be allowed to take contract farming from corporates using modern agriculture machinery so as to reduce the cost of farming.</p> <p>2. This will provide financial relief to the marginal farmers and suicide rate of farmers can be reduced.</p> <p>3. Support can be extended to marginal farmers without using the govt. finances, reducing the financial burden on the govt.</p>
2	<p><b>Declaration of Force Majeure by all Major Ports of India.</b></p>	<p><b>If the Major Ports are not officially declared the Force Majeure, and it appears that they are reluctant to do so, it will impact a heavy losses and chaos to all port users in this pandemic.</b></p>
3	<p><b>Relaxation to Factories to Start production activity for those who has pending fulfilment of export orders and advance payments are received at their ends.</b></p>	<p>1. The business entities, who has received advance from their export orders be allowed to be operated, as meeting the obligation is one of the biggest brand building exercise in international dealings for brand "Made in India "</p> <p>2. If the order gets cancelled on account of delayed dispatch,</p>

		<p>there is likely to be huge economic loss to all those factory owners and also reclaiming the lost customer will be a big challenge for such MSME operators.</p> <p>3. Letters of Credit are opened with specific time limit, if part products are produced against the fulfilment of the export order and if the LC have conditions to dispatch minimum order quantity, the exporters will be at a huge loss even though he has spent on raw materials and part production, in such a scenario his working capital is blocked and such entities will not be able to take advantage of the new orders if is broken on account of losses due to such issue. Therefore, relief to such business entities be granted to start production by making it mandatory to implement precautionary measures related to hygiene within the factory premises.</p> <p>4. Compulsory availability of HCQ Tablets be made in the first aid box of the factory of such business entities before allowing the start of production of such entities.</p>
4	Announcement of one nation one power policy and Power Tariff.	<p>1. At present, every state of India has its own power policy, and because of which the infrastructure cost of the country remains high while competing with the export lead countries like China, Vietnam etc.</p> <p>2. All states instead of competing internationally are competing among themselves for promotion of industry of that particular state.</p> <p>3. This results in waste of resources in certain state and also results in un-competiveness of</p>

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		<p>India's produce in International market.</p> <p>4. Therefore a unified policy by keeping the basic infra cost of Power constant for all players, will lead the industry players to work more efficiently.</p>
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