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

Respected Sir,

Greetings from GCCCI 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 GCCCI 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,

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Sr. NO.	SUGGESTIONS	JUSTIFICATION
1	<p>Govt. of India collects vital information through its online services in the direct tax and indirect tax domains, apart from this it has a separate department of Statistics and Department of Economics which collects live data – Such live data be allowed to be shared with Apex Chambers on free cost basis.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Availability of live data at the apex chambers will enable them to provide solutions to its MSME members, so that the resources are used optimally across the supply chain of MSMEs who cannot afford costly Market Intelligence data while planning for their resource and its mobilization. 2. The advanced data analytics, can possibly bring down the cost of operations of MSMEs, which in turn can reduce wastage, and betterment of financial health of MSMEs thereby reducing their fund requirement and financial support from the Government. 3. Better deployment of resources can increase the profit margin of entities, which in turn increases the re-investment of the earned capital and further increases the economic activity of the country. 4. Better profits can result into increase in tax collection for the government.
2	<p>Sharing of Demands of India made goods in international market by Trade counsels based in foreign embassies of India with Apex Regional Chambers of Commerce & Industry.</p> <p>Such Data should be made available free of cost; all embassies be asked to share this data with all Prime Apex Chambers across India.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Every foreign embassy of India has a trade counsel, whose job is to improve bilateral trade between our nation and that country, they use to come across various important data due to their consistent interaction with the higher government officials, and they do collect vital trade related inputs. 2. Such data if collected in a precise manner and if allowed to be shared with Apex regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry, will further cause the utilization of the market intelligence to further the export interest of Indian MSMEs.

