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12th May, 2020

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Sub: Some suggestions for revival of industries in view of COVID-19

Ref: Our letter dated 11th May, 2020 on the aforementioned subject

Respected Sir,

In continuation to our earlier letter dated 11th May, 2020, we would like to put forth before you some additional suggestions as below for your kind consideration:

1. In view of the current situation of the industries, there should not be any increase in the minimum wages rate during the current period. It is therefore requested to repeal the notification no.2/394/2020 dated 22.04.2020 issued by Labor Department to increase minimum wage rates in the State. A similar notification which was recently repealed by Punjab Government is attached herewith for your kind perusal and reference.
2. If a unit manufacturing chemical or pharmaceutical product wants to change its product or process, it has to obtain fresh permission from Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) every time such change is made. Such permission is required even if there is absolutely no increase in the pollution load due to the change. This process takes lot of time and efforts and causes severe hardships to the units. We suggest that this requirement of obtaining fresh permission from GPCB for every change in product or process should be waived off, subject to the condition that there is no change in pollution load. This will provide much needed relief to the industries in this dismal time faced by them due to COVID-19.

We look forward to your positive consideration of our suggestions.

With Regards,

Sincerely,

Durgesh Buch
President

Copy to: Shri Narasimha Komar, IPS, I.G. of Police (Law & Order), Gujarat

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR, GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Office Of Labour Commissioner Punjab

Office Order:-

In continuation of letter No. ST/9408 Dated 01-05-2020, it has been observed that in view of the emergent economic situation arising out of Covid-19, it may not be appropriate at this stage to raise the Minimum Wages in the State. The letter as issued on 01-05-2020 stands withdrawn with immediate effect and further decision is kept in abeyance.

Date : 09-05-2020


Parveen Kumar Thind, IAS
Labour Commissioner, Punjab

Endst No. 9857-58 Date: 09-05-2020

A Copy of above is forwarded to the following for Kind Information:-

- 1) Hon'ble Labour Minister, Punjab.
- 2) Principal Secretary, Labour.


Statistical Officer (Labour)
For Labour Commissioner, Punjab

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Sub: Some Suggestions for revival of Industries in view of COVID-19

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI).

At the outset, we appreciate the timely preventive measures being undertaken by your good self to support the industries in view of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. On behalf of the entire trade and industry fraternity of Gujarat, we assure you of our wholehearted support in the initiatives being undertaken by the government from time-to-time.

Sir, the industries are passing through a very challenging time and need all possible support in order to survive and come back to normalcy again. We therefore put forth below some Administrative and Policy related suggestions for your kind consideration, which will provide support to the industries in these challenging times:

Administrative Support Measures:

1. Smooth inter-district movement of employees/staff and vehicles engaged in providing essential commodities or services should be facilitated, as they are facing lot of hardships in getting multiple permissions from districts that come within the transportation/commutation route.

2. The ancillary industries that supply raw materials, packaging material, spare parts or other essential process related services to the industries classified as Essential Commodities or Services should be allowed to operate for 3 days in a week. Some of these industries which should be allowed to start are as under:

- Packaging units
- Small industrial units providing job work services to large manufacturing units
- Small MSMEs supplying products to PSUs, Paper Mills, Panel Board and Electrical goods
- Industrial Ice manufacturing units
- Chemical Agencies and Traders
- Agencies and traders for Engineering goods to complete the supply chain
- Hardware shops
- Electrical Motors/Pump repairing shops
- Stationery shops
- Local Transport companies
- A.C., R.O., mobile, computers, phone, internet, dish TV repairing shops in Ahmedabad city

3. All GIDCs within Gujarat even in the Red zones (other than containment zones) should be allowed to operate fully by granting permission to all industries within these estates to operate.

4. The bank guarantees issued to State PSUs which have expired should be immediately returned back to the issuer.

Policy related support measures:

1. Labor laws should be relaxed for 3 years for the existing industrial units along with new industries in the state as done by many other states

2. Property tax should be waived for commercial/industrial properties for 6 months

3. Stamp duty should not be charged for mortgage of new properties so as to facilitate and encourage MSMEs for availing new loans for meeting working capital and expansion needs

4. The pending subsidies under various schemes for forthcoming quarter should also be immediately released with the pending subsidy for current quarter

5. The applications pending due to minor technical reasons should be sanctioned and subsidy released along with an undertaking from the beneficiary to provide details pending if any.

6. A new scheme for providing soft loan for working capital to MSMEs should be introduced with a moratorium period of 6 months and low interest rates. This will support the MSMEs in fulfilling their working capital needs.

7. The plot/shed holders of GIDCs should be allowed to pay their pending amounts during the lockdown period in interest-free instalments over a period of 6 months.

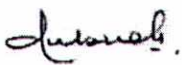
8. Non-utilization charges should be waived by GIDC for 1 year so that industry can plan for investment and production.

9. A clear clarification is provided vide Labor and Employment Department's notification no. 385/2020 dated 10th April, 2020 that all units providing essential commodities or services and export related units are not bound to provide full salary to employees not coming to work as required. Still various authorities such as Collector's office and DICs are enquiring from the units whether full salaries have been paid to such staff and asking for replies. Necessary instructions and clarification should therefore be given to these authorities to refer to the aforesaid notification and not to issue such letters.

We request you to consider our above suggestions positively and do the needful to support the industries in these challenging times.

With Regards,

Sincerely,



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