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**Sub: Our application for assistance to establish “Business Support Services”
under Assistance for Industrial Infrastructure Scheme**

Respected Sir,

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

As you are kindly aware, Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry [GCCI] founded in 1949, is the apex trade and industry body of Gujarat which works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the growth of industry and trade in Gujarat.

Sir, kindly refer to the meeting with you on 3rd March, 2020 with regard to the above subject. We regret the delay in representing the matter to you earlier due to COVID-19 pandemic situation. We have submitted our online application for assistance under **Industrial Infrastructure Scheme (Business Support Services)** on 8th Dec, 2018 & then submitted a hard copy of the same along with all the required documents. We have also submitted a schedule to implement the said project of Business Support Services with the documents. We were subsequently called upon for **presentation on 28th February, 2019** before the Screening Committee, where we had made a detailed presentation and answered all the queries raised during the presentation satisfactorily. As there was no query, we started to implement our project according to our schedule, which was submitted with the application initially.

Sir, thereafter, the application was put up in **State Level Empowered Committee on 21st May, 2019**. In this meeting a detailed report was asked from District Industries Centre, Ahmedabad regarding previous assistance & new facilities created. District Industries Centre, Ahmedabad has submitted the report for the same vide their letter dated 2nd July, 2019. After this, despite of several reminders till today there is no reply regarding the same.

Sir, we have come to know that our said application is not being considered positively. We are very much shocked & depressed, if it is true.

Gujarat is being recognized as the growth engine for the country and the industries of the State have a significant contribution towards the GDP of not only the State but also contribute significantly to the GDP of the nation. The industries of the State require advanced support and guidance facilities to develop and expand their operations to compete with both national and international players. Moreover, it is very important to ensure that the industries and government work together and in tandem so that the developmental goals could be achieved.



Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, since its inception 70 years ago, has been playing this crucial role of acting as the bridge between industries and government. Through its various initiatives aimed at industrial promotion and development, GCCI has truly been the catalyst in the State's industrial growth journey and is offering "Business Support Services" in true sense of the word.

Sir, in order to better coordinate these efforts, there is a need for a common industrial/business infrastructure in heart of Ahmedabad city for organizing meetings, training sessions, match-making events, arbitration etc. especially for the MSMEs. GCCI has ample space and resource persons available with it for developing such infrastructure at its premises, and therefore made an application to utilize the funds available under the **Industrial Infrastructure Scheme (Business Support Services)** for developing the proper infrastructure for providing business support services for its member industries.

Apart from the numerous intangible and indirect benefits of such an infrastructure, some of the direct benefits from the project are as below:

- After the highly successful Global Chambers Summit during Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2019, Gujarat has emerged as the preferred business destination for the businessmen, industrialists and professionals visiting India. GCCI signed Memorandum of Understanding with the objective of mutual co-operation with many Global as well as National Chambers during the Conclave. With as many as nine highly successful Vibrant Gujarat Global Summits, where GCCI has had the privilege of playing the role as exclusive State Partner, Gujarat now enjoys global prominence and therefore every single day innumerable foreign delegations visit Gujarat in general and Ahmedabad in particular, and therefore the infrastructure is needed to be upgraded accordingly.
- We have the Alternative Dispute Redressal Centre which plays a vital role in resolving disputes among industries & trade. GCCI has obtained approval from the MSME Facilitation Council for the same.
- The infrastructure would enable industry members of GCCI, including start-up units to organize training sessions, business meetings and B2B sessions, seminars and webinars through video-conferencing, which will be of great benefit to our industry members
- Data and information collection and dissemination would be possible due to the infrastructure
- We will also be able to provide temporary office space and facilities to the foreign companies visiting Ahmedabad for business tie-ups
- The infrastructure would enable us to invite and organize meetings for industry facilitation and promotion with important delegations visiting the state during Vibrant Gujarat events.

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- More over GCCI has Helpdesks for providing free-of-cost expert advice, support and guidance to the MSMEs who visit the Helpdesks. The Helpdesks shall provide guidance to MSMEs and large industries on various areas of concern such as financing, marketing and branding, market identification, technology, taxes, insurance, exports, government assistance available, industry data and information, contact points for various steps needed to set up or run an industry etc. The EXIM Helpdesk at GCCI provides information and assistance with regards to documentation and procedures for export/import, country specific rules and regulations, financing options for exports, details of subsidies and benefits available from State Government and Central Government etc. The EXIM Helpdesk will also be developed in a way so that it becomes a key data and information centre for EXIM matters in the state.

Sir, in addition to the above, we have also created office space facilities including meeting rooms with conferencing and presentation facilities with a view to facilitate B2B meetings by industrial start-ups and foreign counterparts plan to start other country desks and provide office space to them in this section.

In view of the above initiatives which are very crucial and important “Business Support Services” for the industries in true spirit of the term, we request you to kindly consider the broader objective and spirit of the scheme to support the industries and thereby sanction our said application, which will be helpful in our initiative to serve better for industrial/business growth of the state.

We hope to be favoured with a positive response for which GCCI shall remain obliged.

With warm regards,

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