

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry



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Hon. Shri Nitinbhai Patel
Hon. Deputy Chief Minister & Finance Minister
State of Gujarat,
Gandhinagar.

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Hon. Shri Nitinbhai Patel,

Ref.: Amnesty Scheme 2019 declared by the Government of Gujarat

Sub.: Request to extend time limit for paying installments under the Scheme

1. The Government of Gujarat had issued Amnesty Scheme 2019 granting remission of interest and penalty under the Gujarat Value Added Tax Act, 2019 and other Acts prevailing prior to the introduction of the Gujarat Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.
2. The dealers opting for the Amnesty Scheme, 2019 had to deposit 10% of the total amount payable under the Scheme on or before 15/3/2020 and the remaining amount was payable in 11 equal monthly installments beginning from April 2020.
3. However due to Covid 19 and the resultant lockdown it is very natural that most of the dealers were unable to make the payment of installments beginning from April 2020. On a representation made by the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the State Government had kindly extended the time limit for making payment of installments under the Amnesty Scheme 2019 from April 2020 to July 2020. Thus the last date for making payment of the first installment under the Amnesty Scheme, 2019 is due on 31/7/2020.
4. Your Honour is aware about the paralised economic condition of the trade and industries of the State which is struggling to survive the

onslaught of Covid Pandemic. Each and every sector of the economy is facing severe financial crunch. In the circumstances we have received representations from various part of the State desiring extension of the time limit for making payment of first installment under the Amnesty Scheme 2019 which falls due on 31/7/2020. Many of our members have voiced concerns that if the time limit for payment of installments under the Amnesty Scheme is not further extended to the next financial year many dealers will lose the benefit of the benevolent Scheme declared by the State Government.

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5. Your Honour would appreciate that certain industries like restaurants, hotel, travel have virtually not yet started. Serious problems of the pandemic are also still faced in many parts of the State. In certain areas the businesses remain open for a very limited period of time.
6. Keeping all the above factors in mind, it is humbly prayed that the time limit for making payment of the first installment under the Amnesty Scheme 2019 declared by the Government of Gujarat which is falling due on 31/7/2020 may please be extended to 30/4/2021 and accordingly payment of all subsequent monthly installments should also be suitably extended to follow thereafter.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,



Durgesh Buch

President

c.c. (1) Mr. Pankaj Joshi Additional Chief Secretary (Finance)

(2) Mr. J. P. Gupta Chief Commissioner of State Tax