



27th August, 2020

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman

Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance,
Ministry of Finance,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi - 110 001

Sub: Request for extending the moratorium period on loan payments till 31st March 2021

Respected Madam,

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

At the outset, we appreciate the relief measures undertaken by your good self in view of the financial crisis being faced by the business fraternity and the society at large, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We especially acknowledge and applaud the decision to provide moratorium period on loan payments till 31st August, 2020.

Madam, you are well aware that the industry is passing through a very rough phase and are slowly trying to emerge out of it and return to normalcy. Although the industries have started their operations, most of them are still working at 30-40% of their optimal capacity. Also they are finding it difficult to service their debts to the irregular and delayed cash flows. Due to these problems, they are still experiencing a liquidity crunch.

Madam, as a result of this liquidity crunch, the industries would still find it difficult to repay their loans till the first quarter of next year when we expect them to return back to near normalcy. We therefore request you to kindly consider extending the moratorium period for a further period of 6 months, i.e. till 31st March, 2021.

We look forward to your early positive consideration of our request in the interest of the industries and the nation's economy at large.

With Regards,

Durgesh Buch
President

Durgesh V. Buch
President

Natubhai Patel
Sr. Vice President

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