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To,
Shri Narendrabhai Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
New Delhi

Sub: Requesting Support for Food and Hospitality Industry during the current COVID-19 Pandemic condition

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Ahmedabad (GCCCI).

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry is the apex body of trade and industry in the state of Gujarat with 3700+ direct members including 200+ business associations and regional chambers spread across the state, thereby representing the interests of over 2 lakh business enterprises.

Sir, we are in agreement to the restrictions applied by State Government for controlling spread of Covid which has increased drastically during past few days. This is the best option to control the pandemic and restrict citizens from unnecessary movement.

Sir, as you may be aware that more than 35000 from Food & Hospitality Industry including Hotels, Restaurants, Small Food Joints and Cafes are working in State of Gujarat and due to their remarkable contribution in GST collection, Gujarat has managed to secure its position among top five states. The Food Industry is providing approximately 10 to 12 lacs in direct employment to skilled/ unskilled workers, app. 2 to 3 lacs organized and 40000 to 50000 local/unskilled suppliers and vendors are connected with this industry.

With these safety measures, we would like to draw your kind attention towards some of the fact that Food & hospitality Industry is facing crisis situation since more than a year. Majority of small entrepreneurs were not able to survive for such a long period and hence many of them have closed their businesses.

It is highly important that this industry gets reasonable hand holding to balance its economics and sustain its existence, failing which not only the owners or entrepreneurs will get bankrupt, but the employees will also be rendered jobless.

Natubhai Patel
President

Hemant N. Shah
Sr. Vice President

K. I. Patel
Vice President

Pathik S. Patwari
Hon. Secretary

V. P. Vaishnav
Hon. Secretary (R)

Sachin K. Patel
Hon. Treasurer



We hereby request your support from your good office for large section of Food & Hospitality industries to survive.

- Permit Home Deliveries till 10.00 PM through Online food delivery companies or equivalent and by own staff with valid Identity cards issued by their employers.
- This will help the Hospitality industry to survive and no major Government relief may be required.
- Family of Delivery boys who are surviving on the single income will also survive.
- Many migrants who are living in the state for various purpose like job, study, medical reasons are managing their routine by ordering food from outside for their survival.
- Many families have all members positive and are dependent on outside food.

We look forward to your positive consideration of our suggestions and a favourable response in the interest of the entire Food & Hospitality Industry.

Thanking you,
Yours Sincerely,

Natubhai Patel
President