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To,
Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Gujarat
Gandhinagar.

Subject: Request to extend the time deadline for commencing commercial production for at least six months for availing benefit of Gujarat Industrial Policy 2015 Incentive scheme.

Ref: Industries & Mines Department, Govt. of Gujarat Resolution No. INC-102015-645918-I as amended vide Resolution No. MIS-102020-398372-I Dated 05.12.2020.

Respected Sir,

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

The State Government has introduced various Incentive Scheme for the development of Industries, which includes reimbursement of Net SGST incentive in place of VAT/CST incentive, vide Resolution No. INC-102018-522243-I dated 15.11.2018.

Sir, a new industrial project set up by an industrial undertaking, or an existing industrial unit that takes up expansion as per to Para 3 (vi) and (ix) of the said resolution is eligible to get the benefit of Net SGST reimbursement. However, there are many units which had filed the application on the Portal of Industrial Commissionerate well before the deadline but it couldn't get completed due to numerous reasons. As per the policy, registration of the units should be obtained before 24.07.2021 and the unit should commence commercial production on or before 24.01.2022.

The documentation process for new registration requires clearances from various authorities, which is an exhaustive and time-consuming process and even a single document pending keeps the registration on hold. Due to this, more than 300 units which had applied within the given time deadline on the Portal are still facing problems in completing their registration for availing benefits under the scheme.

Sir, most of these units are in the Large, Mega and Ultra Industry segment which have invested huge amounts of money in their projects and have planned their investment considering the benefits they would get from the scheme. Therefore, any deferral from the benefits of this scheme will further dampen the condition of the industry which is still recovering after the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

We have also reviewed the same scheme of some other States but no such mandatory provision to obtain registration before six months of commencement of production was found in any of these States. This provision of the Policy therefore may be detrimental to ease of doing business in Gujarat.



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In view of the above points, we put before you the following suggestions, with a request to kindly consider them positively in the interest of the industries of Gujarat:

- Extend the deadline to commence the commercial production for at least six months more from the date defined i.e., 24.01.2022 in Para 3 & 4 of the amended Policy.
- Grant provisional registrations for all the companies who have applied for registration before 24.07.2021, subject to submission of pending documents before the extended period of time for commencement of commercial production.

We look forward to your favourable decision in the matter.

With regards,
Sincerely,


Hemant Shah
President

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