



NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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To,
The Commissioner
Department of Excise, Entertainment & Luxury Tax
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Request for Relief on Excise License & VAT in view of COVID-19

Dear Sir,

1. Greetings from the National Restaurant Association of India. At the outset, we would like to state that we truly appreciate the efforts being made by the State Government in controlling the spread of the Corona Virus by initiating several proactive measures, including the current lock down in the state. We consciously believe that we need to step up to prevent the further spread of this virus in support of the Government's efforts.

2. However, the current situation has had a massive negative economic impact, almost endangering our very existence. We employ more than a million people in NCT of Delhi. We are responsible for their and their families' livelihoods and it is incumbent on us to safeguard their well-being. Our business more than any other, is dependent on cash flow management and any stoppage of revenue will wipe out the livelihoods of millions and cripple our industry permanently. Our industry is driven by discretionary spending, and in times of crisis we are the first to fall and last to recover.

3. In view of these extraordinary circumstances, we desperately request for the following relief from the Delhi Government through your good offices:

(a) **Extension of Time for License Renewal:** L-17/L-17F, L-18/L-18F half-year license fees for 2020-2021 have already been paid in the month of Feb 2020. With the current closure of business and the expected slowdown immediately thereafter, we request you to kindly give us an extension till 31st Dec 2020 for the balance half-yearly fee payment without any interest.



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(b) **Rollback of the Proposed Increase in License Fee:** We have already made several representations to roll back the automatic 10% hike in license fee for renewal under the prevailing circumstances.

(c) **Total and Immediate Deferment of VAT for a Period of Six Months:** This will leave the businesses with some cash flows to take care of more pressing expenditures like wages, payment to contractual labour and small marginal suppliers such as farmers of vegetables etc.

4. We are confident that you will consider our above request favourably in these extraordinary troubled times and helping us survive this pandemic.

Thanking You,

Sincerely,

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