



# NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

NRAI/26-1

26 March 2020

To,  
 Captain Amarinder Singh  
 Hon'ble Chief Minister  
 Punjab

## RESTAURANT INDUSTRY'S SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT DURING COVID-19 LOCK DOWN

Hon'ble Chief Minister,

1. Greetings from National Restaurant Association of India. NRAI is the Indian Restaurant Industry's leading Association. Founded in 1982 and headquartered in Delhi, we are the voice of the restaurant industry representing the interests of 5,00,000+ restaurants pan India. The restaurant industry, with an annual turnover of ~ INR 4 Lakh Crore is the third largest after retail and insurance in the service segment, providing direct employment to over 7 million Indians.

2. At the outset we would like to thank the Government for its proactive steps in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, including the latest lock down measures in the entire country. We consciously believe that we need to step up to prevent the further spread of this virus in support of the Government's efforts. We understand that the present priority is to enhance public health measures, as well as provide basic care to the underprivileged sections of society.

3. In these unprecedented times, NRAI would be glad to join hands with Punjab Government's efforts in providing food for the needy in some major cities of Punjab at basic cost, without compromising on quality/quantity. This can be done through our members having large bulk kitchens, as well as individual restaurant members in various parts of these cities. Through this network the feeding capacity can be rapidly ramped up as required to feed lakhs of people.

4. Detailed modalities for such provision of food can be worked out with the authorities, where the food can be prepared cluster wise by NRAI members, and picked up/distributed by the distribution agencies as designated by the Government.

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5. While we all sincerely hope for a quick normalisation of the situation, we are confident that these actions will help in mitigating the problems being faced by many. Looking forward to engage with the relevant authorities to work out further details in this regard.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

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