



NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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RELIEF FOR RESTAURANT INDUSTRY IN VIEW OF COVID-19

Dear Sir,

1. Greetings from the National Restaurant Association of India. On the above captioned subject, please refer to our letter of even reference dated 24th March 2020, wherein we had requested for immediate relief to the restaurant industry in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. In the current situation of extended lockdowns and no indications of the time period of such closures, the restaurant industry is facing its worst ever crisis of mere existence. It is also felt that the restaurant sector would be one of the last to be opened up and would take a considerable time of at least eight months to one year for recovery.
3. In view of the above, we once again request you for relief to the restaurant industry. In continuation to our above quoted letter, we would like to put up the following additional points for your favourable consideration please:
 - (a) Excise fees paid either for the entire year or up to September 2020 should be adjusted for the period that establishments are closed under lockdown.
 - (b) Compensation/adjustment should be given for existing stocks in restaurants that are going to expire.
 - (c) No penalty should be charged on establishments who were unable to pay the excise fees before March 31. A Grace period of 30 days should be given after lifting of lockdown for the remaining months/quarter on excise fees.



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(d) As in all other sectors, the restaurant industry is also likely to be opened under stringent guidelines on social distancing norms. This will have a direct impact on the capacity of restaurants, where existing 50 plus seat cover restaurants would be reduced to below 50 cover restaurants. The fee in these cases would also need to be reviewed/adjusted accordingly.

4. We are confident that you will consider our above requests favourably and provide the much needed relief for immediate survival and subsequent revival of the restaurant industry.

Thanking You,

Sincerely,

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