



# NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

NRAI/26-1

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To,  
Special CP (Licensing)  
Delhi Police HQ  
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New Delhi – 110002

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APPEAL FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO RESTAURANT  
INDUSTRY IN VIEW OF THE CORONA VIRUS

Dear Sir,

1. Greetings from the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI). We would firstly like to thank the Government for its proactive steps in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, including the latest lock down measures in the country.

2. While we all sincerely hope for a quick normalisation of the situation, we would like to state that the food service industry, already battling through tough times for the past couple of years, is now facing a challenge of mere survival under the present circumstances. We are staring at unmeasurable losses, prospect of several businesses closing down and most importantly, a scary spectre of job loss to millions in the sector employing more than seven million people.

3. Under these extraordinary circumstances due to the COVID-19 situation, we are not sure of what the future holds in terms of business conditions / continuity for many in the industry. It will take at least six months for the basic recovery of the business – after the situation gets back to normal. We therefore seek your immediate assistance with a request for extending the existing licenses/registrations for restaurants for a period of six months from 01<sup>st</sup> April 2020 onwards.

4. This will give all stakeholders adequate time to refine the processes involved in the new Unified Licensing Portal, as well as imparting training to the industry for smooth implementation of ULP on its final roll out.



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5. In view of the above stated facts, we again humbly request you for your kind consideration and favourable action on the above suggestion. We reiterate that in this unprecedented situation, this is a critical requirement for the immediate survival and subsequent revival of the restaurant industry.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

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