



NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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To,
Shri. Vivek Pandey
Commissioner
GST & VAT
Govt. of NCT of Delhi

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Pvt. Ltd.
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Secretary General

Request for Relief on VAT in view of COVID-19

Dear Sir,

1. Greetings from the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI). 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 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.

3. 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.

4. In view of these extraordinary circumstances, we desperately request for relief from the Delhi Government through your good offices by giving a 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



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pressing expenditures like wages, payment to contractual labour and small marginal suppliers such as farmers of vegetables etc.

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

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

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