



# NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

NRAI/26-1

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To,  
The Hon'ble Municipal Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai,  
Mahapalika Marg,  
Mumbai

**Kind Attention: Mr Iqbal Singh Chahal, IAS**

**Sub: Request for Automatic Extension of all Trade-related Licenses for Restaurants**

Dear Sir,

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**.

Sir, firstly I would like to put on record the tremendous work being carried out by the MCGM led by you in managing and controlling the spread of the Covid-19 in Mumbai. **MCGM workforce has been one of the most prominent COVID-warriors**.

Sir, as you are aware, we are one of the worst-impacted sectors during this pandemic and our business has been shut since the lockdown began in March. We are currently fighting a grim battle to eke out a mere survival and despite our best efforts, **we feel that a significant percentage of restaurants may never open again**. We are also mindful that even post lockdown, the restaurants will take a long time to regain the volumes because of continued restrictions on operating hours, seating capacity and new hygiene norms. **The combined impact of the above on our cash flows is back-breaking**.

Sir, in view of the above, we hereby seek the following concessions from you for the restaurants operating within the municipal limits of MCGM:

1. We request **extension in the tenure of the following licenses/permissions** for a period of Twelve Months from the date of their expiry. This should be made applicable to all those licenses which expire during the current financial year.
  - a) MCGM Health License issued under section 394 of MCGM Act
  - b) Shops & Establishment registration



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2. Ease in application and **automatic sanction of monsoon shelter permissions** for establishments having license under section 394. This permission is to be granted for a limited period to protect our structures during the monsoons.

Sir, Mumbai has always been a very vibrant city and our industry has been a very significant contributor to this vibrancy. We also believe that **our sector will play a big role in bringing back the erstwhile vibrancy to the city of Mumbai.**

Sir, these are extraordinary times and I **humbly request to your office for granting the above relief to our beleaguered sector.** It will be massive support for the industry.

Thanks & Warm Regards,

Sincerely,

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