



NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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To,
The Excise & Taxation Commissioner,
State Excise Department,
Government of Haryana

Subject: Request for Relief in Renewal of Excise License (L4/L5) in view of COVID-19

Dear Sir,

1. Greetings from National Restaurant Association of India. On the above captioned subject, please refer our letter of even reference dated 23rd March 2020 and your Memo No. 01/X-II dated 01st April 2020. At the outset we would like to thank you for granting extension of time up to 22-04-2020 for renewal of licenses.

2. However, members have informed that they are being approached by the department for paying up of full fee post the extension date. In this regard, it is pertinent to mention that the industry is still under shut down and there is no clarity on when will the restaurants / bars be allowed to be opened. Given the current scenario related to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is most likely that the restaurant industry will be the last to open.

3. It is also relevant to state that the current situation has had a massive negative economic impact on the restaurant industry, endangering the very existence of many businesses. With no revenues due to the lock down, it is not possible to pay the excise fee as asked for. The meagre resources need to be best utilised for pressing tasks of paying wages to workers and small vendors/farmers.

4. In view of the above, we humbly request you to grant extension of further six months for payment of excise fee/license renewals. Sir, 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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