



NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

NRAI/26-1

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Mr. Ashish Vaid
President
Indian Merchant Chamber
Maharashtra

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

Dear Sir,

1. Greetings from **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. In the current situation of extended lockdowns with 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 one year for recovery after full operations are resumed.

3. While we have taken up all issues with the government, and have also been providing our inputs regarding the required relief for our industry through various fora, we would like to put up the following points for you to take up with the government at appropriate levels:

(a) The Government should provide support though a soft loan for Employers to meet salary payments. This loan should be zero interest, zero collateral loan with a reasonable time period before the loan repayments need to start.

(b) Employers and employees have contributed to help create the ESIC corpus for a very difficult time like this. Support for employees should be made available from this corpus for such an unprecedented situation.

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(c) Policies should be made to defer the burden of all upcoming statutory dues and license renewals.

4. It is reiterated that the above relief is critical for the immediate survival and subsequent revival of the restaurant industry. We again request that the above points be taken up for favourable consideration and urgent implementation for the restaurant industry.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

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