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Sub: Relief Measures to the Industries in Telangana in Energy Bills - reg

Ref: G.O.Ms.No.4-Industries and Commerce Department-Covid-19 – Lockdown – Relief to Industries – Orders Issued

We express our sincere thanks for considering our request to provide relief to the Industries in Telangana in the payment of energy bills to reduce the financial stress and mitigate the crisis.

While we are grateful to the Government for passing the Order, we request you to further consider our suggestions, since the members expressed that reliefs announced vide Order No.4 are not of much help in supporting the industries of all types and scale.

It is pertinent to mention here that few of the States like Gujarat, Punjab, have waived the Fixed charges for two months from March 24, where as our State Government has only deferred the payment till 31/05/2020. (orders enclosed)

If the fixed charges for the months of April and May are to be paid in June, which is immediately after lifting of lockdown, the pressure on industries will be doubled to meet the demand for payment, and there is remote chance of things falling in line so fast and cash flows to be resumed.

Therefore, we request the Government to “exempt the fixed charges from payment (Waive) for two billing cycles from March 24, 2020, to all industries – on LT and HT categories.

Telangana State achieved the status of being one of the most attractive States for investment, due to its industry friendly policy and simple and faster TS-iPASS system, need to show the way forward for facing the crisis created by Covid-19 pandemic, and we hope and request to provide necessary hand-holding support.

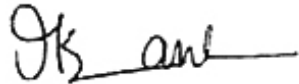
If waiver of fixed charges is not possible, then we request you to defer the payment of fixed charges till June 30, instead of May 31, 2020 and collect the deferred charges after two months from lifting of lockdown without penalty and interest on delayed payment.

Your support will go a long way in helping the industry – by easing financial stress, by imposing confidence that government is with industry and most importantly help the State maintain momentum of industrial progress in near future.

Looking forward for your support to industry

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

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