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To,  
**Sri Thanneru Harish Rao,**  
Hon'ble Finance Minister,  
Government of Telangana,  
Hyderabad.

Respected Sri Thanneru Harish Rao garu,

**Sub:** Covid-19 Lockdown and Relief to Industries – reg

Telangana State is the first State to announce the lockdown even before the government has imposed country-wide lockdown and also announced extension of lockdown till May 7, 2020 to bring the situation completely under control and not to allow any lapses. The effect of these strict measures is evident from the fact that the number of positive cases are coming down for the last 5-6 days and the curve is sloping downwards.

We are very appreciative of the government's quick action to control the virus by announcing the lockdown and we request the Government of Telangana to wage a similar battle against the ailing economy and come to the rescue of industrial and business entities.

The industrial and commercial establishments of non-essential category have completely shut their operations causing huge losses in production, sales and revenue. You are aware that the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on 29th of March, has issued an order under Disaster Management Act, 2005 requiring payment of full wages to all employees, regular, contractual or migrant workers. The obligation to pay full salaries for the lockdown period, along with other expenses, such as, utility bills (power, water etc), taxes, and other statutory payments imposed a huge financial burden on all the industrial and commercial establishments and without government support in these difficult times, it is very difficult to revive the production activities after the lockdown.

In this regard we request you to extend the following support to revive the industrial and commercial activities and bring the economy back on to growth path:

1. To release the pending incentives sanctioned to eligible industrial units by the end of first quarter of 2020-21 – i.e. before June 2020.  
This is to bring to your notice that more than 25000 units in the State are to receive the sanctioned incentives, and release of this amount gives them immense relief as it provides much needed working capital to start production operations
2. With advancement of technology and usage of more and more machinery in the production process, cost of energy has become one of the major components of cost of production. It is very difficult for the industrial and commercial consumers to pay the energy bills for the lockdown period as there is no consumption of energy and no revenue. Relief in energy bill leaves the establishments with cash in hand to meet the expenses and we request you to recommend waiver of fixed charges for two months and support the DISCOMs by sanctioning additional funds for the loss of revenue.
3. We also request you to recommend for extension of time for payment of energy bill for the months of March, April and May without interest and penalties on delayed payment for a minimum of three months.
4. It is also to bring to your kind notice that the representation submitted by FTCCI to Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission requesting for relaxation in De-Ration norms is pending with Finance Department. We request you to instruct the concerned officials to clear the file and help industry in these difficult times.
5. Request to create a Fund (in the lines of package announced by govt. of India) to provide various relief measures to industry, trade and commerce in the State

We earnestly request the government to provide the above relief measures and provide hand holding support for at least next six to eight months to walk our way out of this nature induced crisis and bring back the economy on to growth path

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

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