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

Respected Sri Thanneru Harish Rao garu,

SUB: Request to extend the deadline of assessments under CST Act for F.Y 2015-16.

At the outset, we appreciate and commend the measures taken by the government of Telangana to control the impact of pandemic COVID-19, we extend our complete support and cooperation to make the efforts fruitful and secure the State from further spreading of this vicious disease.

We are given to understand by our Members that the commercial tax department has issued notices for the payment of 12.5% of the disputed tax as per the CST assessment orders for the year 2015-2016, before 30.4.2020. It also infers that the assessments will be completed without giving any opportunity of being heard to taxpayers as long as the lockdown is in effect.

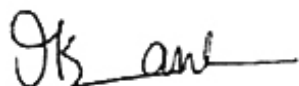
In this context, we wish to bring to your notice the recent Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 23.3.2020 in Re: Cognizance for Extension of Limitation [Suo Motu Writ Petition No.3/2020]. To obviate difficulties caused by CoronaVirus in filing petitions/ applications/ suits/ appeals/ all other proceedings within the period of limitation prescribed under the general law of limitation or under Special Laws (both Central and/or State) , it ordered that the period of limitation in all such proceedings, irrespective of the limitation prescribed under the general law or Special Laws, whether condonable or not, shall stand extended w.e.f. 15th March 2020 till further order/s to be passed by the Court.

Keeping in view the worries of Taxpayers throughout the state of Telangana, as they are already struggling to cope up with the current COVID-19 circumstances, ***we urge the Government to suggest the Commercial Taxes Department to refrain from passing assessment orders under***

CST Act till 30 days from the date of lifting of lockdown orders. This would ensure sufficient time for fair and effective hearings for the Taxpayers. Tax payers will otherwise be forced to pay pre-deposit to appeal these orders when there is a markedly inadequate opportunity of being heard, thus exacerbating the worries of Taxpayers which are foregoing production and revenues.

Looking forward for your timely intervention,

Thanking you,



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