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To, **Smt. Neetu Prasad, I.A.S.,** Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.

Respected Madam,

SUB: Request to extend the deadline for the year 2015-16 assessment under CST Act.

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.

With the on-going COVID-19 lockdown and the State Government's orders for social distancing, there is no movement permitted on public roads except for essential services. Amidst these special circumstances, the businesses have been permitted to avail relaxations in filing their IT and GST returns in order to devote time to their immediate business compulsions.

Keeping in view the worries of Taxpayers throughout the state of Telangana as they are struggling to cope up with the current circumstances, we request the Commissioner to issue instructions to field to refrain from passing assessment orders till 30 days from the date of lifting of lockdown orders. This would ensure sufficient time for fair and effective hearings for the Taxpayers.

Thanking you.

With Regards,

Karunendra S Jasti

President