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Dear

The country is under lockdown to control the COVID-19 since 23.03.2020. However, to ensure that the essential supplies are not affected, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has from time to time issued clarifications on what activities are to be allowed. Accordingly, efforts are being made across the country to ensure the essential supplies are not affected and so far, barring certain issues, the supplies have been satisfactory, thanks to the pro-active steps of the Central Government and State Governments.

2. However, it is felt that certain more activities with reasonable safeguards should be allowed once a final decision regarding extension and nature of lockdown is taken by the Central Government. These new activities are essential to improve the economic activity and provide liquidity in the hands of the people. These suggestions have been obtained on the basis of very detailed interaction of the Hon'ble CIM with the various States and industry bodies, and the feedback received by DoC and DPIIT from various sources. These suggestions have been examined by us and have been recommended for consideration of MHA as new activities to be allowed in addition to those already allowed under various notifications of MHA. These suggestions are given in the Annexure attached herewith for your kind perusal and necessary action. I am sure other Ministries like Agriculture are approaching MHA separately for allowing activities like harvesting etc. that they consider crucial.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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