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HOTEL & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA
(Regd. No. 1078-296 of 1985-86)

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To
Sri Asit Ku. Tripathy, IAS
Chief Secretary
Govt. of Odisha
Bhubaneswar

Sub : Pathetic condition of Bar Owners.

Respected Sir,

On the outset, we would once again like to thank you for the gesture of waiving off License Fees for 2 months and also allowing us home delivery of liquor which was a very innovative & bold step in lines with other States. But sadly, very few “ON SHOPS” license holders in the state have ventured into the home delivery option but majority have still not being able to operate their business outlets due to various reasons. Even those outlets who have participated in home delivery the margin being around 3 to 2 % doesn't even cover the operational cost leave aside the cost of license fees. Subsequently with the opening of “OFF SHOPS” (Since July 2020) the online home delivery sales has stopped.

We would further like to draw your kind attention to the fact that selling bottles or home delivery is complete change in the nature of doing liquor business for “ON SHOPS” (Bar Owners of Hotels) License holders, who are basically used to serving inside the premises and have made huge investment in interior designing and other infrastructure for giving high class ambience to the customers. Even some properties are located on upper floors wherein customers are not willing to pay delivery from these located outlets. Hence, business is very bad for them and with high rental properties the closure of business since March end and huge bank loans installments of which they are being forced to pay, survival for them has become a very big challenge and all results have being used up in these closure period. It is therefore, once again requested you on behalf of all “ON SHOPS” License holders to please consider the following points for which we shall be grateful to the Govt. of Odisha.

1. Complete waiver of License Fee for “Bars & On Shops” license holder from June 2020 till the permission is given for Bars to start normal operations of allowing liquor to be served to the guests inside the premises.
2. Charging 25% Licensing Fees for the remaining fee if applicable and payment on monthly basis.
3. Complete waiver of MGQ for Restaurant on license holder for the year 2020-21.
4. Atleast 60% reduction in license fee for the coming financial year of 2021-22 & 2022-23 as tourism will take time to pick-up.

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It will not be out of context, to draw your kind attention to the fact that the State of Rajasthan has reduced the Bar License Fees by 50%. Many other States also have given various reliefs to Bar License Holders in their states.

ODISHA BEING A PIONEER IN EACH & EVERY FIELD UNDER THE DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP OF OUR HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK. ODISHA BEING A TREND SETTER IN EVERY FIELD BE IT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND WOMAN EMPOWERMENT ETC. LET IT ALSO SET OF GIVING THE RELIEFS REQUESTED BY US AND SET AN EXAMPLES FOR OTHER STATES THAT ODISHA IS A BUSINESS FRIENDLY STATE.

Thanking you in anticipation.
Most sincerely yours,


J.K. Mohanty, MHCIMA

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