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MOST URGENT

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Sub : Weddings & Social Gatherings in Hotels

Respected Sir,

We beg to bring to your kind notice that we have received a circular from Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation vide no. 58462 dtd 10th November 2020, reducing the number pax for weddings and social gatherings from 200 to 100 pax and putting a restriction that functions to be over latest by 9.00 pm.

Sir, when the Government of India has given permission for 200 pax without any restriction on time limit for weddings and social gatherings, the decision taken by the State Government will be very difficult to implement as weddings generally are over by mid-night.

Further, restricting the number of persons from 200 to 100 is also very painful for the hoteliers as well as guests as people have already distributed their invitation cards and they are expressing their inability to withdraw invitations.

Since lockdown of the hotels, i.e. from 22nd March 2020 the hoteliers have been badly hit financially specially when the Govt. has not reduced the minimum demand charges on electricity rather increased the electricity tariff by 20 paise, has been taking bar licence fees even when the bars are closed by the orders of the Government, holding taxes of the municipality have not been reduced, nor exempted in spite of several requests, minimum wages have also been increased.

All these decisions of the Government have completely jeopardized the hotel industry in the state of Odisha.

In view of the above, we sincerely appeal before your esteemed office to kindly intervene urgently and oblige.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely


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