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Shri Arun Jaitleyji,
Hon'ble Minister for Finance,
Corporate Affairs, Information
and Broadcasting,& Chairman GST Council,
Government of India
Room No. 134, North Block
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Sub: Request to levy of 18% GST on Cable, Wire, Other Electric Accessories and construction material instead of 28% GST

Dear Sir,

As you aware, The Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce & Industry is a pioneer organisation of Kandla – Gandhidham complex in Kachchh-Gujarat since 1953 with the main objective to serve as a bridge between local trade and industry fraternity and State / Central Govt. for the resolution of problems and also to endeavour for the welfare of citizens and township in public interest.

We wish to draw your kind attention that electric accessories like wire, cable etc. are being charged at 28% under new GST regime. This unnecessary increases financial burden on the consumer who strives hard to manage all his meagre resources to build his or her dream house. Further higher GST rates make government sponsored housing schemes like Pradhan Mantri Aavas Yojna, Housing for All by 2022 costly. Unless GST rates are reduced, the import and consumption of such items will increase and will defeat "Make in India" movement.

In fact, we suggest to levy GST at 18% on electric accessories like wire and cable etc. and similarly all construction items should also be charged @ 18%. This will boost housing construction activities at national level which will further increase potential of employment opportunities for unemployed masses.

Therefore, we hope for your positive and sympathetic consideration in this regard.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Murlidhar Jagani

Hon. Secretary

Copy to: Shri Hasmukh Adhia, Secretary (Revenue), Shri Vinodbhai Chavda, Member of Parliament