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Sub: Proposal for the coming Revenue Budget 2018-19 of Central Government

Dear Sir,

Greetings from GCCI.

Father to deliberation of video conference held on 12.12.2017, we are encoding herewith supplementary proposals for the following revenue budget 2018-19 in addition to our earlier submission in this regard.

Kindly send us copy of finalised memorandum submitted to the Central Government for our information & record.

Thanking you.

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President

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SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE FORTHCOMING REVENUE BUDGET 2018-19

1) SEZs of India

- a) SEZ units and developers should be exempted from MAT by scrapping in forthcoming revenue budget as MAT had a huge negative impact on exports from SEZ.
- b) To revamp framework for SEZs to spur private investments in light of switchover to GST and to boost "Make in India".
- c) To slash the category of deemed exports.
- d) To reduce minimum area requirement for smaller and special category states.
- e) To make the entry, exit and operations within SEZ easier and incentivizing exports by simplifying the procedure.
- f) To remove operational restrictions such as manufacturing for domestic units.
- g) To make arrangements to access cheap finance for SEZ units and developer.
- h) To offer incentives for setting up overseas banking units in SEZs.
- i) GST should be completely exempted for SEZ units and developer to get relief from procedural aspects in place of the present zero rated status.

In all, above suggestions and proposals are need of the hour to boost "Make in India", to drive jobs and growth & for the complete makeover of India's SEZ.

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- f) Similar GST rate for both restaurant and caterers.
- g) Refund should be allotted to the exporter for GST paid on capital goods rather than only credit of GST.
- h) Petroleum products and real estate should be brought under the scope of GST.
- i) NO GST on sale of old vehicle for transporter opting 5% RCM scheme and no GST on sale of old car for all assessee.

3) Budgetary provisions for recent announcement projects

There should be proper provision in budgetary allocation for the recent announcements of the establishment of cruise terminal of international standard at Kandla Port and direct connectivity of Kandla – Maliya by road & rail.

4) Railway Operation

- a) Budgetary allocation for the pending & on-going projects of electrification to speed-up completion of such projects.
- b) To prioritize and revamp safety in railway operation, there should increase in budgetary allocation for the upgradation and implementation of railway operation to meet the ultimate objective of higher safety norms.
- c) To incorporate new trains from Kutch region as proposed below:
 - i. Suggest to start new trains from Kachchh to North India connecting UP, Punjab & Delhi. Similarly connectivity to Kerala and Tamil Nadu should be established by starting new trains.
 - ii. The frequency of Kamakhya Train should be twice in a week from present frequency on once in week.
 - iii. Introduction of Inter City Train from Gandhidham to Vadodara / Surat.
 - iv. Jodhpur Train should be run daily.
 - v. The present running of trains from Gandhidham to Palanpur should be re-schedule for connection to Rajdhanai and Ashram Express.
 - vi. At present A.C. Train to Mumbai runs thrice in a week which needs to be run daily.