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Respected Sir,

Sub: BCIC Recommendation with regard to measures to contain the COVID19 pandemic

We appreciate the swift and proactive action taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka for implementing measures in containing the COVID19 virus from further spreading in the State which is highly commendable. Being a responsible Business Chamber, **Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC)** fully endorses the decision taken.

We assure the Government that our members are making best efforts to implement all possible measures to keep at bay the COVID-19 pandemic within their premises. These include learner workforce wherever possible, social distancing in factory premises, availability and use of sanitisers, use of thermometers to screen workforce and visitors at the entry points and availability of medical kits, equipment and masks for employee and visitor use.

We offer a few suggestions for your kind consideration and could be included in your Government Order which will benefit the citizens of our State.

1. All commercial, industrial, educational, and government establishments in Karnataka must maintain social distancing norms as specified by the MOHFW (currently one metre) on their premises. Commercial and industrial establishments must reduce their workforce on a paid leave basis, as required, to maintain these norms.
2. Social distancing norms must also be practiced on all public and company provided transport and canteen facilities.
3. We feel that it will be difficult to observe such norms in transport, especially in public transport on which most SSI employees depend. In the spirit of cooperation and recognising the threat to national health and security, should the Government so decide, the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce will fully support such a move by the Government to close all industrial establishments from 00:01 hours Tuesday March 24, 2020 to 23:59 hours March 31, 2020. However, we request the closure be on a compensatory basis, the method of which will be decided by the management of the respective industrial establishments.



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Exemptions should be made for industrial units that are producing essential goods like medical equipment and devices, hospital equipment, sanitisers, pharmaceutical etc. or inputs for these products like springs for medical mattresses etc.

We sincerely hope you will consider our humble suggestions.

The BCIC remains always available to you or your officers for any consultation as needed.

Your sincerely,

Sd/-..

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