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20th April 2020

To,

All Collectors and All Municipal Commissioners,
Gujarat State

Subject: Steps towards allowing IT and ITeS companies of Gujarat for functioning in Corona Lockdown (from 20/4/2020 onwards)

Ref:

- 1) *Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India order no: 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15.04.2020 (copy enclosed)*
- 2) *Industry and Mines Department, Government of Gujarat letter no: MIS/112020-GOI-10-G dated 16.04.2020 (copy enclosed)*

With reference to the afore stated subject matter, we are sure that your office would have studied the relaxation norms as prescribed by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in their order that were issued on date 15.04.2020 referred to above at (1) and subsequently prescribed by Industries and Mines Department, Government of Gujarat Letter/Order dated 16-4-2020 referred to above at (2). In spite of the same we are hereby placing the same order for your kind perusal as below so that the it would ensure ease on your part while allowing the IT and ITeS businesses falling under your jurisdiction to function from date 20.04.2020 onwards in conjunction with Government of India's and Government of Gujarat's said orders as stated above.

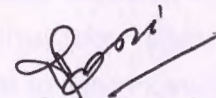
- a) Relaxation to start Industry as well as Services activities be initiated from date 20.04.2020.
- b) IT/ITeS Enabled services, with up to 50% strength.
- c) No relaxation in social distancing norms of lockdown laid out by Government of India for any offices, factories or other such units who are starting their activities from date 20.04.2020. They will have to be strictly adhered to by all said business entities who need to start their activities from dt.20.04.2020.

- d) Every aspect about containment zones and their norms to be followed as per the guidelines by the State Government of Gujarat's Health & Family Welfare Department and no relaxation of the same towards starting of any business activities if any in case falling under such containment zones.
- e) You are requested to ensure the permission will be issued only need basis.

Keeping the above points, a, b, c, d and e in background please note that we would also like to draw your kind attention to clause no. 14 and 15 of the Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs order issued on date 15.04.2020 that allows IT and ITeS businesses, companies and such commercial entities to function by adhering the norms stated in said order of Government of India be allowed and permitted by your offices to function accordingly while strictly maintaining social distancing norms.

Further your offices are also requested to consider this letter along with annexure 1 & 2 of MHA order dated 15.04.2020 (annexure- 1 related to national directives prescribed in the Disaster Management Act 2005 related to public spaces, workspaces, manufacturing establishments and annexure-2 related to standard operating procedure for social distancing for offices, workplaces, factories and establishments) and refer Industry and Mines Department, Gujarat instructions issued vide letter dated 16.04.2020 while giving the permission to IT and ITeS entities of Gujarat. Kindly note that All IT and ITeS businesses of Gujarat will follow the said guidelines.

The Department of Science and Technology is hereby suggesting your offices to permit the IT and ITeS business entities across the Gujarat keeping the afore stated points in hindsight along with attached annexure.



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Department of Science & Technology

Enclose: as mentioned above

Copy to:

1. **Principal Secretary, IMD** –For kind perusal and further necessary action
2. **MD, GIL**
3. **Director IT& E-Governance.**
4. **Under Secretary (L&O), Home Department**
5. **President- GESIA**