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CONSTRUCTION

FEDERATION OF

Shri Sitaram Kunte Chief Secretary Government of Maharashtra Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Hutatma Rajguru Square, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400032

Respected Sir :

Request to Allow Private Head/Corporate Offices with 25% Staff to Function

Construction Federation of India (CFI) is the representative body of the leading infrastructure construction firms of the country engaged in building dams, power stations (Thermal, Hydro, Nuclear), highways, bridges, roads, irrigation and water supply projects etc. and other basic infrastructure of national importance.

You may please recall, in the last year, due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19 and subsequent nationwide lockdowns imposed had caused severe adverse effect on the infrastructure construction sector and the economy of our Nation as a whole.

The construction sector had to bear the worst brunt of covid19 as it is already battling cost overruns and financials of ongoing projects. Some of crucial projects are delayed while others are cancelled.

CFI is also deeply concerned about the recent up-ward spiral of the Second wave of Covid-19 infection and sharp rise in the positive cases across the country. Impact of second wave could further delay execution of national importance projects and curtail growth rate of our sector and economy as well.

Sir, we are thankful to your good-self for very kindly permitting Construction activities in the site where labourers are living, as per Office Order No: DMU/2020/CR. 92/DisM-1 issued on 4th April 2021.

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We would like to draw your kind attention that the **Head/Corporate Offices** of Infrastructure Construction Firms act as Central Processing Zone for several key activities such as Procurement, Construction Engineering and Management Controls, as well as the Command Centre for project sites located across the country. Many of these Head / Corporate Offices are located in Mumbai.

In addition, sites of major construction companies are located all across the country and shutting down Head Offices can lead to delays on other projects not acceptable to other clients. The financial year FY 20-21 having just ended, it would be necessary for the head offices of the companies to compile and prepare for the annual results to be published within the time frames specified by the statues and company Laws.

In view of genuine difficulties being faced by CFI members, we earnestly request your good-self to kindly consider allowing Head/Corporate Offices of Private Sector with 25% Staff to function on the lines as permission granted vide point No. 5 of the said Order.

Undoubtedly, your positive decision will play a pivotal role in boosting construction activities and subsequently complete crucial pending infrastructure projects of the Maharashtra.

We look forward to your kind consideration and an urgent positive response please.

With sincere regards,

Ajit Gulabchand President CFI