



As the close down is hopefully going to end at the earliest, the industry is gearing up to face the challenges brought up by the post COVID-19 economic conditions. In order to do so, we, on behalf of Builders and Contractors of India, earnestly place before your consideration the under mentioned points which we consider beneficial to the Industry.

1. To consider granting Industry Status to construction sector and constitute a separate Ministry exclusively for Construction Industry.
2. Cement and Steel being essential materials for Construction and Infrastructure, a Cement & Steel Regulatory Authority should be constituted to rein in unruly Manufacturers, who are indulging in Cartelization, with a purpose of profiteering. In this regard, we wish to inform that **Builders Association of India** filed a case in **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** in the year 2010 against **Cement Manufacturers Association (CMA)** and 11 Cement manufacturing companies for controlling the supply and determine exorbitantly high price of cement by forming a Cartel. Based on an enquiry, **CCI** passed an order in the year 2016 and imposed penalty of INR 6317 Crores for using the platform provided by the CMA to fix cement prices as well as limit and control production of supply of Cement in the market.
3. The Construction industry in present scenario is not moving up and suffering more setbacks as all the projects are stalled due to the pandemic COVID-19 characterized by extreme uncertainty. All Builders and contractors should be compensated suitably as they are burdened with over-head costs towards administration and labour payments without any productivity.
4. Payment of all pending bills with Central and State Governments which were not cleared before ending of the financial year 2019-20 have to be released as early as possible.
5. The moratorium for repayment of principal and interest borrowed for machinery, business, housing etc. to be extended till 31/3/2021 and waiver of interest there for should be granted.
6. Arbitration clause with escalation of price, extension of time to be included in both the Existing Government and Private Construction contract works and payment of disputed projects finalized in Arbitration should be released.
7. To provide housing for all and to increase the buying capacity of the Buyers, interest on housing loan should not exceed 5%.
8. Loans for Construction Industry should be treated at par with the Agriculture Sector and should be regulated accordingly.
9. To consider GST rate @ 5% for both the Infrastructure and Housing Projects.
10. The Government should come out with an Equitable Standard Contract Document, in line with FIDIC Contract Document, to be adopted by all Works Authorities, including private sector.

11. Government should introduce a transparent E-Tendering system, to be adopted by all Works Authorities and no Works Authority should be permitted to call for tenders to execute the work without proper budgetary allocation.

**Honourable Sir, we earnestly request you to kindly honour our members with a Webinar address on any date and time convenient to your good office.**

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,



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