Date – 2nd September 2020To,The Deputy Commissioner,

State GST Office,Ratnagiri.Subject: **Representation for Various administrative issues in view of Corona-19 Pandemic**Respected Sir,The situation in Ratnagiri district due to corona is worsening day by day. It is a known fact that the corona positive cases are increasing at its high. The death ratio in the district is also high. It is known to all that the employees from State Tax Department and Traders, Professionals and Tax Consultants are also infected due to corona. It is becoming difficult day by day to be safe for all. The prime motive of each and every person is to keep safe from corona infection now a day.In view of this critical situation, we humbley submit before you as under –1. The Sales Tax department is issuing various notices with the statement, for passing the ex-party orders. The number of these notices are very high. Although it stated in some of the notices can be replied online, but to reply, the dealer or his consultant must be in position to respond the same. The fear of corona is depressing the community at large. In this critical situation, the government is also taking lot many steps, however, we request before you that all the hearing and proceedings may please be postponed at least by two months. It will help for increasing moral comfort of the trade and professional community at large. It is essential to break the chain in increasing infection corona virus between State Tax department personals, trade and professionals. We also promise that we will help and support whole heartedly to the State Tax department for completing all the pending proceedings after reducing the infection rate of corona virus.

2. You are also requested to relaunch Settlement Scheme 2019 in view of this pandemic. In Ratnagiri, there was flood in last year in many areas, and due to that trade community was not able to take benefits of the scheme. The flood is coupled with Corona has already places dealers in distress. To help Trade from financial Crises, we request your honor to open Settlement Scheme again.3. Appeals are concentrated at Kolhapur Division. Thought the filing of appeals are online, but hearing is not online. Practically submission of some documents is mandatory like declarations in form C, F etc. and also other documents. It is not possible everything is online at appellate stage. The dealer or consultants need not be travel to another district for hearing in view of increasing rate. This is also dangerous for Kolhapur State GST Department that people from five district gather there for appeal hearing as already two persons are infected from Kolhapur GST Department. Further getting transport permits for Inter District travel is also a hurdle every time. We humbly request your honor to allow the appeal hearing at District Place only.

4. You are aware that from 22nd March 2020, the Maharashtra was fully locked own almost for 40 days. Even there after there are many restrictions to start businesses. You are requested to extend the due date of returns under MVAT Act for 3rd and 4th quarter of FY 19-20 and 1st and 2nd Quarter of FY 2020-21.

5. Also the due date must be extended well beyond 30.09.2020 in respect of filling of Form GSTR-9 and 9C for the F.Y. 2018-19 owing to continuation of lockdown in Maharashtra and non-resumption of local public transport in Maharashtra.

6. It is also required to extend the due dates for the Monthly and quarterly GST Returns due from February 20 To Sept 20 till at least 31st December 2020.We hope that you will think positively on all the above aspects, as life is more precious than all the things.Thanking you

Yours faithfullyFor Tax Practitioners Association of Ratnagiri District

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