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To,  
**Shri Piyush Goyal**  
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**Subject : The sudden and unbearable increase in the prices of steel, cement, asphalt, diesel and other building materials in the state of Gujarat and the matter of taking the construction industry hostage by cartel through steel as well as cement manufacturers ...**

Respected Sir,

Congratulations for making efforts to promote the overall development of South Gujarat to resume the commercial operations of TRADE and INDUSTRIES during and after the ongoing Covid-19 epidemic all over the world.

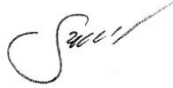
To draw your humble attention to that, with the implementation of the lockdown due to Covid-19 and the subsequent implementation of the guidelines, the ongoing work by construction professionals on their projects was now gradually returning to normal. That is when the steel and cement companies have suddenly increased prices without any good reason by cartel and also short supply. In addition, prices of asphalt, diesel and other materials have skyrocketed, resulting in high construction costs and a slowdown in growth due to the stretch of raw materials more than 250 INDUSTRIES associated with the industry. As a result, there are fears that rising unemployment in the state will create many problems.

Cement companies in Gujarat sell cement at low prices in other states of the country while other costs besides transportation are less for sale in Gujarat. However, the fact that cement is available in Gujarat at a higher price as compared to other states is totally impractical and unreasonable. It is necessary for the Government of Gujarat to take strict action against the companies producing cement in Gujarat.

Therefore, a separate regulatory body for cement and steel prices should be set up as soon as possible, like the regulatory authority set up by the government to regulate other sectors. In order to control the unbearable price hike and short supply policy by the cement and steel manufacturing companies by forming cartels illegally and to speed up the completion of construction and infrastructure development works in the state.

Therefore, your organization is requested to make representations in this regard at the appropriate level. ...

You're faithfully



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