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March 23, 2020

Hon'ble Shri Balasaheb Thorat

Minister for Revenue Government of Maharashtra Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032.

Circular dated 21/03/2020 announcing sudden closure of registration offices till Sub: 31/3/2020 (or further notice)

Respected Sir,

We are in the midst of one of the greatest crisis that India has ever seen - we are fighting two simultaneous battles - on the health front and economic front. COVID cases and job losses are mounting and we have to ensure that everything possible is done to protect health and jobs.

We are concerned about the circular dated 21/3/2020 announcing closure of all registration offices in Mumbai, MMR and Nagpur and earlier circular announcing closure in Pune and PCMC.

Registration is an essential government service and due to past decisions, all activities like home sales, mortgage in favour of banks etc. will come to immediate halt without registration. Further, there will be significant loss of government revenue since March end is a period where there is significant amount of registrations done due to Capital Gains related activity. Furthermore, job creating activities like FDI investments in warehousing and logistics will also be halted.

- a. We would request you to reconsider the aforesaid decision and operate registration offices with 25% staffing as is being done for other government departments. Preventive measures for Covid-19 detection like entry of one person at time into registration cabin and checking of temperature before entering registration office can be implemented.
- Alternatively, registration office to be kept open for two days on 26th March and 27th March 2020 so that all critical activities which are required to be completed before 31st March 2020 can be completed.
- If both of the above are not possible, government should issue clarification that payment of applicable stamp duty and signing of document by concerned parties and same being notarized will be deemed to be equivalent to registration till such time that registration offices are closed and banks/financial institutions/lawyers etc. to treat such document as registered.

We urge you to give urgent directions in the matter to prevent further disruption in an already strained economy.

Yours Sincerely,

For CREDAI-MCHI

Nayan A. Shah President

Bandish Aimera Hon. Secretary

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