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KEA IN THE NEWS

No Decision Yet on Lockdown Extension: Karnataka CM BSY,

Plea To CM: Allow Industry To Reopen From June 1.

Export Oriented Industries Must Be Allowed to Operate.

After considering all aspects of the post-lockdown situation in Industry, an appeal has been made to the Hon'ble Chief Minister Karnataka May 2021, by Sri BC Prabhakar President vide letter dated 30th May 2021, to allow industries to operate from 1st June. The appeal has been quoted by India Express and The Times Of India dated 01-06-2021 who have reported have as under.

"Karnataka Employers' Association President B C Prabhakar on Sunday wrote to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa urging him to permit them to resume operations from June 1, considering it was adversely affecting peoples' livelihood. He said Industries in the state has complied with the strict lockdown guidelines, and any extension beyond June 1, would pose a huge financial setback and put in jeopardy the livelihood of thousands of workmen and employees connected with Industry. Prabhakar said Karnataka is the hub of many "essential components" for the entire

nation, and while manufacturers have been allowed to keep operations open in other States, only Karnataka was hindered by the lockdown. He pointed out that many Industries feared that their orders could be routed to outside the State. The views have been also reported in The Times of India dated 1st June 2021 reiterating the need for resuming the operations of export oriented and other industries.

Copy of both the News clippings attached.

For KARNATAKA EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION
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PRESIDENT



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THE TIMES OF INDIA

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The restrictions will be eased across Karnataka when the cases in the state drop below 3,000," minister Ashoka said, adding the CM will take a call in the larger interest of people on June 6. "The lockdown has helped in controlling infections and deaths due to Covid," he said.

BBMP chief commissioner Gaurav Gupta told reporters that there is a discussion going on at the government level to lift the lockdown stage by stage. "Cases would be under control only if restrictions are eased in a phased manner. We, the officials, are also recommending the same," he said.

Industrial and trade associations have urged the government to ease restrictions after June 7. As a number of industries have not been exempted under essential services to operate, industries in garment, auto, electronics, machine manufacturers and components have remained closed following the lockdown order of May 7.

Karnataka Employers' Association (KEA) president BC Prabhakar has written to chief minister BS Yediyurappa, urging him to permit them to resume operations immediately, considering it was adversely affecting people's livelihood. He said any extension of the lockdown beyond June 7 would pose huge financial setback.

Avail 5% rebate on property tax till June 30

Property owners in Bengaluru can now avail 5% rebate against full payment of property tax for 2021-22 till June 30. BBMP on Monday extended the deadline by another month from May 31. It said in view of prevailing Covid-related lockdown and restrictions, in force from April 27 till June 7, it was felt that it had become very difficult for property owners to pay tax in banks.

The industrial bodies are insisting that at least export-oriented industries should be allowed to operate in a graded manner as in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. "Several other states have permitted industries with 50% employee strength," said Seetharam Bhat, secretary General of KEA. "A large number of medium- and small-scale, micro-industries, export-oriented industries have been severely affected by the closure," he added.

"It is not appropriate now to decide about the continuation or lifting of lockdown. It will be decided based on experts' opinions and facts & figures. However, certain activities need some relaxation in order to balance life and livelihood," said CN Ashwath Narayan, deputy chief minister and Covid-19 task force chairman.