

Shri Iqbal Singh Chahal, IAS
Municipal Commissioner of Greater Mumbai

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Respected Sir,

The Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) is one of the oldest and largest Associations in the Clothing and Garment Industry of India, with its Headquarters in Mumbai. Established in 1963, it represents close to 4,500 Manufacturers and nearly 20,000 Retailers in the Garment Industry, with Regional Offices in Pune, Bengaluru, and Delhi.

At the outset we would like to congratulate you Sir, for the outstanding management of the Covid-19 pandemic, and for the amazing efforts put in by you and your entire Team for bringing in control the runaway spread of the disease in its Second Wave.

Particularly impressive was the 5-Level Strategy evolved by BMC, which provides a totally transparent and objective model to apply differing restrictions in various Districts based on the ground level situations prevailing in each District.

The Strategy has rightly received National appreciation and recognition from all States.

Sir, thanks to your dynamic handling of the various lockdown measures coupled with strict implementation as well as an aggressive Vaccination drive, Mumbai City, which was at one time one of the worst affected cities, has seen a remarkable turn around in its Positivity Rate.

Sir, based on the various criteria laid down under the 5 Level Model, Mumbai has now qualified to be upgraded to Level – 2.

However, it is understood that there is still some hesitancy in the BMC to unlock Mumbai to reflect the Level 2 measures, and to continue keeping it in the Level 3.

Sir, it has been the effective partnership between the Authorities and the Citizens which has resulted in the impressive drop in cases, and we are very confident that Mumbaikars will continue to show the maturity and discipline to adhere to the required norms of Level 2 once Mumbai is put in that category.

Mumbai is at the heart of Maharashtra's economic progress and the driver of livelihood of lakhs of families. It is imperative that the Government brings Mumbai back to its full force by unlocking it and lifting the restrictions as soon as the required criteria is met.

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We are not suggesting any relaxations in the criteria set or the by-passing of any of these. However, it is important to continue on the path of calibrated unlocking as envisaged, and not let unnecessary hesitancy slow down the pace of economic recovery.

Sir, Maharashtra has close to 18,000 Garment Factories of which 10,000 are situated in Mumbai. These employ over 6 lakh workers and many more indirectly. The livelihoods and hopes of these workers depend on the prompt action of our Corporation.

Sir, we urge you to raise Mumbai from Level 3 to Level 2 as it has achieved the milestones and criteria laid down by the Government.

We look forward to your appropriate action.

With Best Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rajesh Masand', with a horizontal line underneath.

Rajesh Masand
President

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