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**CAIT sent a letter to the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi regarding the shut down of the private offices
Urged to make policy on work from home**

The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has urged the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Shri Anil Baijal, to reconsider the decision on the order of the Delhi Disaster Authority to close the private offices in Delhi. The orders and regulations of the government to prevent Covid infection, will be followed, said the National Secretary General of CAIT, Mr. Praveen Khandelwal, in a letter sent to Mr. Baijal, and added that there are more than 3 lakh private offices in Delhi in which lakhs of people are earning their livelihood. This decision of the government to shut down the offices will adversely affect such people.

Mr Khandelwal also said that work from home has been mentioned in the order. He further said that CAIT had requested the government in the year 2020 and 2021 to formulate a policy on work from home but no action was taken on it. Without any policy, how will work from home be successful, it is a big question. He said that since work from home has now become a part of business, it is very important to make a policy on it. Mr Khandelwal also suggested that only the private offices having more than 10 people, at present should be imposed to shut down. At present, the office of less than 10 employees should be exempted from this. Delhi has offices of a large number of small businessmen including other professional workers, who work with a very limited number of people, they should be exempted from this rule.

CAIT State President Shri Vipin Ahuja and State General Secretary Shri Devraj Baweja said that CAIT has suggested to the Lieutenant Governor that private offices working in Delhi should be allowed to work with 50 percent staff capacity where the Covid protocols will be followed rigorously. . He said that the traders of Delhi also fully agree with the government's concern regarding the increase in corona infection and all the business association of Delhi want to cooperate with the government so that the Covid spread can be controlled rapidly. It would be better if the government discuss with the traders beforehand and then impose the restrictions so that the Covid infection is curbed and business activities also continue. CAIT has also sought time to meet the Lieutenant Governor in this regard.