

Press Release

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Delhi Disaster Authority tomorrow- CAIT urged Delhi LG to relax Covid restrictions.

Retail Trade suffered business loss of 70% in past 25 days

In the wake of meeting of Delhi Disaster Management Authority to be held tomorrow on 27th January, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) called upon the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Mr. Anil Baijal to relax covid restrictions in Delhi, in a communication sent to him today in view of the decreasing number of covid cases in Delhi to enable the business community to conduct business activities in a smooth manner.

* CAIT National President Shri B.C.Bhartia & Secretary General Shri Praveen Khandelwal said that covid restrictions in Delhi and across the Country has very badly affected the retail trade which has suffered a trade loss of about 70% in last 25 days which has caused a worrisome situation among the traders of Delhi and other States all over the Country. The restrictions have reduced the inter-state traffic of traders who were earlier moving from one state to another for procuring different type of goods.

Shri Praveen Khandelwal said that in its letter to Shri Anil Baijal, the CAIT has suggested that not vaccinated persons should not be allowed to move out from their home whereas on the other hand, the odd-even system and weekend lock down should be abolished. The working hours of Delhi markets can be notified from 10 am to 5 pm. A joint committee of trade representatives under each police station should be constituted with concerned police officials mandated to ensure compulsory compliance of the covid safety protocols in respective markets. The wedding season has began from 14th January and as such, the limit of 20 persons for attending the wedding to 100 persons whereas hotels having dining area and restaurants be allowed to operate with 50% of the capacity and non-vaccinated persons should not be allowed to participate in the wedding or visiting hotels and restaurants.

*Shri Bhartia and Shri Khandelwal said that during past 25 days, from 1st January to 25th January, the retail trade in Delhi and across the Country has registered a trade loss of 70 percent prominently including 60% in FMCG, 65% in electronics, 70% in mobile, 60% in consumer durables, 65% in dry fruits, wholesale grocery 60% , 70% in footwear, 55% in jewelry, 70% in toys, 80% in gift items, 70% in builder hardware, 75% in sanitary ware, 70% in apparel, 70% in clothing 70%, in cosmetics 60% , 75% in furniture, 70% in furnishing fabrics, 70% in electrical goods, 75% in suitcases and luggage, 40% in food grains, 65% in kitchen appliances, 70% in clocks, 65% in computers and computer accessories, 70% in paper & stationery, 70% in mill stores & machinery, 80% in wedding & function cards, 65% in surgical items, 70% in rubber & plastics, 75% in pipes & pipe fittings, 70% in auto parts. 70% in wood and plywood, etc.