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To, Mr.Ramanna Dy.Director **Regional Office Spices Board** Unjha

Natubhai Patel President

> Hemant N. Shah Sr. Vice President

K. I. Patel Vice President

Pathik S. Patwari Hon. Secretary

V. P. Vaishnav Hon. Secretary (R)

Sachin K. Patel

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

GCCI is the apex body of all Trade & Industries in Gujarat, having membership strength of 6,000 direct members and 2,00,000 indirect members, which includes Hon. Treasurer more than 205 Associations and regional chamber across the state. GCCI is playing progressive role in boosting Spices Exports by Exim Help Desk, ADRC Facilities, Networking Programme Buyers Sellers meet, Logistics guidance, Exim Banking guidance etc.

Sir, as you may be aware that Gujarat is fast emerging as the hub for spice exports of Cumin seeds, Fennel seeds, Coriander seeds, Chilli, Dehydrate products, Sesame seeds etc. With reference to your discussion with Shri Hiren Gandhi, Chairman, Food & FSSAAI Committee, GCCI regarding infrastructure requirements to boost export of Spices & Agricultural Products please find the following suggestions:

- Need atleast 2 Member in Spices Board from Gujarat and one must be on higher post of the board.
- Need one cluster between Unjha and Saurashtra having facilities i.e Laboratory, Ware house, Process Units etc. and access to port within one day.
- This cluster should have connectivity to Northern India and Southern India.
- For, International trade, only 1 /2 days connectivity to port needed so the agricultural and perishable products can be exported well.
- Cluster should have connectivity with DMIC (Delhi Mumbai Corridor).

We hope that you will consider our suggestions.

With regards,

Yogendrakumar Trivedi **Secretary General**

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Hiren Gandhi Chairman, Food & FSSAI Committee