



EICJ/OCT/208
07th April 2008

The Municipal Commissioner
Pune Municipal Corporation
Aayalkar Bhavan,
Shivaji Nagar
Pune—411 005

Dear Sr.

We write with reference to an article appearing in local daily 'SAKAL' dated 10th March 2008 published by Pune Municipal Corporation inviting suggestions on changes to be made on Octroi Rules and Schedules of Pune Municipal Corporation.

At the outset, we would like to inform you that Express Industry Council of India (EICJ) is an Apex Body of all the leading Courier Companies and the Express Industry handles all items of sensitive documents and shipments etc. We give our suggestions as hereunder:

We would like Pune Municipal Corporation to give permission for Pre-clearance of Octroi Shipments.

Courier companies receive shipments from within India and other countries through Airports and by road. The current practice is to clear these shipments from check posts where Octroi duty is paid after arrival of the shipments which takes nearly 2 to 3 hours for clearance of these goods because of which delivery of the shipments to end-users is affected.

We would like to suggest that Courier Companies receive scanned copy of Invoice and other documents prior to arrival of shipments. We can provide invoices to Octroi officers on arrival of the shipments at the check posts and we request Pune Municipal Corporation to charge duty prior to arrival of shipments at Check posts so that we will be able to deliver the shipments to the end-user on time.



Secondly we would request PMC to exempt Octroi duty on all shipments of samples and free gifts upto a value of Rs. 10000/- from Octroi duty as currency under the Courier Regulations the same are exempted upto a limit of Rs, 10,000/-.

We would also like to suggest that there should be a uniform Octroi for all products which should not be more than 4% (which was hitherto the Octroi duty rate applicable).

We request you to incorporate our above suggestions in the Octroi Rules and Schedules. We are ready to discuss the above issues personally with your good selves at a mutually convenient date.

Thanking you,

For EXPRESS INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF INDIA

FRROKH M MORENA
'SECRETARY GENERAL