



PAKISTAN HOTELS ASSOCIATION

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Sub : Impact of COVID-19 on Hotel Industry of Pakistan
Relief request in payment of Utility Bills of Hotels

Honorable Chief Minister,

We want to invite the attention of your good self towards the apathy of the Hotel Industry, which is one of the "direct" affectees of the economic disaster brought upon by the deadly virus and the unfolding situation. Not only the hotels have fallen empty, all kinds of activities including food business, meetings & conferences, and other banquet events have all dried up leaving the hotels without any resources to pay their Utilities Bills and Salaries to their staff and other expenses.


We, therefore, urge and request your good self to immediately come to the rescue of the hotel industry in the form of following recommendation on immediate relief for payment of their utility bills by issuing Chief Minister office **to direct K Electric and Sui Southern Gas Company to defer payments of Hotel's Utility Bill, i.e. (Electricity and Gas) at least for Three Months or till the time, trade and business activities are resumed and these deferred payment of Utilities Bills be divided into 12 equal monthly installments after revival of business / trade activity.**

This will give the Hotel Industry some breathing space and will help it in standing up back on its feet. We trust that the Government fully understands the gravity of the situation of the dwindling Hotel industry and will come to its rescue at this crucial moment.

With profound regards and looking forward to your kind support and necessary action by writing letters to above institutions at your earliest for badly-needed relief for the Hotel industry of Pakistan.

Best regards

Yours sincerely,


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CHAIRMAN