



Email: info@ukncgo.org

Web: www.ukncgo.org

Replies to:

C J Rabheru, President - NCGO, WASP, Repton Avenue, Sudbury, Wembley, Middx HA0 3DW, UK

Tel: +447958 275 222 Email: totalitjobs@aol.com

Hon. Shree Narendrabhai Modi
Prime Minister of India
Prime Minister's Office
South Block, Raisina Hill
New Delhi-110011

27th December 2016

Dear Hon. Prime Minister Mr Modiji

Re: NRI'S CONCERNS REGARDING DEMONETISATION

I, as President of National Congress of Gujarati Organisations UK – NCGO representing 860,000 plus Hindu Gujaratis in UK wrote to you, Foreign Minister and Governor of Bank of India on 16th November 2016 expressing concerns of the NRI's which regrettably has been not responded to. (Re-sending the copy letter)

Hon. Shree Modiji, NRI's in UK and World over have very high regards for you, NRI's have been supporters of BJP and in particular NRI's have blind faith in you.

UK NRI's have fought for you with UK Government to issue visa to you and officially invite you to UK. Modiji UK NRI's were hopeful that you will have made some allowance for the NRI's who could not travel to India by 31st of December 2016 to deposit the Rupees held by them. Lots of NRI's are elderly people and have no idea of Indian Banking System or too fragile to stand in the queue.

Modiji, even at this late stage your assurance to the NRI's would be highly appreciated if you could make a special provision for NRI's to deposit the Rupees held by them as and when they come to India with time limit till 31st December 2017. Rupees could be deposited with RBI if required or with any Indian Bank in India.

Please also make an allowance for any NRI is not able to travel to India for some reasons he/she can ask someone to carry the Rupees for him/her to India and get them exchanged for New Notes.

Myself and NCGO Executive Committee Members had lots of complaints from NRI's who are in India at the moment facing great deal of hardship due to lack of currency available to them. Issues raised are:

1. On arrival they were given hard time regarding how much Rupees are they carrying.
2. Few NRI's were stopped and Rupees taken away from them by the Customs Despite them carrying a letter that they are in possession of Rupees for their Friends or Relatives who are unable to travel to India.
3. On arrival they had to struggle to get their Foreign Currency to be changed leaving them with no Rupees for their daily expenses.
4. Due to scarcity of the Rupees NRI had to stay within the confines of the Hotel.
5. They could not go out for shopping or to a restaurant.

Few of the NRI's have cut short their trip to India having faced great deal of hardship vowing never to go back to India which should be a cause for concern for you.

Modiji, World over every Country is crying out for tourism, you were actively promoting Gujarat as tourist destination while you were CM of Gujarat.

I feel you should have made special case for the Tourist who wished to cash their Foreign Currency, there should be no limit for them to cash against foreign currency. Your Government should have and must instruct every Indian Bank and Forex Bureau to facilitate exchange of the Foreign Currency by having VIP Counter at each Bank for the Tourists. This oversight has sent bad messages to the prospective tourists to India including NRI's.

Modiji, as President of NCGO I sincerely request you to address the concerns of NRI's who are left with cash Rupees and for Tourists to be given special attention to cash their Foreign Currency without any hassle.

I would appreciate your official response and a message to NCGO's Gujarati Members so that they feel comfortable and their faith in you remains intact.

Regards



C J Rabheru
President