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Dear Shi Chaudhun

As you are aware, the recent Union Budget has introduced a Sunset Clause for SEZ Units and Developers.

- 2. SEZ Units, in order to be eligible for Direct Tax benefits, will have to be operationalised by 31st March, 2020 or else they will not be eligible for Direct Tax benefits. SEZ Developers, in order to be eligible for Direct Tax benefits, will have to be operationalised their SEZs by 31st March, 2017 otherwise, they will not be eligible for Direct Tax benefits.
- 3. The above scenario makes it imperative for all Development Commissioners and Department of Commerce (SEZ Division) to work in tandem and proactively to ensure that all such proposals are approved without any delay. If there are any inconsistencies in the application form, DCs should proactively interact with the applicants and point out the inadequacies in the applications and send it to this Department for prompt action. I have also instructed the officers working in the SEZ Division to take up these proposals without any delay and put up to the competent authority for approval. I would expect and request you to gear up the machinery at your level in this regard. A response indicating actions taken by you will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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