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To,

**Tmt P. Amudha,**  
**Hon'ble Secretary,**  
**Department of Labour,**  
**Government of Tamil Nadu**

**Subject - Renewal of 365 days store opening notification**

**Hon'ble Secretary,**

Greetings from Retailers Association of India!

It is my pleasure to write on behalf of Retailer's Association of India.

Retailers Association of India (RAI) is the unified voice of Indian retailers working with all the stakeholders for creating the right environment for the growth of the modern retail industry in India. RAI is the body that encourages, develops, facilitates and supports retailers to become modern and adopt best practices that will delight customers. RAI has a three charter aim of Retail Development, Facilitation and Propagation. RAI is the premier body of Retailers in India having around 1000 member establishments including large and small retailers in the country having approximately 1,72,000 stores.

Sir, we gratefully acknowledge the move by your progressive department to allow all the retail establishment in the state of Tamil Nadu to keep their stores open throughout the year. We are attaching the notification – **G.O. (MS) No: 55** dated **25-02-2016** issued by your honorable department. The said permission has been issued for a year which is expiring on **24-02-2017**.

The move has been much appreciated by the entire retail industry and this has helped the industry to provide an interrupted service to the consumers and also contributed to the increase in employment opportunities.

We would be really honored if a renewed notification could be issued in regard to 365 days working of retail establishments in the state. We would like to request your honorable department if the said notification could be granted for a period of **five** years.

**Ma'am, a high level delegation from the retail industry can come and discuss with you in person, the modalities of the same. We would like to seek your appointment at as time as per your convenience to discuss how the retail industry can be made stronger, thus augmenting the state's economy and social well-being.**

We believe such a meeting would surely bear fruitful results in both, supporting the industry as well as taking forth the objectives of the government.

Looking forward for your kind response.

Warm Regards,



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**Thiru M.Karunanidhi,**  
**Hon'ble Joint Secretary,**  
**Department of Labour,**  
**Government of Tamil Nadu**

**RAI National Council**

**Atul Chand,**  
ITC - LRBD

**Avijit Mitra,**  
Infiniti Retail (Croma)

**B A Kodandarama Setty,**  
Vivek Ltd.

**B S Nagesh,**  
Shoppers Stop Ltd.

**Bhaskar Bhat,**  
Titan Industries Ltd.

**Govind Shrikhande,**  
Shoppers Stop Ltd.

**J Suresh,**  
Arvind Brands

**Jamshed Daboo,**  
Trent Hypermarket Ltd.

**Kabir Lumba,**  
Lifestyle International (P) Ltd.

**Kishore Biyani,**  
Future Group

**Krish Iyer,**  
Walmart India

**Noel Tata,**  
Trent Ltd.

**Pranab Barua,**  
Aditya Birla Retail Ltd.

**Rafique Malik,**  
Metro Shoes Ltd.

**Rahul Mehta,**  
CMAI

**Rakesh Biyani,**  
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**Shashwat Goenka,**  
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**Vinay Nadkarni,**  
Globus Stores Pvt. Ltd.