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Dear Shri Bhalla ji,

Sub: Request to declare 'Elevators and Escalators Services' as an 'Essential Services' for unrestricted movement of mechanics and support team to reach the site and provide emergency services

The Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers' Association (IEEMA) is the apex industry association of the Indian electrical equipment, industrial electronics and allied equipment manufacturers and services. A part of our membership is the Elevator and Escalator industry.

Elevators and Escalators are significant part of a commercial, residential, hospital, metros, Airports, Government or any utility building. Therefore, it is important to ensure that elevators operate and run without any interruptions or breakdown in these buildings in all conditions in order to avoid situations like entrapment of passengers and goods. With the high rise residential buildings housing hundreds of residents, their movement up and down for meeting their daily life becomes imperative. The utility of elevators becomes essential to meet the emergency medical needs of such occupants. Elderly people in such buildings cannot use the stairs requiring uninterrupted service of elevators. Similar to the transportation being identified as an essential services, the elevators and escalators employed in vertical transportation should also be declared as essential service with the evolution of all pervasive existence of such elevators and escalators. In addition, the industry is engaged in undertaking the construction or modernisation activities of installed elevators in such hospitals and government buildings to meet the emergent needs. There have been instances of the elevator industry extending support round the clock completing construction of hospitals on war footing during the pandemic.

Through this representation IEEMA requests the Government of India and the respective State Governments to declare 'Elevators and Escalators services' as an 'essential services' to enable unrestricted movement of mechanics and support team to reach the site and provide emergency services.

We assure you that the industry members will take all necessary safety precautions in accordance with the guidelines issued by the government(s) and will implement containment measures with minimal involvement of personnel to facilitate the emergency services.

We look forward to kind consideration of our above request.

Best Regards

Yours sincerely,

Sunil Misra

Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla
Secretary
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