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FADA Once Again Knocks Honourable Supreme Court's Door for BS-IV Sale Extension As Retail Sales Nosedive with Coronavirus (Covid-19) Epidemic

17th March 2020, New Delhi: The Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) on behalf of its members has once again approached Hon'ble Supreme Court and has filed an Interlocutory Application along with an Application seeking modification in Writ Petition No. 13029 of 1985 in the matter of M. C. Mehta Vs Union Of India & Others, dated 24th October 2018 whereby it has been directed that "...no motor vehicle conforming to emission standard Bharat Stage-IV shall be sold or registered in the entire country with effect from 01.04.2020."

FADA President Ashish Harsharaj Kale said, "Post our Initial Application, necessitated due to huge unsold BS-IV inventory and slowing sales, getting rejected by the Hon'ble Apex Court on 14th February'20, there has been a drastic change in circumstances in conducting business as usual. SARS-CoV-2 a.k.a Coronavirus (Covid-19) which emerged in Wuhan in the Hubei province of China has spread rapidly across the Globe and also in India.

Following this in the Past Week there has been Drastic Drop in Sales and Customer Walk-ins have reduced to a Trickle as Caution Sets in due to Fear of Spreading of the Virus. Counter sales has fallen by 60-70% across Auto Dealerships in these past few days.

The Situation has Worsened in the Past 3-4 Days with Partial Lockdown Situation in Many Towns and Cities and Few District Magistrates have started issuing notices of closure of shops and establishments including Auto Dealerships to stop the spread of virus."

Mr Kale went on to say, "Owing to situations which are beyond our control and the Fact that Many of our members may Face Dealership Closures if Leftover with Unsold BS-IV Stocks, FADA has once again approached the Apex Body with a Request for permission of sale and registration of BS-IV vehicles till 31st May'20 and Hopes to get an Urgent Hearing in the Hon'ble Supreme Court Owing to the Criticality of the issue and the Deadline of 31st March approaching fast."

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About F A D A India

Founded in 1964, Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (F A D A), is the apex national body of automobile retail industry in India engaged in the sale, service and spares of 2/3 Wheelers, Passenger Cars, UVs, Commercial Vehicles (including buses and trucks) and Tractors. F A D A India represents over 15,000 automobile dealers having 25,000 dealerships including 30 Associations of Automobile Dealers at the Regional, State and City levels accounting for 90% of market share in India. Together we employ over 2.5 million direct employees and another 2.5 million as indirect employees, making it a total of ~5 million people in the country at dealerships and service centres.

F A D A India, at the same time also actively networks with the industries and the authorities, both at the Central & State levels to provide its inputs and suggestions on the Auto Policy, Taxation, Vehicle Registration Procedure, Road Safety and Clean Environment, etc. to sustain the growth of the Automobile Retail Trade in India.