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To,
Hon'ble Minister of Finance
Government of Maharashtra,
MUMBAI.

**SUB: WITHDRAWAL OF EXEMPTION OF SALES TAX ON
INSTRUMENTS & MATERIALS USED IN DENTISTRY.**

Respected sir,

This is in reference to the Maharashtra State Budget announcement of Withdrawal of Sales Tax exemptions available to Instruments & Materials used in Dentistry from 1st April'2001. We are seeking to continue the present exemption of Sales Tax on dental products, which are by an large used for benefit of general public. DENTAL COLLEGES, HOSPITALS mainly Govt. Organization AND DENTISTS use these dental products for treating patient for their dental health.

BACK GROUND:

The members of our associations are Manufacturers, Importers and Traders of Dental Equipment and Materials. Their customers are exclusively Dentists, Dental Colleges and Hospitals.

Maharashtra today is pride of India in having largest number of Dentists and also large numbers of Government, Semi Government and Private Centers providing subsidies rate of treatment to masses.

PREVIOUS EXEMPTION:

Our association had represented the matter to Maharashtra Govt. in the year 1997 and could obtain reduction of Sales Tax from 13% to 4%. This REDUCTION was given on the basis facts & reasons explained to the finance Dept., as per