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Управление Южной Азии
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Г.Ф. Кунадзе

Уважаемый Георгий Фридрихович,

Направляю обращение к Президенту Д. Пателя с предложением о вручении скульптуры М. Ганди.

Просьба дать указание рассмотреть данное предложение и высказать точку зрения МИД по существу вопроса.

Д. Рюриков

" *10* " сентября 1993 г.

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АННОТАЦИЯ

письма на имя Президента Российской Федерации

Б. Н. Ельцина от Д. Пателя (Индия)

Джаюбхаи Патель - президент созданного в 1980 году Центра по защите интересов потребителей штата Гуджарат. Сообщает, что во время вручения Джону Мейджору 19 ноября 1992 года в Лондоне высочайшей награды его Центра, золотой скульптуры Махатмы Ганди, все присутствующие на церемонии лица порекомендовали присудить данную награду за 1993 год Президенту России Б. Н. Ельцину. С учетом этого члены комитета по присуждению ежегодной награды единодушно приняли решение вручить следующую награду, золотую скульптуру Махатмы Ганди, Б. Н. Ельцину будущим летом или в любое другое удобное для него время непосредственно в его кабинете в Кремле. Для вручения награды в Москву будет направлена делегация из пяти человек, в числе которых - Президент Центра, Вице-президент и Генеральный Секретарь. Среди ранее награжденных лиц - Мать Тереза, Джордж Буш и другие известные политические и общественные деятели мира, благодарственные письма которых прилагаются к данному обращению.

В заключение Д. Патель просит Б. Н. Ельцина информировать его о согласии принять награду Центра по защите интересов потребителей штата Гуджарат.

Составил: *М. Колесников* М. Колесников

Mr. John Major The British Prime Minister
received Grahak Ratna Award on 19.11.92
at 10 Downing Street, London.

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Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre

G.S.C.P.C. Secretariat

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Ashok nagar,
NADIAD-387 001.
(Gujarat State)

Bombay Phone : (022) 613 01 06

**Award Winners
Patrons**

**Mahatman Gandhi International
Grahak Ratna Award - 1993.**

August 28th, 1993

**Noble Laureate
Mother Teresa
India.**

His Excellency -

**Mr. George Bush
US President
U. S. A.**

**Mr. Boris N. Yeltsin,
President,
The Russian Federation,
Kremlin - Moscow,
RUSSIA.**

**Mr. John Major
Prime Minister
Great Britain**

Dear President,

**Mr. Nelson Mandela
President
African National Congress
South-Africa**

While presenting the Consumer World's highest honour and most prestigious Mahatma Gandhi International Golden GRAHAK RATNA Award to Mr. John Major, The British Prime Minister on 19th, November, 1992 at 10 Downing Street, London all present recommended your honour's name for the same for the year 1993 and hence this communication.

**American Cancer Society
Atlanta.
U. S. A.**

In view of this, the Annual Award selection committee unanimously nominated your honour for the Mahatma Gandhi - International Golden Grahak Ratna Award for the year - 1993 which will be presented to you at your office in Kremlin - Moscow in Russia in next summer or at any time convenient to you. A deligation of about 5 consisting our National President Vice President and Secretary general will visit Russia to present the same in presence of your followers. The past recipient are Mother Teresa, Former US President Mr. George B and many more.

**Canadian Cancer Society
Toronto
Canada.**

**Consumers Association
London.
United Kingdom.**

**Dr. V. Kurien
Chairman
NDDB, Anand.**

The Award is a 12 inch golden statue of Mahatma Gandhi in his historical Dandi kutch pose mounted on wooden stand.

**Dr. Harshad C. Patel
Physician to the
President of India.**

Enclosed herewith are the copies of communications received from all over The World.

**Jayubhai Patel
President
International Affairs**

Please send us your acceptance and oblige.

With all good wishes,

**Mukund Patel
Secretary General.**

Yours sincerely,

For Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre

Jayubhai-Patel—President



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ПОМОЩНИКУ ПРЕЗИДЕНТА
РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ

Д. Б. РЮРИКОВУ

Уважаемый Дмитрий Борисович,

В связи с предложением руководителя Центра по защите интересов потребителей штата Гуджарат (Индия) Д. Пателя о вручении Президенту Б. Н. Ельцину золотой скульптуры Махатмы Ганди представляется возможным дать положительный ответ.

Полагали бы целесообразным организовать церемонию передачи скульптуры в Генконсульстве РФ в Бомбее с последующей ее пересылкой по назначению.



" 21 " сентября 1993 года

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Борис Николаевич,

Президент Центра по защите интересов потребителей штата Гуджарат (Индия) Д. Патель сообщает о том, что принято решение о вручении Вам ежегодной награды Центра – золотой скульптуры Махатмы Ганди, которое может состояться в удобное для Вас время в следующем году.

МИД РФ полагает возможным дать положительный ответ на обращение и предложить организовать церемонию передачи в нашем Генконсульстве в Бомбее.



В дело. По указанию
Д.Б. Роримову 28.02.98



A BRIEF GUIDE TO THE GUJARAT STATE CONSUMERS' PROTECTION CENTRE

Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre is a leading International Consumer Voluntary Organisation dedicated to the protection and promotion of the consumer cause worldwide - especially of those who are the disadvantaged and vulnerable sections of the society. The centre was set-up in 1980 and works on grand principles of persuasion rather confrontation.

AIM OF CENTRE

- o The overriding aim of the centre is to safeguard the interests of consumers in dealing with commerce and stimulate increased consumer influence on community life-as well as to contribute towards a consumer - friendly development both now and in the future.
- o The centre co-operates with the authorities, institutions and overseas organisations in ways that are the most appropriate at the time.
- o The most important work before the centre is to strengthen the position of the consumer and achieve a better balance in the market.
- o The centre seeks to create a society which safeguards the need and interests of the people.
- o We promote a growth of a strong consumer movement and increased protection for people in their role as consumers.
- o We are committed to educate people about products and processes which can endanger peoples health and safety particularly when numerous companies exploit weak environmental and legal standards.
- o The relationship between consumer and producer of goods is under going fundamental changes all over the world, because education has given the taste of freedom and protection. Consumers once again opt for the choices and raise voices against injustice.
- o We act as an advocate for the interests of people and have to be in constant dialogue with concerned.
- o The centres power is the power of persuasion, which is capable of producing high quality work.
- o We create public opinion on problems of public interest. We crusade against - tobacco, aids, drugs and cancer.
- o We link lawyers and eminent consumer activists worldwide and share experience and information and undertake projects jointly.
- o The centre leaves people with the feeling that we have treated them as individuals - is in many ways is the most important.

- o The centre is managed by citizens of high integrity and dedication to the cause. The centre has branched its activities in various states, districts, and villages and operate through specialised cells. Everything is on voluntary basis and none are pressurised to participate. The centres usefulness to people depends on its effectiveness as a free-ranging, but watch-dog agency able to direct itself to where it is most needed. The exercise is unpleasant and earns wrath from those against who action is taken.

Resources

- o The centre derives its resources form its members and their generosity. We accept no advertisements from business nor do we have any grant or subsidy from any governments which is why we maintain complete freedom in work.
- o The centre is a non profit, non political organisation to fill a gap for a partisan body to further and safeguard commonman interests.
- o We do not consider the recommendations for nomination of Consumer Protection awards received from the Country, who violates the human rights-which amounts to violation of consumer rights for which we work.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 27, 1992

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the statue and certificate. I appreciate your kind tribute and the photographs of your presentation ceremony to U.S. Consul General Charles Mast. I am always delighted to hear from those who support the protection of human rights.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH

Members of the
Gujarat State Consumers
Protection Centre
G.S.C.P.C. Secretariat
Nadiad-387 001
Gujarat State
INDIA



CERTIFICATE

OF MERIT

Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre

GRAHAK RATNA AWARD

Awarded to

Mr George Bush

for protecting the human rights

6th day of
september 1991

Jayubhai Patel



JAYUBHAI PATEL

General State Consumers Protection Centre

1000, Ring Road, Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad



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GUJARAT STATE CONSUMERS PROTECTION CENTRE CITATION

Presentation of GRAHAK RATNA AWARD - 1992
in London, UK on 19th November 1992

JAYUBHAI PATEL

National President - Mukund Patel, General Secretary

- Members of Governing Board
- Members of Award Selection Committee
- Members of International activities

- of Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre
unanimously nominate for the world's highest
consumer honour (ie Peoples honour) and

Consumer Ratna Award
(Grahak Ratna Award) for the year 1992

to Mr JOHN MAJOR MP
British Prime Minister
No 10 Downing Street
London SW1A 2AA
United Kingdom

in appreciation of the quality of British
Administration at all levels of life especially -

public utilities services
satisfactory law and order situation
responsive government administration
keeping priorities on track
protecting economic interest of people
enhancing consumers prosperity
protecting consumers rights
keeping inflation down

- a number one enemy of the consumer

KIRAN M PATEL
Chairman
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International
Activities

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National President
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General Secretary



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Office of Public Service and Science
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AWARD PRESENTATION FUNCTION

Presentation of Grahak Ratna Award for the year 1992

by

Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre, India

(an international organisation)

Date - 19 November 1992
Day - Thursday
Time - 4 pm

Place - Cabinet Office, British Government
70 Whitehall
London SW1A 2AS
UK

Recipient of Award - MR JOHN MAJOR MP,
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Yours sincerely

W Jones

WILLIAM JONES
Private Secretary

Mr J M Patel
Mr John Hoskar Deputy Director, Consumers Association



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

11 November 1992

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Mr. Patel,

I was very honoured to learn that the Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre wished to present me with the Grahak Ratna Award for the Quality of British Administration. I am very sorry that my crowded diary makes it impossible for me to accept it personally; However, Robert Jackson, M.P., the Parliamentary Secretary in the office of Public Service and Science, will be delighted to receive it on the Government's behalf on 19 November. He will, I know, convey to you the warm gratitude we all feel for this kind tribute.

With sincere thanks and best wishes,

*Yours sincerely,
John Major*

JOHN MAJOR

Mr. J. Patel.
President,
Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre
C/o. 166, Rowland's Avenue
Hatch End
Middlesex HA5, 4AP



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MAKE US worthy, Lord
to serve our fellow men
throughout the world
who live and die in po-
verty and hunger.
GIVE THEM, through our
hands, this day their dai-
ly bread; and by our un-
derstanding love, give
peace and joy.

God bless you
Be Teresa m

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY
54A ACHARYA J CHANDRA BOSE
CALCUTTA 700016, INDIA

29-3-92

S.M.

Dear Mr. Jayabhai Patel,
Thank you for your
kind letter and awarding
me the Consumer's Highest
honour of which I am most
unworthy - but I accept
it for the glory of God
and the good of our Poor.
My gratitude to you is
my prayer for you;
that God's blessing may
be with you all.

I would be grateful if
you would kindly let
me know - when and
where will this award
be given as I am not able
at present to travel.

God bless you
Be Teresa m

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr Jayubhai-Patel
President
Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre
Ashok nagar
Nadiad-387 001
Gujarat State
India

23 March 1993

Dear Mr Patel

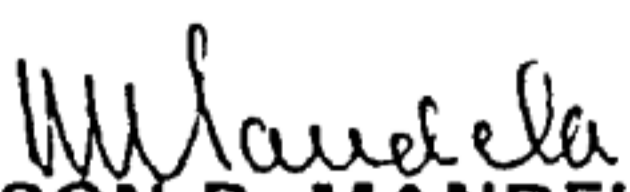
I thank you very much for your letter of 15 February 1993, which I received this week.

I am greatly honoured to be nominated by your Centre for the Grahak Ratna Award and would like to accept this award not only on my own behalf but on behalf of all the people of South Africa who have struggled and sacrificed much through the many long years under the apartheid yoke, to gain freedom, justice and peace in our land. Although we have not yet achieved the democracy we crave, we are travelling our last mile and it is appropriate in that respect that you propose to present this award to me in 1994, the year in which South Africa will see its first-ever democratic elections:

The first quarter of 1994 is some way ahead and it would be helpful to me and my office to have further information from you, pinpointing a specific date and time. Perhaps you would let my office know in due course when you propose to travel to South Africa so that a firm commitment can be made.

Once again, thank you for thinking of me and the people of South Africa.

Yours sincerely


NELSON R. MANDELA
President

The People Shall Govern!

Consumers' Association

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CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION ACCEPTS MAJOR GUJERAT AWARD

Consumers' Association today (30.9.92) accepted 'humbly and gratefully' an award which has been described as 'the world's highest consumer honour and consumer protection award'.

The Grahak Suraksha Award 1992 was presented by the Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre, a leading international consumer voluntary organisation, 'in appreciation of [CA's] excellent and motivating work of creating consumer awareness'.

Areas of work identified in the citation included protecting consumers' interests, product safety, conducting surveys of public opinion, creating public opinion against common problems, and persuading business to respect consumers' views as feedback about their product.

Other nominees for the year 1992 are the American Cancer Society and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent organisations. UK Prime Minister John Major has also received an award, as has US President George Bush and Mother Theresa of Calcutta.

'We are honoured to receive this prestigious award,' said the Deputy Director of Consumers' Association, John Hosker. John received the award today from the hands of BBC-TV's Watchdog programme, Lynn Faulds Wood. 'An occasion like this makes one feel very humble.'

'Consumer rights are important no matter where you are - in Britain, in America, in Switzerland, in the State of Gujerat. We are grateful to our brothers and sisters at the Gujerat State Consumers' Protection Centre for this prestigious award. We will treasure it always.'

(ends)



GUJARAT STATE CONSUMERS PROTECTION CENTRE

CITATION

Presentation of Consumer Protection Award - 1992

JAYABHAI PATEL
National President

Members of Governing Board
Members of Annual Award Selection Committee of GUJARAT STATE
CONSUMERS PROTECTION CENTRE
unanimously nominate for the world's highest consumer honour and
Consumer Protection Award
(GRAHAK SURAKSHA AWARD) for
THE YEAR 1992

TO
CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION
2 Marylebone Road
London NW1 4DF

In appreciation of their excellent and motivating work of creating consumer awareness

- o protecting consumers' economic interests
- o educating common people on product's safety, and misleading advertisement
- o involving community in crusading against tobacco, contagious diseases, drugs etc
- o persuading business to respect consumers' views as feedback about their product
- o conducting public opinion survey
- o creating public opinion against common problems

Consumers' Association

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GUJARAT STATE CONSUMERS PROTECTION CENTRE

1992

AWARD PRESENTATION FUNCTION

Presentation of Consumer Protection Award for the year 1992 by Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre India

Date 30 September 1992

Day Wednesday

Time 11.20 AM

Place - 2 Marylebone Road
London NW1 4DF

Recipient of Awards: Consumers' Association London UK

PROGRAMME

- 11 - 11.30 Introduction
- 11.30 Presentation of flowers to Lynn Faulds Wood
- 11.35 Welcome to Consumers' Association by Mr John Hosker
- 11.45 Introduction of Gujarat State Consumers' Protection Centre
by Jayubhai Patel
- 11.55 Citation of Award
- 12.05 Presentation Certificate of Merit by Mukund Patel
General Secretary
- 12.15 Presentation of Award by Lynn Faulds Wood
- Words from Lynn Faulds Wood
- Group photograph with Award Winners

Mr John Hosker Jayubhai Patel Mr Mukund Patel
Deputy Director National President Secretary

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INDIA'S PRESTIGIOUS GUJARAT STATE CONSUMERS PROTECTION CENTRE
PRESENTS THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WITH
THEIR MOST HONORED CONSUMERS PROTECTION AWARD

Mr. Ralph Destino, Chairman of the Board of the American Cancer Society's New York City Division, and Member of the Society's National Foundation, accepted the Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre's highest award on behalf of the American Cancer Society. The award was presented for the Society's outstanding work in the field of cancer control. The ceremony took place on October 28th at 3:45 p.m., at the American Cancer Society's New York City Division, (19 West 56th Street).

The award was presented by Jayubhai Patel, National President of the Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre which is a leading international consumer protection agency developed in 1980. The organization is renowned for their pro-health actions and they crusade against tobacco, AIDS and drugs.

Past recipients of this award include Mother Theresa and President George Bush.

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T. Mosetis
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GRAHAK SURAKSHA AWARD PRESENTATION

October 28, 1992
3:45 p.m.

American Cancer Society
19 West 56th Street
New York, N.Y. 10019

Recipient of Award for the Year 1992

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, INC.

PROGRAM

Introductions

Welcome by George Dessart, American Cancer Society

Introduction of Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre
by National President Mr. Jayubhai Patel

Citation of Award by Mrs. Dharmistha Patel of G.S.C.P.C.

Presentation of Certificate of Merit by Mukund Patel,
General Secretary of G.S.C.P.C.

Presentation of Award by Chief Guest to Mr. Ralph Destino,
Chairman, American Cancer Society, New York City
Division, Inc.

Ralph Destino
Chairman
American Cancer Society
New York City Division

Jayubhai Patel
National President
G.S.C.P.C.

Mukund Patel
General Secretary
G.S.C.P.C.

**AMERICAN
CANCER
SOCIETY** NEW YORK CITY DIVISION, INC.
19 WEST 56th STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019

October 30, 1992

Mr. Jayubhai Patel
National President
Gujarat State Consumers
Protection Centre
G.S.C.P.C. Secretariat
Ashok nagar
NADIAD-387 001
Gujarat State
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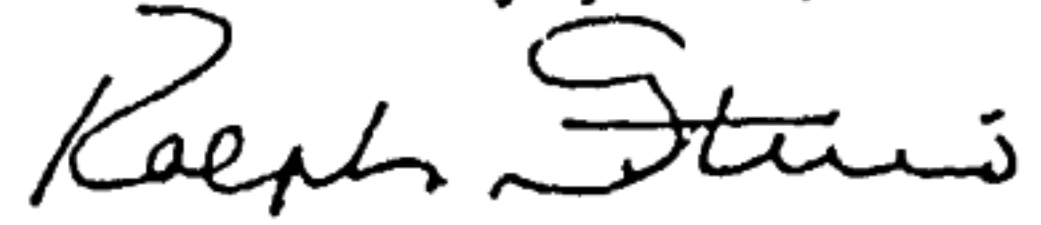
Dear Mr. Patel:

It is with great honor that we received the prestigious Grahak Suraksha Award for 1992 from the Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre presented to the American Cancer Society, Inc. in New York City on October 28, 1992.

We accept this award which consists of a Citation, a Certificate of Merit and an impressive statue on behalf of the American Cancer Society, Inc., and the thousands of volunteers throughout the country who labor diligently to save lives and prevent cancer through programs of research, education and service. We appreciate this tribute to our organization and we will display it in our National headquarters.

Thank you again for selecting the American Cancer Society and for recognizing the important work it does throughout the world.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph Destino
Chairman of the Board

Bronx Unit
656 WEST 181st ST
NEW YORK NY 10033

Brooklyn Area
185 MONTAGUE ST
Brooklyn NY 11201

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Staten Island Unit
58 NEW DORP PLAZA
STATEN ISLAND NY 10306



GERRY S. de HARVEN
Vice President
for International Activities

December 16, 1992

Mr. Jayubhai Patel, President
Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre
Ashoknagar
Nadiad 387001
Gujarat
INDIA

Dear Mr. Patel:

Please accept the great appreciation of the national American Cancer Society for the honor that you conferred on the Society through our New York City Division at the impressive ceremony on October 28, 1992. The American Cancer society was deeply honored to receive the prestigious Grahak Saruksha Award, and we are proud to display the impressive documents that pay tribute to our work in a cause that we share - the fight against disease.

We are pleased that the award was accepted on our behalf by outstanding representatives of the American Cancer Society, Mr. Ralph Destino, President of the New York City Division, and that Mr. George Dessart, member of our National Board of Directors, represented both our New York City Division and our National organization.

Copies of all the correspondence, documents and photographs have been shared with us and we are grateful for the efforts of all concerned that made possible this prestigious award. Please convey our deep appreciation to all of your associates.

As is our policy, please continue to address all communications and inquiries to this office, where we will endeavor to be of whatever assistance we can in our mutual efforts to control cancer in our communities.

Thank you again for the special honor bestowed to us at the prestigious ceremony on October 28.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerry S. de Harven

cc: George Barker
George Dessart
Ralph Destino AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, INC.
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May 6, 1992

Mr. Jayubhai Patel
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Dear Mr. Patel.

Since the date of my last letter, April 15, we have received the Consumer Protection Award. It was passed on to our office from the Consulate General of Canada, on behalf of the Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre.

The statue is truly beautiful, and we are so touched and grateful to have been the chosen recipients of the Award. I would like to have a photo taken of the Canadian Cancer Society President alongside the statue. He will be visiting our office here in Toronto at the end of May, and I will be pleased to forward this to you at that time.

I have not received any updated news of your plans to visit Toronto. Please let me know of your intentions, so that we may discuss arrangements for your visit.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely.

Maaïke Asselbergs
Executive Director, Programmes and Planning

GUJARAT STATE CONSUMERS PROTECTION CENTRE

THE 1992 CONSUMER PROTECTION AWARD WINNERS

For the first time in history of Consumer World - Gujarat State Consumers' Protection Centre - an international organisation from India, instituted consumers highest honour and award to recognise and encourage the efforts of those who educate, fight, protect, promote and create awareness among masses - to motivate consumer cause world wide.

The prestigious award is a 12 inch cast of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi in historical Dandi Kutch march, plated with gold and mounted on a wooden stand.

Those who received the Consumer Protection Awards in part are

- o Mr George Bush - The Great American President
- o Mother Teresa - A Noble Laureate
- o Dr V kurrien - Indian who brought Milk Revolution
- o Canadian Cancer Society - Canada
- o Council for Fair Business Practises - India
- o Petroleum Conservation Research Association - India

CORPORATE SECTOR

- o Asian Paints Ltd - An Indian Corporate Company
- o Bata India Ltd - Canadian Consumer Durable Maker
- o Citibank NC - American Banker
- o Glaxo Ltd - British Pharmaceutical Multinational
- o Parle Agro Ltd - An Indian Soft and Fruit Juice beverage maker "FROOTI"

NOMINATED FOR THE YEAR 1992

- o Consumers' Association United Kingdom
- o American Cancer Society USA
- o International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Switzerland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jayubhai Patel - National President and members of the Annual Award Selection Committee who are currently in Europe and very much impressed with the British Administration at all levels of life especially

- o public utilities services
- o self regulation on part of business
- o satisfactory law and order situation
- o responsive police to peoples need
- o for tactfully handling of economy to protect the interests of the people
- o keeping inflation down - a number one enemy of the consumer
- o keeping priorities on tract
- o enhancing consumers' prosperity

We unanimously nominate Mr John Major the British Prime Minister for the worlds highest Consumer honour and Award

GRAHAK RATNA AWARD
FOR THE YEAR
1992

and vindicate the charge that Britain is now been governed by a great team.

In 1991 - Grahak Ratna Award was presented to Mr George Bush The Great American President for protecting human rights.

2. Mumbai Grahak Panchayat, Bombay for the year 1992.

for their innovative work of providing daily necessacities of life creating awareness among masses, promoting consumer movement and redressing grievances of the common people. In every respect it is one of the best Consumer Organisation of 1992.

OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES

I. Arrangement of Meet and Award functions in England & America.

LONDON

Award ie Grahak Suraksha Award was presented to Europe's Number One consumers Organisation - Consumer's Association Ltd of U.K. at their Head Quarter on 30th, September, 1992, by Shri. Jayubhai. Patel National President and General Secretary Mr. Mukund. Patel.

-Grahak Ratna the highest consumer's honour and Award was presented to Mr. John Major, The Great British Prime Minister at his London office on 19th, November, 1992 by Shri. Jayubhai. Patel National President, Mr. Mukund Patel Gener, l Secretary of the centre.

AMERICA - on 28th, October, 1992

Grahak Suraksha Award was presented to American Cancer Society at their New York City Division INC., 19west 56th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019-3984, Manhattan Area, received by Mr. Ralph Destino its President from Mr. Jayubhai. Patel National President of the centre.

-Declaration in New York (America)

In view of the several requests and recomenations received from all over the world community - Shri. Jayubhai. Patel, the National President nominated Dr (Late) Martin Luther King, Jr, for the Consumers highest honour and Award "Grahak Ratna" for the year 1993 and requested Mr. David N. Dinkins The Hon., Mayor of The New York to convey the same to his widow.

P U B L I C A T I O N S

Mass Education Programme Cell of Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre - Gujarat based International Organisation published and distributed free in public interests.

1. Report on working of Prohibition - Lattha Tragedy in Gujarat state.
2. How consumer are cheated in purchase of Gold - silver ornaments in India.
3. Drought and How to face it with Drought Liquid Feed Leaflets products on how to use liquid feed.
4. Woes of Electricity Users.
5. Bulletin on Milk and Fruit Juice Beverages in Aseptic Package in India.
6. Consumer Guidance Booklet in english.
Booklet on The Consumer Protection Act, 1986, How it operates.
7. Bulletin on How Doctors exploit patients.
8. Bulletin on How Building contractors exploits its clients.
9. Report on Railway Ticket - The of railway ticket includes the insurance premium of its holder.
10. Report on Dettol Soap.
11. Booklet on "Medicines your doctor prescribes -
Educative booklet for mass population.
12. Health hazards - short leg room in economy class of Airoplanes.
13. Booklet on "The Consumer and The proposed Consignment Tax"
14. Booklet on "Save people from Tobacco Hazards"
15. Large Size Wall Poster " Tobacco Causes cancer" 14 x 3½ feet
16. Report on Enhanced Tariff of Electricity Rates.
17. Novel scheme "Youth Self-Employment scheme.
18. Bulletin "The Cost of Indian Consumers"
19. Booklet on Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre and its activities.
20. AWARENESS - Covering activities of GSCPC revised edition.
21. Bulletin Consumer Awareness and Media.
22. Action Plan.
Ten points - The Ten Commandments for consumers groups.
23. Consumer Rights under The Consumers Protection Act-1986
24. Bulletin "Presence of Minerals in Food"

- 25. What is wrong with our Public Distribution System.
- 26. New Food Safety Act of United-Kingdom.
- 27. New Product Liability Law of Commonwealth Nations.
- 28. Indian Telephone and The Consumers Grievances.
- 29. Indian Railways and The Commuters grievances.
- 30. Bulletin on Consumers rights under Guarantee and warentee.
- 31. Kardatta Shikshan Abhayan (Gujarati)
- 32. Kautilya Gharak Margdarshika(Gujarati)
- 33. Urban Amenities and state of Municipal finances in India.
- 34. High ways accidents and How to avoid the same.

Publications under printing.

- 1. CANCER - How to protect your self against cancer.
 With American Cancer society and Candian Cancer Society.
- 2. Safe Drinking Water and The People.
- 3. How Population growth affected economy of India.
- 4. Environment and how to protect Mankind.
- 5. Tobacco - Chewing tobacco.
- 6. Women and Smoking - Educating them to stop
- 7. All the DOPE - Narcotics.
- 8. Heart Diseases - When time run out.
- 9. What do you do when your doctor does not know.
- 10. Personal Financial planning.
- 11. Awareness function under Mother Teresa -Nobel Laureate
- 12. Tobacco Control programme with Goa Cancer Scoety.

We still demand the formation of four Consumer Campuses by dividing the country to promote consumer awareness and provide training to consumer activists to take up more public-interest national issues such as - Protection of environment, Family planning, conservation of energy and National calamity such as Famine, Droughts, starvation and improving the living standards of the people through education.

5. ISSUE - Crusade against the use of Tobacco

efforts - First in country to take up crusade against the use of tobacco by mass circulation of booklet Save People from Tobacco Hazards in public interests free of cost to create awareness among people.

Wall Poster

Printed large size wall poster of size 14 x 3½ feet "TOBACCO CAUSES CANCER"

6. ISSUE - Crusade against prevention of CANCER

Efforts- Prepared book on CANCER - How to protect yourself against cancer.

Most Prestigious Grahak Suraksha Award and certificate of Merit was given to The Candian Cancer Society on 27th February, 1992 to recognise their efforts to create cancer free society through their 3,50,000 volunteers.

Future Plans

We plan to send about 10 members consisting some women members to receive first hand knowledge from Candian Cancer Society and The American Cancer Society which is to be adopted in Indian conditions.

2. Protection Consumers Rights

In India consumers rights are violated at every stage inspite of numerous legislation and Acts. In order to educate and create awareness among masses to learn successful methods of mass protect, we wish to send team of our members, especially women members to Australia, Japan, Norway, Netherlands, Canada, United Kingdom and United States of America.

First Consumer Organisation in the country to liberate
Consumers (ie People) from Bureaucratic control

① ISSUE : Improving working conditions of Women workers

----- in Tobacco processing units in India, in 1987.

Efforts - First to take the issue of exploitation of more
than 50,00 women workers in tobacco processing units
in Gujarat to liberate from factory owners through
Public Interest Litigation in 1987.

Results - The state government liberated more than 50,000
women workers from exploitation by improving working
conditions, fixing working hours, minimum wages, and
sex exploitation of women workers.

② ISSUE : First to oppose the levy of The Consignment Tax in

----- 1987 as anti-consumer tax.

Efforts - First to print Booklet "The Consumer And The
Proposed Consignemtn Tax" and represent to Union
Government of India as it is anti-consumer Tax.

Results - The Government has taken into consid rt. on and
withheld the introduction of consignment tax.

③ ISSUE - First to advocate the removal of The Gold Control

----- Act in 1990 to The Union Finance Minister and suggested
Efforts- the free import of primary gold by any Non Resident India
The Union Government abolished Gold control Act in 1990
and their successive govenment in 1992 accepted our
suggestions and allowed the import of 5000 grams of
primary gold by any NRI on payment of Rs.225 per
100 grams in foreign exchange.

④ ISSUE . Against wrong enrichment to manufacturers.

Efforts - First time ⁱⁿ India we advocated the formation of
Consumer Grants Commission on lines of UGC at National
Convention of consumer activists at Cochin in Kerala
on 30th September, 1990 by stopping wrong enrichments
of manufacturers in case of Custom and Excise duty.

Result - The Government of India accepted our contension and
agreed to create CONSUMER WELFARE FJND by amending The
Central Excise and Custom Laws (Amendment) Act 1991 with
express purpose of benefiting consumers.



CHIEF MINISTER • GUJARAT STATE

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Date 6/6/92

11 JUN 1992

MESSAGE

I am very glad to know that Gujarat State Consumers Protection Centre, Nadiad has published " Kautilya Grahak Margdarshika " in Gujarati on May 21, 1992.

I am sure that the publication and the multifacet activities of Centre will go a long way in inculcating awareness among consumers about how to protect their interests.


(CHIMANBHAI PATEL)

✓ To
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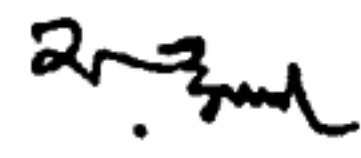


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સં દે શ

ગુજરાત રાજ્ય ગ્રાહક સુરક્ષા ડેફ, નડિયાદ દ્વારા
'' કૌટિલ્ય ગ્રાહક માર્ગદર્શિકા '' નું પ્રકાશન કરાયું છે તે
જાણીને માનનીય રાજ્યપાલશ્રીને આનંદ થયો.

આપણા દેશમાં ગ્રાહક સુરક્ષા ધારો અમલમાં હોવા છતાં
ગ્રાહકોમાં તેમના અધિકારો બાબતમાં મહદઅંશે ઉદાસીનતા પ્રવર્ત
છે. પ્રસ્તુત માર્ગદર્શિકા ગ્રાહકોમાં તેમના હકો બાબતમાં નવજાગૃતિ
લાવવાના ગુજરાત રાજ્ય ગ્રાહક સુરક્ષા ડેફના ક્ષેત્રને પાર
પાડવાની દિશામાં યોગદાન આપી શકશે એવી શ્રદ્ધા સાથે
રાજ્યપાલશ્રીને સંસ્થાને પ્રેરણાદાયી કાર્ય કરવા બદલ શુભેચ્છાઓ
પાઠવી છે.


(અરુણ કુમાર)



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ભાઈશ્રી જયભાઈ.

આપના તરફથી કૌટિલ્ય ગ્રાહક માર્ગદર્શિકાનું નકલ સાથે રામીનો પત્ર મને રજી મે ના રોજ મળ્યો છે. હું માર્ગદર્શિકા વાંચી ગયો છું. આપ સૌએ સારો એવો પરિશ્રમ લઈને તમામ ગ્રાહકોને અનેક દિશામાં સરસ માર્ગદર્શન આ પુસ્તિકામાં પૂરું પાડ્યું છે. તે માટે હાર્દિક અભિનંદન દ્યો છે. આપ સૌના પુરુષાર્થથી જનતાની અનેક દિશાની મુસીબતો હલ કરવામાં મદદ મળશે એવી આશા છે. નકલ મોકલી આપવા માટે આભારી છું.

કુશળતા ઈચ્છું છું.

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(બાબુભાઈ જશભાઈ પટેલ)

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