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Dear Sahney ji

Please refer to your letter dated 29.12.2023 regarding "imposition of Steep Custom Duty by Bangladesh government on import of Kinnow and Orange fruit".

I would like to inform you that as per the inputs received from Indian mission in Dhaka, it appears that import duties for certain items categorized as 'non-essential' by the Bangladesh Government i.e., citrus fruits, tea etc. have been increased in an attempt to control imports, in view of the decreasing Forex reserves in Bangladesh.

The matter has been consistently pursued through the Indian Mission in Dhaka and was taken up in the bilateral meetings between India and Bangladesh viz. 14th Joint Group on Customs meeting held on 21-22 August 2023 and 15th Joint Working Group on Trade meeting held on 26-27 September 2023. The Bangladesh side had clarified that regulatory duty applied on this item is on MFN basis. i.e. it is applicable for imports from all countries without discrimination.

Further, a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and Bangladesh is under contemplation and it is expected to address the above-mentioned issue. As of now, the Indian Mission in Dhaka had been requested to pursue the matter under Article III of the trade agreement between both the countries.

I assure you that the Ministry of Commerce & Industry will continue to pursue the matter with the Government of Bangladesh.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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