Press Release

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MP Vikram Sahney Advocates for Export of Kinnow Amidst Imposition of Steep Custom Duty by Bangladesh and need of FPOs

Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Member of Parliament from Punjab had reached out to the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Piyush Goyal last month, highlighting the adverse impact of Bangladesh government’s decision to increase custom duties on the import of Kinnow from India.

Sh. Sahney said that the significant decline in exports from Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Maharashtra due to the steep rise in custom duty, has left farmers in distress. The new rate of Bangladesh for Kinnow import has been exuberantly increased from 33 rupees per kg to 98 rupees per kg, this steep rise has posed a severe threat to the livelihoods of the Kinnow Farmers and Exporters of Punjab.

Sh. Piyush Goyal communicated to Sh. Sahney that, with our discussions ongoing in bilateral meetings and the prospect of a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) on the horizon, this issue will be expedited.

In addition to this speaking about the budget Sh. Sahney said that he appreciates the 60000-crore allocation for Kisan Samman Nidhi, providing vital annual financial support of rupees 6000 to each farmer. However, a comprehensive budget should also focus on MSP for diverse crops, promoting FPOs, and funding for crop residue management to safeguard our environment.