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## Respected Sir,

It was good to speak to you today in connection with the Development of Inland Waterway Transport for Indo-Bangladesh Textile Trade.

I will be happy to contribute in the deliberations as suggested.

Sir, you made a very interesting comment that the Textile Ministry is working on signing an MOU with Bangladesh for the Textile Industry.

This would indeed be an extremely important step to assist our Domestic Garment Industry. Apart from the concerns regarding the unrestricted Imports of Garments from Bangladesh – which I am fully aware has severe constraints - this could be an excellent opportunity for us to push for lowering of tariffs for Imports of Indian Garments into Bangladesh.

You will recall that keeping in mind the Bangladesh's concerns about protecting their Domestic Industry, we had suggested having a separate tariff for Ethnic Clothing, and possibly the need for creating a unique HS Code for this Category. It is a Category which is not being manufactured in any significant quantities in Bangladesh, and at the same time having good demand locally. From the feedback you received from the Bangladesh, it appears they may be open to consider this suggestion.

We would request you to pursue this matter in the course of your discussion on the proposed MOU.

Thank you once again for the dynamic leadership you have been providing to the Industry, and I look forward to working closely with you in the coming period.

With Respectful Regards,

Yours sincerely

Rahul Mehta **Chief Mentor** 









