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F.No. GEN/RTI/APP/778/2026-RTI **Date: : 25-02-2026**

To,
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Subject:- RTI application Registration No. CCUM2/R/P/26/00005 dated 09.02.2026 filed by Mrs. Prema Venkataramani, seeking information under RTI Act, 2005 - reg.

This office is in receipt of the subject RTI applications through Speed post on 09.02.2026.

2. The points raised at Serial Nos. 1 to 6 relate to criteria, mandatory permissions/certifications, restrictions, penal provisions, applicable rate of duty, documents required etc. for import of rice varieties from ASEAN-Vietnam/Thailand under FTA. The information sought is in the nature of **interpretation, clarification and compilation of regulatory provisions from various statutes, notifications, tariff schedules, DGFT policy circulars, phyto-sanitary regulations and customs instructions,** which are issued by different authorities from time to time.

3. In this regard, Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 defines "information" as material available in the form of records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, etc., **only insofar as such material already exists and is held by or under the control of the public authority. T**he Act does not oblige a Public Information Officer to create information, collate scattered material from multiple sources, or provide advisory or interpretative responses.

4. Since the information as sought would require **creation of information** by extracting and analyzing provisions from numerous independent Government notifications and instructions, and not **available in this office in the form of existing record. As the information sought** is **not covered under the definition of information under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, hence, it** cannot be provided under the RTI Act, 2005.

5. However, the applicant is informed that the relevant statutory instruments such as the Customs Act, 1962, Customs Tariff notifications, DGFT Foreign Trade Policy and related public notices, plant quarantine regulations, and the ASEAN–India FTA etc. are available in the public domain on the websites of the concerned Ministries/Departments such as cbic.gov.in, dgft.gov.in, commere.gov.in etc..

6. An appeal against this reply under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, can be filed with the First Appellate Authority, Dr. Parul Singhal, Joint Commissioner of Customs, A Wing, 7th floor, JNCH, Nhava- Sheva, Tal- Uran, Dist- Raigad, Maharashtra-400 707, within 30 days of receipt of this reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Dy. Commissioner of Customs & CPIO
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