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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
(TARIFF REVISION COMMITTEE)

28th February, 1968.

Dear Shri Lall,

I have pleasure in presenting herewith the Report of the Tariff Revision Committee on the Import Trade Control Schedule. The Committee, in its two previous reports on the Customs Tariff and on the Central Excise Tariff, had recommended that they should be broadly aligned with the Brussels Tariff Nomenclature. In the present report we have explained that once the Customs Tariff is revised, the revision of the Import Trade Control Schedule will become inevitable and that it will have to be based on the revised Customs Tariff at the level of the main headings.

2. As one of the matters germane to the objective of our enquiry, we have considered in detail how the expression of import control policy and the writing out of import licences can be improved so as to minimize difficulties in Customs clearance. Our suggestions in this regard, which are contained in Chapter 4 of the report, will we hope go some way to help both the importing public and the Customs administration.

3. The Committee was greatly assisted by the co-operation and support afforded to it by the Ministry of Commerce and the Department of Revenue and Insurance.

I should also like to acknowledge the sustained interest which my colleagues on the Committee showed in its work and the effort ungrudgingly put in by them, both in the main Committee and in the various Sub-committees.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- P. D. KASBEKAR.

Shri K. B. Lall,
Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Commerce,
New Delhi.

Significance of Abbreviations used in the Report

- B. T. N.** — **Brussels Tariff Nomenclature**
- A classification of goods evolved for tariff purposes, and now adopted by about hundred countries and territories as the basis of their tariffs. It is administered by the Customs Co-operation Council, which has its headquarters at Brussels.
- R. C. T.** — **Revised Customs Tariff**
- The draft Customs tariff prepared by the Committee and contained in its Report on the Customs Tariff. It is based on the B. T. N., with necessary modifications to make it suitable for the needs of India. It is correlated to the R. I. T. C.
- R. I. T. C.** — **Revised Indian Trade Classification**
- The classification used for compiling statistics of India's import and export trade. It is an amplified version of the S. I. T. C. (Revised), a classification of goods evolved for the purpose of compiling trade statistics and used for this purpose by a large number of countries. This latter classification is administered by the United Nations Statistical Office.
- I. T. C. Schedule** — **Import Trade Control Schedule**
- The first schedule to the Imports (Control) Order, 1955 made by the Central Government under Sections 3 and 4A of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947, specifying the goods subject to Import Trade Control. It is related to the current Import Tariff Schedule.
- C. C. I. & E.** — **Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, New Delhi.**

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