

Press Release

DHANUKA QUOTE ON US 27% TARIFF, IMPACT ON INDIAN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

US Announces 27% Tariff on Indian Exports, Impact on Indian agriculture sector

Here is the view from M.K Dhanuka, Chairman, Dhanuka Agritech Limited, one of India's leading crop protection companies, listed on BSE and NSE.

"The effect of American tariffs on India's agricultural sector is mixed. While costs of production increased because of more expensive imported inputs and machinery, fresh export markets have opened up.

Industries such as rice and cashews came under initial strain, but India's tariffs being lower than the other Asian countries allow us to maintain its share in the market. Meanwhile, exporters also started diversifying into Southeast Asia and the Middle East, mitigating the shock. The current tension highlights the need to diversify trade relations and build up our domestic agri-value chain. For Dhanuka, we do not see any substantial effect from U.S. tariffs. Indeed, U.S. pressure on China may improve India's long-term cost competitiveness. To effectively avoid tariff risks, India needs to diversify export markets, invest in value-added agri products, and cut input costs through GST and duty reforms. Facilitating MSMEs with credit availability, easing compliance, and developing cold-chain infrastructure will be crucial to rendering Indian agriculture globally competitive and robust."

