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Summary

NASCIB Active to Thwart Tobacco Control Law Amendment

The National Small and Cottage Industries Association of Bangladesh (NASCIB) has sought intervention from the Prime Minister to thwart the tobacco control law amendment process. The organization wrote a letter to the Prime Minister dated 18 September 2022 where it claimed that implementation of the proposed amendment may cause the loss of livelihoods for 1.5 million marginal small retailers. Also claimed that the draft also proposed to ban designated smoking areas, which is absurd. However, according to anti-tobacco organizations, most of the provisions included in the proposed amendment are in line with WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) and globally recognized best practices.

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