



Urgent Attention Required

Due to the Prime Ministers personal interest and the unwavering support of the Finance Minister and Advisor for Commerce, ALHAMDOLILLAH Textile exports have grown very substantially by over 28 percent over the last 14 months. To maintain this momentum; **urgent focus of the Government is requested to resolve the following:**

Cotton

Due to the failure of the domestic cotton crop all duties and taxes on import of cotton be withdrawn immediately. Administrative & policy charges for expanding cotton production from 9 million bales to 15 million bales + in 4 years.

Energy

Despite passage of 11 months regionally competitive energy tariffs have not been implemented by the Ministry of Energy.

- Committed 7.5 cents all-inclusive tariff not being implemented since July 2019 additional 25% as quarterly adjustment and other charges being billed.
- Karachi Electric & LIEDA not implementing the 7.5 cents tariff ab-initio.

\$ 6.5/MMBTU Gas still being billed at \$ 11.0 by SNGPL with constant threats of disconnection. Industry is still operating on stay orders.

No mechanism for addition of new units for export energy rates especially for new gas connections in Sindh.

Sales Tax Refunds

Over Rs. 100 billion collected over 5 months as 17% of sales tax from the sector.

- Refund system still not functional. Majority of refund applications rejected by the system due to form – H and irrational unannounced boundaries for acceptance in FASTER system.
- Applicants whose Sales Tax return & form- H accepted have also not been paid refunds.

LTFF

The Finance Minister's bold new initiative of enhancing Long Term Financing Facility (LTFF) by Rs. 300 billion to facilitate exports be extended to indirect exporters.

Long Term Policy

Urgent approval for 5 year policy to set up \$ 25 billion export base for textile exports.

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