

Textile sector threatens to go on strike from 11th

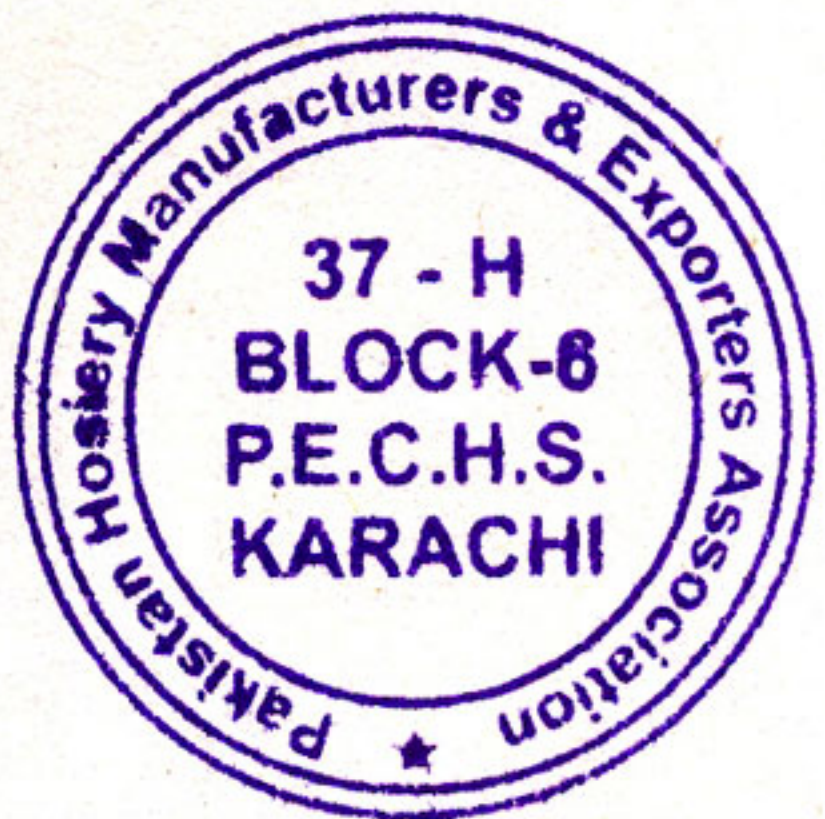
By our correspondent

LAHORE: The value-added textile industry has threatened to go on strike from May 11 if the government did not immediately impose ban on yarn exports, a top official of hosiery manufacturers said on Friday.

The exports of value-added knitwear garments and all other value-added textile sub-sectors are being adversely affected due to shortage of yarn in the local market, said Rana Mohammad Mushtaq Khan, Chairman, Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

"If the government fails to curb yarn exports, then the entire value-added textile sector will be forced to closed down," he said, adding that a large number of factories have already closed down their businesses and the country cannot afford further shut downs.

"The value-added textile sector has become a victim of bureaucratic attitude," Khan said, adding that the government had agreed to cap yarn exports at 39 million kilogram per month, but the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan instead of supporting the value-added sector, misquoted the facts and figures before the government and distorted the situation.



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'Export of cotton, yarn playing havoc with national economy'

RECORDER REPORT

FAISALABAD: Chairman Pakistan Textile Exporters Association Khurram Mukhtar and Vice Chairman Sohail Pasha have said unbridled export of cotton and yarn is playing havoc with the national economy, retarding industrialisation process, discouraging new investment creating joblessness, unrest and shattering the peace of the country.

They were addressing the action committee meeting of value-added textile industries here on Friday.

They said that cotton and yarn were the basic and most essential raw material for the value-added sector constituting 40 per cent of total input. The value-added textile industry was unable to operate if this basic raw material was not available. Furthermore chain of industrial sectors like sizing, power loom, bleaching and dyeing, processing and printing industry were dependent on the availability of cotton and yarn, they said. Over the last one year not only the prices of cotton and yarn have increased rapidly but also the commodities were not easily available in the domestic market, as the spinners have hoarded huge quantities for export purpose, they said.

The export of raw material to Pakistan's rival countries was strengthening their industrial and export sector while the home industry was strangled for earning few dollars. Elaborating they said that with export of one kilogram cotton yarn, only two dollars were earned but with same quantity of cotton yarn, value-added sector earns ten dollars through export of finished goods. It is, therefore, totally unpatriotic to strangle the home industry and render millions of workers jobless by exporting the basic and essential raw material.

Rebutting the false propaganda plea of free trade economy on international level, they said, it was totally convoluted logic and deliberate misinterpretation of the free trade concept. The WTO rules fully protect and prioritise the domestic industry not only against foreign hurt and injury but also from internal sabotage. The WTO rules, they said, allow appropriate restraint on unbridled export of raw material at the cost of domestic industry and damage to internal labour force. The spinners were totally un-heedful to the national demands and serving the interests of rival countries.

"There is no logic in exporting our raw material to our rival

countries when they have regulated their economies," Mukhtar said and added that most of them have regulated supply of raw material for their domestic industry and export only surplus quantity but unfortunately there is no regulatory authority in Pakistan. "We have recent example of India which has put ban on raw cotton export and Bangladesh which has banned export of Jute to Pakistan to save home industry. Raw cotton and yarn export should be banned immediately," he demanded. In case of any delay, millions of workers would be rendered jobless, Pakistani textiles would lose its place in the international market.

Pasha said that all value-added textile Associations made a decision that they would launch a nationwide campaign in the national interest of Pakistan and would use all means to get rights. In this context, all associations joined hands on the platform of value-added textile forum and decided to make joint efforts to get their rights.

Both leaders demanded of President Zardari and Prime Minister Gilani to save the value-added textile industry from total collapse by immediately banning export of cotton and yarn.



FAISALABAD: Mian Aftab Ahmad, Central Chairman, All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association, Khurram Mukhtar, Chairman PTEA, Rana Mushtaq Ahmad, Chairman PHMA and Mirza Shafique Ahmad, Chairman Action Committee addressing a joint meeting with Value Added Textile Sector leaders.—Recorder photo

نکائی کا یارن کرائسٹیز پر 11 مئی کو ملک گیر ہڑتال میں شمولیت کا اعلان

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) نارتھ کراچی ایسوسی ایشن کے چیئرمین صادق محمد، وائس چیئرمین قاسم انصاری اور وائس چیئرمین محمد یونس کی قیادت میں مجلس منظمہ کے اراکین کا ایک ہنگامی اجلاس آج مورخہ 7 مئی 2010ء کو منعقد ہوا جس میں ممبران نے شرکت کی۔ اس اجلاس میں نارتھ کراچی ایسوسی ایشن کے عہدیداران نے یارن کرائسٹیز کے سلسلے میں 11 مئی کو ہونے والی ملک گیر پرامن ہڑتال میں شمولیت کا اعلان کیا اور اپنے مکمل تعاون کا یقین دلایا۔ اس اجلاس میں نور احمد خان کو نارتھ کراچی ایسوسی ایشن کا نیا پیٹرن ان چیف نامزد کیا گیا ہے۔

