

Zardari urged to include PHMA in textile body

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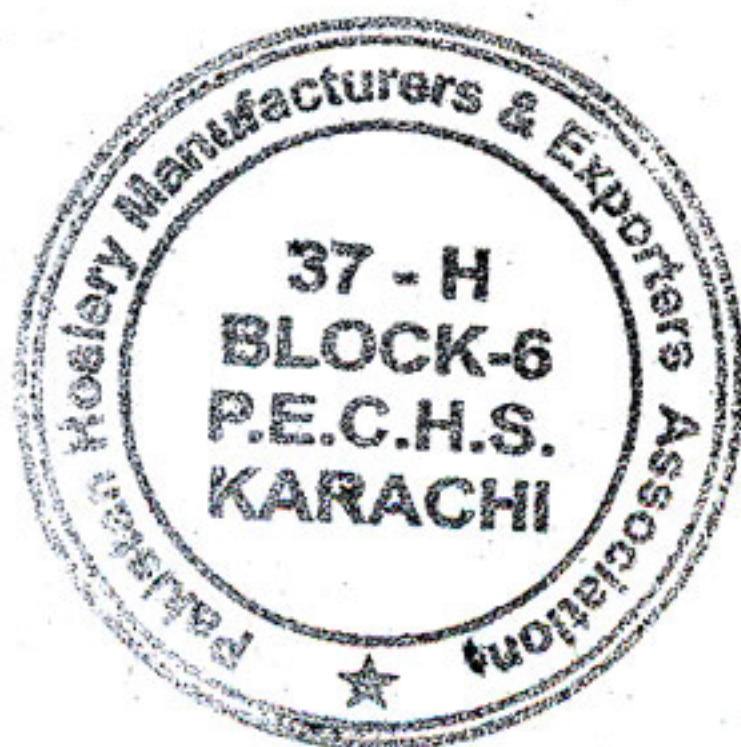
KARACHI: Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PHMA) on Tuesday showed resentment over their exclusion from textile committee which was formed by President Asif Ali Zardari recently.

A letter by Central Chairman of PHMA, Rana Muhammad Mushtaq Khan requested the President Zardari for inclusion in the textile committee, saying his association is one of the leading ones in the country.

He said the PHMA has largest number of membership from the textile sector with offices in Karachi, Lahore, Faisalabad, Sialkot and New York.

He said the PHMA is surprised over being not included in the textile committee despite being the chief stakeholder in the value-added textile sector with 60 percent contribution in the nation's total exports and 42 percent employment provider.

Rana Mushataq pointed out that the value-added textile export sector consists of 12 different associations which contribute in 90 percent of the entire sector including knitwear and hosiery, apparel and clothing (readymade garments), towel, bed-wear, denim etc.



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Textile committee

KARACHI, Aug 31: President Asif Ali Zardari has constituted a committee and advised it to prepare a roadmap for the revival of textile industry.

The committee, headed by Minister for Textile, Makhdoom Shahabuddin, Dr Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Federal Adviser on Textile, Gauhar Ejaz, former Aptma chairman and other representatives, will give its recommendations to boost textile exports.

The ministry of textile in a press release stated that the textile sector had the potential to achieve \$100 billion exports if it is focused on value addition and provided with uninterrupted energy, cheap financing and market access.

