



THE COTTON TEXTILES EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

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To: Members of the Council

**Sub : Availability of Inland Water way trade route for cargo export to Bangladesh**

**Dear Member,**

This is to bring to your attention that the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) waterways routes (declared in the treaty between India and Bangladesh) are operational and permit both EXIM trade with Bangladesh and transit movement to/ from North East states.

Inland WaterWays Authority of India (IWAI) encourages industry and trade to consider this transport corridor in view of the challenges being faced on the regular land routes. A letter dated 3rd May 2020 issued by IWAI to is enclosed ([click here](#)) for your kind reference.

Office Memorandum dated 7th April 2020 issued by IWAI giving Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade is attached for your reference ([click here](#))

In this regard, an office order dated 29th April 2020 issued by the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority is also attached ([click here](#)) for your ready reference.

Members interested to use inland water way transport to Bangladesh for export of textile goods may kindly contact the following for more details and operational guidance:

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Owing to hold up of consignments at land border between India and Bangladesh due to COVID-19 related issues, exporters of textiles can opt for inland waterway transport.

Regards,

**Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal**

**Executive Director**

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