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Transport Strike has hit textiles exporters badly – TEXPROCIL

All India Motor Transport Congress (AIMTC) started a nationwide indefinite strike on July 20. Their demands include a reduction in central and state taxes by getting diesel under the GST so that price of the deregulated commodity can be reduced.

“The transport strike has started adversely affecting textiles exports and is a matter of deep concern for us”, said Shri Ujwal Lahoti, Chairman of The Cotton Textiles Export promotion Council (TEXPROCIL). There is sharp disruption in the movement of raw materials to the factories and finished goods to the ports for exports, pointed out Shri Lahoti.

In the case of Cotton textiles, raw cotton are mainly produced in Gujarat and Maharashtra whereas their consumptions are in the textiles units located in the Southern states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. The transport strike has brought the movement of textile products to a standstill. There are strict shipment schedules given by the foreign buyers for exports and many of the textiles exporters will miss these schedules which may result in the loss of export orders, said Shri Lahoti. There is a possibility that our competitors in the export markets will benefit from this strike.

The Chairman, TEXPROCIL expressed his serious concern that if the strike continues, it will lead to loss of reputation in the international markets for many of the textile exporters apart from loss of business.

Shri Ujwal Lahoti appealed to the Government to resolve this issue so that the strike gets called off at the earliest and textile exports, which otherwise is facing many other challenges, can meet the commitments made to the overseas buyers on time.