

## **i). FEDERAL TEXTILE BOARD (FTB)**

- ❖ **A high level “Federal Textile Board” under the Chairmanship of Minister, for Textile Industry with representation from Government and Private Sector was setup. Textile Commissioner’s Organization has been assigned to work as Secretariat of the Board. The Board serves as consultation forum and picks up the areas of Government assistance.**
- ❖ **Federal Textile Board held fourteen meetings so far, and four meetings since Ministry of Textile Industry was established. The Honorable prime Minister tasked the Board to focus its attention on following:**
  - ❖ **Clean Cotton Program, Labor social & Environment Laws, Modernization of Ginners, Rationalization of Tariff, Facilitation in Sales Tax Issues and develop package to promote Garment sector especially by improving their competitiveness in the Global Market.**
- ❖ **The Board constituted “Task Forces” viz Review Labour Laws & Labour Training Programs, out of box package for Garment Industry, Production of Contamination Free Cotton, Modernization of Ginneries, head by Minister, for Textile Industry, Minister for Industries & Production, Minister for MINFAL respectively.**

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- A Campaign for the production of contamination free cotton was launched with Amendment in Cotton Control Act 1966. As a result the foreign matters in the cotton has been reduced from 60gm per bale to 5gm
- Import duty on textile machinery reduced to 5% ad valorem
- Sales Tax on the import and local supply of major inputs/raw materials utilized in the entire manufacturing regime of textile industry, have been zero rated
- Custom Duty, Sales Tax and withholding income tax on raw materials for the manufacture of textile has been zero rated at the import stage to do away with the duty drawback/refund claims under the revised and simplified DTRE Scheme
- To facilitate the Textile Industry Government has granted 6% R&D support to Garment Exports (both knits & woven)
- R&D Support to export of Dyed/Printed & White, Home Textile @ 3% & dyed/printed textile @ 5% of the FOB value through SRO No.803(1)/06 issued by Ministry of Textile Industry

## **FEDERAL TEXTILE BOARD**

Three committees were constituted in the meeting of FTB Chaired by the Prime Minister on 1st Feb., 2005.

### **Committee No.1**

Headed by Minister for Textile Industry. Comprising of Ministers for Commerce and labour to review the recommendations of FTB – Employers Committee and amend the Labour Laws, on social compliance issues, as well as Labour Training programs, fix minimum labour wages on hourly basis.

### **Committee No. 2**

Headed by Minister for Textile Industry, comprising Ministers of MINFAL and Industries & Production to deliberate on production of contamination free cotton, ginning standards ban on white polypropylene bags for fertilizer packing, establishment of Ginning Institute and all cotton issues.

### **Committee No 3.**

On Garments Industry, headed by Deputy Chairman Planning Commission. A high level Workshop on up-gradation of cotton processing industry was held on Islamabad. The workshop was chaired and co-chaired by Minister for Textile Industry and Minister for Industries, Production & Special Initiatives, Minister for Commerce, Special Invites included Mr. Razzak Dawood and Ch. Shafi Niaz.