

Government urged to release DDT, DLTl claims

Textile makers-cum-exporters on Wednesday reminded of the new PTI's government of its 'huge' refunds counting up to billions of rupees long pending with it's the tax collection authority that causes their manufacturing to suffer financially, asking Islamabad to step up to release the amount. "Huge amount of exporters' liquidity of billions of rupees in DDT and DLTl has been stuck with the government causing great sufferings to the already burdened exporters who are now at a loss," Muhammad Jawed Bilwani, Central Chairman, Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers & Exporters Association said, adding that the "an alarming situation will ruin the export business of the value-added textile exporters".

The government, he said, has not given any firm commitment to release DDT and DLTl claims, adding that "the previous government has released Rs 32.18 billion in respect of payment of DDT under PM Export Package and DLTl Claims under Textile Policies of 2009-14 and 2014-19". The incumbent government has not released a single rupee until today, he said.

He said that the PTI government is in power for the last four months but paid no attention to solve the textile sector's problems including the long pending refunds under the DDT and DLTl claims. Besides, billions of rupees in sales tax refund claims, customs rebates claims and withholding tax claims of textile exporters are also pending with the government, Bilwani said.

The value-added textile export sector earns a major amount of foreign exchange and revenue for the government with generating largest employment, he said, adding that the very sector is faced with crisis to survive the global market competition since the manufacturing cost is rising higher. He demanded of the government to ensure a business friendly environment with an immediate release of all pending refunds to the textile sector.

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