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1 The All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) urged the government to immediately notify the zero-rating facility of sales tax on import of machinery that expired on June 30 and, as a result, machinery imported for balancing, modernisation and replacement (BMR) and for investing in Greenfield projects is stranded at ports.

2 Federal Cabinet devised an action plan for increasing the cotton production and its cultivation areas by 45% by 2025 in the country, with recommendations to rationalize existing incentives for sugarcane.

3 The Cotton Commissioner had claimed that Pakistan annually produces 13 million bales of cotton and therefore, the government has re-imposed the duties on cotton.

4 PRGMEA Chief said that despite massive efforts, Pakistan's total exports could hardly reach US\$ 23.22 billion mark as against the import of over US\$ 60.8 billion by end of the fiscal year 2018. He said among overall exports, the textile share is US\$ 14 billion.

5 Pakistan is going to face a challenge from Vietnam after dealing with similar challenges from China, India and Bangladesh. According to one estimate, Vietnam's textile exports will double to US\$ 55 billion between 2015 and 2025.

6 Punjab Agriculture Secretary Muhammad Mahmood disclosed that Provincial Government is providing approved varieties of cottonseed up to 50% subsidized rate and also providing subsidy voucher at Rs 700 per cotton bag to the core area of cotton growers.

7 A growth of 9.82% was recorded in exports of the textile sector during the last eleven months (July 2017-May 2018) of the current fiscal year and they increased to the US \$12.336 billion from the US \$11.232 billion for the same period a year before.

8 Archroma, leader in colour and specialty chemicals, is working with World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF Pakistan) for water conservation in the textile sector. The two have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which paves the way for formal cooperation between the two in Pakistan.

9 APTMA Senior Vice Chairman Zahid Mazhar said that area under cotton cultivation has declined over the last few years as many cotton farmers have shifted to sugarcane. Low yield is another problem

and this year about 48% of the area where cotton was cultivated in Sindh was missed due to scarcity and poor management of water.

10 Caretaker Provincial Minister for Industry and Commerce Punjab Mian Anjum Nisar said that the government was actively considering several proposals to give maximum relief to textile sector in the country for its upgradation on modern lines by motivating the textile exporters towards the promotion of value addition.

11 Rabbani of the Pakistan Yarn Merchants Association said that textile policy 2014-19 has remained ineffective in achieving the desired target to double value addition from US\$1 billion per million bales to US\$2 billion per million bales in five years and to double textile exports from US\$ 13.1 billion to US\$26 billion. ♦

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1 Amazon American Company will sell US\$ 28 billion worth of clothing in 2018, almost equal to what countries like Bangladesh and Vietnam export annually, and its apparel sales could reach US\$ 85 billion by 2020.

2 In fiscal 2016-17, Bangladesh imported 6.5 million bales of cotton, up from 5.5 million bales a year earlier. At the end of the current fiscal year, Bangladesh likely to import 7.1 million bales of cotton.

3 Mr. Aggarwal said India is the second-largest producer of man-made fibres (MMF) and is poised to drive the growth engine in the MMF textiles globally. At present, India produces over 1,441 million kg man-made fibre and over 3,000 million kg man-made filament yarn.

4 India is planning to sign agreements with various countries to promote khadi handloom and hold exhibitions abroad. It is also exploring signing of memoranda of understanding between Indian exporters and overseas importers, through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), to boost outward shipments.

5 Indian exports of textile machinery are expected to pick up this fiscal year (2017-18), after a year of marginal growth due to tepid international demand. According to data available with the Indian Textile Machinery Manufacturers' Association, machinery exports in 2016-2017 were worth Rs 2,438 crore compared with Rs 2,351 crore the previous year.

6 At present Bangladesh considered being one of the fastest movers in adopting green approaches both on environmental structures and processes. Experts' are opinions that Bangladesh may become the most leading green manufacturing industries in the world within the next decade.

7 Nigeria targets reviving closed textile mills across the country, Frank Udemba Jacobs, President of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN). He believes the industry will require more than N100 billion Cotton, Textile and Garment (CTG) fund to return to its former virile state.

8 The Shandong Ruyi Technology Group (Ruyi) of China recently announced plans to open its first North American factory in

Forrest City, Arkansas. The new unit will create 800 jobs, and Ruyi will invest US\$ 410 million to renovate a former Sanyo manufacturing centre in the city.

9 Since the introduction of AGOA in 2000, Ghana has been unable to make effective utilisation of the benefits from the preferential scheme to expand businesses, create jobs, and promote entrepreneurship. The United States renewed AGOA in 2015 till 2025.

10 Levi Strauss & Co said denim mills and chemical manufacturers have been consciously making efforts to find new water-saving dyes, waterless or near-waterless processes or manufacturing facilities equipped with technology to reduce water consumption. ♦