

PRESS RELEASE

All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) issued the following Press Release

APTMA DESPATCHES 20,000 RATION BAGS FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED PEOPLE

ISLAMABAD, 7th OCTOBER 2022 – LAHORE: All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) has despatched another convoy of trucks loaded with more than twenty thousand ration bag containing all items of essential needs i.e. flour, rice, pulses, sugar, tea, milk, oil, soap to the flood-affected people under the Prime Minister's Relief Fund on Friday in addition to thousands of ration bags already donated by APTMA.

Patron-in-Chief APTMA Dr. Gohar Ejaz, along with Mr. Abdul Rahim Nasir, Mr. Asad Shafi, Syed Ali Ehsan, Mr. Javed Iqbal, Mr. Talat, Mr. Chawla, Head of Lahore Institute of Health Science (LIHS) Mr. Anwaar Ahmad, Secretary General Punjab Mr. Raza Baqir, and other members of the Association, handed over the bags loaded in a large number of trucks to the Governor of Punjab Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman at a simple ceremony organised at the Governor House, Lahore.

The Governor Punjab welcomed the noble initiative taken by APTMA and other philanthropists. He appreciated both APTMA and LIHS for sharing the burden with the government at this time of need. He said each ration bags is sufficient for one month requirements of an affected family. He also appreciated APTMA members and expressed the hope that their support would always continue in future also. He said that APTMA in particular and the business community in general have always responded positively and proactively to the call of the nation. He added that the assistance being extended to the flood-affected people of Pakistan by APTMA is highly praise worthy and needs to be replicated by all sections of the society. The Governor said the ceremony has been organized to recognize the efforts of APTMA members. Responding to a query, he shared that the Federal government has announced reduction of industrial energy tariff a day before to keep jobs intact in the country.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr Gohar Ejaz said that the floods have played havoc with both people and agriculture of the country. The flood-affected people are looking towards us and the APTMA members have responded immediately to their call. He said both APTMA and LIHS have joined hands to help out flood affected people. More despatches will be made in the future and next tranche will be provided next week, he added. He assured of incessant

supply of essential needs to the flood-affected countrymen from the business community of Pakistan to bring them out of present miseries.

Dr. Gohar thanked the Prime Minister Mr. Shehbaz Sharif and Finance Minister Mr. Ishaq Dar for extending Regionally Competitive Energy Tariff to export oriented sectors till June, 2023 despite severe financial constraints with the only intent to keep the industry running, to

secure millions of jobs and to sustain exports. He added that APTMA members will always come forward and help out the affected people in this hour of need.

Ex-Chairman APTMA Rahim Nasir also spoke on the occasion and reiterated APTMA's commitments to continue assisting flood-affected people of Pakistan to ensure their rehabilitation.

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