



Cotton Association of India

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Shri Narendra Singh Tomar
Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare,
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Government of India,
Krishi Bhavan,
New Delhi – 110 011.

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the entire cotton trade and industry, we convey our sincere thanks and gratitude to you and the Government for the slew of measures announced under the **1.7 lakh crore relief package** announced by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman to mitigate the sufferings of those 800 million poorest of poor fellow Indians worst affected by the unprecedented Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. In addition, the Reserve Bank of India also has come up with several measures in its **Seventh Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement 2019-20** to infuse liquidity and address major issues faced by the middle class as well as MSMEs including home and auto sector.

While these measures will certainly provide much needed relief and lend support in strengthening our fight against the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, we wish to invite your kind attention to the hardship faced by the Ginning & Pressing factories during the period of the current lockdown: -

The Ginning and Pressing factories are hit hard during the current lockdown and they are not able to function. Since cotton seed cakes are used for feeding cattle, allowing transportation of cottonseed from Ginning factories would not only assist in providing animal feed but it will also help ginneries which are labour intensive and provide

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employment to workers to tide over the current crisis.

We therefore most respectfully urge you to kindly consider implementing the above measure.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

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