

COTTON EXPORTS TO HIT TEXTILE INDUSTRY: CITI

New Delhi: The textiles industry on Tuesday said further exports of cotton could lead to shortage of the commodity in the domestic market and traders would be forced to buy it from abroad at higher price.

“Exporting large quantities of cotton at present would leave the industry at the mercy of traders for obtaining cotton from global markets at high prices,” Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) chairman S.V. Arumugam said.

The demand for textile items in the domestic market is now recovering and this would lead to more consumption of cotton in the coming months, CITI said.

Yesterday, the government had decided to allow further exports of the natural fibre in 2011-12 marketing year as the production estimates have been revised upwards by the Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) and the Agriculture ministry.

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