

Container Shortage adversely affecting shipment schedules

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Exporters from India are facing huge shortage of containers for exports . “The situation is becoming very serious as exporters are finding it difficult to adhere to shipment schedules which is a matter of serious concern ” said, Shri Manoj Patodia , Chairman of The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL) . One of the reasons being attributed for the shortage is the low volume of imports especially from China . Further , exporters face shortage of containers not only at the Gateway Ports but also at the ICDs .

In the initial months of the lockdown , Shri Patodia pointed out that exports were low . However , after a period of intense lockdown for more than 6 months , exports of textiles & clothing have started picking up sharply , according to the Chairman, TEXPROCIL . Many exporters are holding export orders for shipments till March 31, 2021 . The Chairman, TEXPROCIL also mentioned that delay in shipments are leading to cancellation of orders in many cases and if the issue is not resolved on a priority basis , exporters of textiles & clothing may lose business by an estimated 20% .

“It takes more than 2 weeks for the exporters to get the containers for shipments of export cargos which is resulting into delays and non-fulfilment of terms and conditions as agreed with the overseas buyers” according to Shri Patodia.

The Chairman , TEXPROCIL urged the Government to step in and engage in a dialogue with the shipping lines and their Associations on an urgent basis to make available adequate containers as otherwise exports will be adversely affected .