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VERY URGENT

To

Date: 06.12.2010

Sri Pranab Mukherjee,

Union Minister for Finance – GOI

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Dear Sir,

**Sub: Letter from Dr.K. Karunanidhi, Chief Minister, Tamilnadu to Prime Minister for Stopping export of cotton.
Appeal by CIFA to continue exports – reg.**

We understand Dr.K. Karunanidhi, Chief Minister of Tamilnadu has written a letter to the Prime Minister demanding immediate ban on export of Cotton.

We wish to represent that Cotton farmers of India are getting good yields from 2004 due to introduction of pest resistance BT cotton. India has become 2nd largest producer of Cotton and also the Cotton is commanding good price in International markets due to better quality and also increased quantity produced by the small farmers of India.

Government of India has allowed export of Cotton from November 1st, 2010 in order to help the farmers. Imposing ban at this stage will harm the interest of cotton farmers mostly in the dry land areas of Vidharbha, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarath and Karnataka who are dependent on this commercial crop for their sustenance.

We understand that the group of Minister's sub Committee, GOI is holding a meeting on 7th December 2010 (tomorrow) to decide this issue. Any ban at this stage will be detrimental to the interest of cotton farmers. India is now establishing a good brand for its cotton in International markets. Hence, the exports must be encouraged.

We appeal to you to kindly continue the exports.

Yours Sincerely

(P.Chengal Reddy)

Secretary General

Copy to: Sri P. Chidambaram, Union Minister for Home, & Member, GOI sub Committee

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