



# **REPORT**

## ***MEETING ON GSP+***

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I attended meeting on GSP+ organized by ILO where Secretary Labor from all provinces including Trade Association and Employer Federation of Pakistan also present. Presentation given by ILO and others highlighted the importance of GSP+ for Pakistan as under.

- ✓ The GSP is like a special deal that lets some countries, including Pakistan, sell things to Europe without paying high taxes.
- ✓ Pakistan's sales to Europe have gone up because of this deal.
- ✓ To keep this special deal, Pakistan needs to make sure workers are treated well and have rights like not being forced to work.
- ✓ There are still some problems, like not knowing for sure if everything is going well at work.
- ✓ Some good news is that fewer kids are working, and the gap between what men and women earn is getting smaller.

### **HOWEVER, THERE ARE STILL MANY PEOPLE IN TOUGH JOBS.**

- ✓ Government are working to make the rules better and make sure everyone follows them.
- ✓ The EU might keep this special deal with Pakistan for a longer time to give them more chances to do better.
- ✓ The EU is considering extending the trade deal until 2027 to give Pakistan more time to follow the rules.

In short, GSP+ helps Pakistan sell goods to the EU, but there are challenges in making sure everyone is treated fairly at work. Efforts are being made to improve laws and how they are enforced.

### **DURING DISCUSSION SESSION I HIGHLIGHTED AS UNDER**

- Exporters are 100% compliance on labor laws as well as 20-30% of their suppliers are compliance.
- The SME's are unable to make achievement due to financial involvements. If government or ILO may help, SME's of Textiles sector also become compliance.
- Book launched by ILO available in TMA Head Office. Member may get benefit by reading this book. As soon as Soft copy of this book available will be placed on our website for member review.

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