

Ministry of Textiles

Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of April, 2019

1. Policy Decisions

- (i) Ministry of Textiles has approved dilution in the provisions of Jute Packaging Material (JPM) Act, 1987 for use of HDPE/PP bags in packaging of foodgrains to the extent of 56,000 bales on 29th April, 2019 as requested by Department of Food and Public Distribution.
- (ii) Union Cabinet on 07.3.2019 approved a scheme to rebate all embedded State and Central taxes/levies (or RoSCTL as per the rates recommended by the Drawback Committee) to provide support and enhance competitiveness of apparel and made-ups sector. RoSCTL scheme has replaced erstwhile Scheme for ROSL. A meeting to discuss issues related to implementation of the RoSCTL Scheme was held on 12.04.2019 under the Chairmanship of DGFT.

2. Important Achievements:

i. Handlooms Sector:

In order to promote handloom in overseas market, one International fair viz; International Home Textiles & Furnishing Fair at Hongkong was participated in April 2019 with 18 participants where business worth Rs. 5.65 crores was generated and the same was visited by 241 visitors.

ii. Handicrafts Sector:

- a) Export of handicrafts including carpet has been increased by 14.2% in FY 2018-19. Total exports during FY 2018-19 was Rs.36798.25 crores.
- b) Organized India Nepal Folk Crafts Festival at Kathmandu, Nepal exclusively for the benefits of SC artisans from 30th March to 3rd April 2019.
- c) Organized India Pavilion at Hong Kong Houseware and Home Textile show in Hong Kong – 20-23 April, 2019 along with 56 member exporters.
- d) Organized Indian Pavilion at Hong Kong Gift & Premium Fair – Hong Kong – 27-30 April, 2019 with 38 member exporters.
- e) RBSM – Home Expo consists of Houseware, Furniture and Textiles held on 16-18 April, 2019 at India Export Centre & Mart, Delhi NCR

with over 475 exhibitors, manufacturers and entrepreneurs participated in the show. Over 523 buyers visited the show.

- f) 03 craft awareness camp and 02 craft demonstration programmed were organized in Western Region during April, 2019.

- iii. **Cotton:** All India arrivals of seed cotton (Kapas) during the month of April, 2019 were 31.03 lakh bales. Out of this, only 147 bales of seed cotton have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation as market price of kapas is ruling more than support price in all the cotton growing states.

- iv. **Technology Upgradation:** During the month of April 2019, 16 UIDs have been issued with a project cost of Rs. 35.21 crore and subsidy requirement of Rs.3.20 crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).

- v. **Powerloom Sector :** Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 2 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies during April, 2019.

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