

Ministry of Textiles

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

1. Policy Decisions:

JUTE

A Meeting of Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Textiles) on 6th August, 2019 at New Delhi under the provisions of Jute Packaging Material Act, 1987, to seek the views of members of the SAC for recommending to the Government, the norms for packaging of foodgrains and sugar for the jute year 2019-20.

SAMARTH

- A meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) chaired by Secretary (Textiles) under Samarth Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector under the Skill India Mission was held on 09.08.2019. EC accorded in-principle approval to the recommendation of the Proposal Evaluation Committee (PEC) on empanelment of 11 State Government Agencies with total training target of 2,89,250 persons.
- With a view to bridge the skill gap in the textiles and generate employment opportunities for the aspiring youth, Ministry of Textiles has entered into partnership with 18 State Governments for implementation of its flagship programme- Samarth- for skill development in traditional textiles segments such as handloom, handicrafts, jute, silk as well as organised segments of apparel and garmenting, made-ups, textiles processing and technical textiles. This will benefit in skill development and livelihood for nearly 4 lakh youth of the country. The participating states are : Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Kerala and Karnataka.

COTTON

In order that the MSP operations are carried out in a transparent and efficient manner in the ensuing cotton season, Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor chaired a meeting with the officers of all the cotton growing states on 19.08.2019. Thereafter, it was decided to direct all cotton growing states to ensure that the following key measures are taken:

- Bonafide cotton farmers have access to MSP, without any involvement of Commission Agents, Middlemen or Traders;
- Identification of cotton farmers as per their land & revenue record, integration of land records with annual cropping data;
- Generate all the documents electronically in market yards and transfer to CCI server without manual intervention, to facilitate faster payment directly in the account of cotton farmers;
- Regulate arrivals of kapas in Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Yards or alternatively, Ginning & Pressing factories engaged by the CCI be declared as notified sub-market yards of APMC to reduce transportation costs for the farmers;
- Provision of CCTVs in APMCs and State owned godowns hired by CCI for storage of cotton procured by them; and
- Suitable intervention may be made to prevent any cartelization by ginners in participating the tender process of CCI.

2. Important Achievements:

i. Handlooms Sector:

- National Handloom Day was celebrated on 7th August 2019 across the country. The main function was held at Bhubaneswar (Odisha) with a gathering of about 1500 persons, including 1200 weavers across the State/students (NIFT/CET/IIHT).
- In order to promote handloom products amongst domestic customers and to enable handloom weavers to sell their products directly to the customers, 7 National Level Handloom Expos were organized during the month of August 2019, 2 in New Delhi and one each at Varanasi, Mumbai, Surat, Ahmedabad and Jabalpur.

- In order to promote handlooms in overseas market, participation was made in an International fair during 11-14th August, 2019 at Las Vegas, USA.
- 295 number of MUDRA loans worth loan amount of Rs. 1.78 crore was sanctioned, of which an amount to the tune of Rs. 1.21 crore was disbursed in August, 2019.

ii. **Handicrafts Sector:**

- As per the decision on 100 days programme, 3 regional Level Workshops were conducted for Geographical Indication (GI) Awareness Campaign during the month.
- 236 artisans from all across the country participated in Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi w.e.f. 1.8.2019 to 15.08.2019 and 118 artisans participated from 16.08.2019 to 31.08.2019.
- Foundation stone laying ceremony of Integrated Textiles Tourism Complex at Nongpoh (Ri-Bhoi District) was held on 26.08.2019 jointly by Shri Konrad K.Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya and Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles in presence of Shri B. Lyngdoh, Minister of Textiles, Government of Meghalaya.
- The Textile Gallery at Pragati Maidan was inaugurated by Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles on 13th August 2019.

iii. **TUFS:** During the month of August 2019, 531 UIDs have been issued with a project cost of Rs. 3,075.50 Crore and Subsidy requirement of Rs. 195.79 Crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).

iv. **Powerloom Sector:** Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 2,554 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during August, 2019 with a total GOI share of premium of Rs.4,13,748.