

Garment exporters under lens

New Delhi, Feb. 8: Export of ready-made garments has come under the scanner of central revenue intelligence officials for alleged misuse of a government facility to reimburse taxes incurred in manufacturing of exported goods.

Ready-made garments have traditionally been among the evasion-prone commodities. Some instances of alleged misuse of the government's duty drawback scheme by some ready-made garments exporters have been spotted by the officials and are being looked into, official sources said.

The duty drawback scheme is aimed at promoting export by compensating all duties or taxes embedded in cost of manufacture of exported goods. The exporters have been allegedly misusing the scheme as there is difficulty in ascertaining the market value of the ready-made garments being exported.

An exporter may quote higher price on a low quality ready-made garments to claim higher reimbursement, sources said, explaining the reason behind such evasion. Finance ministry officials are also paying more attention to this sector.

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खट्टर ने सूरजकुंड मेले में कलाकारों की रंगारंग प्रस्तुतियों की सराहना की

सूरजकुंड, 9 फरवरी (जनसत्ता)। सूरजकुंड में 29वें सूरजकुंड अंतरराष्ट्रीय शिल्प मेले में आए विभिन्न देशों के प्रतिभागियों और गणमान्य लोगों को हरियाणा के मुख्यमंत्री मनोहर लाल की ओर से दोपहर भोज दिया गया, जिसमें मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि सूरजकुंड में सामान्य तौर पर यह परंपरा रही है कि प्रतिभागियों और प्रमुख लोगों को उनकी ओर से भोज दिया जाता है जिसके लिए आज का दिन निश्चित किया गया था।

सूरजकुंड मेला परिसर में एक होटल में रखे गए इस भोज में सबसे पहले छत्तीसगढ़ के कलाकारों की ओर से अपनी प्रस्तुति दी गई, जिसमें उन्होंने अपने परंपरागत नृत्य को प्रस्तुत किया। इसके बाद सूरजकुंड मेला में भाग ले रहे देश रूस के कलाकारों ने गरमोन और उनके परंपरागत नृत्य को प्रस्तुत किया। रूस के काजान सिटी से आए कलाकारों ने भी अपनी बेहतरीन प्रस्तुति दी। इस कड़ी में किर्गीस्तान के चामोश वाद्य यंत्रों की प्रस्तुति दी गई, जो बहुत ही दिलकश और नायाब

थी। रंगारंग सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम में रिपब्लिक ऑफ बेलारूस की विभिन्न प्रस्तुतियों को प्रदर्शित किया गया।

इस रंगारंग सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम में रूस के कलाकारों ने रामायण को कठपुतली के माध्यम से रूसी भाषा में प्रस्तुत किया, जो उपस्थित दर्शकों ने काफी उत्साह के साथ देखा और सराहा भी। इन कलाकारों ने मुख्यमंत्री को अपने परंपरागत स्मृति चिन्ह भेंट कर सम्मानित भी किया। इस मौके पर उनके साथ हरियाणा भाजपा के प्रभारी अनिल जैन, केंद्रीय सामाजिक और अधिकारिता राज्यमंत्री कृष्णपाल गुर्जर, हरियाणा के पर्यटन मंत्री रामबिलास शर्मा, हरियाणा के कृषि मंत्री ओमप्रकाश धनखड़, सामाजिक और अधिकारिता मंत्री कविता जैन, लोक निर्माण मंत्री नरवीर सिंह, हरियाणा के पर्यटन राज्यमंत्री कर्णदेव कंबोज, सामाजिक और अधिकारिता राज्यमंत्री कृष्ण बेदी और अन्य मंत्रिगण व विधायकगणों के साथ-साथ वरिष्ठ अधिकारी और गणमान्य व्यक्ति उपस्थित थे।

ORISSA MANTRI ACCUSED OF ABDUCTION

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Leader of the Opposition in the Orissa Legislative Assembly Narasingha Mishra on Monday accused a ministerial colleague of chief minister Naveen Patnaik of abducting a person during a cooperative society election in Bargarh district.

Raising the issue through a special mention during the Zero Hour, Mr Mishra alleged that the state handloom and textile minister Snehangini Chhuria had abducted an elderly person before the election to Rushuda Credit Cooperative Society under Bheden block of Bargarh district in January this year.

Additional funds sought for TUFs

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COIMBATORE: The Union Ministry of Textiles has sought additional funds for the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFs) in the current financial year, Textile Commissioner Kiran Soni Gupta said here on Monday.

Ms. Gupta told *The Hindu* that apart from the budgetary allocation this fiscal, Rs.1,500 crore was required for applications that had been received already and had bank sanction for the project, and also for applications that would be received till the end of this financial year. The total allocation for the scheme in the XII Plan was about Rs.11,900 crore.

Further, in an effort to bring in transparency to the scheme, a software solution was being developed, and it was likely to be launched on a pilot-basis by the end of next month.

Applicants would be able to track the application using the software.

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2017. Its value was \$18 billion now, and would reach \$26 billion by 2016-17.

The Union Government had launched two schemes for technical textiles in the northeastern States at a total cost of about Rs.480 crore. Demonstration centres would be set up in these States for agro textile products, and the other scheme is to promote use of geo textiles in these States.

On the cotton front, she said that with cotton prices under pressure, the Cotton Corporation of India had opened 341 centres across the country, and had procured 50 lakh bales of cotton from the farmers so far at the minimum support price.

The Cotton Advisory Board had estimated cotton production this year to be 400 lakh bales.