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...तो सूरत के उद्यमियों को हर साल ४००० करोड़ रुपए का लगेगा फटका!

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से प्रति वर्ष चार हजार करोड रुपए एक्साइज ड्यटी के तौर पर जाएंगे।

तीन दिन पहले वित्त मंत्रालय जिस तरह से अर्थ निकाला जा रहा को टैक्स चुकाना होगा। यार्न व्यवसायी से यार्न खरीदने वाले वीवर्स, फिर वीवर्स से ग्रे खरीदने वाले को और बाद में प्रोसेसर्स को भी टैक्स चुकाना होगा। जैसे-जैसे कपडा वेल्य एंडिशन के लिए भेजा



जाएगा वैसे वैसे एक्साइज ड्यटी चुकानी होगी। जिसका भार अंत में तो ग्राहक के ऊपर आएगा।

हालांकि अभी भी इस परिपत्र को लेकर उद्यमियों में असमंजस बना हुआ है। उसका सही विश्लेषण किया जा रहा है।

सिन्थेटिक रेयॉन टैक्सटाइल एक्सपोर्ट प्रमोशन काउन्सिल सुरत सीधा मतलब यह निकलता है कि हर स्टेप पर मेन्यफेक्चर्स को एक्साईज ड्यूटी चुकानी पड़ेगी। ऐसा होने पर सुरत के कपडा उद्योग बढ जाएगा।

चेम्बर ऑफ कॉमर्स के प्रमुख सीएस जरीवाला ने बताया कि

परिपत्र के अनुसार यार्न उत्पादक, वीवर्स, व्यापारी, प्रोसेसर्स और के चेरमेन नारायण अग्रवाल ने एम्ब्रॉयडरी संचालक सभी बारी-बताया कि परिपत्र को देखते हुए बारी से एक्साईज ड्यूटी के दायरे में आ गए हैं। इस परिपत्र के कारण यह जीएसटी का छोटा प्रारूप है और लगभग तीस हजार से ज्यादा लुम्स यार्न से लेकर कपड़ा तैयार होने तक संचालकों और चार सौ प्रोसेसर्स सहित तमाम मेन्युफेक्चर को एक्साईज विभाग मेरिजिस्ट्रेशन करवाना पडेगा। उधर, पांडेसरा के पर चार हजार करोड़ रुपए का टैक्स उद्यमी कमल विजय तुलस्यान के मुताबिक, परिपत्र का गलत अर्थ निकाला जा रहा है। उसे समझना होगा।

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Jute board recommends use of geo-textile in road construction

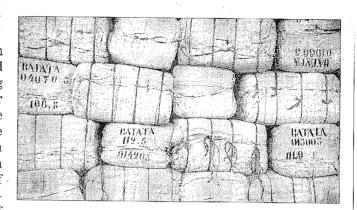
Indronil Roychowdhury

Kolkata, July 21: With the National Jute Board strongly recommending the use of geo-textile for road construction, the ₹6,500-crore Indian jute industry could hope for a revival. The application of jute for protection of river banks, beds of waterways, stabilization of embankments and slopes can be a real game-changerfortheailingjuteindustry, which has been witnessing random closures and labour unrest in the past few years.

The National Jute Board (NJB), Bihar government's rural works department and the Indian Jute Mills Association (IJ-MA) has endorsed the use of geo-textile in Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

Geotextiles are permeable fabrics which, when used in association with soil, have the ability to separate, filter, reinforce, protect, or drain.

Bihar would be the first state to make use of jute geotextile in PMGSY and the state has arrived at this decision after holding workshops with NJB, IJ-MA and more than 100 civil engineers, Vinay Ku-



mar, secretary for rural works department, government of Bihar said.

The jute industry has urged the Bihar government to make use of jute geo-textile mandatory in at least 15% of the state's rural road construction under PMGSY, since using jute in about 200 projects across the country has proved to be cost-effective and beneficial in road construction, river bank protection as well as hill slope stabilization, IJMA director general Subhakriti Majumdar said. Though, the jute industry's main production area is packaging, if the golden fibre is not used in an innovative way the jute industry would not survive under competition from the synthetic packaging industry, he added.

The Centre's standing advisory committee on

jute has been long advocating dilution of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities) Act 1987.

Although successive governments have not been to absolutely dilute this Act, the governments have gradually reduced procurement of jute packaging materials like sacks for Food Corporation India (FCI) for packing grains. A finance ministry note has recommended dilution and a full phase out of the Act within next two years, which means the industry is being led towards complete extinction.

A textile ministry official said while Bihar is looking at innovative ways to save the jute industry since most of the workers engaged in the jute mills are from Bihar.

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RmKV modernises pneumatic handloom

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CHENNAL DHNS: In a bid to weave high duality silk fabrics and sarees with intricate designs, one of the leading textile manufacturers in India -RmKV Silk - has introduced the modernised pneumatic handloom (MPHL).

MPHL method, and has also applied for its patent through the National Research Development Corporation,

overhead jacquard assembly, and has a mechanised shuttle handloom weaving. movement.

"We have introduced two innovations to the traditional handloom. Compressed air has been utilised to virtually eliminate physical strain, and an

electronic jacquard controller has been incorporated to eliminate traditional cards," said K Sivakumar, managing director. RmKV Silks, on Tuesday.

Tech plays vital role

"This practically eliminates the physical effort required by the weavers to weave a saree -RmKV Silk has invented the what required a lot of strain before can now be accomplished with tap of your foot," he said, adding the technology also enables consistent production The pneumatic loom uses and even weaves with perfect compressed air to lift heave selvedge, which makes it easy even for beginners to take up

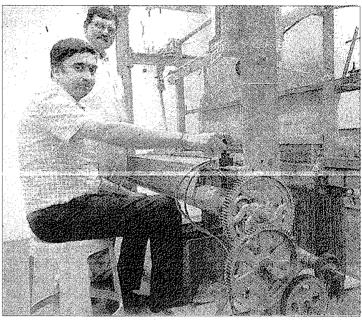
"Also, the replacement of cards by the electronic controller means that consumers can get unique customised products far more easily than before. Most importantly, given

the ease of operation, this innovation will empower women to get into weaving and supplement the family income by operating looms in their free time from their homes," he said.

"Handlooms are generally difficult to operate and require more than one person to work on a single handloom."

In actual operation, the weaver sits on the floor and operates the handloom using his legs, while performing multiple other tasks.

Typically, a weaver repeatedly lifts about 25 kg of load by pressing on wooden pedals as part of the saree weaving process. When it comes to weaving of sarees with intricate designs, this weight increases to about 50 kg. This is a strenuous and cumbersome process, he added.



RmKV director N Manikavasagam demonstrates how to use the Modernised Pnuematic Handloom method on Tuesday. Standing towards his left is RmKV Managing Director K Sivakumar.

Shallow glamour

When Bollywood dominates fashion

The glitz and glamour of the fashion world are a sparkling attraction to one and all. With Amazon India Couture Week just around the corner, fashion designers, choreographers and models, as well as Bollywood celebrities are revving up to celebrate fashion with great enthusiasm.

The business of fashion is what drives professions like modelling, choreography, make-up and hair artists and designers too. But what happens when Bollywood celebrities descend on the ramp, attract the gaze of shutterbugs and media and walk away with all accolades. The celebrity overshadows designer's work and defeats the purpose of a trade fashion show.

"In trade shows, clothes should be worthy of a conversation. It shouldn't be the other way around. One should use his/her own strength and focus on making clothes that make the right noise, instead of using a celebrity face to uplift the collection," designer Nida Mahmood tells *Metrolife*,

Mahmood has always maintained a fair distance from Bollywood celebrities. But not every designer follows the same route. However, amid this glittering din, what one forgets is the role of the real showstopper of the fashion industry – its models. They

Sumit Singh

are the backbone of the industry, but often take a backstage when celebrities sashay down the ramp.

In this competitive age, everyone has to ensure they receive "good coverage" in the media. So the exaggerated "showstoppers" is a bait to ensure the show gets prominence in print, online and television. In short, the show is noticed.

This attitude can be disheartening for the models who spent their lives in "walking and eating right." In fact, the same indifference is meted on them by the fashion magazines that prefer a Bollywood celebrity over a celebrated model. It leaves, most of them, frustrated.

"There is nothing that can be done about this frustration. One cannot merely blame the designers for having celebrity showstoppers, because they ultimately have to sell their collection. I wish that I was a part of the fashion industry in the West where modelling is just about modelling, and not about Hollywood celebrities," Noyonika Chatterjee, who has been modelling for 27 years, tells Metrolife.

Similar sentiments are shared by Sumit Singh who recently won the title of 'Mr Talent' in Men Universe Model contest, 2015, held in Dominion Republic. "Despite these awards and recognitions won on the international front, we don't have that exposure to uplift ourselves," says the 21 year old.

All prominent designers have a coterie of their "own" celebrities who either walk or cheer for them. While Rani Mukherji is a constant supporter of Sabyasachi Mukherji, Mumbai-based designer Manish Malhotra brings together a star-studded evening that promises to be high on

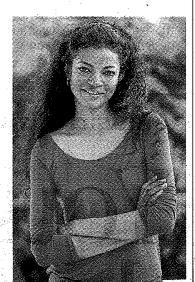
glam quotient.

At the same time, there are designers like Rajesh Pratap Singh and Manish Arora who have never allowed a showstopper to steal their show. If Singh's strength lies in the simplicity of its designs and silhouettes, Arora's avantgarde presentations leave one speechless.

"Celebrities add to the collection and bring energy to the outfits," says designer Shruti Sancheti who has participated in prominent fashion weeks and doesn't encourage the showstopper business. "I really feel that good and pro-

fessional models work wonders for my collection. I still remember how one of my models, also my showstopper, acted as a saving grace in one of my shows when some last-minute crisis happened. Only a senior and experienced model can handle such things," Sancheti tells *Metrolife*.

While actress Juhi Chawla and Prachi Desai have walked the ramp for her, Sancheti always prefers models to celebrities, "I feel that a designer must evaluate each collection before selecting the showstopper of the show. Per-



Noyonika Chatterjee

sonally, I always look forward to some of my favourite models like Sucheta Sharma and Alesia Raut, who have saved me a lot of times," she laughs.

Another irony of the fashion business is that unlike West where Cara Delevingne, Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell have got supermodel status and feature in prominent fashion magazines and ad campaigns, Indian models hardly get an opportunity to be on the cover page of fashion magazines.

"What else are we models for?" asks Chatterjee.
"We are nothing more thanhangers and walking mannequins for these designers.
Being showstoppers and on the cover pages of magazine are our few ways of growing as models, but sadly, we are not even given an opportunity for such projects," she ends.

Singh, who has walked for various designers, feels saturated with the concept of having celebrities as showstoppers. "As models, our growth is really stagnant and there is really nothing much that we can look

forward to," rues Singh. Garima Arora



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BYPASSING LAND ACQUISITION TROUBLE

Govt may use surplus PSU land for new projects

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WITH POLITICAL uncertainty dogging the Land Acquisition Bill, the government is moving ahead to finalise a policy to utilise over 2.35 lakh acre of surplus land lying with the state-run companies for infrastructure and industrial projects, including those under the plug-and-play mode. But the complexities involved may make the government's job difficult in doing so.

But neither these companies are willing to do so, nor are those who have managed them endorse such a move. Top officials of at least five state-run companies voiced their opposition to acquisition of land of their companies saying that doing so would amount to selling their jewels and would also dissuade them from taking up capacity expansions. Refusing to be named, they further argued that the land which appears to be surplus with them today may not be so tomorrow if they take up capacity expansion programmes.

Banking on plug-and-play mode

Under the proposal being considered by the NDA regime, the government will ensure securing necessary clearances and required linkages for an acquired land before a project is awarded through a transparent bidding system. The trigger for doing so is the announcement made by finance minister Arun Jaitley in Budget 2015-16 on five new ultra mega power projects (UMPPs), each of 4,000 Mw, in the plug-and-play mode to help unlock investments of nearly Rs 1 lakh crore. Jaitley had also said the government would consider similar projects in roads, ports, rail lines and airports in the plug-and-play mode.

The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), which is learnt to be doing the due diligence in this regard is of the view that since acquiring land is a lengthy and tardy process, a relatively comfortable beginning can be made with the land available with Central PSUs, especially the sick ones. Since some of this land is within the vicinity of highways, railway network and ports, the developers in these sectors would be expectedly enthused to bid for a project which would be free of encumbrances, a senior DPE official told *The Indian Express*.

The initial due diligence has found that over 2.35 lakh acres of surplus land is available with 58 sick Central PSUs, which have accumulated losses of Rs 56,845 crore as per the Public Enterprises (PE) Survey 2013-14. These include National Textile Corporation (NTC), Bharat Wagons and Engineering, Braithwaith & Company, Richardson and Cruddas Limited; Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited, Heavy Engineering Corporation and Hindustan Antibiotics Limited. According to the survey, selling of

"excess land" and fixed assets could be one of the key ways to finance restructuring programmes of the sick PSUs. As on March 31, 2014, profitable Central PSUs had over Rs 2.60 lakh crore as cash and bank balance.

Differing Voices

Former CMDs of mega state-run companies are divided on the issue of selling surplus land of the PSUs, whether sick or otherwise. Former chairman of NMDC Limited Rana Som argued that given the current economic scenario where several proposed projects of the private sector are either stranded or facing cash crunch, it would be the public sector which would drive the economic growth. "Together all PSUs have sizeable cash reserves and those in steel and power sectors are in an expansion mode. They would need additional land for expansions. If their land is parcelled and sold, where would they get additional land? Rather then branding them as unviable, the PSUs should be encouraged to expand," Som said.

Former chairman of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) PK Bishnoi reasoned that if any PSU does have surplus land and have no expansion plans, the government can seek details of such land and decide on its fate. "However, before acquiring the land of a PSU, the government should have a blueprint on how it plans to utilise it. A land after being acquired should not remain fallow. Most importantly all necessary clearances

should be secured forehand before they are utilised." Bishnoi contended.

Acquisition hiccups

The DPE official, however, cautioned that not all PSUs have encroachment free land. This is because people residing within the vicinity of some of them have built up dwellings within the townships for seeking better livelihood. Another issue is that some of the land of Central PSUs belong to the state governments from whom those were leased decades ago. So unless these states decide to wind up the operations of the sick companies, their land cannot be used commercially. he argued. Money raised through monetisation of land will be used for payment of statutory dues of these companies and also pav off the states for the land they had leased out. There is no estimate of the surplus land available with the sick central PSUs individually with the government.

The previous government had considered unlocking the land bank of sick PSUs to generate revenue. In August 2012, the DPE had prepared a proposal to set up a public sector land development authority (PSLDA) to identify excess land with sick units that can be sold for commercial use. But the proposal did not sail through owing to interministerial differences. Acquisition of PSUs land may become more complex as the state governments seemed to have hardened their position on the Land Acquisition Bill.

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ऑर्गेनिक खाद्य पदार्थों के महत्व को जान चुके लोगों के लिए यह नयी बात हो सकती है कि अब कपड़ों की भी शुद्धता की चर्चा शुरू हो चुकी है। ऑर्गेनिक सिब्जियों व अनाजों की तरह अब आर्गेनिक कपड़ों के महत्व के बारे में बताया जा रहा है। जो लोग अब तक कॉटन को बेहतर कपड़ा मानते थे, उनकी जानकारी के लिए यह उससे भी कहीं ज्यादा इको फ्रेंडली है। गर्भवर्ती महिलाओं और नवजात शिशू की त्वचा के लिहाज से यह सुरक्षित है। किसी तरह के टॉक्सिक पेस्टिसाइड्स और सिंथेटिक फर्टिलाइजर्स का संपर्क न होने के कारण ये उन खतरों से बचाव करते हैं, जो मनुष्य के लिए घातक हैं

🔳 साधना शर्मा

पर्यावरण में महिलाएं सबसे ज्यादा मददगार तब हो सकती हैं यदि वे अपने परिधान ऑर्गेनिक कॉटन से बने कपड़ों के पहनें! ऑर्गेनिक कपड़े भी हो सकते हैं, सुन कर अजीब सा लग सकता है क्योंकि अभी तक ऑर्गेनिक सिंब्जियां ऑर्गेनिक फूड ऑर्गेनिक ड्रिंक्स तो खूब सुनने में आते हैं, लेकिन क्या अब कपड़े भी ऑर्गेनिक आने लगे हैं? दिनोंदिन विदेशों में इको फ्रेंडली कपड़ों का चलन बढ़ रहा है। वैसे तो हमारे यहां भी इको फ्रेंडली कपड़ों की शुरु आत हो चुकी है, लेकिन यह बात और है कि अभी तक इसके बारे में लोगों को कम ही जानकारी है। क्योंकि इसकी जानकारी अभी महिलाओं के बड़े वर्ग तक नहीं पहुंची है लेकिन जब वे ऑर्गेनिक कपड़े के बारे में जान जाएंगी तो समझ आएगा कि कपड़ों में भी इको फ्रेंडली कितना सही और उपयोगी है। हम बाजार जाकर कपड़ों को छू कर उसकी क्वालिटी को परखते हैं। इससे कपड़े का फैब्रिक उसके धागों की बुनाई इयूरेबिलिटी डिजाइन आदि का अंदाजा

अब इको फ्रेंडली

लगं तो जाता है लेकिन इससे यह पता नहीं चल पाता कि कपड़ा कितना शुद्ध है, कितना नॉन एलर्जिक हैं और प्रकृति के साथ-साथ आपकी त्वचा के लिए कितना फ्रेंडली है।

कॉटन से भी नुकसान

आमतौर पर लोगों की पसंद कॉटन से बने कपड़ें होते हैं क्योंकि वे त्वचा के लिए काफी आरामदेह होते हैं, लेकिन शोध में पता चुला कि बाजार में मिलने वाले अधिकतर कपडे जिस

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पर्यावरण को कोई नुकसान

कॉटन से तैयार किये जाते हैं, उसकी खेती के दौरान टॉक्सिक पेस्टिसाइडस और सिंथेटिक फर्टिलाइजर्स का इस्तेमाल बड़ी मात्रा में होता है। इस्तेमाल किये गए इन पेस्टिसाइड्स और टॉक्सिक का सीधा असर इनसे बने कपड़ों पर भी पड़ता है। खतरनाक बात है कि रंग-बिरंगे कपड़ों पर इस्तेमाल किया जाने वाला सिंथेटिक डाई

हमारी त्वचा पर विपरीत असर डाल सकता है। कॉटन को दुनिया की सबसे CILIFE COLS महत्वपूर्ण नॉन फूड एग्रीकल्चर कमोडिटी के तौर पर जाना जाता है। कॉटन की 🔳 इको फ्रेंडली फसल किसानों फसल पर बड़ी तादाद में कीटनाशक का की सेहत के लिए इस्तेमाल किया जाता है। तकरीबन एक किलों कीरनाशंक प्रति हेक्टेयर कॉटन के खेत पर उसे किया जाता है। जिसकी कॉटन की खेती में केमिकल वजह से विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन ने भी इसे खतरनाक प्रोडक्ट की श्रेणी में रखा है। 🔳 इको फ्रोडली पद्धति का कॉटन की खेती में एल्डिकार्ब नाम की जिस कीटनाशक दवा का इस्तेमाल किया जातां हैं, उसके जहर के असर का डाई में भी केमिकल अंदाजा इसी बात से लगाया जा सकता है कि अगर इसकी एक बूंद भी किसी की त्वचा पर पड़ जाए तो इससे व्यक्ति की 🛎 त्वचा को मुकसान नहीं

मौत हो सकती है। ऑर्गेनिक कॉटन क्यों है सुरक्षित

ऑर्गेनिक कॉट्रन खेतों को ढक कर रर पर्यावरण के हितेषी होते हैं। के बीज में किसी रसायनिक तत्वों का इस्तेमाल नहीं होता। इसके अलावा खतरनाक कीटों की रोकने के लिए इको फ्रेंडली कीटों की मेंदूद ली जाती है। इन कीटों का खात्मा करें। के लिए किसी भी तरह की दवाई या सूप्रे आदि की जरूरत नहीं होती।

ऑर्गेनिक कॉटन के

सबसे पहली बात तो बच्चों की कोमल त्वचा के लिए ये सबसे बेहतर विकल्प हो सकते हैं। बच्चों की त्वचा पर खतरनाक कॉटन कई बार अपना धीमा असर छोड़तें 😘 हैं। इसमें कॉटन की खेती के दौरान इस्तेमाल किये गये पेस्टिसाइडस से लेकर केमिकल डाई शामिल होते हैं। लेकिन ऑर्गेनिक कपड़ों से कम से कम इस बात का ंसंतोष किया जा सकता है कि वे किसी तरह की एलर्ज़ी पैदा नहीं करेंगे। धीरे-धीरे

ऑर्गेनिक फैब्रिक रेंज बढ़ रही हैं। छोटें बच्चों से लेकर बड़ों तक के लिए नए फैशन और लेटेस्ट ट्रेंड के आउटफिट कई जगह मिलना शुरू हो गए है। इतना ही नहीं, सोफा कवर, बेड कवर, एप्रेन, पर्दे, पिलो कवर सभी के लिए ऑर्गेनिक फैब्रिक अब उपलब्ध हैं।

ऑर्गेनिक क्यों

यह गलतफहमी है कि हम जिन परंपरागत चीजों को खाते हैं, उन्हें अच्छी तरह धो लिया जाए तो सभी नुकसान देने वाले कीटनाशक और रसायन धुल जाते हैं और खाद्य पदार्थ पूरी तरह सुरक्षित हो जाते हैं। तथ्य है कि कीटनाशंकों के अवशेष और भारी धातु पीधे और पैदावार के अंदर जमा हो जाते हैं और भोजन के साथ शरीर में पहुंच जाते हैं। अनुमान है कि भारत में हर व्यक्ति प्रतिदिन

काफी बड़े स्तर पर कीटनाशकों का सेवन करता है। अमेरिकी स्वास्थ्य और मानव सेवा विभाग की एजेंसी फॉर टॉक्सिक सब्सटांसेज एंड डिजीज द्वारा किए गए अध्ययन के मृताबिक ऑर्गेनिक खाद्य पदार्थों में किसी भी परंपरागत खाद्य पदार्थ के मुकाबले विटामिन सी 27 प्रतिशत आयरन 21:1 प्रतिशत मैग्नेशियम 29.3 प्रतिशत तथा फॉसफोरस 13.6 प्रतिशत ज्यादा होता है। परंपरागत खाद्य पदार्थों में कीटनाशकों के अवशेष शरीर की प्रतिरक्षा प्रणाली को खराब कर देते हैं, इस कारण स्नायु तंत्र का सामान्य विकास नहीं होता और स्वास्थ्य में भी तेजी से खराबी आती है।

प्राकृतिक प्रतिरक्षा प्रणाली का विकास

सकता है, सिरदर्दे से लेकर कैंसर तक। विशेषज्ञों का मानना है कि परंपरागत पदार्थी कीटनाशकों के अवशेषों

वयस्कों के लिए सुरक्षित है पर गर्भस्थ शिशुओं और बन्तों के लिए कीटनाशकों से न्यूनत्म संपर्क भी बहुत नुक्सानदेह हो सकता है क्योंकि उनकी प्रतिरक्षा प्रणाली का विकास नहीं हुआ होता है। गर्भवती महिलाओं के लिए

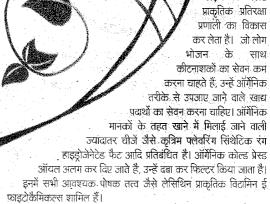
रसायन के इस्तेमाल वाले खाद्य पदार्थ बन सकते हैं। ऑर्गेनिक उत्पादों का लंबे समय तक लगातार उपयोग करने से शरीर हमारा बीमारियों लंडने के लिए प्राकृतिक प्रतिरक्षा कर लेता है। जो लोग भोजन के साथ कीटनाशकों का सेवन कम करना चाहते हैं, उन्हें ऑर्गेनिक











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Set up group to sort out visa, social security issues, India tells US

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India has asked the US to set up a high-level group to discuss its concerns on the US Totalization Act (under which Indian workers end up losing their social security refunds) and the high visa costs for skilled workers.

Deputy US Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Holleyman met Commerce Secretary Rita Teaotia for preliminary discussions on the agenda for the next round of the joint trade policy forum, scheduled for Washington in October.

New Delhi also suggested a separate working group to discuss the issue of market access for Indian pharmaceuticals and traditional AYUSH pharmacopoeia and professionals, a Commerce Ministry release said.

The India-US trade policy forum, which is basically a dialogue at the ministerial level to promote trade and investments between the two countries by addressing tricky issues, was revived last November after a gap of four years, when USTR Michael Froman met Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi.

Key issues

"The Commerce Secretary wants the high-level group to discuss issues of high visa costs and corresponding higher wage implications and its impact on India's IT industry under the US Immigration Reforms and on Executive Visa Guidelines due to come into force on August 19, 2015," the release added.

On the issue of the US' Totalization Act, Teaotia pointed out that the policy was discriminatory towards Indian workers in the US, who ended up losing their social security contributions due to the existing discrepancies in the visa and social security regimes.

India has been pushing the US for a bilateral Totalization Agreement that would exempt short-term Indian workers from contributing to social security in the country. The Secretary also hinted that India could consider legal recourse if its concerns were not met.

New Delhi also discussed market access issues related to agrarian products such as rice, mangoes, pomegranates and table grapes and non-tariff barriers in textile exports.

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Raymond Targets New Categories in Consumer Biz Rejig

Co to set up advisory board to chart course, signs up Farhan Akhtar for Park Avenue deo

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Mumbai: The Raymond Group is reworking its consumer products strategy to enter newer categories, and has roped in a celebrity endorser to bump up sales of its deodorants. The textile major's FMCG company, JK Helene Curtis (JKHC), has signed up actor-director Farhan Akhtar to push sales of its Park Avenue brand of deodorants in the ₹3,500-crore segment that has close to 1,000 brands.

"Farhan Akhtar will appeal to younger consumers who are now getting fatigued with similar type of communication," said JKHC business director Ashok Namboodiri. "This is a great opportunity to leverage the DNA of the brand, which has got a strong legacy in the male grooming category."

With 7% market share, Park Avenue is the second-largest deodorant brand in the country.

Industry executives, who did not wish to be named, said the 51-year-old personal care company is in the midst of forming an advisory board, as it seeks higher growth in deodorants and entry into newer segments within hair and skin care. The advisory board will include Raymond's CEO Sanjay Behl and outsiders such as Ravi Venkatesan, ex-Microsoft CEO, they said.

The consumer products division of Raymond contributes about 10%, or roughly ₹450 crore, to the

Askmebazaar.com Ropes in Farhan

MUMBAL Farhan Akhtar has replaced Kangana Ranaut as the new face of online marketplace Askmebazaar.com. He joins fellow-endorser Ranbir Kapoor. and journalist Vir Sanghvi, food experts Rocky & Mayur and chef Vikas Khanna, who have partnered with the search engine to build a bank of video content for. its food and restaurants category. Columnist Twinkle Khanna has been roped in for the lifestyle division. The company has earmarked ₹350 crore as its ad budget for 2015. – Our Bureau

group's annual consolidated revenues of ₹5,400 crore. The latest move is a part of the group's larger strategy, internally called JKHC version 2.0, which aims to restructure its consumer business from product portfolio to distribution.

"Park Avenue was getting a bit dated and needed rejuvenation. Farhan Akhtar stands for substance and integrity and has an instant aura, unlike many other brand ambassadors who are losing salience by endorsing many brands," said Alpana Parida, president at brand consultancy firm DY Works.

The portfolio expansion could also mean tweaking its distribution model. "We don't want to carpet-bomb our products by just increasing distribution network. Instead, we will tap into large modern trade accounts that give us bulk of our sales," said Namboodiri, who joined the company last month from Britannia.