

Ministry of Textiles

Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of April, 2018

1. Policy Decisions:

i. “Samarth” – Scheme for capacity building in Textiles Sector: The policy guidelines under the Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector called “Samarth” have been issued on 23rd April, 2018. The Scheme is aimed at skilling the youth for gainful and sustainable employment in the Textiles Sector.

ii. Increase in Maximum Support Price (MSP) of Raw Jute: The Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs has in the meeting held on 25th April, 2018 approved the increase in the MSP of raw jute of the TDN-3 grade from Rs. 3500 per quintal to Rs. 3700 per quintal. Jute Corporation of India shall undertake MSP operations wherever the price falls below the MSP without any quantitative restrictions.

2. Important Achievements:

i. Textiles Minister’s Conference on Handlooms and Handicrafts : In order to address the issues faced by the Centre & State Governments in their endeavour for development of Handloom and Handicraft sector and boost Centre – State Governments collaboration for all-round growth of these sectors, a conference of the State Textiles Ministers was presided by the Minister of Textiles on 26.04.2018. The Conference deliberated on the initiatives of the Ministry of Textiles on promotion of Handlooms and Handicrafts and sought the support the States for ensuring that the benefits of the schemes are availed by bonafide weavers and artisans.

ii. Marketing support to SC-ST Artisans : To celebrate the birth anniversaries of Baba SahebBhimraoAmbedkar and Mahatma JyotiraoGovindraoPhule, 24 marketing events were organized by the Office of Development Commissioner, Handicrafts, for SC-ST artisans from 11th to 17th April 2018 in different parts of the country, benefitting approximately 1000 SC-ST artisans.

iii. Progress under weavers MUDRA Scheme: Under Weavers’ MUDRA Scheme, 68,404 loans have been sanctioned so far with sanctioned of loan amount worth Rs.374.57 crore, of which 6172 loans were sanctioned in March, 2018 with sanctioned loan amount worth Rs.42.90 crores as per latest information available.

iv. Jute: A meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Jute Sector was held on 05.04.2018 for discussing the steps taken for improvement in the jute sector. The Hon’ble Minister of Textiles informed the members that the government had increased the MSP for jute by nearly 52% in last four years. The committee was apprised of the multi-pronged support given by the Government to Jute Sector.

v. Cotton: The All India arrivals of cotton during the month of April 2018 were 21.39 lakh bales. Since the market price of raw cotton was trending above the Minimum

Support Price (MSP) most of time in April, 2018, only 5062 bales were procured by Cotton Corporation of India under MSP.

- vi. **PowerloomSector** : Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 473powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during April, 2018 with GOI share of Premium Rs.85330/-.
- vii. **TUFS**:During the month of April, 2018, 291 nos of UIDs have been issued in with a project cost of Rs.958.45 crores and subsidy requirement of Rs. 68.75 crores under A-TUFS. A meeting was chaired by the Secretary, Textiles on 19th April, 2018 for examining the issues and finalizing the ThirdParty Report by NABCONS on TUFS.
- viii. **Crafts Fair- Home Expo India 2018**: The 7th Home Expo India 2018 was organized from 16th to 18th April, 2018 by the Export Promotion Council from Handicrafts at Greater Noida. The Expo which was inaugurated by Minister of Textiles witnessed the participation of 700 exhibitors from across the country.
- ix. मंत्रालय की हिंदी सलाहकार समिति की 25वीं बैठक दिनांक 20 अप्रैल, 2018 को हैदराबाद में आयोजित की गई। यह बैठक सचिव (वस्त्र) तथा समिति के अन्य सदस्यों की उपस्थिति में संपन्न हुई।
