

Ministry of Textiles

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

1. Policy Decisions and Important Achievements:

- i. **Support provided for flood relief in Kerala:** Ministry of Textiles had mobilized all the Textile Associations and the Export Promotion Councils to send the required material to support the Relief Operations in Kerala. Large amounts of textiles material and funds were donated by textile units from the various regions of the country.
- ii. **Handloom Sector:**
 - A. **National Handloom Day:** The 4th National Handloom Day was celebrated on 07.08.2018 in all the 28 Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs) spread all over the country. The main function was held at Jaipur. Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Textiles presided over the function where 22 National Awards, 05 Sant Kabir Awards, 05 State Awards were conferred to weavers for their outstanding work. MUDRA Mudra Loans, Lighting Units, Looms & Accessories and sanction of individual Worksheds were also disbursed during the event.
 - B. **Handloom Expos:** In order to promote handloom products amongst domestic customers and to enable handloom weavers to sell their products directly to the customers, National and State Level Handloom Expo marketing events were organized during August 2018 in Delhi, Surat, Ernakulam, Ahmedabad, Jabalpur, Bangaluru and Chennai. Participation in the International fair viz; Inter Textiles Shanghai Home Textiles done through HEPC from 27th to 30th August, 2018, with 10 participants.
- iii. **Cotton:** The All India arrivals of cotton during the month of August 2018 were 1.01 lakh bales. Since the market price of raw cotton was ruling above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) most of time in August, 2018, no procurement was done by Cotton Corporation of India under MSP.
- iv. **Powerloom Sector :**
 - A. Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 14,847 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during August, 2018 with a total GOI share of premium of Rs.24,26,078/-. In the month of August

2018, a total of 15036 looms were upgraded and subsidy of Rs.844.67 lakh released under In-Situ upgradation of Plain Powerloom Scheme.

- B. Modified Group Workshed Scheme:** Under the Scheme, subsidy released during August, 2018 is Rs. **2.17** crores and the progressive year 2018-19 is **Rs. 4.89** crores.
- v. Technology Upgradation:** During the month of August, 2018, 219 UIDs have been issued in with a project cost of Rs.821.04 crores and subsidy requirement of Rs. 62.07 crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).
