

Ministry of Textiles

Monthly summary to the Cabinet for the Month of June, 2018

1. Policy Decisions:

- i. **Review of Textile Sector:** Secretary (Textiles) gave a presentation to Hon'ble Prime Minister on 07.06.2018, covering various activities of the Ministry of Textiles. Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles, Finance Secretary and Secretary, Expenditure were present in the meeting alongwith Senior Officers of the PMO. It was, interalia, decided that considering the need for combined efforts by multiple departments of the government, Group of Secretaries would deliberate on the factors affecting textile industry and come out with a comprehensive implementation plan and strategy for the growth of the sector. It was also decided that the proposal for closure of two CPSEs alongwith their subsidiaries, as recommended by NITI Aayog, should be brought for the consideration of the Cabinet.
- ii. **Meeting to Boost Technical Textiles in India:** A meeting was chaired by Principal Secretary to Prime Minister on the subject "Boost to Technical Textiles in India" on 26th June, 2018. A presentation on Technical Textiles was made by Secretary (Textiles). After discussion, it was decided that the Ministry will consult stakeholders to analyze the sector in detail and come out with a concrete action plan for interventions by various Departments
- iii. **Constitution of Groups of Secretaries on Textile Sector Issues:** In compliance with the decision taken in the meeting chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister to review textiles sector on 07.06.2018, four Groups of Secretaries were constituted to deliberate on (i) Development of Natural Fibres; (ii) Promotion of Indian Handloom & Handicrafts; (iii) Development of Textile Machinery and Man-Made Fibre (MMF); and (iv) Enhancing Exports in Textile Sector. The meetings of the four Groups of Secretaries were held in the last week of June, 2018.
- iv. **Extension of Norms under JPM Act 1987:** Notification for Extension of validity of the Order expiring on 30th June, 2018 till 30th September, 2018 was issued under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities) Act, 1987. The order extended the norms prescribing percentage of commodities to be compulsorily packed in jute, to support the jute sector.
- v. **"Samarth"- Scheme :** Amendment to the Policy guidelines on "Samarth" - Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector relating to operation of the scheme and terms of engaging implementing partners were issued on 27th June, 2018 based on discussion with the stakeholders.

2. Important Achievements:

- i. **Handloom:** In order to promote handloom products amongst domestic customers and to enable handloom weavers to sell their products directly to the customers, National Level Handloom Expo marketing events were organized during June 2018 Delhi & Himachal Pradesh.

Office of the Development Commissioner (Handloom) had participated in 16th Global Indian Festival from 9-17th June 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with India Handloom Brand holders for promotion of handloom products in the overseas market.

- ii. **Meeting of Parliamentary Consultative Committee:** A meeting of Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Textiles was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister of Textiles on 22nd June, 2018 at Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi on "Samarth" – Scheme for capacity building in Textiles Sector, under the Skill India Mission. The Scheme details which aim at skilling the youth for gainful and sustainable employment in the Textiles Sector, were explained to the members of the Committee.
- iii. **Natural Fibres:** Hon'ble Minister of Textiles chaired a Meeting of Stakeholders on Natural Fibres on 23rd June, 2018 to discuss overall scenario of all natural fibres and to seek their views relating to natural fibres, import substitution through quality improvement and on suggestion to improve production and export of natural fibres in the country.
- iv. **Cotton:** The All India arrivals of cotton during the month of June 2018 were 13.63 lakh bales. Since the market price of raw cotton was trending above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) most of time in June, 2018, only 98 bales were procured by Cotton Corporation of India under MSP.
- v. **Cotton Advisory Board:** The second meeting of Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) for the Cotton Season 2017-18 was held on 16.06.2018 to deliberate upon the Cotton scenario and also to discuss the State-wise area, production, import, export and consumption of cotton besides interventions for increasing cotton production and productivity. The CAB projected the total production of Cotton during Cotton year 2017-18 to be 370 lakh bales (of 170 kg each) as compared to 345 lakh bales in 2016-17.
- vi. **Powerloom Sector :** Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 17,455 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during June, 2018 with GOI share of Premium Rs.2900286/-.
- vii. **TUFS:** During the month of June, 2018, 299 nos. of UIDs have been issued in with a project cost of Rs.1,239.98 crores and subsidy requirement of Rs. 93.15 crores under A-TUFS. A total of Rs. 74.13 crores has been released under the scheme during the month of June, 2018.

- viii. **Technical Textiles:** The 7th edition of International Exhibition and conference on Technical Textiles ‘Technotex 2018’ was held at Bombay from 28.6.2018 to 29.6.2018. The event was inaugurated by Textile Commissioner, Mumbai. The Textile Commissioner also visited China for Overseas Promotion of Technotex 2018 and Technical Textiles Sector for India.
- ix. **International Yoga Day:** The Ministry of Textiles and Organizations under it celebrated International Yoga Day on 21.06.2018 at the various centres. The main event was held at the Crafts Museum in Delhi where Secretary (Textiles), officials of the Ministry and officials of Offices of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Development Commissioner (Handlooms), etc. participated. Several organizations under the Ministry organized events to mark the International Yoga Day in various locations across the country.
