

Ministry of Textiles

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

1. Policy Decisions: NIL

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 organised during May 2018 in Delhi.

Under Weavers' Mudra Scheme, credit is provided to handloom weavers at concessional interest rate of 6%, margin money @Rs. 10,000 per weaver and credit guarantee for a period of 3 years. Under the scheme, 1899 loans were sanctioned in April, 2018 with sanctioned loan amount worth Rs. 8.76 crore.

- II. Cotton:** In the current cotton season 2017-18 (1st October 2017 to 30th September, 2018), all India arrivals of cotton during the month of May 2018 were 17.56 lakh bales. Since the market price of raw cotton was trending most of time above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) in May 2018, only 64 bales were procured by Cotton Corporation of India under MSP.

- III. Jute:** The Jute Advisory Board meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Textiles) on 02/05/2018 to review the final supply-demand scenario for raw jute and mesta for 2017-18 season and assess the prospects of sowing of new crop for 2018-19 season.

Secretary (Textiles) chaired 26th meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) set up by the Government under Section 4(1) of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities) Act, 1987 to examine and consider the matters prescribed in Section 4(2) of the Jute Packaging Materials Act, 1987 and to recommend the norms (or reservation) for packaging of commodities in jute packaging material for the Jute Year 2018-19. After detailed deliberations, the SAC recommended 100% reservation for packing of food grains and 20% for packing of sugar in jute bags with certain exemptions.

- IV. Yarn price:** The prices of Cotton Hank Yarn increased by 6% during April 2018-May 2018 in comparison to April 2017 - May 2017. The prices of Cone Yarn increased by 0.8% during April 2018-May 2018 in comparison to April 2017 - May 2017.

- V. TUFS:** During the month of May 2018, 240 Nos UIDs have been issued in with a project cost of Rs. 1,092.75 Crores and subsidy requirement of Rs. 83.73 Crores.

30% Margin Money Subsidy of Powerloom Sector under TUFSS: During the year 2018-19 (up to 31.5.2018), 110 applications have been sanctioned for an amount of Rs.31.30 crores.

- VI. Modified Group Workshed Scheme:** The subsidy released under the Modified Group Workshed Scheme up to the financial year 2017-2018 is Rs. 93.19 crores. The subsidy released during May, 2018 and the progressive year 2018-19 is Rs. 0.89 crores.
- VII. Group Insurance Schemes for Powerloom Workers:** 18,935 powerloom workers were enrolled by various Nodal Agencies under the GIS Scheme during May, 2018.
- VIII. Samarth – Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector:** A meeting of stakeholders in this regard was organized under the chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister of Textiles in New Delhi on 14.05.2018 to familiarize the stakeholders with the scheme guidelines besides getting feedbacks from them. The broad objective of the new scheme is to skill the youth for gainful and sustainable employment in the textiles sector covering the entire value chain of textiles, excluding spinning and weaving. Hon'ble Minister of State Textiles and Secretary (Textiles) also addressed the stakeholders.
- IX. Silk:** A National Level Workshop on “SILK SAMAGRA Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry” was chaired by Secretary (Textiles), on 17th May, 2018 at New Delhi to discuss the implementation modalities of the scheme and efforts needed to achieve the set raw silk targets.
- X. International Trade:** A Meeting of Hon'ble Finance Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal and Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani with the Textile Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) and Industry Associations was held on 27.05.2018 at New Delhi to discuss the issues pertaining to the textiles sector. The Textile Commissioner also participated in the meeting.
