

Ministry of Textiles

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

1. Important Policy Decisions and Achievements:

- i. **Hastkala Sahyog Shivir** 113 Hastkala Sahyog Shivirs for handloom weavers and 99 Shivirs for artisans were organized from 19-24th February 2018 across the country. These Shivirs are the outreach programme of the Ministry to take various benefits / facilities offered under the schemes/ programmes of the Ministry at the doorsteps of the weavers and artisans. The Shivirs reported participation of 29,245 weavers and about 26000 artisans. A total of new 6713 applications were received for Mudra loan from weavers and artisans. 11309 artisans enrolled for the Pahchan cards. 2150 artisans and 1005 weavers placed orders/ received tool kits and looms and accessories during the shivirs.
- ii. **Ambiente Trade Fair 2018**: The Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles led a high level delegation to Ambiente Trade Fair 2018 in Frankfurt. He inaugurated India Pavilion in the exhibition. A total of 433 Indian exhibitors participated in the event. Frankfurt Messe authorities declared India as a partner country for Ambiente Trade Fair -2019.
- iii. **45th IHGF-Delhi Fair**: Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair Spring 2018 was held from 23-27 Feb 2018 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida.. The fair was inaugurated by secretary (Textiles). More than 5000 overseas buyers from 111 countries participated in the fair.
- iv. **Cotton production**: In the current cotton season 2017-18 (1st October 2017 to 30th September, 2018), all India arrivals of cotton during the month were 48.68 lakh bales. Since the market price of raw cotton was trading above the Minimum Support Price in February, 2018, therefore, only 3620 bales were procured by Cotton Corporation of India under MSP during the month.
- v. **Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS)**: A total of 182 new projects have been approved under Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) with projected investment of Rs. 468.87 crores and involving a subsidy of Rs. 37.79 crores during the month.
- vi. **In-Situ Upgradation of plain powerloom**: During, February, 2018, total 5132 kits were fitted with process control equipment and Rs.6 lakh was released.
- vii. **Group Insurance Schemes (GIS) for Power loom Workers**: 21,123 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the GIS Scheme during January, 2018.
