

## **Ministry of Textiles**

### **Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of December, 2019**

#### **1. Policy Decisions:**

A Gazette Notification was published on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 in respect of the proposal for mandatory packaging of foodgrains and sugar in jute material for the Jute Year 2019-20 approved by CCEA on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. The decision of the CCEA mandates that 100% of the food grains and 20% of the sugar shall be mandatorily packed in diversified jute bags.

#### **2. Important Achievements:**

##### **i. Handlooms Sector:**

- In order to promote handloom products amongst domestic customers and to enable handloom weavers to sell their products directly to the customers, 5 National Level Handloom Expos at Lucknow, Indore, Allahabad, Coimbatore & Chennai and 3 State Level Handloom Expo at Varanasi, Chennai & Bangaluru were organized during the month of December, 2019
- 1449 number of MUDRA loans worth loan amount of Rs. 8.12 crore were sanctioned as well as released too.

##### **ii. Handicrafts Sector:**

- Renowned Toshali Mela held at Bhubaneshwar, Odisha w.e.f. 15-27 December, 2019 with the participation of 70 handicrafts Artisans. Total Sales worth Rs. 2.58 crores generated with a total footfall of 47 lakh.
- AF-L Artigiano International crafts selling Exhibition (24<sup>th</sup> edition) organized at Fiero Milano (Milan - Italy) from 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 to 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 to showcase International crafts, gastronomy tourism,

wherein 3200 exhibitors from 100 countries participated with a large variety of products including handicrafts.

- iii. **Cotton:** All India arrivals of seed cotton (kapas) during the month of December, 2019 were 71.65 lakh bales. . Out of which, 24.90 lakh bales of kapas have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation.
- iv. **Export:** Approval of additional Ad-hoc incentive upto 1% for apparel and made-ups being the difference between RoSCTL and RoSL +4% MEIS in the Meeting of CoS under Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary held on 30.12.2019.
- v. **TUFS:** During the month of December 2019, 148 UIDs have been issued with a project cost of Rs. 669.59 Crore and Subsidy requirement of Rs. 66.62 Crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).
- vi. **Powerloom Sector:** Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 580 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during December, 2019 with a total GOI share of premium of Rs. 93,960.