Ministry of Textiles

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

1. Policy Decisions:

A Gazette Notification was published on 20th 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 27th 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 (24th edition) organized at Fiero Milano (Milan - Italy) from 30th November, 2019 to 8th 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. **TUFSS:** 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.