

Ministry of Textiles

Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of February, 2020

1. Policy Decisions:

- (i)** Empowered Committee, in its meeting held on 26.02.2020 under the chairmanship of Secretary (Textiles), allocated a training target of 78,409 persons to 44 Textile Industries / Industry Associations / State Government Agencies and for up-Skilling programme under Samarth.
- (ii)** Abolition of Anti-Dumping Duty on PTA - PTA is produced by limited manufacturers in the country. The imports of PTA until now were subjected to Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) which was increasing the cost of MMF fibre / filaments in the country thereby denting the competitiveness of MMF textile industry in global markets. In the Union Budget 2020-21, Anti-Dumping Duty on import of Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) has been abolished to ensure easy availability at competitive prices.
- (iii)** With a view to position the country as a global leader in Technical Textiles, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs in its meeting held on 26.02.2020 approved the proposal for creation of National Technical Textiles Mission at a total outlay of Rs. 1480 crores with a four year implementation period from Financial Year 2020-21 to 2023-24.
- (iv)** A stakeholders meeting of wool sector was held on 7th February, 2020 at Chandigarh which was co-chaired by Secretary(Textiles) and Secretary (Animal Husbandry) to discuss the issues related to animal husbandry enlacing wool production and quality and wool industry and intervention required to be undertaken at various level involving State Governments and Government of India.

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, 4 National Level Special Handloom Expos at Nagpur, Jodhpur, Patna and Bengaluru organized during the month of February, 2020.

- 1215 number of MUDRA loans worth loan amount of Rs. 6.77 crore were sanctioned as well as disbursed too.

ii. **Handicrafts Sector:**

- 34th Surajkund International Crafts Mela was organized by Haryana Tourism at Surajkund, District Faridabad w.e.f. 1.2.2020 to 16.2.2020 where in 179 handicraft artisans participated to showcase their products & Promote their legacy and benefit from the sales generated.
- The Ambiente Fair 2020 organized w.e.f. 7th to 11th February, 2020 was inaugurated in a colorful ceremony on 7th February, 2020. 4 Master crafts persons along with export members participated in Ambiente Fair where they showcased their latest range of handicrafts products. The products included wood, brass, bronze metal, Paper mashie, embroider shawl, scarf, tie, stole, wooden products, art objects etc. During the event, one seminar to promote Brand Image of Indian handicrafts was also conducted.

iii. **Cotton:** All India arrivals of seed cotton (kapas) during the month of February, 2020 were 56.89 lakh bales. . Out of which, 21.22 lakh bales of kapas have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation.

iv. **TUFS:** During the month of February 2020, 120 UIDs have been issued with a project cost of Rs. 403.12 Crore and Subsidy requirement of Rs. 34.71 Crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).

v. **Powerloom Sector:** Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 821 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during February, 2020 with a total GOI share of premium of Rs. 1,33,130.