

Ministry of Textiles

Important policy decisions and achievements during January, 2019

1. Policy Decisions:

- i. SFC outlay for PowerTex India 2017-18 to 2019-20 is Rs. 487.07 crores. Now, the combined SFC proposal for PowerTex India and Knitwear Sector for 2017-18 to 2019-20 for an outlay of Rs. 487.07 Cr. has been appraised on 15.01.2019 by Secretary (T) and approved by Hon'ble Minister of Textiles on 30.01.2019.

2. Important Achievements:

i. Handlooms Sector:

- (a) Under MSME Support and Outreach Programme, various activities are being undertaken in coordination with concerned Weavers' Service Centres in 12 identified districts. Since commencement of the programme, enrolment of weavers has been done for 88779 Pehchan Cards, 11766 skill upgradation/workshed/looms/lighting units, 44310 for Yarn Passbook, 8045 MUDRA loans, 10105 for Social Security (Insurance), 113 registrations for Handloom Mark/India Handloom Brands and 20420 Handloom Mark/IHB labels have been issued. 9012 weavers have participated in marketing events and sales worth Rs. 578.13.
- (b) Four National Level Special Handloom at Chandigarh, Bengaluru, Hubli & Delhi and one State Level Expo & Silk Fab Events at Bengaluru were held in January, 2019 at which provided direct market interface between consumers and handloom weavers. 03 International fairs viz; International Sourcing Expo, were held at Germany and France during the month of January 2019 to promote handlooms in overseas market.

(c) 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 03 years. Under the Scheme, 1,37,891 number of MUDRA Loans have been sanctioned from the year 2015-16 to 30.11.2018 with sanctioned loan amount Rs.631.03 crore of which amount disbursed to the tune of Rs.527.85 crore. In November 2018 alone, 3863 number of MUDRA Loans worth loan amount of Rs.18.61 crore was sanctioned, of which, an amount to the tune of Rs.19.42 crore disbursed.

ii. Handicrafts Sector:

Hon'ble Prime Minister launched a support and outreach programme for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector on 2nd November, 2018. As part of this programme, the Prime Minister unveiled 12 key initiatives addressing five key aspects for facilitating the sector. These include access to credit, access to market, technology upgradation, ease of doing business, and a sense of security for employees. MSME Support & Outreach programme is aimed at synergizing the Government's efforts by bringing together various Central Ministries, State Governments, Lenders and Private Sector to provide implementable multi-dimensional solutions for MSMEs. MSME Support & Outreach portal intensively monitors the status of implementation of the programme across 100 districts. Till 31st January 2019 the initiatives taken by Office of the DC(Handicrafts) in 13 States (19 districts) have benefitted more than 1.03 lakh

artisans, 51995 artisans have been enrolled under Pahchan initiative for the issuance of artisan ID card and 28379 I.D. Cards have been distributed. 12095 applications mobilized for Mudra Loan, 539 artisans have been provided modern tool kits and more than 5753 artisans have participated in various marketing events generating a sales of Rs.955.01 Lakhs.

- iii. **Silk Sector:** Silk Mark Organisation of India (SMOI), New Delhi Chapter in association with TTL Varanasi participated in the “15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas’ at Deen Dayal Handicraft Complex, Lalpur, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) between 21st & 23rd January, 2019 organized by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Govt. of India in association with Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. SMOI has showcased the activities of Central Silk Board CSB including Silk Mark. The Theme Pavilion displayed all four varieties of cocoons, silk threads, textile samples, Silk Mark labels like- hang tags, sewing labels, etc,. In this event there were 66 stalls out of which 40 stalls are of Textiles. Visitors from USA, Singapore, France, Netherland, Hong Kong and other countries visited Silk Mark stall and appreciated the efforts of the CSB/SMOI.
- iv. **Cotton:** All India arrivals of seed cotton (Kapas) during the month of January, 2019 were 57.21 lakh bales. Out of this 3.50 lakh bales of seed cotton have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation.

- v. **Powerloom Sector** : Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 2,516 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during January, 2019 with a total GOI share of premium of Rs. 4,12,328.

- vi. **Technology Upgradation**: During the month of January 2019, 171 UIDs have been issued with a project cost of Rs. 685.37 cores and subsidy requirement of Rs. 45.22 Crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).

- vii. The Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Vainkaih Naidu on 06.01.2019 conferred awards on 17 persons for their outstanding contribution in the different fields of Textiles Sector in New Delhi.