

Ministry of Textiles

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

1. Policy Decisions:

- i. **The notification of higher Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton for the cotton season 2018-19:** MSP for the cotton season 2018-19 has been notified by the Ministry of Agriculture as Rs. 5150/- for medium staple and Rs. 5450/- for long staple under letter dated 11.7.2018.
- ii. **Margin money under Mudra for Handicrafts artisans:** During the month, meeting of Standing Finance Committee was held for new component of margin money under Mudra loan for the years 2018-19 & 2019-20 under the National Handicrafts Development Programme.
- iii. **Group of Secretaries to formulate Action Plan:** Reports of the Group of Secretaries to formulate Action Plans on the Development of Natural Fibres & Growth of Traditional Textiles and on the Development of Textile Machinery were finalized during the month.

2. Important Achievements:

- i. **Handloom:** In order to promote handloom products amongst domestic customers and to enable handloom weavers to sell their products directly to the customers, National Level Handloom Expo marketing events were organized during July 2018 in Delhi and Mumbai. The office of the Development Commissioner (Handloom) had participated in 29th India home Furnishing Fair/ 39th India Garment Fair from 18th to 20th July 2018 in Osaka (Japan) for promotion of handloom products in the overseas market.
- ii. **Cotton:** The All India arrivals of cotton during the month of July 2018 were 15.22 lakh bales. Since the market price of raw cotton was ruling above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) most of time in July, 2018, no procurement was done by Cotton Corporation of India under MSP.
- iii. **Powerloom Sector :** Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 9,762 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during July, 2018 with a total GOI share of premium of Rs.16,21,252/-. In the month of July

2018, a total of 28667 looms were upgraded and subsidy of Rs.3652.94 lakh released under In-Situ upgradation of Plain Powerloom Scheme.

- iv. **TUFS**: During the month of July, 2018, 372 nos. of UIDs have been issued in at a project cost of Rs.1160.46 crores and subsidy requirement of Rs. 81.35 crore under A-TUFS.
- v. **Procurement of Jute Sacking bags through GEMs portal**: The meeting was held by the Committee chaired by Special Secretary & Financial Adviser on 16th July, 2018 for exploring the feasibility of procurement of jute sacking bags under Jute Packaging Material Act through GEMs portal. The meeting was attended by members of the Committee, consisting of State Governments, Department of Food and Public Distribution and Department of Commerce.
- vi. **Technical Textiles**: A presentation was made before the Cabinet Secretary on 30th July, 2018 on the uses of Technical Textiles and the mandates proposed to 10 Ministries for the use of Geosynthetics, Composites, Buildtech, Medical Textiles, Protective Textiles, Sport Textiles, Agrotextiles; etc. with suggestions on interventions for the user Ministries.
- vii. **Speciality Fibre**: The first meeting of the Committee on preparing the Research & Development plan for the Futuristic Growth of Technical Textiles in the country was convened in NITI Aayog on 19th July, 2018 for preparing the road map for the development of high performance speciality fibre and the R & D strategy for Technical Textiles under the chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog.
