

Ministry of Textiles

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

1. Policy Decisions:

- (i) A meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) chaired by Secretary (Textiles) under Samarth. Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector was held through video conferencing on 10.07.2020. EC has empanelment 14 agencies and allocated a training target of 9755 persons for empanelment of industry / industry associations against the responses received for the RFP floated for up-skilling programme. EC also allocated training target / additional targets of 16,995 persons to two State Government Agencies. Further, EC also approved the proposal to allow registration of new training centres by Implementing Partners subject to the outcome of physical verification of the agencies concerned.
- (ii) EFC note on Focus Product Incentive Scheme (FPIS) sent to Department of Expenditure on 8th July 2020. The scheme is intended to remove disabilities of the MMF apparel sector in the country and enable textile industry to achieve size and scale so as to become globally competitive and create global champions. Meeting of EFC is scheduled on 7th August, 2020.

2. Important Achievements:

(i) COVID-19 RELATED:

- (a) 11 testing Laboratories have been notified who are equipped to conduct testing and certification of **Synthetic Blood Penetration Resistance Test** required for Body-Coveralls for COVID-19 (one

at SITRA- Coimbatore, one at Textile Committee, Mumbai; one of DRDO at Delhi and 6 labs of Ordnance Factories distributed all over the country, two at Textiles Committee, Mumbai and one at Northern India Textile Research Association, Ghaziabad).

- (b) All the above testing laboratories may conduct **Synthetic Blood Penetration Resistance Test of samples of** Body-Coveralls for COVID-19 received from HLL Life care Ltd., BIS or any Government organization and issue Test Results. However, as the BIS has started issuing license for “Body-Coveralls for COVID-19”, no lab will issue UCC to any PPE Coverall manufacturer.
- (c) Ministry of Textiles is working with MoHFW for supply of PPE Body Coveralls and N-95 Masks required for use of health professional in Government Hospitals. As on 31.07.2020, a total of 1.29 core PPE kits have been dispatched to HLL Lifecare.

(ii) **Handicrafts Sector:**

IHGH Delhi Fair organized virtually at www.ihgfdelhifair.in w.e.f. 13-19 July, 2020 wherein 1300 handicraft exhibitors from pan India basis participated, 40 handicraft entrepreneurs from Jammu & Kashmir and 25 handicraft entrepreneurs from North Eastern States participated. 4150 Buyers from 108 countries, had serious business enquiries. Worth Rs. 320 crores.

- (iii) **Cotton:** All India arrivals of seed cotton (kapas) during the month of July, 2020 were 8.04 lakh bales. Out of which, 2.10 lakh bales of kapas have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation.