

Ministry of Textiles

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

1. Policy Decisions:

- (i) A meeting of the SAC was held under the chairpersonship of Secretary (Textiles) on 10.06.2020 to examine and consider the matters prescribed in Section 4(2) of the Jute Packaging Materials Act, 1987 and to recommend the norms (or reservation) for packaging of commodities in jute packaging material for the Jute Year 2020-21.

2. Important Achievements:

(i) COVID-19 RELATED:

- (a) 10 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 of DRDO at Delhi and 6 labs of Ordnance Factories distributed all over the country, one at Textiles Committee, Mumbai and one at Northern India Textile Research Association, Ghaziabad).
- (b) 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 30.06.2020, over 1.18 crore PPE kits have been dispatched to HLL Life care.

(ii) Handicrafts Sector:

- 60 crafts clusters identified for formation of Producer Companies across the country. Identification of Members and Directors is ongoing in these identified clusters/ Producer company.

- Two Virtual Fairs (an alternative mode of marketing along the lines of Physical Marketing to keep up with the changing times of Covid-19 Pandemic) were organized by EPCH.
- The First virtual fair was organized w.e.f 1st -4th June 2020 at www.ihgftextiles.in where in 159 exhibitors participated with 1400 visitors generating a business of 150 crores. The 2nd virtual fair was organized w.e.f 15th- 18th June 2020 at www.ihgftextiles.in where in 220 exhibitors participated with 1600 overseas and 100 domestic volume buyers generating a business of 270 crores.

(iii) **Cotton:** All India arrivals of seed cotton (kapas) during the month of June, 2020 were 16.90 lakh bales. Out of which, 5.78 lakh bales of kapas have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation.

(iv) **SITP :** Draft EFC Note for setting up of 10 Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Parks (MITRAs) alongwith a Concept note on the subject is under inter-ministerial consultation.