

Ministry of Textiles

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

1. Policy Decisions:

- (i) Exemption of the provisions of JPM Act, 1987 for the use of HDPE/PP bags in packaging of foodgrains.

The Ministry on 7th May, 2020 approved dilution for use of HDPE/PP bags to the extent of 35, 000 bales as requested by Department of Food and Public Distribution.

- (ii) Draft EFC Note for setting up of 10 Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Parks (MITRAs) alongwith a **Concept note** on the subject has been sent to Deptt. of Expenditure.

2. Important Achievements:

(i) COVID-19 RELATED:

- (a) 9 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.)

- (b) Ministry of Textiles is working with MoHFW for supplyt of PPE Body Coveralls and N-95 Masks required for use of health professional in Government Hospitals. As on 31.05.2020, a total of 1,12,46,615 PPE kits have nbeen supplied domestically.
- (c) As on 31.05.2020, 1,13,57,280 N-95 masks have been supplied domestically from 14 indigenous sources.
- (ii) **Cotton**: All India arrivals of seed cotton (kapas) during the month of May, 2020 were 28.94 lakh bales. Out of which, 10.96 lakh bales of kapas have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation.