

Ministry of Textiles

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

1. Policy Decisions:

- i. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 10th October, 2018 approved closure of National Jute Manufactures Corporation (NJMC) and its subsidiary Birds Jute Exports Limited (BJEL).
- ii. The notification has been issued to extend mandatory packaging under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities) Act, 1987 upto 30th November, 2018.
- iii. The new component of Margin Money @ 20% of the sanctioned loan amount subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000/- has been introduced for artisans availing Mudra Loan.

2. Important Achievements:

i. Handloom & Handicraft Sector:

- a. Four National and State Level Handloom Expo/Marketing events were organized during October, 2018 in Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Dehradun which provided direct market interface between consumer and handloom weavers.
- b. Indian Handicrafts & Gift Fair (IHGF), Delhi was held at Greater Noida from 14th to 18th October, 2018. This B2B event was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Textiles, Sh. Ajay Tamta. The fair attracted international buyers from over 110 countries and gave business opportunity to over 3200 exhibitors from handicraft and handloom sectors.

ii. Silk Sector: Hon'ble Minister of Textiles inaugurated a Theme Pavilion, "Silk of India" in the 6th India International Silk Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi in presence of High Commissioner of Japan & Korea, Senior officers of Ministry of Textiles and other dignitaries. The event was organized by Indian Silk Export Promotion Council (ISEPC)

iii. Cotton: All India arrivals of cotton during the month of October 2018 were 13.86 lakh bales. The market price of raw cotton was trending above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) during October-

2018, only 2 bales were procured by Cotton Corporation of India under MSP. Secretary (Textiles) held a meeting with all the cotton growing states on 10th October, 2018 to review the preparedness of MSP Operation for the current cotton year 2018-19.

- iv. Powerloom Sector:** Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 5,200 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during October, 2018 with a total GOI share of premium of Rs.8, 50,720.
- v. Technology Upgradation:** During the month of October, 2018, 204 UIDs have been issued with a project cost of Rs.830.02 crores and subsidy requirement of Rs. 60.01 crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).
- vi.** The Ministry celebrated National Unity Day on 31st October, 2018. Main function was held at Apparel House, Gurugram where Union Minister of Textiles unveiled a 27 ft. long “Fabric of Unity-Many Weaves One Identity” to symbolize unity in diversity of Indian textiles. The Hon’ble Minister also flagged off the Unity march in memory of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
