

Ministry of Textiles

Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of October, 2019

1. Policy Decisions:

- (i) **Exemption of the provisions of JPM Act, 1987 for the use of HDPE / PP bags in packaging of food grains:** The Ministry of Textiles has approved dilution for use of HDPE/PP bags on 31st October, 2019 to the extent of 2.1 lakh bales as requested by Department of Food and Public Distribution.
- (ii) Secretary (Textiles) chaired a meeting on 15.10.2019 to review the preparedness by the State Government agencies for commencement of training targets allocated to them under Samarth Scheme and also to discuss the issues in implementation of the programme.
- (iii) A Cabinet Note for creation of “National Technical Textiles Mission” has been circulated for comments / views to all concerned.

2. Important Achievements:

i. Handlooms Sector:

- In order to promote handloom products amongst domestic customers and to enable handloom weavers to sell their products directly to the customers, 2 National Level Handloom Expos were organized during the month of October 2019, one each at Lucknow and Greatr Noida and 1 State Level Handloom Expo was organized during the month of October, 2019 at Banglore.
- In order to promote handlooms in overseas market, one World Cotton Day Celebration was participated by Handloom Export Promotion Council on 7th October, 2019 at Geneva. During the event, the Council organised a live demonstration of Charkha Spining by a National Awardee and display of cotton handwoven products. Coordinated logistics for transportation of a display Charkha sourced from CCIC for the event and

the Charkha was presented at the event to WTO by Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles.

- 1410 number of MUDRA loans worth loan amount of Rs. 78.20 crore were sanctioned as well as released too.

ii. **Handicrafts Sector:**

- Under Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme selection of Artisans Handicrafts Award 2017 finalized during the month of October, 2019;
- Under Research and Development Scheme funds to the tune of Rs. 4.04 crores released to NIFT Delhi for Establishment of Craft Repository;
- Urban Haat at Madhubani has been approved to DRDA Madhubani to the tune of Rs. 300.00 Lakhs (80% Govt. Grant and 20% State Govt. share) releasing Rs. 77.90 lakhs.
- 6 thematic Exhibitions held for promoting GI crafts of SC / CER artisans at Bangalore, Delhi, Varanasi, Bhubaneswar & Guwahati benefitting 130 artisans during the month of October, 2019.

iii. **TUFS:** During the month of October 2019, 358 UIDs have been issued with a project cost of Rs. 1,405.65 Crore and Subsidy requirement of Rs. 105.65 Crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS).

iv. **Powerloom Sector:** Under the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Workers, 862 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the Scheme during October, 2019 with a total GOI share of premium of Rs.1,40,028.

v. **Regional Textiles Conferences of Western States and North Eastern States:** The Ministry of Textiles held Regional Textiles Conference of Western States viz. Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Chhatisgarh and Goa on 06.09.2019 at Ahmedabad , Gujarat and Regional Textiles Conference of North Eastern States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Meghalaya and Sikkim on

22.10.2019 at Guwahati, Assam under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Textiles) to review implementation of the schemes / programmes of the Ministry of Textiles and to seek new interventions required in the textile sector.

Officers / Representatives of the above States and various stakeholders related to textile sector attended the Conferences.