

Ministry of Textiles

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

1. Policy Decisions:

- Notification for Extension of validity of Order (expiring on 30th September, 2020) issued under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities Act, 1987) till 30th November, 2020 or until further orders has been sent to Government of India Press for publishing in the Gazette of India.
- In order that the MSP operations of seed cotton (kapas) are carried out in a transparent and efficient manner in the cotton season 2020-21, a meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Textiles) on 30.09.2020 through Webex with Pr. Secretary of Agriculture of all cotton growing states.

2. Important Achievements:

(i) COVID-19 RELATED:

- (a) Meeting of the Committee of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary regarding “Public Health Response to COVID-19: Review of availability of essential medical supplies” was held on 30th September, 2020, in which matter relating to liberalization of exports of N-95 masks was also discussed.
- (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 30.09.2020, over 1.50 crore PPE kits and over 2.47 crores N95 masks have been dispatched to HLL Lifecare.

(ii) Handlooms Sector:

- In order to promote handlooms in overseas market , 3 International Sourcing Expos were participated by Handloom Export Promotion Council organized during the month of September, 2020 (i) India Tex Trend Fair at

Tokyo, Japan; (ii) Heimtextil Russia at Moscow, Russia and (iii) Sourcing Magic at Las Vegas.

- 400 number of MUDRA loans worth loan amount of Rs. 20.15 crore were sanctioned as well as disbursed too.

(iii) Cotton: All India arrivals of seed cotton (kapas) during the month of September, 2020 were 13.61 lakh bales. Out of which, 0.53 lakh bales of kapas have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation.