

Ministry of Textiles

Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the Month of December, 2017

1. Policy Decisions :-

i. Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS)

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, approved the Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS) to be implemented from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with an outlay of Rs. 1300 crore. 10 lakh people are expected to be skilled and certified in various segments of Textile Sector out of which 1 lakh will be from the traditional sectors.

ii. Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP)

The Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP) for the period 2017-20 was launched with an outlay of Rs 112 cr. The IWDP, implemented through Central Wool Development Board will provide support to the entire chain of wool sector from sheep rearing to marketing of finished products.

iii. Notification for extension of Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities)

Provisions for compulsory use of jute packaging material in the supply and distribution of certain commodities under Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in Packaging Commodities), Act 1987 was extended till 31st March, 2018 vide gazette notification issued on 31st December, 2017

2. Important Achievements:-

i. Cotton Sector: The procurement of kapas by CCI during the Cotton year 2017-2018 (as on 20.12.2017) under MSP is 3.66 lakh bales whereas the procurement made during the corresponding period of the previous year was 'Nil'. The normal procurement (commercial purchase) is 0.71 lakh bales for current Cotton year (as on 20.12.2017) whereas the commercial procurement was 'Nil' during the corresponding period of the previous year.

ii. Promotion of Handlooms: In order to enable handloom weavers to sell their products directly to the customers, following marketing events were organized during December 2017:

SN	Name of Event	Location	Dates of the events
1	Master Creation exhibition for Sant Kabir and National awardees	Dilli Haat New Delhi	01-15 th Dec 2017
2	Wool Fab	Janpath, New Delhi	16-29 th Dec 2017
3	National Handloom Expo	Dilli Haat, New Delhi	16-31 st Dec 2017
4	National Level Special Handloom Expo	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	16-29 th Dec 2017

iii. Technology Upgradation: 508 projects with projected cost of Rs. 1,621.03 Crores and subsidy requirement of Rs. 127.28 Crores have been approved under Amended TUFs during the month of December 2017.

iv. Powerloom Sector:

- **In-Situ Upgradation of plain powerloom scheme:** During, December, 2017, total **3004** kits were fitted and **Rs. 360.05** lakhs of expenditure incurred.
- **Modified Group Workshed Scheme:** The subsidy released under the Modified Group Workshed Scheme during December, 2017 is **Rs. 6.77 crore** whereas the subsidy released during the current financial year 2017-2018 is **Rs. 16.19** crores.
- **Group Insurance Schemes for Powerloom Workers:** **21,774** powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the GIS Scheme during December, 2017.
