

## Ministry of Textiles

### Important policy decisions and achievements during November, 2017

#### 1. Policy Decisions –

- i. **Notification of Post GST Rates under Refund of State Levies** :- The Ministry has notified post-GST rates vide Gazette Notification No. 14/26/2010-IT dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 under the scheme for Remission of State Levies (RoSL) on exports of readymade garments & made-ups and under AA -RoSL for garments. For garments, the rates range between 1.25% and 1.70% and for Made-ups, they range between 1.40% and 2.20%. These rates will be effective from 01.10.2017.
- ii. **Enhancement of Rates under MEIS** : DGFT has enhanced the rates under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) on readymade garments and made-ups from 2% to 4%. These rates will be applicable between 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017 and 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 and are expected to boost Indian exports in the textile sector.
- iii. **North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS)**: North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) for the period from 2017 -2020 was approved with an outlay of Rs. 500 crores. The scheme focuses on promotion of silk, handloom, handicrafts, Apparel and Garment industry in NER.

#### 2. Important Achievements:

- I. **CPSE Conclave**: The Ministry along with its CPSEs participated in the meeting organized by Department of Public Enterprises on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to finalize agenda for CPSE Conclave on redefining the role and functioning of CPSEs. Earlier, the Ministry had adhered to the timelines for organizing brainstorming sessions and Google -Hangouts for making recommendations on various parameters for redefining CPSEs.
- II. **Cotton Sector**: The all India arrivals of cotton during the cotton year 2017-18 (as on 30.11.2017) were 64.87 lakh bales vis -à-vis 46.62 lakh bales during the corresponding period of the last year. Out of which, Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) have procured 3.10 lakh bales under MSP operations. The MSP has been moving in the range of Rs.4270 per quintal to Rs. 4320 per quintal.
- III. **Promotion of Handlooms** : To promote exports of handloom products, the Development Commissioner for Handlooms led a delegation of 15 exporters to Australia for participation in the International Sourcing Expo at Sydney from 14-16<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Handloom exporters received orders worth Rs. 68.34 lakhs and received business enquiries worth Rs. 3.32 crore .
- IV. **Progress under Weavers Mudra Scheme**: Under Weaversø Mudra Scheme, credit at concessional interest rate of 6% is being provided to the handloom weavers. Margin money assistance to a maximum of Rs. 10,000 per weaver and credit guarantee for a period of 3 years is also provided. Under the Scheme,

44,657 loans have been sanctioned so far involving loan amount of Rs. 228.53 crore.

- V. **ATUFS**: A total of 103 new projects have been approved under Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) with projected investment of Rs. 391.78 crores and involving a subsidy of Rs. 32.25 crores during the month.
- VI. **Jute Sector**: During the current jute year, Jute Corporation of India (JCI) has been doing extensive procurement of raw jute under MSP operations. Cumulatively, that is, upto 30.11.2017, JCI has procured 2.77 quintals of raw jute.
- VII. **In-Situ Upgradation of plain powerloom scheme**: During, November, 2017, a total of 1281 looms were upgraded with an expenditure of Rs. 264.71 lakhs.
- VIII. **Group Insurance Schemes for Powerloom Workers**: 9273 powerloom workers were enrolled by various nodal agencies under the GIS Scheme during November, 2017.
- IX. **Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS)**: Disbursement during the month of November 2017 was Rs. 2,26,782 to 6 workers. Total Disbursement during the year 2017-18 i.e. from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 is Rs. 98,49,332 to 314 workers.

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