

Ministry of Textiles – Report for September, 2017

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month

1. Policy decisions:

- i. **Jute Packaging:-** The existing norms under Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in packaging commodities) Act, 1987 regarding mandatory packaging of 90% of foodgrains and 20% sugar in jute material have been extended upto 31st December, 2017 by order dated 1st September, 2017.
- ii. Under the scheme of Remission of State Levies (ROSL) for boosting exports of garments and Made Ups, interim rates were notified on 28th September, 2017 on the recommendations of Drawback Committee.
- iii. The updated rates for 'leggings' under ROSL scheme were notified on 08th September, 2017.

2. Important Achievements:

- i. **Inauguration of Deendayal Hastkala Sankul** (Trade Centre & Crafts Museum): The First ever State-of-the-art trade center at Varanasi, **Deendayal Hastkala Sankul** was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 22nd Sept.2017. The project, set up at a cost of about Rs 275 cr, would help the artisans and weavers of Varanasi and neighboring areas to market their products and showcase their skills, and also boost the tourism potential of Varanasi.
- ii. Hon'ble Minister of Textiles Smt Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated VASTRA 2017 on 21 Sep 2017. VASTRA 2017 was jointly organized by Rajasthan State Industrial Development Investments Corporation Limited (RIICO) and Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Jaipur from 21-24 Sep 2017.
- iii. **Regional Textile Conferences:** The following Regional Textile Conferences were held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Textiles) to review the progress of the schemes/programmes of the Ministry of Textiles:
 - Eastern Regional Textile Conference at Kolkata on 11.09.2017 for States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal
 - Southern Regional Textile Conference at Hyderabad on 15.09.2017 for States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Pudduchery
 - Western Regional Textile Conference at Mumbai on 19.09.2017 covering States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Goa.
 - Northern Regional Textile Conference at Delhi on 27.09.2017 for States of Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Uttrakhand

