

## **TEXPROCIL welcomes Cabinet approval of a slew of measures in promoting Apparel sector but disappointed over ignoring of Home Textile and Fabric industry**

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In a statement issued by Mr R K Dalmia, Chairman of The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL) has welcomed the cabinet approval for a special package for labour intensive Apparel sector envisaging higher growth in Export of Apparel products and job creation over the next three years.

However, he expressed deep concern for ignoring to consider Home Textile sector in the special package, which is equally labour intensive industry at par with Apparel sector. In particular, manufacturing of bed-linen requires more number of workers in making each piece of the product.

He emphasized that Home Textiles sector is also equally labour intensive as Apparel manufacturing. The process is the same i.e. adding value after cutting the fabric and using trims etc. in the manufacture of finished products. Extending the present special package benefit to Home Textile sector will not only lead to substantial increase in employment in rural India but will also augment export of Home Textile products. This in turn will bring about higher fabric consumption and capacity building in the downstream industry resulting in inclusive growth in the entire Textile and Apparel value chain.

Mr Dalmia, while appreciating the government's decision in acknowledging the need to support Apparel sector, stated that the Fabric and Home Textile industry are ignored in the special package in spite of several representations and justifying presentations made by TEXPROCIL.

Considering these facts, Mr Dalmia has appealed to the government to kindly consider treating all the 'cut and sew' products (including Home Textiles and Made-ups) for granting benefits under the special package for employment generation and promotion of export, at par with Apparel products.

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