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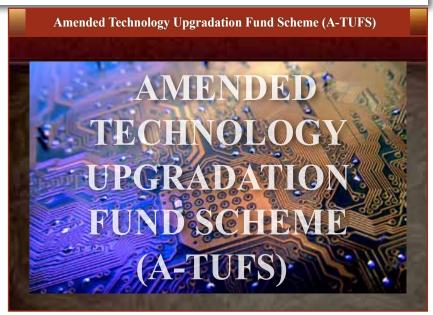
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

At the outset let me wish all our readers "A Very Happy & Prosperous New Year"!

All of us look forward to the New Year as a harbinger of new tidings.

Technology Upgradation Scheme (TUFS)

The New Year, began on a positive note with the Government approving the Technology Upgradation Scheme (TUFS) with a budgetary outlay of Rs 17,822 Crores out of which Rs 12,671 Crore is for committed liabilities under the ongoing scheme and Rs 5,151 Crore is for new cases under the amended scheme which is called the Amended Technology Upgradation Scheme (ATUFS).

According to the officials of the Ministry of Textiles, the amended scheme enhances the amount allocated for new investment. It addresses the issue of "committed liabilities" and widens the scope of the scheme to include those who are presently "left out" of the scheme and were unable to avail subsidies for technological upgradation.

Further details of the scheme are awaited but we are thankful to the Ministry of Textiles for sorting out many of the issues relating to the TUFS. If the past claims of the exporters are addressed under the window of "committed liabilities" then the industry can breathe easy as a long pending demand would have been addressed by the Government.

Unfinished Agenda

Friends, as the New Year sets in, we are also filled with expectations that we will be able to accomplish the unfinished tasks relating to policy issues affecting our sector.

We have already taken up the matter relating to including cotton yarn in MEIS and are pursuing it with the Government.

Similarly, the exclusion of cotton yarn and merchant exporters from the interest equalization scheme is inexplicable as the industry comprising all products and all the segments contributes to the country's export growth. This matter has also been taken up with the authorities for favorable consideration.

Some of the issues relating to Duty Drawback like enhancement of rate and value cap for cotton yarn (counts 50's - 100s), enhancement of value caps for dyed fabrics, anomalies relating to blankets made of cotton & manmade fibre and creating separate entries for

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Boiler Suits made of cotton & manmade fibre are under the active consideration of the department and we are hopeful of favorable decisions on our representations.

Export Promotion Programmes

On the export promotion side, the Council is participating in a series of events commencing with the Heimtextil Fair being held in Frankfurt (13-16 January), where over 325 Indian companies are participating, showcasing the latest trends and designs in made-up items.

We have also got an overwhelming response for participation at the Colombiatex Fair being held in Medellin, Colombia (26-28 January) where 38 companies are participating in the event.

Another important market is Turkey for our Yarns & Fabrics and we are participating in the International Istanbul Yarn Fair being held from 4-6 February with 15 companies.

TEXWORLD Paris continues to be an attractive destination for our fabric exporters and the Council is organizing participation in the Fair with around 50 participants.

Friends, the Council is making all out efforts to work towards creating a conducive policy environment also provide marketing opportunities.

Internal and External Environment

While the internal policy environment has become favorable with most of the issues being sorted out, the external policy environment especially relating to high tariffs imposed by various importing countries requires the urgent attention of the Government.

In this connection, the high tariffs imposed by China, Turkey on our fabrics and the inclusion of cotton varn in the restrictive list by South Korea need to be attended to on a priority basis so that additional market access is created for our products and exports can increase exponentially.

The Government has already taken steps to revive the Indo - EU FTA negotiations which is highly encouraging. We have already requested the Government to consider offering a "Zero for Zero" :: TEXPROCIL ::

tariff package to Australia, Canada and the European Union in the Textile & Clothing sector under these FTA. If the Government succeeds in achieving these measures the industry and trade will be on a level playing field with it's competitors like Bangladesh, Egypt, Pakistan, Turkey, Vietnam.

We are also actively pushing the Government to review the Indo-Asean Agreement and fast track the tariff reductions especially to Vietnam in view of that country becoming a signatory to the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement.

Conclusion

Friends, the year 2016 is a year full of possibilities and we are confident that the tide of exports will turn in our favor as we tirelessly pursue our goals and seek higher attainments.

It is with this fervent wish we should all welcome 2016!

R K Dalmia Chairman

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COVER STORY

Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS)



The Government on 30th Dec 2015 has approved the much awaited Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS) in place of the existing Revised Restructured TUFS for technology upgradation of the textiles industry. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Originally introduced by the government in 1999, the scheme aims to help the industry upgrade operational technology and provides fixed subsidies to entrepreneurs who invest in this regard.

While replacing the Revised Restructured Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (RR-TUFS), the new scheme will be implemented across two broad categories. For the sub sectors of apparel, garment and

technical textiles, upto 15% subsidy would be provided on capital investment, subject to a ceiling of Rs 30 crore for entrepreneurs over a period of five years.

The remaining sub-sectors would be eligible for subsidy at a rate of 10%, subject to a ceiling of Rs 20 crore on similar lines.

A report by Crisil Research last year pointed out that textiles has a high labour intensity of 16, which means that 16 workers are required to produce Rs 1 million of output. It has a significant share in manufacturing employment (34%) and also accounts for a high share manufacturing output (11%). It employed around 17 million workers (in spinning, weaving, finishing of textiles and readymade garments) in fiscal 2012. However, its share in manufacturing GDP has

declined over time as productivity suffered due to small size units.

Despite being India's largest employer after agriculture, accounting for 14% of India's exports, the textile industry has recently lost ground to Bangladesh and Vietnam in the global market as the preferred supplier for readymade garments.

While more than Rs 21,000 crore has been provided as assistance to the industry during 1999–2015, the core issue of mass adoption of newer technologies, crucial for making the textile industry globally competitive and reducing soaring capital costs still remains.

Medium and small scale players in the industry have been the main beneficiary with total investments worth Rs 2,71,480 crore being generated along with nearly 48 lakh new jobs.

In 2012, then commerce minister Anand Sharma announced its continuation for the 12th Plan period of 2012-17, with an outlay of Rs 11,900 crore. Of this, Rs 6,000 crore has been released so far.

The industry utilised Rs 12,383 crore against the budgetary allocation of Rs 13,785 crore during the 11th Plan. Allocations under the previous RR-

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Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme(A-TUFS)

TUFS scheme did not prescribe sectoral ceilings for the spinning, powerloom and handloom sectors. Investments in the sub sector of spinning were Rs 34,347 crore and in the weaving sector, including powerlooms and handlooms was Rs 9,750 crore.

The government started with a capital subsidy when it was introduced in 1999. Later, the mode of relief was changed to interest subvention.

The new amended scheme aims to plug the loopholes in the earlier scheme and improve Ease of Doing Business. The government has said it expects investments worth Rs one lakh crore to be bolstered through the scheme and over 30 lakh additional jobs.

All cases pending with the Office of Textile Commissioner which are complete in all respects shall be provided assistance under the ongoing scheme and the new scheme will be given prospective effect. A budget provision of Rs 17,822 crore has been approved, of which Rs 12,671 crore is for committed liabilities under the ongoing scheme, and Rs 5.151 crore is for new cases under A-TUFS.

TUFS over the years					
Introduced by	1999-2015	2012.15			
The NDA government in 1999	Assistance provided	2012-17 (amended scheme)			
Objective	Rs 21,347 cr				
Make the textile industry globally competitive	Investments generated Rs 2,71,480 cr	Assistance provided Rs 11,952 cr			
How		I			
Deploy new technology cut capital cost	Jobs created 48 lakh	Investments expected Rs 1,51,000 cr			

Under the new scheme, there will be two broad categories — apparel, garment and technical textiles — where 15 per cent subsidy would be provided on capital investment, subject to a ceiling of Rs 30 crore for entrepreneurs over a period of five years. The remaining sub-sectors would be eligible for subsidy at a rate of 10 per cent, subject to a ceiling of Rs 20 crore on similar lines.



The implementation of the scheme would be executed and monitored online under I- TUFS, launched in April 2015.

The amended scheme would give a boost to 'Make in India' initiatives in the sector and is expected to attract investment to the tune of Rs. 1 lakh crore and create over 30 lakh jobs.

The new scheme specifically targets employment generation and export by encouraging apparel and garment industry, which will provide employment to women in particular and increase India's share in global exports.

The regime was modified earlier for the period during the 12th Five Year Plan. A sum of Rs 11,952 billion rupees has been provided to attract investment of Rs 1,51,000 crore during the period 2012-2017. Out of this, Rs 9,290 billion rupees was intended for the liabilities incurred and Rs 2,662 billion rupees for new investment. The amount foreseen for the new investments have been exhausted, and this is why the Ministry of Finance has been approached to improve the allocation.

The scheme lays emphasis on the promotion of Technical Textiles, a sunrise sector, for exports. It will also encourage better quality in processing industry and check the need for import of fabrics by the garment sector. Conversion of existing looms to better technology looms is also expected to receive a major push for improvement in quality and productivity.

While the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS) has been approved by the government, the industry is awaiting the full text of the Scheme to be announced by the office of the Textile Commissioner.

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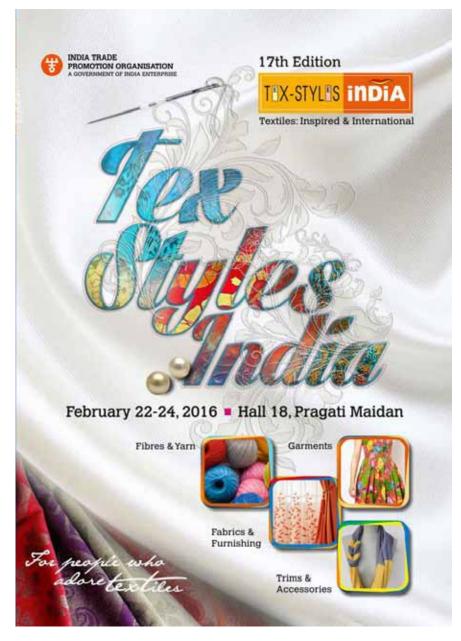
Avail of more detailed information on EXIM POLICY

at TEXPROCIL GREIVANCE REDRESSAL CELL email: ravikumar@texprocil.org

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Tex-Styles India² 2016 February 22 – 24, 2016, New Delhi, India

ITPO is organising its global textiles event "Tex-Styles India". The mega event will be organized in Hall No. 18, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from February 22-24, 2016. Tex-Styles India is supported by the leading Textile organizations, including the Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, TEXPROCIL, Synthetic and Rayon EPC, Powerloom Development and Export Promotion Council, Indian Silk EPC, Wool and Woollen EPC.



Tex-Styles India, one of the leading trade shows for Textiles Industry in India, has witnessed a excellent turnout of business visitors, including 730 foreign visitors from 86 counties in its previous edition in in 2010 as well as buying agents representing prominent importers from different parts of the world. The exhibition has been covered by the national and international media representing high fashion publications.

The display profile of Tex-styles India has the whole supply chain of the textiles industry covering yarns to finished products. Products for display include home furnishings and made ups, fabrics, fabrics for furnishings, Apparel(Men's and Women's apparel) - Outer wear and Jackets, pants, skirts, one-piece dresses, blouses, shirts, tunics, cut and sewn garments, textile gifts, knits, shawls, yarn, fibres, threads, trimmings, embellishment and accessories. Traditional and creative skills of Indian designers and weavers will also be on display.

The participation charges for 'Tex-Styles India 2016' fair are as under:

Category	National Participants
Bare Space (PSM) Min. Area 36 Sqm.	Rs 6,500/-
Shell Scheme (PSM) Min. Area 9 Sqm.	Rs 7,500/-
Catalogue Charges (Compulsory)	Rs 3,500/-

Note:14.50% Service Tax chargeable on all the services as per existing Govt. Rules



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Tex-Styles India' 2016

February 22 – 24, 2016, New Delhi, India

You are requested to kindly intimate your space requirement along with products you propose to display in the application form (available on the 'download' section of the fair's official website *www.texstylesindia.in*) for participation. The application along with participation fee by bank draft/ pay order drawn in favour of **India Trade Promotion Organization**, **Mumbai** may be sent latest by **31st January**, **2016** under intimation to TEXPROCIL.

The allocation of space and location will be on 'first-come-first served' basis and also taking into consideration area booked and company's participation in this fair in the past.

For any query / clarification you may contact

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TRADE EServe No. 143 of 2015 Dated: December 22, 2015 To: The Members of TEXPROCIL NOTIFICATION Sub: Investment opportunities in West Bengal - TEXPRO - Bengal 8-9 January 2016

Dear Member,

Department of MSME & Textiles, Govt of West Bengal is organizing TEXPRO Bengal to promote investment in the Textiles & Clothing Industry alongside Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) 2016 in Kolkata from 8 to 9 January, 2016.

TEXPRO BENGAL is a push to establish West Bengal as a leading destination of globally competitive value-added textiles like readymade garments, processed power loom and knitted fabrics, technical textiles and apparel products for both the domestic and international markets.

In this regard, please find enclosed a brochure of Texpro Bengal (click here) consisting of 13 sub-projects at strategically important locations in WestBengal under four major categories, viz, Apparel & Garments Park; Dyeing, Printing and Processing Park; Power loom Cluster Park; and Apparel & RMG Marketing Hub.

Members interested to participate in this Summit are requeted to kindly fill up the Form (avilable at TEXPROCIL

H.O. on email request to mktg@texprocil.org) and send filled form to the event organiser's office under intimation to TEXPROCIL:

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MEMBERSHIP SATISFACTION SURVEY

Dear Member,										
The Council has recently obtained ISO-9001:2008 Certification. As part of the ISO documentation concerning 'Customer Satisfaction' we are seeking feedback from our Members on the services offered by the Council. Accordingly kindly fill in your complete information below and respond to the questions below by tick (\checkmark) marking appropriate response in the space provided or with suggestions in brief wherever necessary. We value your association with us and prompt feedback.								n your		
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2) a. Are you generally satisfied with the services actively availed by your company and marked above? Tick (✓)					NO					
	b. If you have replied 'no' above, please suggest how the Council can improve the services (use additional sheet if required) Suggestions:									
being organized by the Council? Tick (✓) addition				Generating additional business						
Others (Pls. Specify): Making new Contacts (Trade Enquiries) Any Others										
4) How is your company benefitting from the Export Facilitation services being provided by the Council?				Information on Export Policy / Procedures		Responses to various EXIM queries				
						Any Others				
5)	5) Have you recommended TEXPROCIL Membership to other companies? Tick (✓) NO									
6) Do you have any other suggestions to offer regarding TEXPROCIL Member Services? (use additional sheet if required) Suggestions					Suggestions:					

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^{*}Kindly ignore this feedback form, if you have already responded.

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TEXPROCIL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual renewal subscription amount for the financial year 2015-2016 (due from 1st April, 2015) is as follows: -

1) MEMBER EXPORTER

- RS. 11,400/- (MEM FEES 10,000 + S. TAX 1,400)

2) REGISTERED TEXTILE EXPORTERS (RTE)

- RS. 5,700/- (MEM FEES 5,000 + S. TAX 700)

Special Discount: Texprocil is announcing a special discount scheme for those who wish to renew their membership for a period of 3 or 5 years as follows:

Period	Membership Fees		Discount Discount		ted Fees	Benefit to Exporters	
renou	RTE	Member	Slab	RTE	Member	RTE	Member
For 3 years	15,000	30,000	10%	13,500	27,000	1,500	3,000
For 5 years	25,000	50,000	15%	21,250	42,500	3,750	7,500

[RTEs and Members have to pay service tax on the discounted amount at the rate of 14%.]

Note for Members:

Members are also requested to submit the CA Certificate as per the format given below certifying the Export Turnover for the financial years 2013-2014 & 2014-2015 i.e. the amount of actual FOB value of exports of Cotton Textiles excluding Readymade Garments and Handloom Textiles.

Members may note that the eligibility criterion of annual export turnover is minimum Rs. 2 Crore. Those not fulfilling the criteria will automatically be renewed as RTE i.e. Registered Textile Exporter.

RTEs are not required to submit the CA certificate.

Format of Chartered Accountant Certificate to be submitted by Members only:

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT CERTIFICATE (on C.A.'s Letter Head)

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that M/s. ______ (Name and full address of the Member) having IE code No. _____ have exported Cotton / Cotton Yarn / Cotton Fabrics / Cotton Madeups (Excluding Handloom Items / Readymade Garments and Silks, etc.) during the financial year 2013-2014 & 2014-2015 as follows:

Sr. No.	Description	2014-2015 (Rs. FOB Value)	2013-2014 (Rs. FOB Value)
1	Cotton		
2	Cotton Yarn		
3	Cotton Fabrics		
4	Cotton Made-ups		
	TOTAL		

(Stamp & Signature of Chartered Accountant) (Membership No. of Chartered Accountant) (Firm Registration No. of Chartered Accountant)

PLACE: DATE:

Note to Members & RTEs whose RCMC is expiring on 31.03.2015:

Please apply immediately for renewal of RCMC with the following documents:

- [1] Copy of your Import-Exporter Code (IEC)
- [2] In case of Manufacturer Exporter, a copy of Manufacturing Licence
- [3] In case of changes in Partners, a copy of revised deed of partnership
- [4] In case of changes in Directors, a copy of Form 32/DIR-2 or Board Resolution for those who have resigned or newly appointed.

(For any further queries please write to Mrs. Smita Dalvi on email: smita@texprocil.org)