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## SRTEPC Vice Chairman; Executive Director & Shri R. D. Udeshi, special invitee to the Committee of Administration attend Meeting with Hon'ble Union Ministers of Commerce & Industry, Textiles and External Affairs

A Delegation consisting of Shri Dhirubhai Shah, Vice Chairman; Shri S. Balaraju, Executive Director and Shri R. D. Udeshi, special invitee to the Committee of Administration & President, Reliance Industries Ltd. attended a Meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles and Women & Child Development, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal and Shri Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Hon'ble Union Minister of External Affairs on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 at Parliament House, New Delhi. Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry and Shri Som Parkash, Minister of Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry were also present at the Meeting. The Meeting was also attended by representatives of other EPCs, CITI, CMAI, etc.

During the Meeting the delegation from SRTEPC took up issues which were hurting the exports of MMF textiles. The issues discussed at the Meeting were as follows :

### 1. India's stand on RCEP pertaining to Manmade fibre (MMF) textiles:

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement being negotiated between the 10 ASEAN Member States and ASEAN's Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners viz. Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea and New Zealand. RCEP reflects the emerging trade and economic architecture globally.

From India's point of view, the RCEP presents a decisive platform which could influence its strategic and economic

status in the Asia-Pacific region and bring to fruition its "Act East Policy." It is expected to be an ambitious agreement bringing the five biggest economies of the region – Australia, China, India, Japan and South Korea – into a regional trading arrangement. RCEP would be the world's largest trading bloc covering a broad spectrum of issues such as trade in goods, services, investment, competition, intellectual property rights, and other areas of economic and technical cooperation. Together, the RCEP group of countries accounts for a third of the world's gross domestic product, and 27.4 per cent and 23.0 per cent of the world's goods and services trade, respectively.

Already the RCEP Member countries have had 25 rounds of negotiations. The 25<sup>th</sup> round of negotiation was held in Bali, Indonesia from February 19 to 28 2019. The 26th round of negotiations for Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) expected be held in Melbourne, Australia.

India is already having FTA with ASEAN, CEPA with Japan and Korea. India is also negotiating for FTAs with Australia and New Zealand. However, India so far does not have any FTA engagements with China. It was noted that RCEP member countries like China, Korea, etc. are having huge surplus capacity in most of the MMF textile product lines and its intermediaries. Increasing import from these surplus countries into India have already been impacting the domestic manufacturing units and posing serious threat. Therefore, it was suggested that India should keep all the MMF textile tariff lines strictly in the Exclusion / Negative List under the RCEP Agreement.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Member,

I am glad to inform that the arrangements for Council's flagship Export Promotional Event – “Source India 2019” which is just a few weeks away, is picking up momentum; preparations are underway to make the event as a successful one. The event this time is being held in Mumbai which is the commercial hub of the country and thus expectations are high for a fruitful Show. In order to publicize and promote the event and select genuine buyers from the target countries Road Shows were held in various global textile markets such as Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Tehran, Iran; Jakarta, Indonesia; Hong Kong City, Hong Kong and Sao Paulo, Brazil. A Road show was also organised in Tarapur to publicize and promote the event among the Indian exporting community. We are hoping that the efforts taken by the Council would bear fruits and the Show will be a rewarding experience for all the participating member-exporters as well as to the visiting International buyers.

The overall export scenario of the country is not very encouraging, the latest reports suggests that exports in the month of June slumped. Export growth was at a 41 month low in June 2019. The situation hopefully is expected to improve and this could just be a temporary phase. The need of the hour at this moment is some relief from the Government in the form of policy concessions to exporters, when the global conditions are not very favourable with US, which is the top importing country of MMF textiles, withdrawing GSP and cheap imports from China arresting Indian exports of MMF textiles. The Council has been representing to the Government for rectifying the GST anomalies, extending benefits such as the inclusion of RoSCTL to fibre, yarns and fabrics; increasing the Drawback rates; higher MEIS for MMF textile products; etc. Recently a Meeting was convened by the Secretary Textiles in New Delhi on Extension of RoSCTL to other sectors of textiles value chain which was attended by the Vice Chairman and Executive Director. During the Meeting, details of the embedded taxes which are affecting the MMF, was put forth. The Executive Director further stressed the need for extending the benefit of RoSCTL to fabrics, yarns and fibres also as embedded taxes were affecting the entire MMF value chain due to inverted duty structure. The Ministry seemed convinced with the explanation and has suggested furnishing proposals giving authentic/verifiable data in this regard, including details as to how much of fabrics is from advance authorization. The Council is preparing the calculations for the same.

Export Promotion is one of the activities of the Council and the Council has been organizing Exhibitions/Fairs in various distant as well as traditional markets to project India as a reliable source of quality MMF textiles. The Council is organizing participation in Tex World USA during July. As you may be aware, during the year 2018-19 USA was the top exporter of Indian MMF textiles and India should take advantage of the US-China trade dispute, therefore it is expected that the participation of our member-exporters in the Fair has come at the opportune time and I am positive that the Tex World USA will be

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## Road Shows held abroad to promote and publicize “Source India 2019”

As part of its promotion and publicity campaign the Council conducted Road Shows abroad. These Road Shows were organized in the highly potential textile hubs in Latin America and ASEAN countries in association with the Indian Missions abroad and prominent Textile Associations/Chambers of Commerce, etc. The Road Shows are planned with an aim for creating awareness among the textile communities in the region and target genuine buyers from these regions to visit “Source India 2019”. The details of the Road Shows are as follows :



### Road Show in Guatemala

The Council organized Road Show in Guatemala on 24th June 2019 at the premises of Chamber of Industry in Guatemala in association and with the support of Embassy of India. Embassy of India also co-ordinated with VESTEX, a Textile Trade Body, who helped in publicizing our Road Show among the textile community in Guatemala. Chairman, Shri. Ronak Rughani and Immediate Past Chairman, Shri. Sri Narain Aggarwal gave the Presentation on Source India 2019 to the members of the Chamber of Industry, who were present for the Road Show to promote the event. Brochures along with Nomination in Spanish were disseminated to the Buyers present for the Road Show. There was good response and it attracted good No. of Buyers. A short Promo Film on Source India 2019 was also played during the event.

### Road Show in Medellin, Colombia

The Council organized Road Show at Hotel San Fernando Plaza in Medellin, Colombia on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 with the support of Embassy of India. Colombia India Chamber of Commerce also co-ordinated and assisted the Council during the Road Show. Chairman, Shri. Ronak Rughani and Immediate Past Chairman, Shri. Sri Narain Aggarwal gave the Presentation on Source India 2019 to the members of the Chamber of Industry, who were present for the Road Show to promote the event. Brochures along with Nomination in Spanish were disseminated to the Buyers present for the Road Show. There was good response and it attracted good No. of Buyers. A short Promo Film on Source India 2019 was also played during the event.



### Business Meetings in Mexico City and Guadalajara, Mexico

The Council organized Business Meetings in Mexico City and in Guadalajara on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 respectively with the support of Embassy of India. Chairman, Shri. Ronak Rughani and Immediate Past Chairman, Shri. Sri Narain Aggarwal met Senior Officials of National Chamber of Textile Industry of Mexico (CANAINTEX), a very renowned Textile Trade Association in Mexico and India Mexico Chamber of Commerce and briefed them about the Council's Flagship event “Source India 2019” to seek participation of their members in our event. Brochures along with Nomination in Spanish were disseminated to the members of the Textile Association during the Meetings.



### Road Show in Vietnam

The Road Show in Ho Chi Minh City., Vietnam was held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 with the support and help of Association of Garment-Textile-Embroidery-Knitting of HCMC (AGTEK). Mr. S. Balaraju, Executive Director and Mr. Sailesh Goenka, member of the Committee of Administration presided over the Road Show in Vietnam. Dr. K.Srikanth Reddy, Consul General, Consulate General of India in Ho Chi Minh City was the Chief Guest; Mr. Pham Xuan Hong, Chairman, Association of Garment-Textile-Embroidery-Knitting of HCMC (AGTEK), Mr. Nguyen Thanh Binh, Vice Manager, Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association (VITAS) and Mr. Ramesh Anand, Chairman, InCham were present at the Road Show. Mr. S. Balaraju, Executive Director of SRTEPC, made a presentation

about the Council and the Source India 2019 exhibition. Representatives from 25 Vietnamese textile and garment companies attended the Road Show. Dr. Reddy, Consul General highlighted the excellent relations between India and Vietnam, including the recent high-level exchanges between both countries. According to data bilateral trade between India and Vietnam registered US\$13.92 billion during April 2018- March 2019. Indian textile and clothing exports to Vietnam grew 48% during the last two years, from US\$ 390 million in 2016-17 to US\$ 578 million in 2018-19. He further said that textiles had been identified as a priority area for cooperation between both countries and sourcing from India would also meet the strategic objective of Vietnam to have a more diverse supplier base for the garment industry. Mr. Hong, Chairman, AGTEK said that Vietnamese textile and garment industry is among the top five exporters in the world, with an export turnover of US\$ 36 billion in 2018 and expected to reach US\$ 40 billion in 2019. The Vietnamese industry offers opportunities to Indian companies to set up textile production and garment units in Vietnam and benefit from the competitive advantages of Vietnamese FTAs, especially recent FTAs such as CPTPP and EU-Vietnam FTA. He also emphasized that there also lie several opportunities for India in supplying yarn, textiles and machinery to the Vietnamese industry and in upskilling of the labour force. He also expressed hope that AGTEK would lead a delegation of Vietnamese buyers to participate in the Source India 2019.

Mr Sailesh Goenka and Mr. S. Balaraju attended the Question and Answer Session and clarified various points raised by the participants regarding Source India 2019

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fruitful to the participating companies. The Council is also organizing participation in GOTEX, Brazil in September 2019, The Cairo Fashion & Tex Fair which was earlier scheduled to be held during 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September 2019 has been postponed to 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 as the earlier dates were coinciding with an Exhibition in China. I am sure that member-companies who were keen to participate in Cairo Fashion & Tex but could not because of their participation Intertextile Shanghai Apparel, Fabrics and Accessory Fair can now take advantage of this opportunity.

As has been its efforts, the Council has been taking up various issues of the exporters with the appropriate Departments and has been successful in resolving the same. I am immensely pleased to inform that the long pending problem of one of our member – exporters, M/s. Siddhachal Textile Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai regarding non – reflection of shipping bills on DGFT Website has been resolved and they have even received part payment of IGST claims pertaining to JNCH Customs.

Further, I would like to mention that after rigorous efforts / follow – ups by the Council with CBIC, our member – exporters, M/s. Siddhgiri Fabrics Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai has also received part payment of their IGST claims whereas M/s. Mohit Industries Ltd., Surat has received full amount of IGST claims, both pertaining to JNCH Customs. In this regard, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to CBIC and JNCH in processing the IGST claims.

Yours sincerely,

RONAK RUGHANI  
CHAIRMAN



## Important Meetings with Government of India during June & July 2019

### 1. Meeting with Hon'ble Union Ministers of Commerce & Industry; Textiles and External Affairs

Vice Chairman, Executive Director and Shri R. D. Udeshi, Special invitee to the Committee of Administration & President, Reliance Industries Ltd. attended a Meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles and Women & Child Development, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal and Shri Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Hon'ble Union Minister of External Affairs on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 in New Delhi. Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry and Shri Som Parkash, Minister of Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry were also present at the Meeting. The Meeting was also attended by representatives of other EPCs, CITI, CMAI, etc. (Detailed report given on Page No. 1, 19 & 20)

### 2. Meeting with Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles

Vice Chairman and Executive Director, attended an interactive session held by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani with the Chairmen and Executive Directors of the Export Promotion Councils on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in New Delhi. The Minister informed that the Govt is working to increase exports and that all EPCs should work together in this direction. She asked representatives of the EPCs to indicate issues which need resolution. The Vice Chairman and Executive Director, SRTEPC raised issues relating to changing of perception about Indian MMF Textile Industry. The Hon'ble Minister informed that a Joint with the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry will be held with the EPCs on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019.

### 3. Meeting on "Extension of RoSCTL to other sectors of textiles value chain

Vice Chairman, Executive Director and Regional Director, New Delhi along with Shri Tushar Garg, Director, Raymonds Limited attended meeting on "Extension of RoSCTL to other sectors of textiles value chain" i.e. Handicrafts and Fabrics held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Textiles. Smt. Aditi Das Rout, Trade Advisor, Ministry of Textiles, Shri Shantmanu, DC (Handicrafts) and the representatives of the Deptt. of Expenditure, Duty Drawback Committee, Arvind Mills Limited, Vardhman Mills, ASSOCHAM, TEXPROCIL and EPCH participated in the meeting were also present at the Meeting. Shri Kulin Lalbhai, MD, Arvind Mills Limited made a detailed presentation on the overall picture of the fabrics segment (Cotton and MMF) and its export potential. He impressed upon them that the benefit of RoSCTL should also be extended to the fabrics segment. The representatives of SRTEPC and TEXPROCIL gave a detailed account of the embedded taxes which are effecting the MMF and cotton segment. ED, SRTEPC, while detailing the embedded taxes affecting the MMF segment due to inverted duty structure, emphasized that the benefit of RoSCTL should be extended to the fabrics as well as fibre and yarn segments. The trade Advisor told that the discussion is restricted to fabrics only. The Govt. side seemed to be convinced. They asked to send proposals giving authentic/verifiable data in this regard, including details as to how much of fabrics is from advance authorization.

### 4. Meeting regarding "Interaction with stakeholders of Identified lines : DVC with EOI, Washington, DC"

Regional Director, New Delhi attended meeting regarding "Interaction with Stakeholders of Identified lines: DVC with EOI, Washington DC" on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 held under the chairmanship of Dr. Anup Wadhawan, Commerce Secretary (CS). While referring to the USA-China trade standoff, Commerce Secretary said that this is a good opportunity to increase our export to USA in respect of identified lines. He said that the EPCs should take this opportunity seriously and work towards increasing exports. Thereafter, he asked the participants to express their views about increasing export to USA and mention issues related to trade with USA to the EOI, Washington DC. The EOI, Washington DC officials informed that they have identified 177 lines where Indian exports have gone up and that of China have come down. They said that the Indian side should hold B2B meetings with US buyers towards increasing exports. They requested EPCs to intimate the lines in which they have capacity to increase exports and the exporters meet US Safety Standards. Shri Sanjay Chadha, Addl. Secretary asked all EPCs to inform the EOI about RBSMs being held in India.

### 5. Meeting on "Identification of Trade Barriers and Market Access Unfairness in Africa and WANA Region"

Regional Director, New Delhi attended meeting regarding "Identification of Trade Barriers and Market Access Unfairness in Africa and WANA Region" on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 held under the chairmanship of Shri Keshav Chandra, Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Commerce. Shri Chandra asked the members present to intimate the status of exports to Africa and WANA Region and also inform about the issues relating to Trade Barriers and Market Access Unfairness in respect of these countries. Accordingly the information regarding MMF textiles and its exports to Africa and WANA region were explained.

### 6. "GST Day Celebration 2019"

Regional Director, New Delhi attended "GST Day Celebration 2019" event organised by CBIC in New Delhi on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs presided over the function. The Minister said that Goods & Services Tax (GST) has been a Game Changer for all the stakeholders in the economy. He called upon all Officers to make GST in India the best GST available in the world. He cautioned about fake invoices in GST which bring bad name and urged the Industry to take corrective steps.

### 7. Interaction with industry groups/exporters to identify initiatives to boost export and reduce imports

Regional Director, New Delhi attended meeting regarding "Interaction with Industry groups/exporters to identify initiatives to boost export and reduce imports" held under the chairmanship of Shri Som Prakash, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry





on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019. Shri Keshav Chandra, Joint Secretary welcomed the participants and told them that the issues which have been submitted in writing and discussed in the combined meeting held by Minister of Textiles and the Minister of Commerce & Industry on 01.07.2019 need not be repeated here. RD, New Delhi specifically took up the issue of inverted duty structure. He mentioned that the MMF textile segment is adversely effected by the inverted duty structure because different rates of GST have been made applicable in case of MMF textile segment i.e. rate of GST on fibre is 18%, on yarn 12%, on fabrics 5% and on made ups 5-12%, whereas in case of natural fibre i.e. cotton it is all 5%. He requested the Deptt. of Commerce for taking up this matter with the GST Council for redressal.

## 8. Meeting regarding stakeholder consultation on textile sector with regarding to ongoing negotiations of RCEP

Regional Director, New Delhi attended a Meeting regarding stakeholder consultation on textile sector with regard to ongoing negotiations of RCEP on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 chaired by Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, Additional Secretary, Deptt. of Commerce. Shri Dammu Ravi, JS was also present. At the outset a Power Point Presentation was made by the Deptt. of Commerce giving details of India's export to RCEP countries and import there from and as also world export and import by RCEP countries in respect of tariff lines (HS 08 digit) covered under Chapters 50 to 63. It was mentioned that the duty imposed by India is on the higher side. Regional Director requested that the tariff lines which are in the negative list or sensitive list under other bilateral FTAs in the region should be retained in the said category of lists. In case any change is to be effected that may be shared with the Council before finalization.

**Key issues, which were taken up with the Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Commerce & Industry during July 2019, include the following:**

### 1. Representation to Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways and Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles and Women and Child Development Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on Textile Sector for RCEP

Shri Ronak Rughani, Chairman, SRTEPC, has submitted a representation to Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways. A separate representation was submitted to Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles and Women and Child Development, on Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on Textile Sector for RCEP held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce in New Delhi regarding the ongoing negotiations of RCEP and detailed HS 8 digit tariff line-wise discussion. The Council has forwarded inputs with regard to MMF textile products imported from RCEP member-countries for taking necessary action. All these items should be placed in negative/sensitive list of India-ASEAN, India-Korea and India-Thailand, considering the negative implications that these items may have on India's textile Industry.

### 2. Representation to Shri Anup Wadhawan, Commerce Secretary, Minister of Commerce & Industry

Shri Ronak Rughani, Chairman, SRTEPC, has submitted a representation to Shri Anup Wadhawan, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, on urgent issues pertaining to protection of domestic Nylon Filament yarn units from increasing threat due to surge in cheap imports. The Council has submitted details of the installed capacity (NFY) and domestic production (NFY) and the impact of Nylon yarn imports in the industry.

The Council has highlighted the fact that domestic capacities have not been used to the fullest extent. There are domestic surplus capacities, which are under-utilized to the extent of 45000 MT in the last Financial Year 2018-19, which is harming the domestic NFY manufacturing segment and creating an unviable situation for domestic players. Urgent and immediate remedial action needs to be taken along with adequate preventive measures, urgently by way of increasing effective duties on imports of nylon yarns.

## Inputs on bilateral trade sent to the Ministries, Government of India during July 2019

### 1. Market Access Unfairness and compliance of the Rules of Origin in Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) Countries

The Council has sent inputs to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Market Access Unfairness and compliance of the Rules of Origin in Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries. The facts relating to Non-Tariff and technical barriers that the leading markets in the LAC region impose on import of MMF textiles were sent to the Government. The Council has highlighted the fact that the barriers are related to Procedural Obstacles, such as Anti-dumping, non-automatic import licensing, labelling etc. The Council has suggested that to ensue the removal of these Procedural Obstacles, Government needs to take up these issues bilaterally and try to resolve the issues on a priority basis.

### 2. Identification of Trade Barriers and Market Access Unfairness in Africa and WANA Region

As desired, the Council's inputs relating to some of the Non-Tariff barriers that markets in the Africa and WANA Region impose on the imports of MMF textiles were sent to the Ministry. Most of these barriers are related to Procedural Obstacles and Technical barriers related to infrastructure, customs, labelling etc. The Council has requested the Government that to remove these Obstacles, it needs to take up these issues bilaterally and try to resolve on priority basis with its Africa and WANA counterparts.



## Armenia

### Garment production up during the first quarter of 2019

Armenia's production of clothing increased by 33.7 per cent year-on-year to US\$15.89 million (AMD 7.54 billion) during January-April 2019. The output of textile industry rose by 44.6 per cent to US\$722,500 (AMD 342.8 million) during the same period.

Meanwhile, textile exports from Armenia declined 13.1 per cent during the four-month period, compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Source : Fibre2fashion

## EU

### Free Trade Agreement with Mercosur to boost textile and clothing trade

EURATEX, the European Apparel and Textile Confederation, welcomes the conclusion of negotiations for a comprehensive and ambitious Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and Mercosur (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay).

EURATEX has been actively engaged in the negotiation process to ensure an agreement fit for textile and clothing companies, also preserving social and environmental standards in the manufacturing of high-quality products.

The EU-Mercosur FTA is the largest trade agreement ever concluded by the European Union, covering a population of 780 million. According to the EU, this agreement will save European companies over 4 billion euros in duties. For the textile and clothing industry in particular tariffs have been very high, reaching 35% in Brazil.

It is reported that in 2018 EU exports of textile and clothing products to Mercosur were 460 million euros and the elimination of tariffs will open further business opportunities for our sector

Source : [www.textileworld.com](http://www.textileworld.com)

## South Korea

### Plans to boost competitiveness of textile and fashion industries

The South Korean's Trade, Industry & Energy Ministry has informed that it will boost the competitiveness of its textile and fashion industries by helping local firms adopt smart manufacturing solutions and supporting research projects on next-generation fabrics. The government will allocate US\$33.7 million over the 2018-2022 period to implement the plan.

The project will help local sewing, dyeing and shoe factories adopt smart solutions to produce on-demand products for clients, according to a news agency.

The Ministry has said that the move is in line with the global trend of making customised products for individual clients instead of mass producing pre-designed goods.

The plan also calls for 52.4 billion won to be earmarked up to 2023 for the development of next-generation fabrics that can be used in firefighters' suits and other specialised areas.

The government early this month announced a vision to turn the country into one of the world's top four manufacturing powers by 2030 by promoting the adoption of smart factories and applying information and communications technology to new growth engines such as textiles and clothing.

Source : Fibre2fashion

## China

### Textile and clothing exports up in May 2019

China's export of textiles and garments rose 2.8 percent year-on-year to US\$23.8 billion in May.

In breakdown, the country's export of textiles stood at US\$11.6 billion, up 3.9 percent from the same period last year, while garments rose 1.7 percent to US\$12.2 billion.

In the first five months of the year, textiles and garments export dropped by 2.2 percent year-on-year to US\$99.6 billion, the MIIT said.

China's export of textiles was US\$48.3 billion during the January-May period, up 1.5 percent compared to a year ago, while that of garments saw a 5.5-percent decline to US\$51.3 billion.

Source : Yarnsandfibers

## Bangladesh

### Exports to India touches billion mark

Bangladesh's exports to India stood at US\$1.25 billion, up by 42.91%, which was US\$873.27 million in the previous fiscal. Bangladesh's exports to India, a non-traditional potential export destination, for the first time have reached the billion dollar mark, with goods worth US\$1.25 billion sold to the neighbouring country in the just concluded fiscal year.

Of the total amount, apparel sector earned US\$499.09 million in 2018-19 fiscal, which is 79.09% higher compared to US\$278.67 million in the previous year while knitwear products accounted for US\$369.43 million and woven items US\$129.66 million.

Among other major products, Bangladesh exported to India vegetable textile fibre and paper yarn worth US\$141.84 million and animal and vegetable fat worth US\$158.57 million. It also earned US\$84.60 million and US\$33 million by exporting jute and jute goods and leather and leather goods respectively.

Currently, there are 11 countries — the USA, Germany, the United Kingdom, Spain, France, Italy, Canada, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland and India, whose imports from Bangladesh is over \$1 billion. India and Poland joined the others this year.

Ease of non-trade barriers, incentives for non-traditional markets, production cost rise due to implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India and presence of global retailers in India have been attributed to the sharp rise.

Besides, duty-free market access is another reason. Bangladesh offers apparel goods at reasonable prices, while global retailers are opening more outlets in India, who buy products from here. It is believed that production costs in India increased due to implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India. As a result, demands for Bangladeshi goods increased in the country, which pushed up the export earnings.

Besides, transportation cost from Bangladesh was low, which encouraged importers to buy goods for both local brands as well as foreign brands.

It is noted that exports to India rose as the non-tariff barriers were eased, while cash incentives encouraged exporters.

Currently, Bangladesh government is providing a 4% cash incentives against export of apparel goods to non-traditional export destinations. India is a non-tradition export market.

Source : [www.dhakatribune.com](http://www.dhakatribune.com)

## **Vietnam**

### **Textile and clothing exports up in the first six months of 2019**

The Vietnam's textile and garment sector posted a total export revenue of over US\$17.97 billion in the first six months of this year, an increase of 8.61% over the same period in 2018.

Meanwhile, the import revenue of the sector reached US\$11.39 billion during the six-month period, a year-on-year increase of 5.66%.

However, it is believed that the number of orders this year is not as satisfactory as in 2018 and textile and apparel firms are facing a shortage of orders.

The whole textile and garment sector has grown less than 9% in the first half of this year, requiring the sector to expand by 11-12% by the year's end to fulfil the target of reaching an export turnover of US\$40 billion in 2019.

The main reasons attributed to the reduction in number of orders include the higher and more demanding requirements from buyers, pressure on reducing prices and increasing trade barriers such as import tariffs, quality inspection, among others.

In the January-June period, the US remained the largest export market of Vietnamese textiles and garments with Vietnam's total export revenue to the US at US\$7.22 billion, up 12.84% compared to the same period in 2018. The market accounted for 46.9% of Vietnam's total export revenue of textiles and garments.

Vietnam also attracted approximately US\$700 million worth of foreign direct investment in 63 garment and textile projects in the first five months of this year, including 17 Chinese-invested projects, 12 projects invested by the Republic of Korea, among others.

Source : [en.nhandan.org.vn](http://en.nhandan.org.vn)

## **Pakistan**

### **Exports of textile and clothing down during 2018-19**

The textile and clothing exports fell 1.42 per cent to US\$13.32 billion in 2018-19 from US\$13.5bn in the preceding year.

Product-wise, garment exports witnessed a growth of 3.03pc in terms of value to US\$2.65bn year-on-year and 32.77pc in terms of quantity.

On the other hand, exports of value-added products, knitwear, posted a negative growth of 6.92pc to US\$2.89bn. During the period under review, bed-wear exports increased 0.06pc in value and 8.18pc in quantity whereas those of towels fell by 1.41pc year-on-year in value and 7.21pc in quantity. Export of intermediate commodities including cotton yarn declined by 17.97pc in value and 17pc in quantity due to sluggish demand from China.

Cotton cloth exports dipped 4.64pc in value, but increased 16.61pc in terms of quantity whereas raw cotton exports plummeted by 64.58pc in value and 64.08pc in quantity. Exports of low value-added products, such as cotton-carded, edged up 4,920pc in value and 2,092pc in quantity.

However, exports of yarn – other than cotton yarn – went up 1.51pc in value and 4.27pc in quantity during the fiscal year under review.

Source : [www.dawn.com](http://www.dawn.com)

## **Exports to the tune of US\$ 6.3 billion to US under the export incentive scheme during 2018**

India exported goods worth US\$ 6.3 billion to the US in 2018 under their export incentive programme. The US has since rolled back incentives under its Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) programme from June 5.

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal informed that the total duty concessions accruing on account of the GSP were US\$ 240 million in 2018 which was about 3.8 per cent of the value of India's exports to the US availing GSP benefits in 2018,

He added that the impact of the withdrawal of the incentives will vary across products.

He also said that some developed countries including the European Union (EU)

provide unilateral tariff preferences on exports from developing countries/least developing country under their GSP Scheme. India is a beneficiary of the GSP provided by Armenia, Australia, the European Union, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Switzerland and Turkey.

Source : The Economic Times

## **Government to revamp Customs duty to give exports a fillip**

The customs duty regime may be revamped, the Government plans to weed out some exemptions and correct inverted duty structures to give a boost to its 'Make in India' manufacturing initiative as well as exports.

It is also considering easing of procedures for industry such as anonymous assessments and speedier clearances, while taking steps to curb evasion.

Some of these measures could be announced in the budget as India looks to take advantage of companies wanting to diversify their global production and set up base in the country.

Policymakers are of the view that some exemptions on commodities and other items should be weeded out.

Source : The Economic Times

## **Hon'ble Finance Minister says that claims of over 90% disposed by CBIC**

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting the Budget said that during the second refund fortnight, Rs. 6,087 crore Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) refunds and Rs. 1,548 crore Income Tax Credit (ITC) refunds were sanctioned by Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC).

The Hon'ble Finance Minister said that in case of IGST refunds for goods exported out of India, the percentage of amount of refund claims disposed by CBIC is already more than 90%.

The Hon'ble Finance Minister further said that merchant exporters have to pay nominal GST of 0.1 percent for procuring goods from domestic suppliers for export. This was done in order to provide a big thrust to the growth of the export sector and resolve their working capital issues.

The permanent solution to cash blockage is e-Wallet scheme which is proposed to be launched with effect from 01.04.2020.

She stated that e-way Bill system for inter-State movement of goods has been implemented from 01.04.2018. This system, for intra-State movement, has also been brought into force in a staggered manner by 16.06.2018. Till 31.05.2019 around 66.45 crore e-waybills have been generated including 37.11 crore e-way bills for intra-State movement.

Source : knnindia.co.in

## **Duty free garment import from Bangladesh cause of worry to Indian garment manufacturers**

A huge jump in duty-free garment imports from Bangladesh under the free trade agreement has put the domestic industry in a fix. This comes amidst slowing domestic demand and banks curtailing credit to 80 per cent of MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises) in the sector.

Import of garments from Bangladesh was up 82 per cent to US\$365 million last fiscal. It has been growing steadily at a CAGR (compounded annual growth rate) of 52 per cent and is expected to touch US\$3.6 billion by 2024-25. This will render about 10 lakh people jobless with most of the small garment industry shutting shop.

Bangladesh, which has signed an FTA with both India and China, has been sourcing fabric duty-free from China and exporting garments to India, thus providing a back-door entry for Chinese fabrics into the country.

A Bloomberg report suggests that Bangladesh which is the world's second-largest garment exporter, has seen the value of its overseas sales rise to a record US\$40.5 billion in the year ended June 30, coinciding with US President Trump boosting tariffs on US\$200 billion of Chinese goods to 25 per cent from 10 per cent. The US-China trade war has seen American and Chinese orders for more than half of the 1,981 tariffed products so far being re-routed to other countries, including Vietnam and Malaysia.

For Bangladesh, which aims to double total exports to \$72 billion by 2024, snaring part of the US\$41 billion of the clothing business that goes to China will provide a fillip to an economy that the Asian Development Bank forecasts will expand a record 8 per cent for the next two years.

Source : Business Line

### Textile and clothing up during 2018-19

Exports of textile and apparel including handicrafts increased by 0.2% from US\$ 40.1 billion in 2014-15 to US\$ 40.4 billion in 2018-19 according to the data of Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics. Increase in imports is primarily due to increase in imports of MMF and cotton textiles.

The Government has offered various measures to increase competitiveness of the textile industry under GST regime. GST rates for garments and made up articles is 5% of sale value not exceeding Rs 1000 per piece and 12% for articles of sale value exceeding Rs 1000 per piece. The GST rates are lesser than the pre-GST incidence of taxes on these goods. To reduce the cost of garment industry, GST rate on manmade fibre yarns has been reduced from 18% to 12%. Further, the refund of accumulated input tax credit on fabrics has also been allowed to reduce cost of fabrics which is a major input for garments.

Government announced a Special Package for garments and made-ups sectors. The package offers Rebate of State Levies (RoSL), labour law reforms, additional incentives under Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) and relaxation of Section 80JJAA of Income Tax Act. The RoSL scheme has been replaced by the new RoSCTL (Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies) scheme from 7th March 2019 and will remain in force up to 31 March 2020. The rates under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) have been enhanced from 2% to 4% for garment and made-ups, 5% to 7% for handloom and handicrafts from 1st November 2017.

Products such as fibre, yarn and fabric in the textile value chain are being strengthened and made competitive through various schemes-Powertex for fabric segment, ATUFS for all segments except spinning and Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) for all segments. Assistance is also provided to exporters under Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme.

Government has enhanced interest equalization rate for pre and post shipment credit for exports done by MSMEs of textile sector from 3% to 5% from 2 November 2018. Benefits of Interest Equalization Scheme has been extended to merchant exporters from 2 January 2019 which was earlier limited to only manufacturer exporters.

To contain increase in imports of textile and apparel, Government increased Basic Customs Duty on 504 lines comprising apparel, carpets, fabric, madeups and others from 10% to 20%.

Source : Business Standard

### Interest equalization rate for pre and post shipment credit for exports by MSMEs raised

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Source : knnindia.co.in

### Exports fall by 9.7% in June

Export growth hit a 41-month low in June as poor performance plagued all major foreign exchange earners. Imports also dipped by 9.06 per cent, a 34-month low in June. Consequently, the trade deficit went down by nearly 8 per cent to US\$15.28 billion in June, a three-month low.

In June, outbound trade contracted by a significant 9.7 per cent, after rising by 3.93 per cent in May. According to data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry, exports stood at US\$25.01 billion in the month.

The government has blamed this on a high base effect and overwhelming global trading conditions.

Source : Business Standard



## Highlights of the Union Budget 2019-20

The Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman announced the Union Budget for the financial year 2019-20 on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

The Highlights of the Budget are as follows :

### Economy

- Two goals for the country's future: National security and Economic growth.
- Government lays out 10-point vision for the New India.
- India to become US\$3 trillion economy this year. Projected to achieve US\$5 trillion economic goal.

### MSME

- Propose easing angel tax for startups.
- Angel tax: Won't require scrutiny from Income Tax department for startup.
- 2% interest subvention for GST-registered MSME on fresh or incremental loans.
- Interest subvention scheme for MSMEs: Rs. 350 crore allocated for 2019-20
- 'Stand Up India' Scheme to continue till 2025.
- Propose to commence television channel for start-ups.
- To extend pension benefit to retail traders with annual turnover less than Rs 1.5 crore.
- New payment platform for bill filing for MSMEs to be created: to address delays.
- Social stock exchange for listing social enterprises and voluntary organizations.

### Investment

- Existing KYC norms for FPIs to be rationalized and simplified to make it more investor-friendly.
- Long-term bonds for market.
- Credit Guarantee Enhancement Corporation to be set up long-term bonds with specific focus on infra sector.
- To merge NRI portfolio route with FPI route.
- To hike statutory limit for foreign investment in some companies.
- To set up a credit guarantee enhancement corporation.
- Govt to take up measures to make RBI & SEBI depositories inter-operable.
- User friendliness of trading platforms for corporate bonds to be reviewed, including issues arising out of capping of International Securities Identification Number.
- To deepen corporate tri-party repo market in corporate debt securities. Plan to enable stock exchanges to allow AA rated bonds as collateral.
- Annual Global Investors' Meet for attracting global players to come and invest in India.

### Customs

- Under Chapter 54, Classification of Dyed woven fabrics, containing more than 85% or more by weight of filaments of nylon or other polyamides, against Serial Nos.41 and 42 of Notification No.14/2006-Customs dated 1st March, 2006, is being rectified from "5407 42 00" to "5407 42", vide Notification No. 26/2019-Customs, dated 6th July, 2019. This is a technical change.
- Changes in customs duties to promote "Make in India"

#### GST

- Taxpayers having annual turnover of less than 5 crore can now file quarterly returns.
- Fully automated GST refund module shall be implemented.
- An electronic invoice system is proposed that will eventually eliminate the need for a separate e-way bill.
- Further simplification of GST Processes

#### FDI

- Local sourcing norms to be eased for FDI in single-brand retail sector.
- Govt. to open FDI in aviation, insurance, animation AVGC and media.

#### Startups promotion

- Exclusive TV channel for startups
- E-verification for establishing investor identity and source of funds to resolve tax issues relating to fund raising

#### Faceless E-Assessment

- A scheme of faceless electronic assessment involving no human interface to be launched this year

#### Enhancing Ease of Tax Payers

- Aadhaar and PAN to be made interchangeable

#### Pradhan Mantri Karam Yogi Maandhan

- Pension benefits to retail traders and small shopkeepers.

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### **SOURCE INDIA 2018 – Leading the Global Reverse Buyer Seller Meets**

If the second edition of SOURCE INDIA – the exclusive Buyers Sellers Meet, was held in 2016 set the standards on organizing Global Reverse Buyer Seller Meets then SOURCE INDIA 2018 took it to the next level by setting a benchmark on how to organize definitive, engaging and productive interaction between Buyers and Sellers during an event. SOURCE INDIA 2018 was held like its second edition at the nerve center of MMF textiles – Surat during 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018. The magnitude of the Meet in terms of the buyers, business negotiated and events held on the occasion was much more compared to the one held in 2016. Undoubtedly, SOURCE INDIA proved to be much more successful and fruitful for the participating member-companies and the buyers resulting in business to the tune of about US\$ 115 million (including spot bookings and future deals).

Around 150 plus foreign buyers from 35 countries were invited to interact with more than 100 member exhibitors during the three-day event. Buyers from emerging economies of textiles such as Vietnam, Myanmar, Republic of Moldova, Kenya, Egypt, Peru, Mexico and Colombia as well from other South American, Africa, South East Asia and East European countries visited the Event.

The highlight of the event was the meticulously organized B2B Meetings in the Business Lounge. This time the B2B Meetings were arranged in such a way that both the Exhibitors and Buyers were informed about their slots in advance so that they could plan their schedule accordingly. This unique concept proved to be a huge success and was very well appreciated by both the buyers and member exporters. Moreover, the Business Meetings also ensured that all the exhibitors got the opportunity to meet all the invited foreign buyers of their interest and importance in order to discuss business.

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles inaugurated SOURCE INDIA the event as its esteemed Chief Guest. Smt. Darshanaben Jardosh, Member of Parliament from Surat, Shri Prabhu Vasava, Member of Parliament was the Guest of Honour. Along with the then Chairman, Shri Sri Narain Aggarwal; the then Vice Chairman, Shri Ronak Rughani, Convener & the then immediate past Chairman, Shri Anil Rajvanshi and the then Regional Committee Chairman, Shri Dhiraj Shah they cut they cut the ribbon and lit the traditional lamp before the audience.

Another feature of the event were the Road Shows in select markets overseas such as Turkey, Moldova, Egypt, Morocco, Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand and UAE to promote the event among foreign buyers. Road Shows were also held in select textile hubs of India like Bhiwandi, Ahmedabad, Surat, Erode and Rajapalayam to mobilize participation of its member-companies as well as publicize the event.

The Council also arranged 'Folk Dance' such as Raas Garba, Dandiya and Bhangra were performance which left the visiting audience enthralled. Networking Dinners and Seminars were also organized on the first two days of the event. A Theme Pavilion was also set up to showcase the fashion trends and forecasts for the forthcoming Autumn Winter and Spring Summer collection.

SOURCE INDIA has indeed proved to be a trend setter and the success of the last three events has paved the way for the fourth edition which is scheduled to be held in the commercial capital of the country – Mumbai during 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019..

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### Topman International Ltd.

Established in 1990, TOPMAN is a renowned name in the manufacturing of an extensive range of shirting and suiting fabrics and is among the fastest growing textile companies in India. Our competence is well known in the global and domestic markets.

In less than a decade, we have expanded our portfolio from trading to sizing and weaving of fabrics and production of readymade garments.

Our portfolio encompasses manufacturing and export of premium quality apparel fabrics for men's and women's clothing by producing various fabric blends and selling them directly to manufacturers, exporters, importers, retailers and global brands.

TOPMAN has extensive experience in making brilliant jacquards for a range of uses like ethnic wear and upholstery. Be it international trends, regional themes, ethnicity, retro- feel designs or contemporary tastes; at TOPMAN, we have them all captured, nurtured and created with finesse. With our highly talented staff and extremely vibrant team, we ensure that our manufacturing processes adhere to the highest international quality standards.

The Company is spearheaded with team of professional with experience of more than 40 years in the field of textiles .

Topman's production facilities include five fully-integrated, world-class manufacturing units in Mumbai, India. All our units are self-sufficient and include provisions for housing, recreation, and a strong support system for employees. All our manufacturing plants have been set up with state-of-the-art machinery to meet international product standards. We have warping equipment from India and Belgium and weaving machines from Italy, Switzerland, Belgium and Germany. Our latest manufacturing facilities comprise of Rapier, Sulzer, Dornier and Picanol looms. We have recently added Jacquard weaving machines, Karl Mayer sizing and high-speed Airjet weaving machines to our manufacturing units.

With world-class manufacturing technology, TOPMAN manufactures high quality elegant shirting and suiting in various blends, widths and weaves.

We provide highly customized services to our clients. To facilitate this, we have a fully equipped in-house design studio that presents new developments in the market using the latest fabric designing software and handlooms. Our design studio boasts of exclusive designs, vibrant patterns and talented designers to facilitate constantly evolving fashion trends.

The emphasis at TOPMAN has always been on quality. We ensure that quality standards are met by conducting strict inspections at all production stages, right from the loom stage to packaging.

TOPMAN offers exclusive value-added hand embroidery through Tulip Exim for designers and fashion houses across the globe. Diversification into manufacturing of special purpose embroidery and customisation of manufacturing of Haute Couture hand embroidery garments happens through Tulip Exim. Our core expertise includes an exciting range of French laces and pattern work embroidery on Haute Couture Fabrics for Evening Gowns, Cocktail Dresses, Heavy embroidery Sarees, Dresses and Garments.

Tulip Exim is geared to meet the challenges of high-quality production through our highly talented workforce and unique design capabilities. We have the most efficient workforce in this sector, which facilitates speedy deliveries and high service standards.

Mr. Satish Agrawal and Mr. Ashok Agrawal , promoters of our company have been the guiding force in growth of company. Mr. Shree Ram Goyal, our CMD, is looking to expand the company in different verticals, build up new strategies , and to make mark in different geographies.

At **TOPMAN**, we believe in working with and for the betterment of the community. As a socially responsible company, we actively seek to help our community grow with each and every opportunity that comes our way.



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Meeting was presided over by Mr. Ebrahim Jamili, President, "IRAN-INDIA Chamber of Commerce". Mr. V. Kumar, Counselor, and Mr. Ronnie E. Spurgeon, Second Secretary, Embassy of India were also present at the Meeting.

At the end of the SRTEPC Presentation on "Source India", and the Question Answer Session, Representatives of 10 Iranian companies of textiles who attended the Meeting, submitted their filled-in 'Nomination Forms' for expressing interest to visit the mega Show of textiles in Mumbai with invitation from the Council with complimentaries. Based on the feedbacks received from those attended the meeting, it is hoped to receive some more 'Nomination Forms' for their interest to visit "Source India" shortly.

At the end of the Meeting, Mr. V. Kumar, Counselor, Embassy of India strongly proposed to Mr. Roy to consider inviting Mr. Jamili, President, 'IRAN INDIA Chamber of Commerce', who, according to the Counselor may help the concerned 'Iranian Delegates' to visit "Source India" by ensuring effective communications with their concerned Indian counterparts.

#### **Road Show in Jakarta, Indonesia**

The Council organized Road Show in Jakarta, Indonesia on 11<sup>th</sup> July'19 at the premises of The International Strategic Partnership Center (ISPC), C/o The Employers' Association of Indonesia (APINDO) in association and with the support of Embassy of India and Trade Body - APINDO. Shri. Sri Narain Aggarwal, Immediate Past Chairman and Shri. Dinesh Modi, Member of the Committee of Administration presented the Road Show by giving a Presentation on Source India 2019 to promote our event. Embassy Officials including Ambassador of India, H.E. Shri. Pradeep K. Rawat and few Board Members of APINDO were present for the Road Show. Expert Speaker from the Association of Textile of Indonesia was specially invited to address the audience and brief about the opportunity and challenges of Textile Industry in Indonesia. Our Immediate Past Chairman, Shri. Sri Narain Aggarwal and Shri. Dinesh Modi, Member of the Committee of Administration gave Presentation on Source India 2019 which is "Unlimited possibilities with Indian Textiles and opportunity for Indonesian Importers/Manufacturers. A short Promo Film on Source India 2019 was also played during the event. Brochures and Nomination Forms were disseminated among the Buyers present for the Road Show. There was good response and it attracted good No. of Buyers.



#### **Road Show in Hong Kong**

As part of the Council's programme for organizing Road Shows in various leading overseas destinations, Mr Kripabar Baruah, Joint Director and Mr. Vijay Puri, Member, COA, SRTEPC visited Hong Kong and met some prominent buyers / traders of Textiles in there.

During the visit, they met Mr. Ajith John Joshua, Consul Political, Commerce & Press, Consulate General of India, Hong Kong and briefed him extensively about the flagship export promotion programme of the Council – "Source India", being held in Mumbai from August 21st to 23rd 2019.

While in Hong Kong, they also visited "Hong Kong Fashion Week Spring –Summer", and met Mr. Eugene Leung, Exhibitions Project Manager, Hong Kong Trade Department Council and discuss the details of Source India 2019. They also met senior officials of FICCI and AEPC, who participated in the Fair, and apprised them about the forthcoming mega event of textiles in Mumbai during August 2019.

Mr. Puri along with Mr. Baruah had meeting with Mr. Behzad Mirzaei, Chairman, Asia & Africa Committee, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce (HKGCC); and Dr. Raymond Chu, Executive President, Hong Kong General Chamber of Textiles Ltd, and briefed them about the programme.

During the meetings with all the concerned officials including Consul Political, Commerce & Press of the Indian Consulate, Mr. Baruah played the "Promo Film" on Source India, besides handing over some "Nomination" Forms to invite some leading buyers of textiles to visit Source India 2019. All the concerned, who Mr. Vijay Puri and Mr. Baruah met, assured that they would publicize Source India among the leading buyers of textiles in Hong Kong.

It is, therefore, hoped that the Road Show organized in Hong Kong will help the Council get some leading buyers to visit the Mega Reverse Buyers Sellers Meet in Mumbai.



“We have already placed our first 2 yarn orders with one of the Indian companies. I look forward to attending the exhibition next year.”

- **Ahmed Mady**

**Managing Director, Shaturna Factory  
for Knitting and Tricot, Egypt**

## **PARTICIPATE IN SOURCE INDIA AND MEET 150+ BUYERS FROM NEARLY 40 COUNTRIES.**

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- Informal Networking Dinners on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August
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## 2. **India's stand on India – Korea CEPA pertaining to Manmade fibre (MMF) textiles :**

India - South Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) was signed on 07.08. 2009 and it had come into effect from 01.01.2010. Governments of both India and Korea Republic have been negotiating for further expansion of scope of the existing India – Korea CEPA. As mentioned earlier, Korea Republic is also having surplus capacity in most of the MMF textile product lines and their intermediaries. There is no downstream textile industry in Korea due to high wage rate which is around US\$ 14000. About 85% of the ready-made garments used in Korea Republic are imported. Korea Republic is also having a functional FTA with China. Therefore, if any level of duty concession is allowed on any MMF textile item of the Wish List of Korea under the India-Korea CEPA, then it will be fatal and suicidal for the domestic MMF textile segment. SRTEPC voiced their concern about the MMF textile clusters such as Surat, Bhilwadi, Bhilwara, Malegaon, Ichalkaranji, etc. being closed down due to flooding of imported MMF textiles if any duty concession is given to Korea.

## 3. **RoSCTL benefits for all Textile items**

Manmade fibre, yarn and fabrics segments are the main product lines in the MMF textile segment. These important segments have different conversion levels, significant value additions and employ substantial number of people at various stages of production such as spinning, dyeing, warping, weaving, processing, finishing, printing, etc. Without investments in these back processes, manufacturing of high-quality Garments and Made ups for exports would not be possible. Therefore, it is suggested that the RoSCTL scheme to be extended to exports of all the MMF textile items including Manmade fibre, yarn and fabrics by considering at least 6% rate. The Scheme for Rebate of State as well as Central Embedded Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) that has replaced the earlier RoSL Scheme and benefits of RoSCTL scheme is extended to garments and made-ups only. The Hon'ble Commerce Minister have asked all the stakeholders to submit the proposals to the Committee headed by Shri G.K. Pillai for this purpose.

## 4. **Anti-Dumping and other Non Tariff Barriers in all export markets to be identified and sent to MOT and MEA**

Currently, most of the markets globally have become more protectionists. Countries have started implementing various TBTs and **Sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS)** measures to restrict imports into their respective countries. Some of the major MMF textile markets have also imposed Anti-Dumping duties on imports from India. Some of these markets are Turkey for PTY, FDY, etc. and Peru for PV fabrics. Ministry of External Affairs has informed of taking these issues up bilaterally for resolving it amicably. Hon'ble

Minister of External Affairs suggested that the EPCs may give details of such issues to the Government so as to enable the MEA to take up the same with Governments of the concerned countries.

## 5. **Continuation of EPCG Scheme**

Export Promotion Capital Goods (**EPCG**) **Scheme** was devised to facilitate import of capital goods into India for producing quality goods and service and to enhance India's export competitiveness. **EPCG scheme** allows for import of capital goods used in pre-production, production and post-production at zero customs duty.

It was discussed that during the GST regime, ITC refund on import or domestic procurement of capital goods is not allowed and therefore, it was suggested that EPCG Scheme needs to be continued to attract more investments in the textile industry. It was also requested that the existing EPCG Scheme needs to be rationalised by making it more investor friendly. Ministry of Commerce has taken note of the EPCG Issue.

## 6. **Inclusion of Buyers from Developed Markets under MAI Scheme:**

It was noted that developed countries play major roles in sourcing MMF textiles from India, whereas, majority of the countries which are currently allowed under MAI Scheme are the small and tiny markets. It was also noted that the leading markets for Indian MMF textiles during 2018-19 were also developed countries viz., United States, Turkey, Germany, Italy, etc. For increasing the volumes and exports of MMF textile products these developed markets play an important role and hence it is important that we also target the buyers from the developed countries viz., US, UK, Turkey, Korea republic, etc.

It was also noted that the developed countries also need to be included under MAI Scheme and expenses for buyers from the developed countries also need to be reimbursed under the MAI Scheme for conducting RBSPs in view of the present trade war between USA and China.

## 7. **Perception on Indian Textile Industry needs to be changed:**

India produces some of the finest quality blended fabrics, pure MMF fabrics and finest MMF yarns. The Indian MMF fabrics and yarns are exported to quality conscious European and American Buyers. India is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest producer of manmade fibres, especially of polyester fibre and cellulosic fibre. However, global impression on the Indian textile industry has not been completely changed till date. Many of the developed countries are still unaware of the kind of evolutions and innovations that have taken place in the Indian Manmade fibre textiles segment. And to change this global perception about the Indian MMF textile value chain, it was suggested to focus on "Branding" to promote Indian brands globally.





## 8. Market Access to Sri Lanka:

Besides Bangladesh, it was suggested that industry should focus on Sri Lanka for increasing our Market share in textiles. Sri Lanka being our neighbouring market the proximity of that market has advantage over other competing countries in textiles.

## 9. Setting up of Warehouses:

It was informed that Government is examining the proposals received from various Councils and trade bodies regarding setting up of warehouses in different markets under MAI Scheme in order to bridge the existing logistical gap and improve the supply chain.

## 10. Other Issues:

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry informed that the issues such as continuation of MEIS Scheme with higher rates, increase of DBK rates, inclusion of all MMF textile items in the Interest Equalisation Scheme (IES), textile merchant exporters to be considered as manufacturing exporter, etc. have already been received from industry by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry which are already under review for suitable decision. And hence these issues need not be repeated.

The Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair

## Cairo Fashion & Tex, Egypt – Rescheduled to 10 to 12 October, 2019

The organizers of Cairo Fashion & Tex have re-scheduled the dates of the Fair from 27 to 29 September 2019 to 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 as the earlier dates were coinciding with Intertextile Shanghai. The Exhibition is being organized by the Council with the guidance of the Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, and the active assistance & support of the Indian Embassy under the Market Assistance Initiative (MAI) Scheme of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

The participation of Indian companies – producing / exporting all types of textiles & clothing will be organized at a demarcated area called “India Pavilion” in Cairo Fashion and Tex to get focused attention of visiting Egyptian Buyers, and making participating Indian companies noticeable to them. Cairo Fashion & Tex is a renowned and established International Fair in Egypt, which is specialized for showcasing the complete range of textiles and apparels including fabrics, made-ups, yarn and fibre of different varieties. It may be noted that the Council had earlier participated in the “61<sup>st</sup> Cairo Fashion and Tex” held from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 which attracted 300 business visitors to the India Pavilion and all the participating member-companies were able to establish useful trade contacts and received firm trade enquiries from Egyptian customers.

Egypt is one of the leading and very promising markets in the African Region for exporting fabrics, made-ups, yarn and clothing of different varieties. The exports of MMF textiles to Egypt were to the tune of around US\$ 140 Million during the year 2017-18. The main items, which are exported from India to Egypt include Polyester, Viscose, cotton, wool, silk fabrics and their blends, texturised yarn, polyester & viscose spun yarn, polyester staple fibre and other made-ups of different varieties. Accordingly, products like suitings, shirtings, dress fabrics, fashion fabrics, fashion accessories, home textiles and made-up items of different designs/categories and varieties are being sourced by the Egyptian buyers from various markets including India.

Egypt is a huge Garment Manufacturing Centre for which, it does require large quantities of raw materials including fabrics, yarns etc to cater to its growing requirements. However, since its domestic production of the materials that are needed for making garments is very inadequate, Egypt is largely dependent on imports. Hence, large quantity of fabrics and yarn is imported to meet the requirements of its thriving domestic garment industry. Besides this, there is also vast demand for made-up items and fashion fabrics to cater to its domestic requirements.

Participation fee for a furnished booth of 9 sqm. Is Rs.1.45 lakhs and for a furnished booth of 6 sqm. Is Rs.1.10 lakhs. A furnished booth of 9 sqm will include 1 table, 3 chairs, 3 spot lights, 2 fabric display stands or 3 shelves, 1 power socket, fascia board, dustbin. and a furnished booth of 6 sqm. will have 1 table, 2 chairs, 2 spot lights, 1 fabric display stands or 2 yarn shelves, 1 power socket, fascia board, dustbin.

Members may kindly note that the last date for confirming their participation is 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

For further details/information and Application Form members may visit our website [srtepc@srtepc.in](mailto:srtepc@srtepc.in).



## Call Centre Inaugurated in Mumbai DGFT



Shri Alok Vardhan Chaturvedi, DGFT being received by Addl.DGFT, Smt. Meeta Rajivlochan, IAS

Shri Alok Vardhan Chaturvedi, DGFT, inaugurated the call centre set up by the Mumbai office of the DGFT. He also visited the office of Additional DGFT in Mumbai and reviewed the work. He chaired a meeting with Regional Chairmen and Directors of several Export Promotion Councils (EPC's) where various issues faced by the exporters-importers were discussed. Shri S.Balaraju, Executive Director, The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council, Shri K L Dhingra, Regional Chairman of Engineering Export Promotion Council, Shri Ajay Kadakia of Chemicals Export Promotion Council and Shri Paresh Mehta of Federation of Indian Export Organization were also present at the meeting and shared their views. Inputs from the industry were also sought for resolving their issues related to export – import.



DGFT inaugurates the call centre. Also seen in the picture is Shri S.Balaraju, Executive Director, SRTEPC

This call center would address doubts/queries/questions of exporters and importers. General information about foreign trade policy and international trade may also be asked. A specially trained dedicated staff is in charge at the call center. You may reach the call center on 022-20820961, 022-20820962, 022-20820963 and 022-20820927 from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm on all working days.

I urge our Members to avail this new facility and benefit of DGFT's Call centre.



## MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

### DGFT

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Notification No. 11/2015-2020	17.7.2019	Merger of Council for Trade Development and Promotion (CTDP) with Board of Trade	To bring greater coherence in consultation process, DGFT has decided to merge the CTDP with BOT and the new forum will remain as Board of Trade (BOT).	<a href="https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/BoT%20merger%20English_0.pdf">https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/BoT%20merger%20English_0.pdf</a>
2)	Notification No. 10/2015-2020	16.7.2019	Amendment in appointing a new Statistics Office under Collection of Statistics Act, 2008	Shri Sri Sudipta Bhattacharya, Director has been appointed as Statistics Officer, O/o Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics.	<a href="https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Notification%20No.%2010.pdf">https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Notification%20No.%2010.pdf</a>
3)	Public Notice No. 14/2015-2020	28.6.2019	Extension of validity of Pre-shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs)	Validity of recognition of PSIAs included in Appendix 2G & A&ANF of FTP 2015-20 is extended up to <b>30.9.2019</b> .	<a href="https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/P%20No-%2014%20%28E%29_0.pdf">https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/P%20No-%2014%20%28E%29_0.pdf</a>
4)	Public Notice No. 13/2015-2020	25.6.2019	Amendment in Para 2.54 of the Handbook of Procedures, 2015-2020	Period for installation and operationalization of Radiation Portal Monitors and Container Scanner in the designated ports is extended up to 30.09.2019.	<a href="http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/public%20notice%20no.%2013%20dated%2025.06.2019%20english.pdf">http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/public%20notice%20no.%2013%20dated%2025.06.2019%20english.pdf</a>
5)	Public Notice No. 11/2015-20	14.6.2019	Waiving off the requirement of destruction certificate from excise/custom authorities for unutilised duty free imported material in case of imports from unregistered sources with pre-import conditions	This Public Notice waives off the requirement of destruction certificate from excise/custom authorities for the unutilized duty free unregistered sources with pre-import condition.	<a href="http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Public%20Notice%20No%2011%20date%2014-06-2019%20English.pdf">http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Public%20Notice%20No%2011%20date%2014-06-2019%20English.pdf</a>
6)	Trade Notice No. 22/2019-20	3.7.2019	Review of the Foreign Trade Policy – inviting suggestions	DGFT has requested the Trade to send suggestions on FTP and HBP to the link provided <a href="https://www.bit.ly/2NuJh9Z">https://www.bit.ly/2NuJh9Z</a> since they have started receiving suggestions in large numbers.	<a href="https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%20%2022.pdf">https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%20%2022.pdf</a>
7)	Trade Notice No. 21/2019-20	28.6.2019	Inviting suggestions on Review of the Foreign Trade Policy	DGFT has decided to revise the current FTP and hence, invited suggestions for FTP &HBP, chapter-wise, as per their format.	<a href="https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%20No.21.pdf">https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%20No.21.pdf</a>
8)	Trade Notice No. 20/2019-20	26.6.2019	Issuance of Multiple Deficiency Letters and in Piecemeal manner during redemption of AA/EPCG.	DGFT has advised all RAs to convey all deficiencies in one go only, in a time bound manner. Second deficiency letter, under unavoidable circumstances, may be issued only after the approval of head of the RA.	<a href="https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%20No%2020.pdf">https://www.dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%20No%2020.pdf</a>

## MINISTRY OF FINANCE

### CBIC - CUSTOMS

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Notification No. 26/2019-Cus(T)	6.7.2019	Seeks to further amend notification No 14/2006-Cus dtd.1.3.2006 in order to change the classification of other dyed fabrics of nylon from "54074200" to "540742"	In the said notification, in the Table, against serial numbers 41 and 42, for the entry in column (2), the entry "5407 42" shall respectively be substituted.	<a href="http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-tarr 2019/cs26-2019.pdf">http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-tarr 2019/cs26-2019.pdf</a>



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2)	Notification No. 20/2019-Cus(T)	6.7.2019	Seeks to further amend notification No. 52/2017-Customs dated 30.6.2017 so as to increase the effective rate of Basic Customs Duty on petroleum crude.	<div>In the said notification, in the Table, for Sl. No. 1 and the entries relating thereto, the following Sl. No. and entries shall be substituted, namely: –</div> <table><tr><th>1</th><th>2</th><th>3</th><th>4</th><th>5</th><th>6</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2709 00 00</td><td>(I) All goods other than petroleum crude;  (ii) petroleum crude</td><td>Nil  Re 1 per tonne</td><td>–</td><td>–</td></tr></table>	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2709 00 00	(I) All goods other than petroleum crude;  (ii) petroleum crude	Nil  Re 1 per tonne	–	–	<a href="http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-tarr2019/cs20-2019.pdf">http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-tarr2019/cs20-2019.pdf</a>				
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3)	Notification No. 18/2019-Cus(T)	6.7.2019	Seeks to increase the effective rate of Road and Infrastructure cess, as additional duty of customs, on petrol and diesel.	<div>CBIC increases the effective rate of Road and Infrastructure cess, as additional duty of customs, on petrol and diesel.</div> <table><tr><th>1</th><th>2</th><th>3</th><th>4</th></tr><tr><th>S.</th><th>Chapter or heading</th><th>Description of goods</th><th>Rate</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2710</td><td>Motor spirit commonly known as petrol</td><td>Rs. 9 per litre</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>2710</td><td>High speed diesel oil</td><td>Rs. 9 per litre</td></tr></table>	1	2	3	4	S.	Chapter or heading	Description of goods	Rate	1	2710	Motor spirit commonly known as petrol	Rs. 9 per litre	2	2710	High speed diesel oil	Rs. 9 per litre	<a href="http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-tarr2019/cs18-2019.pdf">http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-tarr2019/cs18-2019.pdf</a>
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5)	Notification No. 50/2019 - Customs (N.T.)	12.7.2019	Amendment to the Notification No. 63/1994-Customs (N.T.) dated 21.11.1994	CBIC has notified the pipeline of M/s Indian Oil Corporation Limited connecting Barauni, Patna, Motihari, Nonea in India to Amlekhgunj in Nepal as additional route for Raxaul LCS	<a href="http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-nt2019/csnt50-2019.pdf">http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-nt2019/csnt50-2019.pdf</a>																
6)	Notification No. 48/2019 - Customs (N.T.)	4.7.2019	Exchange Rates on import and export of goods	CBIC notifies the exchange rate conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency relating to import & export of goods w.e.f. 5.7.2019.	<a href="http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-nt2019/csnt48-2019n.pdf">http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-nt2019/csnt48-2019n.pdf</a>																
7)	Notification No. 45/2019 - Customs (N.T.)	20.6.2019	Exchange Rates on import and export of goods	CBIC notifies the exchange rate conversion of foreign currencies into Indian currency relating to import & export of goods w.e.f. 21.6.2019.	<a href="http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-nt2019/csnt45e-2019.pdf">http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-nt2019/csnt45e-2019.pdf</a>																
8)	Notification No. 44/2019 - Customs (N.T.)	19.6.2019	Manufacture and other operations in Warehouse Regulations, 2019	Amendments made in Manufacture & Other Operations in Warehouse Regulations, 1966. These regulations may be called the Manufacture & Other Operations in Warehouse Regulations, 2019.	<a href="http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-nt2019/csnt44-2019.pdf">http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cs-nt2019/csnt44-2019.pdf</a>																



## CBIC – CENTRAL EXCISE

CBIC - CENTRAL BOARD OF EXCISE

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1)	Notification No. 5/2019 – C.Ex (T)	6.7.2019	Seeks to increase the effective rate of Special Additional Excise Duty on Petrol and Diesel.	<div>CBIC increases the effective rate of Special Additional Excise Duty on Petrol and Diesel.</div> <table><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>S.</td><td>Chapter or heading</td><td>Description of goods</td><td>Rate</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2710</td><td>Motor spirit commonly known as petrol</td><td>Rs. 8 per litre</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>2710</td><td>High speed diesel oil</td><td>Rs. 2 per litre</td></tr></table>	1	2	3	4	S.	Chapter or heading	Description of goods	Rate	1	2710	Motor spirit commonly known as petrol	Rs. 8 per litre	2	2710	High speed diesel oil	Rs. 2 per litre	<a href="http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/excise/cx-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cx-tarr 2019/ce05-2019.pdf">http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/excise/cx-act/notifications/notfns-2019/cx-tarr 2019/ce05-2019.pdf</a>
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## SAHAR AIR CARGO CUSTOMS

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1)	Public Notice No. 16/2019	4.7.2019	Waiver of late filing charges due to heavy rain on 02.07.2019	Due to heavy rainfall & difficulties faced by Trade, late fee for 2.7.2019 which has become payable for non-filing of Bills of entry is waived off.	<a href="http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2019/Public-Notice-No-16-2019-20.docx">http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2019/Public-Notice-No-16-2019-20.docx</a>
2)	Public Notice No. 15/2019	28.6.2019	System Shut down due to link testing from media converter to HPE core Switch on 29.6.2019 at MCD & export department	Maintenance activity scheduled to be conducted for link testing from media converter to HPE core switch at MCD and Export department due to which ICES systems was not available at Customs on 29.06.2019 from 10:00 hrs to 11:00 hrs.	<a href="http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2019/Public-Notice-No-15-2019.pdf">http://accmumbai.gov.in/aircargo/miscellaneous/public_notices/2019/Public-Notice-No-15-2019.pdf</a>

## JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Public Notice No. 65/2019	18.7.2019	Exemption from charges for late filing of Bill of Entry	No charge on late presentation of Bill of Entry for consignments with entry inward dates from 15 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019 & Bill of Entry dates between 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019, as the process of uploading documents on eSANCHIT Portal is slow.	<a href="http://www.jawahar customs.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/65-2019%20PN.pdf">http://www.jawahar customs.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/65-2019%20PN.pdf</a>
2)	Public Notice No. 64/2019	11.7.2019	Exemption from charges for late filing of Bill of Entry	No charge on late presentation of Bill of Entry for consignments with entry inward dates from 08 <sup>th</sup> to 09 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019 & Bill of Entry dates between 08 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019, since the process of uploading documents on eSANCHIT Portal is slow.	<a href="http://www.jawahar customs.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/64-2019%20PN.pdf">http://www.jawahar customs.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/64-2019%20PN.pdf</a>





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3)	Public Notice No. 62/2019	3.7.2019	Need for better communication & coordination to avoid delay in assessment or examination & subsequent clearance of consignment from the docks	Custom has informed the Trade to ensure that queries raised in Docks on the docket are replied within 24 hours for faster clearance of goods so that it does not give scope to raise the query through system beyond 24 hours as it unnecessarily increases the dwell time.	<a href="http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/PN%2062-2019.pdf">http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/PN%2062-2019.pdf</a>
4)	Public Notice No. 60/2019	21.6.2019	Procedure to be followed in cases of manufacturing or other operations undertaken in bonded warehouses under section 65 of Customs Act	Customs has decided to allow labeling / fixing Retail Sale Price (RSP) etc. to fulfil statutory compliance requirements in all Customs Bonded Warehouse without the requirement of taking permission under section 65 of the Customs Act.	<a href="http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/60-2019.pdf">http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/60-2019.pdf</a>
5)	Public Notice No. 58/2019	20.6.2019	Implementation of UNSC Resolutions on Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea (DPRK)	Member of Trade are requested to take utmost care while declaring the country of origin/ destination. Further, Customs has directed to ensure the implementation of UNSC resolutions on DPRK.	<a href="http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/PN%2058-2019.pdf">http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/PN-2019/PN%2058-2019.pdf</a>
6)	Standing Order No. 14/2019	3.7.2019	Standard Operating Procedure for Short Landing of FCL/LCL Cargo	As a trade facilitation measure, procedures are prescribed for IGM amendment for Short Landing of FCL/ LCL cargo.	<a href="http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2019/14-2019%20standing%20order.pdf">http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/pdf/so-2019/14-2019%20standing%20order.pdf</a>

## MUMBAI CUSTOMS

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Note	3.7.2019	Implementation of New Sea Cargo Manifest & Transshipment Regulations, 2018 in ICES	A training session was organised on 4.7.2019 from 3.00 to 5.00 P.M. in Dayashankar Auditorium, New Customs House, Mumbai to appraise & train the Custom officers & stakeholders.	<a href="http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/Sea_Cargo_Manifest-reg.pdf">http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/Sea_Cargo_Manifest-reg.pdf</a>
2)	Note	17.6.2019	Implementation of New Sea Cargo Manifest Regulation, 2018 in ICES	A training session was organised on 19.6.2019 in Dayashankar Auditorium, New Customs House, Mumbai to appraise & train the Custom officers & stakeholders.	<a href="http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/Notice.pdf">http://www.mumbaicustomszone1.gov.in/writereaddata/images/publicnotice/Notice.pdf</a>

## OFFICE OF TEXTILE COMMISSIONER

S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	Circular No. 10 (2018-19)	2.7.2019	ATUFS	IMSC has approved the condonation of delay of 927 RRTUFS cases for relaxing timeline for making JIT request beyond 2 years. Hence, it has been decided that extension will be for 1 year from the date of issue of this Circular	<a href="http://txcindia.gov.in/html/Circular%20No%2010%20dated%2002-07-2019.PDF">http://txcindia.gov.in/html/Circular%20No%2010%20dated%2002-07-2019.PDF</a>

**GST RELATED NOTIFICATIONS**
**CENTRAL TAX NOTIFICATIONS**

(<http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/central-tax-notfns-2017>)

Notification No./ Date	Subject
34/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 18-07-2019	Seeks to extend the last date for furnishing FORM GST CMP-08
33/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 18-07-2019	Seeks to carry out changes in the CGST Rules, 2017.
32/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 28-06-2019	Seeks to extend the due date for furnishing the declaration FORM GST ITC-04
31/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 28-06-2019	Seeks to carry out changes in the CGST Rules, 2017.
30/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 28-06-2019	Seeks to provide exemption from furnishing of Annual Return / Reconciliation Statement for suppliers of Online Information Database Access and Retrieval Services ("OIDAR services").
29/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 28-06-2019	Seeks to prescribe the due date for furnishing FORM GSTR-3B for the months of July, 2019 to September, 2019.
28/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 28-06-2019	Seeks to extend the due date for furnishing FORM GSTR-1 for registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees for the months of July, 2019 to September, 2019
27/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 28-06-2019	Seeks to prescribe the due date for furnishing FORM GSTR-1 for registered persons having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees for the months of July, 2019 to September, 2019.
26/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 28-06-2019	Seeks to extend the due date of filing returns in FORM GSTR-7
25/2019-Central Tax ,dt. 21-06-2019	Seeks to extend the date from which the facility of blocking and unblocking on e-way bill facility as per the provision of Rule 138E of CGST Rules, 2017 shall be brought into force to 21.08.2019.

**GST RELATED CIRCULARS/ ORDERS**

(<http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/cgst-circ-idx-2017>)

Circular/ Order No.	Date	Subject
108/2019-CGST	18-07-2019	Clarification in respect of goods sent/taken out of India for exhibition or on consignment basis for export promotion
105/2019-CGST	28-06-2019	Clarification on various doubts related to treatment of secondary or post-sales discounts under GST
104/2019-CGST	28-06-2019	Processing of refund applications in FORM GST RFD-01A submitted by taxpayers wrongly mapped on the common portal
103/2019-CGST	28-06-2019	Clarification regarding determination of place of supply in certain cases
Order No. 6/2019 - Central Tax	28-06-2019	Seeks to extend the due date for furnishing FORM GSTR-9, FORM GSTR-9A and FORM GSTR-9C under section 44 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017

**PRESS RELEASES BY GOVT. OF INDIA**

Ministry	Date	Subject
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	20.7.2019	Commerce and Industry Minister reviews action plan to achieve Rs. One Lakh Crore GMV on GeM in FY 2019-20
Ministry of Textiles		Contribution of Textile Industry
		Textile Workers
		Scheme for Integrated Textile Park
		Export of Textile Products
Ministry of Textiles	18.7.2019	Survey on Employment in Textile Sector
		Impact of Demonetisation and GST on Textile Industry
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	17.7.2019	Export Promotion Scheme

Ministry	Date	Subject
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	15.7.2019	Many Steps Taken to Resolve Issues of Textile Sector
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	12.7.2019	Progress of Ease of Doing Business
		Impact on Exports due to Decline in Export Credit
Ministry of Textiles		Rebate of State/Central Taxes and Levies
		Share of States in Development of Textile Industry
		Employment Generation in Textile Sector
		Textile Production
		Development of Textile Sector in Tamil Nadu
		Effect of GST on Textile Sector
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	11.7.2019	Startup India Programme for MSME Sector
		Large Number of Employment Opportunities created in MSME Sector with relatively Less Capital
Ministry of Textiles		Employment in Textile Industry
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	10.7.2019	Misuse of Export Promotion Schemes
Ministry of Finance	9.7.2019	Waiving off Charges on NEFT and RTGS
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	5.7.2019	Over 90 Percent Refund Claims Disposed by CBIC
Ministry of Finance		Key Highlights of Union Budget 2019-20
		Government to encourage and facilitate role of women in India's growth story
		Union Budget Proposes Strengthening MSMEs to Boost Make in India
		GST processes further simplified; businesses with less than Rs. 5 crore annual turnover to file quarterly GST returns; threshold for goods supplier to be enhanced from Rs. 20 lakhs to Rs. 40 lakhs
Ministry of Finance	4.7.2019	Nourishing Dwarfs to become Giants: Reorienting policies for MSME Growth
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises		Encouraging Small and Medium Enterprises in International Market
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	3.7.2019	Complaints of Exporters
		Risk of Non-Realisation of Export Proceeds
Ministry of Finance		Clarification regarding Annual Returns and Reconciliation Statement
Ministry of Finance	1.7.2019	GST Revenue collection for the month of June, 2019 stands at Rs.99,939 crore
		The Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur calls upon all the Officers of CBIC to make GST in India the best GST available in the world;
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises		Loan portal for MSMEs
		Global Competitiveness of Indian MSMEs Sector
Ministry of Finance	30.6.2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Goods & Services Tax to be celebrated on 1st July 2019
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	28.6.2019	Innovation and Collaboration Key for Growth of MSME Sector
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	27.6.2019	Shri Nitin Gadkari expresses commitment to raise MSME's contribution to GDP to 50 percent
		27,893 Proposals Sanctioned Through psbloansin59minutes.com Portal as on March 31, 2019.
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	26.6.2019	Merchandise Export



Ministry	Date	Subject
Ministry of Finance	25.6.2019s	Credit to MSMEs
		Recommendations of States in GST council
		GST Collections
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	24.6.2019	Call Centre Inaugurated in Mumbai DGFT
Ministry of Finance		GST Evasion
		Implementation of GST
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises		Plan to increase the number of MSMES in the country
		Employment provided by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	21.6.2019	US-India trade issues
		Ease of doing Business
		Growth Rate of Exports
Ministry of Finance		GST Council decision relating to changes in law and procedure
		GST Council decisions on rate changes on supply of good and services
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	19.6.2019	Government to give all support and assistance to Small Traders and Retailers – Piyush Goyal
	12.6.2019	Cabinet approves the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019

## SRTEPC is participating in GOTEX, Brazil

SRTEPC is organizing participation of its member-companies in a highly rewarding International Fair of Textiles in GOTEX, Brazil to be held at Sao Paulo at Expo Center Norte – Yellow Pavilion from 10-12 September, 2019. The Fair has been approved by the Ministry of Commerce and executed in co-ordination with the Indian Embassy, Brasilia, and Consulate General of India, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

GOTEX acts as a global sourcing platform for enabling not only the Brazilian but also most of the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) importers, buyers, agents and textile designers to meet their future suppliers of textiles to source their requirements. The products on display will be Yarn, Fabrics, Made-ups, Fashion Fabrics, Home Textile, Garments (Women, Men & Children, Accessories, Lingerie, Swimming & Beach, Active & Sport, Luggage & Travel, Designs, etc.

Though Brazil has a huge textile manufacturing facility, due to insufficient production capacities, it needs to source large quantity of raw materials including Indian fabrics, yarn and fibre to cater to its spinning, weaving and garmenting industry.

The size of booths will be 6 sq.mtrs. and 9 sq.mtrs. About 15 member participants have confirmed their participation in the Fair. As this program is organized under the MAI Scheme of MoC, eligible member-companies will be able to claim MAI subsidy on the cost of 2-way air fares on the basis of one company-one booth principle on fulfillment of the specified MAI terms and conditions. Additional B2B Meetings with buyers are being worked out for the participating companies. Exhibitors' catalogue are being prepared for distributing to international buyers during the GOTEX event.

We are going to close participation at GOTEX very soon and hence companies who have not still confirmed their participation are requested to confirm as soon as possible.





### ROAD SHOW HELD IN TARAPUR

The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC), Mumbai, the apex Export Promotion Council of MMFT exporters organized its first domestic Road Show / Seminar on “**Source India 2019**” on 13<sup>th</sup> July in Tarapur in association with Tarapur Industrial Manufacturers Association (TIMA) to promote participation of manufacturers and exporters of Man Made Fibre Textile Products.

The Roadshow was intended to create awareness amongst the textile community in Tarapur about the prospects of growth for the Man-made fibre textiles industry as well, and to bring more textile manufacturers and exporters into the fold of SRTEPC members.

Mr. Murali Balkrishna, Joint Director opened the session by welcoming the gathering of about 40 entrepreneurs and invited the distinguished guests Shri O. P. Biyani, Chairman, Textile Sub Committee, TIMA, Shri Ronak Rughani, Chairman, SRTEPC, Shri Charan Ahuja, TIMA (Director, PAL Fashion) and Shri S. Balaraju, Executive Director, SRTEPC. He thanked Shri Biyani for supporting Council to promote SRTEPC Services and Source India 2019 with their esteemed members.

Shri. Ronak Rughani, Chairman, SRTEPC, Shri S. Balaraju, Executive Director and Shri Srijib Roy, Additional Director presented bouquets to the guests.

Shri O.P. Biyani gave very brief introductory speech welcoming SRTEPC to TIMA. He spoke about the Association and the Tarapur Industrial area, he said that Tarapur has been booming with Industrial activities and has seen tremendous growth over the years. Nearly 1500 factories are operational in this belt manufacturing variety of products. He spoke extensively on Textiles and more so on MMFT with in depth knowledge about the sector.

This was followed with presentation on SRTEPC by Chairman, Shri Ronak Rughani. The Chairman also highlighted the benefits and advantages of Participation at Source India 2019, the prospects for exports of Man Made Fibre (MMF) Textiles, Emerging Trends in Global Textiles - Opportunities for India.

Executive Director Shri S. Balaraju spoke of his role in associating with TIMA during his tenure in Textile Commissioners office. Executive Director briefed the gathering on SRTEPC Services, activities of the Council and how the Council can help its members and role of SRTEPC in promoting exports.

Shri Srijib Roy, Additional Director, SRTEPC also made a pitch by speaking about Source India 2019 and elaborated on the benefits and advantages of participating in this event.

The session was very interactive, the guests asked very valid questions and made some suggestions. All the questions were appropriately responded to by the Chairman and the Executive Director of the Council.

The session was concluded with Vote of Thanks by Shri Charan Ahuja, Committee member of TIMA (Director PAL Fashion). He expressed thanks for visiting Tarapur and discussing with the members on various aspects of Source India and wished the Council good luck for Source India 2019 in August in Mumbai.





### Visit to Pal Fashions Pvt. Ltd.

On the sidelines, The Council staff took the opportunity to visit PAL Fashion Pvt. Ltd. in Tarapur on the invitation from Shri Charan Ahuja, Director to their manufacturing plant and also took the tour of PAL Forest.

The company used their vacant land for plantation which was once a dumping and barren land and turned it into lush green patch called PAL Forest. This was created by a technique pioneered by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki, that helps build dense, native forests. The approach is to ensure that plant growth is 10 times faster and the resulting plantation is 30 times denser than usual. It involves planting dozens of native species in the same area and becomes maintenance-free after the first three years. PAL has embarked on their most ambitious SUSTAINABILITY endeavor, a massive drive to plant many native species and to develop a dense forest through the Japanese technique, thus, cutting down on carbon footprint and reducing the environmental impact,



Shri S Balaraju, Executive Director, Shri Srijib Roy, Shri Murali Balkrishna, Shri Nishith, Shri Menino and Shri Umesh were asked to do the honor of planting the saplings.



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